CUEVA DE RUCHANO
(CUEVA DE LA ESPADA, CUEVA DE ENTRAMBASAGUAS)

Riaño, Cantabria
Survey Matienzo Expeditions, BCRA Grade 5c, 1975-2013
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Length 2309m depth 39m (August 2013).

Scale
50m

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Dry Entrance
roof tube
choke
Bottom River Entrance
pool
resurgence whole flow in low water conditions
sand
choke
low
sand
bat guano
draughting hole in roof. Roots.
choke
choke
surface debris
loose choke
tight squeeze
stal choke
choke
possible continuation with dig
stal column
mud formations
continues up climb with draught
climb
choke
Bar
stal dig ?bigger beyond
formations
choke
stream below
choke above
?way over top in rift
eel seen
dig
duck, choked beyond
chokes
?4m! undescended station on lip of pitch
stream below
aven up
tiny inlet
formations
stal choke
choke
choke??
choke
p5
choke
stal choke
aven
chamber below
c=3
6m drop undescended
fault between massive limestone to east & soup-plate beds to west strike 233 dip 70NW
c=3
dig
p7
blind
choke
inlet
Grade 2 survey
dig
rope traverse
cont small
cont small
choked
large pit
cont small & muddy
Distox drawing of this area unclear, description required
aven +6m
stal chokes
c=2
c=6 in rift
c=3
climb up to tubes
dig
choke
squeeze/climb
choked aven
pit
stal
stal choke echo beyond
p8
aven bones
choke
complex area drawing needs checking
mud choke
stal chokes
chimney (p=5).
roots
aven + 5m
v. tight 15m tube draughting (not surveyed)
dig
bones
pool
UPSTREAM SERIES
duck
aven & passage cont.?
climb
loose choke
cont. low below
stal
choke
unsurveyed tube
aven
Fridge Door Cave
surface survey legs
Top Entrance (site 3222). p6
Note: the stream in the Upstream Series sinks at "pool" in low water, course downstream of that point is not known. In flood it presumably overflows to join the main stream near the Top River Entrance.
sta: jammed stick
sand floated overflow passage
full detail and passage needs adding to all of this area
dig
sta: shovel hole
sta: stal on roof
low
draughting inlet
CAVE 3442 entrance
sta: corner of large block
choked
Top River Entrance
roof passages
choke of flood debris
p10
CAVE 3795
Cave surface river bed
full of stal
CAVE 3796
sump
flood sink
CAVE 3299
SINK site 3800
surface stream