



## Paleolithic Excavations in the Swabian Jura, between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> 2021



**Excavations** in the Lone and Ach valleys of the Swabian Jura have produced the early examples of figurative art and musical instruments and contribute to many questions including the origin of cultural modernity, Neanderthal extinction, and the arrival of anatomically modern humans in Europe.

**Dates:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> until June 11<sup>th</sup> excavations at *Langmahdhalde (1)* and from June 19<sup>th</sup> until August 13<sup>th</sup> in *Hohle Fels (2)* are available to excavators with field experience. Parallel to the fieldwork, team members participate in water screening, sorting, labeling of finds and data management. Excursions to the neighboring sites and museums in the region will be part of the program.

### Place:

- 1. Niederstotzingen (Langmahdhalde)
- 2. Blaubeuren (Hohle Fels), Baden-Württemberg, Southwestern Germany.

**How to get there:** Flight/ train to Stuttgart, train to Ulm and then to

- 1. Niederstotzingen (Langmahdhalde)
- 2. Blaubeuren (Hohle Fels).

**Conditions:** Excavation experience and good command of English or German. Health insurance. Minimum period of participation is four weeks. Housing with communal meals is provided by the project. Travel-costs covered by the participant.

**Langmahdhalde Rock Shelter** is located in the Lone Valley close to the well-known Paleolithic sites of Vogelherd, Hohlenstein, Bockstein and Haldenstein. The excavation will focus on Magdalenien and Gravettian deposits.



**Hohle Fels Cave** provides an important record for the cultural stratigraphy of the Middle and Upper Paleolithic and is particularly well-known for its Aurignacian and Gravettian deposits. This year's excavation covers the whole sequence with a focus on the Middle Paleolithic layers.

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