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Cheddar Gorge

- **Cheddar Gorge** is a limestone gorge located in the **Mendip Hills** near the village of Cheddar, Somerset, England.
- The gorge hosts the famous **Cheddar Show Caves**, where **Cheddar Man**—Britain's oldest nearly complete human skeleton—was discovered in 1903.
- **Cheddar Man** dates to approximately **9,000 years ago**, belonging to the Mesolithic period.
- Human remains from the **Upper Late Palaeolithic** period (around **12,000–13,000 years ago**) have also been identified in the caves.
- The caves were formed by the action of an **underground river** and contain prominent **stalactites and stalagmites**.
- The area is designated as a **Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** under the name **Cheddar Complex**.
- In a 2005 poll conducted by **Radio Times** after the television programme **Seven Natural Wonders (2005)**, Cheddar Gorge ranked second among Britain's natural wonders.
- The only site ranked above it in the poll was the **Dan yr Ogof Caves** in Wales.
- **Cheddar Gorge** has a maximum recorded depth of **137 metres (449 feet)**.
- The gorge began forming around **1.2 million years ago** during the **Pleistocene Ice Age**.

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