

Reñada III Monday 8th April 1996
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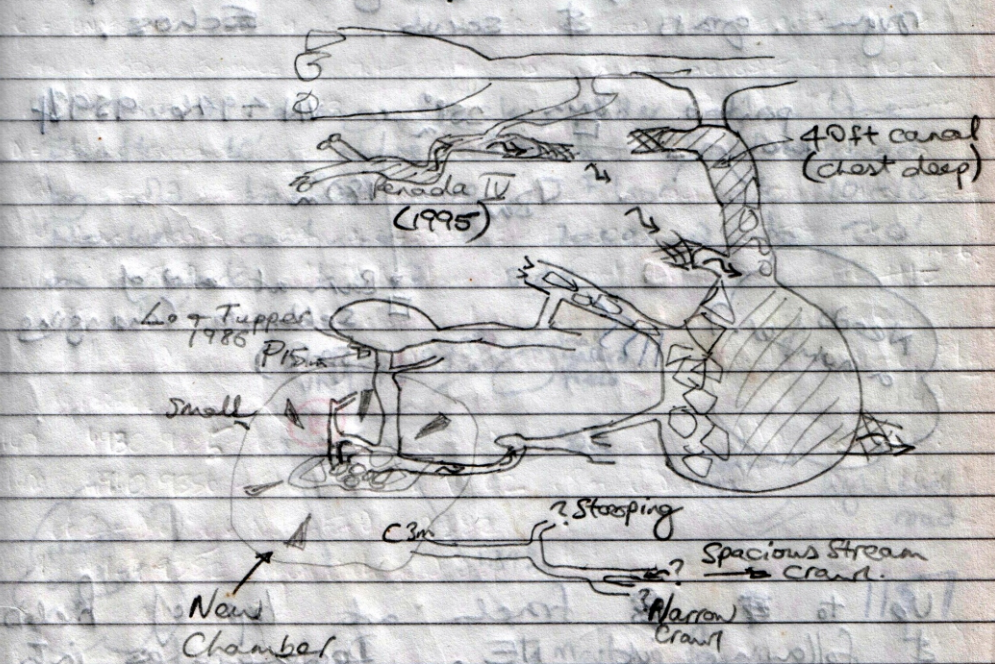
After getting $\frac{1}{2}$ lost for a bit en route we arrived at the canal at the end of Reñada III with a rubber dinghy courtesy of Plymouth CC. We blew the boat up and paddled across the 40ft stretch of water. From the chamber 2 ways on appeared to connect on the survey. We followed the easiest, a climb up into a narrow high passage ascending. After a while a 12' cascade was reached and climbed from here a wet crawl with a couple of low sections were passed, one of which had to be dug out for Ali.

The water poured down out of a boulder choke and a sandy ascending crawl led to the top of a 40' pitch down to the other branch (not marked on the survey). This was marked: "Big Nose - Tupper Thomas August 1986". Back at the boulder choke.

A side passage marked "Continues 20m" on the survey did indeed close down after 20m at a hole-in-the-rock grotto.

Back at the boulder choke I crawled off into some narrow crawls whilst Ali found a way up through the boulder choke. I joined him and we popped out in a boulder chamber with a cascade on one side. Climbing up through the boulders led to a 50m diameter chamber with lots of loose boulders & mud on the floor. At one end was a 10 foot cascade at the other, a small passage led off. We surveyed

the chamber then climbed the cascade. 50m of walking ^{inlet} passage led to a fork. Left was a dry stooping passage, but we followed the inlet to the right. 10m of crawling through exbows led to another fork the dry right branch got small and low but the wet left branch was a crawl 3m wide 0.8m high with the stream in it leading east and still going. Only 400m from Galeria New York in Vallis, although much lower down.



On the way back we realised the boat wasn't necessary as the water is only chest deep. Emerged at 12:30am after 12hr trip.

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