

LOGBOOK

Year: 2004

Season: Whit

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

Monday 31st May Sumidero de Cobadela

Phil, Ian + Juan. — Gave the old chap a small album of Pete Egan's photos and then entered the cave with the intention of "closing the loop." This was done with no problems.

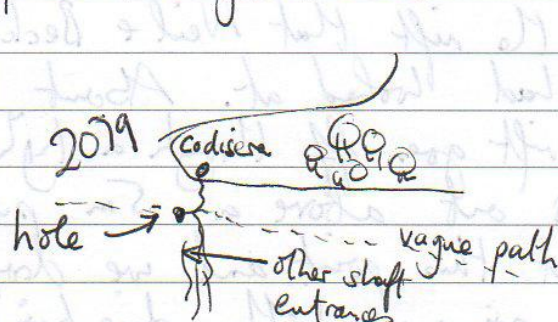
Ascended the rift that Neil + Becker had surveyed and Pete Swill had looked at. About half way up on the right, a rift goes off through a lighter section to where it opens out above a 5m pitch. Phil put a bolt in at this point and we dropped into open passage, going in both directions. Headed off towards Martin's and Tim's last survey station and clambered up the boulders to find the piece of paper. (Station 228).

We then consulted the survey and decided that a bit of "grabbing" was in order and ~~then~~ went to the first good lead marked on the survey.

This went from station 219 and turned out to be mainly walking passage to a bouldery area that connected to station 180 where Martin and Tim had climbed out of the streamway up towards Rat Junction. About 300m was surveyed in this loop — called Birthday Passage (Ian's 61st).

On the way back to the ladder we surveyed the 80 or so metres to close the loop and then headed beyond the ladder, past pinnacles, sticking up from the floor. About 30m beyond a damp, calcified choke was met with possibilities at roof level and beyond. One of those rare trips where everything went according to bullsh*t.

3/6/04 Juan + Penny. Walked towards Codisera vaguely following the footsteps of those below. Probably refound 378 about 30m away from its original position (VN5323(8)9419(1)). Then wandered high up above the southern side of the Codisera valley. Directly above the cave passage came across an interesting hole about 10m deep with a good echo..



3/6/04 Gideon, Jane, Toby, Ian

Not documented

See 1642 card

Descended 5 shafts on Cruz Ureno.

These need rechecking SPS (2) should be close

Waymarks.

3 2 ① Gideon. Already tagged 109 (LBT). Entrance ~~covered~~ covered with rocks. Soft. Narrow shaft - no way on.

4 3 ② Known site 1642. Descended by I.L. Open shaft with tree inside. belayed to threads 8-10m back. 30ft. Choked rift with red plastic bag at base.

5 4 ③ 10-12m away from ②. Open shaft - bolt placed. 30ft. Pit in floor with 2 exits - 1 way choked immediately. other - 2 narrow sections to base of small aven which closes up 5m above. Descended by I.L.

