

# LOGBOOK

Year: 2004

Season: autumn

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*Juan Corrin, January 2015*



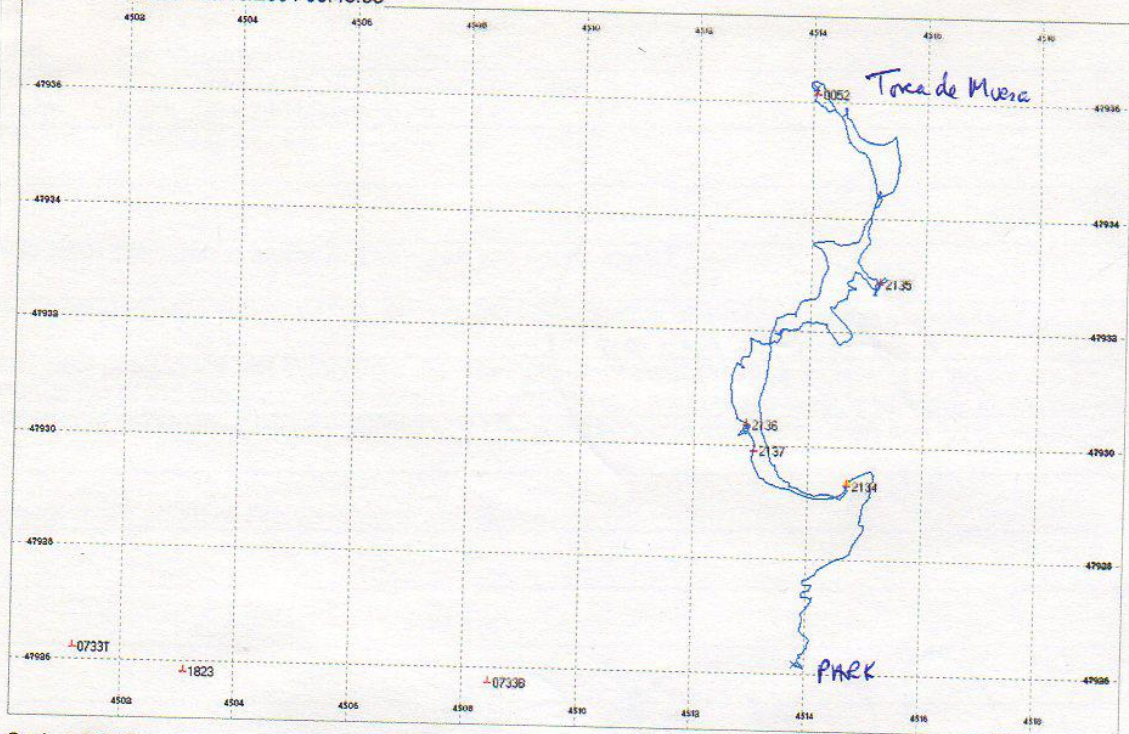
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24/10/04 Pete, Ian, Penny, Juan drove up behind Arredondo to the east of the valley with the bottom entrance of Vallia. Found Toca de Muesca 50m from its marked position. British survey is 180° out - French one OK. Pete went into smaller passage to N marked on French survey - may be worth digging.

Juan + Ian appear to have extended the cave along a low, well decorated section to the ~~west~~ east shore as blocked by boulders on the French survey. (Entrance pit is "7.5m" off the southern edge)

On way back explored some new shifts:

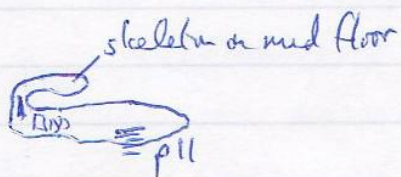
2135 - By track below prominent scar. 11m pitch to area with a 2" wide draughting crack. Pete descends.

2136 - Pete down this one. One of a number of deep holes. Free-climb down steep sided hole to a 3m pitch where a slot can be seen

2137 An 11m pitch. Passage continues 2m round a corner and closes. Pete descends.

2134 Juan descends 11m pitch to a bay of boxes and boulders. Tighter route down ~~appears~~ around corner to the right appears choked where a skeleton lies on a mud floor.

2134



23/10/04

GPS for 113 Chora.

5901(7) 9968(4) ↑ 55m

Cueva de ~~Cuba~~ Ratón 886

5932(4) 9991(2) ~ ↑ 49m

Old sink - Walking passage into chamber

Possible? new near Ratón

- 2148 ♂ (1) 5943(5) 0001(2) ↑ 56 Arch dig
- ~~2149~~ (2) 5950(0) 0000(8) ↑ 56 CAERO ~~886~~ 887
- 2150 (3) 5947(6) 9991(6) ↑ 53 Slipping passage.
- 2151 (4) 5944(8) 9988(6) ↑ 53 narrow labyrinth.
- 2152 (5) Cueva de P. Cuba in rock face.
- 5936(5) 9994(7) ↑ 54

[886 Ratón]

Rock shelter entrance with arch. (arch. narrow)

drop down to larger passage.

