

TOURISM POTENTIALS OF OGBUNIKE CAVE IN ANAMBRA STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

The cave is a unique natural heritage resource that deserves attention for conservation and development as a tourist site. The cave is in utter darkness necessitating the use of a powerful torchlights inside the cave chambers. The average temperature in the cave was about 38°C. Cave structures and compartments were reported. The only faunal activities observed within the cave were those of leaf-nosed bats (*Hipposideros* spp) and slit-faced bats (*Nycateris Macarotis*) roosting on the roofs and walls, and especially cave crevices. Faunal and floral resources around the cave, cultural and historical information about the cave are also highlighted.