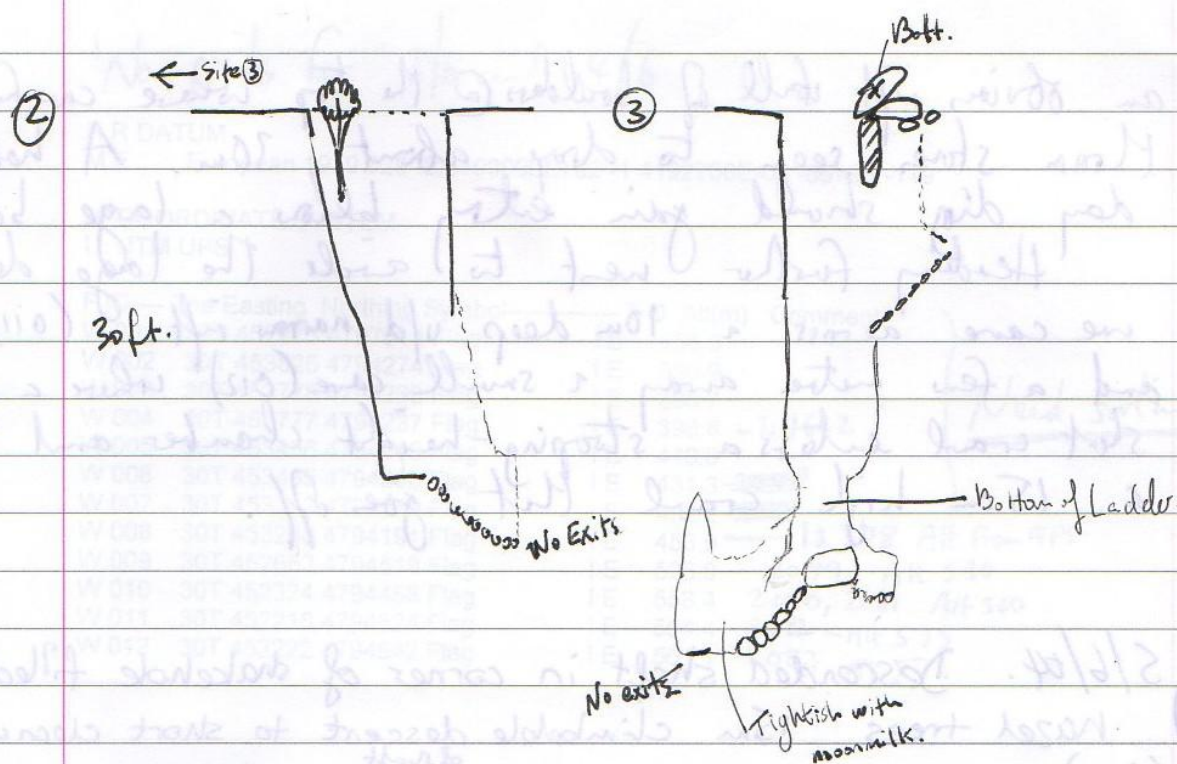
6 5 ④ Descended by Gideon. Open shaft in side of large shakehole with trees. Impressive slot 1m x 5m. Soft pitch with too tight descending rift plus draughtless passage 10m.

7 6 ⑤ Descended by Jane. Twin slits in base/wall of shakehole. 3m pitch to short drop + 2m Ø aven. Too low crawl going off - no draft.

See 3 pages on →

Ian Lawton

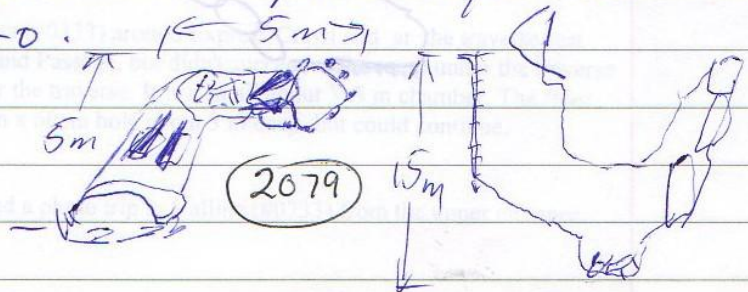
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4/6/04 Phil Hilary, Juan + Penny retraced steps taken by Juan + Penny yesterday with a couple of ladders. Juan descended 378 — about 16m deep in 2 stages, choked at bottom.



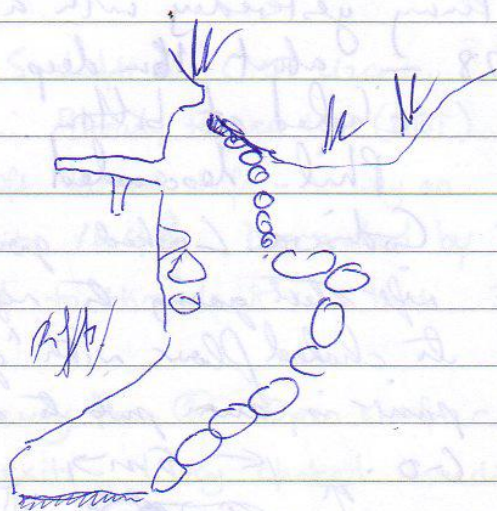
Phil descended the site above Codisera. Looked good, 8m into rift-stuff going to right, but only to choked flow with "goat"! Past lowest point is even prob to surface above. No G.O. ← 5m →



2080 Then up to depression containing 6bs 6b2 9 and at VN5232(4)9445(8) Phil entered small cave with chamber and pit in floor 3m deep with more boulders below — old remnant. Five metres to the west is 2081

an obvious rift full of boulders @ the top where carefully
 thrown stones seem to drop about 30m. A half
 day dig should gain entry below a large boulder.
 Heading further west to circle the large depression
 we came across a 10m deep w/d narrow rift (011) 208
 and a few metres away a small cave (012) where a 2083
 short crawl enters a stooping-height chamber and
 a 15cm high crawl that goes off.