Surveys scanned for 658, 505, 731, 421, 435, 502, 113 (+ Pete survey)

886, 633, 887, 122, 504,

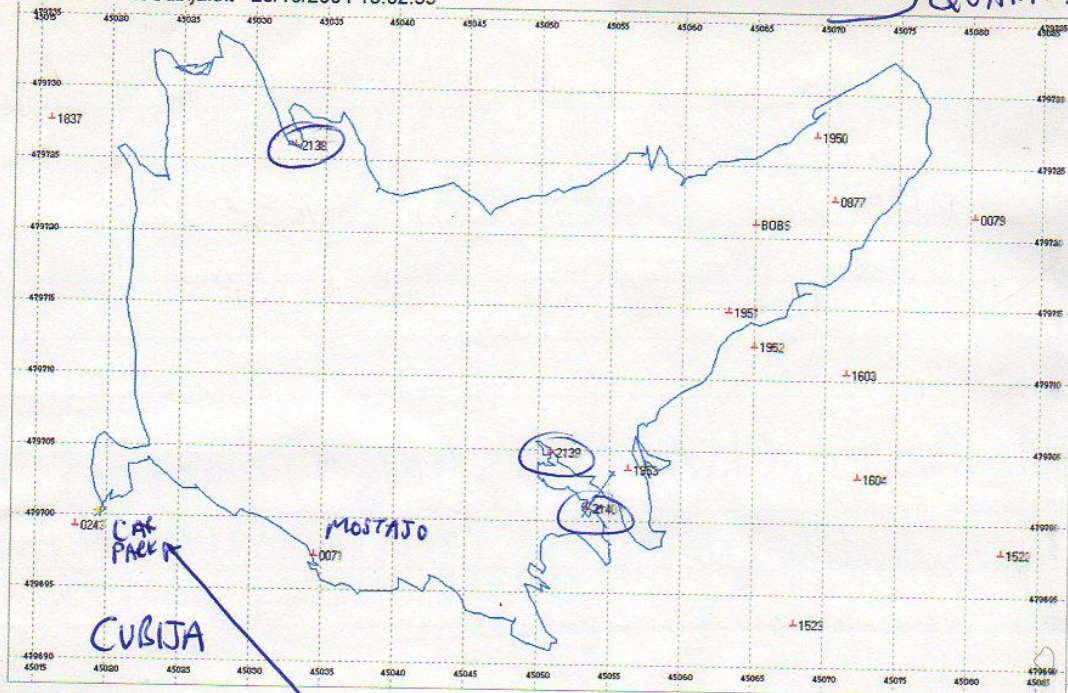
28/10/04

Penas + Ivan up from end of Cubija road towards the top quarry. Came across 3 new holes during the round trip via Mostajo. (Map over)

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QUARRY



- 2138 Just above track. Open hole goes in as a crawl 3m to a junction. To left narrow shaft about 7m deep. To R narrow passage 5m long probably closes in. On right of entrance a v. small shaft drops about 10m. The top may dig out.
- 2139 Cave @ base of 1.5m scar is blocked with 2 rocks. A 3m crawl to what sounds like a roomy 10m pitch. Pitch top is about 3-km across and there may be passage over the top and down to the right.
- 2140 2 possible entrances in a 4m high scar. The R.H. entrance is a crawl over the remains of a wall.
- 2135 - Unexplored.

2136 - Pete descends the scar. One of a number of deep holes.

2137 - Pete descends the scar. One of a number of deep holes.

2138 - Pete descends the scar. One of a number of deep holes.

2139 - Pete descends the scar. One of a number of deep holes.

2140 - Pete descends the scar. One of a number of deep holes.

Saturday 23 October - with F.C. D.D.S. [Chapas Belen, Mercedes, P. Smith & Ian Chandler]

Cueva de Choca - cleaning disturbed sediments from near entrance, sieving and recovering bones & shivers of flint. Cave surveyed & GPS.

Went into area Masarredonda. Looked into Cuevas Pelon, Cabo and three others. Probably at least one of these not recorded. G.P.S. on each.

