

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 2019

Season: autumn

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Juan Corrin, February 2020

Autumn 2019

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THIS REPORT COVERS DATES FROM 15 - 23 OCT 2019 BY GORDON PROCTER AND JOHN SOUTHWORTH

TUES 15 OCT.

EXAMINED LARGE SHAKEHOLE NEAR BOTTOM END OF BENCAÑO VALLEY WHICH RUBBISH HAD BEEN TIPPED IN, NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY FULL, ANOTHER ONE LOST. LOOKED AT BENCAÑO VALLEY FROM START UP LEFT HAND SIDE FOR ABOUT 2 KM, NOTHING FOUND.

TOOK ALF, CHRIS AND NIGEL TO INVESTIGATE A DIG NEAR SITE 2995 WHICH WAS DRAUGHTING WELL IN THE SUMMER, SOME CAPPING DONE, STOPPED 2 M IN BY TIGHT LEFT HAND SQUEEZE, REQUIRES THIN PERSON PERSON TO LOOK IF WORTHWHILE TO CONTINUE DIGGING (5M NORTH OF 2995) 5004

WED 16 OCT

CHECKED SITE 2862 AT LAS CALZADILLAS FOR POSSIBLE DIG BUT TOO MUCH WORK REQUIRED, HAD A LOOK AT SHAKEHOLES IN NEARBY AREA BUT ALL CHOKED. VISITED SITE 3950 IN SOLORZANO AREA WHICH REQUIRED CLIMB DOWN 3M DEEP RIFT TO COMPLETE CHOKE

THUR 17 OCT

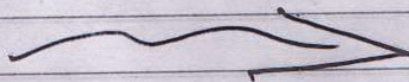
WITH ALF, CHRIS AND NIGEL REMOVED WAGON TYRE 5005 BLOCKING SHAFT FOUND BY JIM LISTER SUMMER 2019 IN BARRIO LA MINA AREA. A 4M PITCH LEADS TO TWO WAYS ON. DOWN IS TIGHT VERTICAL SQUEEZE TO CHOKE, HORIZONTAL IS LOW CRAWL THROUGH LOOSE BOULDERS THEN BECOMES TO SMALL. NIGEL MIGHT HAVE ENTRANCE PICS, DEPTH 9M, ~~LENGTH~~ LENGTH 16M, 0445703, 479914 JUST UP SLOPE A FEW METRES ARE TWO OVERTIGHT RIFTS

FRI 18 OCT

PARKED CAR ON ROAD FOR SITE 3234 AND LOOKED IN FIELDS WEST OF 3234, NOTHING NEW FOUND. MET FARMER WHO INSISTED HE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW US SOME CAVES ON HIS LAND. FRIDGE DOOR CAVE ETC, ALL KNOWN. CAME ON RAINING SO DROVE US BACK TO OUR CAR, GREAT GUY.

SAT 19 OCT

ENLARGED THE TWO SQUEEZES NEAR ENTRANCE OF 3234 TO ALLOW GORDON ACCESS. SPENT 2 HOURS DIGGING DRAUGHTING PASSAGE ON LEFT BETWEEN SQUEEZES BECOMES TO TIGHT. A TRAVERSE ALONG PASSAGE AT ROOF HEIGHT ABOVE THE 3.5M CLIMB LEADS TO AN EYEHOLE ON LEFT LOOKING DOWN TO ABOUT A 4-5M PITCH TO PARALLEL PASSAGE. NO FOOTPRINTS OBSERVED ON FLOOR. PLAN TO RETURN EASTER 2020



PAGE TWO, GORDON PROCTER AND JOHN SOUTHWORTH
SUN 20 OCT
RAIN STOPPED PLAY

MON 21 OCT
A LOOK AT LARGE DEPRESSION BETWEEN ANERO AND
VILLANUEVA FOUND TO BE VERY OVERGROWN SO WILL
RETURN EASTER 2020.
FOUND POSSIBLE COLD STORE NEXT TO BROKEN WALL
IN NAVAJEDA AREA. DRAUGHT COMING OUT OF VERY SMALL
HORIZONTAL CRACKS, A NOVE STARTER 0443193 4800617
NO PICS.

