

At the smaller peak are two entrances - the first a small slit which rattles for many seconds, the second - an ancient pneumatic tube with much detritus from sheep, rebellious bears, or worse. I will take a peek at these tomorrow.

Then returned to 2/6 to discover that I'd left my base wellies at Top Camp - so did the whole trip to Big Belinga in my trainers

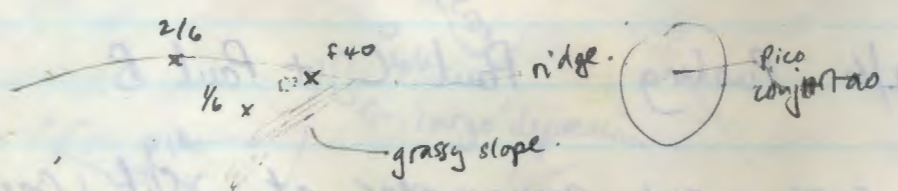
Results: completed the survey of 2/6  
de-rigged ridge → Hammerhead  
de-rigged hammerhead → Big Crunch.

Came out fricked to discover mist. Mañana Sol.

5 BRITS IN PICOS HELL-HOLE DETACKLING VISIT,

3rd August Pushing E40 (Mist Cave - must translate this)

This shaft sounds like the one Dave H & Phil D found last year. Unable to triangulate entrance.

