

LOGBOOK

Year: 2020

Season: Spring / summer

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Juan Corrin, September 2020

SPRING / Summer

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From: direct.station.limited@hotmail.co.uk,
To: juancorin@matienzo.org.uk,
Subject: Sites 4487 and 5023 .
Date: Fri, May 15, 2020 11:29 am

Hi Juan .

Having looked at your Google Earth update sites 4487 and 5023 seem to be out of position .
Site 4487 the resurgence with the concrete trough which we had detectors placed for the
Pistruellos Group OBA test at Moncobe should be 443760 4799001, guessing you were only
given an approximation for that one .

Site 5023 the large resurgence at Villanueva co-ordinates are 447757 4804095 , that might
have been me that gave you the wrong info.

Guess you will be able to start fishing now that the lockdown rules have changed . Myself and
Dave M are of next Wednesday to drop a new shaft we discovered last year in the Malham area ,
we needed a dry spell for this one .

The Pistruellos team are just as frustrated as we are , they have found 1.5km of passage , still
going , at a resurgence cave at Rucandio .

Lets hope travel restrictions are relaxed by October time .

Cheers

John.

From: llambriales@gmail.com,
To: juancorin@matienzo.org.uk, uzueka@aol.com,
Date: Sat, May 23, 2020 3:23 pm

Attachments: DSC_7953.JPG (187K), DSC_7955.JPG (186K), DSC_7956.JPG (151K), DSC_7958.JPG (262K), DSC_7959.JPG (295K),
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Hola Juan, qué tal estáis todos, espero que no el COVID19 no os haya tocado y estéis todos bien de salud. Una pena que no
podáis venir esta verano a Matienzo a seguri disfrutando de vuestra pasión.

Bueno, como hace mucho que no te mando nada, hoy después del confinamiento nos decidimos por la Fuente de la Cuvia,
muy interesante pero algo sucia, jejeje.

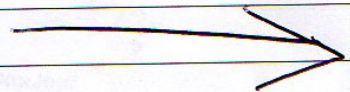
Te remito unas fotos por si te interesan colgarlas de la web.

Un abrazo y lo dicho, espero que estéis todos bien.

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From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: Re: Matienzo
Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 9:27 pm

Hello Juan

In fact I didn't have a blanco, but had a few tintos on Sunday evening. Yes, everything's returning to normal, as we're allowed out for longer now, that has made caving possible, the non-permit kind. Today I was with Guy and a Spanish friend of his who lives in Bustablado. We were in 0190 (Alisas) where progress was made down and along the last rift passage. It needs a survey or at least a compass bearing to know if it's going into or out of the hill. Still with a good draught. His friend also went down 0193. He said it was 14m deep with a small hole at the bottom possibly with a draught. I was sorry about the delay to the book, well as you say it isn't really a problem. But I hope the circumstances you mention weren't just because of the translator. I know she was behind with it. The last I heard Spain was hoping to open for international travel in July. All the best and hope to see the two of you before too long.
Cheers, Pete

En martes, 26 de mayo de 2020 11:19:47 CEST, Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com> escribió:

Hi Pete,

How are things in Matienzo? Noelia says people were out at the bar on Sunday, I presume you went out for a blanco? Ana next door has looked at our house and says it appears OK

We're still in a state of "wait-and-see" here, as to whether we get out in the summer. We've got a Portsmouth-Santander booked for near the end of September and may come out earlier - but Penny's still worried.

I'm keeping a logbook for any caving activities around Matienzo - small groups may be allowed to cave. Phil has not yet got any permit.

Cheers

Juan

From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: Caves
Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2020 8:49 am
Attachments: 1045-1051.pdf (1535K)

Hello Juan

I hope you're all well. Everything's getting back to normal here, but Matienzo doesn't seem to be a very happy valley now. A lot of people have stopped going out, either because they're scared or lost the habit. So not many customers for two bars. Perhaps when people can come from Bilbao things will improve.

I've got a few things to send you, but I'll start with this. I noticed there were no photos for the caves on the left at Seldesuto, so I've done that. Afterwards when I looked at the logbook I saw that you took part in first recording them!

My descriptions of some of them would be slightly different. But first, I think there's a new (very small) site, as you'll see on the photo in the pdf. If you can give me a number for it, I'll finish getting the information ready.

Cheers, Pete



Hello Juan

Thanks for the number!

Yes, you wouldn't be here on the 20th January. And I don't think it was the same day as the trip with Tiano to 1708 (but I haven't checked the logbooks).

Sergio's funeral would have just been with the immediate family. In fact, I didn't hear that he'd died until the week after and it was Ian who told me.

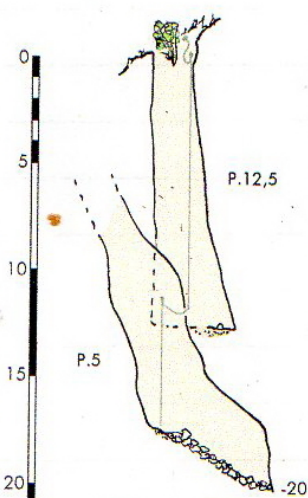
For now I'll send a couple of surveys Guy has done of shafts at Alisas, then I'll try to send on his email with some photos from 190.

