



11. AGUILA.

Ave rapaz. De vista muy perspicaz y fuerte pico y garras. Su rapidísimo vuelo sobrepasa fácilmente los 100 km/hora.

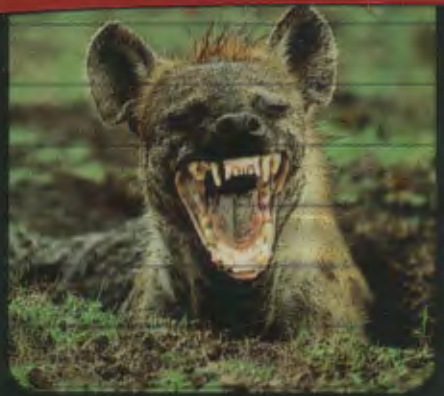
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14. JIRAFA.

Mamífero rumiante. Con sus más de cinco metros de altura, es el animal más alto de la tierra. Puede correr a más de 50 km/hora.

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15. HIENA.

Mamífero carnívoro. Come desde insectos a cebras y suelen vivir en manadas de hasta 15 miembros, dirigidas por una hembra.

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Tim "If you dig something small, you increase your chances of it getting bigger" Guilford.

Top Camp G-PS 043°13.809 N 97°7,
004°56.813 W
Height 1880m

Welsh Digging techniques : 1.

Replacing the keystone

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4/5/6 Aug Canalizos 1 Parallel shaft

Fleur Nobby & Huw rigged to half way while Ben wandered the mountain in the clag searching for a small cave in the Bowl where his caving gear was stashed. After an hour of completely failing to find the Bowl he decided that there were two options: 1, continue searching back and forth across the mountain in the hope of passing sufficiently close to the entrance to spot it in the 20m visibility, knowing that the probability of a night spent lost in the clag was high, or 2 return to the Canalizos entrances and await the return of the cavers with a high probability of a night spent in the regiois getting pissed with the spanish. Deliberation was short and Ben returned to Cano3 entrance and did indeed spend a drunken evening with Tim Lou + Huw & assorted spanish cavers. The following day caving gear recovered Ben & Huw rigged to the bottom of the parallel shaft rigged another 12m shaft and pushed

a series of heinous rifts off the bottom of it. No glory was found but an aren was entered by Ben where a climb into a black hole (probably just an aren) was best going when bits of the climb fell on him. A small climb down was pushed by Huw into too tight rifts where further progress might be made by hammering. There are draughts in this area. On the 6th Ben & Huw returned to check out the larger set of rifts leading from the base of the shaft. The initial rift emerges in the floor of a larger canyon type stream way (dry), downstream is right and the draught (good) goes from upstream to downstream. Down stream goes to a chamber which appears to be part of an old phreatic level and the draught is lost here. A 24m pitch descends into a vadose canyon 4m wide which leads to a ~~small~~ sump (new phreatic level) Upstream crosses two pot holes. At the first two pitches were dropped 30m total to a chamber (8m by 10m) In the floor a set of V. immature rifts carries a small stream progress down the stream might be possible with hammering. The second upstream pot is unentered but didn't look promising. In general the canyon down to the 24m pitch and sump is Old mature cave (well decorated) the fact that the draught disappears at the top of the pitch suggest a way on at that level and several holes can be seen in the roof.

Ben

Could someone carry the gunter down to Rio tonight to go down the hill tomorrow please?
Also marsh I spent carbide.
Cheers.

All

Thanks for a highly enjoyable expedition and I'm really sorry if we (S. Wales diggers) have turned your prime expedition area into a small corner of S. Wales. The caring is great and your company was a laugh a minute. See you all at the BCRA conference for a big 'sesh' - El Ahol permitting of course - if not before
Geebils for ever

Alie

PS. Have restocked camp with Marmalades - enjoy!!

Cheers everyone for the superb time I've had on expedition with you in the Pines. I've really enjoyed the caring and the nights in the tent at Top Camp were a great laugh. See you all again soon, I hope, in Acreon, The Lab, BCRA or wherever.

Alie

CAN III, JC, Tim, Lou

~ ~ ~ The undescended pitch was descended El Regalton '97 style; single belay at the pitch head, rebelayed off above, no slack, rope too short. One double pitch later we were all at the bottom of a 40m shaft with a short rill down to the active stream. Pushed upstream for 40m to a beehive rising steeply, then down stream via two spouting chills to an unpenetrable rill. Plenty of options for a high level route. Probably the upstream end of the known cave but maybe the

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far side of the known swamp or a separate stream. We have surveyed the upstream from the swamp to the junction then down the stream level route and back to the bottom of the pldr. PSS by the swamp (Chltt creek), at the junction (Carbide S), and opposite meander at knee-height (A). Tim + Lou's last picnic trip for a while. Times excellently. Nice pop-corn, especially hotellini shapes.

JOSEP GUARRO

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ BARCELONA
(SPAIN)

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I think I really am going now - thanks to everyone for making this the best holiday/adventure/expedition ever. Thanks also for your patience helping me to sort everything out! If nothing else I can (at most) put my SET kit on myself now. Keep at it - I hope you find lots of cave, you certainly deserve ~~it~~ I hope that we all get together in Wales soon to go digging as there not so many people that are such a laugh to go caving with. Take care
Lou. (not really mad).