TUES 22 OCT AND WED 23 OCT
RAIN STOPPED PLAY

Some notes by PG on visit by Alf, Chris, Nigel & Phil in October 19
which may be included in Chris's final report. Goodwin

21/10/2019

Cave 00449529 4804617 ht325 (out of current area)
Found Easter 2019 by Dave Milner, John Southworth & Phil Goodwin
Surveyed this time by Alf Latham, Nigel Easton & Phil Goodwin

X017

At the north edge of the large depression, Cierrolinos, not far below the path from the parking area and hidden by bushes there is a small walk-in cave consisting of three chambers with narrowings between them and some flowstone. The last chamber looks suitable for habitation and there is evidence of a small dig in the floor deposits. At the narrowest point there are the remains of a wall. Length about 21 metres.

Nigel has photos.

Servex data file enclosed with temporary cave number 99999

21/10/2019

Shaft 0449542 4804621 (out of current area)
Alf Latham, Nigel Easton, Phil Goodwin

X018

A shaft near the walk-in cave drops about 3 metres to a floor with a further metre of narrow rift. Not worth further effort.

26/10/2019

Cave 0449435 4805285 (Out of current area)
Alf Latham, Nigel Easton, Phil Goodwin

X019

A hole slopes down behind a boulder. Found at the end of the day when we were short of time. Access to the area may not be easy.

26/10/2019

Shaft 0449507 4805147 (out of current area)
Found in very difficult terrain when other priorities prevailed.
Recorded so that it can be put on the Orux map and found again.

X020

28/10/2019

Shaft 0449945 4804740
Phil Goodwin

5007

A shaft, possibly 8 metres deep, found at the start of the ridge up to Monte Llusa. Not descended. Photo enclosed

29/10/2019

Shaft 0449977 4804839
Phil Goodwin

5008

A lens shaped shaft about halfway up the ridge to Monte Llusa and possibly 8 metres deep. Not descended. Photo included

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Buenos días Juan.

Este fin de semana estuvimos en el site 258 Torcón de la Calleja Rebollo. Gran trabajo por vuestra parte, muy agradecidos. Te remito un pequeño programa con fotos que puedes colgar en tu web, y decirte también que el pozo de 20 que baja a la gran sala de las helictitas está equipadō pero falta y es necesario una última cuerda para bajar a la gran sala después de ascender una pequeña rampa, pues sin ella es imposible bajar.

Gracias por toda la información.

Un abrazo

Torcon de la Calleja Rebollo.rar

0258 Photos

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Carlos Lamoile

Good morning Juan.

This weekend we were at site 258 Torcón de la Calleja Rebollo. Great job on your part, very grateful. I send you a small program with photos that you can upload on your website, and also tell you that the well of 20 that goes down to the great room of the helictites is equipped but is missing and a last rope is necessary to go down to the great room after ascending a small ramp, because without it it is impossible to go down.

Thank you for all the info.

A hug

Sautoda x Matienzo article see ~~also~~ ref:

Carlos Lamoile photos from Toad 0258 + Risca 0025.

Invisible cave

19.04.2017

← Second dive @ Easter 2017

Divers: D. Hubert's, J, Lister

7ltr cylinders taken in, sump 9 dived, the diver entered the sump, descending down a 1 meter wide by 0.7 meter high steeply descending passage with a gravel floor. 7 meters in the passage opens up into a chamber 3x 3 meters and the passage bends and descends down to the left where another chamber is met.

The air from the diver's exhaust collects on the roof forming a 3" air space. The passage continues steeply down on the right hand side the gravel only 25 cm's from the rounded roof. The diver dug with his feet pushing the gravel down the slope. Two body lengths down the diver pushed himself under a very low arch and found the gap between the roof and the gravel had increased, a further arch was encountered, and the diver managed to squirm under it. The gravel seemed to be now at a shallower angle and was not falling away, this was the deepest point in the sump reached?

The diver felt the roof with his heels, but no lip was found, (the diver had hoped for a vertical rift going up) but none was felt/found. The diver then made his way back up the slope, which was not easy, the line was reeled in and tied off to a silt screw at the first arch, from this point easy and quick egress was made, dive time in sump 9, 15 minutes.

