

# LOGBOOK

Year: 2015

Season: autumn

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*Juan Corrin, February 2016*



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AUTUMN 2015

PHIL GOODWIN, ALF LATHAM, DAVE MILNER, JOHN SOUTHWORTH

14.9.15 PG, AL, DM, JS

IDEOPUERIA

DIGGING AT SITES 2749 & 2750, GOOD DRAUGHT IN 2749  
COMING FROM END OF NARROW RIFT, NOT WORTH FURTHER  
DIGGING, 2750 ENDS IN VERY SMALL HOLE FULL OF RUBBLE  
AND NOT WORTH FURTHER DIGGING, NO DRAUGHT.

FOUND 8M SHAFT DOWN HILL FROM ABOVE CHOKED AT  
THE BASE. OUT OF AREA. 0446290 4795630 ALT 335M. (4235)

15.9.15

MONCOBE

CHOKE

D.M. & JS TRIP DOWN 2536 TO CHECK ON FINAL ~~CHOKED~~, UNABLE  
TO FIND A SAFE BEAM FOR THE 4m PITCH. HAD A LOOK AT HILLSIDE  
TO THE NORTH OF EL CUBO, THEN A DRIVE UP SIDE ROADS IN ~~NAVAJEDA~~

PG & AL TRIP TO THE END OF EL CUBO (2538) WAS ABANDONED  
AT THE MUD STAIRCASE, EVIDENCE OF DEBRIS FROM THE SURFACE  
AT THE BREAKDOWN CHAMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND  
BIG PITCH, BOULDERS HAVE FALLEN DOWN AND SIFT IS IN DANGER  
OF BLOCKING THE WAY THROUGH.

16.9.15. ALF, JS, D.M. & PHG.

NAVAJEDA

WALK IN NAVAJEDA AREA. SHOWN AROUND BY FARMER.

~~422~~ FOUR HOLES ON ONE GPS TAKEN FOR ALL = 0444862 4800841  
ALT-136m.

LOWEST HOLE 4222. - NARROW RIFT, POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT TO 7m DROP-  
WORK REQUIRED.

4223 - <sup>FENCED</sup> SHALLOW RIFT WITH SMALL HOLE AT EASTERN. NO DRAUGHT.

4224 - 2m DEEP FENCED RIFT. - CLOSING DOWN.

4225 - 3½m DEEP SLOT - UNFENCED, CHOKED AT BASE

4226 - GPS 0444849 4800807 ALT 151m (ADJOINING TRACK)  
FENCED RIFT PLATON - 2m DEEP - CHOKED ALL ROUND

4227 - GPS 0444964 4800760 ALT 165m. 146m

ENORMOUS, LIMESTONE SIDED WALK IN GULLY, SPANNED BY LARGE BOUNDER.  
RIFT AT END NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

4228 - GPS 0444924 4800722 ALT 158m.?

FENCED, LARGE OPEN RIFT - 6m DEEP PITCHED TO SMALL HOLE  
NEEDING ENLARGEMENT TO FURTHER DROP OF 6m+.

17-9-15. JS, PG & DM.

CAMPOS DELANTE

SITE 3543 VISITED. HIGH LEVEL DIG DESCENDED TO TRAVERSE OVER <sup>MAIN</sup> CHAMBER  
TO SMALL CHAMBER 5m x 2m - POSSIBLE LINK TO MAIN CHAMBER - MANY  
LOOSE BOULDERS.

DESCENT TO BOTTOM LOOKING FOR "LOST PITCH" - INCONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE



17.09.15 (CONT.)

OF BOULDER MOVEMENT - "LOST PITCH" NOT RECOVERED.

18.09.15 AL; PG; JS; DM. NAVAJO DA

4222 - SHAFT ENLARGED & DESCENDED. 8 m DEEP, WITH NO WAY ON

4227 - RIFT AT END INVESTIGATED, CHOKED 4 m DEEP.

4228 - HOLE AT BASE (6 m DOWN) ENLARGED ~~with~~ 2nd 6 m PITCH  
IN LARGE SHAFT. VERY NARROW BEDDING AT BASE. NO DRAUGHT.

19.09.15 AL, PG, JS, DM

SPENT ~~the~~ THIS DAY IN LOWER BENCAÑO VALLEY  
CHECKING OUT FORESTRY CLEARING. NOTHING FOUND. MORE  
TO CHECK LATER.

20.09.15 - DAY OFF.

21.09.15

AL; PG; JS & DM. HORNEO AREA

0447423 4800137  
ALT 315m.

4229 NEW CAVE SHOWN TO US BY FARMER. NUMBERED 4229. RESURGENCE  
CAVE, APPROX 90m LONG - SURVEYED.

ENTRANCE CRAWL UNDER CLIFF OF 30m TO T JUNCTION WITH  
WALKING PASSAGE. RIGHT BRANCH END IN WELL VENTILATED CHAMBER.  
LEFT BRANCH TERMINATES IN CHOKE.

SITE 3176 CHECKED - NO WAY ON.