7.8.97 Rob & Nobby → D19

After the usual late afternoon start we took a rather circuitous route to the impression entrance. The cave is basically a big rift boulder chinked at about -70m. The "going" led was a ridiculous slot between boulders that chinked immediately beyond an ~~and~~ upward square. The rift is notable not only for its size but also for the curious

property that whichever way you head you appear to be going up stream! There is also a large draft that appears to rise out of the boulder floor all along the ~~rift~~ rift. Several rift traverses were explored without success although there is a ^{small} possibility that persisting into an even higher tower level may offer a way on, if you can decide which way is down stream. An almost efficient dory took us back to the surface and a generous helping of wine took us back to the refugio where we had a fun evening ~~fun~~ with the rest of the expedition ~~before~~ saying good bye to Tim, Ali, Lou and Haur. The final farewell took place at Xity's main entrance where we say to the ^{melody} ~~trumpet~~ of Nobby's guitar.

Rob

GPS Readings	8/8/97	Time
11 = F2	N 43° 13. 421'	15:20
	W 004° 57. 015'	
12 = F2	N 43° 13. 467'	15:26
	W 004 57. 002'	
13 = F96	N 43° 13. 239'	16:23
	W 004. 57. 062'	
14 = Old Top Camp	N 43° 13. 547'	17:44
	W 004° 57. 006	
15 = Old Top Camp	N 43° 13. 579'	
	W 004 57. 041'	

The slightly off - White Spider

8/8/97

or a small tale of shaftbashing adventure with JC and Nathaniel.

This was the second occasion on which I'd tried to get to F96, and the gods weren't smiling on us any more this time; by the time we got to FUS6 the sun that had blazed down all day had given way to clouds & sporadic rain.

We arrived at the F96 snowfield in day, & mist swirled around the top of Punta Gregoriana high above, the face reminding me of nothing so much as photos of the Eiger in miniature. We huddled up the snow slope kicking steps as we went while we gingerly perched on the edge of a mini crevasse between the slope & the cave entrance, & it struck me why Lavin had not gone any further.

Deciding that an approach from above or rock was more sensible, Jonathan sensibly bashed down the steps we'd already kicked, while I tried to cut across the snow slope to save time. One loose step and suddenly I was rocketing down 60 feet of ice towards a Simpson-like doom, aware that in an ideal world I'd have an ice-axe to dig into the snow by my snowshoes. No such luck, and I dug my fingers into it in desperation as the large rocks at the bottom got larger very quickly. A brief crunch and I was on my feet in time to see Jonathan repeating the exercise on the far side of the snowfield -

Hmm. Reconnaissance over, we licked our wounds & attempted the slightly worse and exposed climb above the left of the snowfield, aware that the telescopes of Grindelwald and the eyes of the world's newsmen were trained upon us, eager for any hint of drama, of success ~~or~~ or failure; feeling intensely the loneliness of the high mountain explorers and anxious that the Face had us entirely within its grasp, to dispose of us as the chain took it.

The clouds swirled menacingly above us ...

CAN III Rush, Survey, Find Next Year's Big Lead, Perry J.C. + Rob.

→ Swiftly down to new pitch chockarface, Rob added a 2nd bolt for a safe T-hang, but we left the rest of the dodgy rigging in place to get down to the streaky. Pushed up stream downstream to Tim's limit, ^{and} ~~with~~ a hammer & sledge forwards to a small chock with no way on, then hammered down to the stream with no way on, but 15m progress back to an impenetrable rift. Surprised all this + the pitch and started to climb. The plan was to try to get into the rift at the far side of the shell. There is a good-looking chimney dot 20m down, but my attempts to get to it involved peeling off the wall with a 50:50 chance of ending up hanging over a horrendous rot-point. Better to traverse from the top to avoid the work of the chimney, then pendule in. Left this lead for next year? Rob set off with full tackle by which I climbed as far as I could, got another full bag out + hauled everything else up as far as the top of the 4th pitch. Should take 2 people a week if hours to finish. CAN III also takes a fair bit of water as I was caught by the stormio, but the rig we're done avoids any major problems. Bottom of 4th pitch a bit clag, but you are soon out of it.

J.C.

ric in the dangers of F41:
 '... Ollie was the one who was scared, not me.'

Yet another timetable ... Sunday 10/8/97

- Things to do :
- ~~Canalizes #1 main shaft derig (3)~~
 - Canalizes #1 parallel push / derig (2)
 - Canalizes #3 derig done (2)
 - ~~F41 survey / push (?) / derig~~
 - E12 reknocking
 - D7 push / survey / derig
 - E14 hammer / survey / derig
 - ~~D7 collect rope done~~
 - (Someone to visit la Jayada) ??
 - Collect King la Madre detectors

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Sunday 10th : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
(7 covers) sponsorship photos (not done)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ F41 (not done)

Monday 11th : Canalizes 1 parallel push / derig
(7 people) Canalizes 1 main shaft derig
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (TC down hill)

Tues 12th : TC goes (+ Rob for shopping)
(3 covers) Phys + Ben go (D7 push / survey / derig?)

Weds 13th : Car 1 / E12 + E14
(4 covers)

Thurs 14th :
(4 covers)

Fri 15th : carry
Sat 16th : carry
Sun 17th : carry / load trailer + get to Lagos / leave / beach
Mon 18th : drive
Tues 19th : ferry at 4.30pm

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