

Avkat Archaeological project

How to find us

The project is based around the small town of Mecitözü (pop. About 3,500), about 30 minutes drive east of the city of Çorum. The project has its main base in the boys' dormitory building of the Mecitözü high school. This is where our labs, offices and workspace is located, and where we have our accommodation. We also have a smaller base in the new school building in the village of Beyözü/Avkat, behind the mosque.

To get to our Mecitözü base, you can take a bus from the main bus station in Ankara, the Otogar (also called A.Ş.T.İ = Ankara Şehirler Arası Terminal İşletmesi). There are several bus companies which run buses to Çorum: find their ticket offices from the Information desk, ask for buses to Çorum and Mecitözü).

The ticket costs about 25 YTL. The journey takes about 4 hours, to Çorum bus station; or 4 hours and 45 minutes into Mecitözü. Most of the buses travel on to Amasya, but if you have to get off at Çorum you can get a taxi or dolmuş (shared minibus) to Mecitözü.

In Mecitözü you get off the bus where it stops on the main road and walk up the hill, following the sign for town centre (Şehir merkezi). The dorm is in the fourth turning on your right (opposite the Jandarma headquarters). If in doubt phone us on one of the project cell phone numbers you'll have been given if you're a project member or a visitor we're expecting.

Alternatively, if you're driving from Ankara, get onto the main Ankara ringroad on the east side of the city – the E-90 – and head for the D-200, the road to Elmadağ and on to Kırıkkale. Stay on the D-200 eastwards (which becomes the E-88 just east of Kırıkkale) as far as the exit to Delice, which you take. This is the D-785/795 and takes you through Sungurlu and all the way to Çorum. At Çorum the main road skirts around the northern edge of the town and you carry on along the same road until you reach the turn to Mecitözü, on your right. The junction will be signposted Merzifon straight on and Mecitözü right. This is the D-180. Follow this road, which is fairly straight (beware radar speed traps!) until you reach Mecitözü – as you drive into town you'll pass a gas station on your right, then you'll see a sign to the town centre (Şehir merkezi). Take this road, about half way up the hill, take the 4th turn on the right just past a 3-storey building (this is the dorm), and park behind the building (there's a lane going down to the rear, on the left of the building).

Here is the link to the Google Earth Avkat Survey Project pages, which includes all the information you'll need to find us!

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=114869846116599314845.00000112ca5e6bd08d2af>