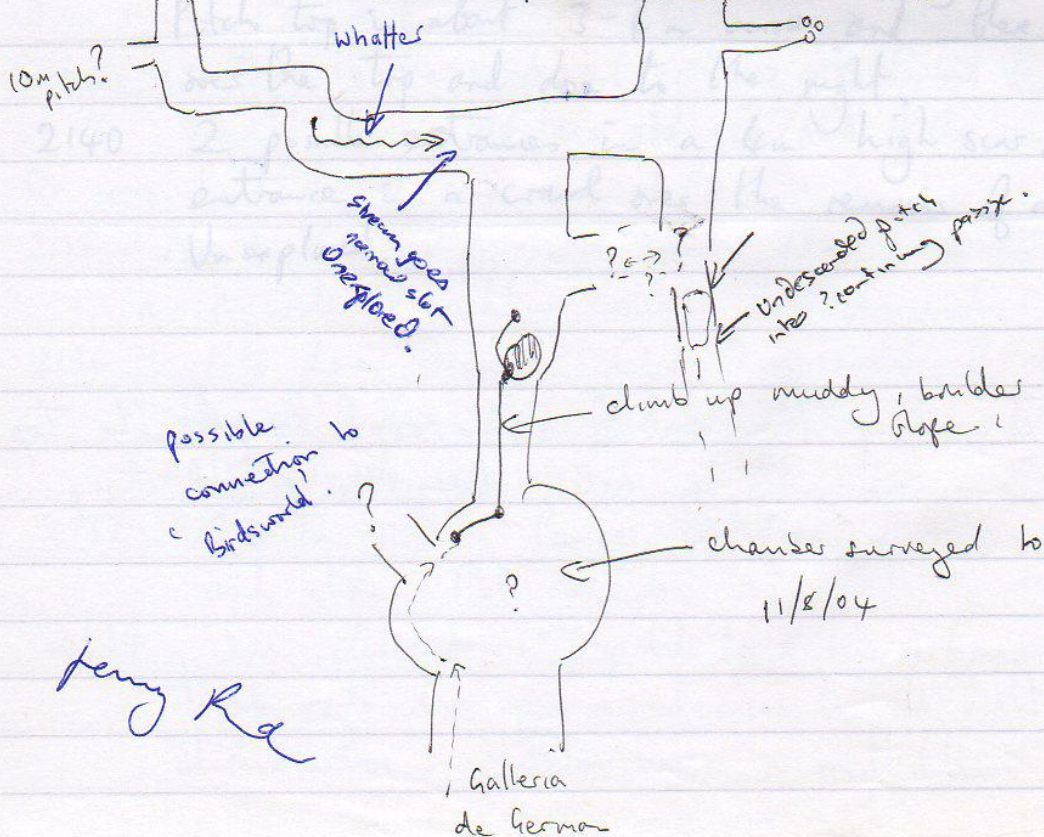
8/10 Subsidero de Cobadal  
Peter Ali, Young, Carmon

Ali + Peter + Young + Carmon  
at corner of road to lower camp  
Lowest of the four sections by  
30cm approx. The camp (ancient camp)  
varies in width from approx. 1m to  
2m wide. Bedding  
bedding  
good drainage  
down but was a bit difficult

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# 25/10 Vallée Barney Rubble

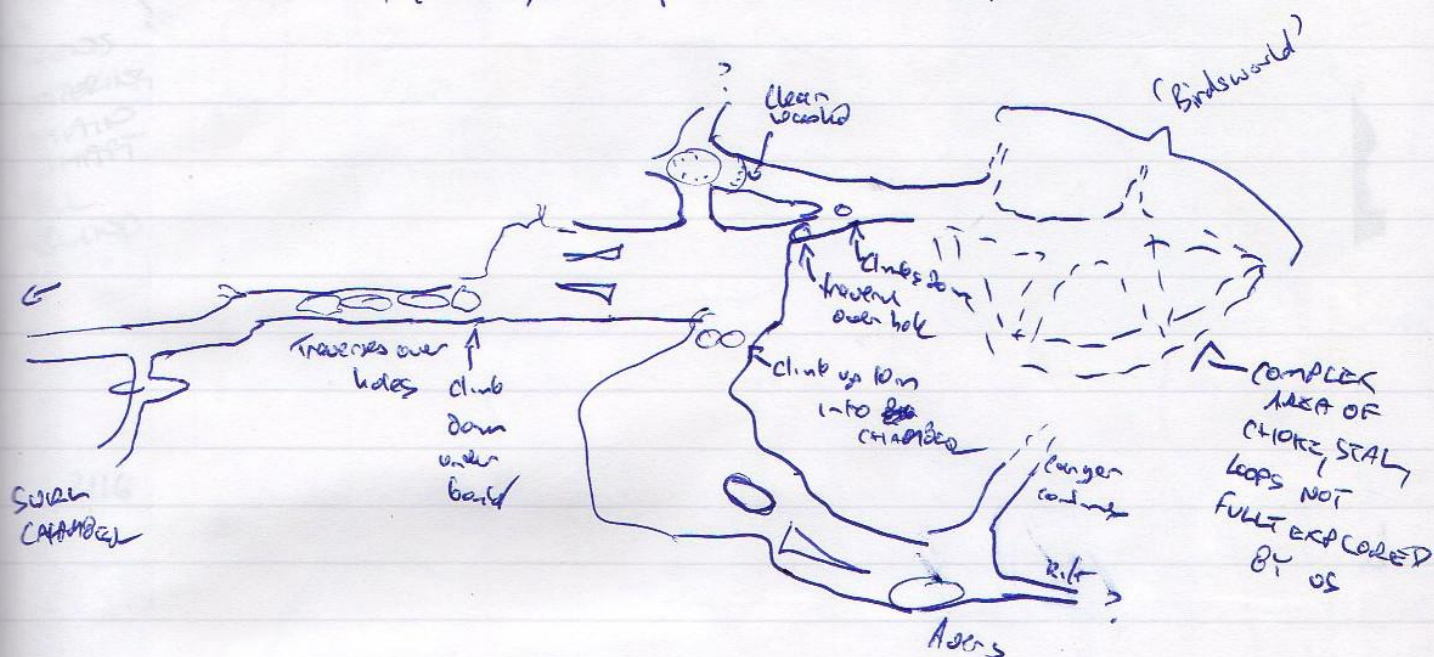
Jenny Pinder, Ali, Peter Egan - went to explore the end of ~~Galleria~~ Galleria de German (11/8/04). Peter climbed the stoney pitch at the end of the explored passage (blocks held in by glutinous clay). Jenny and Ali followed to enter a bouldery chamber. There were some holes on the right which we think connected to a parallel chamber. Straight on from the pitch a stream trench is found in the floor. This marked a junction. LEFT of the junction - following the trench lead to a meandering passage with white sand banks (Dark Angel Desert). There was a tube on the left which lead to a possible 10m drop - not followed. To the RIGHT of the stream trench the passage lead to a passage with stal at the end. There was one off shoot to the right 'Mollusc Magic' - but no obvious lead. We followed a passage back that seemed parallel to the way that we came in.