I see he's called site 191 Torca de la Llave in the sense of Spanner, after the one that mysteriously disappeared after undoing one hanger and before undoing the next.

Cheers

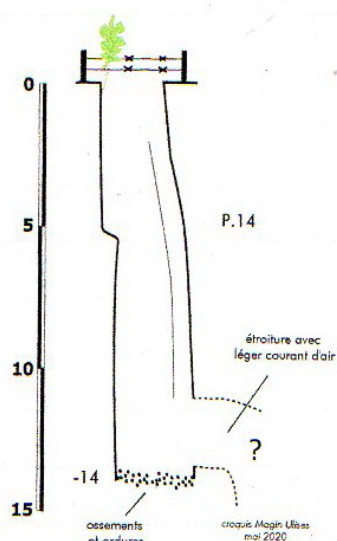
Torca de la Llave

MCP n° 191
SCD n° 2442



Torca

n° 193 MCP
n° 2440 SCD



From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: Fw: pocas noticias de la espeleo
Date: Thu, Jun 11, 2020 11:00 am

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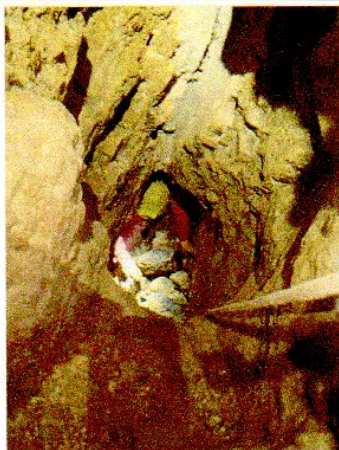
The photos from 190, that he's called torca del Palo

----- Mensaje reenviado -----

De: Guy SIMONNOT <guy.simonnot@gmail.com>
Para: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
Enviado: martes, 9 de junio de 2020 21:44:01 CEST
Asunto: Re: pocas noticias de la espeleo

Hello Peter

Nous sommes à Castro du lundi au vendredi car nous avons des ouvriers qui font la salle de bains.
Nous retournons pour les fins de semaine à Arredondo. Donc pour samedi dommage je ne serai pas à Castro.
Magin et son amie partent demain en France en Bretagne, a priori pour travailler jusqu'au 2 novembre.
Je t'appelle pour la spéléo dès que possible.
quelques mauvaises photos de la t del palo
Bonne soirée
Guy



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12/6/20

Hello Juan

I hope everything's ok. Here I'll send you the new version of that pdf of the hillside with the new number (it might be useful if it could be linked to the description of one or more of the sites). Also a Word file with my account of the caves. The GPS wasn't working very well under the cliff, so I've estimated the grid refs from the aerial photos. The lengths are all estimated too because I didn't take my disto.

Sorry if it sounds like everything is still guess work!

I haven't found 1052, according to the difference in altitude compared with 1051, it should be higher on the hillside and not in the cliff line. On the other hand the description is the same as the cave adjacent to 1051... Most of the descriptions are quite similar, apart from 1050, which is significantly longer than 4m, but exploration was stopped by the stink and the shit!

I could start to send you the photos by Wettransfer, in 2 or 3 batches.

I may continue documenting the group around 263, weather permitting, because it keeps raining most afternoons. And I'll try to remember to take the disto.

Good luck in the Sunday quiz!

Cheers, Pete

Sel de Suto

1051: 449564 4795016 248m

Two small caves under the same rock-shelter.

The main cave on the left, as in the description. The entrance on the right leads to a choked 4m crawl.

1050: 449608 4795058 250m

A crawl into a low passage that turns towards the right. Not fully explored (because of excrement). Estimated length 10m.

1049: 449621 4795059 268m

At the top of a steep gully with vertical walls. A 4m crawl to a cross rift where it's possible to stand up. 6m total.

1048: 449644 4795084 252m

Immediately to the SW of a short rock-shelter 'through-cave'. A crawl that gets wider and continues low. Not fully explored (because of excrement). Estimated length 6m.

5037: 449671 4795098 254m

On a ledge. Small entrance to 3m crawl with a boulder in the way. A low gap can be seen that needs digging out to reach a possible continuation.

1047: 449710 4795113 258m

A walking-size passage 3m long to a crawl into a space where the height increases again. 6m in total.

1046: 449772 4795146 270m

Hands and knees crawl to a flat out section and a low chamber. Total 7m.

Pete Smith 12/6/2020

14/6/20

Good morning Juan

Ok I'm sending the first batch. I think in all the photos it's fairly obvious which are entrance photos and which are underground, either looking inwards or out. Here 1051.4 is looking out of the adjacent cave. I think I'd just mention it as possibly being 1052, and leave the description of that cave as it is. Perhaps in 25 years time someone will sort them out correctly!

Cheers

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From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: new site number
Date: Wed, Jul 1, 2020 8:45 pm

Hello Juan

I hope you're all ok. I've moved on to the sites in the group around 263 at Seldesuto. I think there's a new one. It was probably included in the 'various interconnecting entrances' at 1043, but as far as I can see they don't connect and it's worth recording separately. Is it ok if I call it 5038?

These caves are much more interesting (and bigger) than the others. I've done some sketch surveys and there are more photos, but there are a couple that I still haven't found, so I'm going to have another try when there's a fine day (i.e. not like today).