<sup>3176</sup>  
LAND ABOVE 4229 CHECKED AS FARMER INDICATED THERE WERE  
FURTHER HOLES. -

#4230 - 4m LOOSE SIDES SHAFT - CHOKED AT BASE  
0447397 4800050 ALT 365m

4231 - SMALL SHAFT, 2m DEEP - CHOKED  
0447424 4800020 ALT 388m

22.09.15 SANANTAR VISIT.

23.09.15 RAIN STOPPED PLAY.

24.09.15 PG & AL. TRIP TO END OF 2538 TO REASSESS WORK REQUIRED  
& STASH EQUIPMENT FOR EASTER.

JS & DM - 3543 REVISITED TO DIG SIDE PASSAGE - LONG TERM WORK  
(SANDSTONE SHAFT) - 3814 VISITED - LONG TERM DIG - NO DRAUGHT.  
MONCBE - LOOKED AT NEW TRACKS IN WOODLAND ~~below~~ IN  
BENCAÑO VALLEY - WORTHY OF RETURN VISIT.



~~24.09.15.~~ 25.09.15 JS; PG; AL & DM. GARZON  
(WATER-PIPE) WENT  
SURVEYED SITE 4050 & ~~LOOKED~~ DOWN PREVIOUSLY UNDEVELOPED  
PITCH - CHOKED AT BASE.

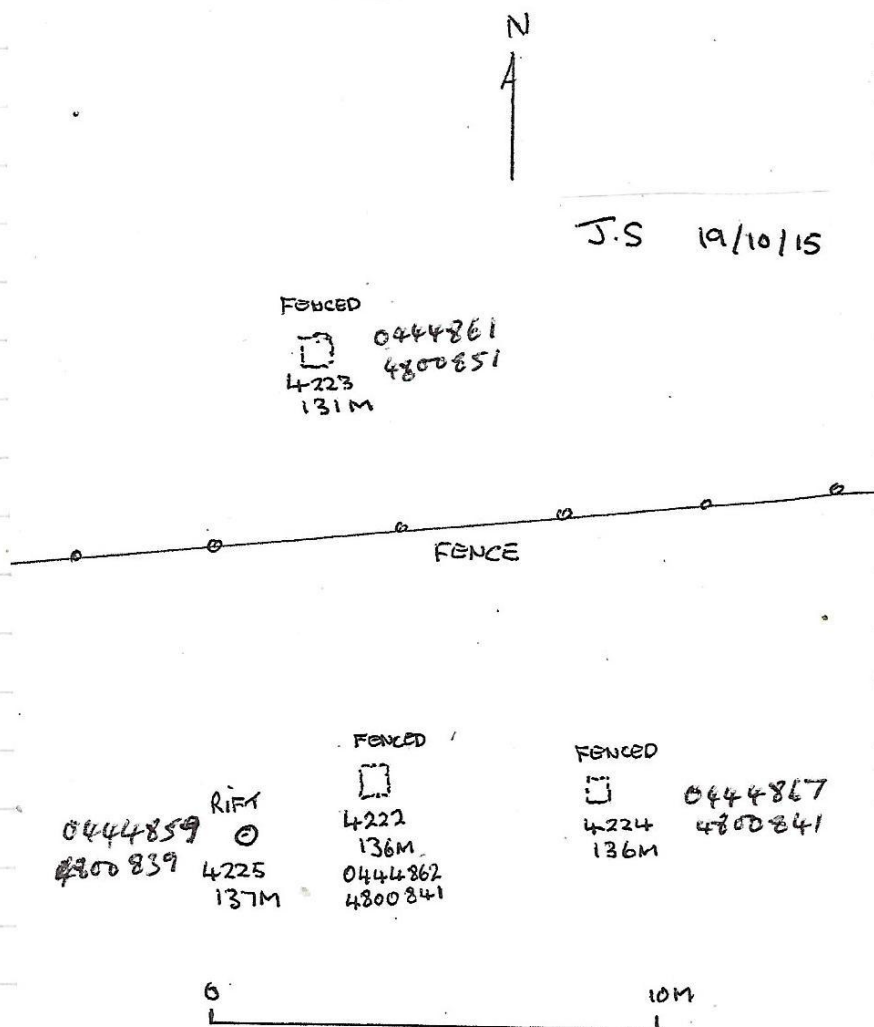
26.09.15. MONCORSE  
~~DE~~ FURTHER INVESTIGATED NEW FORESTRY TRACKS IN BENCARNO VALLEY.  
DESCENT 6m CHOKED RIFT IN TRACKSIDE AT 0446376 4797072  
ALT 208m.  
LITTLE ELSE OF INTEREST FOUND; BUT CLEARANCE WORK STILL IN PROGRESS  
OUT OF AREA

27.09.15. LAS CALZADILLAS AREA  
JS & DM. LOOKED AT NEWLY CLEARED AREA BELOW ALISAS ROAD. FOUND THREE  
MINOR SITES OF INTEREST.

