



AHLAT MUSEUM
GROUND FLOOR PLAN
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Visiting Hours	
Opening Time: 08:00	Closed on Monday.
Closing Time: 17:00	
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BITLİS AHLAT MUSEUM

THE PLACE WHERE THE SPIRIT OF TIME IS REFLECTED IN AHLAT, THE GREATEST DREAM OF ALPARSLAN, THE GATEWAY TO ANATOLIA, THE HEART OF KUBBET-ÜL ISLAM



In the museum opened to visitors in 2018, artefacts are exhibited in 3 indoor exhibition areas namely, Archaeological, Urban Memory and Foyer, as well as in the garden exhibition area.

The Archaeological Hall houses items from Chalcolithic Age, Early Bronze Age, Middle Bronze Age, Late Bronze/ Early Iron Age, Middle Iron Age (Urartu) and Hellenistic, Roman, Eastern Roman, Seljuk and Ottoman Periods.



"My warriors! Either I will be victorious and reach my goal, or I will go to Heaven as a martyr. Those of you choosing to follow me, follow me. Those who choose to leave, leave. Here, there is no commanding sultan nor soldiers commanded by him. My warriors, there is no sultan but Allah here. Command and destiny are in His hands. Today, I am also one of you, a veteran fighting with you. O Lord! You are the Disposer of Affairs; I am in awe of you and I make jihad for you. O Lord, my cause is true, help me, if there is any opposition in my words, curse me!"

Prayer of Alparslan

The Urban Memory Hall houses some panels including brief information about the states reigned in Ahlat, the Ottoman Empire, and the Republic of Türkiye, information on Seljuk Square Cemetery and Ruins and a wax statue of Sultan Alparslan and some visuals on Battle of Manzikert.

Ram sarcophagi from the Aq Qoyunlu period and stamps of Oghuz Turks are exhibited in the Foyer Area, while stone works, inscriptions, architectural pieces, cubes and tombstones from the Islamic period are exhibited in the garden exhibition area.

The Luster Ibrik, Shah-Armens Coin, and the Sistrum exhibited in the Archaeological Hall are unique in terms of providing information on the basic subjects such as culture, art, lifestyle, and the belief system of the period they belong to. These unique items take visitors on a historical journey, while at the same time arousing a sense of curiosity and excitement.

The panel that includes the scenes of the Battle of Manzikert and the sermon of Sultan Alparslan in the Urban Memory Hall offers visitors the opportunity to witness the "Manzikert Victory of August 26, 1071". The hall with a wax sculpture of Sultan Alp Arslan is waiting for visitors in all its glory to rivet national emotions.

