

Kingdom of Berenicia

The Kingdom of Berenicia is a prosperous northern realm situated on the continent of [Osnines](#). It is characterized by its high degree of organisation, a thriving economy based on wool and iron exports, and a complex social hierarchy of powerful Dukes and Earls. It sits immediately south of the related but significantly more impoverished [Grand Duchy of Dael Riata](#).

Geography

The primary industries of Berenicia are hill farming and metallurgy. The kingdom is a major producer and exporter of wool, supported by rich farmland in the [Fruitbar Plain](#). To the south and west, the border with [Zushonia](#) is defined by the River Wackle, a waterway prone to significant decennial flooding that necessitates advanced [civil engineering](#) and settlements built on rocky outcrops.

The heart of the kingdom is bisected by the Diphthorn Range, a mountain chain rich in iron ore and coal deposits. These resources feed the massive smelters of [Ironburgh](#). To the east, the River Dunkle serves as the border with [Bledal](#) and [Smaenia](#).

People

Berenicia is ruled by a hereditary monarchy, currently held by [Queen Eleanor I](#), who took the throne following the death of her brother, [King Edmund IV](#). Unlike the faction-riven [Daels](#), the Berenicians are highly organised, maintaining a well-kept legal system overseen by the [House of Justice](#) and a strong presence from the [Board of Trade](#).

The social structure is dominated by a wealthy nobility that outnumbers the peers of [Dael Riata](#). Higher learning is centered in the university town of [Stylhet](#), which serves as one of the few academic hubs on the continent.

Main Nobles

The main nobles of Berenicia identified in the records are:

- [Queen Eleanor I](#), Sovereign of Berenicia.
- [Duke Simon of Goddodin](#), a veteran commander with strong royal claims.
- [Duke Arthur of Mercia](#), a young peer of the blood.
- [Bernard Wallis, 1st Earl of Stylhet](#), Chancellor and Spymaster.
- [Oliver Postumus, Earl of Whithead](#), illegitimate son of the late [King Edmund IV](#).
- The Duke of Deira.
- The Duke of Rheged.
- The Earl of Dinbaer.
- The Earl of Dinguaire.
- The Earl of Metcaur.
- The Earl of Elmet.

- The Earl of Cadfan.
- The Earl of Penda.
- The Earl of Elfhed.
- The Earl of Ebrauc.

Urban Hierarchy

Berenicia supports a total population of approximately 4,000,000 people. The major settlements follow a rank-size distribution:

Rank	City	Population	Key Features
1	Eastport	~110,000	The Capital; primate port for wool exports.
2	Ironburgh	~55,000	Industrial heart; largest iron smelter in the realm.
3	Westport	~37,000	Strategic northwest port on the Dael Riata border.
4	Middleton	~27,500	Inland collection hub for hill farming.
5	The Bend	~22,000	Riverine city on the Wackle; built on a rocky outcrop.
6	Strongport	~18,000	Naval bay guarding northern shipping lanes.
7	Oakwood	~15,500	Logging hub for shipyard timber.
8	Woolwick	~13,750	Primary raw wool processing centre.
9	Stylhet	~9,500	University town and seat of Earl Wallis .

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