Site 2889: Torca La Vaca

Surveyed by the Matienzo Expeditions 2008 - 2010

Version 2.09 - completed 15th July 2010

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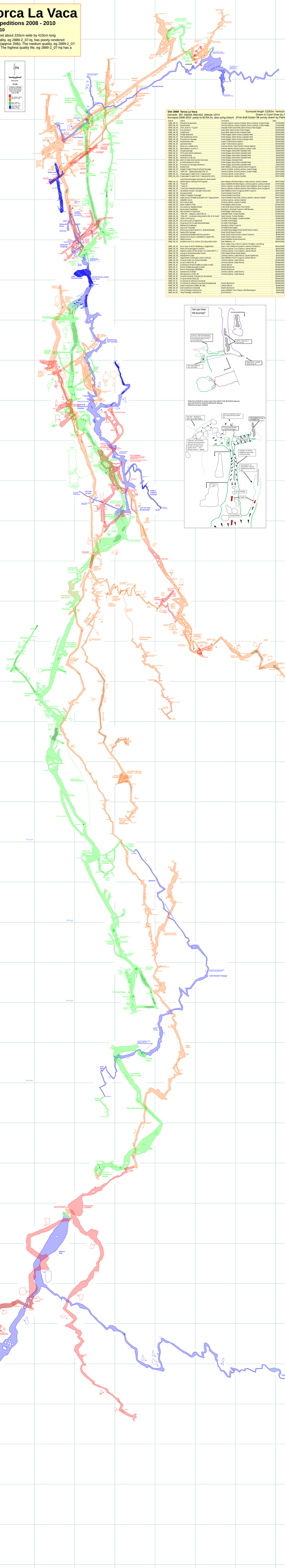
Various pdf files of this version exist. The lowest quality, eg 2889-2_07-lq, has poorly rendered passage colour fills and outline but a small file size (approx 2Mb). The medium quality, eg 2889-2_07-mq, has reasonable passage colour. (approx 9Mb). The highest quality file, eg 2889-2_07-hq has a size of approx 120Mb.

Note 1: (FIXPH) Pick up from chamber over a lip to an 8m drop on the left in a small chamber with a rock pile and a bolt. Descend the rock pile to a 2m drop into a pool. Swim 1m to a rock ledge. Climb up and follow a little more passed the descent but remain underwatered. On the right a canal soon chokes. However, this crawl passage is the start of the Pitch Perfect Pitch Pitch and Putt.
Note 2: (PP) (pp?) It is possible flat floor. Not explored.
Note 3: (PPP) Pitch Perfect Pitch Pitch and Putt. Pitch spelunking.
Note 4: (PC) A flat lump that approximately 20cm in choke. Not enough water on 31/10/08.
Note 5: (Ex) Exit. Climb up the 2m climb to the top of the boulder choke and continue in keyhole passage on the right which starts to get small after 10m.
Note 6: (Ex) Exit. Climb up the 2m climb. The cave goes through to a parallel shaft coming from above. You may as halfway down the pitch, a standing on boulders has a second drop to the main which is undercutted.
Note 7: (Ex) Exit. Climb up the 2m climb. The cave goes through to a parallel shaft coming from above. You may and a rope but especially tight landing places. No downwards though. Passage varies heading off for approx 20m from the top of the climb. Mostly small but occasional bigger sections. Eventually comes out at a 2m climb down into a passage going off main way not descended and not know how far this goes. Would benefit from a handline or get back out. Dirt unstuck.
Note 8: (Ex) Exit. Climb up the 2m wall at the start of the upper series was climbed by Barry, Uns tight and awkward. The side of the hole at the end looks climbable but would require placing a few bits of protection. (Not done yet).
Note 9: The 4m 'pot' at the draughting breather choke area was descended by Barry. Lot's or area of unstuck rock. Not pushed. Draughts but not enough to push through. Not pushed. Lot's of unstuck rock. Draughting and drawing up probably. There is also a 2m climb up the wall above the 'pot' which appears to have me a passage going off but this was not climbed. Not pushed. Lot's of unstuck rock. Draughts.
Note 10: Lyles 5m close 01? actually doesn't. A climb up our bold step leads to around 200m passage/chambers with a boulder choke at the far end. Bill Sherrington, Dave Gledhill, Tom Clayton and Johnny Latimer explored by Barry but no survey to present. The passage going up at the entrance is approx 21m wide and 1m high with a flat floor and ends at a 2m climb up a 1m wide slot. Not pushed. Lot's of loose rock to get back out.