27/10 JALGUNA - Pitch Circle & Zona Blanca, Ali, Jenny, Carmen, Peter.

Pitch Circle - no obvious leads found. A couple of patches - not sure if there have been descended (only one marked on survey); both traverse done by someone near one of them.

Zona Blanca - entered by route found off Spiral Chamber on 15.8.04. ~~Starts off~~ Area explored by Catalans presumably about 1990. Partly surveyed. Big passages & chambers. All well trod, quite complex in places. Needs more trips.



28/10 San Isidro de Cobadal

Peter, Ali, Jenny, Carmen.

Trip to 'lower sump'.

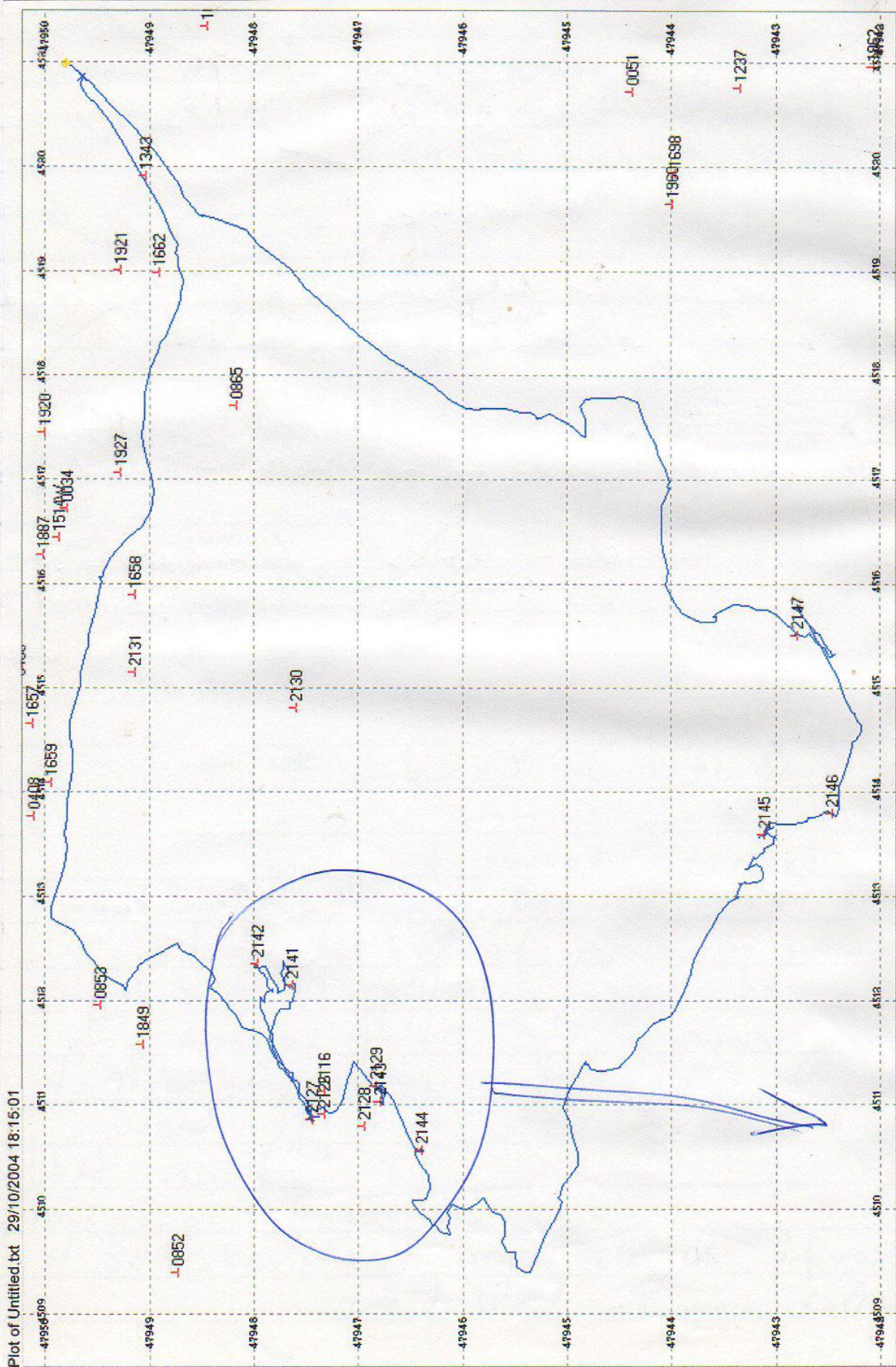
Ali + Peter started digging below sump as Carmen + Jenny looked at choke.

