MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

Harry Long's Field Notes

Inside are the scanned pages from A6 notebooks that Harry used in the following expeditions:
Easter 2004
Easter 2006 (note some confusion with monthly dates); Summer 2006
Easter 2007; Summer 2007
Easter 2008; Summer 2008
Easter 2009 (note some confusion with monthly dates); Summer 2009
Easter 2010
Summer 2018

By no means were all trips documented in the field notes and there will probably be other note books that have now been lost that were first-hand accounts of his other visits to Matienzo.
Although Harry did write his excursions into the logbooks, there are enough variations and possibly omissions in the transcriptions to justify publishing these field notes as an extra, useful resource.

Harry often carried out solo excursions but was sometimes accompanied by (or accompanied) the following people.

A + G Rh	Abby and Gary Rhodes
C.C.	Charlene Chambers
C.S.	Chris Smith
D.C.	Dave Cook
D.M.	Dave Milner
H.B.	Harry Brisland
H.L.	Harry Long
Heski	Harry Hesketh
J.C. or J.Cl	John Clarke (Juan Corrin 11/04/10)
L.M. or L.J.M or L.J. Mills	Lank Mills
N.O.	Nigel Olsen
P.G. or Paul G.	Paul Gelling
Phil Pap.	Phil Papard
P.S.	Pete Smith
Santi	Santi Urrutia
Torben	Torben Redder

GPS grid references were based on Eur79 datum. The datum changed to ETRS in March 2014. Uncoded sites have been checked and the allocated code or new code added to these notes (e.g. pages 20, 21).

Juan Corrin, November 2026

3rd April 2004 H. Herbert, D. Milner, + H.L.

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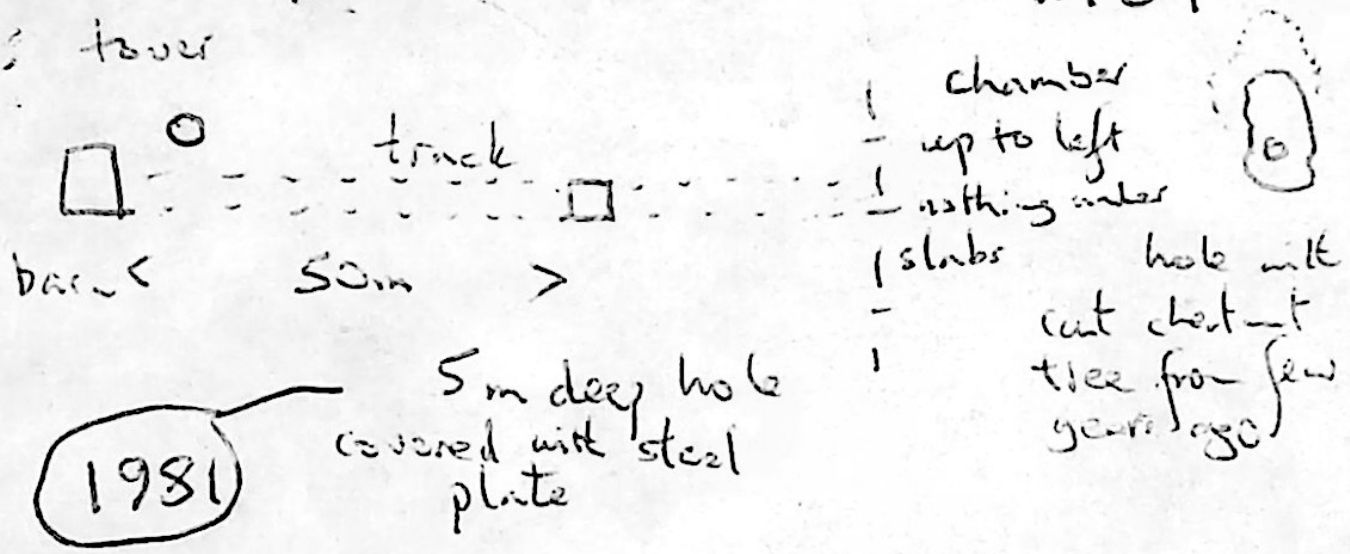

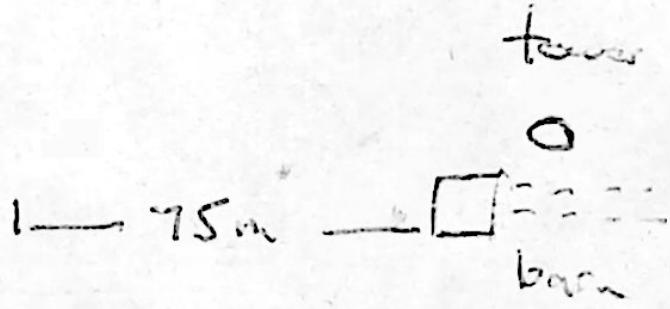

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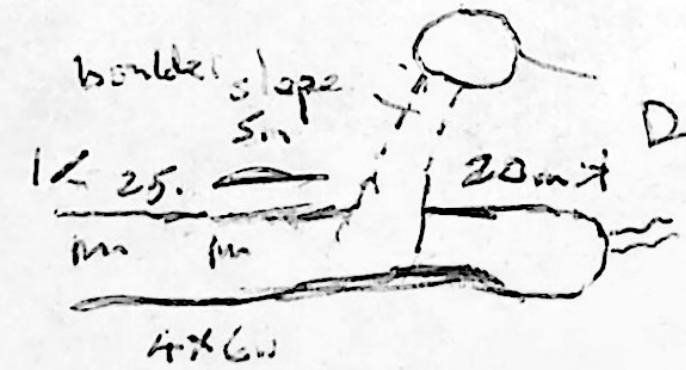
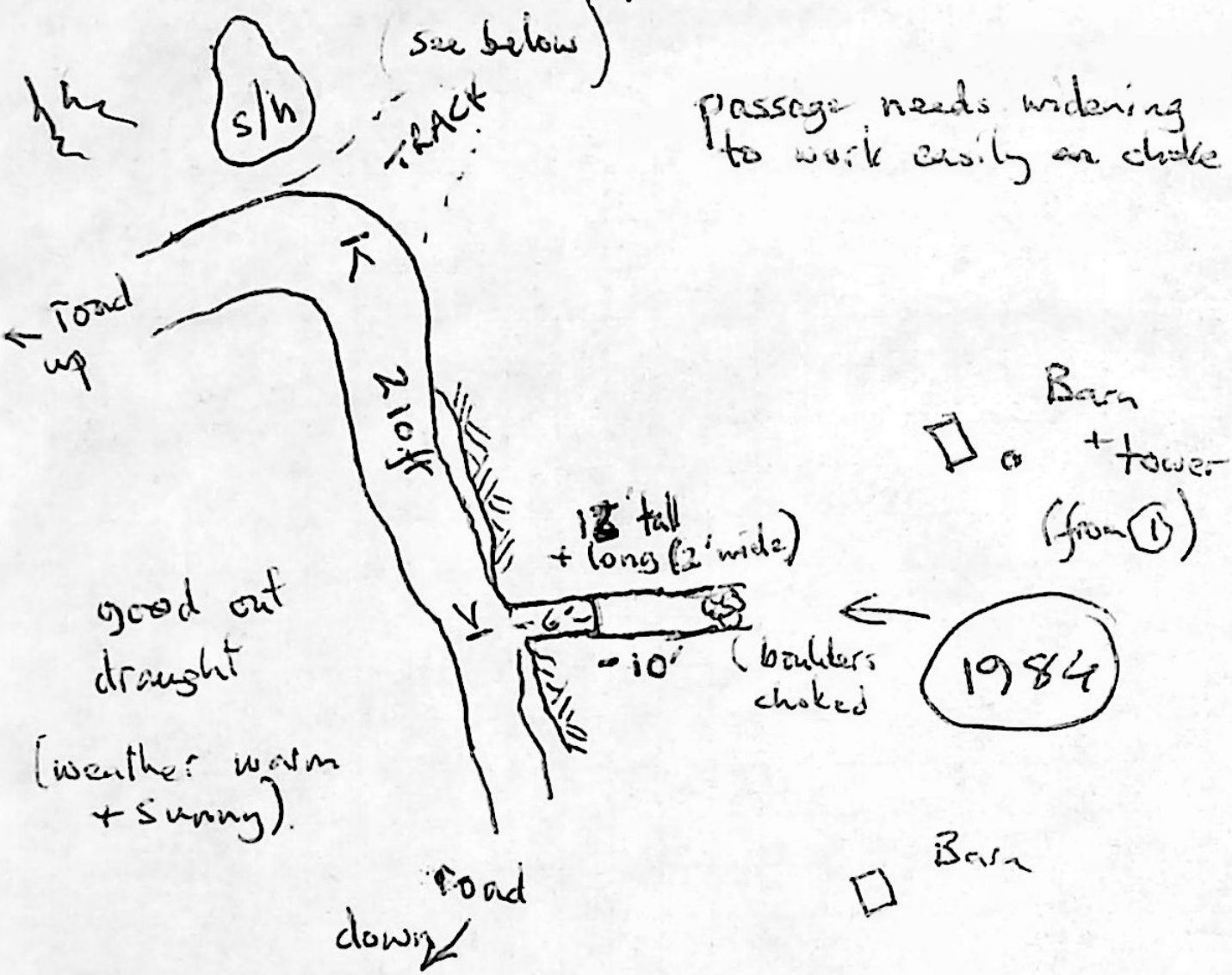


