

LOGBOOK

Year: 2011

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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Site (3485)

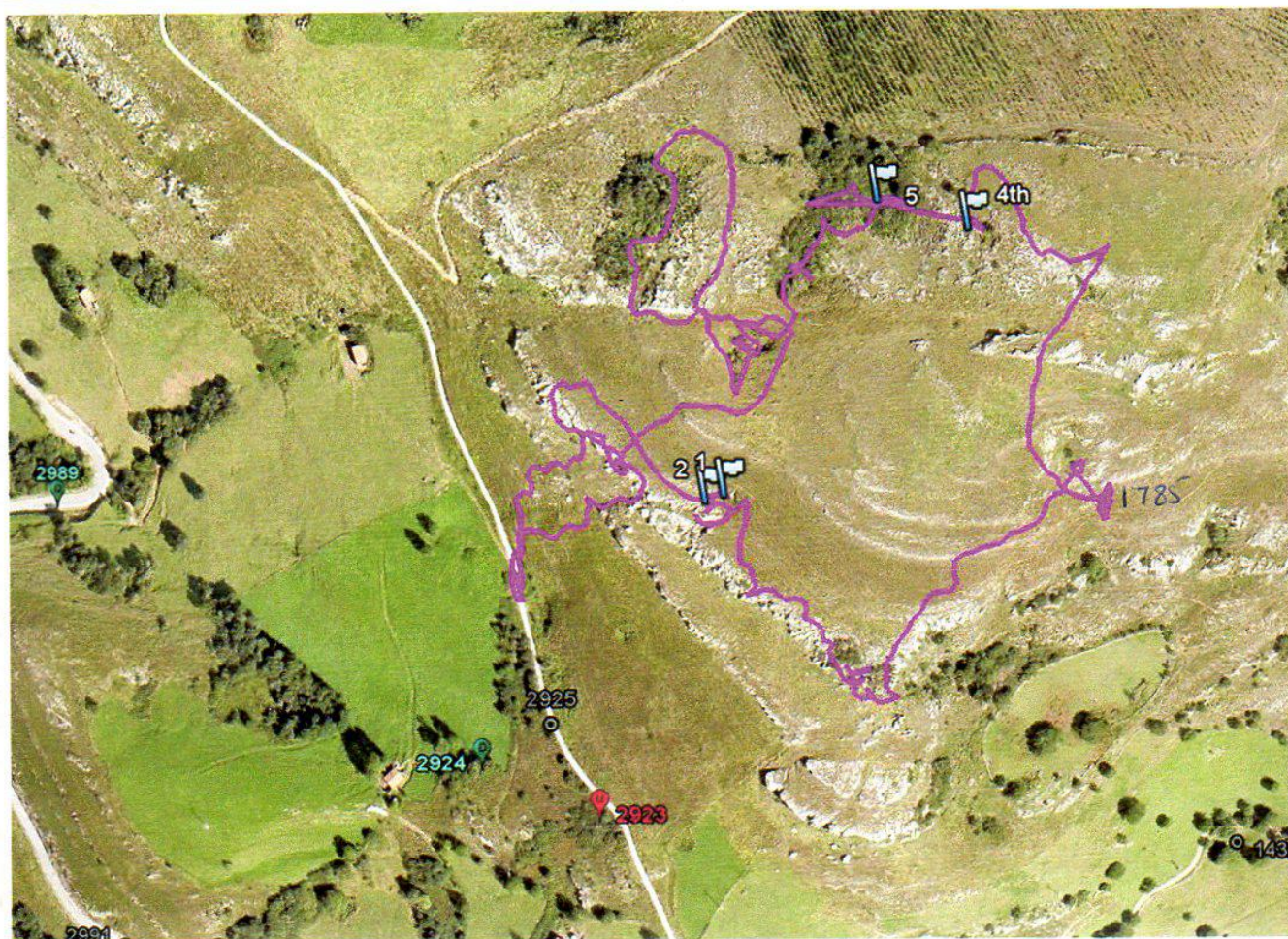
2nd was a short distance down the hill. — Phil also explored this despite the adder slithering around the side of the deep.

Pat formed on Phil a rift; each end may dig, but not worth the effort if no draught need to seek in hot-weather.

Adder looked fairly slow, due to lack of sun & low temp much like Taron & Fox on the surface.



Adder (female)

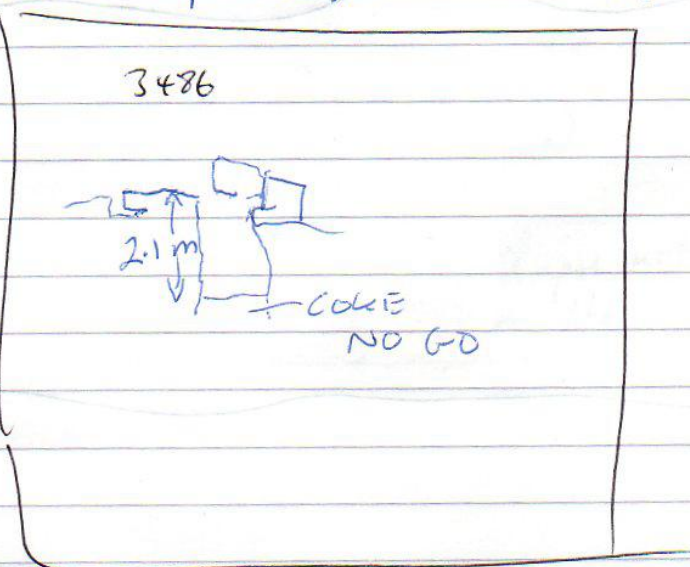
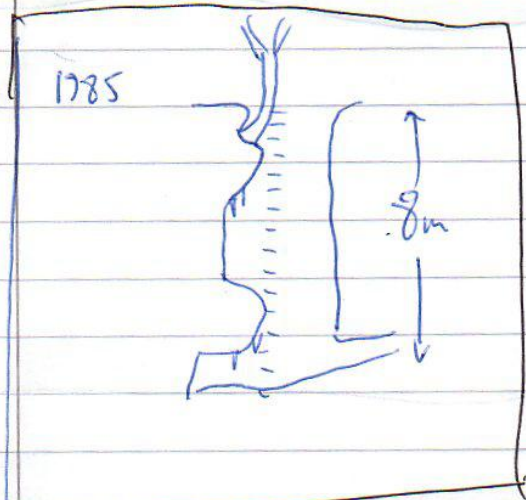


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Walked along deeply dissected limestone with some deep features, then to site 1785 which Juan descended. p8 off a crowbar to a bone and boulder choke at the base of a decayed calcite-lined ~~pitch~~ roomy pitch.

Above 1785 is a fenced walk-down in a choked rift (not numbered) Then over the ridge into more limestone pavement and site 3486 which Phil descended, a blind (solid choke) 2.1m deep pit, 1.3m d

To the west of this is an area of trees and other vegetation hiding limestone-lined depressions. One collapse ~~site 3487~~ (s) (site 3487) may repay a dig. The whole area and the next stand of trees to the west should be visited in warmer weather. This could be combined with prospecting to the northwest and descending Torca Cepo (626) (undescented) (30m)



3485



side 3488

(in the woods near "5")

Dig 535m – 00448680/4796433
El Cueto area at Las Calzadillas

In 10m dia shakehole on N side, half way up easy way out of the 4m deep flat floored depression. Small hole leading to a drop where stones fall about 2m. No draught today (temp 11dec C) to dig would need caps or snappers and only be worth it if there is a good draught in hot weather (i.e. inward).

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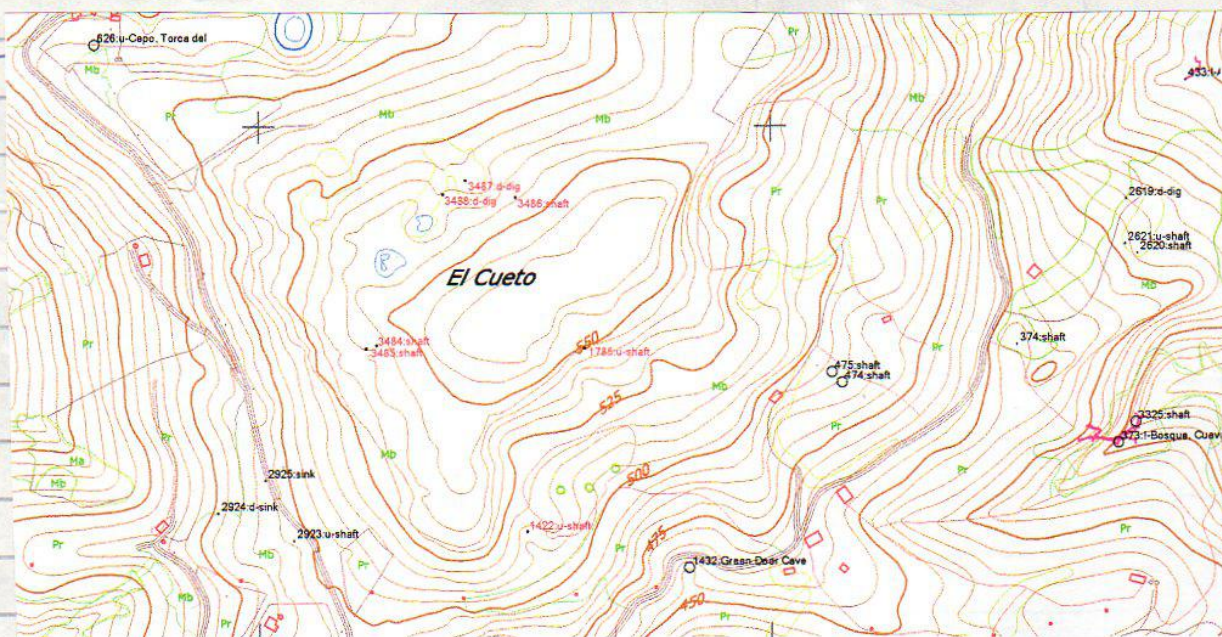
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W 3486	30T	448751	4796430	Waypoint	I E	596.0	12/04/2011	14:42:40	
W 3487	30T	448702	4796447	Waypoint	I E	591.0	12/04/2011	14:54:18	
W 3488	30T	448680	4796433	Waypoint	I E	590.0	13/04/2011	08:23:40	



14th April

After leaving a car @ Cobadal, Phil, Hilary, Penny + Juan walked from FLV along ridge and down to Cobadal.

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W A-3489	30T	450110	4798088	Waypoint	IE	553.0	14/04/2011	10:38:55	10 M FROM TRACK. CHOKE ON HOLE ON SIDE. AT BAS
E OF 5M DEEP DEPRESSION IS A POSSIBLE DIG.									
W B 3490	30T	449972	4798129	Waypoint	IE	543.0	14/04/2011	11:02:29	VEGETATED SHAKE HOLE WITH A POSSIBLE DIG IN A
SMALL RIFT IN ORBITOLINA BED.									
W D	30T	449899	4798115	Waypoint	IE	538.0	14/04/2011	11:15:57	2M DROP TO AN EASY DIG INTO A SMALL CHAMBER.
W 919 BETTER	30T	448919	4797560	Waypoint	IE	407.0	14/04/2011	13:01:18	

GPS of hole in track 1362 + photo.

Other possible digs mentioned above - sites 3489, 3490 + ^{3444 (number recycled)} ~~3491~~.
Dropped down into the valley west of Cobadal where we came across site 2408 - PP did the through trip
Better GPS for site 919 (above)
Re-visited site 3444 \equiv 920 (Position of 3444 is correct)

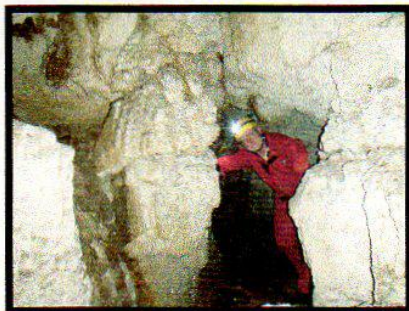
Ended up at the entrance to Cobadal (1930). Collapse not as bad as first thought, and can be dug out on the next trip.

3492 PP went to small 3m deep shaft rocky rock floor, but not descended, needs some undergrowth moving. 4m Rowan tree in ent.

498m 0449978/4798064

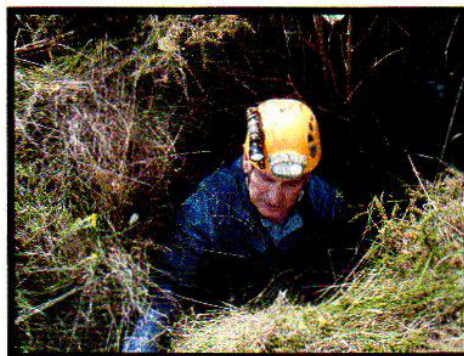
16th April 2011

Phil, Hilary, Juan and Penny up onto El Naso with the intention of actually descending some of the undescended holes.



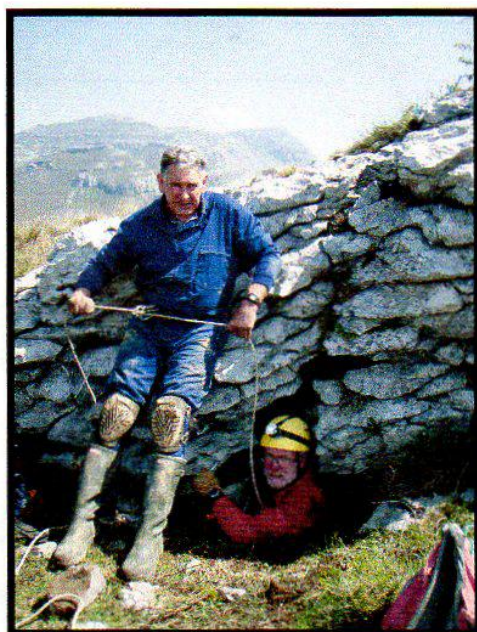
Found an unknown new hole first: site 3491, 30T 451338 4796970. Juan down a 3m drop into a 6m long passage with some calcite and a too small bedding at the top of a 2m climb up.

Then to the area of 2377, 2378 and 2379. Phil



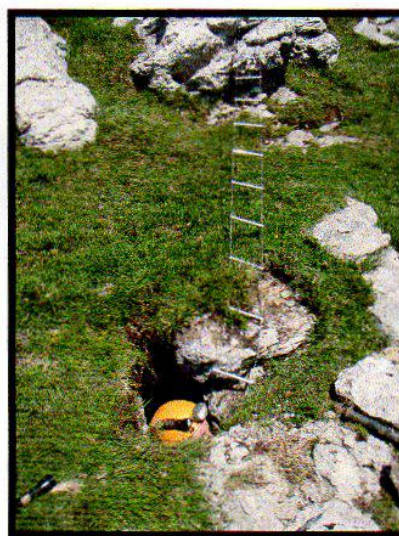
descended the deepest one – 10.01m. This is 2379 but currently at the position of 2378. That hole, 2378, at 2379 position, which was an estimated 5m deep seems to have a soil choke at the top, while 2377 is definitely a 2m deep, choked hole.

Description of 2379 follows.



