The Early Minoan Period

The evidence from burials
EM I - MM II funerary contexts by type
Plans of some of the caves with evidence for funerary ritual

Skoteino Cave
Stravomyti
Milatos Cave
Eileithya Cave at Amnissos
Funerary contexts in north-central and central Crete
Photo of the rock shelters at the cemetery at Pseira
Built or “house” tomb types
Aerial view of the tombs at Mochlos
House tombs in cemetery at Mochlos

EM IIA to MM house tomb (no. IV/V/VI) at Mochlos

Back wall against bedrock, oblong, parallel rooms
EM - MM
House Tombs
at Gournia

Plans and reconstructions

Freestanding house tomb (left)

Housetomb against bedrock
Chrysolakkos house tomb at Mallia
Early Minoan bee pendant from Chrysolakkos cemetery at Mallia
Early Minoan cist grave (Tomb 3) from the cemetery at Pseira
Distribution of cemeteries in the Mesara, Asterousia Mountains and south coast
Plan of a Tholos Tomb A at Platanos
View of tholos tombs in the Mesara

- Apesokari Tholos Annex
- Kamilari
- Tholos E at Archanes Phourni
- Tholos A at Ayia Triadha
Plan of the cemetery at Archanes Phourni
Development through time of select cemeteries in south-central Crete
Larnax and pithos burials in south-central Crete
Examples of a larnax (left) and a pithos (right)
Examples of finds from EM burials

- Gold flower from Mochlos
- 14-sided hieroglyphic seal from Archanes
- Jewelry from Archanes