

blue hole

blue hole . (a) A subsurface void developed in carbonate banks and islands, also offshore. It is open to the Earth's surface; contains tidally influenced waters of fresh, marine, or mixed chemistry; extends below sea level for the majority of its depth; and may provide access to cave *passages* (Mylroie et al., 1995). Cf: *inland blue hole*; *ocean hole*. (b) An obsolete term for a *resurgence*.

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