5/6/04. Descended shaft in corner of shakehole filled with
 hazel trees. 15m climbable descent to short clearwashed
 (dry) passage - choked. One wall ^{of shaft} is boulder fill, other is narrow
 rifts. Short descended passage near top ends in breakdown.



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 VN 989812
 ↑ 450m

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Way points for 3/6 and 4/6

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H COORDINATE SYSTEM

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W 008	30T	453238	4794191	Flag	IE	453.9	is 378 Alt from GPS
W 009	30T	452653	4794519	Flag	IE	526.9	-2079 Alt 530
W 010	30T	452324	4794458	Flag	IE	558.4	2080, 2081 Alt 560
W 011	30T	452216	4794524	Flag	IE	564.4	2082 Alt 575
W 012	30T	452222	4794542	Flag	IE	561.1	2083 Alt 570

Need sorting.

At Wink: Vallina tourist trip on high level and more work in Papa Noel by Torben + Jonas + Peter Neilson. (Photos).

May 26th to June 1st, 2004

Tree danes (Jonas Binladen, Peter Fast Nielsen and Torben Redder) visited Matienzo.

#1471

We made 2 trips in Papa Noel (#1471) in the area Tail Wind Passage. The last trip we surveyed about 200 meters, derigged and spent 18 hours in the cave.

At the end of Tail Wind Passage we reached "Hole in the Wall" chamber (about 10x30 m), where we after a short look around didn't find the way on. The continuation could be the drop just to the right of the entrance coming into the chamber (p10?), or maybe the passage at the same level as the entrance, but on the opposite wall (c6?).

We searched for a connection to Azpilicueta (#0333) around Express Crawl and at the traverse just after Express Crawl, at the end of Tail Wind Passage, but didn't succeed. The ramp under the traverse leads to the same place as the p10 just after the traverse. It is a small about 3x3 m chamber. The floor covered with rocks slopes towards a 40cm x 60cm hole about 3 m deep, but could continue.

#0042 and #0733

We also made a trip in Cefrales (#0042) and a photo trip in Valline (#0733) from the upper entrance.

Best Regards
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Fresnado II - Not Worthwhile Passage (second one?)