Cheers, Pete

From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: Re: Matienzo geopark?
Date: Mon, Jul 13, 2020 6:10 pm

Hello Juan

Thanks for the link. I hadn't seen it, but it could be what Ochoa mentioned some time ago, although he described it like an 'underground National Park' (which would be more original!).

I haven't sent you any more information about the caves at Seldesuto because lately I've gone back to the dig in 1265. I got through the squeeze this afternoon but there was only about 10 or 12m of passage. The stream (when it's flowing) must soak away in a tiny sump - which is probably the explanation for all the mud.

Now it needs a survey and one or two photos - some other day. For now I think I'll go back to Seldesuto for a change!

Cheers, Pete

Phil, Juan

I'll forward this message from P Degouve, they've added another 100m in Corcada.

Cheers, Pete

----- Mensaje reenviado -----

De: Patrick Degouve <patrick.degouve@gmail.com>
Para: Peter <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
Enviado: miércoles, 29 de julio de 2020 20:27:16 CEST
Asunto: Corcada

Hola Peter,

Fuimos a la torca de la Corcada hoy. Pensamos bajar el ultimo pequeno pozo, sin illusion y desequipar. Pero en el fondo descubrimos una hermosa galería después de haber cruzado un caos de bloqués. Lo exploramos durante cien metros hasta una estrecha con corriente de aire. Necesita de trabajar de nuevo, pero es mas facile que en el meandro. La direccion esta este-oeste. Te enviare la topo cuando sera hecha.

Te deciremos cuando iremos de nuevo.

Hasta luego

Saludos

Patrick

Hi Peter,

We went to the Torca de la Corcada today. We plan to lower the last small well, without illusion and unequip. But deep down we discover a beautiful gallery after having crossed a chaos of blocks. We explored it for a hundred meters to a narrow with a draft. It needs to work again, but it is easier than in the meander.

The direction is east-west. I will send you the mole when it will be done.

We will tell you when we will go again.

See you later

Regards

Patrick

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From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: seldesuto
Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2020 9:14 pm
Attachments: 0263 area.jpg (962K), Descriptions.docx (17K)

Hello again Juan

I'm sorry you weren't able to come. The summer has turned out to be a real disaster. I don't quite understand why there has to be the advice about not travelling (so people lose their insurance) as well as the quarantine period.

Anyway, I've got the photos and sketch surveys for Seldesuto, which I'll give to Phil. It was really interesting checking out the sites, and your drawing in the logbook was a great help. As I've assigned some new numbers, I'll send you here the word doc, and also the photo of the hill. The news about Corcada is exciting, and 4732 is promising too.
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1 Attached Images



-----Original Message-----

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Subject: seldesuto

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From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com,
Subject: Re: seldesuto
Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2020 9:30 pm

0252
In 4732 we went one day to start opening up the top of the rift and get a better idea of what there is, and it turns out there's a pitch, probably over 30m. More work needed!
Enjoy the fishing.
Cheers

MAINLY SELDESUTO CAVES

The location of **1038** was a fixed point, and your photos were also a good reference. But the grid refs of the others are a bit out. I wonder if you arranged them around **0263**, which was out from the start? These grid refs are taken from the Cantabria maps aerial photos, together with Orux maps, but the GPS wasn't always working very well under the cliff. I was unable to find **1044**. I probably saw **1036** without realising that's what it was (it's so short) so didn't take photos. I also failed to reach **1041** despite scrambling up the hillside a bit like Patrick in the logbook account.

Caves with nothing to add to the website description.

0263. 449879 4795275 235m ✓

1035. 449913 4795294 252m ✓

1036. 449921 4795297 251m ✓

1039. 449907 4795241 283m ✓

1042. 449859 4795250 235m ✓

1037. 449890 4795288 234m ✓

Length 25m. Inside the entrance the cave turns left and gets quite low. After the crawl it turns right and increases in size in a chamber. The way on is down a flowstone slope which is small in places until it levels out in a chamber with a skeleton (possibly a lamb?). The continuation is along a very small crawl.

1040. 449911 4795284 264m

Length 45m. Main passage splits after 12m. The passage to the left chokes while the one on the right reaches a low squeeze. A small passage on the left just inside the entrance leads to a rift passage 15m long, with a cracked mud floor and goat skeleton.

1043. 449990 4795297 278m

Length 60m. A cave with three main entrances. The middle one is a large entrance visible in the cliff face from a distance. It leads to a 15m tunnel straight to the east entrance. This continues to the east for about 10m to a small chamber. A second passage to the south-west reaches a constriction. Back at the middle entrance, a smaller passage meets a T-junction. To the left this comes to the other side of the constriction mentioned previously and to the right it exits through the west entrance.

1054. 450016 4795325 262m

L=23m

The entrance is below the east entrance of 1043. A 4m crawl reaches a small chamber. Straight ahead a narrow passage soon chokes. To the right a junction leads to a small passage back to daylight, while in the other direction, a step down enters a lower-level passage with some interesting formations but that chokes in all directions.