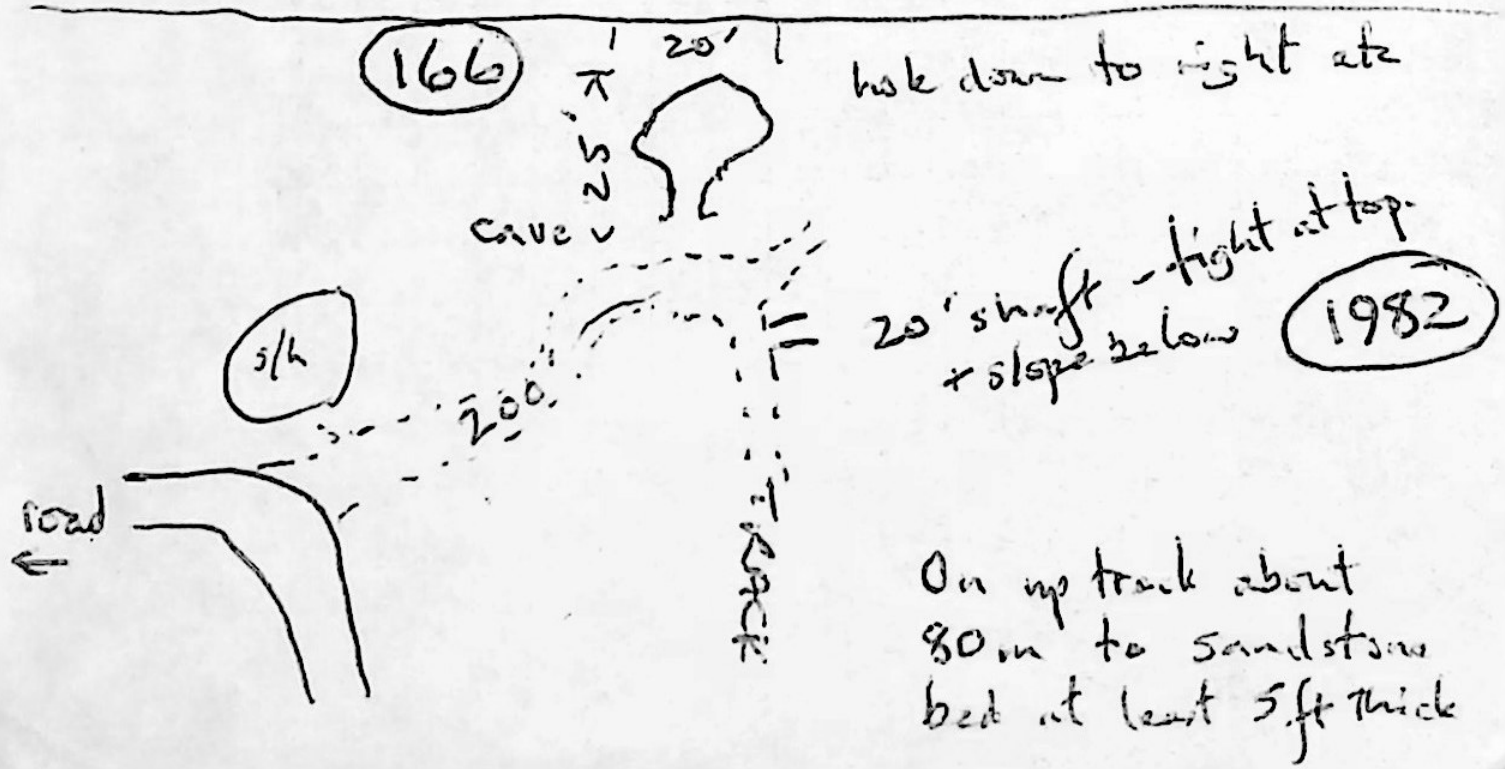
rising steel slope

VALLEY

(2)

3/4/04


(see below)
s/h
TRACK
passage needs widening to work easily on choke
road up
210 ft
Barn
+ tower
(from 1)
12' tall
+ long (2' wide)
6'
10'
(boulders choked
1984
good out draught
(weather warm + sunny)
road down
Barn


166
20'
25'
cave
hole down to right etc
20' shaft - tight at top + slope below
1982
s/h
200'
road
100 ft
On up track about 80 m to sandstone bed at least 5 ft thick

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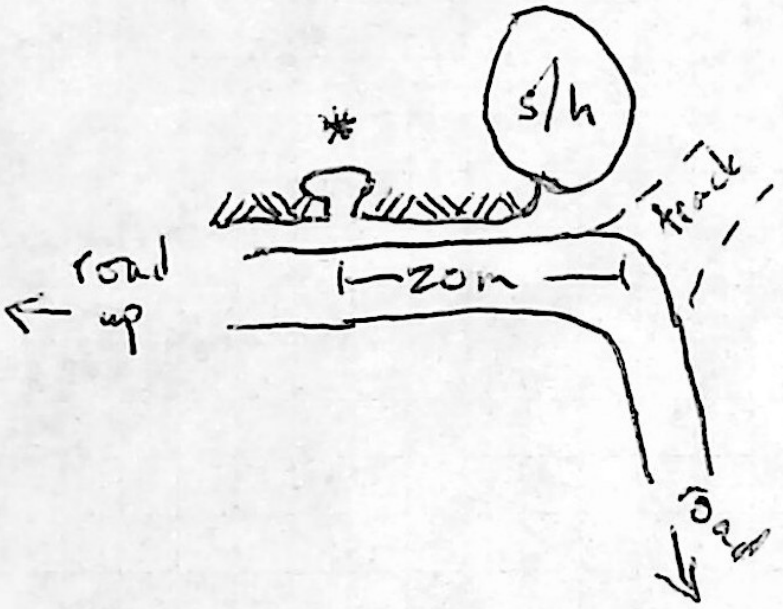
3/4/04

1983



* Letter box entry (1½m) to 2m drop to choked floor

4/04/04 (1)

D.M. + H.L.

(A) Est. 6m shaft 0455281 × 4798679

AH. 185~ watch
195~ GPS.

1985

? Site N°. 564

Waymark 006

(B) 2nd photo of D.M. 0455421 × 4798755

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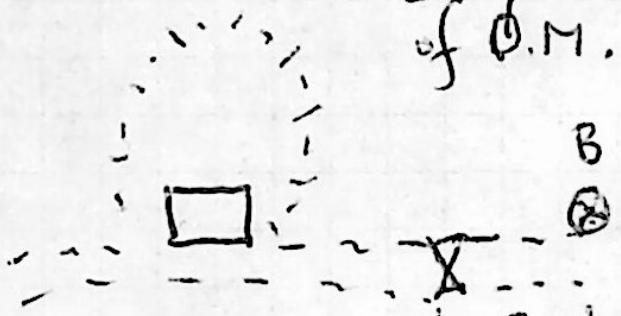
1986



Alt. 215~ W
218~ GPS

W/m 008

Hole at edge of track - 1m to mud slope → further drop est. 3m

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(C) 0455446 × 4798756

Alt 218~.

W/m 009

2



1m wide × 1~ tall
2~ to square then est. 1.5~ to end wall beyond slope ??

1st photo of D.M.

(D) (2)

3 Narrow slot (with visible stals) in face of roadside scar.

1987 Possibly 20ft deep + echo w 4m door fro - green "PURAS"

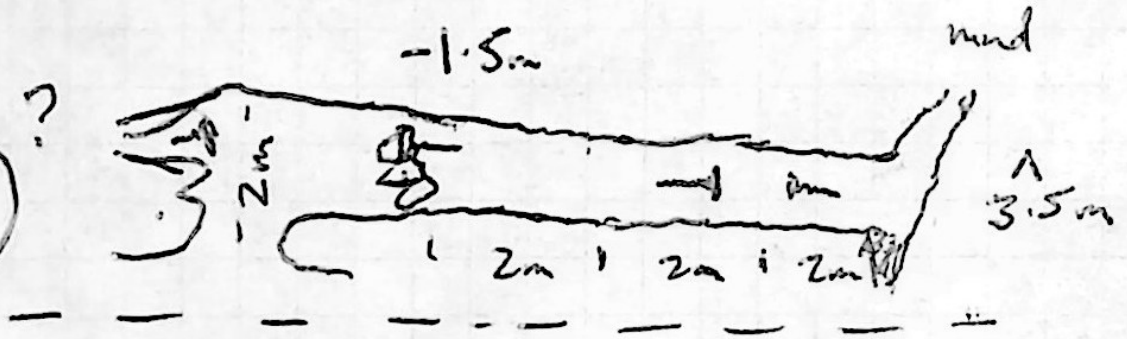
Position taken on opp side of road 0454817 × 4798555

Alt 200m GPS
195 watch

W/mark 010

(E)

4 Cave in roadside scar running parallel to road



1988

road.

0454958 × 4798552 Alt 171m GPS
170 watch

Waymark 011

photo 3 with Dave

(3)

(F)
5

1989



Rift Top too tight but probably diggable by removing flakes. Series of steps to encourage echo. Possibly 6m. Slight out draught at 1837 hrs

0454203 × 4798259
W/m 012

Alt. 329m GPS
315m watch

[Near 12m pitch into chamber (30m × 20m - no apparent way on]

(G)
6 Chamber with sloping floor.



1990

↓ down road

Across road

↳ 0453986 × 4798479

Alt 344m GPS
340m watch

W/m 013

Needs earth digging - 10 mins

Draughting in at 1900 hrs.

548 big rift - photo.

9th April Cobadal area D.M. + H.L

(1) Slump hole - 2·5m deep just above road with sound of water.

2017

W/mark 014

GPS 0448242 × 4797849
Alt. 230m.

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(2) Up hill + slightly right from (1) is large depression with material full of bags + further up is possible hole thro blocks

2018

W/- 15
GPS 0448153 × 4797822
Alt 238m.

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(3) to left of (2) is 4m deep hole with water falling + noise of larger flow below.
covered with timber.
W/m 16

2019

GPS 0448180 × 4797765
Alt 253m top of gully.

(4) between (3) + (2) by fence 5-6m deep × 2m wide drop into passage going up + down hill

GPS 0448168 4797790 Alt 257m (above fence). W/- 17

2020

(5) Hole in bank above track 3m deep
W/m 18

GPS 0448288 x 4797757 (2021)
Alt 265m

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(6)
Hole in bank above track - 5 or 6m deep
with timber in.
GPS
0448355 x 4797767 W/mark 19 (2022)
Alt 264m

Between (6) + (7) is wet weather flow (?) across track into brambles below + noise of falling water.

(7) Hole in bank topside of track - 4m deep. echo
W/m 20

(2023) GPS 0448477 x 4797803 Alt 249m.

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(8) Hole near foot of side valley - rock outcrop
on top side - 4m deep.
W/m 21

GPS 0448664 x 4797760
Alt. 266m.

(2024)

(9) Sloping rift under scar 20m out from edge of track - 6 or 7 m deep. Needs rock clearing from top.

2026 W/n 23 Alt 291m. (LJM.11.)

GPS 0448810 x 4797753

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(13) Small 3m circular shaft above track

W/n 22 Alt. 296m.