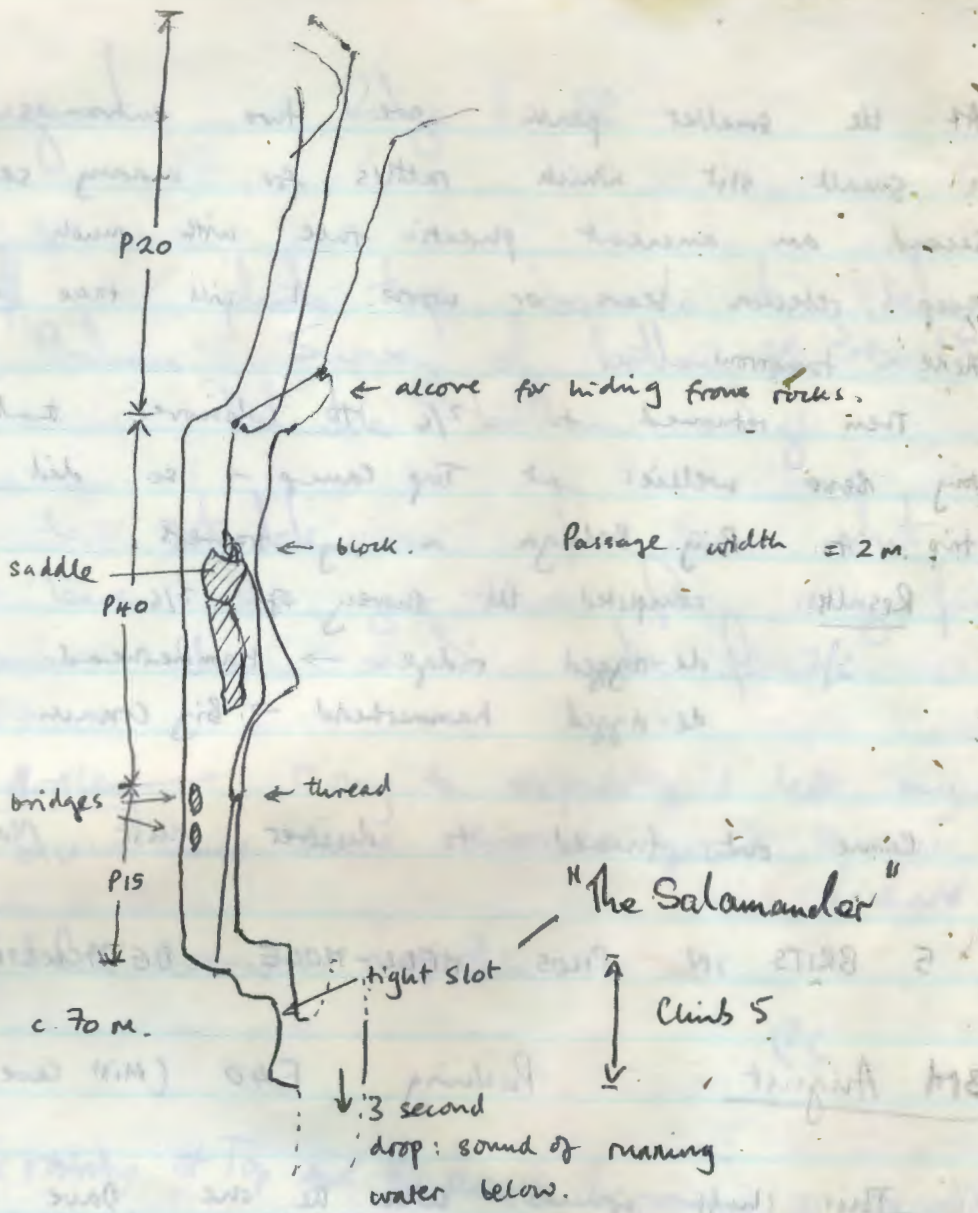


The entrance itself is a small slit in the top of a hill immediately above a small rubble filled depression. it is about 1 m across and 2-3 m wide in the other direction, loose and abounding in natural delays. Paul C & I went down leaving Paul for mummifying in the dense fog.

Pro for grade 1 survey.

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Grade I survey  
of F40. depths  
estimated from used  
ropes



Depth in total c. 70 m.

"The Salamander"

Climb 5

3 second drop: sound of running water below.

\* cave deranged + marked with red paint.

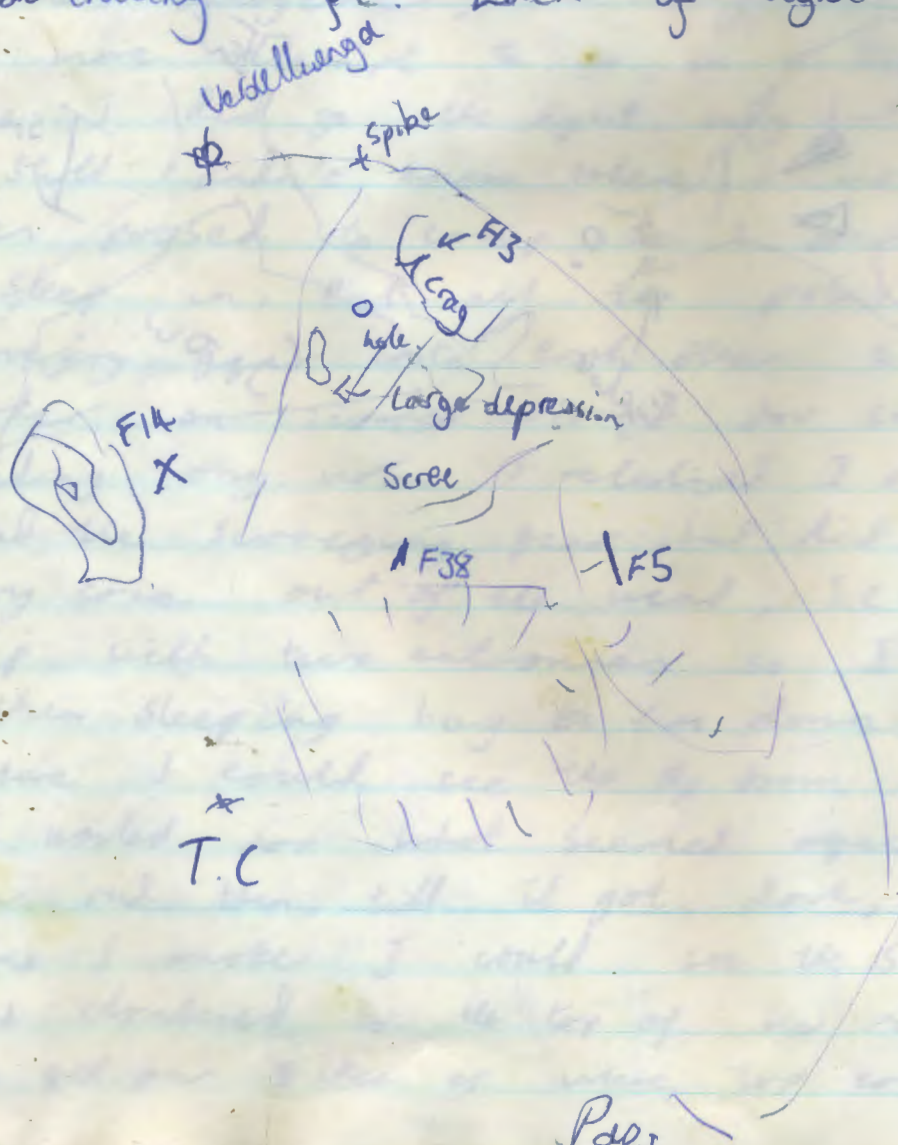
5/8/86 : 2/6 Pushing Paul C + Paul B.

