

Cuevas del Águila

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DISCOVER A NATURE'S TREASURE

Welcome

THE CAVE

The amazing Cuevas del Aguila represent one of Avila's geological heritage gems. There is access to practically the entire cave and it is in excellent state of preservation for visitors.

The cave reaches 50 meters depth and has a 1000 meters footpath. The tour descends along the paved path, with steps, which borders the galleries where stalactites and stalagmites of various colors and sizes abound. The lights highlight the color of the limestone formations.

ITS ORIGIN

It is difficult to accurately date the origin of the cave, but experts date its complex geological process from 500 thousand to 1 million years.

Thousands of years ago, due to settling, or washing away of underlying sediment, numerous columns broke, many of which show a flat separation between the two pieces at mid-height.

The cave's formation is composed of Paleozoic limestone attributed to the lower Cambrian. This means that it was formed between 500 and 1 million years ago.

VISITS

Tours to the cave is done on foot, so it is advisable to wear appropriate footwear due to the high degree of humidity. There are some descriptive boards at the entrance with complementary information for the visitors. A supervisor joins the visitors through this fascinating underground world, providing them with information about the discovery and the unique formations of this amazing karst cavity, unparalleled to any other in the Iberian Peninsula.

Entrance tickets are available through our website or on site at the ticket office. There is no need to make a reservation.

SCHEDULE (Open every day of the year)

AUTUMN – WINTER

(September 22nd to March 20th)

- Morning: 10:30^{am} to 1:00^{pm}
- Afternoon: 3:00^{pm} to 6:00^{pm}

SPRING / SUMMER

(March 21st to September 21st)

- Morning: 10:30^{am} to 2:00^{pm}
- Afternoon: 4:00^{pm} to 7:00^{pm}

TICKET OFFICE

It is mandatory to validate all tickets at the ticket office.

If tickets are not used on the selected day, **no refunds apply**, but they can be used on another day by presenting them.



Learn about its history

DISCOVERY

Its discovery occurred unintentionally on the afternoon of the 24th of December 1963, when five kids wandering the hill known as Cerro Romperropas or Cerro del Águila (Hill of the Eagle in English), were surprised to see steam coming out of a hole. The steam was produced by the difference in temperature in the cave, about 17°C, and the cold weather outside.

Helped by ropes and lanterns, the boys ventured into what appeared to be an animal's hole, just 60cm in diameter. They descended for a while and crawled through about 50 or 60 meters until they reached the great main gallery. Afterwards, they were lost inside the cave for almost five hours, until they finally found the hole they came in from.

Then came everything else, giving the news of the great discovery to the authorities, the owners of the farm, experts, etc. After hard work of conditioning and since July the 18th 1964, Cuevas del Aguila (Caves of the Eagle in English) are open to the public every day of the year.

REGULATIONS

- All access to the cave must be guided by a supervisor.
- You are allowed to take photographs without flash.
- Touching any of the formations is strictly forbidden.
- Eating, smoking or littering is strictly forbidden inside the cave.
- All visits are made in groups and for safety reasons you should not to separate.
- Under no circumstances should you leave the marked path.
- Please follow the instructions of the supervisor at all times.



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