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Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:

**Jeep-Tour to the Limnakaro-Plateau, Lassithi
 Peristeria-Cave is still waiting for its exploration**



The Jeep-tour to the Limnakaro-Plateau leads through a wild-romantic mountain scenery, where the quiet and original Crete is still to be experienced. The griffon vulture here still find its “competence”; on the day of the excursion we could observe a colony of 11 birds and a tripartite group, circling in the sky; Therefore see also our info leaflet No. 259-08/E at the navigator column Animals on our homepage www.kreta-umweltforum.de. Apart from the remote and transhumance with goats and sheep, the Limnakaro-Plateau is predominantly used for the fruit and vegetable growing. Obviously nut-tree plantations find more and more importance in addition.

You get to the Limnakaro-Plateau, by turning right in Kaminaki, Lassithi (opposite the village church) and follow the road uphill for about 2.7 km, up to the sign (on the left roadside, see fig.): Limnakaro-Plateau (4.5 km). A “shaking runway” begins



here (see fig: Branch), which should be used with a cross-country vehicle only and which ends after approx 2.4 km at a wire fence (sheep trough below nut trees). After un-close and look of the gate (see fig.)



the runway continues (left of a shack) and after another 2.1 km you reach the “access” to the Limnakaro-Plateau (see fig.)



A small church is located left of the plateau access (see fig.). If you follow the runway (pass the church) uphill you reach about approx 800 metres, within a bend to the right, the starting point for the way up to the Peristeria cave. The cave entrance is seen from here only as a notch in the gorge (see.fig.). Because of missing equipment we had to refrain from a excursion of the Peristeria cave (Peristeria = female pigeon) at the day of the trip. We will catch up at a later date und will report within a separate leaflet.



If you follow the runway further on to the mountain crest, you will have a wonderful view at the mountain scenery of the Lassithi plateau (see fig.) which is probably in reach also from here. We will test this at the appropriate time and will than report with another tour description.



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