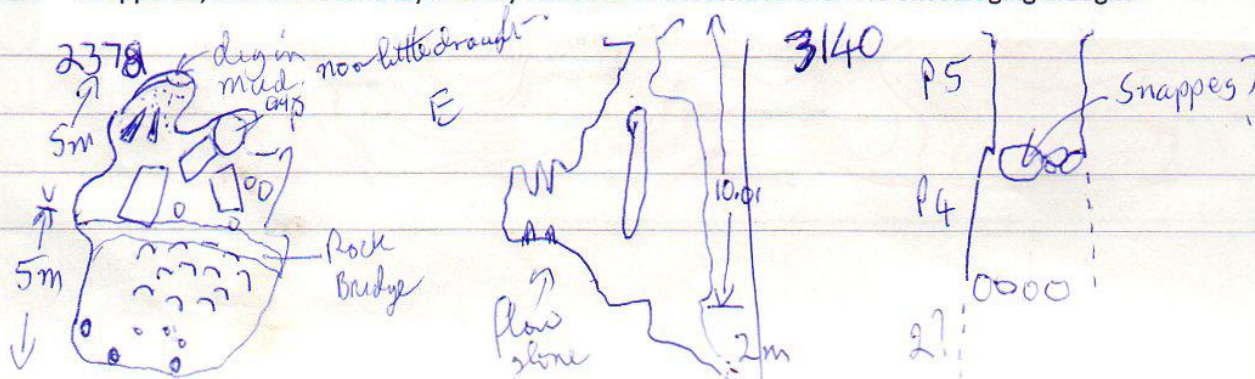
Walked up towards the summit and dug out the top of site 1597 (supposed to be 6m deep). Juan descended the small 3.5m drop, twice as PP dropped the chisel down. Chokes at the base and it is just possible to bend down to pick up a chisel.

Had a pleasant 3pm lunch looking down into La Vega with Swallowtails and False Swallowtails flitting round and then started back looking at another couple of sites.



Phil dug out and chiselled open the tight entrance to site 3139 and found the base choked 4m down. Site 3229 was examined but will require extensive excavations before any downwards progress can be made.

Juan descended 3140. A roomy p5 drops onto boulders with the shaft continuing down another 4m to another boulder blockage where the disto shows another 2m depth. The first boulders could be snapped; and the second layer easily removed to descend further. No encouraging draught.





7/4/11

Invisible Cave 3293 Chris C & Phil P.

Aim to carry climbing gear & for Chris to drive camp 44. Early start at 10:30am at cave car park. 1 1/2 hrs later Chris had sorted his gear & Phil had repaired his - so set off to carry at Noon. Tried to move rock in ent. that had moved last trip (2010) but seemed OK, but would benefit being removed with snapper. Slow carry to dry area prior to "duke", & Chris sorted his kit & put on dry suit etc, but on pulling on his hood it was ~~clear~~ clear it was far too tight due to his head getting bigger & the hood getting smaller - end result was eyes popping out, face going red & swelling & his voice going higher! Despite trying to solve problem by cutting slits in hood it was still too tight. So we left gear for another day & another hood!

17-APRIL-2011 DISCHURSED CROUCH. POT 2411

Tony Little, Jane McCorquodale, DAVE TERRY (Navy)

Risers surface shaft from 2 x 2 1/2" saplings and the lifeline from similar. Sent Jane down first. Bottom of the shaft (15m) is lot of dead woolly burs and wire. Thrown a 4' high arch leads to a second pitch (5m) with a slot in the floor to the third pitch (7.4m). Jane ran out of tackle and came out TC + rty return for more tackle and descended the last pitch to a mud floor with a minor stream disappearing in a 1" high groove. Surveyed out and took some photos then back for tea and logbook completion.

18th Apr - Jan + into Nafu to climb area

- Bob Taylor + Tackle up Cow Pot

18/04/2011 - Cow Pot - JON PEMBERTON, JAMES WOOD, Bob Toogood

Quick trip after the ferry to rig cow down to the sump, plus carry further gear for the pushing trip. Quick, easy Jaunt (1.5 hours). Noted air-space at sump (only little).

18/4/2011

Jane McCarquodale, Tony Little Dave Tuffery
Exploring the ridge along

Walked along track towards end of hill.

There is a depression 0449647 4797357 alt. 424m

Possible hole filled in as evidence of fresh rubble. Next to a small depression with bog plants suggesting impermeable layer.

~~Photo 144 1524~~ 3493-d1-2011e 01. jpg

3493-d1-2011e 02. jpg

~~Photograph rest of page~~ more to follow.

We found 2104 which fitted description but unable to get through /
brambles.

Walked along the contour and found a series of brambles filled
depressions which were about 4m deep with mud filled floor.

449574 4797549 (3507) Fenced hole 2m dia filled with brambles A DT 2011e.

449585 4797550 (3508) 4m dia steep sided depression. B

449628 4797563 (3509) 3m deep 3m dia depression with hawthorn tree C

~~449628~~ ~~4797563~~ closes down.

449672 4797578 (3510) line of depressions with ash tree in middle.
No visible holes.

449712 4797566 (3511) Fenced depression with man made pond
in middle.

449759 4797587 (3511) 7m dia depression 4m deep elder tree in middle
mud floor. E. DT 2011e.

19/4/2011 3283

Invisible Cave - Diver Chris Corn, support
Phil Papard. - about 10m of sump 2 investigated - open now for other divers

Picked up diving gear just prior to duck, kit
up. Moved to sump 1 & took gear incl Bull kit
to sump 2. Placed bull for diving line & Chris dived
Sump was not a simple one to another rift, but was
more complicated - Bottom walking No good! needs normal fin
gear & line laying.


20-04-2011 Tonghitter, Jane McCorquodale, Dave Murray, ~~Dave Bell~~ Dave Bell

1598 DT Descended 4m Blind shaft in Fenced depression filled with BRAMBLE
GPS Accurate

1889 Couldn't find any trace of hole as described in text.

1893 TL Descended. 4m shaft with small chamber approx 1m round at SE
end with small choked rth approx 8"-10" wide choked with
rocks and rubble.

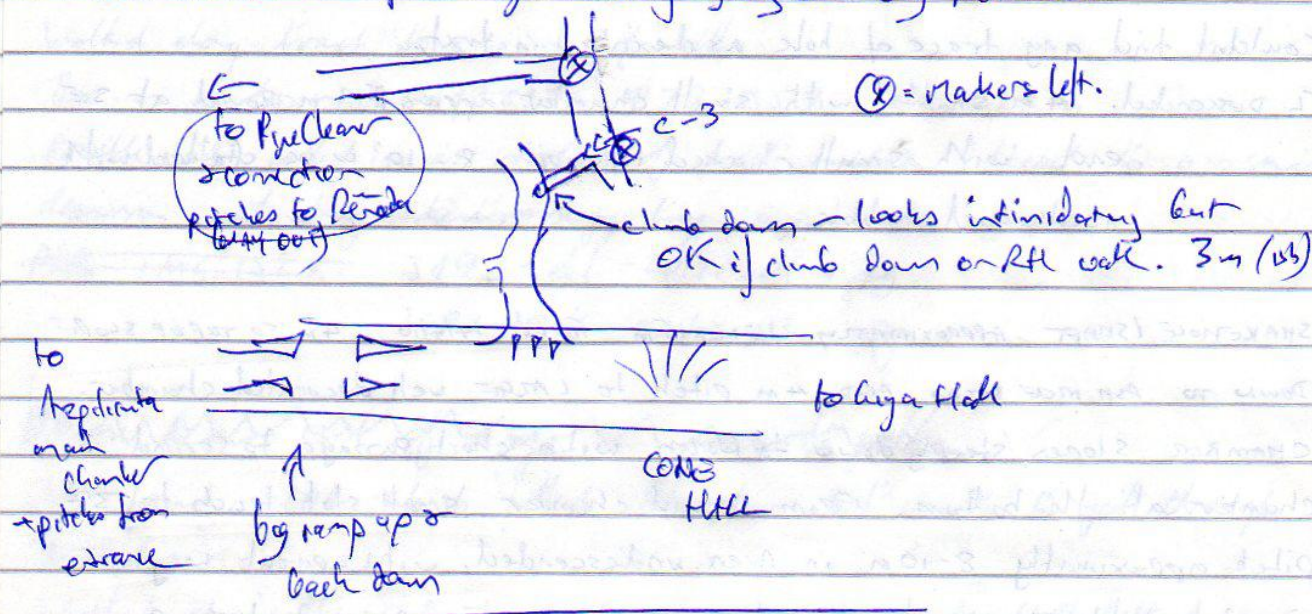
~~2420~~
(523) SHAKENOE 1st chamber approximately 10m x 15m found 14/4/10. 4m to top of slope
Down to Ash tree beam and 4m pitch to large well decorated chamber.
Chamber slopes steeply down to north with short passage to second
chamber at the bottom. From second chamber small slot leads to 3rd
pitch approximately 8-10m in area undescended. with apparent way on
in slot in floor. Window from first chamber enters area higher up.
Now CONFIRMED as 523.

2366  TORNO Wed 20th April - Patrick + Carmen + Chris
Went to investigate dig site far end of Torno
chamber - crawl already passed by Mandy + Jez.
Found was already dug (by MUSE - should have read the
log!) - current end is tight rift in water with 8"
air space in a slot - also tight under water surface.
Although very promising, this is current limit for us.
Best lead in Torno that I know of ^{now} is far end of
Wesssex "inlet", which ends in a daunting crawl with
small stream beading into the hill, sound of falling water
after ~~8-10m~~ 6-8m, would require hump hammer to knock
flakes off to make progress. Patrick
Though survey suggests this may be
higher level than "road to riano" canyon.
See 2/7/09 + 5/8/09 - Only Mandy has passed this point to ^{see}
a junction with a cobbled floor ~~possibly something to which~~
~~as with Energetics in Riano~~

20/4/11 Azpilicueta - by Phil Mi Sant Pete E.

Took dingy gear to bottom of Ayer Hall at start of Rub-a Dub-Dub
PS + PP back out by Azpilicueta, est by Penéda high tide.

Best route out from Ayer Hall if gear out by Penéda:



Cow Pot

19/04/2011

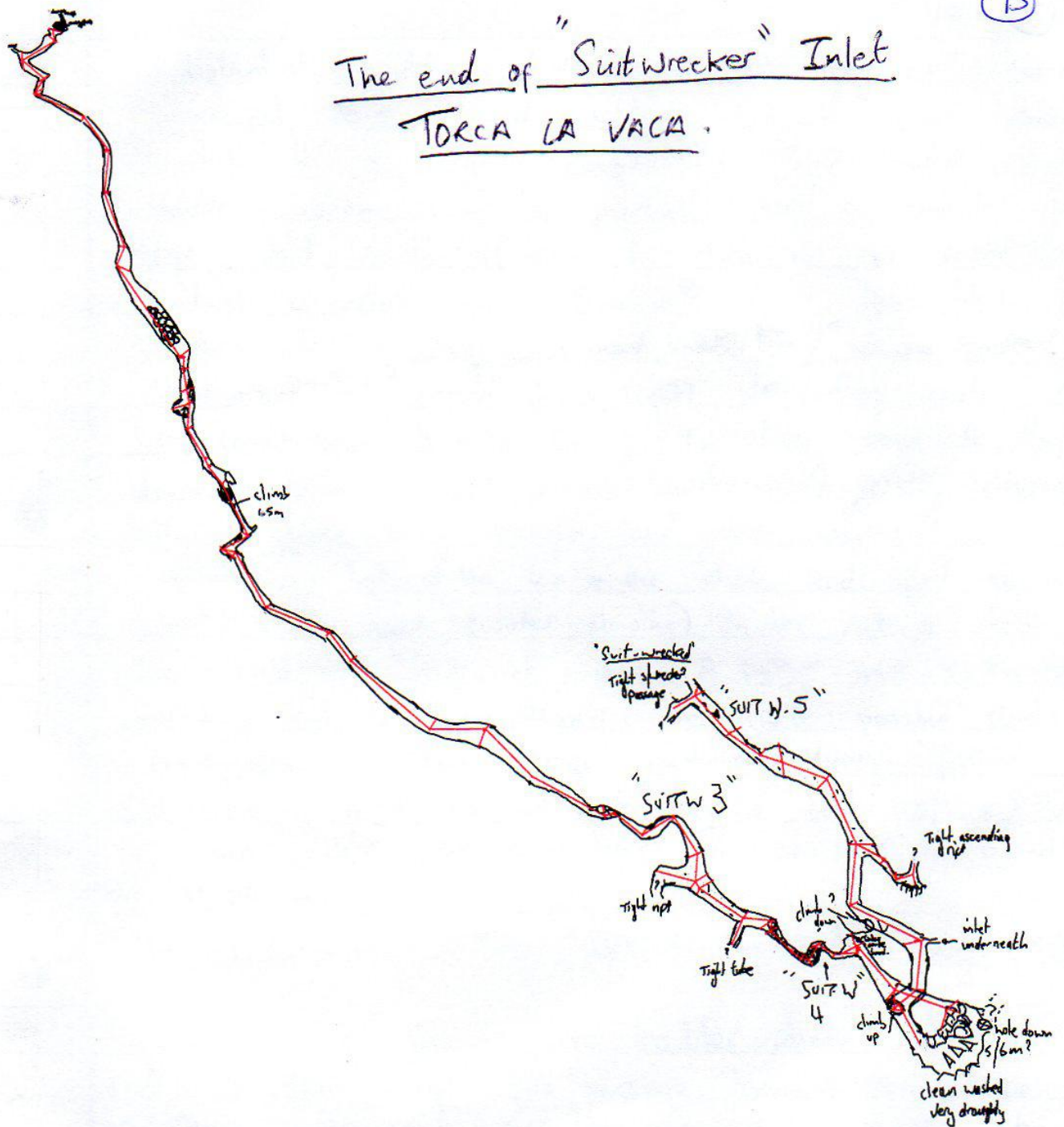
Ton Pemberton, James Wood, Bob Toogood, Dan Hibberts, Rob Grimes
Jess Edges

In at 10am, steadily made progress to the end, Jams, Bob and I following at rear (pacing). We reached "Henry's Way" junction at "Suit Wrecker Inlet" at 12:30 (2.5hrs). from here we split ways...

Suit Wrecker Inlet - James Wood & Ton Pemberton.

Jams and I set off calibrated DistoX at the start and getting to the end of the surveyed passage within one hour. We continued to survey into new passage through broken down immature inlet (suit wrecker) passage. A climb up and squeeze through projections led up into higher dry passage where the stream could be heard below. Continuing led through an okbow to a

The end of "Suitwrecker" Inlet TORCA LA VACA.

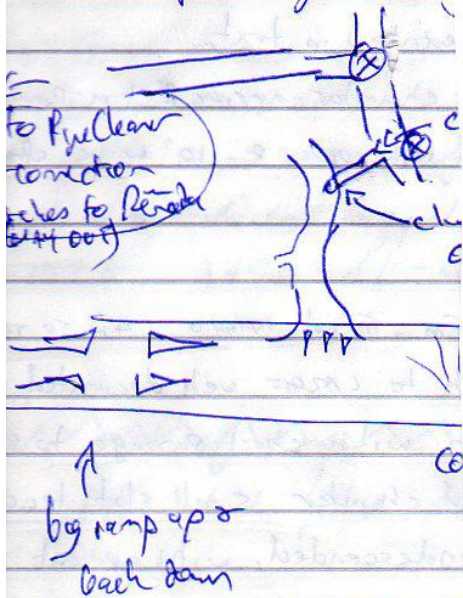


choke - which looks not be passed. There is a passage which needs Aid Chomung to get to which might be worth a look.

Aspilicuta - by Phil

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Wrecker Inlet - James Wood

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higher dry passage where the stream could be
below. Continuing led through an oxbow to a

Substantial boulder choke with no way on. Once surveyed Jans found a loose upward climb around 3 metres to a bigger continuation. Right ended in the choke which could be pushed over a boulder to a large void in the choke. A climb up the choke (very sandy) ascended for 5 metres? to a large block with a vein into a large passage/chamber/void in the choke? which could not be passed (Too tight). No further routes could be found up. A route facing the choke down to the left dropped down around 4-5m (undescended) possibly dropped further? Whole choke very draughtily and clean washed.

Continuing left at the top of the climb leads past an immature inlet on the right (water flowing) To the left a climb down 2m continued but not pushed. A further inlet on the right (muddy) led to a further choke with possible climbs (tight) - Good draught. Main passage continued through further Breakdown Suit - wrecker "Suit Wrecked" terminating so to speak in a mess - Shrs out from here we couldn't be arsed! Out @ 11:05 pm.