GPS 0448749 x 4797695

2027

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(11) Probable known fenced shaft above track approx. 10m deep.

~~915~~ 917

W/n 24 Alt. 311m.

GPS. 0448851 x 4797750

2028

(12) 0448926 x 4797917 Alt 305m

W/n 25 Lank's shaft with tyre wire

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(13) GPS 0448806 x 4798135 Alt. 196m

Bedding under scar by fence - air in

2029

Cobadal

slot at. just beyond 1725 (left of) 3m to slope, and squeeze.
2m down below squeeze leads to wide pool. Flat out in water may be passable(!). Draught coming thro' slot on slope

Site 2057

Phreatic remnant in corner of wood above new cave (1930)

Site 2058

Slide under roof down slope into a small "chamber". Walking leads along rift to mud infill + complete choke.

16th April – Cobadal

Solo walk up to Candenosa – big wet!

Above track on right (looking up valley) is water tank with tight stream passage feeding it.

Walked round + looked at hole below barn + hole of Lank's with wire from burnt tyres – impressive.

Wandered back to car at farm + went for another look at cave seen yesterday – elongated depression below road. Draught not strong out like previous day but may be worth going on with.
Walked on round bank to left (looking in depression) + found a cave with sloping entrance under a sandstone roof. This went down to

a narrow widening rift about 25ft deep and which I could see along for about 25ft as well.
When Dave + Heiki came back from their wanderings I persuaded Heiki to use my gear to have a look down. He confirmed my findings + got to where it would be a traverse forward with the floor left below him (total height of passage c 40ft to where it seemed to open away / under the right wall – echo + drips! Former told us that it had a strong draught at times – nothing noticable today.

END OF EASTER 2004

ROOM N°. 302 AT

BAR THOMAS

13 BEDS.

EASTER 2006

10/4 LJM + HL Near Aguanaz

N°2371

(1) Crawl into bedding in side of depression - 3m to earth choke
No draught

N° 2372

(2) Fissure - 4m to fallen slab + then too narrow. No draught

N° 2373

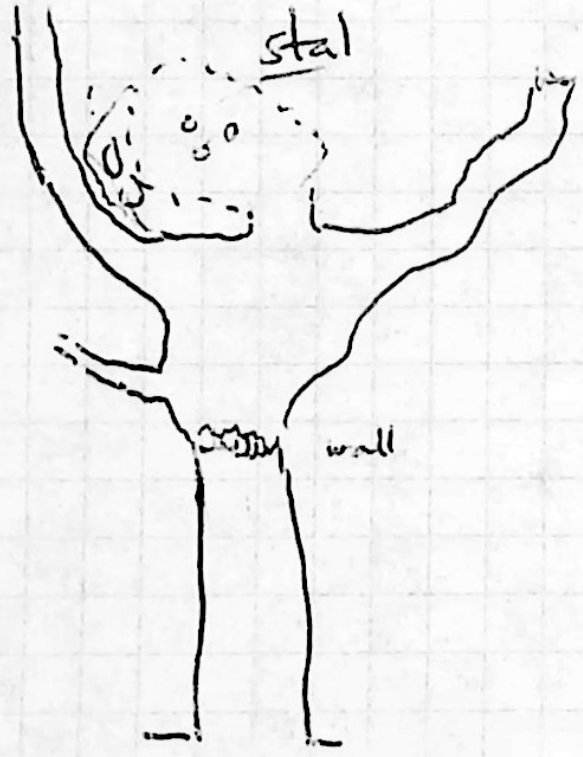
(3) Bedding under low outcrop. Too tight for first 2 metres (diggable) - then enlarges
No draught

(4) Just below road (Sandstone roof) - 6m
lots of bottles! N°. 2374

11/4 LJM + HL N°2382

4m wide x 2.5m tall walk in passage for 20m to man-made wall – old water channels on either wall. Over wall into chamber + 3 or 4 way junction, to the right ends in digestible crawl, straight on is climb up to higher level (stal) and hole down, to left route which ends – a choked rift. In chamber is narrow inlet on immediate left and a roof rift + possible climb to an upper level.

Total length c 110 metres



1 sir photos on roll.

11/4 continued

Nº 2381 In elongated depression (with stream shown as dotted line on map) is a 3 metre wide x 10 metre deep shaft. (w/d).

In side of knoll above Famous Five Cave — walk in entrance to 10 metre dia x 2.5 metre tall chamber. No way on.

Nº 2383

12/4 LJM + HL w/point 1 Nº 2384

1). Rift with large boulder covering the top. Squeeze down beside it goes to -4 metre where way on down is choked. No draught

2). La Gatuna area. Tube up side of depression goes 3 metres to right to pit in mud on floor & choke (crawl) — left also c 3 metres to where it is too tight w/point 2

3). Tree Root Cave ?? Draughting w/p 3

4) Cueva de Gatuna w/p 4

13/4 LJM + HL Secadura

Nº 2385

1). Cave entered thro' hut 3 metres stooping then flat out crawl for 5 or 6 metres too low. photos (after roadside cave)

Nº 2386

2) 5 or 6 metre shaft just over fence road field u/d.

Nº 2387

3) Sumped rising - mini-tubes above

Nº 2388

4) Stooping height passage - at least 6 metres shut joining stream fro- pipe.

Nº 2389

5) Walled entrance in corner under road up to church 2 metre tight slope dow- into 2m dia x 1m t chamber no way on

Nº 2390

6) Steep slope dow- under wall for 2 metres to standing height + gentle slope dow- to split. Right drops to total depth of 9m - choked possible climb above. Left goes dow- steps to vertical + further slope - need tackle. Echo + draught from here

W/P. 0456809. 4801194 Alt. 101 m No. 5

Nº 2391

7). Cave near small rising + a pumphouse (?) in wooded area. Hands + knees crawling for 5 - 6m walking to 2nd ent. after 15m. Low passage to right for 8 metres to water - echo indoors of water

W/P. 6 0458555. 4800346 Alt 16m (?)

14/06 H.L.

Llueva area.

2416 1) In scar above track+road junct. Crawl entr. with fence posts - Goes c4m + then? Slight outward draught? (photos)

W/p 7 0455217. 4798483 alt. 89m

Riaño Area

2417 2). 25m. before end of new track past Riaño Cave blowing out strongly (W/p 8) 0452105. 4800237 alt 170m. Photos (120m long.)

2418 3) Cave near Mad Axe Woman Cave
Flat out for 3m to stand up chamber (3m x 3m)
Drop down square slot into 1m wide passage
Go to choke. Climb up to bedding true roof
+ choke. On left is blocked tube. Draughting
passage below slot into two small passage. D.g?

(LJM, C.C, N.O. + D.C.)

Photos

Ext. temp 20.6°C.
Cave " 11.1°C

16/06 LJM + HL — El Torno area

2430 1) In eucalyptus stand on east side of gully above inlets to El Torno Cave. 4 m tight shaft seems to open out and go down slope

W/p 9 0452875. 4801199 Alt. 212 m

2431 2) 3 m shaft with block across top, ↑ possible slope on down.

W/p 10 0452893. 4801194 Alt. 208 m

2432 3). Diggable tube (draughting :-) in scar

16/06 LJM + HL — Barrio Los Llanos

2433 1) Big ship rift ↑ to left 5 m drop to ??

W/p 11 0447121. 4799674 Alt 231 m
(this is about 30 m away from rift)

2434 2) 5 m shaft with winding cleft - echo Sandstone slab out at.

W/p 12 0447269. 4799768 Alt 276 m

18/04/06 LJM + HL

Area above Tivero 1

#2447

i) Tight slot with further drop + echo
Directly under power lines. Total depth 3m
W/p 13 0453726. 4794673 alt 316m

2) 4 metre deep rift - slight echo #2448

W/p 14 0453668. 4794688 alt. 324m.

3) Wet weather sink near pylon + cabana #2449
Diggable to open passage (Photos)

W/p 15 0453908. 4794562 alt 288m

4) Lowest under rock outcrop to drop to ?? #2450
Will need start enlarging. Draughting. (Photos)

W/p 16 0453921. 4794563 alt. 286m

Went back to 3) and 4) in afternoon.

started at 4) but roof got bit loose to be working on my own, so went to 3). Two hours work saw me in. It was a sideways crawl rift which I followed for c 5 metres, to where it got rather tight

19/04/06 HL El Torno

Follow track on down below Juan Ian's Rift cave until you get to reeds & then follow your nose up to left

Clothes Peg Hole approx. 2 m vert. drop just below sandstone. Choked

W/p 17 0452474 . 4801398 alt 230 m.

0452372,4801189 Alt 253m NEW SITE 5587

20/04/06 HL Riano area

1) Covered 5 m shaft in side of narrow re-entrant into hill just below grass edge. Draughting out strongly and taking trickle of water. Good echo. #2479

W/p 18 0452624 . 4799531 alt. 277 m

[Photos of Juan's cave - start of 2nd film]

2) Up-valley from 1 up on opposite slope of valley at top of green field. Dig into sloping undercut. Slight draught. Opposite track up other bank. #2480

W/p 19 0452767 . 4799392 alt. 304 m

3) Up on right side of valley (looking up) 5 m slope down to blind choked chamber. Photos (2) #2481

W/p 20 0452694 . 4799355 Alt 313 m

31st July, 2006 - H. Long -

Riania

① In rock face on side of track
Cut in for eucalyptus planting.
Triangular opening approx. 2'0" tall
by 18" at base - widening inside
Crawl open out and 3-4 metres
in floor drops away - most likely
down a mud slope. Draughting out
very strongly on a hot day, with a
booming echo for - in front somewhere.

W/point 1 452882, 4799595 Alt 304m



Site No.
1666 !!

Secadura 2nd Aug. H.L. (2006)

Small gothic arch ent. in scar near head of wet weather channel.
3 m. to neck and then ??

#2520

W/point 2 0455433. 4799852 Alt 60m

4th Aug. H.L + C.S. + J.C. El Toro

(A) Behind building - 5 m dia. chamber 1.2 m high. Low undercut at rear may dig.

#2521

W/p 3: 0453058. 4801487 Alt 159.

(B) Ent. under small scar by tree; just above track Needs digging to enter crawl which is wide and seems to go in 2 directions. Blowing out on a warm day.

