

People on for underground camp

Pat H - Now

Tony S - Now

Joanne W - Now

Paul M - When recovered from previous trip

Leu B - When recovered from previous trip

John S - After rifts warm up trip

Harvey S - After rifts warm up trip

Dave Looney - When arrive

Narl Pacey - When arrive - after warm up trip

Rob Garrett - When arrive - after warm up trip

Gavin L - Still in cave

Fleur L - Still in cave

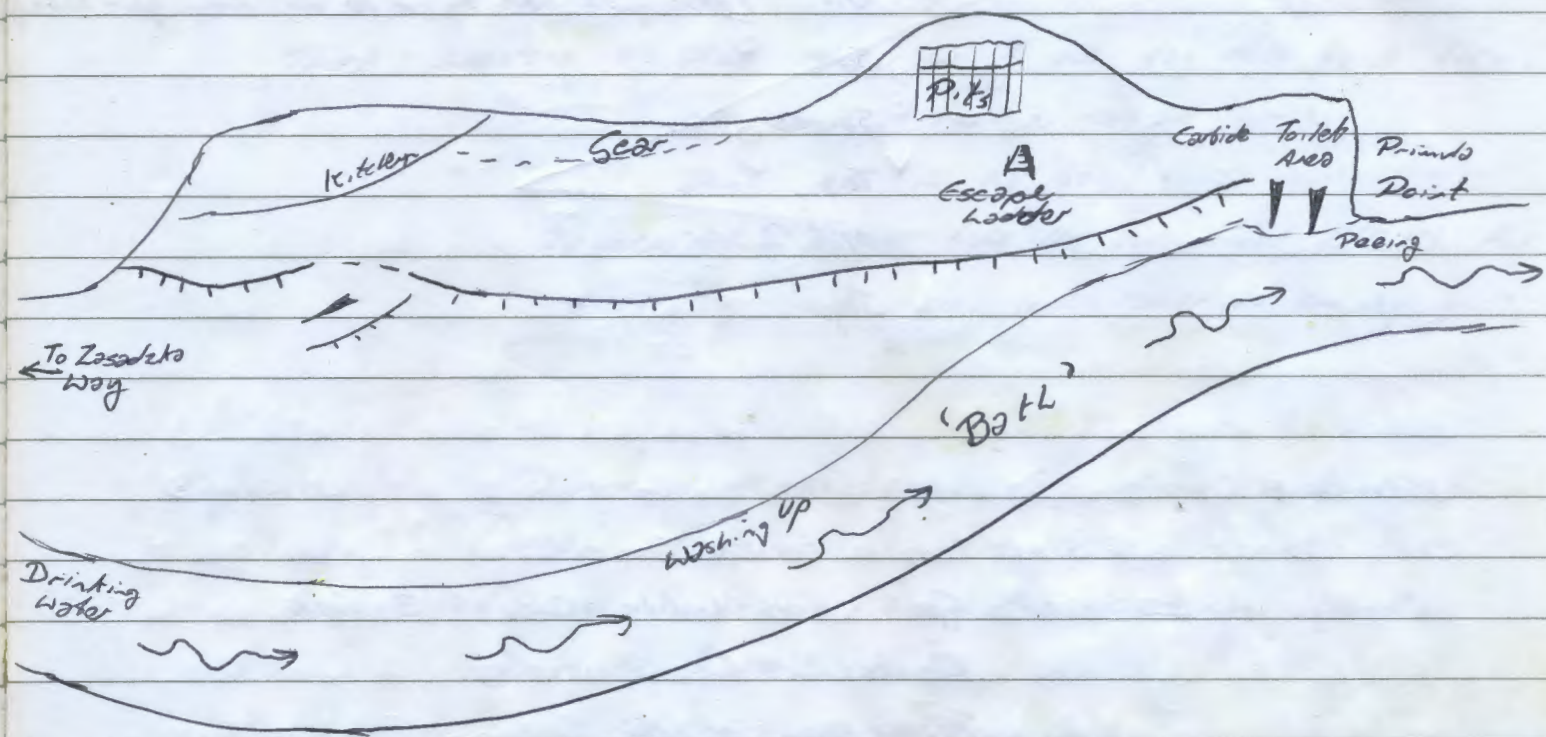
Huw J - Still in cave

Alec H - Still in cave

Keith - Two more warm up trips

Going here soon: Richard D, Rhys W

Primo's Point Camp:



What you should find at camp :-

- Pit Set : Bruy Bag, One or Two Deer Soapig bag, Aperech/Normal Set, Kairind
- Kitchen : Cutlery, Mugs, Plates/Bowls, Pots & Pans, Spider Stoves,

What you should take with you :-

- Food : Breakfast : eg Sarnis Sausages & Mash,
(Packet of each ^{between two people} should be a lot more than the average
caver can eat).
- Supper : eg Packet pasta things : 3 between 2 is almost
unmanageable, most people could go for 2 between 2,
or Bean feast (2 between 2) with mash/pasta/rice.
(the quick cook rice from the raver nest is horrid!)
cooking normal pasta / fine soup pasta, there is little means of draining
water - so judge it well, and boil it dry!

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Other bits of food:

Canning food

Tinned fruit

Mustard (one sachet will feed two)

Oil (else you'll have to use the oil from your tins)

Salt

Sauces

Tee

Milk Powder

Sugar

Cooking gear etc

Gas: ~ 1 litre should do 3 nights

Candles: ~ 6

Plastic bags: ~ 10

Toilet Paper: ~ 1 roll

Carbide

Keep gear dry, especially sleeping bags!

A good system to dry your furry is:

Arrive at camp: strip off, put on thermal, put on furring
over top - hang oversuit up to dry.

Go to bed: take off furring, sleep in thermal.

Get up: put on furring

Go caving: strip off: furring should now be dry: put on
furring and oversuit.

(Check that you've hung your oversuit in a dry place!)

Other tips:

For the long, put a store with water, food & mugs ~~near~~ to your pits, to help you last in bed longer once your alarm goes.

Toilet needs: Roll the rim of the bag ~~the~~ back lots.

Afterwards, squidge out all air!

Don't pee in the bag!

It helps if you can take the cylindrical BDH's for carrying out - they are easier to emptying.

Drums: Darren drums are for food and other clean things.

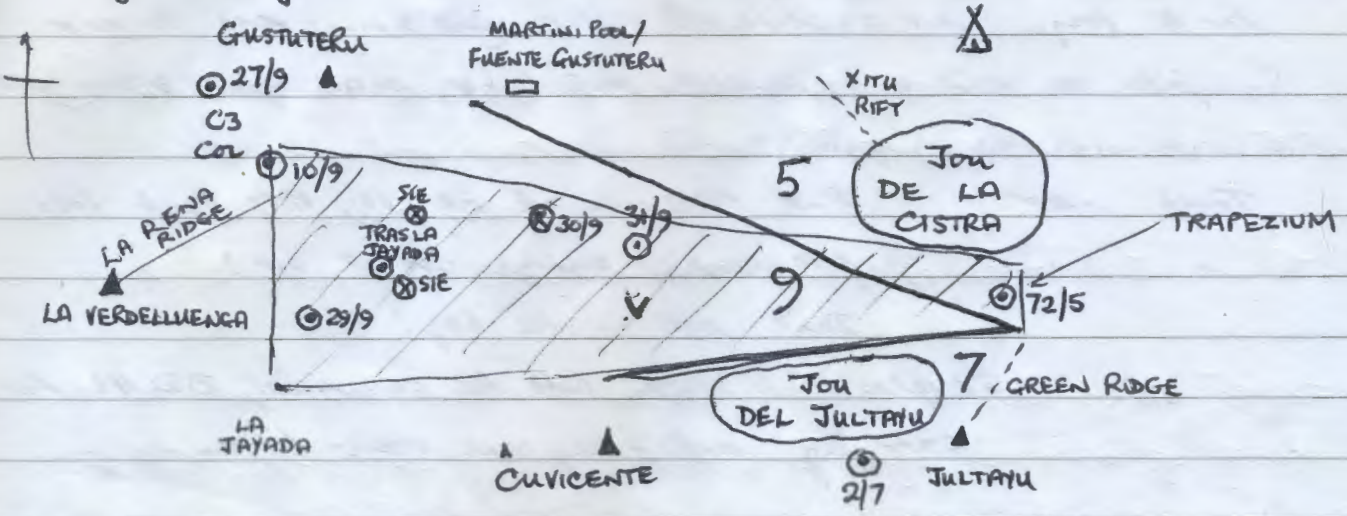
BDH containers are for carbide, spent carbide, & shit.