Picked up rope and rigging gear at Slit Creek and went down to the crawl of the wild? and the pitch previously rigged by Phil D. Paul C. hung on the rope trying to put bolts in the exceedingly crap rock. He couldn't so we bugged off taking the excess gear (1 bag + 3 ropes) to the bottom of the entrance shaft. The others had been down and hauled all the rest of the bags up the entrance pitch.

7 hours.

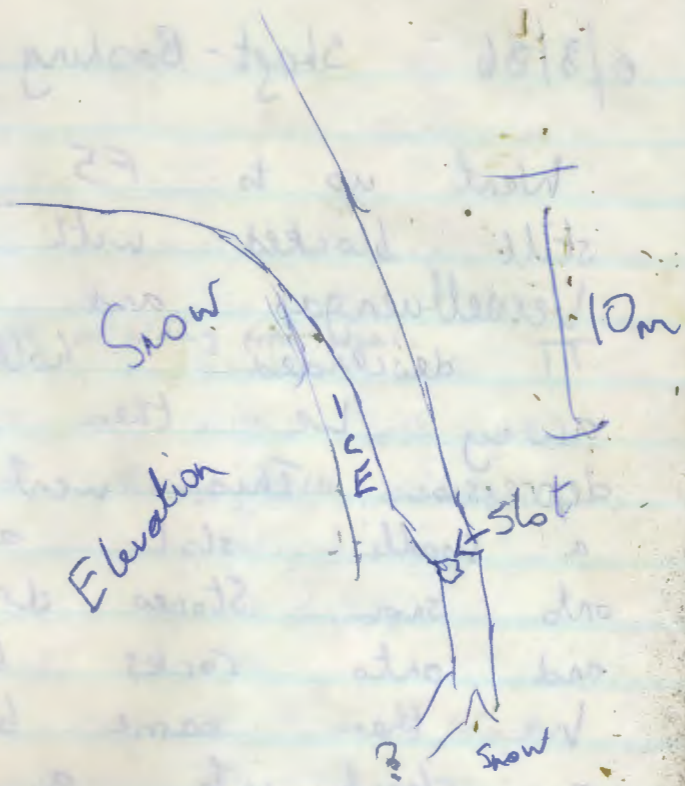
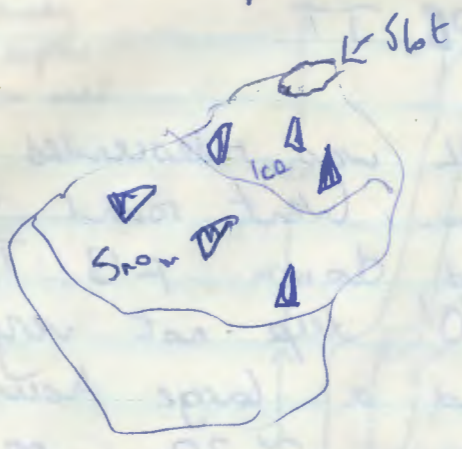
6/8/86 : Shaft-Bashing : PB, JT.

Went up to F5 which was redescended and is still blocked with snow. Went round to Verdelluenga and looked down F13. Then JT descended hole 60' deep not very far away. We then found a large house-sized depression. This went down ~ 20m or to a smallish slot and about a 15 ft. drop onto snow. Stones dropped bounced off the snow and onto rocks before stopping after ~ 4 seconds. We then came back finding F14 which is a climb into a large chamber which JT investigated. At one end the rift continues but is small, at the other a climb leads into a continuing rift. Lack of light halts exploration



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# Large Depression Cave



F14



first core camping Trip.

leaving base camp at  $\approx$  2 pm I set off in shorts + T-shirt for top camp carrying 8 loaves of bread and had a ton of surveying gear.