Lowered sump in three sections by 30cm approx. The sump (once a sump) varies in width from approx 3m wide to 2m wide 1.5m deep more to low beddin.

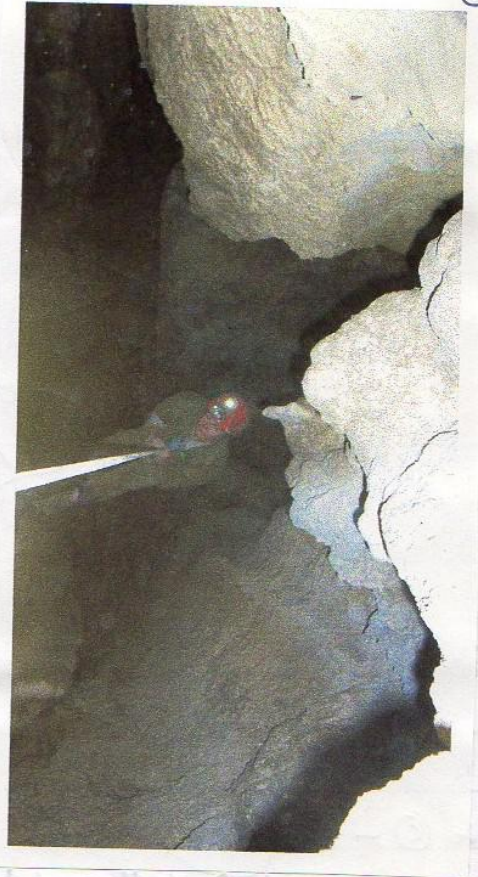
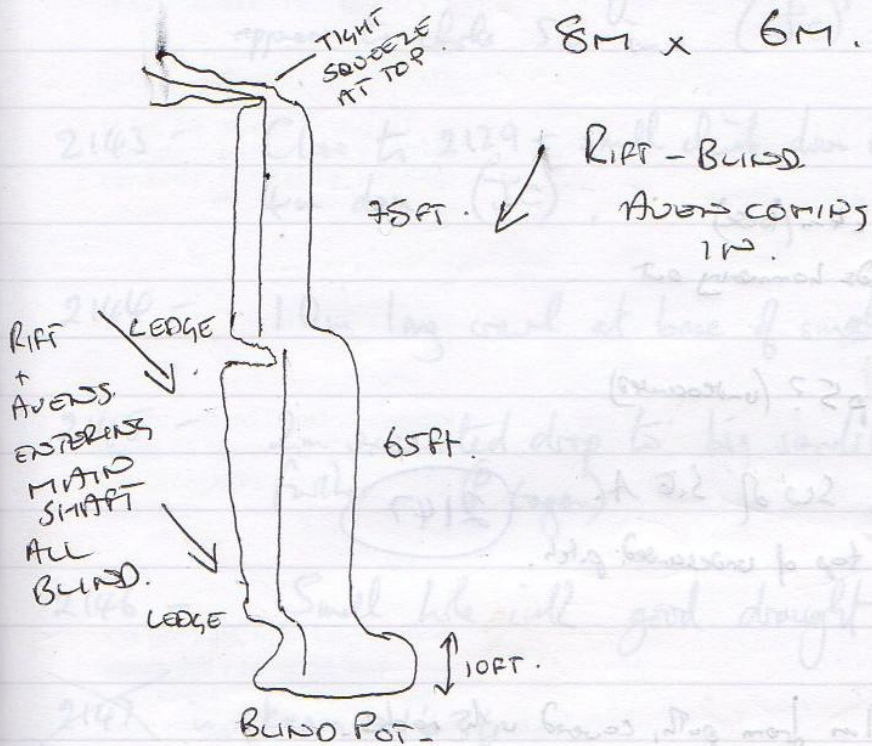
good draught. Needs more digging and time to drain. But way on looks tight.

