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Juan,

As I didn't have chance to write anything in the logbook, here's a few lines.

18th July Phil Papard, Chris Camm Invisible Cave Site 3283.

The plan was to line the sump with a thick rope and survey the other side.

We needed to get Phils drill and survey instruments through dry and spent a little bit of time fettling a pelicase before leaving Matienzo.

The case still leaked slightly but not enough to cause any problems with drill or instruments.

First sump is probably about 9-10ft deep its almost straight down under a rib of rock and then back up the other side. Might be free dived with care, we both used a bottle though. The rope is secured to a large eyehole at the start(downstream side) and to a bolt where you surface in an out of depth canal. At the upstream side of the sump, there is a small underwater ledge on the wall about 4-5 ft down, that you can use to bridge off. The rope has been fixed to a further bolt at the upstream end of the canal. At this point a steep sided pool goes to dry land where the passage splits in 2.

A small flow of water cascades down a few inches from the left hand passage. This looked very good, shape and size wise, but we went for the larger right hand passage first. This also has a small flow similar to the left hand branch. It would be useful to try and measure or estimate these together with the flow at Entrada Tres to make sure we are not missing anything in the canals. Upstream started to look sumpy again and a quick look with a mask confirmed a sump or duck going off. This was entered after we had finished surveying with a very quick look suggesting a cross rift airbell blind above water(will recheck at Easter). Plan to go back at Easter with a proper line rather than a survey tape as a base fed line, the entry point was out of depth and surfaces part way along the cross rift. Back at the 2 way junction, Phil had a look up the left hand passage it was disappointing ending at a small sump after only 10m.

Return uneventful till we reached the 2nd entrance. Phil exited first standing on and breaking a thick branch that had fallen in. A rock then moved as well, as he climbed out but we were not sure which one. I carefully guided the gear out to avoid it banging on the loose bits. Gear out, I was checking out the rock I usually stand on when the damn thing advanced out of the wall, I pushed it back in with both hands but if I eased off it slid out again. This rock was a tad on the large size to dance with and I was a little concerned what else might move if it did fall out. Phil commented I sounded a bit unhappy. Holding it in with one hand I managed to pick up some small rocks to jam in gaps under it, then noticed that Phils branch had a fork at one end this neatly went over a rock further down and with a bit of pushing under the big rock. A exit using the rope we had belayed off a tree and Phil, left us both looking at it from the right side. Thanks to Phil for the stemple and line! A bit of coaxing with a long stick had the stemple out and the rock collapsed with another tweak. Its currently in the way of anyone getting in. Nothing else collapsed whilst we were there. A short ladder belayed to the tree on the bank above the entrance would avoid the need to climb on the looser wall in future.

Chris C.