4232 - 2m SHAFT - CHOKED AT BASE 0447977 4795856 ALT 370m.  
PHOTO JS

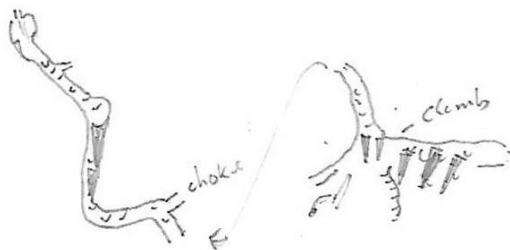
4233 - 2m SHAFT/COLLAPSE ADJACENT TO TWIN DEPRESSION - NO  
WAY ON. 0447780 4796137 ALT 289m. PHOTO DM

4234 - CAVE IN LEFT BANK OF GULLEY - 2.5m LONG - NO DRAUGHT  
0447829 4796153 ALT 292m. PHOTO DM.



## Cave trips October 2015

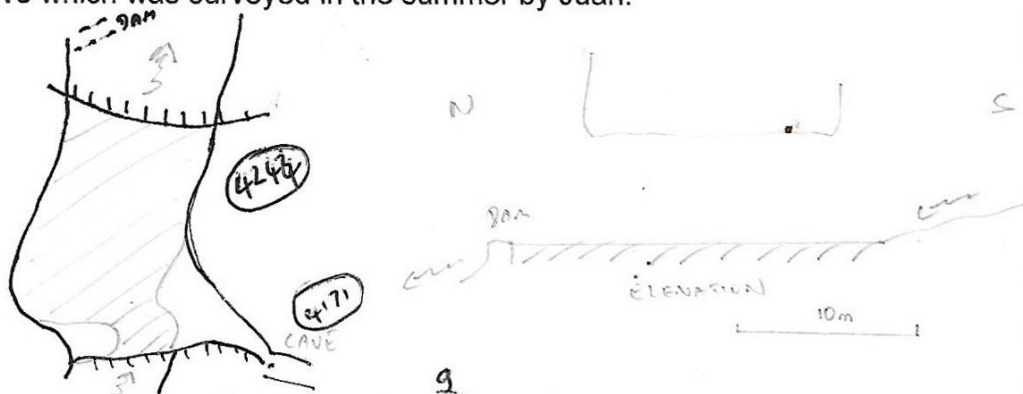
12/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali, Phil P and Terry W - Cueva del Comediante (040)  
Short trip on day ferry arrived. Looked for high level passages and at end Pete climbed up rift on west side of passage where water comes down flowstone. This led to a short crawl and a dig through a false floor. 84.25m of ascending passage up flowstone to choke was surveyed. Other possible high level areas were looked at but most came back into the main passage.



Batch 0040-15-06  
L = 84m

13/10/2015 – Rupert S, Pete E, Ali, Phil P and Terry W - Cueva Vallina (733)  
Trip to carry Rupert's diving gear into top of the Double Dutch pitch. Bolts were placed and ropes installed on the climb up from FN Passage and down slope on other side. Rupert checked rigged the main pitch and descended to check out all was ok.

14/10/2015 - Pete E, Ali - Fuente Frances (4171)  
Surveyed the river where it goes through the arch and connected to the show cave which was surveyed in the summer by Juan.



14/10/2015 - Pete E, Ali - The Landales (3034)  
Went into Landales to Cueva del Ciervo (4117) and descended the pitch into Torca la Vaca (2899) and then surveyed out up pitch and tied into as best we could. Pitch derigged and rope brought out. Rope left in on: pitch up from Landales and traverse in Cueva del Ciervo.

15/10/2015 - Rupert S, Pete E, Ali, Carmen - Cueva Vallina (733)  
Aim was to look at passages identified above the sump by-pass in the main downstream Rio Rioja. On way carried cylinders to sump for later dive by Rupert. At top of the rope climb down from the by-pass a "rift passage" averaging some 0.8m wide formed on a series of joints/faults was found. Sharp calcite nodules on the walls make progress a little slow. Good draught into the passage. 216.92 m surveyed, and about 200m of continuation looked at but not surveyed.

16/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali, Dave Bell - Cueva del Comediante (040)  
Continued re-survey and looking for leads. Pete crossed over traverse at far west end at top of ramp near passage found on 12<sup>th</sup>. Found a passage that came back in at climb near entrance. Surveyed the right hand series of passage looking into window of the main sump.



17/10/2015 – Pete E, Carmen, Rupert, Dave Bell, Ali, Phil P and Terry W - Cueva Vallina (733) (5)

Team split into three parties. Rupert took diving gear to the main downstream sump 1 in preparation for diving the following day. Pete E, Carmen and Phil P. took two 7ltr cylinders to the "sump by-pass" in the main stream way and then proceeded to the end of the passage found on the 15<sup>th</sup>. 272m of new passage were surveyed and photographed. Depth of Double Dutch pitch was checked at 36m also the survey does not show the top section of some 4m – it suggests the survey may be in error by 10m or so – this section needs resurvey. This passage seems to be formed on a series of parallel joints/faults and was formed as a phreatic passage that must have drained quickly as there is no sign of Vadose development. The main feature is numerous large sharp flakes of rock in the passage or dividing it where the original water has eroded the series of joints. Passage ends in an 8m pitch with continuations seen both at bottom and across pitch. Bolts and rope needed to make progress. Some 25m back from this pitch is a passage to the south that leads to a second pitch (4m) and passage across. Seems to be an easy traverse but the fragile nature of the rock and loose roof means it needs good bolting and rope to make progress. A further 227m of passage was found and surveyed mainly in two locations. At the start of the series near the by-pass, including the Catalan's loop back to the river passage and of more importance to the south of the series where a "side passage" off Ali's station "0" of the 15<sup>th</sup> meets a larger complicated section of cave with a number of open leads left at least one of which has a good draught.