5038. 449947 4795292 273m

Length 35m. The main entrance is a large rock-shelter hidden behind trees, but in the same cliff face as site 1043. The passage on the right inside the shelter is about 12m long to a choke. On the east side of the rock-shelter, a stooping-size passage gradually gets lower and emerges at another entrance, it also connects through a crawl to another small cave that ends at a constriction. This is close to the western entrance of 1043.

Photos

1043-1. middle entrance

1043-2. east entrance

1043-3. west entrance

5038-2 west passage

5038-3 and 4. east passage

(it should be obvious what the others are)

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Others (not on the hillside photo)

1055. 450045 4795289 286m walking size passage from one entrance to the other. Used by bats.

5039. 450035 4795325 267m Low entrance to crawl that gets smaller. Length 6m+. The entrance on the right is too small.

5040. 449992 4795258 295m Undescended shaft, depth about 30ft.

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La Secada

5041 Torca del Confinamiento 451816 4796902 271m

Length 6m. 4m pitch to a short small crawl.

All descriptions Pete Smith 29th July 2020

From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
To: uzueka@aol.com, papard@easynet.co.uk,
Subject: Fw: rotura, corcada
Date: Tue, Aug 4, 2020 8:24 pm
Attachments: 2013 Rotura torca coupe - Copie.JPG (607K)

Juan, Phil

I'm forwarding this email and survey from Guy. It's curious that the draught is blowing upwards in Rotura, as it is in 4732.

And Juan, I've given Phil the photos etc. from Seldesuto so at some point he'll be able to transfer them to you.

Cheers, Peter

----- Mensaje reenviado -----

De: Guy SIMONNOT <guy.simonnot@gmail.com>

Para: peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>

Enviado: martes, 4 de agosto de 2020 15:10:33 CEST

Asunto: rotura, corcada

Hello peter

Bilbao

Deux amis spéléos sont venus la semaine dernière à Arredondo.

Avec patrick et moi ils sont venus à la t de rotura (troisième sortie cette année !). nous avons bien avancé dans le méandre (6 m) mais sans pouvoir descendre un puits d'environ 10 m qui nous tendait les bras. Il nous a manqué une batterie pour passer, et maintenant la prochaine fois avec seulement 3 ou 4 tirs on descend (1 m plus bas le puits a l'air plus spacieux). Je ne sais où exactement nous allons rejoindre la Vallina (vers smelly hat aven ... l'escalade est-elle équipée ?). J'envoie un croquis de rotura en attendant mieux.

Patric et mes deux compagnons sont retournés à la corcada : il ont descendu les ressauts au fond de la salle (une douzaine de mètres) et après des désob ont pu parcourir un bout de large galerie sableuse (100 m) sans trop savoir si c'était un amont ou un aval (c air soufflant !). On verra peut-être mieux avec la topo de patrick.

Sinon d'autres découvertes ailleurs, on en reparlera. J'espère que du côté anglais la moisson de première a été bonne.

à bientôt

Guy

Hello peter

Two caving friends came to Arredondo last week.

With patrick and I they came to the t de rotura (third outing this year!). we made good progress in the meander (6 m) but without being able to descend a shaft of about 10 m which stretched out its arms to us. We missed a battery to pass, and now the next time with only 3 or 4 shots we go down (1m lower the shaft looks more spacious). I do not know where exactly we are going to join the Vallina (towards smelly hat aven ... is climbing equipped?). I am sending a sketch of rotura while waiting for something better.

Patric and my two companions returned to the corcada: they went down the jumps at the back of the room (a dozen meters) and after some disobs were able to walk a end of a wide sandy gallery (100 m) without really knowing if it was was upstream or downstream (c blowing air!). Maybe we'll see better with patrick's story.

If not other discoveries elsewhere, we will talk about it again. I hope the first harvest on the English side has been good.