PE

29/10/04 "Surface" day for everyone. Pete F, Ali, Carmen, Jenny  
 Pinter, Juan + Penny. Walked up from vineyard to above  
 Cueva Helechales (408) to site 2127 - the 50m undercarried shift



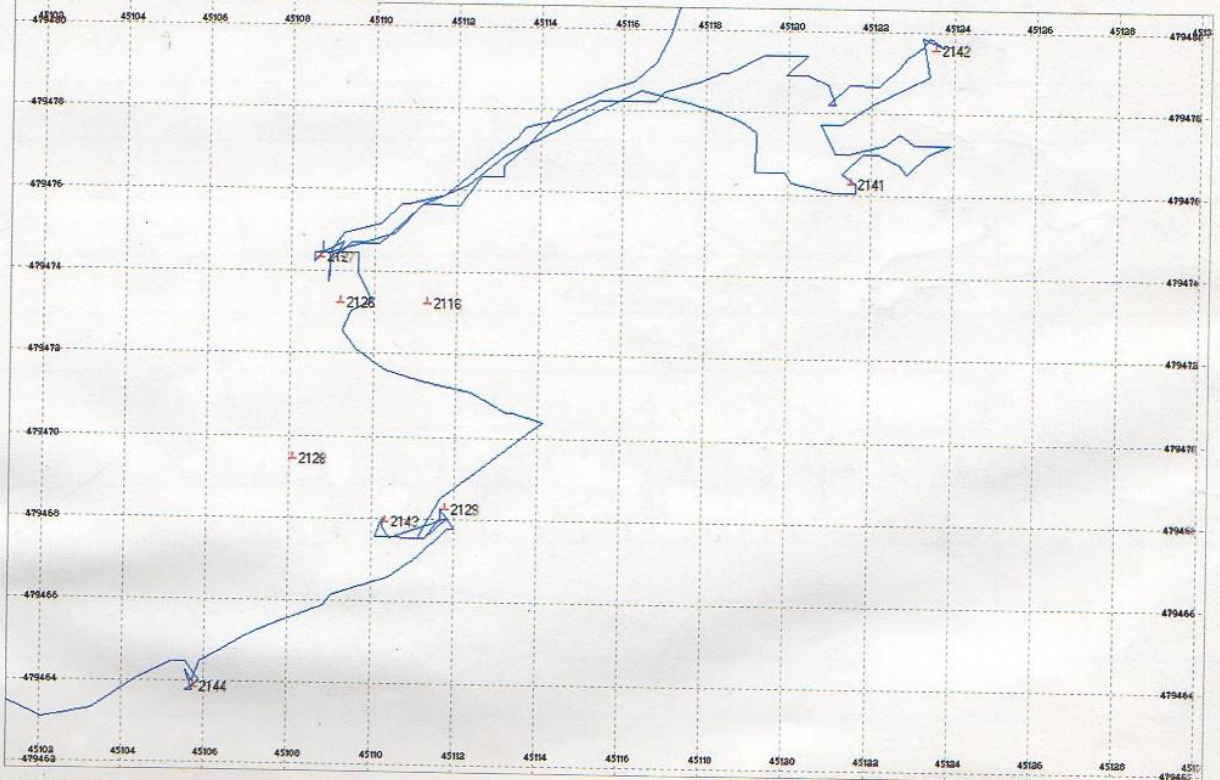
2127 - Carmen down 2127 - BIRD SHAFT - 8M x 6M.



2116 - Ali dug @ cave

choke  
1/2 km  
Rock shelter  
dig out gets too low  
dig out might be worth another visit  
Both brought (windy day).

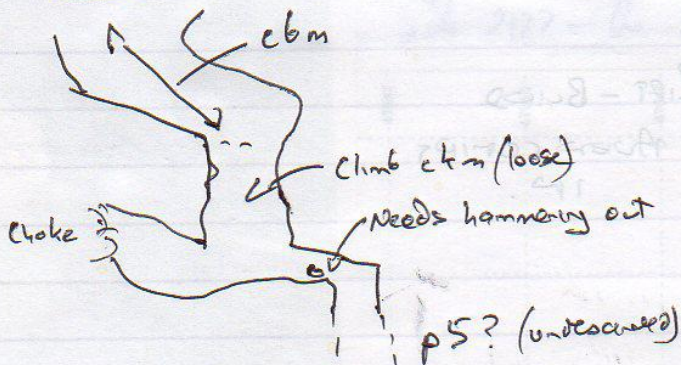
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26/10/04 RIDGE ABOVE WALLINA - A NEILL PRAIRIE.

Site (A) Pado. 1754



Site (B) Opposite side of depression SW of Site A.  
Small hole, 2m down to top of undescended pitch.

2147

Site (C) - Ed ? 1154 (collapse)

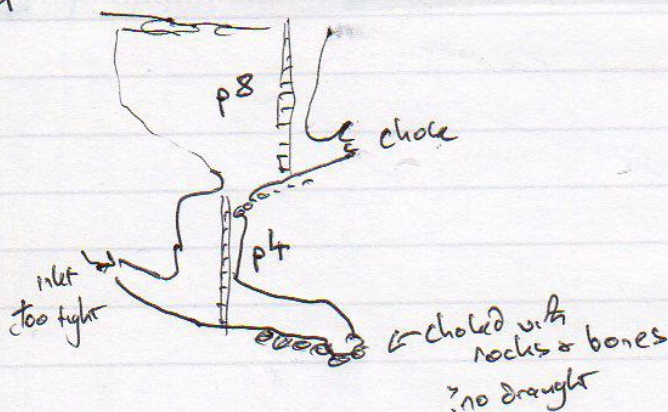
unexplored shallow shaft 1m from path, covered with rocks.