#3557

W/p 4: 0453155. 4801471 Alt. 131 m.

(C) Sloping ent. under small rock step leads straight on to steep slope/pitch possibly 8 m. Very strong draught out on a warm day.

W/p 5: 0453104: 4801583 Alt. 125 m

(Site 2519 Cueva de Huerta Rey)

7/08/06 Torben, Santi + H.L.

#2539

Shaft beside track beyond El Torno

W/p 6 0452928 : 4801048 (Alt 714m)
(Acc 25m)

(*) [0452988 . 4801009] New reading 29/7/08

9/08/06 H.L. Fresnedo area

a) Short way up valley into jungle above Fresnedo 1+2. In left bank true. Open ext. goes 7m to crawl + neck with a further 6-7m visible. Draught out to a warm day. [Site No. 994]

W/p 7 0453224, 4801349 Alt. 126

b) Covered shaft (one slab) right against fence at top of field. Top will need capping to get down. About 4·5m deep

#2540

W/p 8 0453383 : 4801351 Alt. 164m.

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c) Slope down with timber roof.

WP

EASTER 2007

H.L. 03/04/07 – Riano

PRIZE COCK POT – Footles + Co.

1). Shaft with sandstone top right next to fence corner round eucalyptus stand. Looks to be at least 6m deep.
Grid Ref. 0452275. 4800514 Alt. 283m
Waymark N° 1.
First 2 photos (after mist shots of that)

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2) Shaft covered with slabs near small rock outcrop – possibly 12m deep. Blowing out well.
Grid Ref. 0452147. 4800844 Alt 230m
Waymark N°. 2.
Photos 3+4 (2638) – Boghole

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3) Cave ent. 2 metres above track now (on shelf)
(2639) marked with small cairn in entrance
Passage about 3m to ?? Slight draught.
Grid Ref. 0452021. 4800398 Alt. 189m.
Waymark N°3 (Track is one running by 581)

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4) At ground level on up-hill side of track (i.e. East) between 3) and Site 581. Needs digging, but has a good echo and slight draught.
No GPS as reading fluctuating badly!
Violent Violet Cave (2640)

04/04 H.L., L.M., + P.G. Secadura

1) Cave in mound between gravel road + main road.
5 m in (stooping) to bend to the left and further 5 m to a flat out crawl with echo from ahead.
Waymark N°4.
GPS 0457636, 4800294 Alt 30 m

2690

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2) Slot down into space (??) 10 metres from east edge of pool at Boyonne. One way looks to drop to water, other way at higher level open to?

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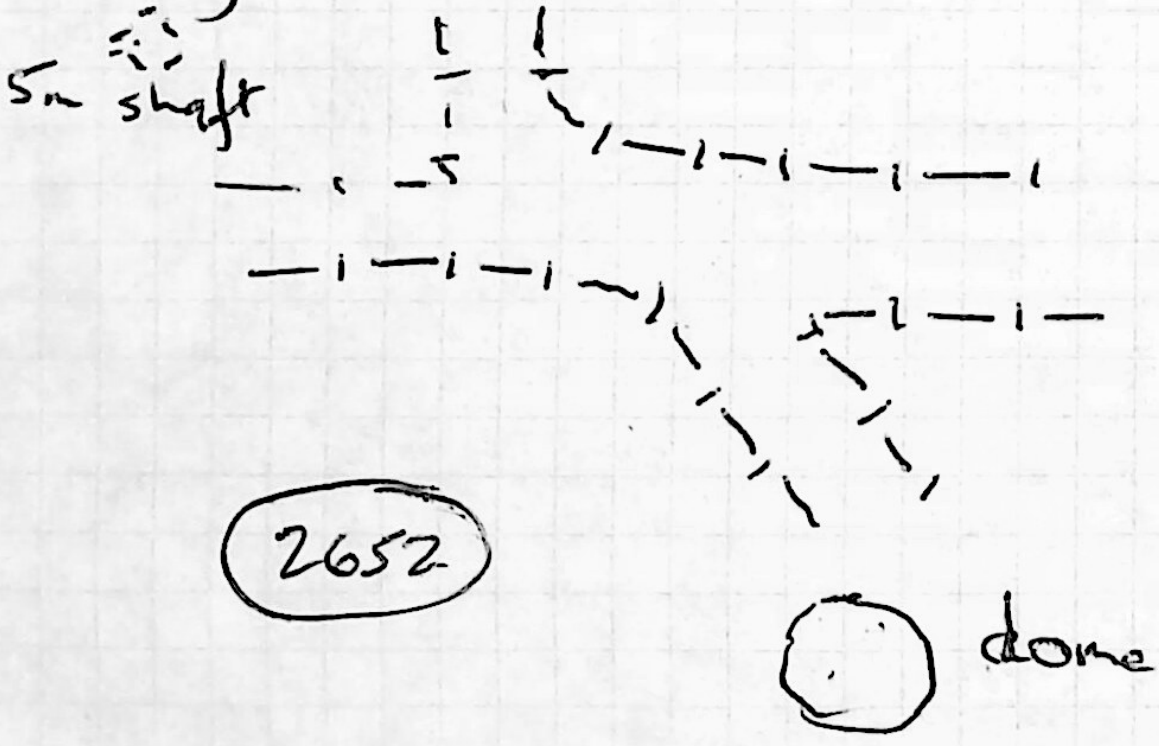
3) In field across road from rad. dome on road to Secadura. 5 m deep fenced shaft. No GPS.



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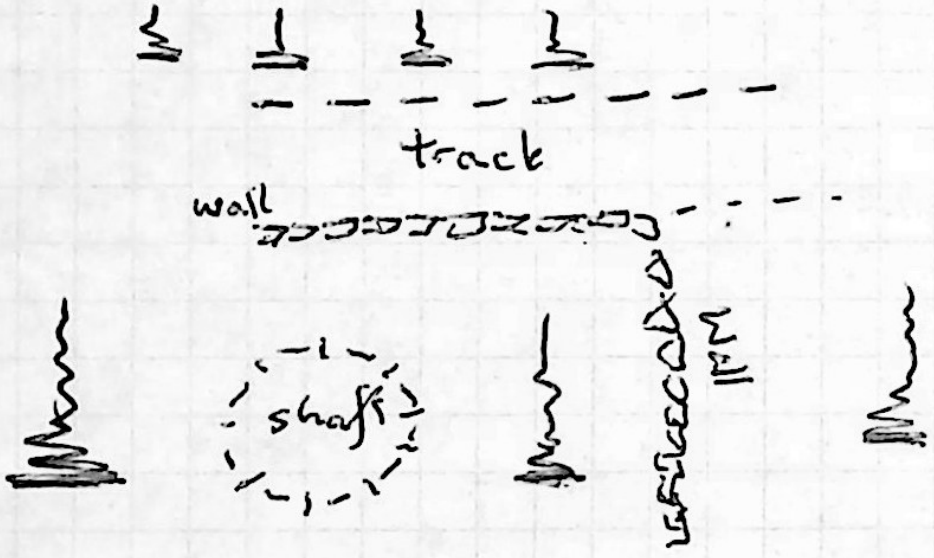
08/04 H.L. Riano area (2685)

PROPHET'S CAVE

1). Active small sink into bedding with sandstone roof. Water sounds to be dropping to a lower level
W/pt N° 5
0452887, 4799949 Alt. 269m
(just on top side of broken down wall)

2). Fenced shaft (about 10m deep) with boom around it. Just above (5m) track
W/pt. N°6 4m dia. echoing steady drips.
0453012. 4800111 Alt. 324m

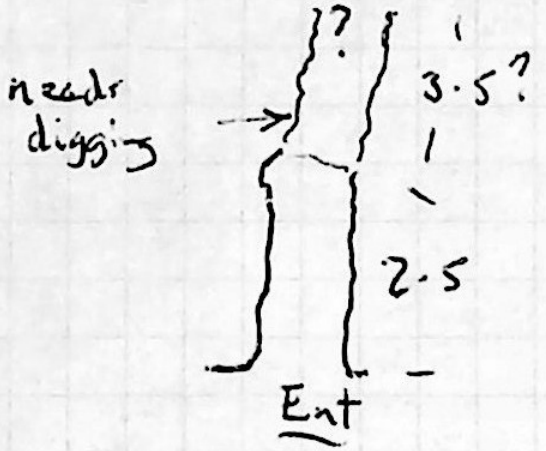
(2686)



09/04 Paul, Lank + H.L. Torna area (Fresnedo)

1) Ent. in small scar - crawl for 2 metres to a corner /or junct. and an enlargement, W/pt N°7 accuracy 6 metres. Draughting out.

GPS. 0453611. 4801106 Alt. 233m.



2706

2) 3m dia. chamber up in scar above streambed choked completely
W/pt N°8
GPS. 0453779. 4801116 Alt. 250m.

2707

3) Photo of Lank at entrance N. East of Virgin Caves

2687

11/04 Paul G + H. Long

4 m shaft - choked - 2 or 3 metres above ground down into depression (Photos)

2688

28th July, 2007

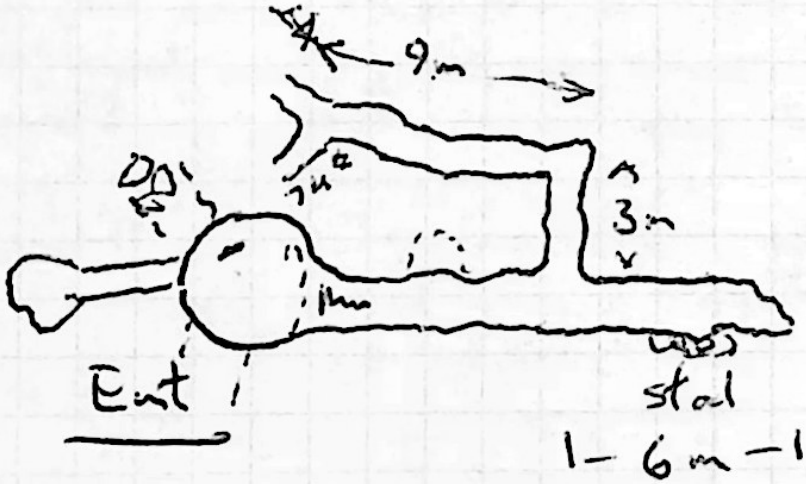
2686 H.L., J.C., C.S. A+G RH.