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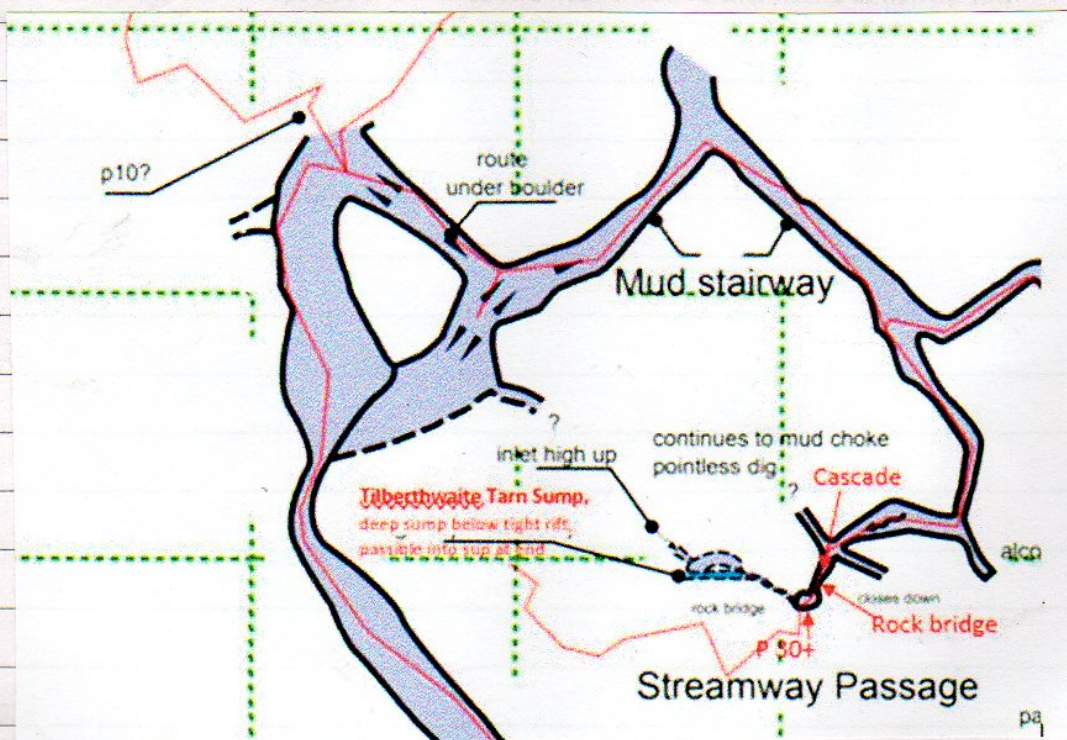
Juan/Simon

2538

I was trying to work out where Jim Lister dived in 2014, that he called "Moncobe sump" in his report and said it was below the final pitch (30m+). I could not work this out and wondered if it was in the passage to the east of Snail Aven. I spoke to Jim today and have worked it out. The sump he dived is Tilberthwaite Tarn Sump. The pool he speaks about is below the final pitch from over the rock bridge which is just after the cascade where the water drops into a slot. See my annotated part of the survey below. From the phone call my description of the dive and site (for the diving section of the book) is:

Also where the water trace was done from.

In 2014 Jim Lister attempted to dive the main downstream sump (Tilberthwaite Sump) that is below the deep pitch (about 30m) just after the cascade and rock bridge in the Streamway Passage. However, the sump that looked reasonable at Easter, had partly dried up by the summer and was only a meter deep with mud up to knee level! By following a tight, wetsuit ripping, rift Jim could see clear deep water below, but too tight to get through. After getting along a further 20m he got to where it widened out and was possible to dive in the rift after tying the guideline onto a knobble of rock. At 5m depth, it opened up. A lead weight was put on the line to keep it at the bottom of the route and he checked out the passage. It was about 1.5m wide and was deep so looked to be a good prospect. However, having only a single cylinder and with almost nil visibility a return was made. To dive here careful line belaying (bolts) will be needed to ensure the line is secure in the right place above and at the bottom of the only passible route in the rift, if done this would make the sump safe and reasonable to enter with full kit.



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