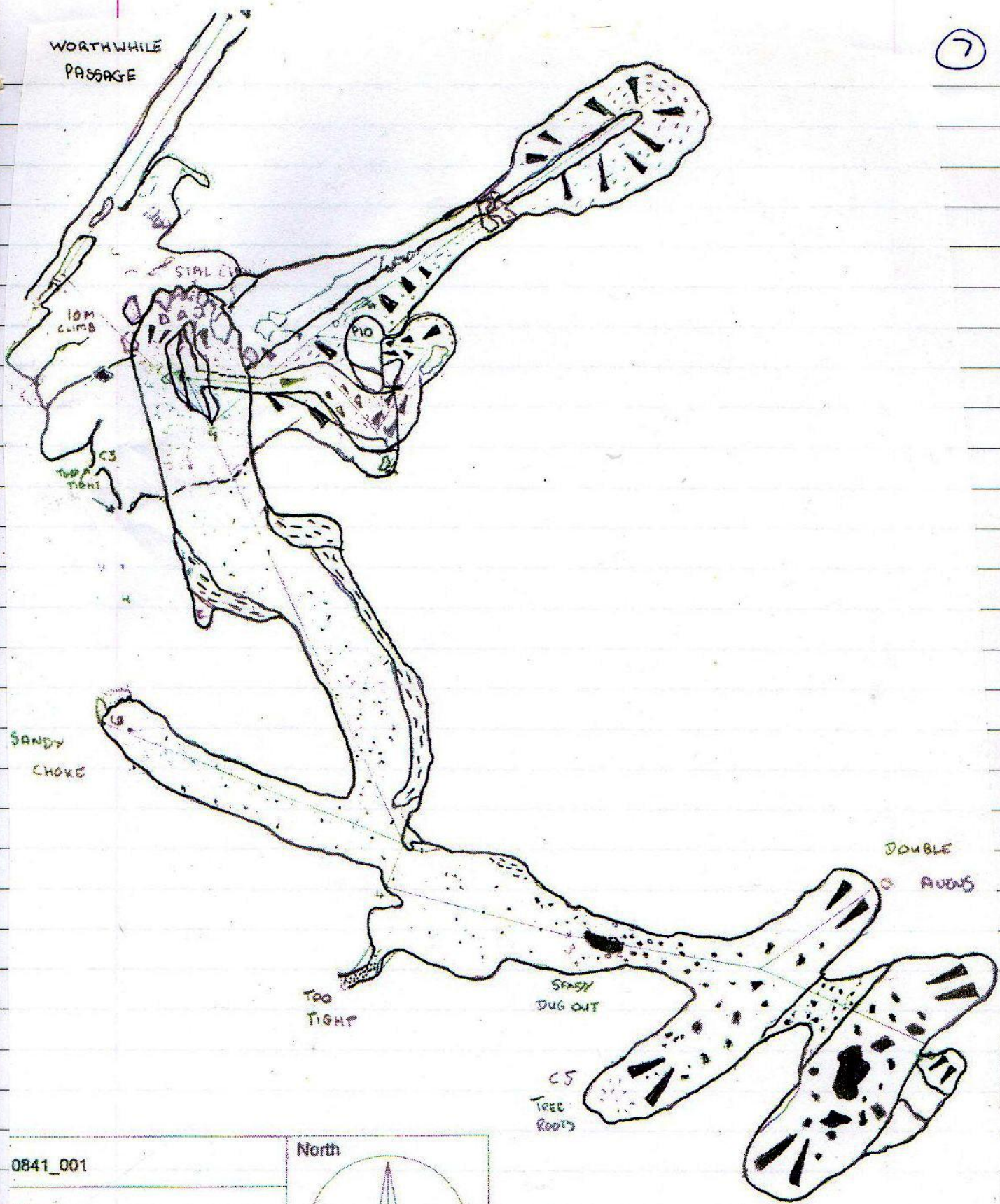
Saturday 10th April - Jim Davis, Neil Pacey

On a previous trip we had noticed a black hole going up above Worthwhile passage, in the entrance series of Fresnado II. After a late night and a slow start we decided to take a drill and give it a go. Jim freeclimbed the first section with ease. This led into a long gallery with two inlets coming in on the right hand side. These were examined but found to be far too small. The left passage of the gallery led into a chamber with steep, muddy walls. Jim bridged up the steep muddy sides, but only made it to the top after digging steps into the mud with a bolting hammer, unfortunately the top was only an alcove and so had to downclimb using the rope for a handline.

I decided to climb up a steep slope back in the middle of the passage, this led up for about 10 metres to another tight inlet. Above was a boulder jammed in the rift, it looked like there was a chamber behind but the boulder was too large to remove without chemical persuassian. Jim joined me and started shining around with his powerful light. He spotted a rock bridge up in the roof, but couldn't tell if there was a passge going off above. There was only one thing left to explore so we put a bolt in and set about trying to climb up onto the rock bridge. With the aid of a sling i stepped up and mounted the bridge. The other side was a pitch straight back down into the chamber. I placed a bolt and bridged over the top of the pitch. Off to my left was a steep muddy slope leading up into a passage. I climbed up into the chamber with the large jammed block. I could see Jim's light directly beneath me. On the return i noticed another ramp leading off. I followed this for a short distance into a small rift. The rift popped into the bottom of a large walking size pheatic tunnel. I followed it to a choke in one direction and a low dig in the other. By now my light had started strobing, this was a subtle way off telling me it was time to go out. I made a hasty retreat back to Jim and informed him of the news and my imminent light failure.

We returned the following day, with Tanya Savage and climbed back up into the roof tube. I rigged a rope down the other side making this into a straight forward pitch up. Jim soon dug out the low crawl, this led into a chamber with double avens and another crawl leading off, this led into another aven. All of the avens were climbed and tree roots were noticed at the top of one of them, We surveyed back out , and derigged the pitch on our way back down. All in all a nice bit of passage but not worth all of the effort getting to it !

Neil Pacey



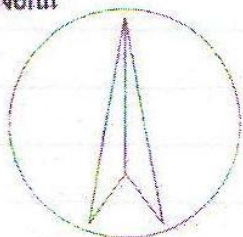
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Plan view

Scale 1:140

Up page 000°

North



Scale (1m)



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