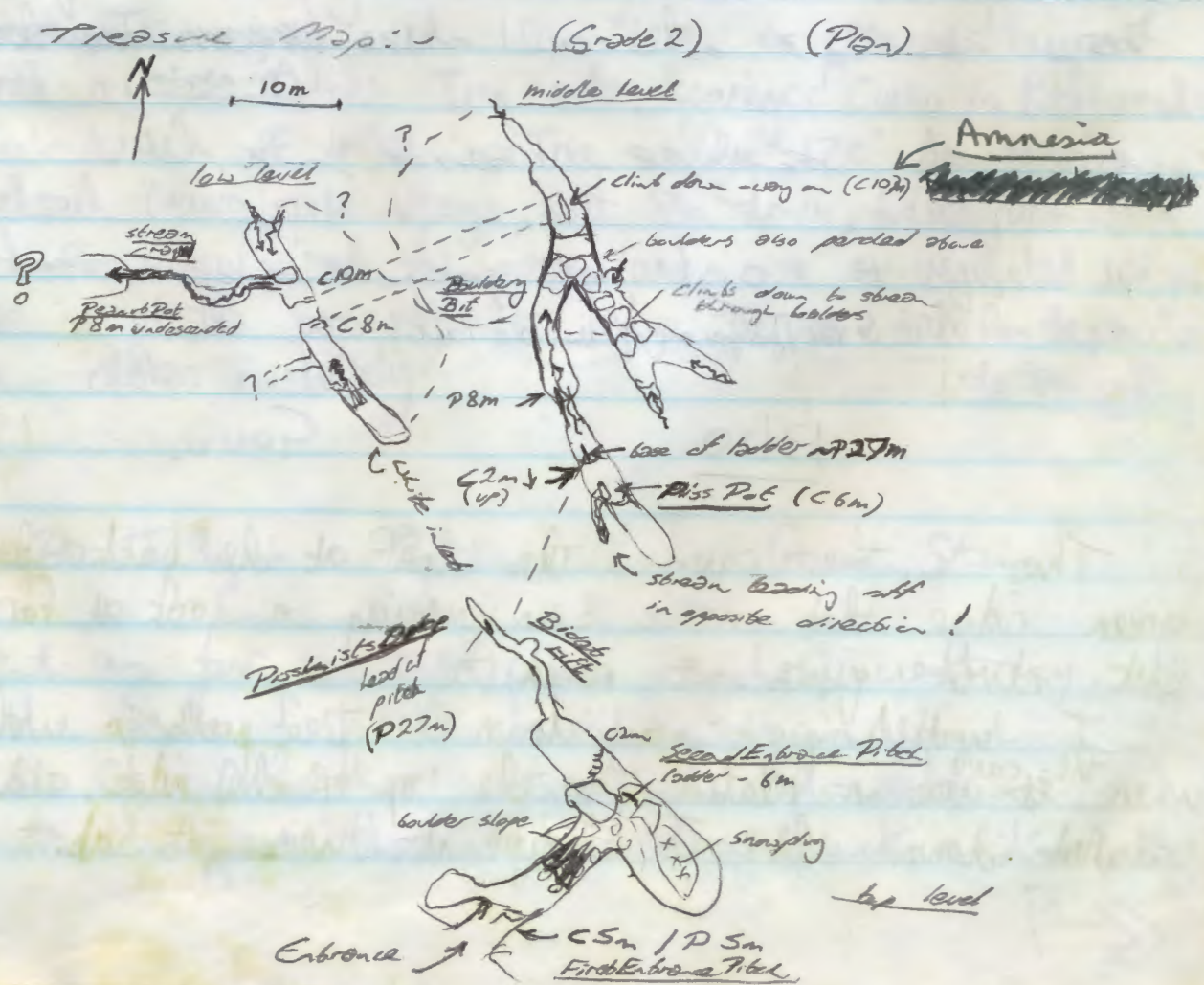


low white moon w/ky dry walls an inlet leading off -
also big/ly muddy crawl, unentered, leading off over lip at
abert lead (kg/ly). From small chamber, stream leads off
behind boulder, into low crawl passage, through a couple
of slight constrictions, to pitch lead. Stream cuts down
in tight rift just before pitch; moderate trickle, strong in-drought.
-Pitch ~ 8m, unentered, ledge half way down, into moderate
sized chamber.)

We made a relatively quick exit, as I was cold,
and didn't brush my peds. However, we decided that
a 75 ft ladder pitch was perhaps rather on the long
side to be unlined so we carried so no-one should
sin otherwise again. When we got out, we asked all
our cave food. We had fun Steve's going back,
I'm going to have to wait for next year

P.S. - We estimated the depth as being ~ 62m,
+ another 8m unentered.



Rigging Guide - Entrance 2 Pitches 35m rope (present)

P/C 5m, rigged from natural rock above,
belayed, onto a left wall.

deviation from far wall, (long)

tight deviation at base, for handline down slope

- rigged at present.

- rest of rope, needs rigging down 2nd entrance pitch,
to slab climb below.

