

Matienzo Caves logbooks search - Conditions of Use

BACKGROUND

- 1) The Matienzo Caves logbooks search facility allows complete access to all the (scanned) pages in the Matienzo Caves Project logbooks, allowing detailed research through one of the primary sources of information.
- 2) Until 2011, this information was only available by consulting a card index and physically poring over the logbooks during the expeditions.
- 3) Since 2011, the use of IT enables the researcher to search out logbook entries about a site or sites in any year or years. This speeds up tremendously the old card index / logbook search and will help to ensure that the user has all possible logbook reports, text, surveys and photos about any site - except for material held in plastic wallets, such as underground survey notes and subsequent Survex printouts.
- 4) The online Logbook Search facility was initially limited to Matienzo regulars who accessed the facility with a user name and password. Since November 2018, access to the Logbook Search is open to anyone without a password.
- 5) The simple Conditions of Use have been drawn up to reflect and continue the sharing system that (nearly always) pervades Matienzo Caves expeditions, *viz.* Sites do not belong to any one person or group. Information should be written down as soon as possible to be shared. People should respect the wishes of the initial discoverer(s) regarding early explorations (in new caves or new cave sections) but, after perhaps a couple of exploratory trips, a going system with a number of leads should have open access (but coordinated by the discoverer(s)?).
- 6) This logbook search facility would not be possible had previous explorers not shared their discoveries; we should do the same. We have an obligation to report finds to the permit authority in Cantabria.

People who use the online Logbooks Search facility must agree to the following Conditions of Use.

CONDITIONS OF USE

- 1) Users agree to the Matienzo exploration and information sharing system:
 - a) Sites do not belong to any one person or group.
 - b) New information about the caves should be written down or typed as soon as possible to be shared. Systems should be photographed and surveyed if at all possible.
 - c) People should respect the wishes of the initial discoverer(s) regarding early explorations in new caves or cave passages but, after perhaps a couple of exploratory trips, could expect to be invited and /or involved in any ongoing explorations.

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