Aim to be self sufficient including bring out your waste with you.

Paul May

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22/7/98 Results of Keith's, John's, Harvey's, Bill's & Barry's
Shaftbashing / excellent adventures / bogus journeys / digging



Quickest way in (1/2 hr) is either Lagos path / Mirador / Martini Pool / SE flank of Guatuturu, or Lagos path then aim for Cuvicente just past Camp 3 / cross Xitu rift / path direct towards Boca del Joon or C3 col on ^{the} left hand side of the "Valley of La Verdelluenga", which henceforth we will refer to as the "System 4 Valley". The valley lies between Cuvicente and Guatuturu, with La Verdelluenga at its head. System 1 is Xitu, System 2 is Cabeza Muxa, System 3 is the Jultayu System (2/7 or Pozo del Ojode la Brea to us), and System 4 is the Valley of La Verdelluenga system (postulated). This System 4 is postulated to take the water from C3/C4/F64/F85 plus Tras la Jayada and the large valley catchment, entering System 3 beyond Choke Fibot, then either falling into Xitu, or continuing over Xitu & under Extremura to join System 2. The dye traces tell us that C3/C4/F64 water goes to Culembro, which it must do via System 3 or System 4. The postulated System 4 of course takes up the downsed "Trapezium".

It is thought that the 2/7 upper Catchment (still to be explored) is under Cuvicente and extends to La Jayada area. Tras la Jayada looks like a typical Yorkshire Shaft - a long narrow rift with several trees. It must be the focus of a considerable catchment, and it is a pity that it does not go anywhere (or so it is said) after the 300m entry pitch.

Open leads

- ① 1/9 Where exactly is this? The previous description, "in a large shakehole in the middle of the valley" + no bearings, is not exactly helpful, but Keith says he has seen it and it has O.U.C.C. 1/9 in red paint. Martin says it is 300m S of Tras la Jayada, which would put

it on the slopes of Cuvicente and not in the middle of the valley.

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⊙ 10/9 Small rectangular entrance in rift valley high on Guatutera
(see 20/7/98 description)

⊙ 27/9 Bill's cave high on Guatutera, in active exploration
(see 20/7/98 description, being explored by Bill & Jo 23/7/98)

⊙ 72/5 Gavin's find on S side of Jou de la Cistra (see 20/7/98 description)

Other activities

We built a platform at the Mostipi Pod/Fuente Guatutera out of stones & wood to hold a water container under the upper pipe. Leave an empty container there when you go to pick up the full one!

⊙ 26/9 Keith's first cave, still "not yet found"

⊗ 28/9 See 20/7/98

⊗ 29/9 Above Trao la Jayada and in its catchment. Keith's hole no. 2, see his exploration of 22/7/98 to completion. Below prominent dark rift on the slopes of La Verdelluenga. 10m free climb or pitch in meandering rift. Short traverse leads to squeeze, and tight 3m climb down to too tight rift.

