

Site 3357 Cueva del Nabo

Upstream dive, 9/8/10 by Simon Cornhill. Support from Diane Arthurs, Peter Smith, Steve Martin

The sump was passed at a length of 41m, max depth 3.9m, dive time 7 minutes. After the initial descent from the sump pool, the passage remains in similar proportions, approx 2m x 2m with a heavily silted bottom. The line was laid as near to the roof as possible on the left-hand side to avoid the silt. The sump is mainly heading south. Two small airbells were passed.

The sump surfaces in a canal which was lined for a further 20m to an adequate belay. After a few more metres the canal is left and diving kit can be removed. Due to the lack of accurate survey equipment, the ongoing stream passage was only explored for a further 80m, looking for a possible sump bypass. A boulder collapse was passed and the passage continued with a flat floor and roof, 1.5m wide, 3 – 6m high.

