Excursion No 3 : Thursday 23 June 2022 (Afternoon)

Banwell Bone Cave

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Summary

The Banwell Caves were opened to the public in 1824 following the discovery of the Stalactite Cave in 1757 by local miners. Subsequently the Bone cave was discovered in 1825 which contained bones of mammals (including bear, deer, ox, bison and reindeer) from the Pleistocene era (approximately 80,000 years ago). The site was owned by the Bishop of Bath and Wells who interpreted the bone deposit as evidence of Noah's Biblical Flood and developed a Victorian religious theme park around it. We will explore the Bone Cave, usually lit by candlelight, together with several Victorian grottos and follies, including the Pebble Summerhouse, Druid's Temple, an Osteoicon (or bone repository) and Banwell Tower.

Meeting Time: 2pm at the Banwell Bone Cave car park

A local pub will be suggested for those interested in meeting up for some lunch before the tour. Details will follow nearer the time.

Please wear sensible footwear and clothing.

Remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS excursion you do so at your own risk.

Directions to Banwell Bone Cave. From the A371 Bath to Weston-super-Mare road, coming from Bath, turn left on to Well Lane on the W-s-Mare side of Banwell village directly after Knightcott Motors. Follow this lane around the corners and up to the top of the hill; turn right at the top and "The Caves" is on the left-hand side. (Satnav : BS29 6NA)

Maximum Participants = 25

Cost - BACAS members - £7 and Non members - £10