Henry's Chamber - Jess Eades, Bob Toogood, Dan Hibberts, Rob Grimes

Found a root through the boulder choke at the end of the passage. The passage beyond the choke is B.g. At end of the passage is another boulder choke which could not be passed. There is a passage which needs Aid climbing to get to which might be worth a look.

Looked at the 4m deep hole (3386) - well down.
Walked on to the point where the stream sank in the
gully above, but it just filtered away thro' silt
and cobbles. Walked around but nothing else, so went
across to the resurgence at El Suto (2241). This was
draughting out slightly and is worth a crawl into the
visible 4 or 5 metres to see what comes next. From there
went down to the river looking for possible resurgences.
At approx 0450533, 4801055 is a stream flowing in a
small channel/land drain which seems to match the flow
in gully above 3386 (added to 3386 card).

19/04 D. Milner + H.L., La Gatuna area.

Went looking for Dave's mythical hole from 2004, and
(3497) he eventually refound it; a shaft at least 30' deep
(GPS 0449900, 4799419) - needs tackle. On way he
found 2 other holes. The first (3495) is a low arch
by a path which went down a slope for 4m to a - 04498
cross rift with an ascending slope to a choke after 3m straight
ahead. There was a very small hole in floor but no draught.
The second, beside a track at 0449928, 4799537 (Site
3496) is a 2m near vertical drop down against a small
rock face to where it goes off into a crawl over cobbles. This
splits and rejoins, but only the right hand route is passable.
This becomes stooping height but ends at a couple of small
holes. The strong outward draught at entrance is not present
here. Total length approx. 11 metres.

photos from 978

18/04/11 Turnip.
Snake Cave

ELDON + TSA MOLE

Dan, Rob GRIMES, Jess Eades. (TSA)

Climbed the Aven above the Sump at the end. Which pinched up with no draft.
A small passage which is on the left on the way in the last one before you meet the Sump.
This has been pushed for 50 mtrs or so to dig a good draft.

20/4/2011 - EnCaramada "Dead Goat Cave"

JON PEMBERTON, JAMS WOOD, BOB TOOGOOD.

Quick trip to look in the entrance series, Went as far as the tight rift before the climb up into Barney's stuff. Checked out sand passage on left @ calcite squeeze beyond ladder pitch too tight in crawling canyon. Bob ascended into "I want me main choke" and followed right passage for 20m'ish still going - Not big!

21/4/11 - En Caramada "Dead Goat Cave"

JON PEMBERTON, JAMS WOOD, BOB TOOGOOD.

Headed to "WIZARD OF OZ" series and checked out the Sandstone boulder choke close to the "Dickon Trap" Quoted from 2010 logbook & survey - "Passed choke to large walking passage, not pushed." After removing a boulder from the approach crawl, Jams passed the choke after enlarging it. We survey 40 metres of small crap passage before it crapped out! It terminated ahead in flowstone and an aven coming back on itself which was climbed for 7 metres to a ledge where the top could be seen clearly with no way on (completely choked 15m up by boulders. out back through "Eye of the Tiger". Much better, easier way!

* Description on next page

Description:

From corner before "Dickon trap" (heading towards the end)
left leads 5m to boulders, Right leads through a crawl to a
small chamber followed by a further crawl to a small
sand stone choke. Duck under a boulder and a hole in the
floor and a crawl to the "Dickon trap". A climb over boulders
leads to a small aven where the passage descends to a
small muddy/sandy meandering rift passage which can be followed
for 40m through a couple of constrictions. Straight on up the
slope leads to a calcite blockage. A climb up a rift back on
yourself leads to a 5m aven blocked at the top with boulders.
No LEADS TO PUSH! (Can we quote you on that?) **YESSS!** ☺!

21-04-2011

Tony Little, Dave Murray, Dave Bell, Jan McCurquodale

Return to survey 3420 and descend rift attend. At the bottom is a ^{tight} rift
that runs on a mud floor. Survey ties this cave to description of
523. Looked at top end of shakehole for the other shaft in 523. Found
and surveyed.

3420
523

22-04-11. 2964 "Not too bad pot" Barry + A. Grave Deadhill.

Dropped to bottom of cave to point where constriction prevented further progress last summer. Tight
rift enlarged with the aid of 3 snappers - excellent result. Top of rift reversed which is now passable
by judicious deployment of suitable Eldon tiger (tea). Base of pitch not seen - curves under slightly
from take-off point. Left rigged for return in next few days. Draft going in slightly today & cleared floors in
a few seconds (mild day).

2964

522PA.

Tony Little, DAVE TUREY, DAVE BELL.

Surveyed up the ~~Sandy~~ Ramp into known passage. DB identified a couple of likely leads. Survey data entered on computer and sketch drawn up by DT.

23/4/11

(3503)

Benny + Jane Gledhill - Whilst returning from public journey to recommended "walk in cave I saw last year" (near which wasn't anything of the sort, we noted depressions behind water trough on road from Akins to Bumarja. (Note - if anyone tells you that this has been 'improved', don't listen, it hasn't). Anyway - second shakedown up from trough - 15m beyond barbed wire fence, is depression with drought apparent from slot in back left wall. Had been well covered with sticks/brush. Slot down 4m or so - enterable but not done so due to copious amount of brokenness applicable to both protagonists. Possible use of hand-line to exit would prove useful as bank appears to be loose mud/moss. Note again - beware of recommendations from drive-by-cavers. [Teresa - we'll give you the co-ordinates etc. later when we see you. [20T N 4796625 E 0449194] alt 467. (Too tight - verbal comm.)

23/4/11 Phil Ivan Hilary Kenny up onto Mula/Mullis north side via the track.

(3504) Site an "AA76" at side of track, labelled with red paint, is a crawl going off. 30T 0455487 4796712

Then to "main event" - site (3252) - a cave which closed in after 8m. Soft calcite on walls and sloping / krekling height Wandered off-piste around the back of site 1959.

(3505) Site B @ 30T 455790 4795897 is a low crawl to a possible enlargement. Entrance needs blocks removing.

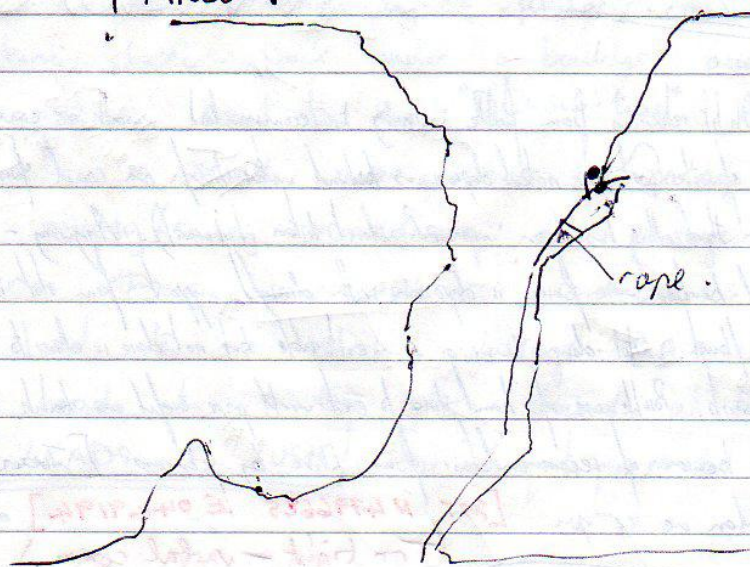
(3506) Phil found another dig in this area: 30T 4795960 0455754 ^{under boulder} 62m

"AAS2" is site 730 or 745. All of the ADAMCO sites in the database should now be positioned correctly.

22/4/11 Risco²⁵ Phil P + Pedro - aim was to continue the climb up into a possible continuation of Arco Gallary, but after placing one bolt to avoid a

* rub point no good rock could be found it being a mass of loose rock on a 60° slope & shale type rock & gypsum. Needs a 5 to 6m may pole to get over this area.

7 ARLO ←



Stream ←

after this failed attempt, went back to near entrance & bailed across roof into a side passage on a ledge. Some 100m of passage ~~was~~ found on both sides of stream, back blocked by Chokes. must not be that far from surface. Survey & Photo's taken.

19/4/01 Peter Ali, Angus, Jere, Tuffy, to i.

First 'trip' into Espada to dig out below traverse this was passed but needs more work.

Continued into clove to final climb, this led to clamber (small) no way on.

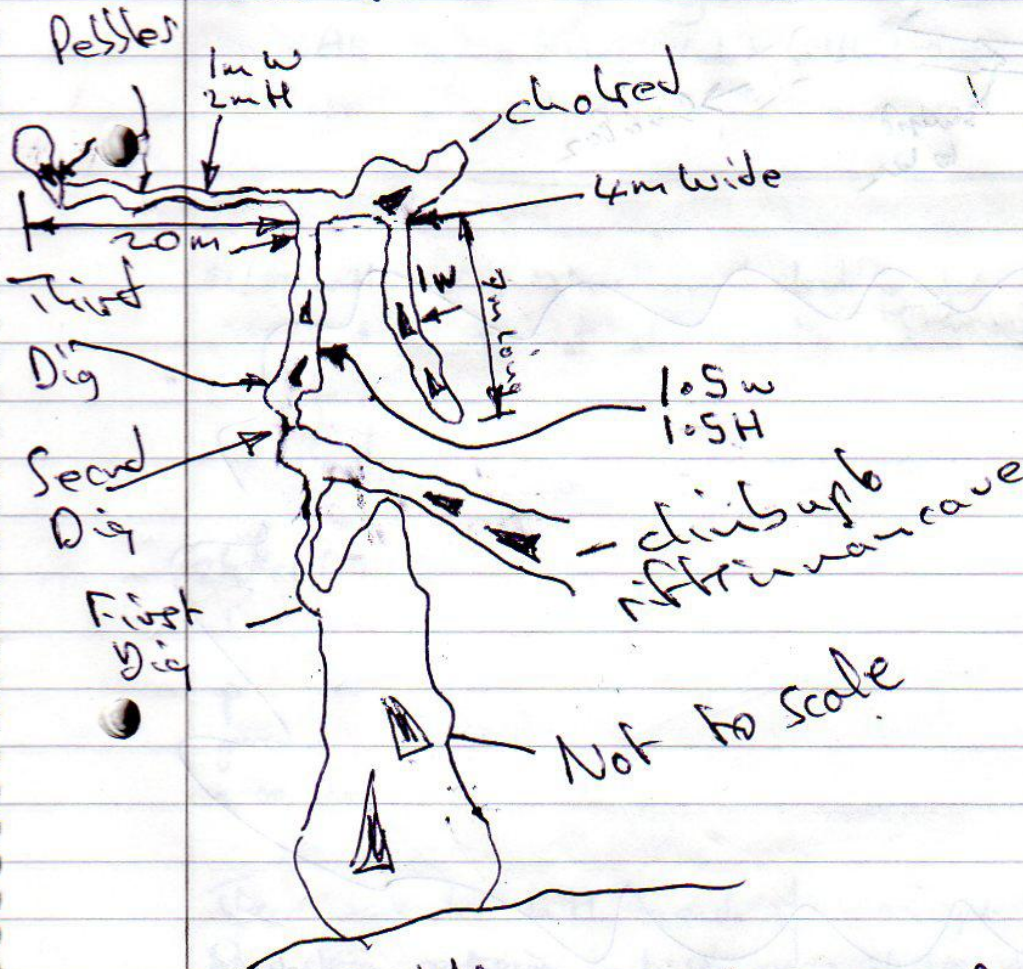
Up climb to bedding and dig needs more work. Took some photo's & left camp,

[Signature]

23/4/11 Espada Peter, Ali, Simone, Santi

Returned to high level (new site) to continue previous dig.

Down ramp below Gotked traverse the first dig was enlarged into rift down to second dig not previously passed. Second dig was passed two a third dig which led to a larger area in wide then high see sketch below.



Bedding at the top of climb beyond area of boxes was pushed to a grotto 3m in dia with draught coming out of boulders run in. No way on.

Large number of other possible ways on were pushed. ~~only one~~ mostly to climb up with rocks. One climb down led to a goat skeleton in choke no way on. Took photos down stream

22/4/11 Uzueka, AWeell, Sarti, Simone Sambento.

Surveyed downstream from Pigsticker to swamp - various previously unsurveyed bits done.

Possible bypass to wet road on main route towards Corilla
Walk ~~is~~ found - needs digging out, draining well -



From: Patrick Warren <patrickbwarren@gmail.com>
To: uzueka <uzueka@aol.com>
Subject: "from" "to" in sima baz?
Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 8:09

Something very odd : when I looked at the Uzueka survey online when I got back last night it shows the Sima Baz streamway running E (upstream) to W, whereas I think our survey from Friday has it running W (upstream) to E. All our survey legs were 1->0, 2->1, etc. Might be good idea to check we entered these correctly in the file.

Cheers -- Patrick

* Afternoon's surveyed side passage off Goldensway.

22/4/11 Peter + Chris (part of team)

Completed climb to Port Hoke passage which ends in boulder choke with drought no way on. Took photo's + Video

24/04 H.L. - Off side of road up from 2415 corner, up steep little side valley to near top corner of open field to where an open shaft is in a shallow depression.

Appeared to be about 5m deep.

3512

GPS 0452300.4801801.

25/04 H.L. + D.M. Imer returned to shaft (above) and descended 5m to a choke of material (sandstone) + mud which looked as if it may have covered top until recently.

All ways on were choked, altho' there was a good echo from along a small tube up in one wall.

3512

21/04 H.L. + D. Milner went looking for Site 2544 - absolutely nothing at spot shown. However, in the gully is a rock face with a flat-out crawl at base - unexplored. GPS for this is 0452191.4801503

3513

24/4/11 Uzeika - Ali, Santi, Pete Simon.

looked at possible bypass to low crawl on way on (see 22/4) passage beyond ~~etc~~ proved strong vocal connection down rift to passage seen on 22/4. Prob. needs going up considerably for a connection.

Then went to L.H. branch of Wandope Passage. Traversed over Rigsholtes contains no bolts so ~~probably~~ almost certainly not that previously done by Toby - previously ~~done~~ surveyed traverses done by Cameron & Torken ~~et al~~ (2009)
Big choke on RH ~~just~~ at start of travers - good draught but looks fairly long term.

21.4.11 Ali, Ian, Pete, Santi. (antofos) mines - surveyed 1 short & 1 long (approx. 750m - passed) beyond museum cave. (see later)

23/09/11 - Torca la Vaca

Jon Pemberton, Jams Wood, Bob Toogood.

Final push on Cow to check out a couple of Question marks towards the far end of "High Street."

Dropped the final ladder down (4m) Bob & Jams headed left, I found a higher level passage on the wall which Jams climbed into which Oxbowed back into the main passage. I climbed further into the choke and all passages eventually met up with continuation of "High Street" @ higher level.

The left passage was followed through large "Walking" passage past a tight canyon in the floor where rocks seem to fall forever! An aven (24m) was found on the corner which was quite wet! The passage eventually Oxbowed back into the main drag in "High Street" around the "Big collapse? 10m aven" area. A small rifty crawl led back to the same area.

en route; We de-tackled the final upwards ladder from the Easter 2009 extension limit. This ladder pitch can be by-passed by a short ript/squeeze thus eliminating the use for any tackle beyond the pitch down to "Walking on egg shells" to the "Suitwrecker Inlet" & "Henry's Way" upto "Henry's Chamber". The pitch down to "Walking On Egg shells" is rigged on rope permanently.

The possible bolt climb straight on from this pitch didn't seem worthwhile as no ~~peg~~ passages were spotted. We climbed up about 7m @ the junction containing "Walking on Eggshells" & "Haverplats Lane" where a possible opening above the junction was noted in a direction towards the end of the cave.

See passage descrip. later

21.4.11 Mue at Larestosa - Don Ali, Petri, Santi.

Walked past Shawnee to area around 4645 7862 - a lower (hidden) ad 20 m to choke, roomy adt above (hidden behind round building) running approx. 750 m, main crosscut straight line to v. dodgy climb up with strong draught. Branches all short except one on right to 20 m drop (spot on left), level continues beyond, draughts. Various natural caves & rifts intersected.