18/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali, Dave Bell <sup>same</sup> - Cueva del Comediante (040)

Continued re-survey and looking for leads. Pete crossed over traverse at west end of ramp near top entrance but all tubes too small. Ali and Dave continued survey from previous trip and tied into main passage from near vocal connection to Reñada. Peter and Carmen checked out 2001 extension took photos, but no new leads were found.

19/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali – 718 (Riano area) – Checked to see if it could be pushed to Tyler's Way in Hoyuca. Pete got to a small wet section with mud floor and possible corner and pendant which would need a wetsuit to pass. Looks similar to corner seen in Tyler's way previously.

19/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali – Church Entrance (Hoyuca) followed passage towards Quadruphenia crawling mostly over sand and gravel no sign of cow shit. At a corner before connection the floor was wet mud but not smelling. Dry passages on the left were also looked at.

19/10/2015 – Pete E, Ali – 2857 (sink)

Peter checked out choke – no go. Water in sink same volume as in 718 almost certain it's the same water.



20/10/2015 – Pete E, Terry W, Phil P – Alisas area

On way up to Alisas looked at Torca del Hoyón 0567, entrance seems to have been filled in by slippage, so now a low crawl, but ~~could not~~ easily see if it was blocked. Needs good look with caving gear on. (4245)

Walked from farm building to south of view point round on Matienzo side and to the north and back along road. Black dog followed us all the way.

A number of holes were noted:

- 4242 • 4237 A 20m deep shaft with boulders covering top not GPS estimate
- 4237 • 4238 Dig under 1m cliff needs boulder moving to get in. Can see down some 4m and seems to be draughting in. GPS - 447645,4794404 alt from map 585
- 4238 Rift with rubbish in bottom. Not clear if a shaft or a large clint needs looking at with caving gear on. Gps 447761,4794613
- 4239 Wide shaft 4.5m deep with oak tree in ent. Floor looks to be soil filled but can't see all round so it needs descending to check for any holes. Gps 447778,4794622
- 4240 Shaft with a rift top and block over. Disto at 10.5m but rocks bounce further. Undescended. Gps 447819,4794613
- 4241 Depression found at Gps 447819,4794613 when looking for site 0722 which could not be found. This site could be it if now blocked by rubbish etc.
- 722 • Site 1817 Gps 447680,479448 and photo in gully @ 447688 4794463 7547
- Site 0721 seems to be shown on map as too far north, photo. GPS to 447827,4794695

20/11/2015 Alasdair Neill, Carmen Smith.

Renada – lakes in entrance series and leading to Blow Hole full after 24hrs rain, so planned trip curtailed.

Surveyed bits in Comediante Branch – 25m new (up ramp and small rift on left in final chamber). 433 re survey

Comediante – two possible climbing routes in area where strong cold outward draft noted on 18-10-15 is lost, approx. 70m in from top entrance, around top of slope down. Need bolting and/or extension ladder.

Draughting digs supposedly connecting Comediante & Renada checked – sumped off totally at Renada end, open at Comediante end.  
Ali.

4243 – Small hole needs digging out and possible capping. Rocks fall a couple of metres. Gps 443441,4804691 Alt 76m (from map). PP



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**From:** Rupert S <r.skorupka@btinternet.com>  
**To:** juancorin <juancorin@matienzo.org.uk>  
**Subject:** october  
**Date:** Sat, Oct 24, 2015 1:18 pm

Juan - we did not have a log book as such on this trip, so this is a quick summary of what was done as preparation for my dive project in Vallina ;

- over the course of 9 trips in 9 days I learnt the route to the downstream sump.
- the pitches were rigged and ropes left in place, pulled up. Several handlines were fixed to make carrying easier.
- 5 cylinders, fins, reel, wetsuit and drysuit were carried into various points and stashed. The lead dump at the sumps was found.
- using a reel of line left since 2003, the first 3 sumps were re-lined and a lot of the old trashed line was removed. Sump 1 was established to be a far easier route than the 'bypass' crawl'.
- the feasibility of getting to the sumps in a drysuit was looked at, and a plan made which should make this possible.

Also a good deal of passage was found above the streamway ( reported elsewhere I think ). This may yet bypass the first 5 sumps, but will be of little use to a diver due to its awkward nature.

All of the above was achieved with lots of help from the other cavers on this trip, to whom many thanks.

Rupert

3/11/15 After Pete S had visited Hoyon (567) with Guy Simanot + friend  
shaft open :-

**From:** Phil Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>  
**To:** Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>  
**Cc:** t.whitaker1 <t.whitaker1@btinternet.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Hoyon  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 4, 2015 10:17 am  
**Attachments:** Hoyon.jpg (270K)

Juan

Yes, we looked at the bottom of the depression where it slopes into a bedding cave, i.e. the one with the drum I photographed, that seemed to be blocked. We then went up to a hole with the sound of water (not the entrance) and Pete and Terry saw a near-by hole which I did not go to, but I assume is the entrance and the one (4245) photographed by Peter? Clearly his memory of the cave is better than mine as I could remember the entrance chamber and the first underground pitch etc, but could not remember what the entrance was like. The survey does not help as it could be interpreted as being at the bottom of the depression.

