

## Selected site list for prospecting in 2024

The list below is only some of the sites that need to be investigated and have been updated for 2024 to cover both new finds and updating those previously listed that were looked at in 2023.

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 of 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, take a couple of photos – one distant to show surroundings and one close up.

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Site	Name	Area	What to do	Date done
<a href="#">0047</a>	Rellanos, Sima de los	S Vega	Check for leads/draughts - survey	
<a href="#">0056</a>	Salamandra, Torca de la	Seldesuto	Ent blocked by sawn tree trunks, best to remove with chain saw. Survey, photo of ent, check for leads & draughts and ensure hole is left safe for farm animals.	Tree trunks noted April 2023
<a href="#">0132</a>	cave	Mullir	Dig lead (echo, disto 14m) base of chamber. Photo ent	
<a href="#">0186</a>	shaft	La Colina	Dig/cap to gain entry – stones rumble down 6 secs	
<a href="#">0242</a>	Tablons, Cueva de los	S Vega	Push, photograph and survey draughting leads found in 2023 – likely to need capping or similar.	Drafting leads found August 2023
<a href="#">0271</a>	cave	La Colina	Climb draughting rift to possible passage. Survey cave and take ent photo (one on website may be wrong cave?)	
<a href="#">0311</a>	dig	S Vega	Need to check for leads (see 2015 web entry) and survey	
<a href="#">0408</a>	Helechales, Cueva de los	S Vega	Drop 148m to bottom check capping prospect & draught	
<a href="#">0429</a>	shaft	N Vega	Check “draughting alcove” at base of first pitch. Survey. Explored Dec 23 no good prospects found has been surveyed.	25/12/2023
<a href="#">0445</a>	shaft	S Vega	Dig/cap undescended tight rift at base, photo ent.	
<a href="#">0558</a>	Mariverde	El Naso	Check digging prospect (now we have caps), photo ent	
<a href="#">0561</a>	cave	El Naso	Dig/cap end of upper strongly draughting cave.	
<a href="#">0572</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	Drop undescended pitch. Photo and new GPS	
<a href="#">0583</a>	dig	La Secada	Check digging prospects and draught. Photo ent	
<a href="#">0665</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	Check digging prospects and draught. Photo ent	
<a href="#">0666</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	Location high on ridge is ill-defined but it is near 0665. Find and photo and GPS ent. Drop 30m pitch, cap undescended 40m pitch.	
<a href="#">0803</a>	shaft	Muela	Check base for prospect given the strong inward draught, but site not found at location in 2022	April 22
<a href="#">0919</a>	cave	Cobadal	Check if can dig narrow section “sounds bigger below”	
<a href="#">1089</a>	shaft	La Rasa	Dig/cap entry to draughting tube at base, photo ent	
<a href="#">1108</a>	Cable, Torca del	La Rasa	Bolting to “hole in wall” where draught may go.	
<a href="#">1109</a>	shaft	La Rasa	Push (caps?) unexplored 20m deep rift at base. Photo ent and new GPS	
<a href="#">1124</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	A good prospect. Cap and push inward draughting lead at 15m base, survey. GPS is good. May need bolt to descend.	03/08/22 found, not descended
<a href="#">1149</a>	cave	Seldesuto	Found in 2023 to be a 20 through trip. Still needs photo of entrance if in area.	April 2023
<a href="#">1168</a>	shaft	La Rasa	Drop (caps?) 15m drip at base of 30m shaft. Photo ent	
<a href="#">1222</a>	shaft	La Secada	Drop undescended draughting 15m shaft. Photo ent. In August 2023 it could not be found in thick jungle, may be better to look early Easter	Easter 2023
<a href="#">1340</a>	shaft	S Vega	Dig draughting lead at base (only if strong draught at ent)	
<a href="#">1357</a>	dig	Seldesuto	Cap top of undescended 10m echoing shaft, photo ent	
<a href="#">1362</a>	shaft	Coterón las Llanas (Bosmartin)	Dig/cap tight section 15m down second pitch	
<a href="#">1390</a>	Twin Stream Sink	S Vega	Dig draughting sink, in very key location, A long dig, some digging in 2022 more needed incl to stop infill.	23/08/22
<a href="#">1391</a>	Volcano Cave	S Vega	At bottom below massive slab draughting up from below – from draught this must come from either Renada or Vallina it is laying between the two. Dug a little in 2023 but needs shoring to dig safely any further (a serious undertaking but a very key site/prospect)	August 2023
<a href="#">1451</a>	shaft	Mullir	Drop undescended pitch into chamber. Photo ent	
<a href="#">1488</a>	cave	La Secada	Looked at in 2023, needs caps to get to chamber, but no draught felt in 2023. Cap 10cm strongly draughting crack at base. Looked at in Dec 2023 and considered a reasonable dig, needs rope and bucket to aid digging.	Dec 2023
<a href="#">1690</a>	dig	S Vega	Drop 3m to dig and easy continuation. Photo ent	