5m ladder to slope down into passage at 7.5m depth. 15m to blind end – stal up on right.

6m back from end is crawl for 3m to bend, back parallel to main passage, 11Bms to junct. both ways ca 4 to 5m to diggable ends – no real draught.

At ent. are 2 older short choked passages, – main one about 3m to "chamber" – older choked.

Total length see CA 40m.



Photos

SHAG POT

2685 PROPHET'S CAVE

C.S. + J.C. dug their way into 100m plus of complicated passage with bits off all over the place – needs survey doing. About 15m deep.

FRESNEDO

31/7 Chris, John + H.C Virgen Area

1). In trees by dead one(!) Small opening to ledge on debris. Cold out draught - needs a dig to go down further

W/p 1 #2692

045378 79. 4802029 Alt. 98m

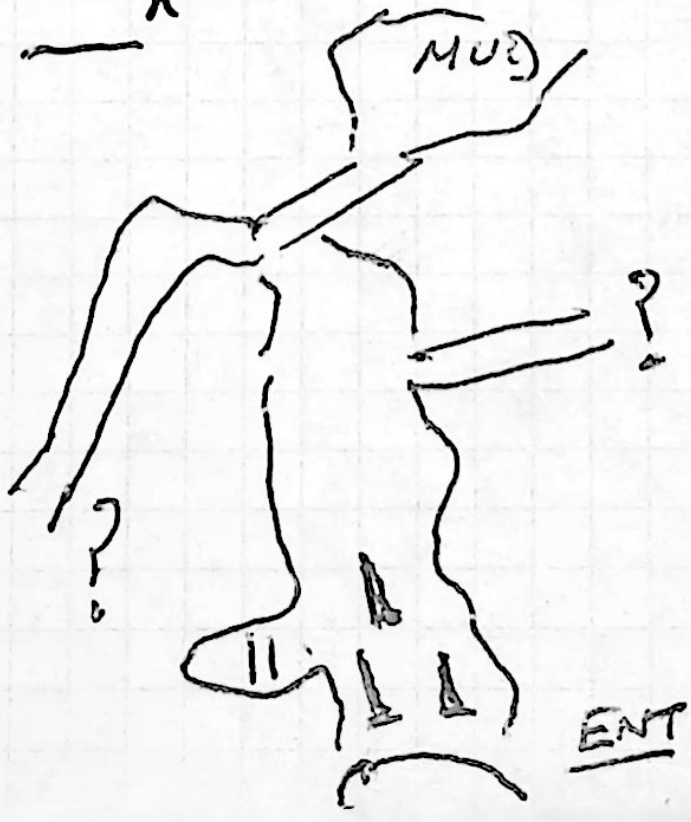
2) 6m plus shaft - widening out. Strong, cold out draught. (2737) FREEDOM POT

W/p 2 045396 8. 4802640 Alt. 133m

3) 10m from 2). Steep slope with arched roof V. strong draught out. 25m big tunnel to dig Photos (2738)

W/p 3 045398 1. 4802 41 Alt. 148m.

SLAVES CAVE



4) In end of big depression - climb down under rock face! 15m to bottom of slope.

W/P 4 0453991, 4802149 Alt 135m.

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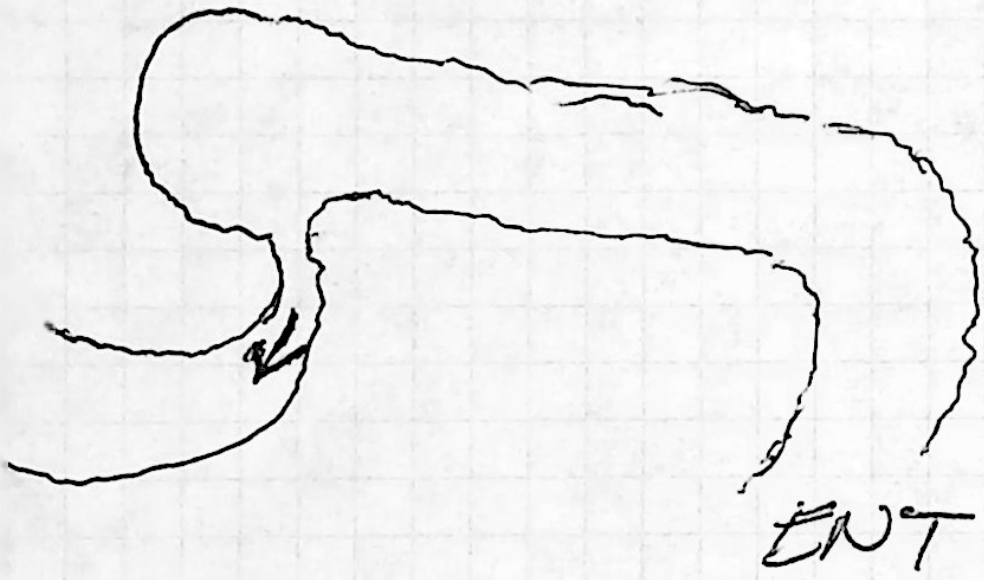
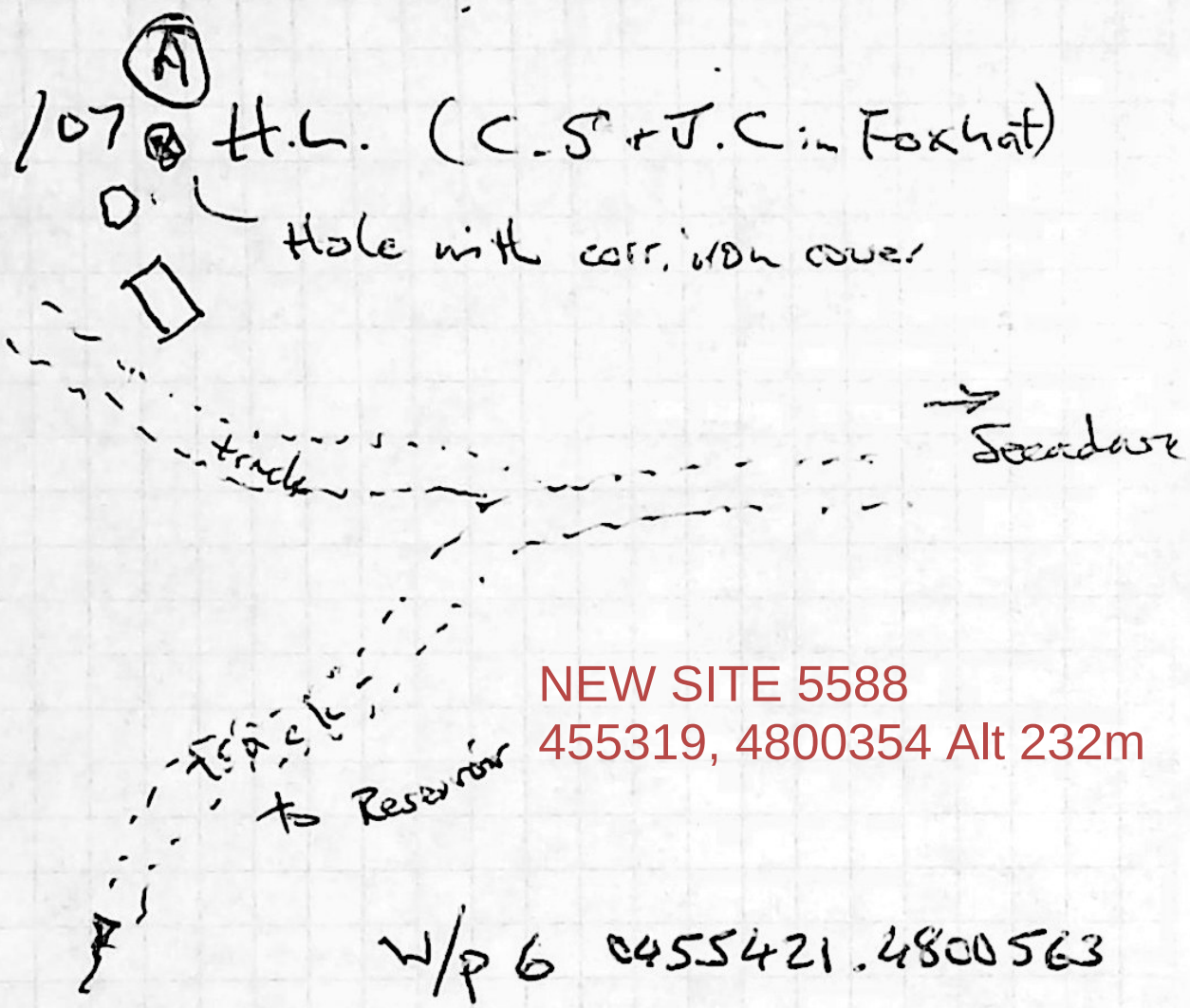
COERCION CAVE



W/P 5 is centre of road on culvert over stream from Fuente Virgen -

3/08/07 H.L. (C.S + J.C in Foxhat)



NEW SITE 5588
455319, 4800354 Alt 232m

W/p 6 0455421.4800563

Alt. 226m

4/08 H.L. Ranio Area #2759

1). Fenced + timber covered shaft at top of valley – just into wood. 2m deep all in soil.

W/p 7 0451877.4801245 Alt. 244m.

5/08 H.L. - hill above Nec. del Campiazzo.

2760

1) Tight slot sloping down under small outcrop in big depression below the road. Strong out draught

W/p 8 0452167. 4801952 Alt. 152 m.

2761

2) Uphill slightly + west of 1) is low opening under a shelf - needs hammer + chisel. Slight out draught. 2 m drop + then bend to left.

W/p 9 0452141. 4801980 Alt. 165 m.

2762

3) In small scar just below fence junction. Needs 10 mins dig to get into 5 m + of photo passable cave. No real draught.

W/p 10 0452140. 4802108 Alt. 134 m.

2763

4) Dig into bedding in undercut, with 3 m visible to east of 3) (2764)

some confusion with site coding?

W/p 11 0452166. 4802094 Alt. 135 m.

2765

5) Steeply dipping crawl under sandstone outcrop. Needs 5 mins dig - 4 m visible - no draught

W/p 12 0452184. 4802104 Alt. 134 m.