Terry:

The context of the photo was a message from Pete Smith i.e. "Pete was out with Guy this afternoon at Hoyon and below towards Bustablado. He says that the Hoyon shaft is wide open and not blocked at all. He has taken some photos which will arrive in due course. He says that Hoyon is not at the base of the depression and that you may have photographed something else."

### Hoyo de la Rotura (0752) 15 October, Guy Simonnot, Peter Smith

A visit to check a possible climb to a high-level passage that Guy remembered from about 30 years ago. The conclusion was that it doesn't really exist, only an aven at the end. However, on the left at the bottom, at head-height a small hole drops into a rift that might continue. A visit is needed in summer to see if there's a draught and decide if it's worth opening up the hole. Guy did a new survey.

Suggested for website:

On the left at the bottom, a hole at head-height leads to a rift. A visit in warmer weather is needed to see if there is a draught.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> PS in Cofresnedo, site 65.** Photo of the basket and Pablo Perez Vidiella who is taking 3D photos of the site.

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> - PS

0567 Hoyon 447452 4793147

4247 Large shaft (just below road) 447050 4793404

~~4245~~ French site 2135 447243 4793368 (4248)

~~4246~~ Gallinero dig 446647 4793286 (4249)

From: Phil Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>

To: 'Juan Corrin' <uzueka@aol.com>; smith\_peter2004 <smith\_peter2004@yahoo.es>

Subject: RE: Hoyon

Date: Mon, Nov 9, 2015 10:14 pm

Juan

Thanks for this I guess we missed the entrance as we got into the wood to high up and went to the bottom. The other hole we noted with the sound of a stream (in wet weather) was in the wood to the east of the letter "e" of "hole" on your map next to a fence line in the wood. There were in fact two holes each side of the fence – could be worth a look.

Phil

PS: Visit site 1205. Photo. Looks good for a dig.  
8/11/15

### Saturday 14th November Orillón site 23 1161 1162

Pete Smith, Phil Parker, Nigel Easton and Juan spend 5 hours digging at the downstream end of Orillón. Enlarged the start of the dig so little forward progress made. Will be a slow dig with sediment above (bed?) rock which breaks up quite easily with hammer and chisel. Passage may be rising beyond the visible low section. Slight draught today.



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - El Biggo  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November - Cow Pot 200m inlet  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November - TORNO  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November - Cow Pot (New) 607m x;

Tuesday 10/11/2015 - Bob Toogood, Dave Gledhill, James WOOD  
(114) & JON PEMBERTON.

Cueva Uueva - Check out Southernly lead from Rope up in Big bang burger bar. Had a good luck in NE boulder choke and unable to find any way on.

Wed 11/11/2015 - BT, DG, JW & JRP.

Torna la Vaca - IN BIG MATS HOLE and through to Suit wrecker INLET. CHECKED out obvious right hand passage about 1/3 the way up. Pushed for approx. 200m to a too tight section at floor level, required a thrutch up and climb over at 5m height. passage opened up beyond and continued. No side passages but tall in places and awkward/ward going. Surveyed out but had to link up with station way back in main inlet some 200m back towards the entrance. Note of station left (with thanks ~~to~~ lessons from Survey School...) at start of inlet & end. Passage to be named "BERNARD" due to mental issues.

THUR 12/11/2015 - DG, JRP (2366)

TORNO - Check out poss climbs in left passage off from Just beyond Boulder choke (MG Tott) Rd. to Riario once up first climb right. checked out further climb to large boulder collapse Bernard bernard bernard from bernard go to bernard and climb bernard to bernard. Once at said bernard head to bernard and shout "Fuck" in Bernardead! "Bernard!!".

Thurs 12/11/15 JRP + DG [Note - previously surveyed by Bung + DG in Aug'08 but scale of 'dots' on printout made it impossible to climb.]  
Torno - Checked out some possible climbs + previous leads from 2008. Through boulder choke at start of 'Road to Riario' - turn (L) left up muddy narrow rift passage & slight stream (trickle) out. Up to far end then climb up to roof of passage. Squeeze through flowstone that still restricts. Climb up into continuing rift passage to 3-way junction. (Right, up left, up behind). "Up behind" - passage to well decayed rift/choke. Climb up (L) left wall to check for way on up through choke - nothing; end. Bung set - turn right - tight thrutchy rift to cave - flowstone coming in from 2 holes in roof on right. Well decayed passage/chamber/something seen beyond. Needs a more fussy approach. Climb up continuation of cave on floor struck boulder into large chamber. Hole in (L) left wall 6m up entered after bolt climb; surprisingly smaller than it appeared. end at 2m. Climb up bare slope to top right of chamber - large fallen black eyed rock on near vertical wall prevent access to obvious continuation of cave upwards. Again, this needs a more fussy approach with bolting gear to ~~climb~~ climb up (L) right hand side of boulder, or traverse up and around then up (L) left side of boulder or up back wall and into very steep ivy groove into space above. Walls muddy, calcified chon of combination of both. Probably 15-20m of bolting required. Bank at 3-way Jct. "up left" Bridge up over fallen slab (10m?). At top continue climb into large opening above - no way on. Passage to (L) left - climb on (L) right in final chamber leads to spine in fallen blocks - no way on - no chance. Passage to (L) - descending tube on (L) wall choked -> PTO