<a href="#">1708</a>	cave	S Vega	Cap lead in 3 <sup>rd</sup> chamber, check inward summer draught, said to have a warm out draught in winter.	
<a href="#">1719</a>	shaft	S Vega	Cap/dig rift that drops 8m, at base. Check for draught and photo ent and survey	
<a href="#">1795</a>	shaft	Muela	Cap/push lead (see into a chamber) at base of p8 ent. Ent seems to be covered by a boulder partly grassed over – will need to be removed – see 2022 photo	13/04/22
<a href="#">1850</a>	shaft	S Vega	Ent dig to descend pitch of about 10m, check for draught	
<a href="#">1888</a>	shaft	S Vega	Undescended short shaft. A passage is said to lead off.	
<a href="#">1930</a>	Cobadal, Sumidero de	Seldesuto	Reported that the main ent is open but needs stabilising. Dig/snappers at top of draughting boulder slope against wall high above end (serious undertaking at this key prospect)	
<a href="#">1954</a>	shaft	Muela	Not found in 22 but location should not be far off. Open/cap shaft (stones drop 2s the roll 5s). Photo ent	13/04/22
<a href="#">2099</a>	dig	Cobadal	Continue draughting dig (stones fall further 6-8m). in Dec 2023 area of site very overgrown and dig could not be located.	22/12/2023
<a href="#">2146</a>	dig	S Vega	Cap/dig ent of draughting site in key location	
<a href="#">2286</a>	shaft	La Colina	Dig calcite run-in at end of crawl. Survey. Fence/wall ent as a risk to walkers and dogs.	
<a href="#">2319</a>	shaft	La Gatuna	Drop draughting 20m undescended rift, will need bolts and probably caps.	
<a href="#">2540</a>	dig	Fresnedo	Cap into undescended shaft. Check draught, photo ent	
<a href="#">2564</a>	shaft	S Vega	Dig stal blockage 11m down. Check draught, photo ent – site could not be found in 2023	April 2023
<a href="#">2572</a>	shaft	La Colina	Dig/cap leads, incl at bottom of 51m shaft – see survey	
<a href="#">2582</a>	dig	S Vega	Easy dig/cap with 3m drop and echo. Check draught.	
<a href="#">2589</a>	shaft	S Vega	Cap/dig inward draughting rift (seen to get bigger)	
<a href="#">2594</a>	dig	S Vega	Dig/cap leads at strongly draughting site, key location.	
<a href="#">2656</a>	shaft	S Vega	Drop 10m unexplored shaft. Check draught, photo ent. This site may be site 0470 which is choked!	
<a href="#">2777</a>	shaft	Cobadal	Cap 4m draughting shaft to possible passage, photo ent.	
<a href="#">2895</a>	shaft	S Vega	Look for (see web entry) and if found cap rock blocking 9m shaft that takes water. Check draught, photo ent and take GPS	
<a href="#">2967</a>	shaft	Mullir	Drop 10m unexplored shaft, rocks roll down at bottom. Check draught, photo ent	
<a href="#">2968</a>	shaft	Mullir	Drop 10m unexplored shaft. Check draught.	
<a href="#">3011</a>	shaft	San Antonio	Ent was found in 2023 to be blocked by tree trunk and tyres, so needs work to both enter and then make safe for farm animals. Dig/cap rift at end of 12m pitch, strong draught and echo	April 2023
<a href="#">3039</a>	shaft	Mullir	Open/cap top of 30-40m unexplored shaft, check draught	
<a href="#">3264</a>	shaft	S Vega	Check and push/dig this strongly draughting site	
<a href="#">3451</a>	shaft	Riaño	Need thin person team to push (cap) and survey finds.	
<a href="#">3468</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	Undescended 30m shaft, check for draughts.	
<a href="#">3569</a>	Twin Entrance Cave	Hornedo	Dig/cap tight continuation of 7.7m pitch and other leads. Survey of site needed.	
<a href="#">3627</a>	shaft	Seldesuto	Cap draughting rift to 20m pitch at base of p5 in chamber	
<a href="#">3685</a>	cave	Cobadal	Continue digging required at strongly draughting site where site was pushed in 2023 to a slot that opens up beyond – see website 2023 video.	August 2023
<a href="#">3991</a>	Lolo, Cueva de	Solórzano	Pushed through sump (duck) in 2022 to a boulder dig and two passages that need pushing/capping	03/08/22
<a href="#">4064</a>	Deaf Gerald's, The	Trillos	Cap narrow rift (or very thin person) continuing at base of 18m pitch. Check draught, photo ent	
<a href="#">4113</a>	cave	N Vega	Cap draughting slot at bottom of cave, stones drop 25m. Site needs survey.	
<a href="#">4173</a>	Shelob, Cueva	Riaño	Digging onward crawl, should link to Llanio. Better at Easter as dense vegetation in Oct 22 stopped access.	
<a href="#">4740</a>	shaft	La Secada	Open (caps) rift to 3m deep wider section. Check draught	
<a href="#">4917</a>	shaft	Hazas de Cesto (E)	Push hole where stones "rattle a fair way". Photo ent and check for draughts	
<a href="#">4937</a>	Resurgence cave	Beranga	It was found in 2023 that what looks like an entrance from the road is just a dark 2m cliff with running water, the entrance is a hole some way up the	