see you soon

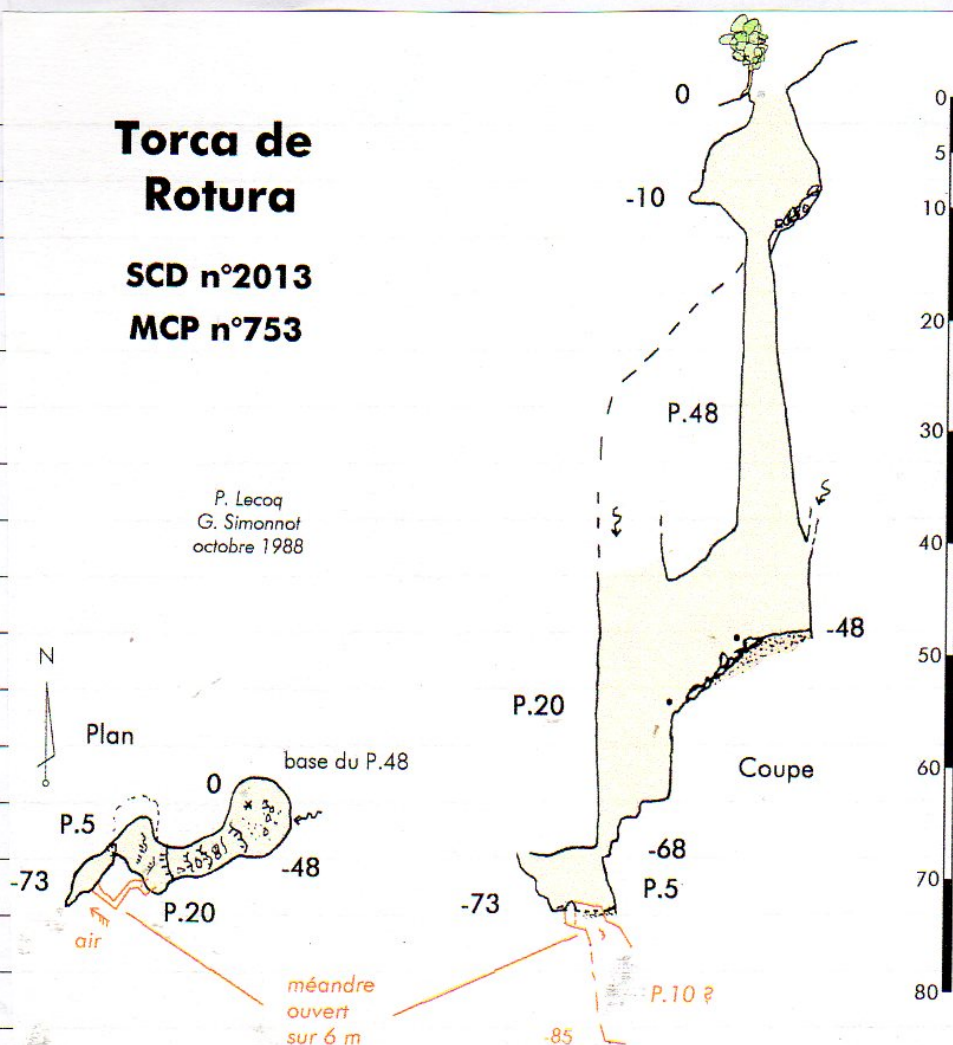
Guy

Torca de Rotura

SCD n°2013

MCP n°753

P. Lecoq
G. Simonnot
octobre 1988



7/8/20

We went down site 252 (via 4732 ent) on three trips and capped open the top of the rift down. Yesterday me and Pete rigged for SRT and went down about 8m in the rift to a large ledge where a 3m diameter pitch of about 30m went down with a good strong draught coming up. The site needs some gardening mainly due to the rubble from capping and the 30m pitch needs bolting etc. Down the big pitch it looked like a rift/passage going off some 10m down, echo of rocks dropped down suggest it is a good size. We decided to leave further exploration until Easter 2021 (if Spain is open!!) or until we have an expedition team here including some of the people who dug the site. I suggest we don't publish all the details of this find too much to avoid it being pushed at Christmas etc.

Phil

La Secada

5041 Torca del Confinamiento 451515 4738302 271m

10m high 6m dia. all the way to the top small cave

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From PP

✓ 24TH July 220 – Phil and Peter to dig in 252 (via 4732 ent) with capping gear and ladder. Capped out top of rift just enough for Peter to descend to ledge in rift from where you can look down tight top of rift where rocks seem to fall 20+ metres.

✓ 30th July 2020 - Phil and Peter to dig in 252 (via 4732 ent) with capping gear and SRT rope. Opened up top of rift and rigged rope on "Y" hang. Started capping top of rift at ledge but had problem with drill worn bit drilling too small a hole and then dropped capping mat down rift!

4th ^{Aug} July 2020 – Steve and Phil to resurgence 4892 at El Rincón that was worked on at Christmas 2019. Best access is along track from carpark at fountain, and over fence to cave through well vegetated field. Steve capped out boulder to make access down slot possible for normal people. Site was dry but weather at this point had been exceptionally dry. It was clear that a lot more capping and work is needed and it may be best to work from nearer the entrance to slope down to bottom of rift to make rock extraction easier. Needs a few people (3 minimum) to have a concerted effort when it should be possible to evaluate the potential further in the hill side.

6th ^{August} July 2020 - Phil and Peter to dig in 252 (via 4732 ent) to continue work with new drill bit and capping mat. It took 12 holes to opened up rift at ledge wide enough for SRT, difficult work due to restricted space and large caver. Rope rigged and Phil and Peter took turns to descend to top of further big pitch. More gardening needed here and above. In view of limited caves and permit issues the site has been left until Easter 2021 when the work in progress will continue and members of the team who did all the work opening up the site should be in Matienzo.

8th August 2020

Phil and Hilary walk in new permit area of Ribamontán al Monte south of the motorway. Started from car park at end of rough road up on Llusá that also leads to sites high in the Hazas de Cesto area searched last year. We kept to the NW of the sites in this new area identified last year and made a few excursions into the dense woodland using well worn tracks made by cows, prior to looking in the closed valley on the south of the track from the car park. Little of speleological interest found, it will need a more serious look with better gear to deal with the undergrowth. Sites identified were:

5042 - Line of 5 depressions the most easterly may have been (capped with rock) so worth removing this to check (we did not have gear today) – 449628,4804758 Alt 346m



Matienzo Summer 2020 during Covid-19 restrictions.