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12/11/15 Torca JRP + DG

with smallish rocks - easily moved to start with - but limited space + no draft + headache = fairly painful. Further along the passage, just before solid full blocky way, is possible way on opening. Checking out by climb up into upper opening but all closed down fairly quickly. No sign of a possible way on, although air in this area is much fresher than elsewhere in this section.

Summary - One of leads still promising, but will need bolting upwards to make any further progress. The two squeezes into this section may preclude some people from reaching it.

13/11/15: Torca la Vacca. JRP, BT, JW, DG.

Return to suit wrecker via same routes as 10/11/15.

Pushed on to Terminal boulder choke just beyond Suit Wrecker 4. Original way in to choke had collapsed at floor level but BT found a way through SE of climb up which was pushed by JW and inlet passage found to continue beyond. Dry passage slowly ~~was~~ gaining height led for 200m to a large well decorated chamber with stream in floor. way led back at floor level but assumed it just re-joined the passage we came from. Higher level meandering stream passage was pushed at far end of chamber to a junction left was pushed as a higher level traverse for a few metres and carried on ... Right passage was pushed to conclusion for some 350m to a boulder choke in sandstone passing through 1 previous choke with a 4 metre long straw. 5 1/4 HR return trip back out of cave (15 HRS total trip) out at 2am.

Passage beyond boulder choke to be named Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> passage.

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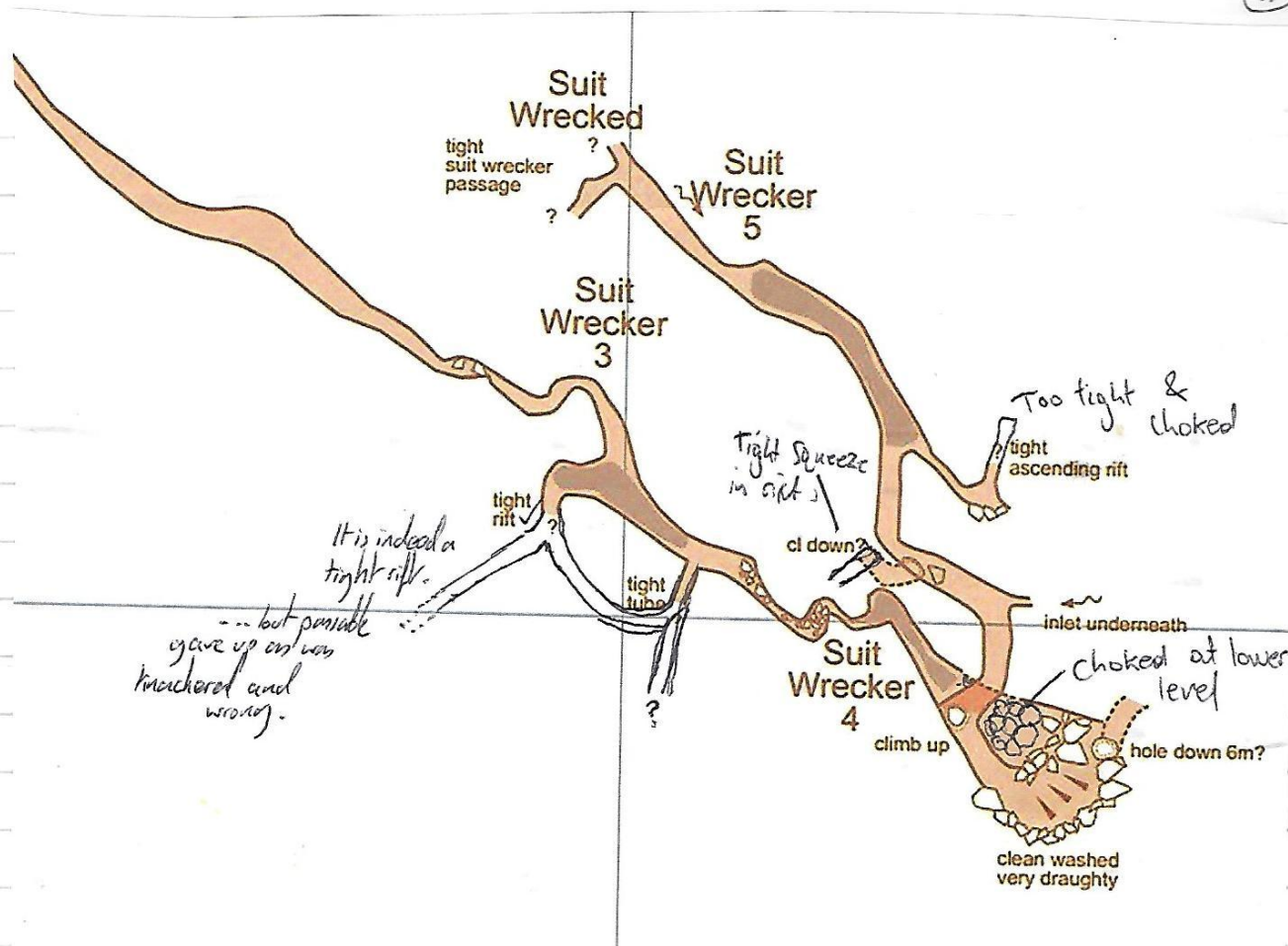
Subject: Fuente del frances