? Site 1753 - Climb down into rift c8m long choked  
(Choughs in it in summer).

29/10/04  
2129

A. Neill + Jenny (belaying) + Juan (climbing).

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2141 Pen found a rift in cliff that split just inside the entrance.  
Juan explored 15m between in 149 to where it closed in. Crawl at entrance down to the right enters low chamber.



2143 - Close to 2129 - small climb down in rift to where it dips about 4m down. (JC)

2144 - 10m long crawl at base of small shalebl. (Pete Ryan)

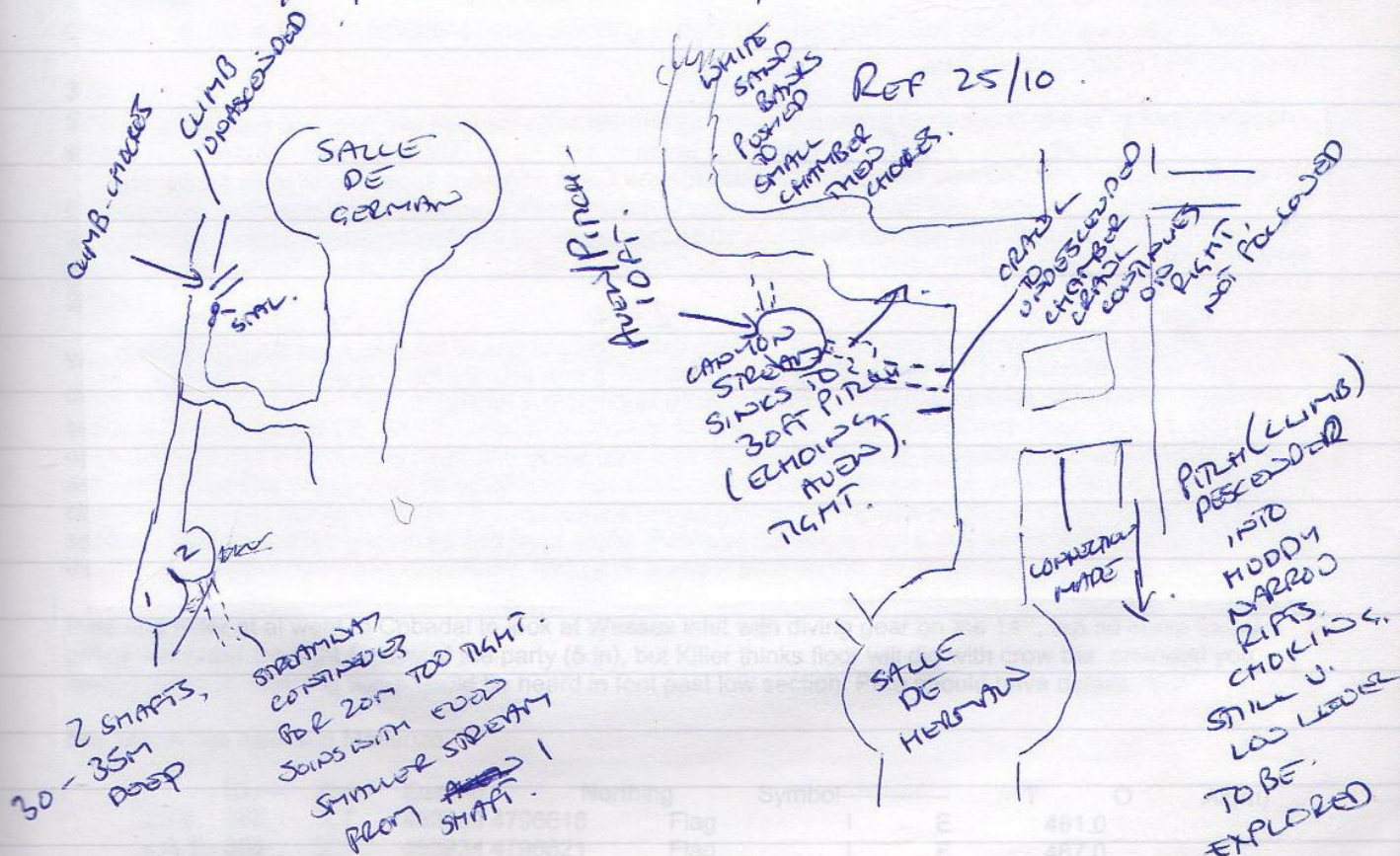
2145 - 2m excavated drop to big sandstone blocks that may dig further. (P togon)

2146 - Small hls will good drought

~~2147~~ is known = 1436

30/10 VALLINE BARNEY FORBES - PETE S. + CARMEN.

