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WATERY CAVE (KIRIKKALE KESKİN) ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

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With its mysterious and magical atmosphere, it is an ideal location for you to spend quality time and to take beautiful pictures. The section of the cave (115 m), which includes the pool area where the water coming from the rocks accumulates, can be visited for tourism purposes.

Sulu Cave is located in the Arzu Bayırı area of the Altıntaş District of the Keskin District, which is 27 kilometers from the center of Kırıkkale. It is a horizontally developed, semi-natural, semi-artificial, sinkhole type fossil cave and is dated to the Paleozoic period.

The cave, which has a total length of 285 m, consists of three interconnected floors and two galleries. The deepest point is 25 m and the ceiling height is considered to be between 1-4 m. Artificial galleries consisting of three floors are located at 14, 15, 25 meters. Sulu Cave, a large part of which was opened as a mining quarry, has various natural and artificial forms.

One part of the cave consists of marble, the other part consists of mudstone and sandstone. The entrance section (115 m) opened from the marble part and the pool hall are natural sections and belong to the Pliocene period. The section to the south and below are the galleries formed as a result of mining.



It is thought that the entrance of the cave and a part of the area with the pool in the northwest were used for lead mining in the Early Christian period. The stone walls and pools in the cave belong to this period. A sinkhole type cave has developed just below this surface. The mine was operated in the gallery to the south and below.

The entrances connecting the passages are a good example of man-made stonework. The watery cave is completely dry except during rainy periods. In order to collect these waters, pools with a depth of 2 meters were built in ancient times.

Sulu Cave was opened to visitors by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism in 2019 after the "Emergency Response Implementation" procedures were completed.