5043 – Tree filled depression that may be possible dig, but needs good oversuit to check out 449696,4804694 alt 358m



5044 - Dig in small depression in the closed dry valley below access track from car parking. Slot on right has small undercut that draughts out moving ferns seen in photo below. Floor would need digging to see if a prospect. 30T 449519,4804593 alt 305m



From: p.wynn@lancaster.ac.uk,
 To: uzueka@aol.com,
 Cc: a.quin@lancaster.ac.uk,
 Subject: The mystery of the layered mud in Llanio
 Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2020 8:40 pm

Hi Juan (Cc Andy),

The last couple of times you came into Llanio with me, you showed me various sediments that we have now analysed for nitrogen content.

The first was in the 'Hub' and comprised the sticky 'layered' mud that we were unsure of the origin. The second was in High Hopes chamber and comprised a black coloured, cracked mud in the bottom of a dried up pool. We also sampled one other mud and a few dry sediments from above the current water levels in both high hopes chamber and whoopee hall.

The layered sediment from the Hub and the black sediment from High Hopes chamber plot very close in nitrogen content and isotope value to the soils sampled above High Hopes chamber. However, the dry sediments (presumed ancient due to their position) contained a much lower concentration of nitrogen and an isotope value that suggested minimal slurry (modern) input.

It would seem therefore that the layered sediments in the Hub contain a high proportion of anthropogenic nitrogen and are relatively modern in depositional age. Hopefully this helps to resolve the mystery of the layered mud!

Hope you are well.
 All the best,

Peter

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From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,
 To: uzueka@aol.com,
 Subject: Re: Matienzo caves around 0263
 Date: Fri, Aug 14, 2020 5:50 pm

Hello Juan

Thanks for your work with these entrances. I can't say that I actually saw the entrance to 1041 when scrambling about on the cliff. If anywhere, it must be in the trees just ESE of 1036.

1044 was the real mystery. According to the description and your drawing in the logbook it should have been one of the easiest to locate, but I didn't come across it.

The hillside was getting too hot and overgrown but I aim to go back in the autumn. Looking in the logbook I noticed that the caves that caused me some confusion near Cumpleaños were found on the same day (that was an epic day that you and Lank had with Patrick, etc!), so there are more sites that need checking.

Cheers, Pete

From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es,

To: papard@easynet.co.uk, uzueka@aol.com,

Subject: Fw: Corcada

Date: Sun, Aug 16, 2020 8:39 am

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Good Morning Phil and Juan

I'm forwarding Patrick Degouve's message with the photos and surveys from 0780. Now it seems to be heading towards Alisas, rather than either Toad or Reguilon.

Cheers, Pete

— Mensaje reenviado —

De: Patrick Degouve <patrick.degouve@gmail.com>

Para: Peter <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>; Simonnot <guy.simonnot@gmail.com>

Enviado: sábado, 15 de agosto de 2020 16:22:19 CEST

Asunto: Corcada

Hola a los dos,

Aquí está la topografía de la Cordada con la nueva galería. No es muy largo (100 m) pero la dirección está bien marcada. También puse el archivo KML para poder reportar la cavidad en google earth así como algunas fotos de la galería. En la foto n ° 5, vemos la salida de la pequeña galería terminal de la que proviene el corriente de aire. El suelo está formado por arena de buen espesor, pero al fondo llegamos a bloques que habrá que sacar.

No esperábamos encontrar galerías tan pronto (265 m) y será interesante ver si esto continúa.