25.4.10 Larestosa again. Area 500 m S. of summit of Peña de los Muertos - extensive series of deep openings, various cave-like openings and adts, some signs of exploration by caves. Approx. 300 m higher & directly above inner end of adt seen on 21/4. - Ali, Petri, Angus.

24/04/11. 2964 - Not too bad pot.

Jon PEMBERTON. JAMES WOOD, BARNY.

Dropped to bottom, placed bolts for hanging above tight rift. Jams tried to push but was unable to pass. Requires further enlargement. De-rigged.

PEMBERTON, DON P.C. Description for: TORCA LA VACA (Bitter end of "Suitwrecker Inlet")

Small pool, followed by a couple of small cascades leads through rift passage to a heavily choked floor passage containing lots of broken "Suit Wrecker" rock on the floor. Just beyond the passage regains the stream and an awkward climb up a small (1.5m) cascade continues in rift passage/streamway. ^{crawling} This eventually ends at "Suit-wrecker 3" where a slight climb up ^(tight & sharp) leads into a crawling, wide tube passage floored with sand. Right (downstream) leads around the corner to a further tight rift passage unexplored. Upstream passes a small tube also unexplored. Continuing upstream climbing up and heading left and around a corner through an awkward constriction is "Suitwrecker 4". ^{stream can be heard below.} The passage continues crawling until a large choke is met. Before the choke a climb on the

right (3m) reaches a walking/stooping passage. Right leads to the boulder choke which can be climbed to a shaft heading down left. A passage cum void can be seen in the highest point and looks open but could not be entered at the time. Left at the junction continues as a crawl. Right leads down a climb (2m) to a rift passage unexplored. On the right a muddy inlet enters with possible climbs? Straight on eventually leads to "Suit Wrecker S" & "Suit Wrecked". A very tight rift with 2 ways off (very small) not pushed! 4 hours out from here at a steady pace.

TORCA LA VACA ("High Street Oxbow")

At the "big collapse area / 10m aven" at the start of "High Street" the left hand solid wall can be followed through a rift to a climb down to a crawling zigzagging passage to a breakdown chamber. Most ways head back up to main passage, straight on can be followed as large passage up and down a slope to a corner containing an Aven (24m) and a deep canyon in the floor. Two tubes head off on the right (oxbows) and a climb on the left wall (oxbows). straight on the passage meets a large choke where the bottom of the (4m) ladder pitch is met.

24/4/11

30T 0452845

UTM 4798272

Mushroom Field 6m shaft

Terry

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24/4/11 Bar Hunt, John Southworth, Harry Long, Pete Morgan, Phil Parker, Phil Goodwin, Dave Milner + Juan into Llaris to check out a couple of leads at the northeast end of the cave. Started to dig out the sandy crawl at end of the big passage. Juan went up the rocky slope where it ~~said~~ says "solution pockets" & the survey and pushed through a rock constriction, not realising that John had brought in a hammer + chisel to open it up. Juan continued through the next crawl and stopped at a circular tube. Phil Parker, Phil Goodwin, Dave + John then arrived and carried on through the tube to excavate a route to the north east which closed in. Dave pushed through a flat out section for about ~~20m~~ 5m then walking for about 15m to where that passage also closed in, not far (apparently) from Juan's Loop. (which needs another look).

Further digging then took place in the sandy fill, with a plan to return with spades + manpower to start a 'proper dig'. Cigarette smoke disappeared into a small hole at the end.

Uzueka - Ali Rte E Camer Chris Angus

26th

4/11 UZUEKA.

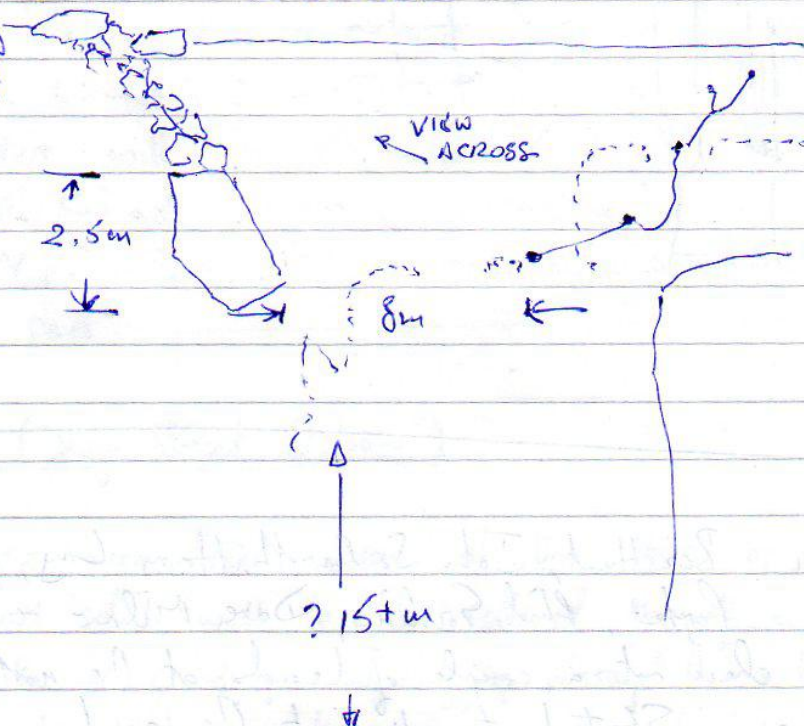
BOLTING TRAVERS/RIFT ABOVE FIG TROTTER, "OUT OF WARDROBE PASSAGE. PLACED 5 ANCHORS (BOLTS REMAIN IN SITU, WID + NUTS). LOOKS LIKE OTHER SIDE CLOSING DOWN/CHOKES

CHRIS BINDING

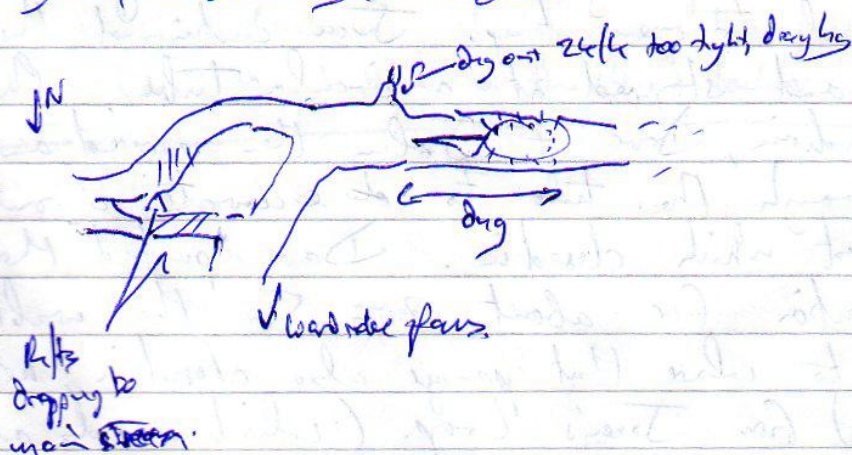
PETE CAGAN

ASSISTED BY

ANGUS, ALI, CARWEN
N SMITH



Ali + PE - Dig heading west in S. branch of wardrobe passage done on 24th, gravel up + pushed about 1m. Juhar, cont. slow on far as can be seeing some daylight (not a good day for daylight).



PE + Camer pushed gravel over traverses beyond where Torker had surmised to, cont. 15m to tight rift, climb up at loose wall 8m cont. v. tight (see survey notes).

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20-4-11. Patrick / Carmel. Reservoir (Parral) of Sima Bar
UPSTREAM ACCESSED FROM GOLDIES WAY.

LOTS OF SANDSTONE COBBLE CHOKE FEATURE, COMING IN FROM
THE RIGHT AS YOU TRAVEL UPSTREAM.

GOOD DRAFT, QUITE COLD - DRAFT EXITS PARTLY THROUGH
GOLDIES WAY SQUARE.

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27th April 2011. Barry + Dave Gledhill.

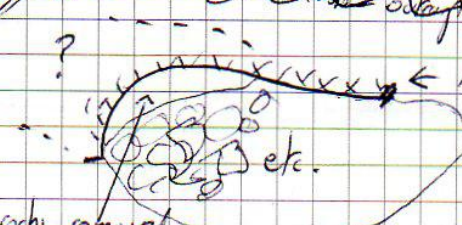
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WGS 84 UTM OPS 30T 0448978 alt 492
4796253 accuracy 6m

(taken 5m across contour to left facing uphill).

Limestone outcrop with depression below which has been filled
with stones. Excavation reveals outcrop to be undercut and
possible way on down can be seen. Would need a bit of work to
support/stabilise rocks to stop rolling back into hole. Possible natural
draught on warm day.

(photo 107 + 108) ✓

~~limestone outcrop~~
?  limestone outcrop (plan)
"Needs lots of
rocks piling out
with significant chance
of a hernia" - DG.

Many rocks removed
from here - but needs more work.

WGS 84 UTM OPS 30T 0449448 elev 343
4796309 accuracy 14m

Quarry? 'Possibly' site 434. Large shalehole on opposite
side of track to Lardillo (427). Stop in passage from barge
of shalehole, looks similar to entrance shown on website, although now
more heavily overgrown - but, description on website does not
match what we found - not even a little bit. To be continued...

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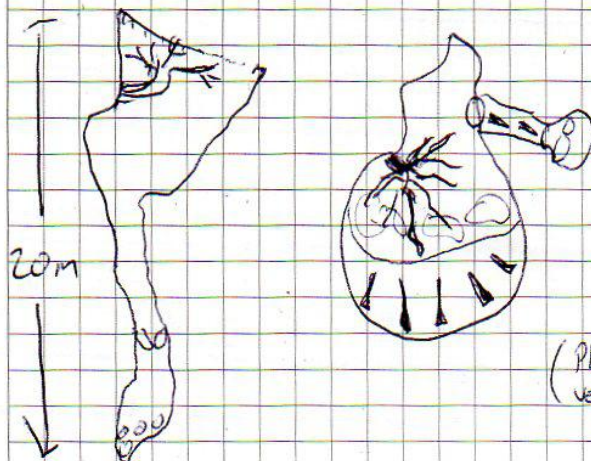
Wednesday 27/04/11. Boring + June Giedlil.

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WGS 84 UTM UPS - 30T 0448948 (possibly 1500?) 4796410 accuracy 5m.

Rift pot in side on larger open pot with tree growing in vertical side. Slide down steep mud slope to rubble floor. Light rd descends - sloping at first - then vertical. Gravelly + constricted. Ends in rubble floor. No obvious way on. Very slight outward draught on warm day.

Descendal - no hit used.



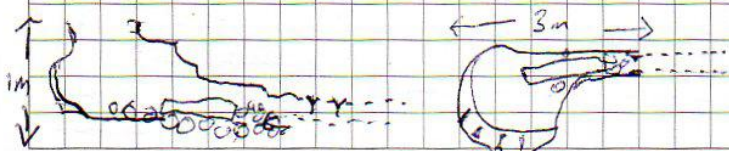
(Photos didn't work - too much vegetation round top of pot)

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WGS 84 UTM UPS - 30T 0448897 (accuracy 5m). 4796109

Cave entrance under limestone pavement - possibly old fridge? Easy step down under rock roof (beware of broken bottles). Rubble floor but with on large slab. Ends in small hole (30cm ish) through which low continuation can be seen. Could be enlarged by removing rubble fairly easily, but way on follow contour of hill rather than going into hill. Old stal seen in continuation - slight outward draught on warm day.



(photo 86-91)

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27th April 2011 Benney & Jane Gledhill.

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WGS 84 UTM UPS 30 T 044 8793 elev 518
4796060 accuracy 5m.

Rift Pot (descended)

Shakehole with tall (ish) oak tree + shrubbery to below limestone outcrop.
Tight horizontal squeeze (2m) to head of tight rift pot. Descends to -4m and pebbly floor with very small hole. Pebbles do go down - possible further 3-4m? No draught. Horrible. Punters.

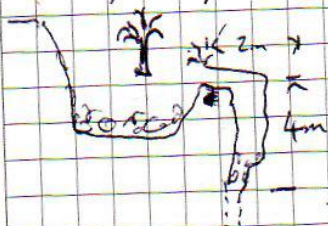


photo 92 + 96 + 97.

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4795891 accuracy 4m

Yet another rift entrance in side of open shakehole (descended)

Initial tight rift turns 90° right. 2m long with sloping mud floor, drops 4m into rubble floor. Roof undercuts side of shakehole - old 'pretties' in raft + bait (no idea what sort). Careful climb down between loose pebbles to reach small chamber with no diggable way on. Possible actual draught on warm day. Lower chamber walls coated in powdery flintstone + stalks/straws.

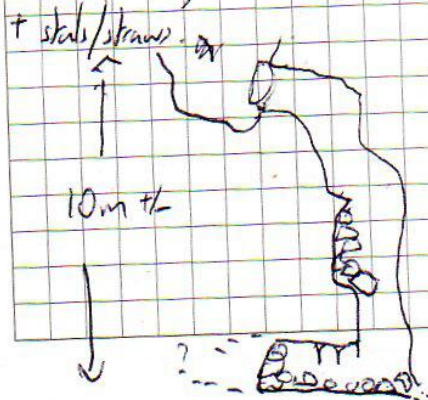


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TOYCA DE AZULICUETA - RENADA II

RUPERT SKORUPKA (RS) PROCEEDED ALONE DOWN THE RIGGED POTHOLE AND ALONG THE PASSAGE TO GIGA HALL. A SHORT WAY UPSTREAM, DRY GEAR WAS EXCHANGED FOR A DIVING WETSUIT. RS THEN SWAM/WADED UP THROUGH THE RUB-A-DUBS TO "INTO THE TUB CORNER", WHERE CYLINDERS (2 x 7 LITRES) AND KIT WERE ATTACHED TO THE TRAVERSE ROPES, SOME DAYS PREVIOUSLY, THE LEVELS HAD DROPPED AND THE VIS WAS MUCH IMPROVED.

ONCE KITTED UP, THE DEEP POOL AT THE CORNER WAS SWUM, AND A FEW MORE AWKWARD RAPIDS FLOPPED OVER, BEFORE REACHING THE SUMP POOL. A SHORT RECCO DIVE A FEW DAYS EARLIER SHOWED THE LINE TO BE INTACT, AND TO DROP INTO A CLEAN-WASHED PHREATIC TUBE AT 3 METRES DEPTH.

RS BELATED HIS OWN LINE, AS THE OLD ONE WAS PROBABLY BROKEN FURTHER IN, AND SET OFF IN IDYLIC CONDITIONS. AT 30M A JUNCTION WAS MET. TO THE R (WEST) LED BACK TO AN AIR SURFACE IN A SILTIER BACKWATER. TO THE L WAS A CLEAN TUBE WHICH CURVED AROUND AND RE-JOINED THE MAIN ROUTE AFTER 20M, AN OXBOW. AHEAD, THE PASSAGE SOON SWUNG TO THE WEST, AND MAINTAINED THIS HEADING, DEAD STRAIGHT, TO THE LIMIT OF EXPLORATION. THE DEPTH WAS STEADILY INCREASING, AND THE OLD LINE WAS BROKEN AT 60M IN. THIS WAS GATHERED IN, AND SOON, THE TATTERED END CAME INTO VIEW AT 75M IN AND 12M DEPTH, SOMEWHAT MORE THAN THE 3M DEPTH THAT RS HAD BEEN TOLD BY MARK SMITH (KILLER).

AT THIS POINT THE PASSAGE FORM WAS A MASSIVE RIFT, 4 TO 5 METRES WIDE, AND RISING TO A CEILING THAT WAS OUT OF SIGHT. A PROMINENT BEDDING IN THE LEFT-HAND WALL WAS FOLLOWED, THE PASSAGE DIPPING STEADILY OVER SAND AND THE ODD BLOCK. RS DECIDED THAT IF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS CONTINUED, HE WOULD TURN THE DIVE AT 150M IN. SURE ENOUGH, BY THIS POINT THE

DEPTH WAS 17.5 M AND THE SLOPE SEEMED TO STEEPEN. THE VIS ALLOWED RS TO SEE DOWN TO AT LEAST 20 METRES, MAYBE DEEPER.

