

Ashkelon

Walking towards the national park which is where the ancient city of Ashkelon is located.



Newly planted trees in the park.

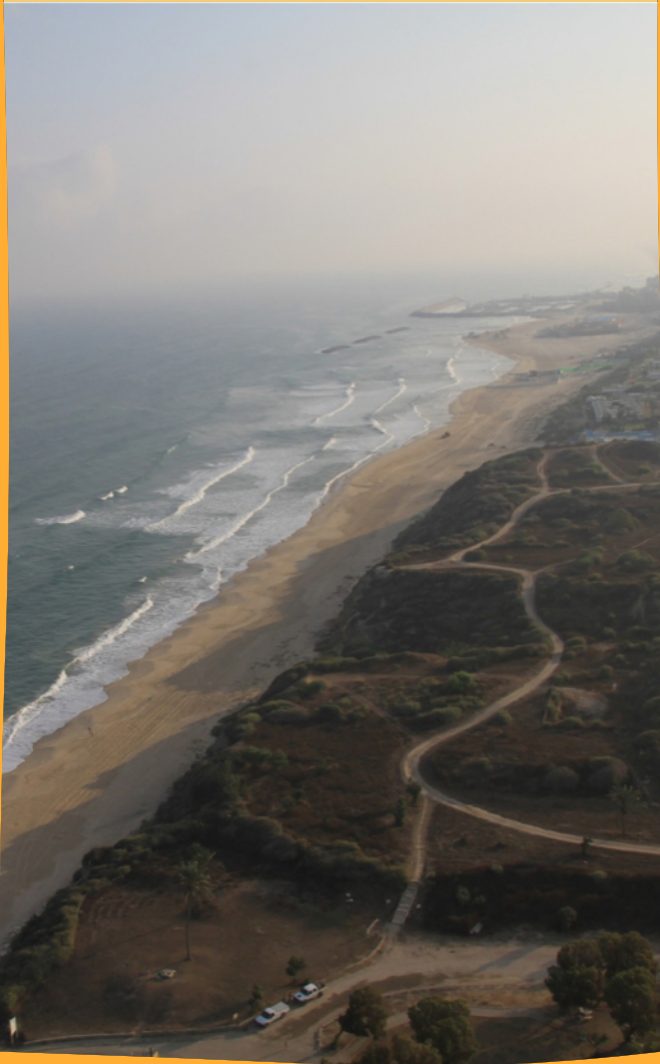


These stones
are part of the
destroyed
fortifications.

Standing in the middle of the city looking south.



The site of ancient Ashkelon is approximately 150 acres. A walking tour of the site takes about two hours.



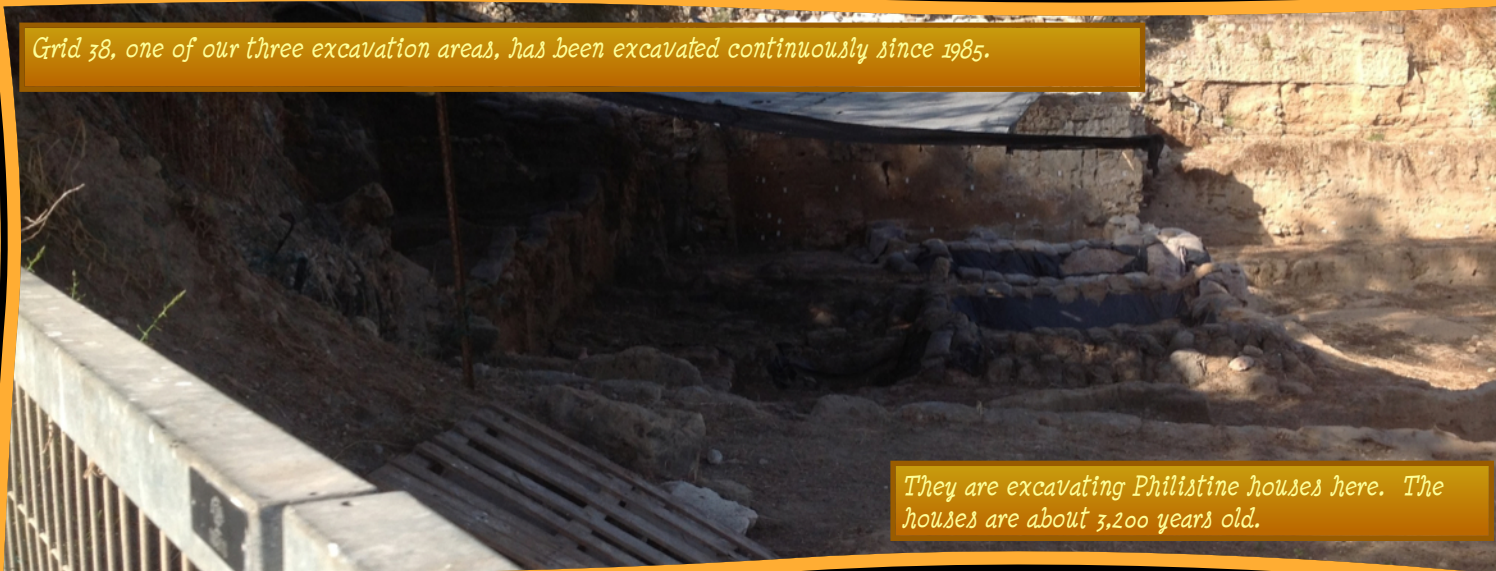
These columns once stood in the corners of buildings from the Roman period.



You can see statues and columns everywhere you walk.



Grid 38, one of our three excavation areas, has been excavated continuously since 1985.



They are excavating Philistine houses here. The houses are about 3,200 years old.

The Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon began excavating this area of the Ashkelon National Park in 1985 and it continues to yield new insights into the lives of Ashkelon's earliest inhabitants. Excavation in this area has uncovered occupation from all periods of Ashkelon's history including a Roman brothel, the ancient city destroyed by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, Philistine homes and workshops, and a Canaanite villa. Recent excavations have focused on the earliest inhabitants, the Philistines and Canaanites, while future excavation will continue to explore the history of Canaanite Ashkelon.

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Overhead View of the Excavation Area
and the Center of Ashkelon National Park

משלחת ליאון לוי לאשקלון החלה לחפור באזור זה של הגן הלאומי אשקלון כבר ב-1985. בחפירות נחשפו שרידים של התושבים הקדומים של המקום. עד עתה נחשפו במקום שרידים של העיר מתקופות רבות, ובהם בית כנעני מתקופת הברונזה, שבת שחורבה בידי נבוכדנצר מלך בבל, ובתי מלאכה של העיר הפלישתית ואף וילה כנענית. גות החפירות מתמקדות בתושבים הקדומים של העיר – כנענים. החפירות בעתיד מתעתדות לחקור את ההיסטוריה הכנענית.

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Each area has a sign in English and Hebrew telling visitors about the work in that area.



This is the place where we plan to open a new excavation area.

We believe the modern road visible in this picture follows the path of the ancient city's cardo, the main north-south street in Ashkelon.



In Grid 51, which you see in these two pictures, they are excavating an insula which is like an apartment building. The insula is more than 2,000 years old.



Ashkelon had two theaters. This is the smaller of the two and it is located near the center of the ancient city. The theater is almost 2,000 years old.

