

CHAUVET CAVE

Year: 34,000 BCE

Location: Pont d'Arc France

The cave was found in 1944 when a French man Michel Rosa when he felt a draft coming from a large pile of rocks. He and his friends tried to move the rocks but then had archeologists come to finish the job. They found a large bear cave, but further down they found a cave full of art. This was not a dwelling area but a ceremonial area. They lit fires not to eat but to create charcoal to draw with. The majority of images are representations of animals. 15 species total. The majority being mammoths, cave lions, and woolly rhinos. The red color was made from iron oxide, and black from charcoal. This cave was closed around 21,000 BCE and preserved for future exploration!

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