TURNING TO LOOK FOR A BELAY, RS WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO SEE GREAT CLOUDS OF THICK SILT DESCENDING FROM THE RIFT ABOVE, DISTURBED BY HIS EXHAUST BUBBLES. THE CLEAR VIS SOON BECAME AN OBSCURE FOG, SO THE LINE WAS WOUND BACK IN TO THE LAST BELAY. BY THIS TIME THE SILT WAS SO THICK THAT RS WAS RELUCTANT TO ATTEMPT TO CUT THE REEL FREE, SO THIS WAS TIED OFF AND PLACED BELOW THE ROCK BELAY.

THE RETURN WAS UNEVENTFUL IF SILTY, UNTIL NEARER BASE WHERE CLEARER CONDITIONS RETURNED. RS SURFACED AFTER A 26 MINUTE DIVE.

DECIDING THAT THIS SUMP WAS NOT FEASIBLE IF CARRYING AIR IN THROUGH ASPICUETH, ALL THE GEAR WAS TRANSPORTED BACK THROUGH THE RUB-A-DUBS, THEN ALONG TO RENADA SUMP 1. (AFTER CHANGING BACK TO DRY GEAR).

IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS HERE,

① A DRY SUIT WILL LIKELY SOON NEED TO BE WORN.

② A SMALL REBREATHING WOULD REDUCE THE LOGISTICS OF PORTERING TANKS.

BUT, IT WOULD DEFINATELY REQUIRE A DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAM AS ANY DIVE TO DEPTH IN SUCH A REMOTE SUMP IS A VERY RISKY UNDERTAKING IF PHYSICAL EFFORT IS REQUIRED AFTERWARDS.

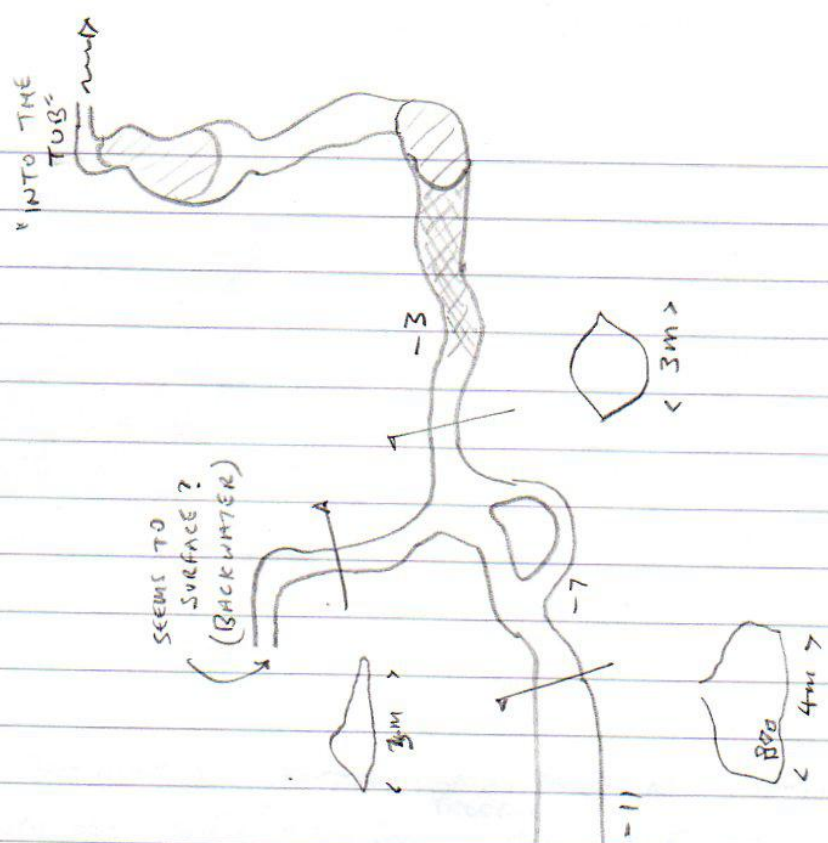
ALSO, DIVERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE RETURN JOURNEY WILL BE MADE IN VERY POOR VIS, IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE INWARDS SWIM.

RS EXITED THE CAVE AFTER A 6 HOUR TRIP, DISSAPPOINTED AS HE HAD BEEN HOPING FOR A LONG, SHALLOW SUMP. FOILED AGAIN!

RUPERT

PUB-A-DUBS SUMP
 SKETCH SURVEY BASED ON
 COMPASS BEARINGS

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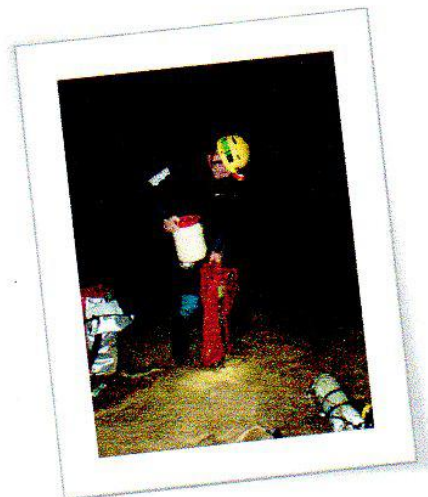


CONTINUES
 DEEPER !!

29th April 2011 Azpilicueta-Reñada

Rupert Skorupka, Pete Smith, Steve Martin, Terry Whitaker, Juan Corrin.

Rupert had previously left bottles from his upstream Reñada dive at the upstream end of Sump 1, near Giga Hall. Julie dropped him at Azpilicueta entrance and he was met at the downstream side of Sump 1 by the carrying team. An efficient carry saw the bottles at the base of the ladder in Squirrel's Passage where a dive is planned. The group then exited by 5pm after 5.5hrs. Some video was taken during the trip.



Reñada, Sump 1

27/04 H.L. + D. Milner Secndura area (a.m.)

- a). Hole above lowest point of large depression. Needs entrance enlarging to get into crawl. GPS 0456142.4800484 (3520)
- b). Hole down face of small rock outcrop needs digging to reach a drop and further slope into (3521)
GPS 0456109.4800471
- c). Rift immediately below track - 4 or 5 metres to possible corner to left. GPS 0456152.4800229 (3522)

27/04 H.L. + D. Milner Fresneda area (p.m.)

Went to look at Fresneda Cave 1 - very confusing and doesn't seem to match the written description! Dave found a side passage right at the entrance and pushed through 2 squeezers to a larger bit of passage where he turned back

28/04 H.L. + D. Milner Fresneda area

Returned to Fresneda Cave 1 and surveyed Dave's new bit (44m) to a choke one way + too tight the other.

? April. Visit to Annonite Cloche in Fianco. (Chris B, Coran, Barry, Dave G.). Possibility of climb above cloche.

? April Torca de Yusa descended. The survey started. Climb to NE reveals passage continuing over mud. Don, James, John, Rob.

TALES FROM LA CANADA (FORAGING WITH THE
GUEST LIST: BAZ HUNT, PHIL PARKER, GORDON, DAVE MURPHY - C.C.C.)
JOHN SOUTHWORTH, SUE MORTON, PHIL GOODWIN, AEF CATLOW, CHRIS CAMM, TB.

3494

19/4 REGATO 1 - New cave - 3494 - found by
less the day before. Explored with PHIL PARKER
to drop in floor in upper levels of rift near entrance -
Phil managed to squeeze into chamber - see
Regato 2. Continued with John SOUTHWORTH
to start of pitch, and also various maze like
sections on right of passage to pitch.

20/4 REGATO 1 - 3494.

Returned with JOHN SOUTHWORTH and surveyed
from Entrance to top of pitch. Alf & Phil G. surveyed
from pitch to end with Dave, Baz & Phil P. surveyed
right hand series down rift.

20/4 REGATO 2.

Meanwhile someone (Harry Long or John Southworth?)
discovered Regato 2 nearby. Dug open by JS, TB
and Gordon.

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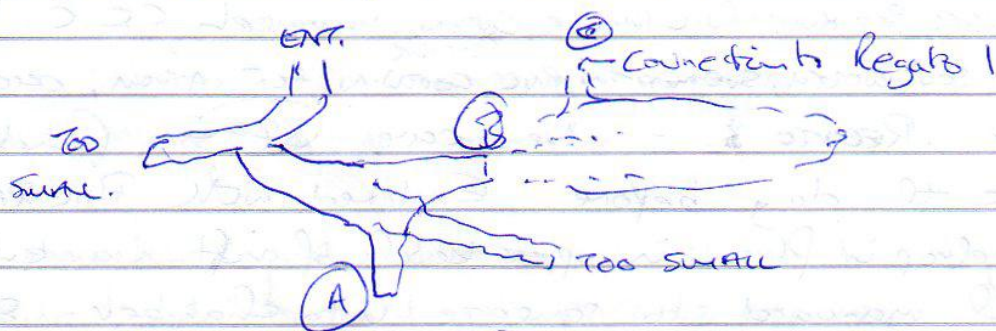
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REGATO 2.

J.S., TB, SM, PG, PP, BH, GP

Entrance to Regato 2 is down slope into short passage which soon closes. Way on is back under entrance into descending slot. Passage on right at end gets too small after a few turns.

Draught comes from A & B.



(A) is hole in floor which was dug by Gordon and entered by Phil G. Turns right and drops down small slot. Good draught.

(B) is one of two (connected) holes in wall. Dug by TB & JS to crawl to chamber. Quite pretty at end.

Phil P. confirmed this is same chamber as he entered day before in Regato 1.

(C) is connection.

TO BE CONTINUED ...

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22/4. (3170) J.S. Su. T.B. P.G. A.L. Dan H. Keete

Checked out potential for digging as this is directly over current known end of Encarnada.

No noticeable draught but I. Carr reckons it draughts well in summer.

Dig is below boulder run in roof which probably goes to surface. long term at best.

22/4 Draughting dig. T.B. A.L. & ^{Rob Grimes} ~~Dave Goodwin~~

Rob spotted small hole which was quickly opened up to give good draught. A couple of hours work reveal 2m deep hole with boulders of all shapes and sizes in every direction.

Written off.

N 43-21.484 W 3-38.979 (WGS84)
30T 0447458 4800993 (ETA)

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24/4 (2415) Surveying with J.S. Dave Wilson, P.G. & Petzl Stop probably lost in wave - belongs to Phil Goodwin.

25/4 Maze Cave

Massed LCCC team plus Sue and I. Examined three possible draughting digs - more work needed

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T.B. + R. Grimes 22/4/11 4m shaft v/d

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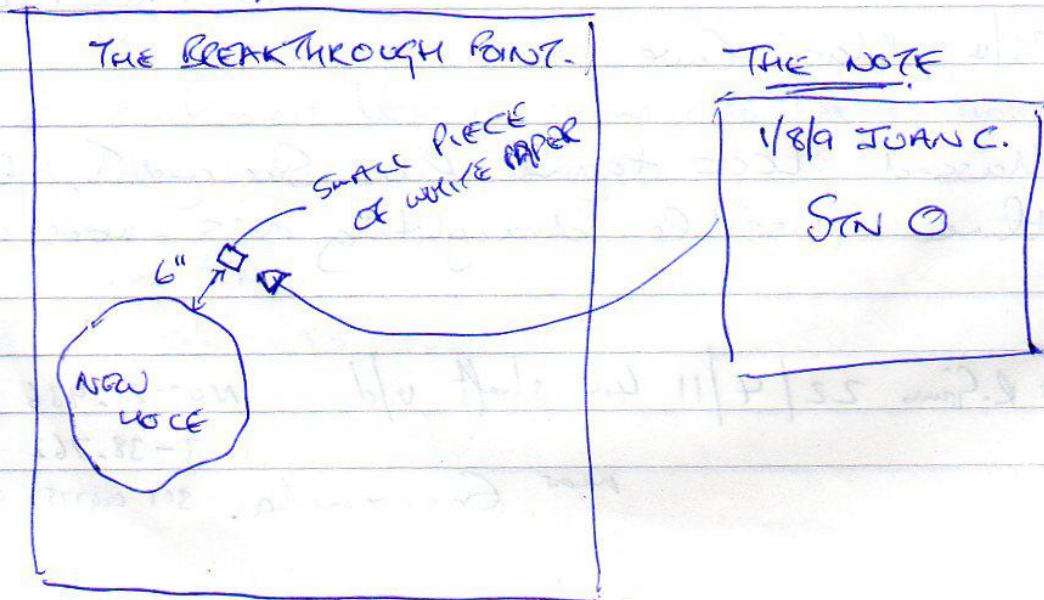
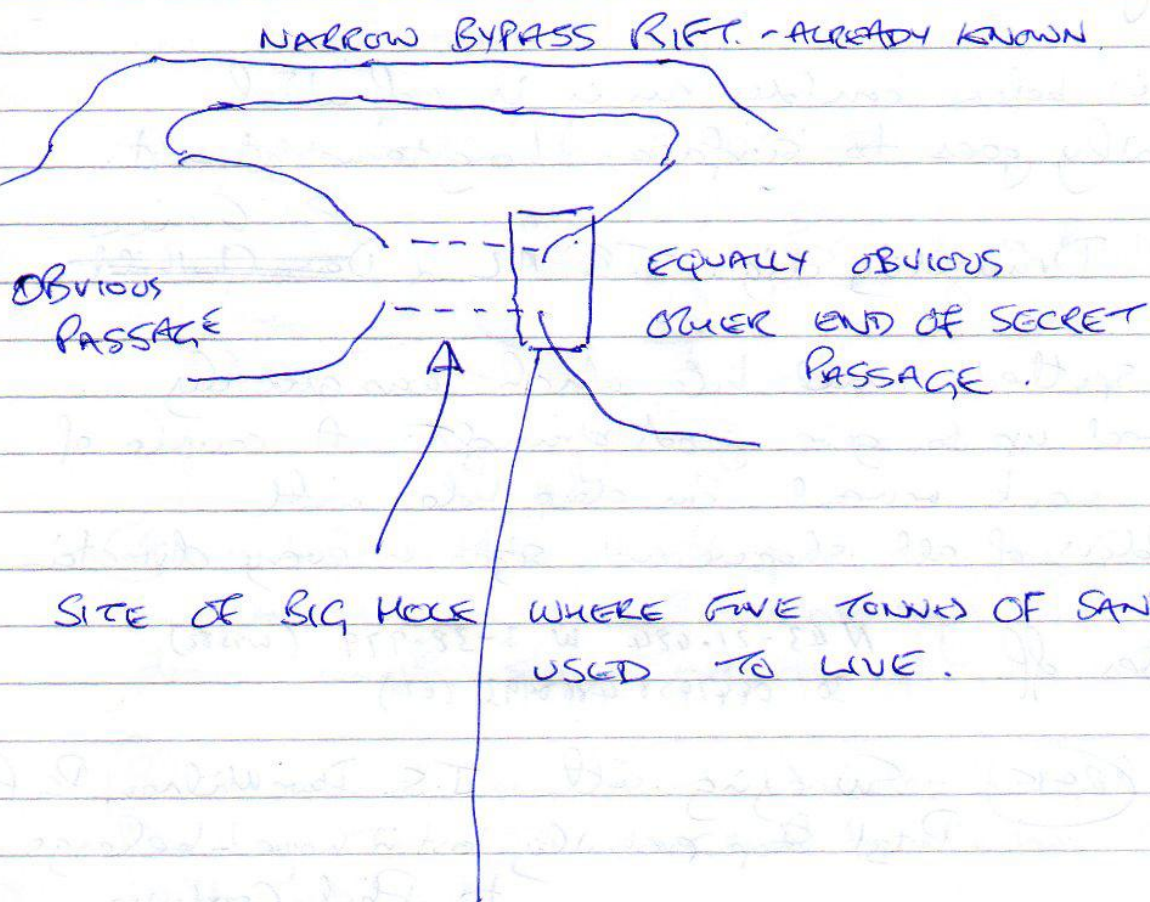
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28/4. Cold Store - Barry's Secret Cave