Date: Mon, Nov 9, 2015 9:28 am

When we were there the gated entrance had been secured with a bolt with the end apparently hammered over so access that way may not be possible, we went down through the ruined building by the river which involves a short awkward climb.

Ali.





From: Alasdair Neill <alasdairneill@yahoo.co.uk>

To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>; Phil and Hilary <papard51@gmail.com>

Subject: Vallina & Riano

Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2015 9:43 am

Noted that the pdf of the extension is not complete - I probably should have increased the paper size on the original CorelDraw file. Will do that when I have the chance.

There seems to be very large quantities of spoil from the roadworks being dumped off the road where it passes the Church Entrance area. Not sure if it will affect any entrances, mostly east of the road so shouldn't affect CE if it carries on on that side only

Ali..

(1162)

24/11/15 Pete to end of Orillon to put in optical brightness.  
 Detectors put in entrance (top?) to Cueva del Matia. Esqueña,  
 and <sup>4271</sup> Esqueña and disco emergence.  
 Heavy rain on 25th may have washed detectors away.



From: Peter Smith <smith\_peter2004@yahoo.es>

To: Juan Corrin <szueka@aol.com>

Subject: orillon

Date: Sat, Nov 28, 2015 5:48 pm

4271

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Nov. 26

Hello Juan

in @1162

I hope you got back all right and are settling back in again now.

Just to let you know about the dye test so far. On Thursday, there was a clear positive at the resurgence Esquileña. I changed the detectors and on Friday it was still positive. Also on Friday I put detectors in the streams in the Mortiro depression in the hope that the last of the OBA might still be coming through. I'll collect them all on Monday, and then we'll have more data for the "b-s" about how the OBA got to Esquileña (or is it just pollution in the water - we'll have to monitor the resurgence over a longer period).

Cheers

Pete

4272  
4273

PHIL GOODWIN, JOHN SOUTHWORTH

14.11.15

EXAMINED SITE 3180 DESCRIBED AS A SINK AREA, ALL LEADS FOUND TO BE CHOKED. FOUND CAVE ABOVE 3180 UNDER SCAR ON TOP SIDE OF FIELD (4250).

15.11.15

AREA

A LOOK AROUND MINE 1561 IN BARRIO DE ARRIBA FOUND A RECENTLY CLEARED AREA IN WHICH IS ANOTHER MINE & CAVE. EXPLORED SHORT CAVE 4252, THEN DESCENDED AN 18M PITCH IN NEW MINE (4251) AND SURVEYED 160M OF LARGE INTERCONNECTED CHAMBERS TO A CREST DEEP LAKE WITH NO WAY ON AT THE FAR SIDE. ALL OUT OF AREA

16.11.15

EXPLORED AREA EAST OF CAVES 2383 & 4111 IN NAVAJEDA AREA. ONE SHAFT FOUND ON THIS SMALL HILL WHICH IS ABOUT 9M DEEP (4253) UNDESCENDED. DESCENDED RIFT (4254) ALL WAYS ON CHOKED, SLIGHT DRAUGHT. FOUND (4255) A RIFT/SHAFT PARTLY BLOCKED BY OLD BED MATTRESS, UNSURE OF DEPTH, POSS 10M, A LOT OF RUBBISH AT THE BOTTOM INCLUDING SYRINGES NEAR THE ENTRANCE. IN SHAKHOLE NEARBY IS A MUD CHOKED POT (4256) ABOUT 2.5M AND A STRONGLY DRAUGHTING DIG (4257) IN BOULDERS.

17.11.15

A LOOK AT THE WOODS EACH SIDE OF THE START OF THE LOWER END OF THE BENCAÑO VALLEY. NOTHING FOUND IN THESE WITH VERY LITTLE EXPOSED LIMESTONE AND VERY HARD GOING.

18.11.15

ON A PREVIOUS VISIT TO EL CUBE (2538) A STRONG COLD DRAUGHT WAS NOTICED DESCENDING THE CLIFF FACE ABOVE THE ENTRANCE. A TRAVERSE TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE GAINED ACCESS TO A SHAFT ABOUT 25M ABOVE WHICH WHEN DESCENDED CAME OUT OF RIFT BACK INTO DAYLIGHT AFTER 10M IN A RIFT 6M TO THE LEFT OF EL CUBE, COULD NOT FIND SOURCE OF DRAUGHT, EL CUBE WAS NOT BLOWING ITS USUAL GALE.