All went well to leaving the sheep pens on the orca path, just after the path had gone out of sight the clouds set in and I followed the wrong valley up towards top camp. This valley disappeared after sometime and I tried to guess the way till I came to a small gorge/cove? with a birds nest in it. I set off in the direction of the lighter sky, estimating this to be the right way at that time of evening only to return to this gorge some time later, I found this gorge 5 times altogether, now very cold + thirsty I made one more attempt to go in a straight line, this time I did go the right way but after some time I still didn't know where I was or if I had even passed to camp, so I found a nice hole to sleep in, put all the poles from the surveying gear into each other to make  $\approx$  20ft high marker on scouted around for some water. not finding any water I realised I also would not find the surveying gear, but did find a small dry core out of the wind, it was about 8m deep with two entrances so I slept in my v. thin sleeping bag  $\approx$  6m down on a 30° slope where I could see the sky from both entrances.

I waited for what seemed ages, dozing of every now and then till it got dark, then the next time I awoke I could see the stars. I got out and clambered to the top of the ridge I was on to get an idea of where top camp was in case

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it would be cloudy again when it was light enough to walk then returned to my core.

When it was light enough to see where my shoes had rolled to I forked up and started towards top camp, where I saw 2 light coming over the top of the ridge, I shouted to no reply, and made my way to top camp to find Phil, Martin and Geoff. Making tea and heating the stew, after the meal I couldn't sleep so went out in search of surveying gear, I had to go all the way back to the airpods, found my gorge again, then almost walked into the root of poles. got back to top camp about 9am. to find everyone up. then soon after went off to haul up 2/6 entrance shaft while the mega F20 survey/push/sheep trip set off.

J.T.

## Comments Page.



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### Trace Gear.

#### Aquaguard Rope

Very nice to prowl on, surprisingly not too bouncy\*  
not too bouncy my foot!! and not that abrasion  
resistant. Feels about the same as PMI but then  
it is  $\approx 2\text{mm}$  thinner so I suppose its not bad, PD

#### Berger Sit Harness. ("50")

Very comfortable to wear the only problem is that it is  
prone to abrasion particularly where the leg loops are attached  
to the harness.

#### VERSATILE

This is the most comfortable & versatile harness I have used, Abrasion appears  
to be a problem especially over leg buckles & mailon attachment loops.

Mailon attachment loops not strongly stitched enough and  
very prone to abrasion (mine is very bad indeed, Net)

very comfortable but mine has already worn hole way through  
on the back waist belt. J.T.

#### Troll suit

Material is very nice & flexible so the suit doesn't  
restrict movement. Very waterproof. Could do with one or  
two press studs to fasten the front, as down a very  
muddy cave the velcro tends to clog with mud.

90 hrs before my first year - Great but the pocket  
is too low, & difficult to get at when wearing chest harness)

Too long in the chest which means the pocket ends up under my belay belt,

Otherwise excellent stuff.

Down by the balls the outer closing flap  
needs extra stitching as it always comes unhooked.

# Lyon Equipment.

## Lyon Speleo Rope

10.5 mm

9 mm

This is a Beal imitation and as far as I can tell the same high quality. My 40m length of 9mm Beal has shown less bounce than 11mm PPL, is much more flexible and easier to tie into knots, and to braid, is more comfortable for abseiling than the black Marlow stuff (though fast) and seems not to be too abrasion-prone. (Yakhard)

## Petzl Laser headset.

My piece jammed after 50 hrs. Other than that ~~the~~ a brilliant light.

Overdesigned - I did quite a lot of things to mine. (and as ~~for~~ sawing off the pin that's supposed to lock the electric unit) Halogen bulbs don't fit unless you drill the socket out. Otherwise working well. I'm using a small (140/hour) jet which gives bright enough light with the reflector.

Easy to hard to change bulb underground.

## Arione generator

Mike found this difficult to keep going. I think he said the problem was in the gas feed. Not being able to take it apart is a big minus.



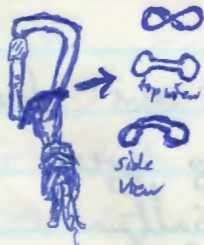
### Hangers.

New Petal hangers are an improvement what regards feeding mailons in with their big holes. and its easier to use large Krobs.

### Tomms.

### Krobs.

Suggestion for cow's-tails:



little steel buckle (or alternatively loop of flitch rubber band)  
 keeps knot at bottom end of krobs.  
 Disadvantage: knot is harder to tie in.

### Furries.

Smell.

I know a man in Manchester who makes good funny suits for about £15-£17, to measure. if you want one, see me. P. Duncan.

### Drivers.

The new design driver is difficult to grip. Replacement threads are a good idea.