			shallow valley above where a tree trunk blocks up the hole – work is needed to move enough wood to get access and push leads incl at end. Survey all cave, check for draughts.	
<a href="#">4950</a>	shaft	S Vega	Push shaft that has going routes off final chamber.	
<a href="#">4998</a>	shaft	S Vega	In 2023 there was a slight draught, but could not get stones to drop 5 sec, but this was from ent not at base of 2,4m ent drop – still needs digging out top of 5 second drop at base of 2.5m ent. Photo ent check for draughts in warm weather.	Nov 2023
<a href="#">5023</a>	Villanueva, Fuente de	Villanueva	Diving site, sump (not numbered) before sump 4 to be checked out and pushed.	April 2023
<a href="#">5031</a>	shaft	Cierrolinos	Site needs surveying and capping rift at bottom of 60m pitch – Check as site may have been pushed by La Cambera club?	07/04/22
<a href="#">5035</a>	Cueva de la Llusa 3	Cierrolinos	Push/cap lead needs BCRA 5 survey, ent and u/g photos – check that La Cambera has not pushed.	
<a href="#">5102</a>	Cueva de la Llusa 3	Cierrolinos	Push/cap any lead needs BCRA 5 survey, ent and u/g photos - check that La Cambera has not pushed.	
<a href="#">5116</a>	shaft	Monte Llusa	Ent needs GPSed and the whole surveyed and any leads pushed. Needs checking for draughts.	
<a href="#">5157</a>	Shaft	S Vega	5m undescended shaft - worth a look if in area	
<a href="#">5158</a>	Shaft	S Vega	5m undescended shaft - worth a look if in area	
<a href="#">5162</a>	Shaft	S Vega	Capping/digging to open up top of 7m second pitch with good echo. In Nov 2023 it was thought boulder on top will be easy to remove but below it looks too narrow without capping – check for draughts and survey, explored Dec. 2023 to a small rift needing capping, sounds bigger below.	Dec 2023
<a href="#">5177</a>	Shaft	Quebraduras	Cap constriction at base of 4m pitch, check for draught in hot weather.	
<a href="#">5184</a>	Cave	La Estrada	Water supply cave, just to the north of our area but likely to drain Monte Llusa area – would need permission to explore as a water supply.	
<a href="#">5185</a>	Cave	La Estrada	Cave that seems to flow in very wet weather and above a small resurgence. Dig (need spade) rising slot near to possible sump, check “sump” in dry weather. Survey cave and check for draughts.	
<a href="#">5197</a>	Ant Hole	La Colina	Ladder needed for 4m ent pitch to bigger space, hole hard to find use GPS to locate in the jungle.	
<a href="#">5201</a>	Dig	S Vega	Open up to get access to 2.4m drop with stones heard to fall further. Check for draught.	
<a href="#">5227</a>	Cueva Sin Sendero	Riaño	Site needs surveying and photographing incl the entrance – may still be leads to push.	
<a href="#">5313</a>	Shaft	Alisas	This shaft and 5314 are linked unexplored shafts – need dropping and photographs of ent	
<a href="#">5314</a>	Shaft	Alisas	This shaft and 5313 are linked unexplored shafts – need dropping and photographs of ent	
<a href="#">5324</a>	Shaft	Seldesuto	A "significant" undescended fenced-off shaft, more than 10m deep, needs pushing, photo of ent and survey	
<a href="#">5326</a>	Shaft	Cruz Llorada	Undescended shaft covered with pallets and tyres	
<a href="#">5343</a>	Collapse	Hornedo	Photo of ent needed and digging needed - a 2m drop with a way to a drop in boulders that needs opening up to descend.	
<a href="#">5350</a>	Dig	Hornedo	Photo of ent . A 5m ladder into passage. Good draught from 7m+ drop between pillars that needs work to open up.	
<a href="#">5353</a>	Cave	Hornedo	Photo ent. At end a floor in a hading rift 8m down can be seen, rift needs widening to descend.	
<a href="#">5362</a>	Shaft	La Secada	Shaft partly blocked by tree trunk 3m down - 4m shaft with no way on explored Jan 24 with a parallel shaft from the 3m ledge requiring enlargement to reach the bottom distoed at 11m.	01/01/2024
<a href="#">5379</a>	Dig	La Secada	Photo of ent. A 4m drop that has a small draught, needs tyres removing and digging to descend.	
<a href="#">5383</a>	Dig	Trillos	Photo of ent and check for draught. Site seems blocked on purpose. Large boulders need removing to gain entry	
<a href="#">5393</a>	Shaft	La Gatuna	Photo of ent. A 1m diameter hole to an undescended 5m drop with slight draught.	