

Selected site list for prospecting in 2022

The list below is only some of the sites that need to be investigated. They vary from surface undescended shafts, possible digs as well as pushing some known sites. All have been picked as the writeups suggest they have some prospects and/or are in very key locations. Quite a few require surveying and taking a photograph of the entrance. The latter is important as this helps to identify the site when other sites are nearby. Also, very important is to record draughts as this is an indication of potential.

The sites vary in their demands of the exploders i.e., from hard thin cavers to more average cavers and to those looking for surface walks with some speleological interest! Help is available to give coaching on surveying and capping, with limited equipment in the MCP store.

The list only covers sites in our current permit area. Also leads in the main systems and other work (such as continuing the survey or Reñada and the Four Valley's System) as well as digs and sites that are currently being worked on are not listed. Discussion with some of the old hands and studying the surveys are needed to identify best prospects in the longer systems.

If you decide to look at some of the surface sites, you should look at the map on the PCs in the back of Pablo's Restaurant for nearby undescended holes that can be also checked if you have the time up on the fell. To help your planning it will be useful to download the map and files onto your PC/laptop so it can be studied in advance of a trip. See <http://matienzocaves.org.uk/MCP-QGIS3/index.htm>.

It has been shown that having both ropes/ladders as well as capping gear can be a great asset for a team doing surface work and may avoid the need to just record a site as needing further work.

To be most effective if you have access to an Android smart phone, then load Oruxmaps <https://www.oruxmaps.com/cs/en> and then upload the MCP map and details from the website at <http://matienzocaves.org.uk/OruxMaps/index.htm> so you can check sites while on the fell. Also load onto your phone site entrance descriptions <http://matienzocaves.org.uk/descrip/pdfs/pdfs-index.htm> which are useful to consult on the fell, and in particular show if the site is lacking an entrance photo, if this is the case for holes you come across then take one.

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Site	Name	Area	What to do	Date done
0047	Rellanos, Sima de los	S Vega	Check for leads/draughts - survey	
0056	Salamandra, Torca de la	Seldesuto	Survey, photo of ent, check for leads & draughts	
0132	cave	Mullir	Dig lead (echo, disto 14m) base of chamber. Photo ent	
0186	shaft	La Colina	Dig/cap to gain entry – stones rumble down 6 secs	
0242	Tablons, Cueva de los	S Vega	Find where draught comes from in chamber and push	
0271	cave	La Colina	Climb draughting rift to possible passage. Survey cave	
0311	dig	S Vega	Need to check for leads (see 2015 web entry) and survey	
0408	Helechales, Cueva de los	S Vega	Drop 148m to bottom check capping prospect & draught	
0429	shaft	N Vega	Check “draughting alcove” at base of first pitch. Survey	
0445	shaft	S Vega	Dig/cap undescended tight rift at base, photo ent.	
0535	cave	El Naso	Dig/cap draughting way on.	
0558	Mariverde	El Naso	Check digging prospect (now we have caps), photo ent	
0561	cave	El Naso	Dig/cap end of upper strongly draughting cave.	
0572	shaft	Seldesuto	Drop undescended pitch.	
0583	dig	La Secada	Check digging prospects and draught. Photo ent	
0666	shaft	Seldesuto	Drop 30m pitch, cap undescended 40m pitch. Photo ent	
0803	shaft	Muela	Check base for prospect given the strong inward draught	
0919	cave	Cobadal	Check if can dig narrow section “sounds bigger below”	
1089	shaft	La Rasa	Dig/cap entry to draughting tube at base, photo ent	
1108	Cable, Torca del	La Rasa	Bolting to “hole in wall” where draught may go.	
1109	shaft	La Rasa	Push (caps?) unexplored 20m deep rift at base. Photo ent	
1124	shaft	Seldesuto	Cap and push inward draughting lead at 15m base, survey	
1149	cave	Seldesuto	Push and survey unexplored draughting cave.	
1168	shaft	La Rasa	Drop (caps?) 15m drip at base of 30m shaft. Photo ent	
1222	shaft	La Secada	Drop undescended draughting 15m shaft. Photo ent	
1340	shaft	S Vega	Dig draughting lead at base (only if strong draught at ent)	
1357	dig	Seldesuto	Cap top of undescended 10m echoing shaft, photo ent	
1362	shaft	Coterón las Llanas	Dig/cap tight section 15m down second pitch	
1390	dig	S Vega	Dig draughting sink, in key location (not a quick dig!).	
1391	Volcano Cave	S Vega	At bottom below massive slab push draughting leads (a serious undertaking but a key site/prospect)	
1451	shaft	Mullir	Drop undescended pitch into chamber. Photo ent	
1488	cave	La Secada	Cap 10cm strongly draughting crack at base. Photo ent	
1608	shaft	El Naso	At base of 4m climb dig/cap lead of 4m into a chamber.	
1690	dig	S Vega	Drop 3m to dig and easy continuation. Photo ent	
1708	cave	S Vega	Cap lead in 3 rd chamber, check inward summer draught.	
1719	shaft	S Vega	Cap/dig rift that drops 8m, at base. Photo ent and survey	
1795	shaft	Muela	Cap and push lead (see into a chamber) at base of p8 ent	
1850	shaft	S Vega	Ent dig to descend pitch of about 10m, check for draught	
1888	shaft	S Vega	Undescended short shaft. A passage is said to lead off.	
1930	Cobadal, Sumidero de	Seldesuto	Dig/snappers at top of draughting boulder slope against wall high above end (serious undertaking at key prospect)	
1954	shaft	Muela	Open/cap shaft (stones drop 2s the roll 5s). Photo ent	
2099	dig	Cobadal	Continue draughting dig (stones fall further 6-8m)	
2146	dig	S Vega	Cap/dig ent of draughting site in key location	
2286	shaft	La Colina	Dig calcite run-in at end of crawl. Survey. Fence/wall ent	
2319	shaft	La Gatuna	Drop draughting 20m undescended rift	
2540	dig	Fresnedo	Cap into undescended shaft. Check draught, photo ent	
2550	shaft	S Vega	Check “unexplored passage”. Check draught, photo ent	
2564	shaft	S Vega	Dig stal blockage 11m down. Check draught, photo ent	
2572	shaft	La Colina	Dig/cap leads, incl at bottom of 51m shaft – see survey	
2582	dig	S Vega	Easy dig/cap with 3m drop and echo. Check draught.	