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19.11.15

A GOOD LOOK ON HILL SIDE TO THE WEST OF NEW MINE (4251) NOTHING MUCH FOUND ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH GROUP PISTUELOS DID SAY THERE WERE SHAFTS IN THAT AREA, THEY SAID THEY HAD FINISHED EXPLORING THAT AREA AND WE WERE QUITE WELCOME TO EXPLORE. HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT THEM WITH DETAILS OF NEW MINE BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.



**4250 Cave Camposdelante 446905 4799707 alt 236m.**

A long section of a cliff face has become detached in a large rift feature forming a 10m long walking passage with daylight entering at the far end.

**4251 Mine Barrio de Arriba 444736 4799566 alt 160<sup>2</sup>m.**

Report from Phil Goodwin:

**La Cueva en una mina**

*Walk up the track past the main mine and instead of turning sharp right to the obvious barn go straight on up a newly cleared track to a wire gate. At this point a newly built cabin of white blocks can be seen. Go through the gate and take the upper track to an excavated platform above the cabin. The excavation has revealed what is now an obvious mine entrance.*

*The light from a natural shaft can be seen from the entrance. Beyond the shaft is a blind adit. Halfway to the shaft a left turn takes you to a chamber which to the right also leads to the shaft. Ahead is a down-climb of some 3 metres to a natural 18m shaft. (three 8mm bolts). At the bottom of the shaft a rubble heap formed from mine deads leads steeply to a chamber. Ahead is a calcite slope with extensive stalactites above which with care leads to a blind grotto. To the left is a step down into an inlet passage. Continue in the same direction across the inlet and up a mud slope. Follow the mud banks to the left and then drop steeply into the main passage. To your left can be seen the other side of the rubble heap. To your right a passage of growing dimensions leads to a series of roomy chambers linked by stooping arches. The whole main passage has a flat floor of semi-dry cracked mud with a tiny rivulet meandering through it. There is extensive calcite in places. The final impressive chamber terminates in a small chest-deep lake with no way on beyond. The continuation of the cave probably lies behind the extensive roof-high calcite on the right.*

*The inlet passage near the entrance pitch gradually lowers to a flat-out crawl under delicate stalactites and becomes too tight after 26m but 10m along the inlet a squeeze to the left leads to a round 3 m high chamber with no way on.*

**4252 Cave Barrio de Arriba 444723 4799536 alt 163<sup>5</sup>m.**

Entrance in a low cliff face to a 12m long crawling passage with daylight entering in two places which ends at an eyehole looking into a small chamber which would require capping, not a good prospect, no draught.

**4253 Shaft Navajeda 444774 4801599 alt 100m.**

Undescended shaft about 9m, another one 4m away which looks to tight.

**4254 Rift Navajeda 444932 4801292 alt 89m.**

In bottom of large depression is a loose boulder climb down of 3m to chamber 1m x 4m chamber with way on too tight.

**4255 Shaft Navajeda 444970 4801136 alt 98m.**

A shaft/rift could be 8m deep full of rubbish, would require a descent past a bed mattress also syringes lying about.

**4256 Shaft Navajeda 444980 4801160 alt 97m.**

A 2.5m deep mud sided hole choked, possible dig.

**4257 Dig Navajeda 444952 4801232 alt 91m.**

Base of small depression is a dig in boulders with a good draught.

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Subject: Re: orillon

Date: Thu, Dec 3, 2015 11:37 am

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Hello Juan

They looked negative to me, while the one at Esquileña was still slightly positive. I put more detectors in and intend to get them tomorrow. Then come to some conclusion or think about the next test! Such as, how does Coveron fit in this?

Cheers

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Subject: Orillon dye test

Date: Fri, Dec 4, 2015 8:14 pm

Hello all,

Just to sum up this test. I put the OBA into Orillon on Tuesday 24th Nov.

The detector in Mortiro resurgence (Esquileña) 24th-26th was clearly positive, 26th-27th also positive, 27th-30th slightly positive, and 30th-4th Dec very slightly (I think)

The detector in the stream from the north resurgence in Mortiro depression (that feeds the cave), 27th-30th Nov. and 30th-4th Dec, very slightly positive. But so slightly that it might be a question of opinion.

Any way, my conclusion is that Orillon goes to Cueva de Mortiro, and as there are no inlets on the survey anyhow, it gets there via the north resurgence in the big depression.

The next question might be, does Coveron go to the same resurgence?

Cheers

Pete

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Hello Juan

Yes, I located Esquileña the other day and it's at Manantial de Tres: 455145 4792763

I also gps'ed two resurgences at Ogarrio, one that the Cuencans catalogue as 5 - surgencia: 456212 4793305, and the other that is 1- Surgencia Cubillo 3: 456164 4793211 (photo attached) — (234) — add to that description

I haven't positioned the resurgences in the hoyo yet, but the lines of trees on the aerial photos are a good clue.

If, as it appears, Orillon goes to the north resurgence in the hoyo, that is also possibly the resurgence for Coveron. Perhaps it needs looking at more closely to see if it can be dived. Certainly we can look at all the sites in January.

And I'm also wondering whether the hydrologist who'll be here shortly can design a better test!

Cheers

Pete





## **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**