BACK TO HAVE A QUICK LOOK THROUGH NEW DISCOVERIES  
(SEE 25/10) + PROP 2 SHAPES, + TRAVERSE SIDE-PASSAGE.



Subj: **Re: Matienzo**  
Date: 08/11/2004 17:16:24 GMT Standard Time  
From: PEagan@carlisle.ac.uk  
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Juan,

It fits perfectly, I saw the bones, but did not notice the antlers. I also saw the top of the tight shaft, But I would say nobody has been down it, as it may need quite a bit of work to open it out.

see you

peter

>>> <Uzueka@aol.com> 07/11/04 11:15:38 >>>  
Hi Pete

You'll remember the 50m pitch on S Vega that Carmen descended. Just after that we wandered up the hill and you went into a small shakehole with a 10m long crawl. Can you check out site 1656 on the web and tell me if you think

that's the one you entered?  
There's a sketch drawn by Jim as well.

Cheers  
Juan

Subj: **Caving report!**  
Date: 04/11/2004 15:39:27 GMT Standard Time  
From: smith\_peter2004@yahoo.es  
To: uzueka@aol.com

Hi,

Hope you had a good journey back.

Thought I'd better let you know about some surveying we did, although Carmen will send you the details.

On Sunday we went into Codisera to look for this passage the Cuencans were supposed to have found. We think we did find it, a climb out of the passage above the Popcorn climb. On our survey it goes from a sort of bulge on the left of the passage. Anyway we surveyed back to the top of the Popcorn climb, so you should be able to locate it. About 40 m there, ending in a pitch. So the survey will be useful to know if that's dropping into known passage or not.

The next day we went dodging the rain to survey Cueva del Cubo, and one of the new ones Ian should have given you the coordinates of. But I don't know how he identified it with you. It's the one with the small slot entrance, at the edge of the field. If anything, the furthest away from the others.

I'll give you photos of the entrances etc in December.

Had an e mail from Andreu. Perhaps they'll be coming for the fiesta too.

Cheers, Pete

Hi,

Expect you'll be hearing from everyone with reports about last weekend, anyway here's mine. I went with Killer and co to Wessex inlet on Sunday, as his idea was to dive it. But he was stopped by it being too tight, rather than a sump. There was a slab of limestone and he said his helmet couldn't fit through the space above it, but it could be broken up. He could hear running water ahead.

But as none of us had been there before we don't know if he got further than Peter, or not, or if the water level was lower or not.

It'd be surprising if it was, because the conditions are quite wet at the moment. Also quite cold. The cave was draughting in, and the draught went off towards Pinnacle Passage.

Pete Smith

**From:** Papard [mailto:papard@easynet.co.uk]

**Sent:** 16 November 2004 21:38

**To:** Uzueka@aol.com

**Subject:**

Juan

Just got back from long week-end in Matienzo – very wet, valley flooded the week before, waterfall at back of Snows still very good flow.

Snow on tops (ie La Sia – see group photo 46)

On 12<sup>th</sup> went on walk up above this waterfall and round to Cueva de Concebo (12), not much found, but a few small sinks/digs in valley were noted – the three are all listed below and correspond to pics above

1. 12/11/04

Small sink in sandstone about 10m below contact with limestone. Looks like it may have collapsed recently. gps 385 picture 21 with my bag in foreground. - would dig. 2154

2 12/11/04

Cave above 385 in base of limestone band. 5m long to tight dig - not good. Gps 386, picture 23 bag in ent. 2155

3 12/11/4

Spring/cave above main springs, water appears and sinks inside very small cave and it seems to feed main spring. Could dig but tight. Gps 387, pic 24 hole to left of small tree 2156

On last day I gave my GPS to Killer and Pete when they went to Famous Five cave, I did not get it back before I left, it should be with Pete – I told him I had not written down the GPS's for above, can you Email him (I don't have his Email) and he can send the GPS – they are listed as the above (dummy numbers ie 285,6,7)

We went to Pants (1655) and dug it on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – dug in overpants at dig on right just where you drop down to small chamber, I think Derbyshire also dug at far end of chamber. On 11<sup>th</sup> we tried to cap but rock too soft and they did not go off. On 13<sup>th</sup> used 2 "snappers" to remove large amount of rock (prob about 1 ton) to open up rift in font – forward is small and would take a lot of digging/blasting. But down and back on myself and under chamber we opened up small hole that seems to drop into a larger area, when opened up draught changed to go into this hole (inward draught as it was cold) – this will dig and would prob only need a few snappers and rock shifting team (ie one days work). However the whole place was very muddy and most diggers were not happy – me, Kev, Andy, and Dave Raine – prob best to do in dry weather etc.

Pete and Killer et al went to Cobadal to look at Wessex inlet with diving gear on the 14<sup>th</sup>, but no sump found only a wet crawl too tight for any of the party (5 in), but Killer thinks floor will dig with crow bar, provided you have a wet suit. Running water could be heard in font past low section. Pete should have details.

See you in five weeks in Matienzo.

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## **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**