

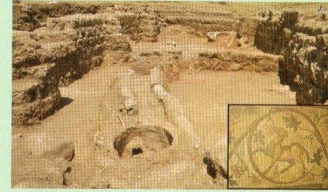
MY TOWN (GÖKSUN)

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GOKSUN PEOPLE 's ETHNIC COMPOSITION:

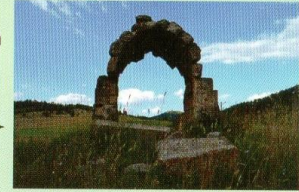
Göksun is a mosaic of peoples, such as Turkey. But this mosaic, all native. However caucasses(circassian,chechen,dagistanis) are expelled from Russia at 1864 as a result, the Ottoman Empire has settled them between Samsun thorough Uzunyayla via Göksun ,Aleppo, Amman. Göksun people are usually tolerant there is no discrimination . Göksun people (55,000)are composed as per to ethnic origin are as follows:

- 1-Turks:** live in 29the villages. Turkish tribes are often avşar, Türkmen, and tecirli. The number of Turks is 45.000.
- 2-Circassians:** Fleeing from Russia between 1864 and 1887. 5200 people live in 15 villages.
- 3-Chechens:** number is 2050,Cardak town and Küçüksu villages are the settling locations .It is assumed that the total number of Chechens in Turkey 50000.
- 4-Dagestanis number is app.** 1,100. They live in 2 villages(Ortatepe,Kirec)
- 5-Alevi Kurds number app.** 4150 .They are secular tendency. Setteled in 10 villages.



← Roma mosaics in yagmurlu

Roma arc in kirikklise →



GÖKSUN

About Göksun: (www.goksun tourism.com)

Latitude: 36508, **Longitude:** 38.022

Altitude: 1350 meters

Location: Mediterranean Region

Surface area: 1,920 km² (38% forest, 22% of mountain, plain 40%)

Population: 55000

Goksun Transportation

Göksun city is situated at the junction of, Kayseri, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Adana high ways. Distances are as follows: to K.Maraş 89 km, 180 km to Kayseri. Express ways facilitates transports to the all corners of Turkey.. For example, such as Trabzon, Kars, Bursa, İzmir, regular bus services. And 24 hours the bus service is available to the Turkey corners. For example Göksun-İstanbul distance takes 9hours, Göksun-Ankara 5 hours respectively.

AIRPORTS: Kahramanmaraş, (89 Km) Kayseri (200 Km) and Adana (280 Km) and Gaziantep (170 km) airports can be used. These Airports can be reached by taxi or rental vehicles or buses at cheap prices .

GOKSUN TOURISM SOCIETY

Yusuf Altınkaya Street No:101 Call: (0542) 499 00 00 (0533) 510 00 10

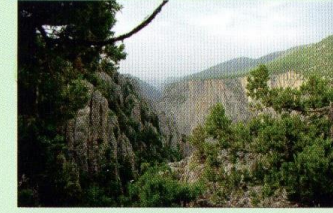


USEFULL CALLS

GOKSUN GOVERNOR	0344 714 11 73 - 714 49 49
MAYOR	0505 675 20 03
TOURİST INF	0543 482 32 02
POLİS	155
TRAFİC	155
GENDERMARY	156
HOSPİTAL	0344 714 11 81
AMBULANCE	110

SIGHT SEEING SITES:

- 1-Ataturk Park**, is near by City Hall, beside Akpınar creek.
- 2-Alp Arslan Turkes promenade** : It is 5 km awayf rom Goksun which is previously HES area, was restored and turned into a picnic area and sport courts. In the Resturant , fish and kebabs are served. There is no similar public picnic area in the kind in Turkey. In the park water falls, attract the attention of the people.
- 3-Panoramic Castle Park**: Panoramic park was built on top of Goksun castle. From the park all Goksun can be seen at 360 degrees . to recognize Goksun, it is recommend for the visitors Panoromic park to visit park first.
- 4-Değirmendere Park** is away Gökşun 12 km south of the town of Değirmendere . There is cold springs and trees in the park. Also available a grass football field in the park. In the restaurant, pizza meat and fish are served.
- 5-Hancer Creek canyon** : It is on the Gökşu tributary of Seyhan River,. This canyon is in the Kaleboynu village as the last Goksun village on the border of Adana. Gökşun' Hancer Dere wildlife so far was undiscovered. Unfortunately in the last years, Hydro electrical dams are under construction. The Castle is 15 km away Gökşun.
- 6-Akpınar springs**: Akpınar creek in Gökşun arises from these springs.



- 7-Old Gökşun houses**: Generally, the remaining are from mud and wood houses but these houses should be seen as cultural heritage and must be preserved.
- 8-Cem houses**: Alevi villagers, such as Alıçlıbucak, Keklikoluk, live in Germany and the UK ,then villages are more urban villages, cemeteries and Cem houses made clean. Summer months many people are gathering from Istanbul, Mersin Germany and UK, is making summer festival.



