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Important safety information about using CNCC descriptions and rigging topos

This MUST be read and understood by anyone using a CNCC-provided cave description or rigging topo

These descriptions and rigging topos are provided by the CNCC for use by experienced cavers only in assisting with trip planning and route-finding on some of the popular sporting routes in our region. They are not exhaustive, they do not cover every passage or feature, and details may have been greatly simplified to try to keep them concise and clear.

Great efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the information. Nonetheless, there will be errors and (over time) an increasing number of inaccuracies due to changes in the caves and the replacement of anchors. The descriptions may also contain subjective viewpoints which could be open to misinterpretation. It is entirely incumbent upon cavers to exercise appropriate care and caution when going underground using these topos and descriptions, and to have researched the trip from several other sources. Never make any safety critical decisions based on the information in these descriptions or topos.

Pull-through trips must only ever be undertaken by cavers who are totally confident in finding the lower route out of the cave, and that this route is passable and appropriately rigged, and who understand the extra precautions and techniques demanded of such trips (e.g. carrying multiple ropes in case one gets stuck and pull-through technique using an assortment of belays).

The rope lengths stated in the rigging topos are considered the minimum length required based on average rigging. There may be errors, or you might use more rope than anticipated. For this reason, it is critical that strong and well-tightened knots are placed on both ends of ropes during packing, to prevent falling off the end of a too-short rope, irrespective of which end is deployed first.

Difficulty ratings, or 'grades' have been omitted from these descriptions. All cavers must make their own informed judgements of whether the cave is suitable for their capabilities, backed up by thorough research into the nature of the cave from numerous sources and an understanding of the capabilities of others in your group.

Many in-situ fixed aids such as ropes and ladders are mentioned throughout our descriptions. These must only be considered navigational markers and never as safety critical belays. The CNCC does not install any fixed ropes in caves. Ladders, even if CNCC-installed, should always be used with a separate belay. The only fixed aids installed and endorsed by CNCC are stainless steel resin bonded anchors shown on the topos, and in a few carefully selected locations, other appropriate fixed aids which will be listed on our website. Never trust your safety exclusively to a rope or ladder which has been left in a cave or is of unknown integrity.

When using stainless steel resin bonded anchors you must understand the importance of belaying your rope to multiple anchors, including use of full traverse ropes leading to pitch heads, and always performing a thorough pre-use inspection on every anchor. Details of how to perform a pre-use inspection, and other anchor safety information can be found on our website. This, along with our fixed aids participation statement, must be read and understood by anyone using CNCC-installed anchors.

Rigging must always be performed to avoid any rub points or other hazards. Rigging exactly as depicted in the rigging topos does not guarantee a rub-free descent; this must be assessed and ensured by each individual caver on each pitch in every cave.

Many caves which are susceptible to danger from flooding have been highlighted in the descriptions. However, all caves, even typically dry ones, can flood in various circumstances, and it is therefore critical that the experienced caver using these descriptions makes their own judgement based on experience, extensive research and weather forecasts. Decisions to descend any cave after or during wet weather, or when wet weather is forecast, should be made based on an informed judgement backed up by thorough research from multiple sources. The critical moto which should be adhered to is "If in doubt, stay out!"

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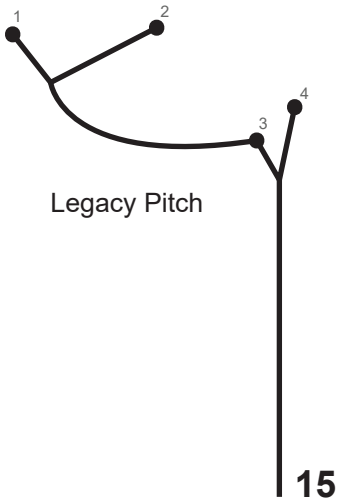
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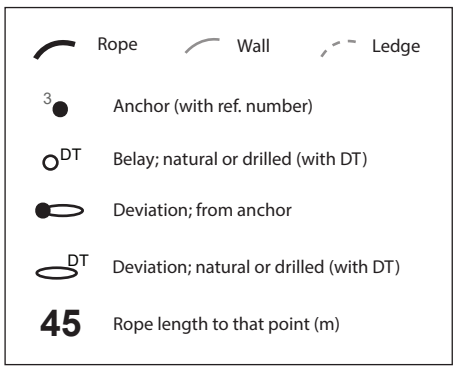
(Get Down) Shep Pot

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Note:
Northern Caves (Allshorn and Swire) describes three further rope-requiring sections to reach the bottom of (Get Down) Shep Pot. This includes a handline climb (Challenger Deep), an exposed traverse (Notts Permitted) and a final small (5m) pitch just prior to the termination where the water vanishes. These three additional features each require a separate 10m rope and assorted slings and krabs. They are not yet fitted with CNCC anchors, so for now these need to be rigged from whatever suitable belays are available.