Routes to Lake Bassenthwaite
The original Top Entrance should not be used. Alore are alternative routes.
Bill Sherrington, Dave Gledhill, Tom Clayton and Johnny Latimer dug through a tight pitch and began pit to the S. (Pitch Perfect Pitch Pitch and Putt).
* The B12 cave be reached through the cave to the left of the Top Entrance. Is not recommended. Missing out the Sparrow. Although Sparrow Hall and turning back was not.
* At the base of B12, a climb up to the Pitch Perfect is the best route to a pit down into Dour Passage and then to the Lake Bassenthwaite.
Alternatively, not recommended, at the base of the pit, heading north in the W leads to a rift to the Sparrow Hall area. Not pushed. Lot's of loose rock. Draughts. Not pushed.
* The B12 can be missed out and a route taken through Pitch Perfect to the junction at the 2 man step. Follow the 2 man step uncle at a 7 junction and a fossils and knees crawl to the water of Lake Pitch Pitch into the Lake Pitch and Putt.

Version Notes
v2.09 15/07/10 Minor amendments to 1. Boulder choke area and 2. high level west of Sabbethwaite Tarn Chamber. Other minor amendments.
v2.08 11/07/10 Some 2 Boiler and one new stream.
v2.07 10/07/10 Minor amendments. Is there a Boiler connection not correct?
Can You Hear the Buzzing and Fist Ups at the Entrance sections added.
Lots of minor 3d passage beyond dune added. Much more passage beyond Cumberland Pencil Factory.
v2.06 10/07/10 Minor 3d passage added to Pitch Perfect Pitch Pitch and Putt.
v2.05 10/07/10 Some 3d passage added to Pitch Perfect Pitch Pitch and Putt.
v2.00 01/05/10 Summer 2009 extensions. Note that old stations at each end of the 1 mewhatts Lane loop are not the same. Some stations have moved about. Lowest quality only. Is the centre line.
v1.00 30/7/10 Easter 2010 extensions.



Site 2889: Torca La Vaca
Homedo 30T 448359 4801402 Altitude 107m
Surveyed 2008-2010 partly to BCRA 5c; also using DistoX
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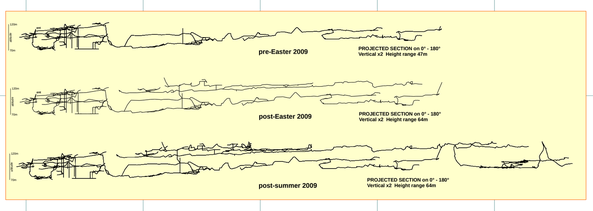
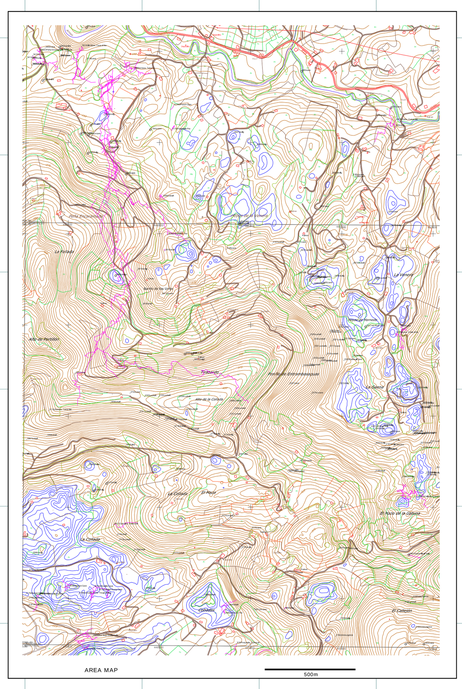
(First draft Easter 08 survey drawn by Patrick Warren)