452082,4801895 #2764

Photo with h/lamp

There is another small tube 15 m east of 5).

6) Beside old track - east of 5). under a shattered outcrop. Block needs moving to enter a 1ft. 2 Photos (h+v) with lamp + stick #2765

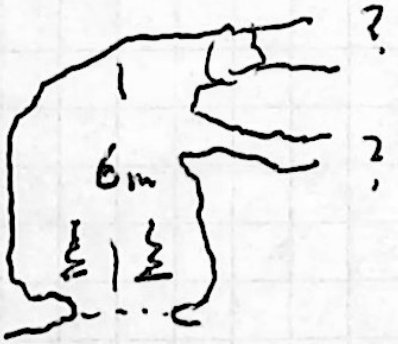
W/p 13 0452238. 4802079 Alt. 111m

7) Torno bank. Top of field / edge of wood. Walk in ent down slope into chamber. Way splits + needs proper gear.

Lot of photos - ext + inside

W/p 14 0452624. 4801583 Alt. 235m

2766



7) 60 - 70 m ext along same scar is crawl (bit of a dig) can see for 6 or 7 m

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2767

7/08/07 H.L. Fresnedo area

1) Fenced 5m (?) deep shaft on hill above old track.

W/p 16 0453340. 4801037 Alt 179m

453238,4800828 #2477

2) Narrow ent. slot (needs work) into stooping height passage - slight out draught
Photos - h + vert

453507, 4800894 #2706

TWO SITES on this code?

W/p 17 0453609. 4801103 Alt. 242m

3) 2 metres along scar from 2) is ope- crawl down a slope - visible for about 4 metres

Photos h+v



C.S. looking in

2706

(From Easter)

W/p same as w/p 16 above

4) At top of slope up next to a good scar as you walk round corner of wood. Tightish slot - should cop ok. Slight out draught.

453648,4800931 Alt 250m

NEW SITE 5589

Photos h + v

W/p 18 0453750. 4801140 Alt. 248m.

5) Bramble filled rift with squeeze down into the unknown (a) !!! Slight out draught
Photos: (b) There is a parallel opening to the left

W/p 19 0453674. 4801515 Alt. 189m.



2773

2780
(983A)

08/08 Cobded area H.L.

1). Rift ext. in face o rock on up-hill side of depression
About 5m visible + possible dig to lower level
Photos h+v

2774

W/p 20 0448840. 4798949 Alt. 310m.

2) Above house. 3m small walk-in cave
Photos h+v

2775

W/p 21 0449004. 4798882 Alt. 305m

3/ On right side of conc. track to house, with few rocks out wld be sidelong crawl for 3_ to a cave

2776

W/p 22 0448948. 4790775 Alt. 269m

4) Tight ent. in scar (needs hammer) to 4m drop + possible passage. Slight ent draught

2777

W/p 23 0448572. 4798743 Alt. 243m

5) Fenced shaft (4m) nearly all in earth.

W/p 24 0448357. 4798762 Alt. 217m

2778

6) Tight shaft (4 or 5m) in side of rock bound hole with trees.

W/p 25 0448277. 479$^{8}_{A}$817 Alt. 211m

2779

9/08 H.L. Rianio area

1) Very strongly draughting hole under sawn off tree next to wall. Would need work but in an interesting location

W/p 26 0451791. 4800713 Alt. 153m

There is an old cold store down behind house on way to 1). Good draught on a hot day. Lady at house very helpful

EASTER 2008

16/03 H.L., Lank + Phil Pap. (Outside Exp. area).

a) 2m drop to floor + further drop

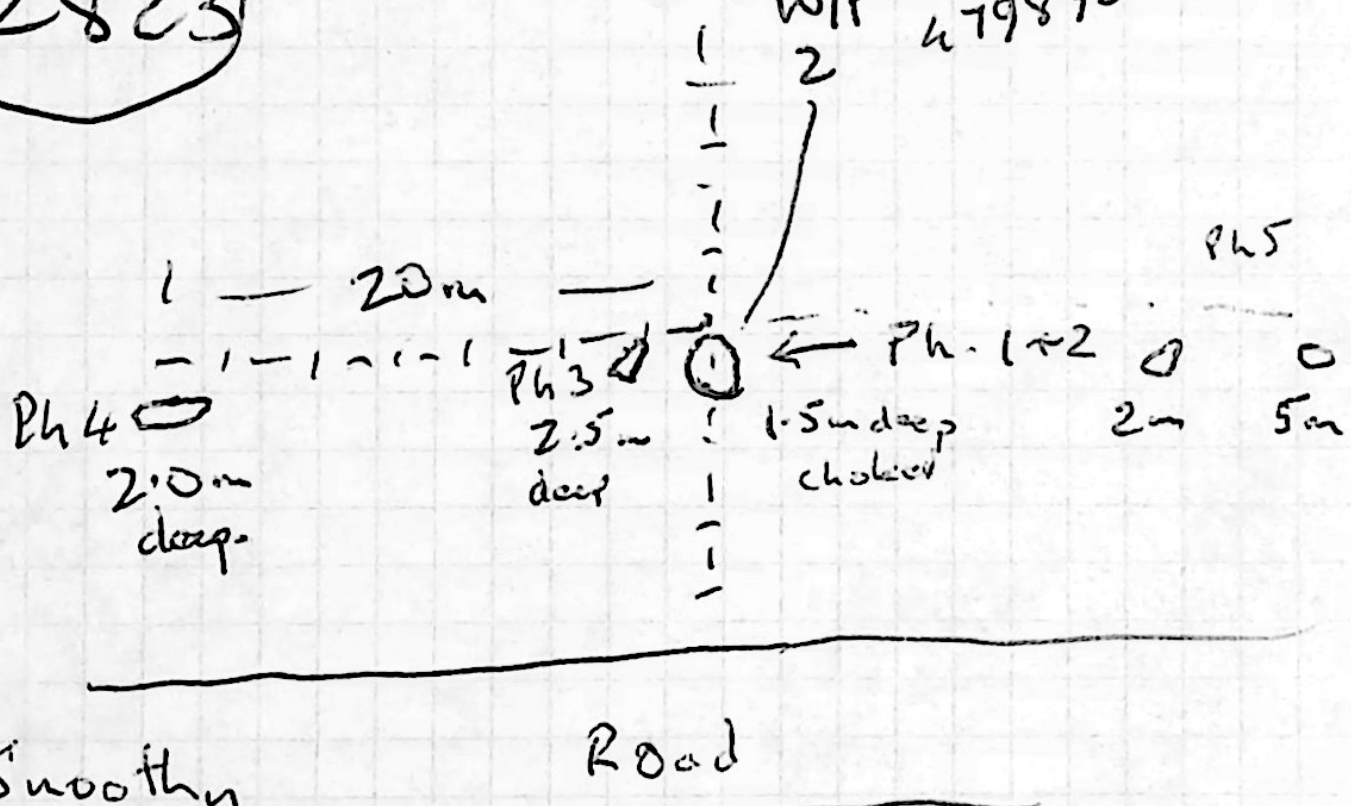
W/p 1 0444995. 4798227 Alt. 100m

17/03 H.L. + Lank

a) Close to fence just not above Llueva road along line below fence

2823

W/p 0453975 4798921 Alt 411m



17/03 (continued) (2824)

Below road down to the White House. Fenced shaft (10m?) - 3 posts with old timber fencing over top. Good echo. 2 photos.

W/p 3 0453407. 4798341 Alt. 325m

(2825) Rising cave just below road to White Hse above big water tank. 1·2m tall by 0·75 wide. Passable for 4m to false floor bridge + then?

W/p 4 0453454. 4798389 Alt. 340m.

18/03 H.L. - Fresnedo (2841)

1) Rock on uphill side of small depression with bushes underneath on left - dig on right to a bedding hole or rocks put there by farmer

W/p 0453821. 4801559 Alt. 219m

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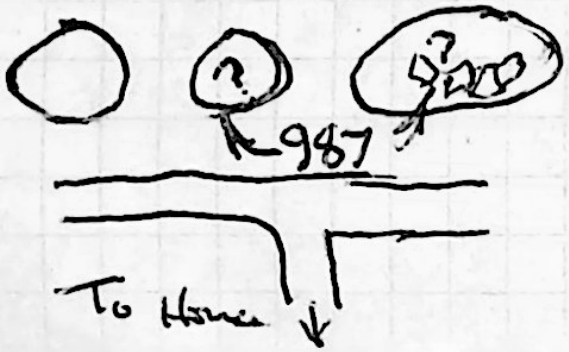
2) Big Rift (fenced). (2840)

No grid references as with farmer. See photos.



19/03 Lark + H.L. Riano 2849

a) 3m deep shaft up bank between the 2 tracks.

W/p 0452073. 4800294 Alt. 184m

20/03 Boyoinnes - H.L., Lark, John, Chas. Pete

In face of small scar - dig for at least 5 metres.

W/p 0455697. 4799585 Alt. 56m

22/03 Riano Lark + H.L. 718

1) Open cave not far from Church Ent. to Engish. Drop over rock to junct. + climb to stream. Sump approx 25-30m

W/p

2) Bedding up above silt flooded sink - dig 2859

0452162 4800075 Alt 176m.

3) Rock (back) walled hole - undescended

0452211. 479992 Alt. 203m

4). Wide, low undercut area almost straight up hill for trough — many oligs

W/p 0452092 . 4799994 Alt. 196m.

July 2008. H.L., H.B, J.C. + C.S

A). 0453422. 4798157 Alt. 349 m.

3003

Just above track under small scar. (W/p 6)

9ft slope to 9ft v. drop into circular chamber with flowstone [15'x12'x6' tall)

3004

B). 0453414. 4798175 Alt. 345 m.

13m Shaft below track - opposite green bath - into 15m x 20m Chamber (9m high) slope down to sump (pool)

21/7

A). Shaft on side of depression ~ 3m. deep Blowing out

3011 0446868. 4801497 Alt. 102 m

W/p 07 photo. - Joh.