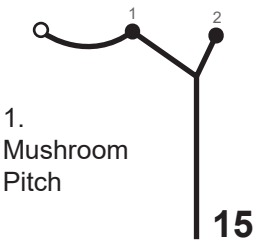
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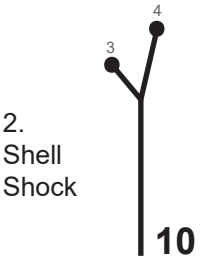
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AKA Hole

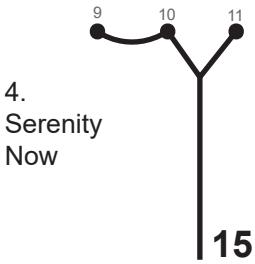
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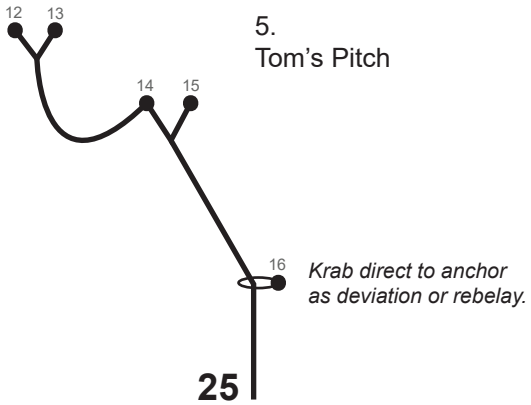
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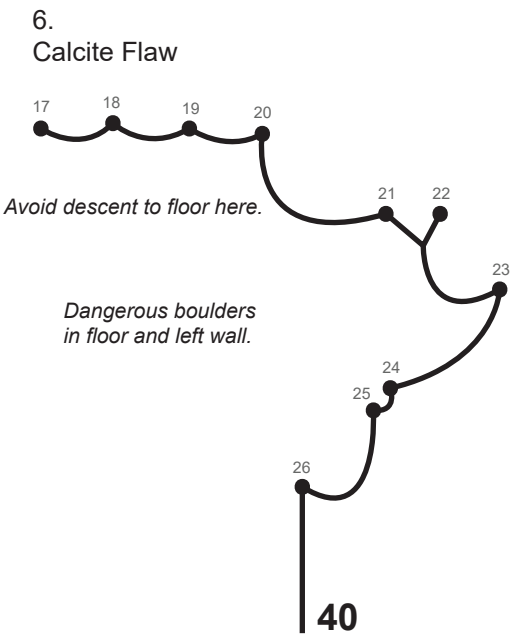