Pissmist's Pot + Sharp pot vertical; 55m rope (required)

D 27m - climb in ~~top~~ tight rift at top, handline,

suggests ropelay just below tight rift, probably
several deviations needed.

Use rope as handline up rift to ^{nest} ~~top~~
pitch - should be enough rope ~~ble~~ to also
climb pitch; probably Y lag - deviation
needed.

15m handline? or 10m climb. ~~(Amnesia)~~
(Amnesia)

15m line for 8m Pottery path.

+ 100's of reduced rope for rest of cave!
You forgot one of the 'o's Paul!

13/10

Gavin

19/7/92

This is the cave in the cliff at the back of the
green ridge that we've been meaning to look at for ages
but never quite got round to.

I walked part way down the Trea path to work out
where ~~the~~ ^{the cave} was in relation to the top of the ridge, and then
started down where I thought it was. Got about 20m

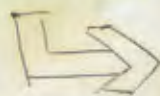
down and realised I was too far left. Returned to top and tried again. Put in 2 bolts and descended. I was in the right place this time, but the rope was too short. Returned to camp and got a longer one. Managed to get down to the ledge at last. The bottom hang is really wild: from the bolt the cliff undercuts by about 10m to give a very free hang. Looking in one direction, the nearest solid land is 200m away, and most of one's field of vision is taken up by the Central Massif several kilometres away. Unfortunately the cave choked immediately - it's really only a scoop. The vegetation on the ledge is quite interesting: several sorts of trees, including fir and silver birch, which I've never seen around here before; and some little white flowers that hang upside down from the cave roof, rather like bats.

Here's the formal description for the short bashing guide:

13/10 Location: the cave is reached from a point on the green ridge of Tultaya overlooking the Trea valley, about 50m above the Trea path and 10m below a prominent lump of rock with a tree in the Trea side. Bearings: Cuesta la Reproscada 92° ; First bunch of trees in Trea valley, 120° . An exciting 50m abseil (two spike belays, bolt 8m down, bolt just above lip), with fine views of the gorge lands on a vegetated ledge. The cave is at the top of the ledge. The cave is visible from the prom in Description: chokes immediately. the Trea valley

Monday 20 July 8/11 Gavin, Steve

We went as far as the pitch reached yesterday, rigging the cave for SRT on the way in, and descended it. At the bottom, the draught appears to disappear through boulders back underneath



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CAMP 3 PACKS [so far]

3x pirimula

much pasta (15 sorts)

↳ x cheesy things

= raisins in things

= chocolate powder

peanuts - 16 small, 2 large

big soup - 4

small soup - 12

& head garlic

= peanut butter

[3 onions]

not yet prepared

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biscuits various x 12

pirimula x

1

sugar

buttocks

12

club

12

hub ①

hub 2

20/7/92 17:00.

David arrives at Ario from 2/7. Finds no one about. After an hour spent restoring his fluid and electrolyte balance he goes to Aro Lago. Maybe there will be someone there?



the pitch; this is also the route taken by the small amount of water flowing down the pitch. It appears to be the case that the removal of only a few boulders would enable affarent passage beyond to be reached. However, this choke is at the bottom of a large and rather loose pile of

boulders. The ~~other~~ other way or is to climb ~~this~~ this pile, which is inclined at about 45° , for about 8m, at which point you enter an impressively large chamber. This is about 20m high, 10m wide and 30m long. The floor is composed of loose debris and boulders, and is again inclined at about ~~the~~ 45° . Gavin ^{briefly} investigated the top, I poked around the bottom and managed to find a few small white statocites ^{in a hole in the wall}. However, no way on was found. Nonetheless the chamber needs investigating more thoroughly and the choke definitely deserves being dug. This cave still has considerable potential, as well as being rather good fun.

Chris and Tony came down briefly while we ~~were~~ were there (conveniently letting us rig the cave first) and surveyed the earlier bits of the cave. However, the cave deserves being thoroughly surveyed. Our trip lasted $6\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

Steve.

AWORD ABOUT LONGGRASS AND ADDERS

If you tramp through long grass around the Picos you may meet a no-legged little fellow called the adder. This little creature will quite happily avoid you since you are big. However if you stand on it, it will find it PRETTY MUCH IMPOSSIBLE to ignore you, and will bite you. So you do this:—

- ① Take some antihistamines → A couple of phenegans.
- ② If someone can go for help for you get them to do so. You should lay back somewhere cool, drink lots + relax.
- ③ If you are on your own do not try to work out the

(36) poison + do not elevate the limbs (you don't want to pour the muck around the body).

Wash the wound out if possible.

Do not rush especially out in the sun; try to attract some help. Drink water + DO NOT PANIC

ADDER BITES ARE RARELY FATAL

Wednesday 22/7/92

A very quiet day in Anio. 2 men came up from Trear instantly walked back down again. A few people straggled in from Lagos + went back again. The ^{day} commenced with a splendid dawn, the view from Solagva was very fine indeed. Most of the day has been bathed in glorious sunshine with a cool breeze. The sky has been an exceptional blue.

If 1990 was the year of flowers, 1991 of butterflies ~~the~~ 1992 has been the year of ladybirds! Great numbers of them here.