Batch	name	surveyors	date
2889_08_01	Entrance & upstream	Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle, Simon Latimer, Andy Pringle	27/03/2008
2889_08_02	downstream	Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle, Simon Latimer, Andy Pringle	27/03/2008
2889_08_03	D7ne Joint to "T junct"	Alasdair Neill, Dave Bell, Santi Urrutia, Peter Eagan	28/03/2008
2889_08_04	N at entrance	Dave Bell, Santi Urrutia, Peter Eagan	28/03/2008
2889_08_05	S high level	Dave Bell, Santi Urrutia, Alasdair Neill	28/03/2008
2889_08_06	W high dead end	Peter Eagan, Santi Urrutia, Alasdair Neill	28/03/2008
2889_08_07	NW sandstone choke	Peter Eagan, Santi Urrutia, Alasdair Neill	28/03/2008
2889_08_08	Precarious Passage	Peter Eagan, Santi Urrutia, Alasdair Neill	28/03/2008
2889_08_09	downstream inlet	Julian Todd, Becka Lawson	29/03/2008
2889_08_10	upstream inlet	Julian Todd, Becka Lawson	29/03/2008
2889_08_11	down p to middle level	Carmen Smith, Peter Smith, Patrick Warren	30/03/2008
2889_08_12	alternative route to T	Patrick Warren, Ian Brown, Julian Todd	30/03/2008
2889_08_13	Lively passage	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_14	NW sandstone choke extension	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_15	small extension	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_16	extension to 08_03	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_16a	pitch to base level (some resurvey)	Peter Eagan, Alasdair Neill	31/08/2008
2889_08_17	to NW sandstone choke	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_18	Precarious Passage extension	Peter Eagan, Dave Bell, Alasdair Neill	31/03/2008
2889_08_19	Buttermere	Dan Hibbert, Johnny Latimer, Bob Toogood	22/07/2008
2889_08_20	Dingle Pringle Pretty Pushing Passage	James Carlisle, Johnny Latimer, Andy Pringle	23/07/2008
2889_08_21	"50m rift" - replaced by batch 08_37	James Carlisle, Johnny Latimer, Andy Pringle	23/07/2008
2889_08_22	N passage to water from T way junction	Johnny Latimer, Andy Latimer	25/2008
2889_08_22a	N passage to water from T way junction (HL)	Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle	30/07/2008
	Lake Bassenthwaite and beyond. (Early detail added Easter 2009 by Phil Papard).		
2889_08_23		Dan Hibbert, Bill Sherrington, Andy Latimer, James Carlisle	26/07/2008
2889_08_24	"Team B"	Dave Gledhill, Bill Sherrington, Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle	27/07/2008
2889_08_25	"Team A"	Simon Latimer, Andrew Latimer, Dan Hibberts, Bob Toogood	27/07/2008
2889_08_26	Tuna Can Chamber and beyond	Simon Latimer, Andrew Latimer, Dan Hibberts, Bob Toogood	27/07/2008
2889_08_27	Southeast stream / boulder choke end	Dan Hibberts, Bob Toogood, Mike Topsom	29/07/2008
2889_08_28	Sumped Outlet	Paul Fretwell, Paul Dold	30/07/08
2889_08_29	Pablo's Peppers Passage	Paul Fretwell, Paul Dold	30/07/2008
2889_08_30	High Level to Middle level pitch off T way junction	Paul Fretwell, Paul Dold, Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle	30/07/2008
2889_08_31	Gledhill's Go'er	Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle	31/07/2008
2889_08_32	Don't be an idiot	Johnny Latimer, James Carlisle	31/07/2008
2889_08_33	Santi Called it Crap	Peter Eagan, Santi Urrutia	02/08/2008
2889_08_34	low series to Squality Street	Paul Dold, Steve Martin, Pete Smith	02/08/2008