B). 3 entrances rear side of big depression

3012 0448841. 4801447 Alt. 194 m

W/p 08

c) Slot – big deep depression with slight out draught. Needs a block scrapping to get into narrow passage

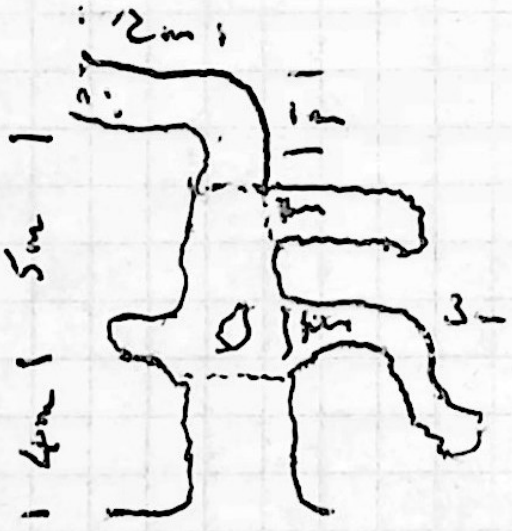
3013

W/p 9 0447207. 4801176 Alt. 122m
(GPS position on d/valley edge of dep.)

3014

D) Exit under rock face up from bottom of depression.

W/p. 10 0447232. 4801326 Alt. 117m



22/07 St. Antonio.

Wide undercut at side of depression. Crawl into 1.2m chamber 6m x 5m well choked: no draught

(3015)

W/p 011 ~~0446914~~. 0446910. 4801519

On lip of depression - above entrance.

25/07 St. Ant (3017)

2 metre deep hole to diggable undercut - next to taped wire fence

W/p 12 0447419. 4801604 Alt. 107m

27th Aug. Frenedo (3018)

1) Up into top corner of wood for - Freedom + Slaves. Narrow shaft - depth? (4m)

W/p 13 0454028. 4802045

There is another small tight (no draught) hole a few metres down towards 'Slaves + Freedom'

2) Tight hole (no draught) that is abot 2 metter to a dig (3019)

~~W/p 14 0454 4802~~

(NE. start of encalyptos trees)

3) Hole down in field above 2687

W/p 14 0453739. 4802000 (3020)

01/08/08 - P.S. + H.L.

(A) shaft (possibly Tib Pat)

W/p 15 0450536. 4799837

(B) shaft (possibly Fib Pat) - 10m?

W/p 16 0450536. 4799639

(C) Rift into small blind chamber

W/p 17 0450702. 4799423

D) Large slop -> visit to undercut parallel back under left wall. Dig under wall could drop - to larger part - slight draught may be ? 1494

W/P 18 0450711 - 4799470

EASTER 2009

5/04 H.L. El Sato (3148)

1). Crawl into ?, at top of depression right next to wall - under sandstone bed photos 01 + 02

GPS 0450123. 4800785 Alt. 155m (acc 6m).

(3149)

2). At foot of rock face at downhill end of main depression. Needs bar to remove pile of rock.

Photo 03

GPS 0450160. 4800795 Alt. 153m (acc 7m).

(3150)

3) Small resurgence - too tight after 1.5m

photo 04

GPS 0450255. 4800621 Alt. 171m

(3151)

4) Entrance in a walled enclosure into a hands + knees height chamber/passage. Some stal. before slopes up to flat-out crawling - needs caving gear. Slight out draught.

photos - in cave + of 2nd (2)

GPS 0450254. 4800392 Alt 209 (acc. 5m)

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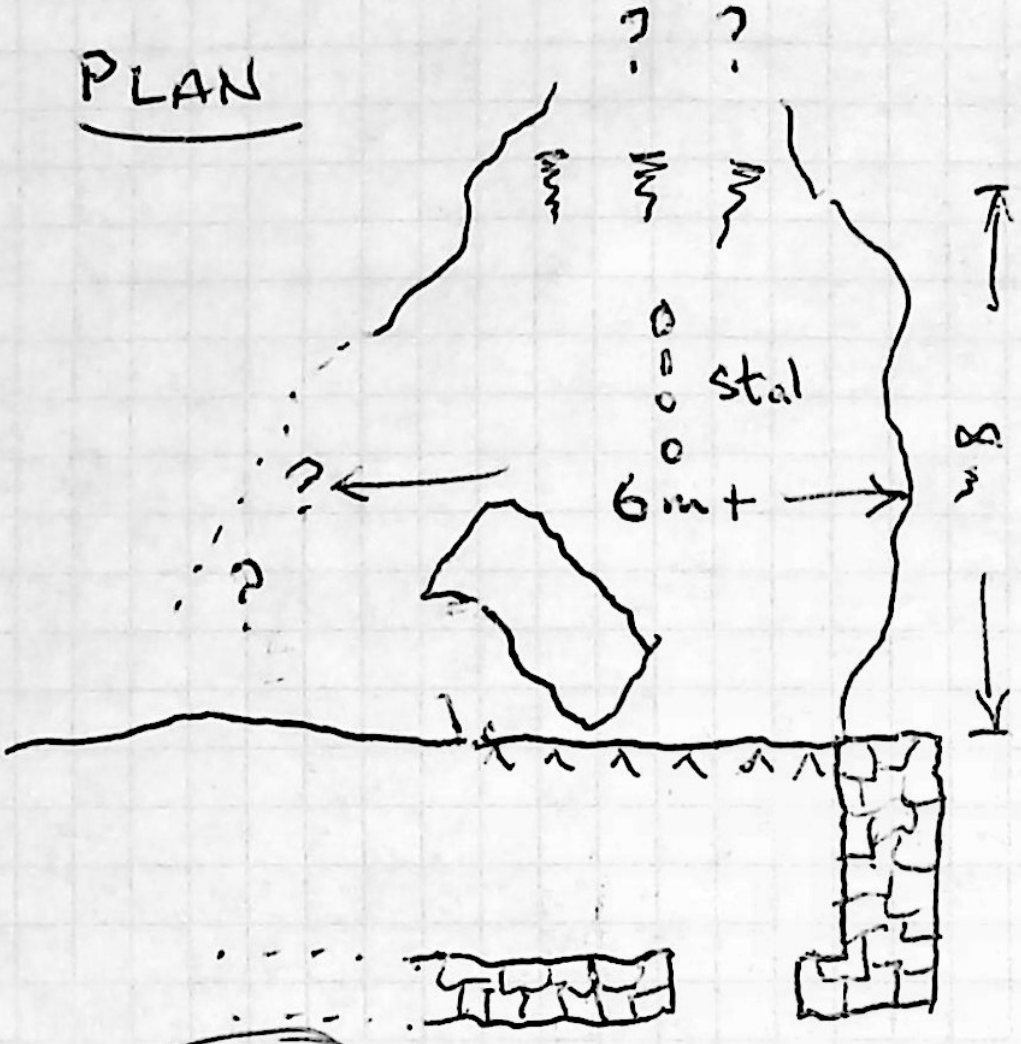

3152

5). Enlarged joint in undergrowth leads to partially roofed section. Heat widens out into about 2m width with stream wash debris on floor. Ends at drop down under large boulder - to an on-going cave passage - no draught.

Impossible to get GPS position or photos.

6/04 H.L. Sel de Suto (Artus bain)

1) Phreatic rift (h + knee) for 4 metres lowering to flat out crawl. Open for at least another 2-3 metres.

(3153)

Impossible to GPS.

7/04 H.L. + L.M. Portillon

a). 2241 (acc 4m) photos (2) GPS 0447536.4800012 Alt 404m

b). Hole just below road with debris but a possible way on down at down-slope end.

(3176)

photo

GPS 0447435, 4800435 Alt. 298m (acc. 6m)

c) Rift with large slab partly blocking top about 5m deep and can see 4m towards road.

(3177)

Links w/p 5.

08/04/09 H.L.

1). Low flat crawl looks to lead into chamber - possibly with a way on. Looks to be all in sandstone!

(3185) GPS 0449557. 4800818 Alt 120m.

photos (2).

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2). Wide 6-7m opening into 3m deep X 1·2m tall chamber. In sandstone. Has been walled across front at some time.

(3186) GPS 0449571. 4800808 Alt. 125m

photos (2)

09/04/09 H.L. Riano

a) Shaft (~~55~~ 8-9m) up behind chestnut Cava shown me by farmer. Needs tackle + sounds to have slope off at bottom photo (1) Not possible to GPS.

b) Riff pitch at top of cleared area above shed against s/stone wall. 6metres to ? Echo

(3197) photos (2) S. temp 22·9°C, in shaft 10·5°C.

GPS 0452388. 4799956 Alt, 234m

c) 4m deep shaft - possibly choked in chatty area up behind single storey building. Tree trunk wedged in top.
(3198) photo (1)

GPS 0452413. 4799951 Alt 216m

d). Ent. under collapsed sandstone blocks right next to wall. Short drop onto steep slope down to a junct. To right looks too tight - left looks a lot bigger. Good outward draught
(3199) photo (1) By ivy-covered tree.

GPS 0452262, 4799956 Alt. 234m

GPS position for 2859 (?) - bl. ont well

0452163. 4800074 Alt 161m

11/04 L.M + H.C. below Red Dome

a). Rift c. 4m - possible further drop

(3201) GPS 0454720. 4801006 Alt 160.5m

b) 10m dia. rock walled depression (scramble down - to floor) 7m to deepest point.
(3202) Lark's w/p 13

GPS 0454359 4801562

11/04 cont

e) Cave in scar below old track 1.5m slope down leads to neck + walling across - continues beyond
photos (31)

3209

GPS 0455483. 4801533 Alt. 393m

12/04 H.L., Riano 3222

1) Hole at left end of scar by tree - bl. out wall photos (2) (Up-valley fm - Espada)
GPS 045 1232. 4800973 Alt 125m

13/04 H.L. + L.M. R.ano

We returned to hole seen y/day and dug enough away for me to read top of 6m pit at bt. needs flake demolishing to get doc.. Lead to Espada - no obvious connection.

a) In small rock face at up-hill side of depression in valley fm R.ano resurgence to road. Need soil removing to gain u/cut 2m down.
GPS 0451449. 4800803. Alt. 125m.

3225

b) up + to the left of dug hole is small tube, but 0.5m down it opens out into sizeable. Good echo. It may connect with Espadan strong draught photo

3226

GPS 0451441, 4800970 Alt. 125m

3227

c) 7m to left of b) is small ext. full of stone.

d). Left again c 15m + up slightly is undercut with various choked tubes

3228

14/04 H.L. Riano Area

1). Neatly stone walled but ramshackle roofed construction next to a nobbly treeby fence. At opp. end to ext. slope is doorway and hard turn left to slope down to ext. to cave. Could see 7-9 metres in stooping height arched roof passage. Needs a few rocks digging out at start of slope. Incredibly strong draught in.

