

Bats & CAVES

in Albania



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CAVES

Albania is rich of geological beauty, and natural caves are an important part of it.

During the last years, more and more people have enjoyed these natural beauties in Albania.

In addition to geological treasure, caves are also hosting an important specific biodiversity and the history of the area.

Caves are protected by the Albanian law as habitat, but also sometimes as Natural and Historical Monuments.

Visiting a cave without disturbing bats

Visiting a cave can be a fantastic experience, but if some rules are not respected, it can strongly impact the rare and important cave biodiversity.

In order to avoid bats disturbance, it is recommended to follow during all the year, these few rules:

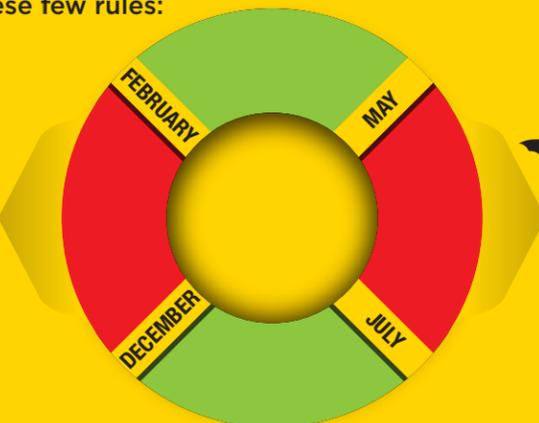


- Do not catch, or try to catch bats
- Avoid noises in front and inside the cave
- Avoid strong light on bats
- Visit caves in small groups
- If important number of bats, avoid to visit the cave



Hibernation period

Avoid any visit of cave with bats. Due to the lack of food, the bats can die if they wake up due to disturbance.



Maternity colony

Avoid any visit of cave with bats. Juveniles can fell down from the colony and die due to movement of the colony link with disturbance.

Bats

Bats are the only mammals able to fly.

With 32 species of bats, Albania is an European hotspot for bats.

In Europe, bats are mainly eating insect.

Bats are not dangerous for humans

All the species of bats, and their habitats, are protected by the Albanian law.



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