2889_08_35	M ancunian Candidate	Mandy Fu, Michael Topsom, Will Stewart	03/08/2008
2889_08_36	Slot joined to Precarious	Peter Eagan, Santi Urrutia	03/08/2008
2889_08_37	"50m rift" - replaces batch 08_21	Alasdair Neill, Torben Redder	03/08/2008
2889_08_38	"50m rift" - continued and joined to 08_32 S of p32	Santi Urrutia, Torben Redder	04/08/2008
2889_08_39	shaft in NW sector	Ali Neill, Pete Eagan, Torben Redder	10/08/2008
2889_08_40	alt route to p32 on high level	Ali Neill, Pete Eagan	10/08/2008
2889_08_41	route up on R of Lake Bassenthwaite	Ali Neill, Pete Eagan	10/08/2008
2889_08_42	Whitworth Challenge	Mandy Fu, Mike Topsom	17/08/2008
2889_08_43	Leg-over Passage	Ali Neill Peter Eagan	17/08/2008
2889_08_44	Spare Rib Passage - drawn to L. Bassenthwaite	Johnny Latimer, Tom Clayton, Mark Smith Dave Foxton	17/08/2008
2889_08_45	Spare Rib Passage	Mark Smith Dave Foxton	17/08/2008
2889_08_46	Lake Bassenthwaite tied into junction	Mark Smith, Dave Foxton, Mark Topsom	18/08/2008
2889_08_47	Stream from N/ anc Candidate to Spare Rib	Mark Smith, Dave Foxton	23/08/2008
2889_08_48	White Heaven	Dave Gledhill, Martin Barnicott	31/08/2008
2889_09_01	Scafell A-wen,N to choke; S to drop and contin.	Dan Hibberts, +?	08/09/2009
		Over 2 days. Day 1 Simon Latimer, Rodders, Jez Wing	
2889_09_02	from drop N and S (Walking on Eggshells)	Day 2: Dan Hibberts M andy Fu James Pemberton	09/04/2009
2889_09_03	finish off N passage to choke?	Johnny Latimer, Tom Clayton, James Wood	10/04/2009
2889_09_04	Eastern series off 09_02 (Do You Need SRT?)	Johnny Latimer, Tom Clayton, James Wood	10/04/2009
2889_09_05	Leg up in terminal boulder choke	Phil Papard M ark Smith (Killer)	18/04/2009
2889_09_06	Kendal M nt Cake	Johnny Latimer, Jude Onions, Lloyd Cawthorne	10/04/2009
2889_09_07	High Street continuation and continues	Dan Hibberts, Bob Toogood, James Wood	19/04/2009
2889_09_08	Hi-level scale, S of Bassenthwaite	Johnny Latimer, Jude Onions	04/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_09	Loop to batch 09_14	Johnny Latimer, Jude Onions	06/08/2009
2889_09_10	S extension W and middle (cowz1& cowz2)	James Wood	06/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_11	End of middle passage (cowz3)	Martin Barnicott	06/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_12	End of W passage (08080913)	Martin Barnicott	06/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_13	Sandstone Co-linear	Johnny Latimer, Jude Onions	08/08/2009
2889_09_14	SE extension off 09_09	Johnny Latimer, Jude Onions	08/08/2009
2889_09_15	S and E low-level (Vacab1,62,63 and 65)		08/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_16	C1-up at S end (Vaca 13)		08/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_17	Continues E extension low level		08/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_18	Continues E extension low level (Vacabarny$	Martin Barnicott	08/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_19	ends E extension (2889_09_19)	James Wood	19/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_09_20	end S extension (Vaca8)	Martin Barnicott	15/08/2009 Disto:X
2889_ID_01	The Frizzington Extensions	Dave Gledhill, Tom Clayton, Bill Sherrington	02/04/2010
2889_ID_02	"Big Passage" extensions	Bob Grimes +	03/04/2010