What is famous in Goksun?

1-Chips Tarhana: it is made from yogurth and wheat is now used instead of chips, potato crisps tarhana throughout Turkey. Perceived as a good appetizer.

2-Authentic dishes Gökşun

3-Apple: Gökşun apple is famous in quality and quantity .

14-TOURİSTİC ACTIVİTİES

- 14.1-Gökşun Wedding PARTİES: The last 4-5 months from June to October it is celebrated in the open air They can be considered as a wedding disco. Enthusiastic weddings parties play, orchestras music as well as drums and local musics. Also fireworks shows, are fantastic and colorfull.
- 14.02-Mountaineering Trekking-Trekking tours are organized by Mountaineering Club '. Programs can be obtainable from www.goksun tourism.com
- 14.5 Folklore dancings: Gökşun has a long folklorik tradition . Turkish, Caucasian folklor dances is very common



15.GOKSUN FESTİVALS

- Basically 4 Festivals celebrated between july to october
- 15.1CİRCASSİAN FEST.It is celebrated within july with participations of international groups and Turkey Kafkas societies.
 - 15.2-Keklikoluk village festival. It is in the july. All villagers living in İstanbul, Mersin and Antalya as well as citizen living in Germany and England are met ,
 - 15.3-Gökşun Wrestling fest in august
 - 15.4-Gökşun apple fest in october

Göksun climate, is natural air conditioned climate. Summers are cooler, July-August average temperature is 26 C during the day, but in winter (December, January, February), Temperature is between 3 to -30 C degrees. Göksun snowfall is an average of 1 meter height. This feature is very advantageous, to built a ski center. On the other hand, Goksun has got a many mountains exceeding 3000 meters height.

FLORA (vegetation): Göksun has got Turkey's richest region of the flora and fauna .Nature has got the growth of a wide variety of plants. Major trees, are : beech, hornbeam, oak, juniper, coniferous juniper, larch, alder, cedar, pine, fir (kamalak), spruce (Mezdeği) and also very rare wild flowers blossom.

FAUNA (wild animals): forest structure is enhanced wildlife. Major wild animals, wolf, fox, bear, wild boar, badger, coyote, rabbit island. As the birds: eagles, rookie, was born, owl, toy, wild duck, partridge, stork, hoopoe birds like.



GOKSUN HISTORY

1-Göksun history goes back to the the year s B.C 2500. Acc to legend Göksun Tomb was established as filling by soil Akpınar lake , upon the order, the Assyrian governor's daughter strangled. . This is a large (cumulus)

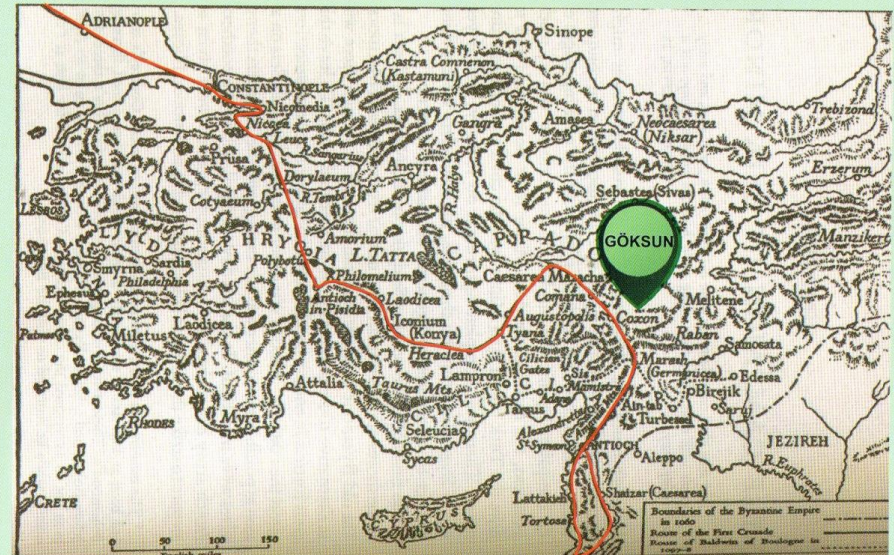
2-ROMA (BC100-395 AD), the Roman Goksun name was Kokusus or Coccussus. It is a transit city Between Anavarza-CAESERIA (Kayseri).

3-Byzantine Period (AD 395-AD 1071)

4-Armenian period (AD 900-AD 1300) .Göksun (Coxon) was an Armenian enclave and commercial center. During 1.Crusade period(1096-1098) 1.Crusaders army and the king of France I.Bohemod stayed 2 years in Goksun waiting the conquest of Antioch.