Buen fin de semana

saludos

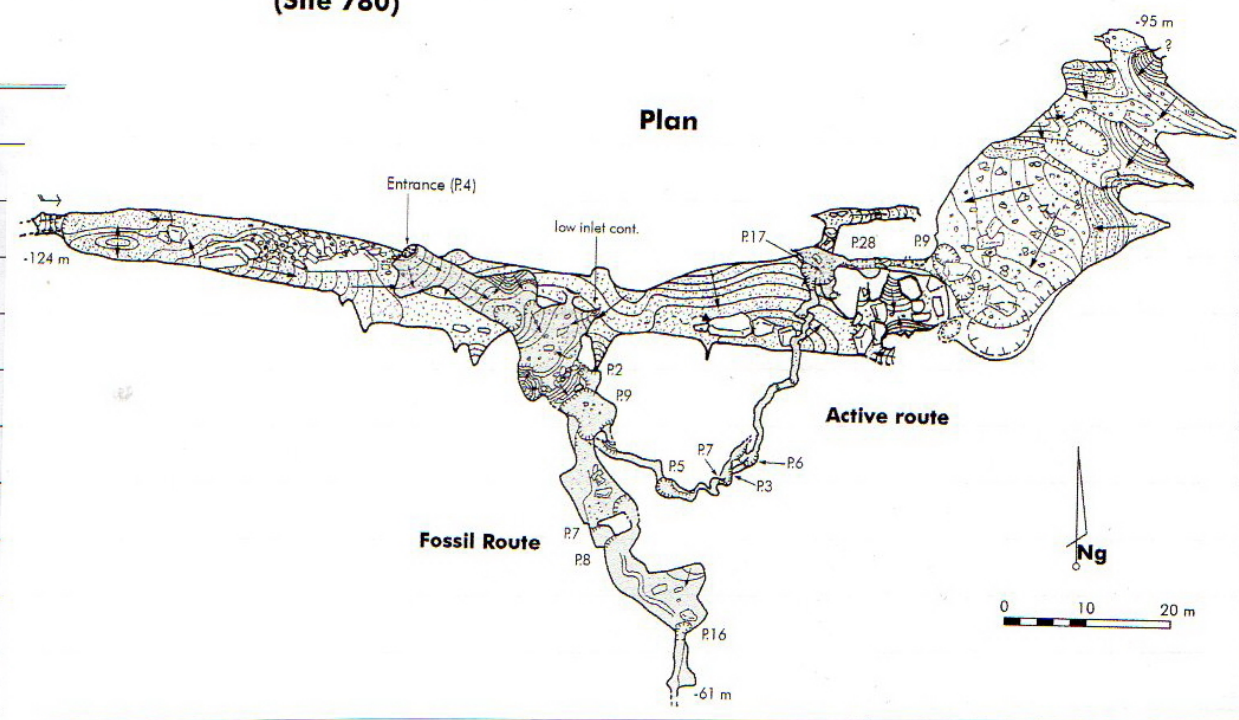
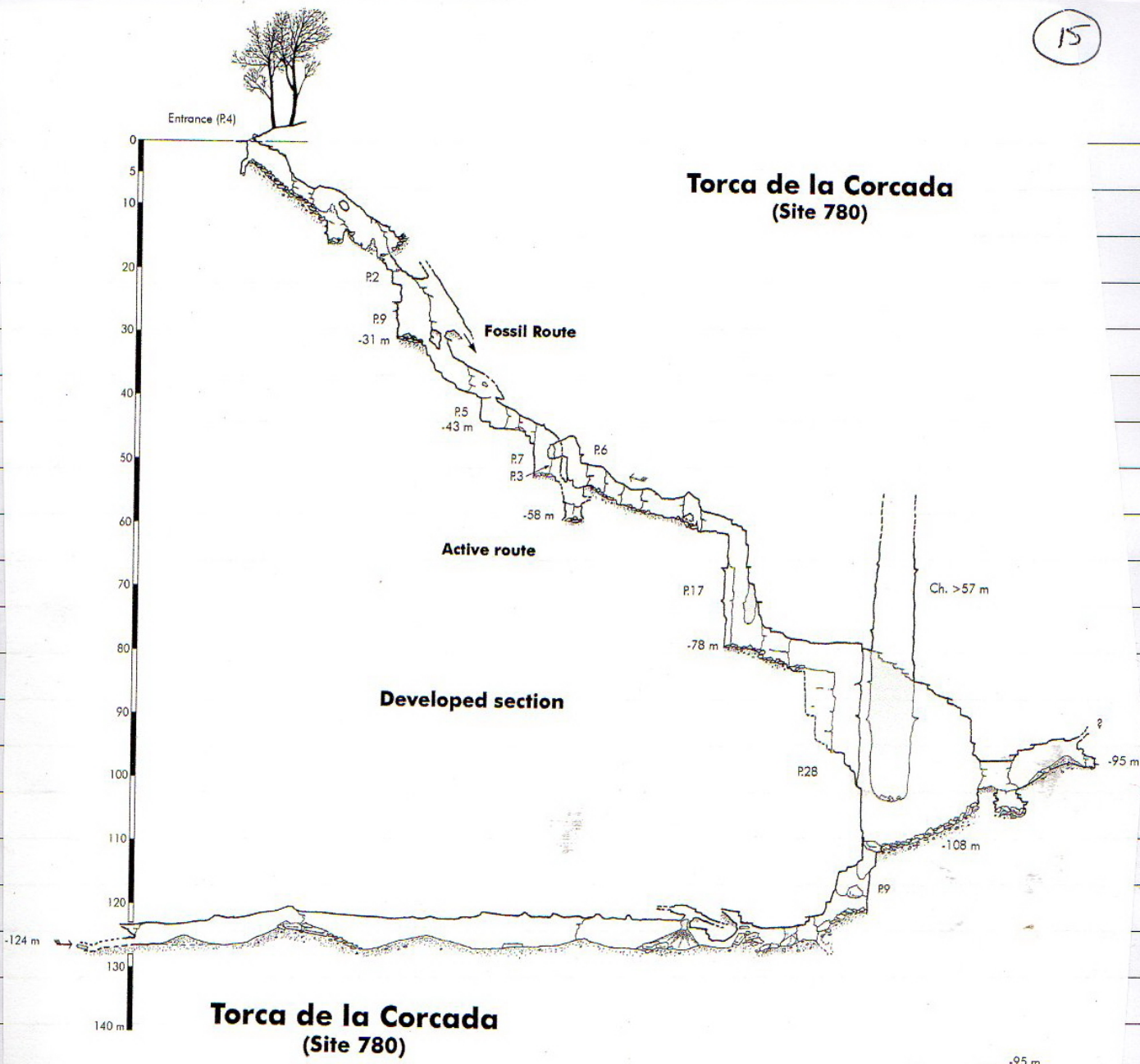
Patrick

Hello you two,

Here is the topography of the Cordada with the new gallery. It is not very long (100 m) but the direction is well marked. I also put the KML file to be able to report the cavity in google earth as well as some photos from the gallery. In photo n ° 5, we see the exit of the small terminal gallery from which the air current comes. The ground is made up of thick sand, but at the bottom we get to blocks to be removed.