⊗ Trao la Jayada, ^{300m shaft.} 30m long rift with trees, Accurate fix
Cuvicente 160° mag & 180° , La Verdelluenga 225° , Guatutera 321° .

⊗? SIE circular shaft with snow plug slightly lower down than
Trao la Jayada
on path from C3 col on left hand side of valley, within 5m of path,
on right of path going down.

⊗ (without hammering) 30/9 Shakehole by path from C3 col down valley
on SW slope of Guatutera, on right of path going down. Climb down
into rift, crawl under surface boulder, looks into hole at top of meandering
rift 1 to 2m deep, too tight. Jultayu 120° , Cuvicente 144° & 169° ,
La Verdelluenga 211°

⊗ SIE? Jultayu 123° , Cuvicente 167° & 182° , La Verdelluenga 229°
Circular depression with rillenkarren benches.

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V Large shakehole with block-filled rift on lower slopes of Cuvicente,
Cuvicente (main peak) 185° Gustuturu 296°

○ 31/9 not yet labelled. Keith's draughting dig
Cabeza Lambria (central boss) 59°, Jultayu 120°, Cuvicente 175° & 185°,
La Verdelluenga 230°
Keith dropped a crowbar here, and it is worth retrieving it.

A lot more work needs to be done on the S side of the Trapezium,
on the lower slopes of Cuvicente and Jultayu, an area of green
hummocky hills to the north of the depression immediately below Cuvicente
and to the north of Jor del Jultayu. It is in this area that "type 2 caves"
may exist which could contribute to System 4.

John

23/7/98 Lynn & Alison in search of 'My Little Rabbit Hole'
After reading through the shaft-boring guide we decided
that 49/5 needed another look at and could
possibly provide a site for our 'Squidgy Caver
Breakaway Camp'. Although the directions seemed
simple enough in thick clay we were
unable to locate it. On the way back after
pottering about we found a large depression
with some promising looking holes. A nice
rift went into the rock but suddenly stopped.
It had a skylight up on the right-hand side but
no leads were apparent. To the right of this was
the top of a rift which Alison looked down.
The sharp climb was not tempting enough to
investigate. Heading back from this depression
I climbed up a vertical side and came out
near two cave entrances. I climbed down
the first to find myself in a chamber.
Alison followed me down but we could see

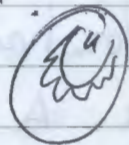
no way or until she was clins back out. Underneath the entrance was a way on. Starting off feet first I inched myself in and eventually turned round to face a horrible wriggle face first. I reached a sharp left-hand bend and could right myself at the top of a 1m drop. A way on was visible until the battery fell out of my zoom! I shouted to Alison to bring her light to the entrance so I could at least see which way I was heading. But unable to just sit in the dark I was able to work my way out back into the chamber. It looked as though the route on my head towards the other entrance.

I started climbing down the other entrance but we decided that it was better rigged with a ladder and we would come back another day.

Back at camp we discovered that my first cave was 51/3 and the second 50/3 and that they did indeed connect. Never mind it was fun anyway!
Lynn.

23/7/98. VISITING 27/9: JO & BILL 😊

WENT STRIDING OFF INTO THE CLAG AND GOT HORRIBLY LOST. BILL IS CLEARLY A FUCKWIT. BY SOME MIRACLE WE NOW GOT BACK AGAIN! HO-HUM, TRY AGAIN MANANA

23/7/98 Peter, John, Barry & Neil's excursion to Penimiro's. Neil's 

descended penimiro's while John and I turned around Peter buried himself waiting. Tough & good's carving I thought despite the swearing, grunting and gear lorn it was a good session allegedly it gets bigger the next time you do it, we were a bit overdue so we didn't get back till

12 o'clock to find kitchen people of Protein and any pretend substitutes of the same. got completely exhausted and drained and I'm trying to recover. returning down a wet claggy mountain is a bit on the fun side of things. Nice one guys and thanks for the babysitting

↳ (tackle sack of rope left at end of rifts) Benny

23/7/98 & 24/7/98 Thursday pm and all Friday suffered an attack of the clag, and so from a shaft-bashing point of view it was a complete waste. However, Bill & Lex managed to navigate to the Martini Pool to get the water.