5-Turkish Period :AD1071-2013

Danışmentiler and the Principality Dulkadir governed Göksun, by 13 June 1515, under the command of Sinan Pasha Ottoman armies in 1515, conquered Goksun and connected to the Ottoman empire. On 24 August 1516 the army of Sultan Selim passed Göksun and, went to war in Merc-i Dhabî. In 1650, the first settlements in the swamp of Göksun happened. . Armenians has been settled in GÖKSUN in 1856 as a result of the proclamation of the Tanzimat Edict of lowland villages. . Goksun armenians has been exiled in 1915 to Aleppo. Also some greeks from SAMSUN area have been temporarily stayed in Göksun in between 1922-24



1. CRUSADER (1096-1098) ROUTE

NEIGHBOURING SITE SEEING LOCATIONS

1-SLEEPERS CAVE(7 UYURLAR ASHAB-I KEVF MAGARA):Distance to Göksun is 43 km away, it is in the Afşin town.Kevf Cave exists in the Bible and in the Koran respectively. there is an ambiguity cave location among Efesus and Tarsus.

2-Ekinözü Mineral water spring: Ekinözü near the town of Elbistan and is famous for the medical drinking water. Distance is 80 km away Göksun .

3-Ceyhan River, Spring: Springs was born as stream. It i 68 km away. Göksun

4-Süleymanlı (ZEYTUN spa): it is 77 km away from Göksun. Nature is forested and wild mountainous. Zeyton is a famous ancient Armenian revolts settlement. Hot water springs are used by llocal people as spa.

5-Meryemçil CASTLE: is a Byzantine castle, Göksun is 22 km away, on the way to Andırın. Area is Woodlands and wildly mountainous.

6-Other Andırın Castles: There are a lot of land in the territory of the Roman and Byzantine castles between Goksun-Andırın and CİLİCİA up to Anavarza castle in Ceyhan and Cilicia. . (See.arkeolojik section.)Goksun-Andırın region is recommended to the Byzantium, Crusader researchers.

ACCOMODATION

HOTELS:

•Göksu Hotel – Tel: 714 22 34(0344)

•Merve Hotel – Tel: 714 34 96

•Sağiroğlu Hotel – Tel: 7141564 E-mail: goksun.otel.sagiroglu @ gmail.com

ART GALLERIES

Aslan Ozmen Art gallery No.4-tel 7143553

RESTAURANTS /

1 Meat / kebab and restaurants

•Kahraman Meat Restaurant Mehmetbey village. 10.km Kayseri road Tel: 738 21 47-0505898 26 60

•Alpaslan Turkes promenade on the Kayseri highway 11.km mahmutbey 75-0505220 714 21 17 63

•Ali Baba-1.km- on -Kayseri highway-714 12 46

•Esenceli-Kayseri highway 2.km

•10.km Değirmendere restaurant and recreational park

•Satıcılar Restaurant-Ataturk CAD.N-714 15 63

•ÖZGÜR: Tariq ikinci cad.714 31 12

•Merve Tariq ikinci cad.

2 Fish Restaurants

•Mehmet Bey fish farms: 95 14 0545719

•TROUT FARM-731 12 12 Kömürköyü

•Değirmendere-promenade. 0545719 95 14

•TEKİR-trout fam. K.Maraş way 28.km

3.Paçaçılar(Paca is a soup made from sheep head and feet after roasted) Ottoman

4.Patiseries

•Palace of the Republic of bakery-str 714 48 32

•Köşem bakery-Republican str 714 13 06

•Court of the Republic -str714 37 34

•Manolya-Tariq Ekinci str.714 15 93

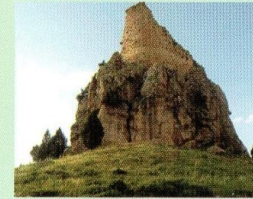
•Aşiyen opposite the-Justice building

5.Cafeler

•Pyramid Cafe: 0506667 19 81

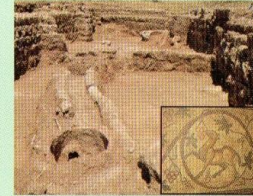
•Dört Yol cafe

ARCHEOLOGICAL LOCATIONS



KIZIL KALE (A.D. 395)

it is in fındıklı koyak village, byzantine.



ROMA HOUSE AND MOZAİCS (B.C. 100 A.D. . 300)

Recently, it is discovered in yagmurlu village



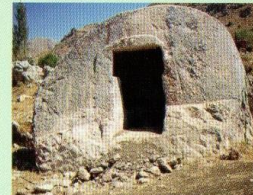
ROMA ARC (B.C. 100 A.D. 300)

Roma arc in Kirikkilise



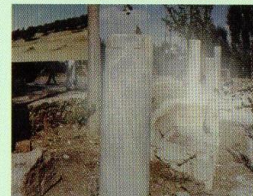
ROCKY TOMB (B.C. 2500)

Hitite period in Kaleboynu village



ROCKY TOMB (B.C. 2500)

Hitite period in degirmendere



TASOLUK ROMA RUİNS (B.C. 100 A.D. 300)

All roman period archeological objects has been collected in this open air museum

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