3234

W/P 19 - GPS 0451614. 4800989 Alt. 160m (Acc 4m)

photos

1803

2) Walled up entrance (like Torno!) in bottom right hand corner of field. Looking about 5-6m along a rift to a corner - hole in floor - lots of drips. Good echo

W/P 20

photos - Ent (2) + 1 inside

GPS. 0451536. 4800892 Alt. 150m

15/09 H.L. Riano (From Bat Cave outwards)

1) Triangular vertical drop onto slope + leads to 2) photo. (1)

W/P 21 GPS. 0451773. 4800011 (Acc. 6m

1532 Bat Cave

2) Phreatic rift (with roots) leads to 1) photos (in + ext)

GPS 0451794. 4800013

3) Cave with 2 entrances - nice passage photos (in + entrances)

596

GPS 0451797. 4800001

4) Phreatic rift ext - furthest into corner photo (ext)

GPS 0451800. ~~48000~~ 4799989

1531

5) Approx 30 m east of Ozcaka ent
Tight rift (with skylight above). Can see 5 m.
3233 photo (ent) Holes in floor drop further

GPS 0451943 4800820

2905 is 3 m of h + knee crawl to choke

05/08/09 Riano - H.L. + J, Cl.

Good looking entrance under small outcrop
- 2m to complete choke

GPS 0451539. 4830961 Alt. 142m

photo (3292)

08/08/09 J. Cl. + H. L. (3303)

Hole beside road 2m deep.

GPS 0448781. 4799281 Alt. 333m
(photo 1)

Hole under outcrop in subsidiary s/h to main one 2m down into 2m dia chamber - poss. dig in floor (3304)

GPS 0448587. 4799204 Alt. 300m.
(photo 2)

10/08 H.L. - S. Vega (1510)

a) 9m long h. knee tube to choke (photo)
GPS 0450724. 4795585 Alt. 282m
(acc. 20m)

(1511)

b) 5m east is cave about 6m to small chamber
(photo

~~3307~~

c) 2m long cave just about up hill from west end of water tank. 3310
GPS 0450752. 4795583 Alt. 269m
(Acc 30m)

d) 40m long phreatic remnant to choke. Straight uphill from east end of water tank.
GPS 0450756. 4795528 Alt. 249m
(photo) 1460

e). 5m wide ent. into overhang + crawl across to possible way on by digging up a slope. No real draught
GPS 0451089. 4795715 Alt. 200m
(Acc 10m) (photo.) 3308

f). Small hole at foot of rock face by tree, in a large depression. An easy dig will gain access to a 2m drop into a chamber with a further slope on down. Draughting out
GPS 0451499. 4795637 Alt. 198m.
(photos). 3309

12/08 J. Cl + H.L. (3317)

5 m climb down to chalc. Ext. in small scar in corner of field

GPS 0451393. 4795675 Alt 205-
photos (2)

Return to 3309. Dig (5 min.) down slope to streamway - 6m tall heading with slopes up on left to ?? 50 m to choked (stream).

Rising in valley with low wet drought-> crawl with good stream flow out

GPS 0450850. 4801403 (3316)
(photos 2)

EASTER 2010

South Vega

07/04 H.L.

A). Collapsing hole between Cueva del Haya and 477. Slight cut draught. Stones fall + roll about 3-4 m total
(3358) 2 photos

GPS 0451615, 4795574 Alt 211m
(acc. 5m)

Photo in + of cut to 477

B). In face of scar is diggable crawl to?
(3382) photos.

GPS 0451460. 4795557 Alt. 219m.
(acc. 9m).

C). In same scar as B) but 6m to east is a hole that needs kep digging (5-10 min) to a drop + slope into a big space strong draught in. Photos
(3355)

GPS 0451463. 4795556 Alt. 220m.
(acc. 8m).

D) Diggable ent. to crawl - 5m visible - no draught. Is sited at foot of scar at head of gully. Photos ent. + in

GPS 0451392, 4795574 Alt. 235m.
(acc. 8m)

(1479) E) 3m wide x 2m deep, partially walled rock shelter. Photo.

GPS 0451356, 4795595 Alt. 216m.
(acc. 8m)

(1478) F) Small (2m) tight deep - photo.

(1480) G) Small cave thro rock outcrop - photo.

GPS. 0451343, 4795608 - Alt. 232m
(acc. 8m)
This position is midway between F) & G) - 2m to either side

E), F) + G) are probably site 1479/8/9.

GPS for 477 = 0451595, 4795583
(3m out towards road from ent.

Ent. to roadside fence = 12m.

08/04 H.L. El Sinto

1). 4m deep hole (need ladder) into ??

(3386) GPS 0450680. 4800672 Alt 125m
(acc. 5m).

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2) Twin risings + big tank - water flows towards 1)

(3387) GPS 0450656. 4800585 Alt. 137m
(acc. 5m)

GPS is c 6m out from rising.

09/04 H.L. - Cold Stara area, Riano,

1) Small, diggable bedding near top of field.

(3384) GPS 0451522. 4801099 Alt. 161m
(acc. 5m).

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2) Diggable, draughting slot.

3385 GPS 0451560. 4801060 Alt. 162m
(acc. 5m).

3) 3m long slope under outcrop to 4m. drop.

GPS 0451547. 4800917 Alt. 148m

2 photos - near + far

10/04 H.L. Riano

GPS for 1805 is :- (on wall 2m from ent).

0451550. 4800479 Alt 114m
(acc 5m)

11/04 J.C. + H.L.

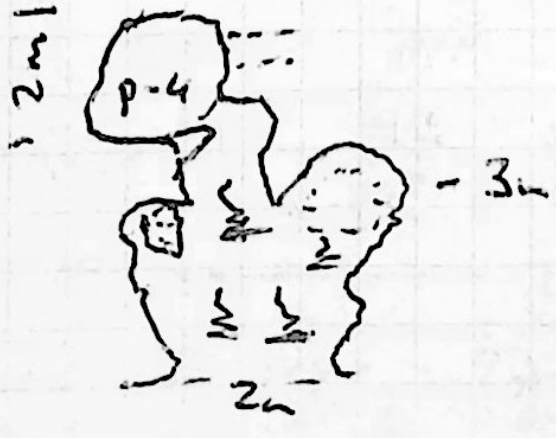
a) Dig into 3355 - down steep slope into chamber

b) Few metres east of Cueva ca (177) - 4m undercooled tight shaft
(3388)

GPS 0451610. 4795589 (acc. 5m).

c) Open out onto 4m slope to head of blind 4m pitch with hole across to right higher up to blind 3m pit
(3389)

GPS 0451629. 4795508 (acc 5m)



b) Small ext. by wire fence to 5m crawl ending too tight!

3390

GPS 0451647. 4795462 (acc 7m).

12/04 H.L. S. Vega

a) Below and to east of Cepudia. Open ext. into hole and stooping chamber. Choked just above wire fence



307

Photos

GPS 0451216. 4795625 (acc 7_) Alt. 236.

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b). Small hole to cross-passage - crawls too tight each way 2m Photo.

GPS 0451145. 4795634 (acc 7_) Alt 237

3399

c) Low diggable crawl - can see c 4m
3400 GPS 0451571. 4795486 Alt. 254m
(acc 5m) photo

d) Few metres east of c) - low ent. well concealed by vegetation. Crawl for 4m with possible continuation round bend to left. Photo.

3400 GPS 0451577. 4795486 Alt. 257m
(acc 5m)

13/04 H.L. Espada / Cold store area

1) 4m pitch, blocked at top with several large rocks + broken insulators. (Right next to a pylon). There may be a passage off at bottom.
3448

GPS 0450937, 4801310 Alt. 155m
(acc. 20m)

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2) In wood, above Espada - diggable crawl with strong outward draught. Hot day.

[redacted] GPS 0451090. 4800942 Alt. 114m
(acc. 5m).

[redacted] 3449 3442

3) Tight but diggable entry to c. 7m slope. Draughting out wall. (Photo).
At foot of small outcrop.
GPS 0451074 . 4800948 Alt. 122m
(acc 7m).

14/04 H.L. Cobacdal

1). Just beyond end of steep side track. Cave ent. with loose blocks in floor over a drop. Draughting ent. (Photo.)

GPS 0447695 . 4799279 Alt. 248m
(acc 4m)

2). Level with 1) is 3m deep hole with vertical ribs of sandstone at top. Photos.

GPS 0447683 . 4799293 Alt 250m
(acc 4m)

3) Large walk-in ent. 4m wide x 2-5m tall goes to a back wall 6m in, with stone filling a crawl into something bigger. Photos.

(3421)

GPS 0449021 . 4798494 Alt 263m
(acc. 3m)

Photo of 3349 - near The Sewer.

4) Above The Sewer, dig along wall to where passage between solid and rock turns to left. No GPS possible.

16/04 H.L. Torcida wka Torcida Cave 613

1) Up + to right of Torcida ent. is strongly out, draughting hole that needs bar hammer stone enlarge enough to enter - 1 photo GPS not possible

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2) A few metres left of 1) is draughting tube which, presumably, will connect with 1).

17/04 H.L. Cobadal

1). Up at west end of last depression, with iron frames in - near poly tunnels. 3m sloping climb to floor of a stream passage. 4m on it becomes a flat out crawl but seems to get taller 3m on. Good echo and draughting out on a warm day. 2 photos

(1931 Green Pepper Cave)

GPS 0448578. 4799925 Alt 216. (acc 4m)

[This is about 5m out from ent]

4781

30/07/18 Riolastras J.C. + H.L.

Shakehole over electric fence about 15-20' deep with rift shaft at end - choked but opens out to flat floor - slight draught.

4782

GPS 0455026. 4802836 Alt 203m

01/08/18 Jivaro area J.C + H.L.

Shaft in tree thicket depth 35ft

GPS 0453661. 4794534 Alt 290m

02/08/18 Riolastras J.C. + H.L.

Porthole onto 1.5m drop into rift crossing over a 2m+ drop to what look like start of a passage

GPS 0455198. 4805026 Alt 139m

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