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Death in the valley of the lion man - Bone stories from 100,000 years May 10 - November 25, 2019

The Lone Valley near Ulm is known above all for its caves in which the oldest figurative works of art such as the "Lion Man" were discovered. They are the reason why the caves in the lower part of the valley have been part of the UNESCO World Heritage "Caves and Ice Age Art of the Swabian Alb" since 2017.

The other archaeological finds from the Lone Valley do not enjoy the same attention. These include human skeletal remains from almost all caves in the 45 km long valley - from Urspring near the Lone spring to Vogelherd as the last cave down the valley with traces of human use. They date from the Neanderthal period to the Middle Ages and prove that the caves did not only serve as residential or settlement sites for decades. They were also repeatedly used as burial places, places of worship or sacrificial sites.



The bone stories tell of exciting adventures around their discovery and recovery. They describe the trials and tribulations of science. And they describe the astonishing findings from various scientific investigations on the bones for age determination, anthropology or archaeology. These give insight into the treatment of the dead, but also into the circumstances of life at different times and give us an idea of individual events or fates.

The museum was again able to win Uwe Krüger/spelefilm for the film about the exhibition in the Studio Archäologie, who is already responsible for the documentation of the special archaeological exhibitions "The Return of the Lion Man" (2013) and "41 Minutes - On Archaeological Track about the Swabian Alb" (2017).

With impressive shots of the Lone Valley and its caves, backed by historical footage and exciting interviews with archaeologists and anthropologists, the film traces life and death from over 100,000 years in the "Valley of the Lion Man".

Production: Uwe Krüger/spelefilm 2019

Screenplay: Uwe Krüger/Kurt Wehrberger

Moderation: Kurt Wehrberger

Interviews: Dr. Michael Francken, Dr. Jörg Orschiedt, Prof. Dr. Joachim Wahl

Running time: approx. 23 min.

The book to the exhibition: All bone stories to read are published in a richly illustrated accompanying publication at a price of 12,80 €.

Image: Fish tooth chain Hohlenstein-Stadel necklace made of pearl fish pharyngeal teeth. The addition of the head burial from the Stadel cave at Hohlenstein (7th millennium BC).

Further information to the exhibition at www.museumulm.de.

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