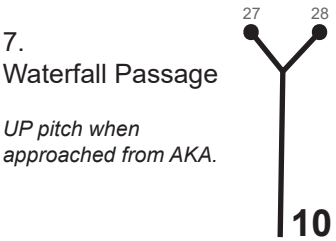


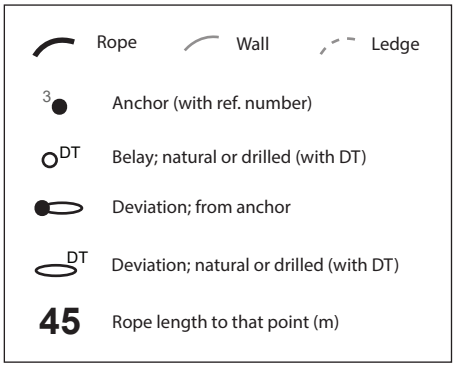












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Alum Pot

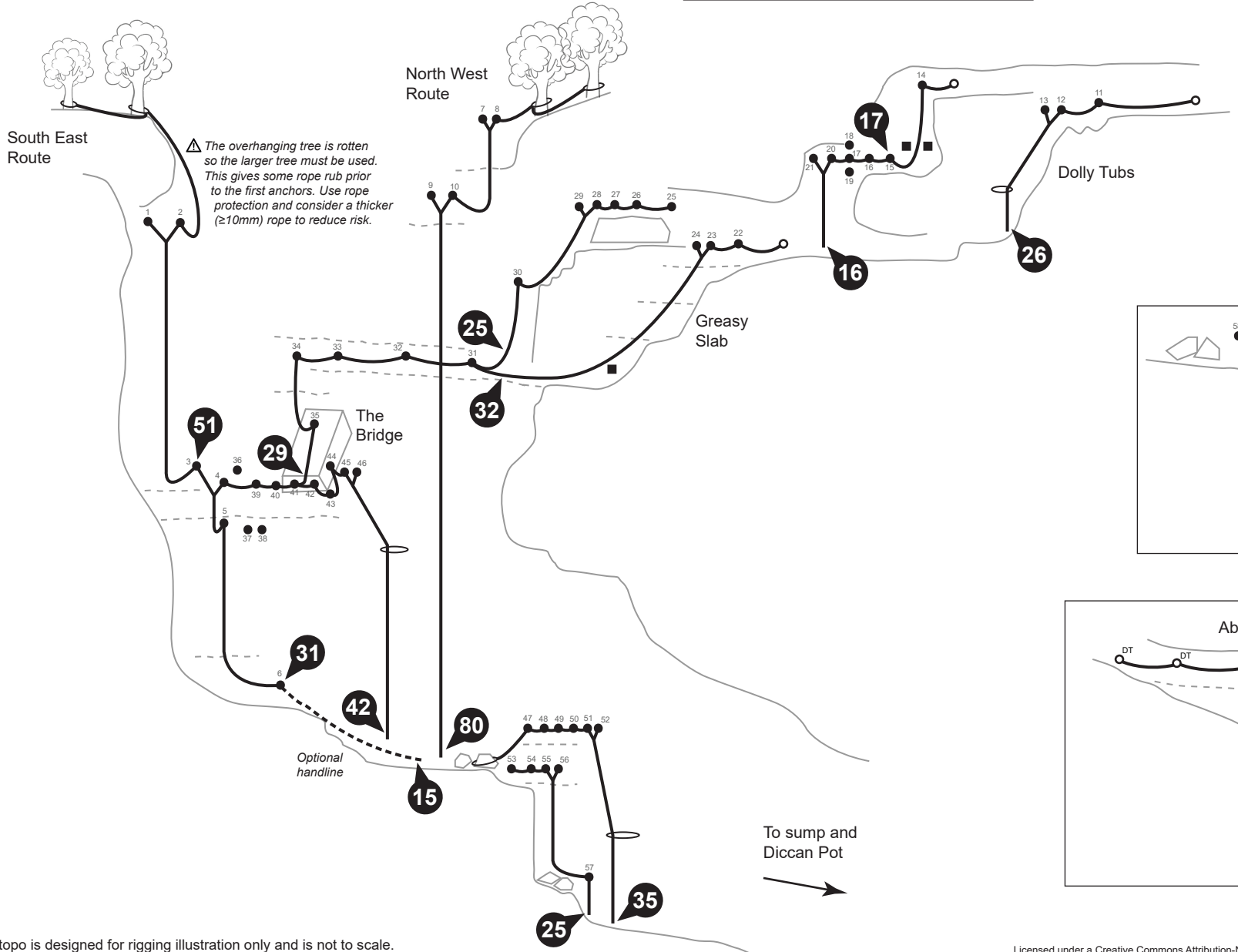
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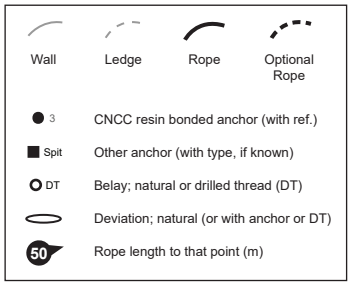
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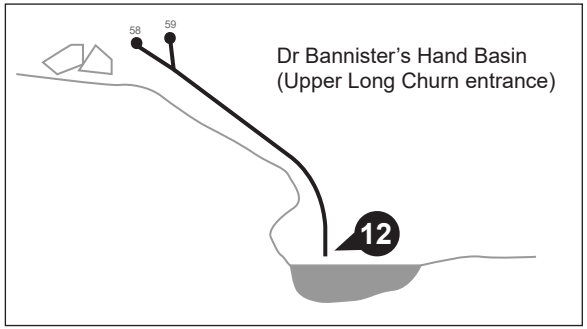