The Dig to Nowhere Day

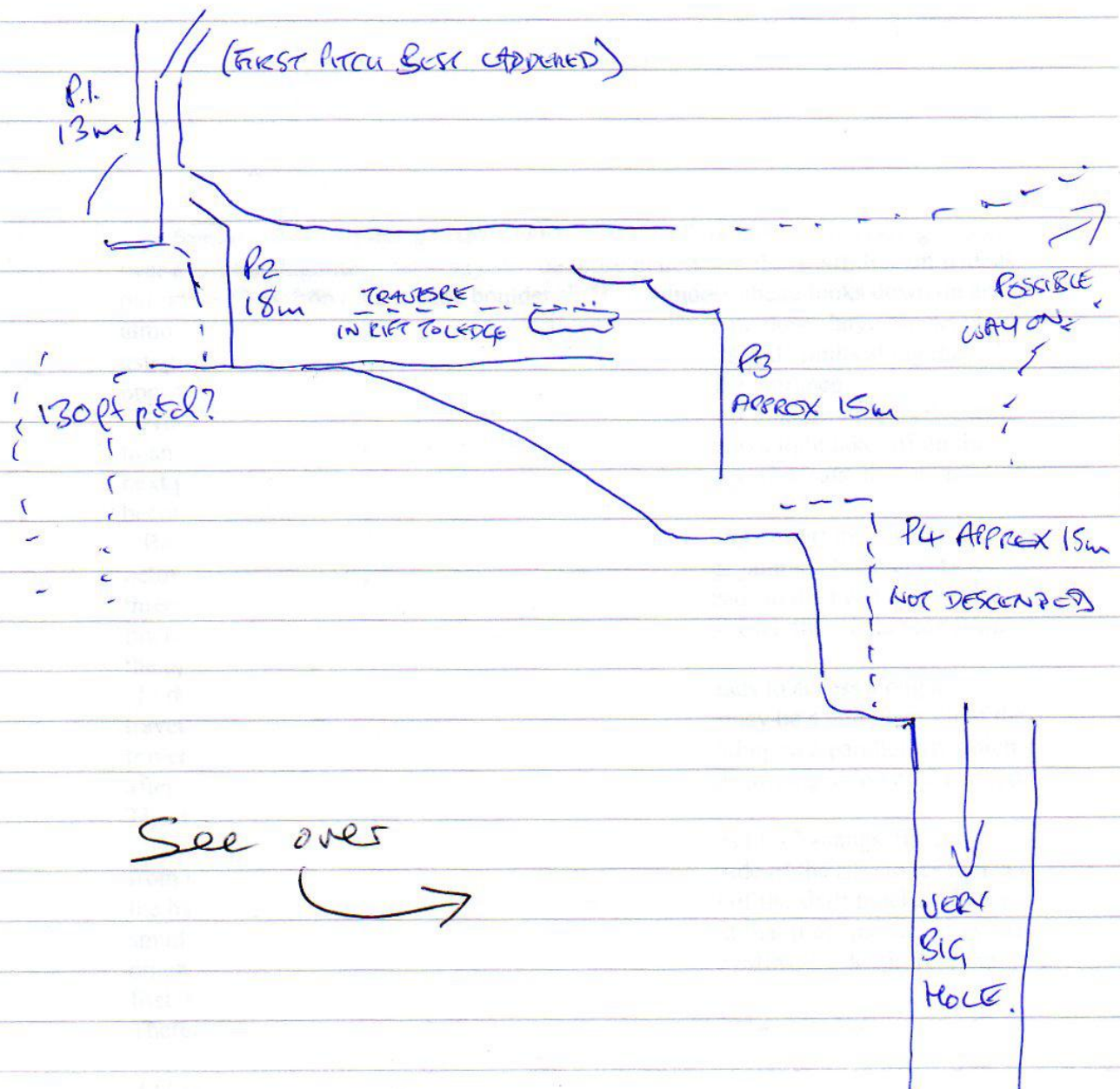
Superb effort from Barney, Dave, John, Phil, AIP & ~~self~~ ^{TR}

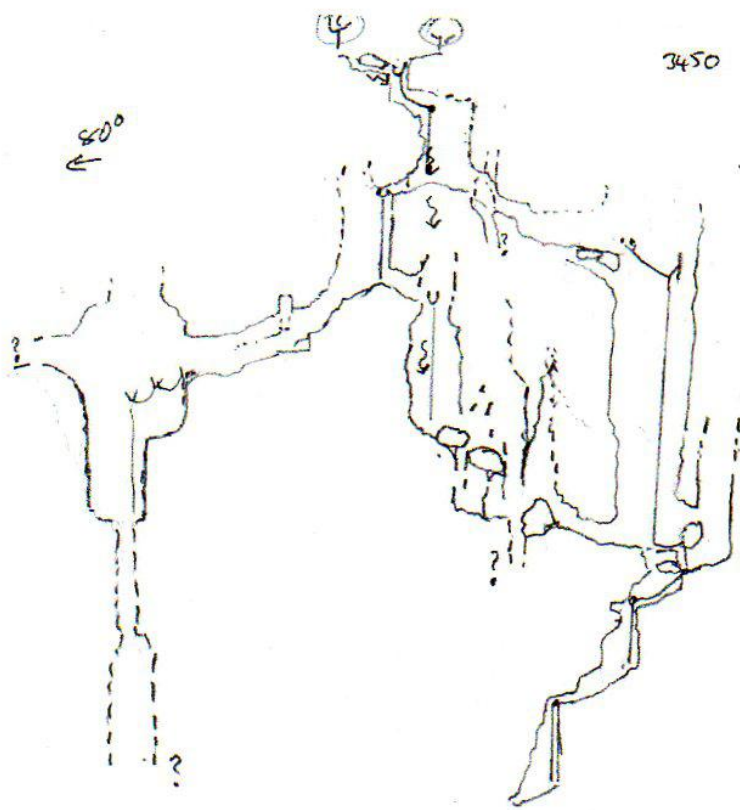


29/4 EL SUTO TB & Phil Goodman.

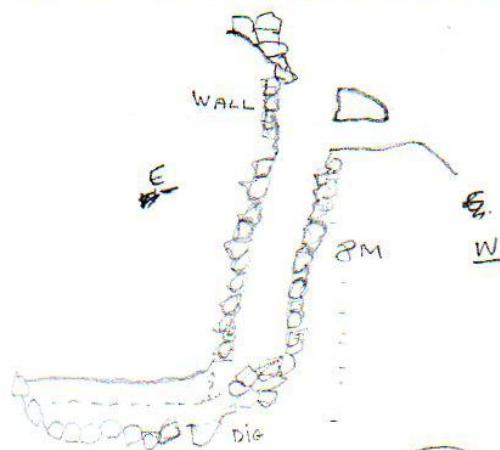
Phil finished rigging 4th pitch and dropped to clean washed floor, approx 15m.

Further pitch of approx 15m below with hole at bottom. Stones down this indicate big pitch.

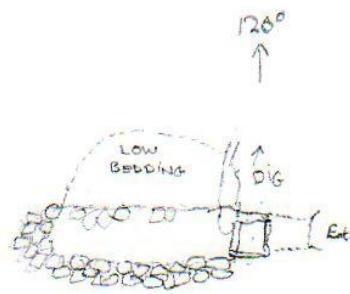




3450 El Suto - Side Elevation
on 80-260°.



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2/5/11 Let's + Report in Reñada - Move bottles up out of water for a summer dive

El Suto

site 3450 San Antonio 30T 446051 4801016 Altitude 158m

El Suto is situated 200 m along the R track and into a small copse immediately in the field on the L. It appears to have been partly explored earlier judging by the evidence of spits in some places. The rock is loose and friable in many places. Nearly all the development of the hole consists of shafts elongated along 261° M. The main entrance (now with tyres strewn around) is a covered 1m by 2m slit in wet earth with a solid back wall into which two spits for a Y-hang have been placed about 1.5 m down for a rope length of 15m. A second entrance emerges from inside tyres in an adjacent hole and joins the shaft a couple of metres below the Y-hang. It is advantageous to hang a 12m ladder from the base of trees to reach a muddy three-ways chamber strewn with tyres, bones and other rubbish. In most weathers a dribble of water falls from under a sandstone shelf 3m down from the entrance to sink in the first chamber.

Under a shelf in the chamber to the left a 2m slanting climb down leads to a 4m scramble to a point where the passage is too tight. It leads to shafts seen below, judging by voice connection. Ahead, along the 250° M bearing is 1m wide passage that leads after 12m to the head of a pitch. There is an old spit low in the R wall. The rope from the R-wall Y-hang leads down 3 m to a deviation made by placing a loop over a large stalagmite. There may still be loose material in this shaft. It soon widens out into a 32 m drop onto a wide boulder shelf. A window ahead looks down on an almost circular shaft which is also gained either by climbing down large blocks or using a re-belay off the nose of a buttress. There are shafts and climbs along the opposite bearing that lead back toward the shafts below the entrance.

From the bottom of the climb from the 35 m shaft a short 5m scramble leads down to an eye-hole into a 7 m climb into a short boulder slope to a tight take-off on the next pitch with one spit. Rope access of 12 m leads to a short passage that soon becomes too tight.

Back in the entrance chamber on the opposite 81° bearing a short muddy slope below the ladder has Y-hang to a 18m pitch below a large jammed boulder into a three-way chamber. On the 250° bearing a short climb leads to the head of a wet 12m pitch to a boulder strewn floor. Climbs over large blocks reach the shafts seen from the opposite side below the 32m shaft.

In the other direction from the base of the 15m climb leads to access along a traversable rift to the big shaft and the main draft. There may be a continuation of the traverse on the opposite side. To the right is a dog leg leading to a parallel rift which after 10 m eventually gets too wide to traverse and was disto-pinged to be 12 m deep. There is a continuation across the shaft of at least 12m.

The big shaft is reached by hanging a rope from a series of 3 Y-hangs, the drop from the last being 15m (est) to a ledge where the other side of the rift slopes to meet the base leaving a shaft 15 m under the R wall. The base of the shaft pinches in to a small rift in the floor. Stones dropped from above suggest that it opens out below the pinch with an estimated depth of at least 20m. Hence the estimated depth from the first Y-hang is $5+15+15+20 = 55$ m.

Therefore the estimated total depth at (29-04-2011) is $13+18+55 = 86$ m.

A G Latham and Phil C Goodwin.

9/5/11 Joan + Perry up on a murky but warm Muller.

Entered the Hoya de Yusa from the east and went to check out site 3144 - length = 8m with disto and has a stream of goat shit coming out. Continued anticlockwise then climbed up to western edge and the view point over Matienzo, Rubillas and for lunch.

Walked back on southern side of the depression at a higher altitude and came across new site 35245. A small hole* into a rocky pitch at least 11m deep. Wandered around the Lavandera, Trueno area, almost ending up at site 212 before turning back north to drop back down to the track.

Found a site marked AAS4 in the vicinity of 745 and 730 which needs tying in. (See 23/4/11 for AAS2 which could be 745 or 730.)

GPS 3525 - 30T 0454901 4795956

AAS4 - 30T 0455328 4796661

Photos taken in 3144, 3504 + 3525

* may need digging out.

On Fri, May 13, 2011 at 12:27 PM, Alasdair Neill <alasdairneill@yahoo.co.uk> wrote:

From the discussion about this some time ago, we were able to confirm this summer that the traverse done by several people before (with bolts) crosses over the stream some distance downstream and not over Pig's Trotters Chamber. The traverse over the latter was done by Chris & required quite a few bolts, getting as far as where he could apparently see a large boulder jammed up in the roof. This is directly over the point where the stream flows out of the downstream end of PTC, a long way up. Needs more work to see if there is anything beyond the boulder, but Chris didn't sound that hopeful at the time, but apparently its quite exposed there. Sorry Toby, you normally seem to have a good memory for what you have done, but I think in this case you were mistaken.

From: Jane Chilton <niltobychilton@sky.com>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Date: Sun, 15 May 2011 3:18

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Hi Ali, things sound a bit confused in that area but I'm certain of most of the details of what I did. Unfortunately I can't remember, corner by corner, exactly how I got to the start of the traverse. I was at roof level in the traverse I did and there were a couple of big flakes stuck in the rift that I walked on. Where ever Chris was can't be where I was as there was no more up to go! I think it was a flat bedding roof.

I'll talk (write) my way through it and see if it clicks with anyone. We did this on the same trip that we bolted/climbed the aven which Jane found and somebody has since shone a disto up. We did survey that aven and the chamber above but I've no idea what happened to the notes. Maybe Lank can remember?

Go along Quadrephenia and enter Pigs Trotter Chamber. Keep in the water, with the slope up to all the other higher stuff on your right, and stop where the main passage drops to a stoop/crawl under the wall. (ie stop just by the exit of the chamber where the way on into the rest of the main cave is, with Quadrephenia behind you). The wall is nearly vertical, leans out very slightly. This is where the 2 ladder long pitch I dropped enters. I landed at the very left hand side of the stream. Bolt up about 18m and you will find my bolt!

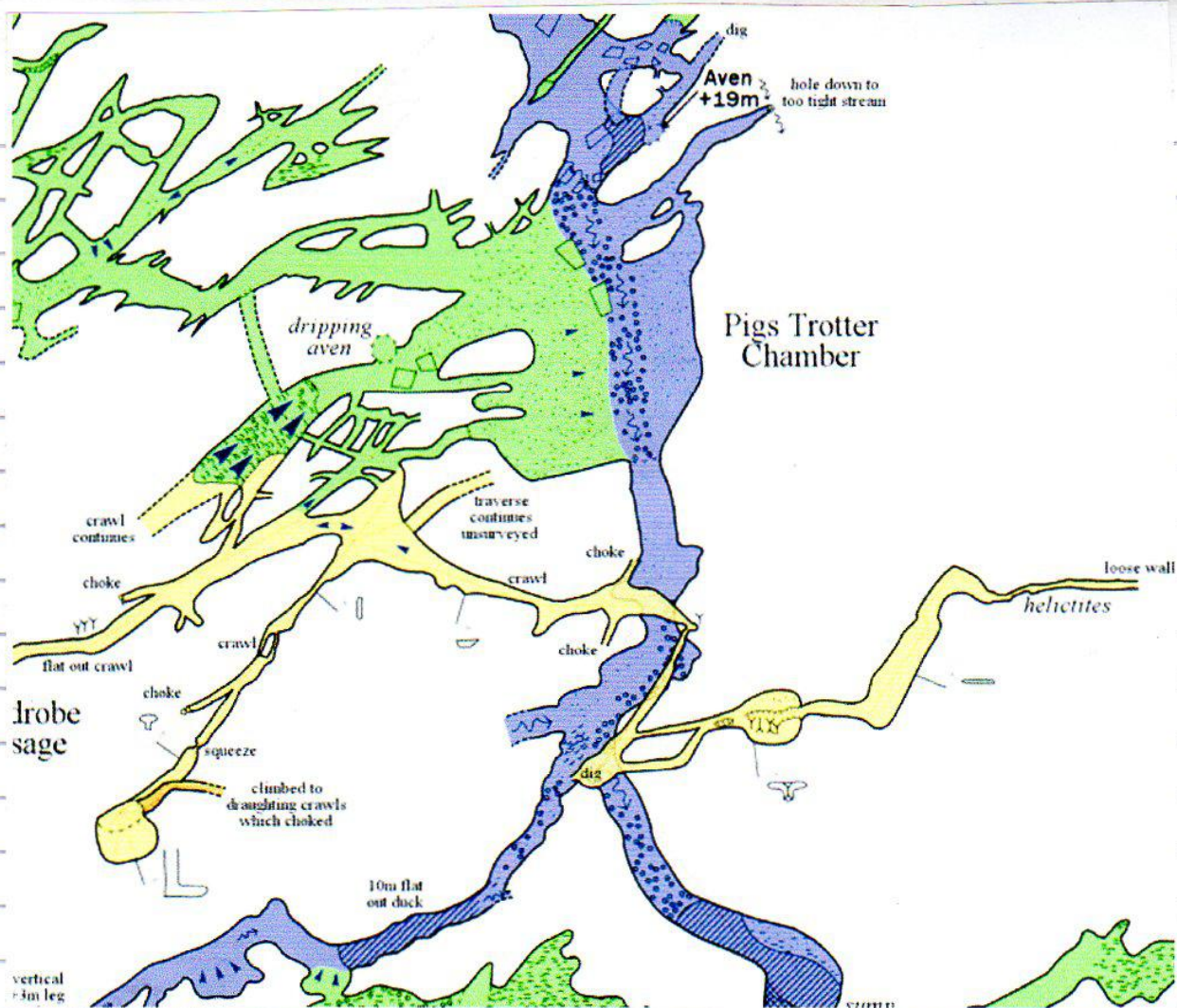
To get to the top of that pitch, the start of the traverse I'm talking about, stand in the same place and turn right. You are now facing the slope up to the higher stuff, with a tall wall on your left. Go up the slope and climb up behind the Pigs Trotter formation. At the top a passage heads off back over the end of the chamber, crossing over the stream at 90 degrees. You can't see down to the chamber or the stream as you are in a solid passage. Follow the passage for a short distance (the distance that equates to the horizontal distance between where we were standing in the stream and the climb up behind the trotter. It's not far. Now things get vague in my mind. I can't remember if there is something off to the left here (Jane thinks she remembers a crawl) or if the left hand wall opens out, but the pitch is just on the left here. It's a narrowish rift with a big flake jammed in it at floor level. I laddered down the narrow rift before the flake. It's not tight as I recall, just a bit narrow for the first metre or so then widens until you drop out of the roof of PTC down the wall I've mentioned and land at the left hand side of the stream. (I recall the stream as flowing OUT of the chamber under the wall at this point, ie on into the cave, but Jane thinks it runs INTO the chamber here ie flowing towards Quadrephenia, if she is right then my description of downstream end of the chamber is wrong and could be the source of confusion. If so, sorry for wasting peoples time).