Sadly begin to realize that this is the last day I'll spend in Anio for perhaps a couple of years. 3 weeks has hurried by all too soon. I don't suppose it'll change much.

Rigging guide for 8/11

Entrance pitch	Tapes round large perched boulder and over spike for descent down boulder; spike deviation for final hang	40m rope
Boulder slope Second pitch	Thread below Bolt and line on boulder slope for Y-hang. Needs a second bolt	
Boulder slope Third pitch	Thread below Bolt and spike Y-hang. Needs a ladder. Bolt just beyond tight bit. 3 spike deviations - First should be removed and replaced by 2nd bolt at top of hang for Y-hang.	35m rope

Traverse
Short post
C10

Large boss

2 splices

Currently unrigged but a 10m 15m
headline would be useful. Natural
belays, probably

} 20m rope (387)

Peanut pitch

2 wires round jammed boulders.
It rubbed at the top slightly when
we were at the bottom, but I
think I've fixed this

10m rope

25m
~~20m~~ rope

Climb into
large chamber

Wire round large solid boulder

22/7/92

Valley of Dry Bones

Dave H, Steve, Gavin

Went and dug at the most promising site - the one with
a solid roof overhanging at about 45°. Shifted maybe
5 tonnes of rock; now down 3-4 metres. There is
one very large boulder that has to come out: pulley
system rigged, but it probably needs 5 people to help
pull. Still draughting well. This is 69/5

23.7.92 John walked up from base camp in the mist.

Dave H., Martin H. & Harvey down to base, and Martin
returned heroically just before dark with much-needed
food supplies: bread, eggs (some broken); and a carton
of vino which was consumed by Steve, Gavin, John & Martin
in the shelter in the dark & mist to congenial chat
about cave developments at Llangatwg and Carno, the
Forest of Dean Cavers' Fair, and the facilities of certain club
huts.

24/7/92.

(38) Walk up to Ario in the scaring heat carrying the remaining two poles for the big tent (see note - 14 pages back from David), to find the food tent in a disgusting state, spilt food on the floor, 2 boxes of eggs soaking in their own juice in a plastic bag, the water filters outside very damp, etc. etc. Proceeded to annoy ~~people~~ by stating our intention to move the camp and condemning the kitchen as a disgusting abuse of someone else's tentage. Discovered that it is possible to pitch the big tent single-handed in 1/2 hour. Dave + Pamline arrive and pack to go down 2/7 this evening, to give Tony + Cheryl a day to get out from camp before the rest party goes down tomorrow (Sean + David). The radio now seems to work much better since the van has been moved down at Lagos. Tests on the aerial seem to indicate that there is no fault with it.

The camp has finally moved, only a week after El Tefé decided to go camping in 2/7 and leave things to run as smoothly as they had at the start of expedition.

Sorry we didn't move the camp but we were too busy CAVING

8/11 Gawn & Steve 24/7/92

Surveyed down to the bottom of the third pitch, putting a ladder on the right bit of the third pitch as we went. Then went and dug at the bottom of peanut pitch. Managed to stabilise the boulder slope and clear quite a bit. There is still one large boulder blocking the way, but this can probably be moved by about 3 people using a pulley system. Then checked out the big chamber: climbed up the

boulder slope to the right and Fixed a handline. However it seems to be completely chipped at the top. Then climbed up to the balcony overlooking the chamber and looked up - a moderately tricky climb with a possible continuation at the top. I climbed up gingerly, with a few holds falling off, (there is still a large block resting on the face by friction alone - care!), onto a platform, through an arch and into a 10m diameter passage - well decorated and with a superb echo. I didn't push it fully because I think solo pushing is unethical. Managed to find an easier way down. Next team should put a line on the climb (and move the perched boulder) - try to find something more solid than calcite to belay it to - and then push on. If that doesn't go then pull the last boulder out of the choke at the bottom of peanut.

Radios + Telephones

There is a page near the back of this Logbook for comments about the RADIO from Aris to Lagos or the mic phone in 2/7. The mic phone is on loan for testing and evaluation so comments will be appreciated.

Sean

Shaft bashing in Area 5/4

19/7/92

Dave H & Chris C.

Basically this is a much delayed write up of what we looked at. We walked up the hill with the shepherds huts on it and then dropped back into the valley. This probably means we were still in area 5 but we were high up on the hill with all the valley.

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First cave pushed is marked S1E very faintly. There are three interconnected entrances. The lowest has old bear pits in it. The earliest entrance is the middle entrance. Short climb up into large passage this curves around to the right splits into two - which rejoins and the one high is the cliff face looking down on the Valle Encarnado and S3E5. There are two pits with a loop of wire in the wall above your head, which makes a convenient belay point for descent practice.

Going back to the entrance area a small obs. step-like descending ledge - half filled with soil debris will be noted. This can be followed for 10-15m around a couple of beds to larger passage. This emerges onto a 3m pitch / free climb into a pit with no way on. Alternatively just before the pit a climb down through a boulder was pushed into the ice of the pit. Alternatively from here is the connection to the lowest entrance.