⊙ 1/9 Martin says this is 300m S of Trao la Jayada, which will probably mean it is not in the System 4, but rather the System 3 area. (No, it is an appendage to System 4) This will be checked, & 1/9 accurately located with bearings. John

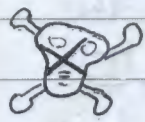
Returning Covers 24/7/98 - 25/7/98

You have a 2-course meal of: 1. soup (asparagus)
2. A lot of pasta, with a small amount of either meat or veg sauce. Note the two saucepans or sauce & not stew. John

Who said to whom: "You might enjoy it more if you expose your nipples!" ... and why?

Is Boris a troglaxene, troglolith or troglabyte?

25/7/98 Dave & Lew Grotty Grotel (70/5 ~~3~~)

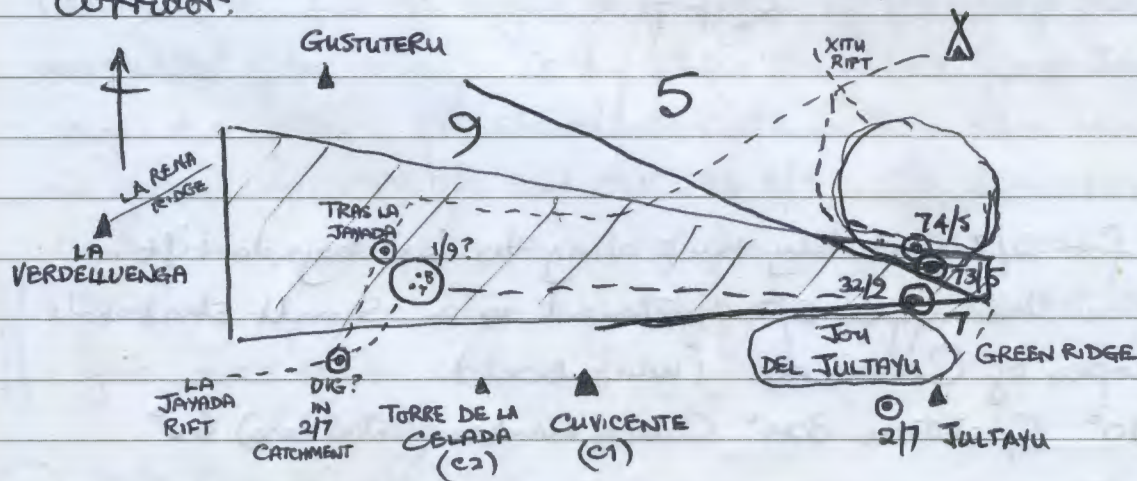


Finished it. Hurrah! A real Lacey-approved trip. My arse is a lot fatter than it was in 1992 so getting to the terminal constriction was five 20mins hammering yielded no results so I forced the squeeze anyway, feeling pretty sure I was on a one-way ticket. The passage beyond actually was bigger for once, so I manoeuvred a boulder into a more awkward position where it wedged making another squeeze. Continuing, I got to a standing position (!) then two 25' climbs down ending - a total choke, thank Christ.

Exiting proved entertaining and included bashing feet first up a 45° slope over a drop (no helmet of course), breathing out broke my chest smaller, and lots & lots of swearing.

Many thanks to Lew who ably supported by walking up the entrance after I'd gone in, and sitting hoping I'd bottomed the cave so he didn't have to go in.

25/7/98 John shaftbashing/dowsing/pottering in the System 4 Corridor.



After another visit to Tras la Jayada, I visited the upper 2/7 catchment (La Jayada rift) and located a possible dig (unnumbered) in the 2/7 catchment. Next I tried to find 1/9. I found no markings for