The traverse starts with a step out onto the flake. There may be a very short section of bridging over the rift to attain the flake but it's not far at all. I may have put a sling around something at this point for protection (not really needed but I had the gear with me and it wouldn't have been clever to slip off having seen where I would land!) It's more than likely that someone will have just strolled over it without any trouble. Torben would have whizzed straight across with no problems at all, if this is where he has been. A couple of steps on the block lead to a right hand bend with another flake as the floor. There were footprints in the sand on this flake but I didn't notice any obvious marks before I got to this point but they may have come in the way I did. A few metres along here there is a low bedding crawl off to the left. This crawl had a sand floor and there were 'tram lines' going along it, very obvious. It's possible that the footprints I saw on the flake had come in via this crawl. As I was somewhere which was known I turned around thinking we would be able to sort out where the crawl went and who had done it when we got back to the bar. Didn't work out like that though! The traverse continued but I didn't and can't remember much about it. I thought I was in the top of an old vadose trench which was following the stream route below me in Pigs Trotter Chamber. We were hoping to find stuff going the other way, the elusive higher level over the Gorilla Walk and Jane was shouting to me about having found an Aven with a draught and possible passage going off into glory visible at the top so it was a no brainer really! And, of course, that ended up all choked.

On the way out we came back down the climb behind the trotter, with the wall immediately on our left. We followed the wall across the stream, went past the low passage that leads on into the cave and I showed Jane and Lank where I had landed. I recall us looking up the rift and saying how there was just no way of telling what was at the top of something like this without getting up there some how. You can see that the rift goes up some distance but you can't see the top. I'm 100% certain about where I landed by the stream. The traverse was only short, 15/20m max and I suspect that it has been followed for a far greater distance than I went along it. I hope this helps. When I looked at the survey of that area last summer the passage I saw drawn in that may be the taverse I followed didn't appear to be directly over where I landed, close but not bang on. It sounds to me as if Chris may well be at a bit lower level than I was. Where does his route start from?

Cheers all, that's how I remember it. Mind you, I did it when I was a God. Now I've been promoted to a Dog things are getting much more difficult, maybe a promotion above my capabilities? Toby.





On 15 May 2011 10:32, Footleg <drfootleg@gmail.com> wrote:

A most enjoyable read Toby. Help me with my withdrawal symptoms for not being able to get out there since last Summer!

In the attached survey fragment you can see the area Toby is describing. The traverse shown as 'traverse continues unsurveyed' is almost certainly the one being described, and as you can see it heads straight along that rift which runs along the wall at the downstream end of Pig Trotters. I looked at it last year and without any protection I did not get beyond a corner where there was no floor and I estimate I was already over Pig Trotters. Most likely in the area where Toby descended on ladders. Maybe with a bolt that the ladder was hung on I could have seen round the next corner of the traverse.

Notes on a scan of the survey that Juan sent me show this traverse was the one bolted this Easter too.

You can also see the aven Toby climbed on the fragment attached. The survey data for above the aven is lost, but the note indicates what Toby described finding up there.

For my money, the most exciting prospect for high level extensions in this area is the aven labelled 'dripping aven' to the west side of Pig Trotters. This is a large diameter aven and an easily accessible bolting prospect. You can walk to the bottom of it from Pig Trotters. Calcite might pose some issues but I have not looked at it with an eye to bolting so can't remember how clean the rock is. There is flowstone up at least one wall.

Footleg

Just re-read Ali's post, and see that there were two traverses done. So I am not clear where the one on Ali did that crosses the stream downstream of Pig Trotters? Is it that small side lead labelled 'choke' on the survey fragment?

Footleg

766 should be @ 30T 0455645 4860240

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15/5/11

Late start - 5pm to Riaño to check out a couple of leads from Lea.

Went to top of hill ^{north} of Torcón to check "Evulus" - saw slight depression full of heather, gorse and grass, just like the rest of the hillside.

Lea reported a depression in the wood next to the road at the Torcón car park. Deep depression here takes water but it turns out that the sink at the base has seen some digging as site 3430. ^{wrong place on map} No ^{map} brought but looks a good dig. (Correct GPS for 3430 is 30T.0452175 47 99584)

Finally went to take better pics in the cleft Cueva del Cuervo but found that the place is ~~at~~ now full of ferns and saplings - no clear views available. All in all a bit of a waste of time!

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Message Received: May 16 2011, 10:03 AM

From: "Alasdair Neill"

To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com

Cc:

Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

To confirm where the two traverses are on Footleg's survey, the one Chris did is where it says "Traverse continues unsurveyed" which he pushed to over the top of PTC. It is possible at the start of the traverse to climb down a few metres to the bottom of the rift, could that be what you did Toby? Chris stayed high but it looks from his sketch like he dropped down a bit once over PCT. I got the impression there was no way anyone could have done the route he took without bolting, but perhaps he or Pete Eagen (who followed him) could confirm that.

The SECOND traverse is further along the high level passage running east & south, past "crawl" & where it says "dig" (we pushed this a short distance west this summer, long term possibilities) the passage splits and rejoins (as shown on survey) now heading east. The more southern branch of this loop ought to be labelled "traverse" on the survey, & is where there are old bolts (I can only suppose these were put in by some old dog in search of a bone) but it is possible to get across without tackle with care. Both branches of the loop are across rifts dropping down to the stream. Crossing this traverse is the crawl (heading east towards over the Gorilla Walk) along which Torben & Carmen went last year (I think), which Torben surveyed but said had been explored before, & sounded very like the crawl Toby mentioned, so I had assumed was the same. It really needs one of the others to comment on Toby's description of the traverse as I myself didn't cross either.

Note that the survey of the main stream passage running S. from PTC seems to be way out, we put the sump area 17m (I think it was) further south. We also found a possible bypass to the low crawl on the way on towards the Gorilla Walk, but will need quite a bit of work to open up. I don't think I can get through that crawl at the moment without quite a lot of digging. Too many pasties. But would be worthwhile as the next main thing to do is really to sort out the Sima Baz area, which means getting through it. Will try & get a description of the other side of the possible bypass, it sounds like there is a too-tight rift dropping a short distance (probably a metre or so) above the end of a crawl heading off the sump area.

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To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 11:07

Ali seems spot on in his first paragraph, below, to my mind: certainly it would have been a genuinely impressive and necky bit of traversing without bolting and there were no footprints on the sandy/mud-coated chockstones as progress made made around the two 90 degree corners, one right-turn, one left-turn, to look across the PTC void to the other side where the up-slope monster chockstone was supporting a loose choss-avalanche-in-the-making leading up to the flat-roofed (same horizon as the start of the bolting) visible choke on t'other side.

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From: Footleg <drfootleg@gmail.com>
To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 11:48

That matches what I remember from Feb. 2010. I went as far as the right hand bend, could see the left hand bend beyond. No floor and no way I was traversing on without protection!

Regarding the low crawl that leads on to the Gorilla Walk and original way into Sima Baz. Badger and I had some fun digging it out to make it Badger size last Summer. We removed all the gravel down to the solid limestone floor. It does not get any bigger than that I'm afraid. Still a tight flat out section at the wet end for larger chested cavers. So maybe the new Sima Baz connection is the largest bypass currently known (but with a couple of pitches needing to be rigged from the other side). The potential new bypass would be useful if larger than the wet crawl (which only contained an inch of flowing water last Summer, but has been a long duck on previous trips I've done in there.

I agree the old survey data is very crude for the positioning of this section. The resurvey downstream of Pig Trotters this Easter confirms that. It will move the old Sima Baz streamway into the correct position where the new route to it places it, so that looks good. The old data for that wet crawl was regenerated from a printed survey as the original data was lost in the past. Looking forward to someone completing the round trip survey via the wet crawl to the Sima Baz streamway this Summer! Then we can get this area properly drawn up on the master survey.

Footleg

From: mariverde@msn.com
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 10:52:45 +0000

Going back a long time 75/76?

Once upon a time in Uzueka (yes, I know it's an incompetent writing down of a Spanish name). A team was trying to find a high level bypass to the squalor down below. They climbed up into what is now called Wardrobe Passage. Tales of Narnia, Lion, Witch and Wardrobe. Not very big passage leads to big booming chamber in westerly direction.

They were more interested in the easterly passage. Which sounds exactly as described below as the "second traverse".

They arrived at the "loop" mentioned and thought that a traverse would be possible but needed protection.

A return trip some days later involved Pete Smith? Dave Rowlands? I think it was Dave who traversed over the drop, using hand fixed bolts?. He reported that the passage continued and something about a loose wall or choke. It would be interesting to know where the details of "helictites" and "loose wall" have come from on the survey. He certainly didn't survey this because he was on his own and no one would follow him. When Torben and Carmen surveyed this bit were there any exploration marks.

While he was bolting I went down back to PTC and went downstream in the bedding. I found rocks that had been thrown down from above and remember shouting up to the bolter and making contact.

Toby has mentioned the other passage which heads off at the start of Wardrobe Passage. "Crawl,choke,squeeze". "Climbed into draughting crawls which choked". I believe the notes on this have gone but do feel this would be worth going back to. The "chamber" at the top is flat roofed and must be one of the highest level passages in the entrance series.

I still feel after all these years that we have missed something at these higher levels in this area.

Well worth the efforts of recent trips!

Cheers, Lank

From: Peter Eagan <peagan@hotmail.co.uk>
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 13:00

Lanc,

I passed the loose wall mentioned by Torben (Carmen was behind me) to a further crawl which ended to small, but above the loose wall I climbed up quite a long way in a very tight rift, which continued up but to small for me. I gave all the details to Ali when I got back, but we did not survey any thing as it was not very long and I was on my own.(no draught)

see you

peter

From: Jane Chilton <niltobychilton@sky.com>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 13:22

Hi Lank,

I remember the trip which we were on when Toby did his traverse and when I found the draughting crawl going off near Wardrobe Passage (I think you might have been there too). The crawl was soon narrowed by a fallen flake which I had to squeeze past. After this, the passage got bigger and I came back when I reached an aven not too far along it. We got Toby to come back from his traverse and he bolted up this aven which came out about 40 foot up into a large chamber. We all got very excited and thought we were into glory.

Sadly, the lens shaped chamber closed down at both ends, with no draught. The strong draught was actually coming from a steeply ascending rift passage in the side of the chamber which narrowed to about four inches wide with no way on for man, beast or dog. People could go back to look at it, but I am pretty sure that unless someone can excavate a way on at the chamber level, which I don't think is likely, that that lead is played out.

From: Footleg <drfootleg@gmail.com>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

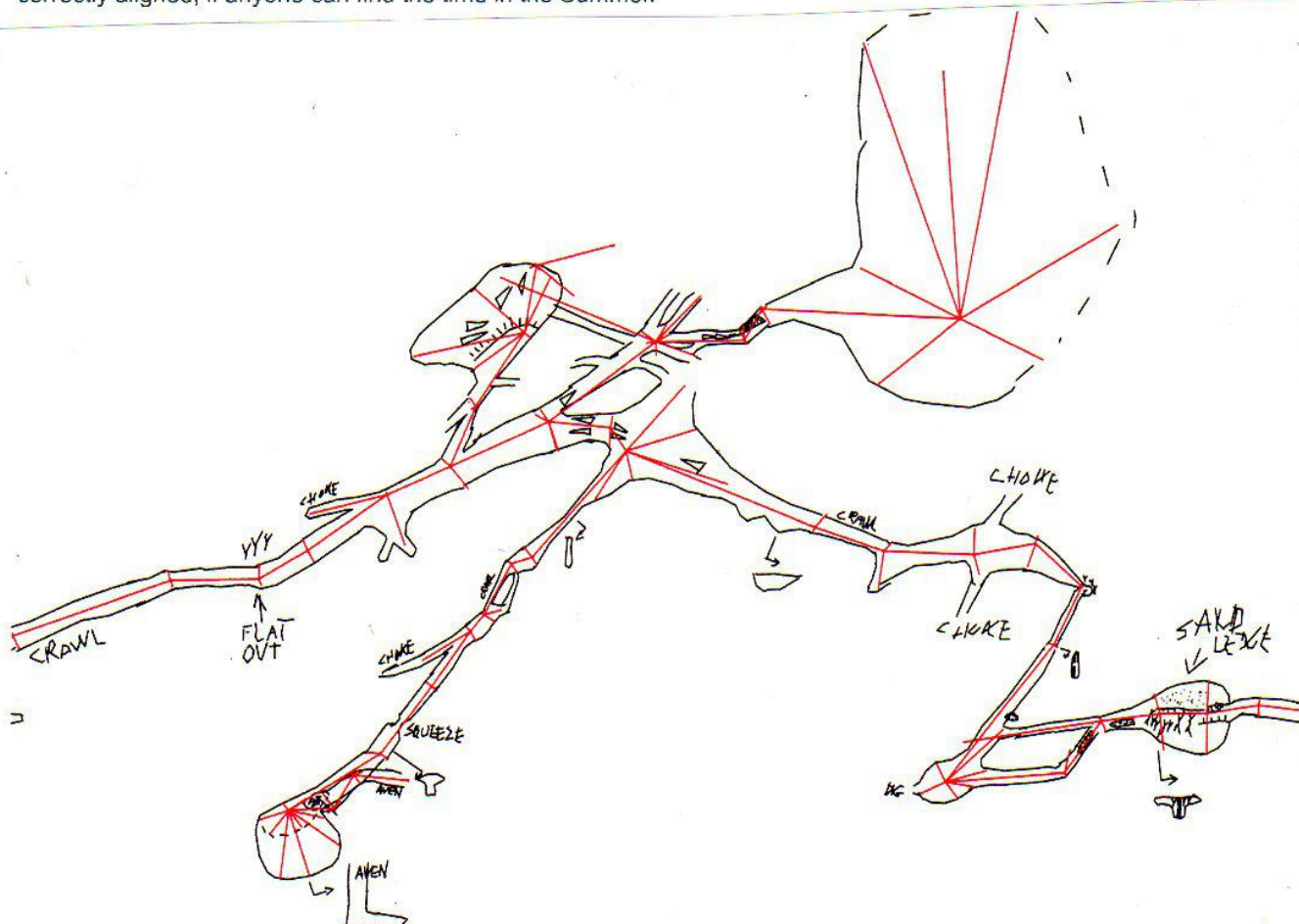
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 13:06

Attachments: Wardrobe.png (260K)

The helictites and loose wall labels came onto the master survey from a DistoX sketch which I was sent in 2009. I believe it was Ali who was on that survey trip?