We did not expect to find galleries so soon (265 m) and it will be interesting see if this continues.

Good weekend



From: papard@easynet.co.uk,

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Subject: RE: photo of the dig

Date: Sat, Aug 22, 2020 11:21 am

Attachments: 5045-pp-2020s-01.JPG (3824K)

Juan

This is site 5045 that has been worked for three days, now down about 3.5m in an old cave with a lot of fill and stall, good draught. I will sort out logbook and photos. The one attached is from our second day of digging.

Phil

Matienzo Summer 2020 during Covid-19 restrictions.

13/08/2020 Peter S, Steve M and Phil P – 5045

To site spotted by Pete, where a large pollarded oak tree had fallen exposing a small draughting hole. Started work to open up hole situated in altered limestone and flowstone. Capping proved very difficult and mainly ineffective due to soft nature of rock and voids.



16/08/2020 Peter S, Steve M and Phil P – 5045

Returned with larger drill (36v Bosch) and plugs and feathers. Managed to open up hole with difficulty using plug and feathers and some caps. Pete managed to get down some 2.5m but needs opening up more.

19/08/2020 Peter S, Steve M and Phil P – 5045

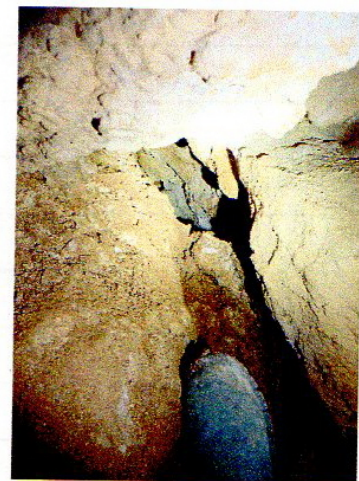
Opened up hole to both allow easy access and for bucket to remove spoil. Good amount of soil, rock and flowstone removed. Rift going parallel and east gives out main draught. More work needed to look along this.



23/08/2020 Peter S, Steve M and Phil P – 5045



More digging including use of plug and feathers. Rift noted on 19th seen to require capping/snappers. Can see some 2m along but restricted due to fill of stall etc. But the rock on the right looks like it may cap. Good cold draught.



27/08/2020 Peter S and Phil P – 5045

More digging using caps on rift but proved difficult due to poor rock and cavities. Right hand wall proved best to cap but access to drill and cap difficult, needs rock removing from left side.



01/09/2020 Peter S, Andy Q and Phil P - Hilary and Julie surface support– 5045

Took three snappers to dig and after trying capping left side to no effect (ie they did not go off) the three snappers were used to remove enough rock to make access easier for capping along rift. At present you can see some 5m along the rift and it is possible it



may be best to work down the rift at about 30deg to where it looks like there is a rock change and possibly bigger rift. Dig draughts out well. Dig left for more work and people that are needed.



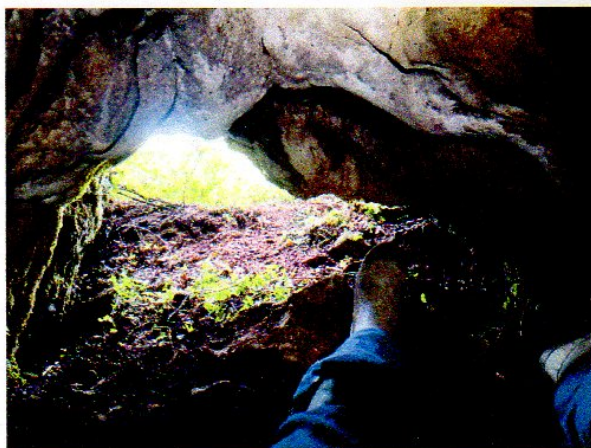
11 August 2020 – Peter Smith, Steve Martin and Phil Papard – Villanueva area of Ribamontán al Monte.

5036 Cueva de Covachera

This short small cave is of archaeological interest and was surveyed at 8.55m. It was noted that at the far end there is a draughting dig on the right not shown on the previous Spanish survey. A few hours digging



will show if it is worth more effort. The hill behind the cave rises up but then drops down again possibly limiting any great extent.



5023 Resurgence (There must be a local name for this significant site) Site was relocated as previously it was shown too far to the south beyond the road to from Villanueva to Garzon – GPS a bit difficult due to gorge entry my figures are 447744,4804104 alt 45m estimate as gps put it on the 50m contour but gorge is not shown on map – needs surface survey to determine height and exact location. No exploration undertaken. ✓



5012 dig – Good draught from small hole under a 2m cliff. This would be an easy dig, but site as been planted with a hedge, flowers etc as a feature we assume by locals – so digging is unlikely to be appreciated! ✓

12 August - Villanueva area – Steve and Suzie Martin checked out area to the south of 5023 in the area where it had previously been placed wrongly. This is an area of developed farmland and no significant sites of speleological interest were found.

21/08/2020. **Cueva Palomas 4004.**

Pete Smith and Big Steve.

Quick but sweaty trip to recover detectors left in cave in December 2019 by Jess Eades and Martyn Grayson. Detectors recovered safely and hangers left in situ. Detectors recovered and back in the UK. Just need to meet up with Jess and Martyn to deliver.

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