



Apollo Smintheion



Apollo Smintheion Ruins Visiting Hours

1 April-31 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

31 October-1 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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Temple of Apollo Smintheion, the Lord of Mice





Smintheion Sanctuary

The sanctuary known for Apollo Smintheus Temple is located in the southwestern part of the Troad Region, at the westernmost end of the Asian continent. Apollo Smintheus Sanctuary (Smintheion) is one of the important sanctuaries of the Late Hellenistic Period in Anatolia. Remains of a prehistoric settlement dating back to 5000 BC were also found in the region.



A Holistic Worshipping Site

There are different structures such as an altar for sacrifice, a bridge built to meet the needs of the people who come to worship and visit, a holy path, Roman baths for ritual cleaning and bathing, water channels and water tanks created to feed these baths, streets decorated with statues and inscriptions, Heroons (honoring halls) and houses (villas) in the Smintheion Sanctuary next to Apollo Smintheus Temple, which is the main worshipping site.



Smintheus

God Apollo, known for different titles, is known as "Smintheus" (mouse) in this region. God was worshiped in this area by the name of Apollo Smintheus, the master of mice.



Gülpınar Apollo Smintheus Temple

In addition to the reliefs of Homer's epic Iliad for the Hellenistic period, it draws attention with its architectural design and style as well. Today, the Ionic style temple, built in 150 BC, is the only example in the Troad Region in northwestern Anatolia. In the temple, a pseudodipteros (false two-row column) plan design was used by the architect Hermogenes, who is the symbol of the Hellenistic Age Anatolian architecture.