Sketch attached. It shows some holes in the floor in the loop passages, but only in one of them. I think the scale of the master survey was too small to draw them in. Now I realised the significance of them I can add more detail if someone can redraw exactly where the holes in the floor that connect to the stream are in that loop area. A loop closing leg down these holes to the stream would also help pick up any errors in this area and ensure everything is correctly aligned, if anyone can find the time in the Summer.



On 16 May 2011 12:06, Jane Chilton <niltobychilton@sky.com> wrote:
Hi Footleg,

This is really Jane, not a shaggy dog e-mailing.

When Alan Box died in Uzueka, I spent a lot of time with a Spanish cave diver called Tito, and Wookey clearing the flat out crawl leading to the Gorilla Walk to make it big enough to get the stretcher through. Near to the Gorilla Walk end of the crawl, just before it starts to go upwards towards the muddy chambers beyond, we noticed after a bit that it was filling up with water as we were digging. We had accidentally blocked a small outlet at this point in the crawl and were busily sumping ourselves in. Fortunately the blockage was cleared and we didn't have the embarrassment of sumping the whole rescue team into Uzueka.

I thought this snippet might be of interest because it may mean that that low crawl dips in the middle and drains to there as well as at the Pig's Trotter end.

Hope this is useful.

Cheers,

Jane

From: Footleg <drfootleg@gmail.com>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 13:09

Yes, the water definitely leaves the crawl somewhere in the middle and exits via a too small bedding or hole. Coming from Pig Trotters the first part is on dry cobbles, then the second part is in water which is flowing towards you.

Hi Jane, Yes that is the passage/ chamber I am thinking of, how about something to do with Lions or Witches so we know where

we are talking about. (Not dogs!). How about Lions Traverse for the "second traverse" and "Witch way" for the bit we are talking about here. I did go up into the chamber with Toby and yourself. It did look really good with that flat roof and "dinner plate" beds. I thought there may be a way on in the easterly end of the chamber where the floor and roof came together. Maybe it was just hope over expectation? It certainly would be interesting to get some z information and compare it with other parts of the entrance series.

Cheers, Lank

De: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>
Para: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
Enviado: lun, 16 mayo, 2011 00:42
Asunto: Simon 1 2

Hi Pete

Something to distract you on your work day.

Attached is a map of the Simons area with the proper position (off the 1:5000 maps) shown in red. There's been a cockup with the grid ref - I've now got Simon 2 to about 0455645 4800240 at an altitude of 140m (on the new map).

Also attached is the recalculated survex file with Simon 2 in the new position.

I'll wait before committing anything to the database etc. Let me know if your wanderings agree.

I wonder how many more grid references are wrong?

From: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>

To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Simon 1 2

Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 15:18

Attachments: poss_Simon2_1.jpg (2153K), poss_Simon2_2.jpg (1585K)

Hi,

Those are more or less the coordinates that took me to this area with the brambles and a collapsed pit, in the photos. All that depends on the position on the old map being correct. But it matches my memory. It makes quite a change to the surveys, with it now overlapping Churro! But there must still be errors because it goes deeper than Churro. I've compared the old aerial photo with sigpac, and in that part of the field there doesn't seem to be much difference, however. Apart from that track round the bottom of the field which shows up clearly on sigpac.

Cheers

Pete

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Message Received: May 17 2011, 09:44 AM
From: "Alasdair Neill"
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com
Cc:
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Just wondering, as Toby's description still seems a bit at odds with what has been done recently, if there is perhaps another traverse going off the area where you climb up out of Pig's Trotters. That area is quite complex & we were really only looking for ways going away rather than back towards PTC. The traverse done this year is reached by climbing up out of PTC by any one of three

or four routes, at the top going up a slope on the left to near roof level (a flat roof) and through an arch into a small chamber where you climb back down to

reach the floor. The traverse starts from the far end of the chamber on the left, & from what I have seen couldn't be described as having a flat roof. The route to the draughting aven is on the right in this chamber, & straight on leads to the other traverses.

Toby, could your traverse be before you reach this chamber, perhaps?

Chris, your description of the block & run in over the traverse you could see

suggests to me (without having actually seen it) that all this stuff must have fallen from somewhere, so perhaps needs a closer look, unless you think otherwise.

From: Christopher Binding <christopher@binding1176.freemove.co.uk>
To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 12:01

Hi Ali,

Absolutely; the block and choss is indeed run-in and there is a corresponding step-change in the roof above it from whence it has clearly come; however, no discernible black space was apparent (Viper light on full 825 lumens!) above or beyond. Clearly if some brave soul wants to bolt across (the right hand wall would be easiest, despite the ever-so-slippery mud ledge) and tentatively bolt/ascend the choss slope you will confirm/deny this. My hunch is that it's terminally choked but that's only a hunch.

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On Mon, May 16, 2011 at 2:54 PM, L Mills <mariverde@msn.com> wrote:

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From: Jane Chilton <niltobychilton@sky.com>
To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 19:40

Hi Lank,

Glad you remember. I expect all the survey data was written on one of those scraps of paper and shoved in with the old dyeline survey of Uzueka and then lost. It would be good to get it redone and put on Footleg's supersurvey. The names sound good, then if people find any stuff below it, they can call it "between the lions" ha, ha.

Have we now pulled all the old coats out of the Wardrobe and thoroughly looked in their pockets for overlooked little gems? Maybe we have and only found a few old snotty hankies instead.

Cheers,

Jane, wife of odg

Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 09:12:24 +0100
From: alasdairneill@yahoo.co.uk
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com

The Disto-X survey of the passages beyond the loop/traverses was done by Torben, I haven't been there.

Lank, the aven is on the Surverx file, a leg was put up it by disto which I think would have reached the top, but it hasn't been re climbed that I am aware of.

From: L Mills <mariverde@msn.com>
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
Date: Tue, 17 May 2011 11:07

Ali
Thanks for reminding us that a Disto line was put up the "Witch Way"? and height measured up the climb in the same way. That should be, as you say, available on the surverx survey. Comparisons could then be made with heights of the entrance series. I'll play around with it!

Cheers Lank

From: Jane Chilton <niltobychilton@sky.com>
To: matienzocaves@googlegroups.com
Sent: Thu, 19 May, 2011 2:17:02
Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses

Hi Ali, neither Jane or I can remember the climb down into the chamber! Is there another way to get there at a slightly lower level which would miss out the climbing bit? Maybe a crawl? How big is the chamber and how long the climb down into it? We may well have gone that way but the climb and chamber aren't ringing a bell. My recollection of a flat roof could easily be from somewhere in that area and cannot be taken as a definite statement that there is a flat roof to the traverse. I THINK there is but not 100% certain. As said before, the ladder landed at the left hand side of the stream. That is 100%. It was two ladder lengths, if these were 25', 10m or even a mixture I'm not sure but the bottom rung was just off the floor. I belayed to 1 bolt and may have placed another for the lifeline but I think I was lined on a body belay by Lank. The bolt should be in the left hand wall immediately above the pitch. So no long bolt traverse to see. I dropped a smallish hole which had no ledges, floor etc. The rift had a bit of a bulge in it so you can't see the stream until the rift widens a bit and you are past the bulge.

There was any easy step over the pitch onto a wedged flake. I walked on this for a couple or so paces and was either at or very close to the right hand corner that you can see from the pitch head. There was a step over the drop onto another wedged flake which is just around that right hand bend. Looked intimidating but wasn't that bad. I may have used a sling here but I'm not certain. I stopped at the end of that second flake. I don't remember seeing another corner but there could well have been one. I saw the crawl with tramlines in the sandy floor and looked around to see if I could see any footprints on the flake. There were some on that flake but I didn't see any apart from mine when I went back to the first flake. I suspect that someone has been further than me in the last few years. May be useful for someone going up there to lob a few bits of paper etc down some of the holes and see which end up where. Having someone in PTC and shining lights down holes is another option (this would allow a tape to be lowered and a loop closed). Otherwise----- bolt up from where I landed, 50' to 60' for not a lot!

Toby

From: Alasdair Neill <alasdairneill@yahoo.co.uk>
 To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
 Subject: Re: Uzueke Wardrobe Passage traverses
 Date: Thu, 19 May 2011 10:52

The climb down was really only a metre or so, or perhaps you could traverse round to the rift but I don't think there was any other way in. The chamber is perhaps 4-5m across, really just a wider & deeper bit of passage where several passages come in. You must have gone there to get to the aven you bolted up. Where Chris bolted must definitely been close to the same area as your pitch, over where the main stream flows out of PTC. I don't think anyone on the recent trips has seen the crawl you mentioned, which is why I suspect you got to that point by a different route. A lot of the time we had people in PCT, shining lights up & down etc. It does appear as if the roof is quite complex at that point so there could easily be several interconnecting rifts. I had assumed the crawl could only be the one which Torben etc. did as we hadn't seen anything else to match the description.

16th May Monday. Jim Foster + Colin Hayward tackle up
 Torca la Vaca to Buttermire

2889
 17th May Diving gear taken in

18th May Downstream sump dived 25m into chamber
 to another sump. This may or may not be
 the upstream end of 'Sump of the Wild Eels'

19th May Visit entrance to Wild Mare + get Rory back
 to England

From: Pedro <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
 To: Matienzo Caves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
 Subject: Re: Espada rebranded
 Date: Sun, 22 May 2011 10:00

The man from Riaño in the bar last night said it is Cueva de Ruchano (with an "o"). That will refer to the bottom entrance really. There's also a "Pozo Negro", but whether that's the top entrance, or the resurgence pool feeding the cave, Dog only knows.
 Pete

Google groups

Re: Easter 2011 finds

Alasdair Neill <alasdairne...@yahoo.co.uk>

The diving lane was still in place in the sump of the Wild Eels when we were last there.

From: Juan <juancor...@matienzo.org.uk>
To: Matienzo Caves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>
Sent: Thu, 19 May, 2011 15:28:38
Subject: Re: Easter 2011 finds

Jim Lister and Colin Hayward have dived the downstream sump at the bottom of the Buttermere pitch in Torca la Vaca over the last couple of days. Details can be found here
<http://www.geography.lancs.ac.uk/Matienzo/descrip/2889.htm#bmsump>
The chamber found could be upstream Sump of the Wild Eels, or it may not be.

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Subject: Torca la vaca survey

Date: Sun, 22 May 2011 23:44

Attachments: Torca_Survey_18-5-11.pdf (14K), Torca_Buttermere_Downstream_Full.odt (22K)

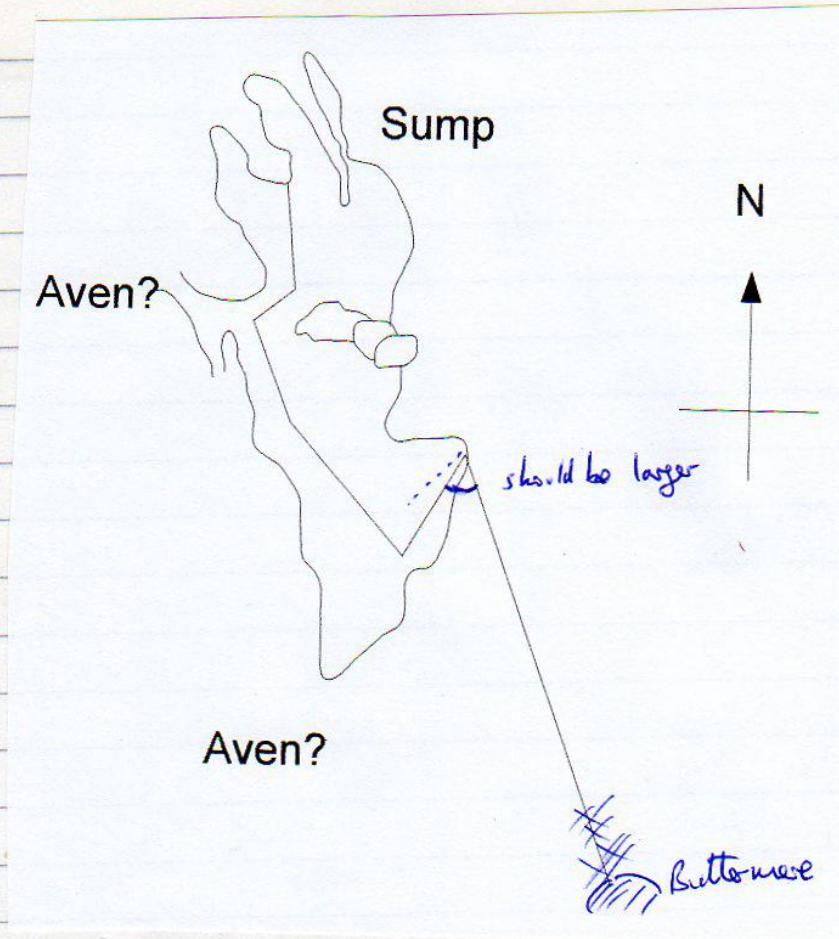
Hi Jim and Juan,

I have been spending some time scratching my head over the survey data collected during the week. It didn't look right to me when we tried to plot it out and I think I now know why. The bearing between point 1 and point 2 does not need reversing. When the bearing is plotted forwards at 30 deg the legs form the order of turns I remember, it also looks right on the plot.

I have attached a (very) rough sketch of the passage overlaid on the plot and also a more detailed write-up of the chamber. This is intended as a source of detailed information that can provide a basis for a shorter edited version should the need arise.

I'll get the photocopying of the raw data done later in the week.

Cheers,
Colin.



Torca La Vaca, Buttermere downstream sump.

18th May 2011

Divers; Jim Lister, Colin Hayward

After placing a bolt on the West wall a couple of meters before the arch leading to the downstream sump JPL dived first and confirmed his suspicion that the sump is a duck under a flake (2.5 m deep) leading to a canal continuation of the Buttermere passage. After 25 m the roof dropped down to the water again. JPL, following the passage at floor level, noted a cross rift to the left (West) at this point. Ahead a mud bank with a boulder blocked the passage. An attempt to belay the line to the boulder was aborted when an eel was disturbed. The diver turned into the cross rift and surfaced in a pool in one corner of a chamber with rifts leading off it. This second dive also turned out to be a short 2.5 m deep duck. The two divers then carried out a very basic survey of the chamber.

The chamber itself appears to be made up of a series of joined rifts. The floor is a mixture of large boulders, sandy flood deposit formed into soft banks and pools of water all at the same level. Several possible rift climbs were identified but were not pursued. A sump under the North East corner wall was briefly inspected without diving kit and thought to offer the best option for future progress. Another potential sump under two large perched boulders further East along the same wall (which may be the same sump?) was not looked at.

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Looking at the orientation and shape of the chamber I very much doubt that it is the chamber that lies beyond sump of the wild eels. I think we have come up short by about 20 to 30 m. The new line survey puts the undived sump along the line of the canal/sump we came in from so it looks to me as if the passage could go straight passed the chamber we found on the 18th and on to the wild eels chamber?

Colin.

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I have been reading up on eels apparently they are on the verge of being endangered? It may be worth doing a study of numbers and location in the cave system? As a small side line to pushing the sumps.

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