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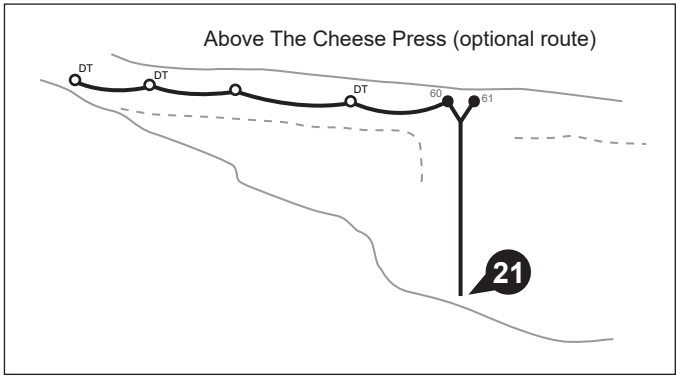
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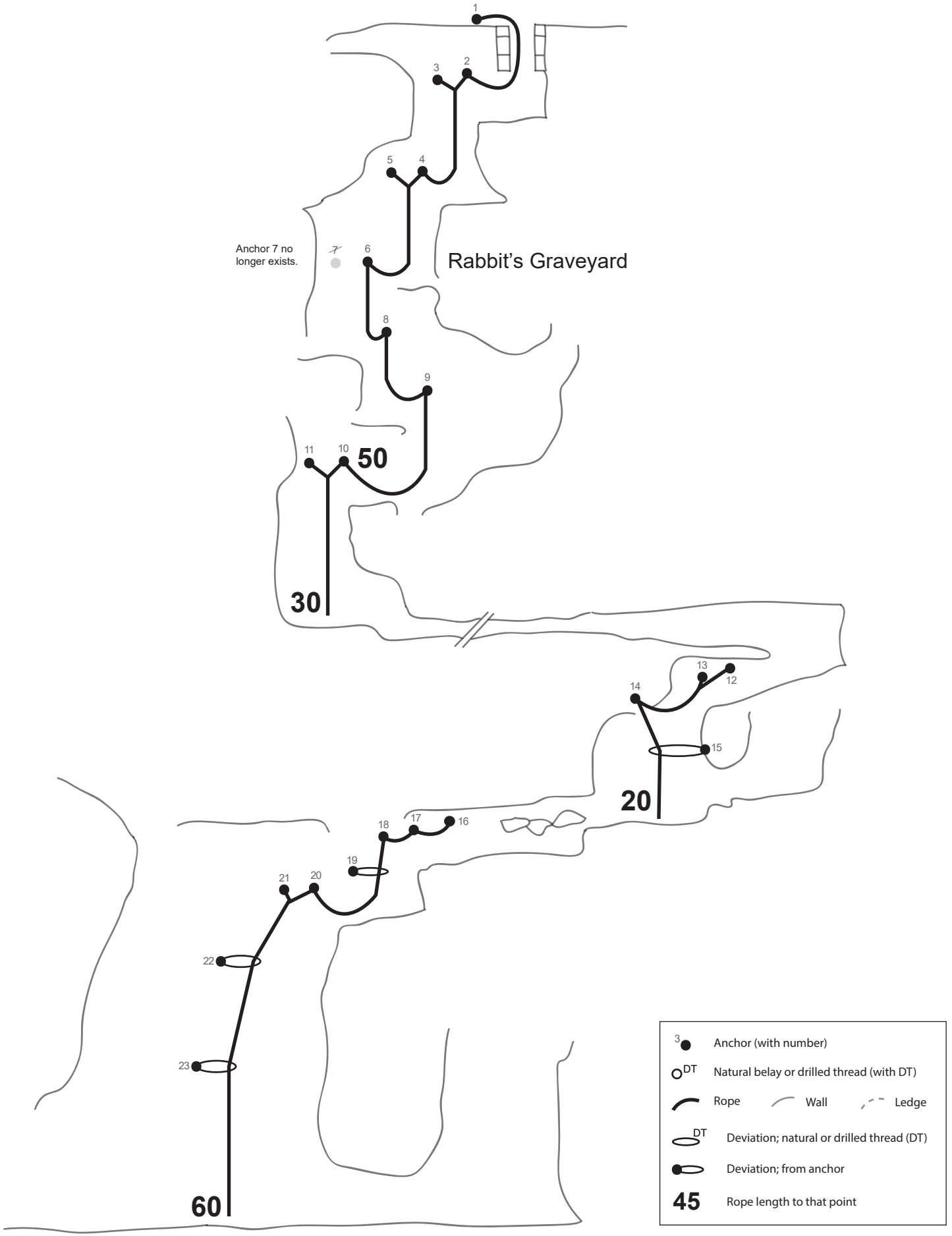
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Aquamole Pot

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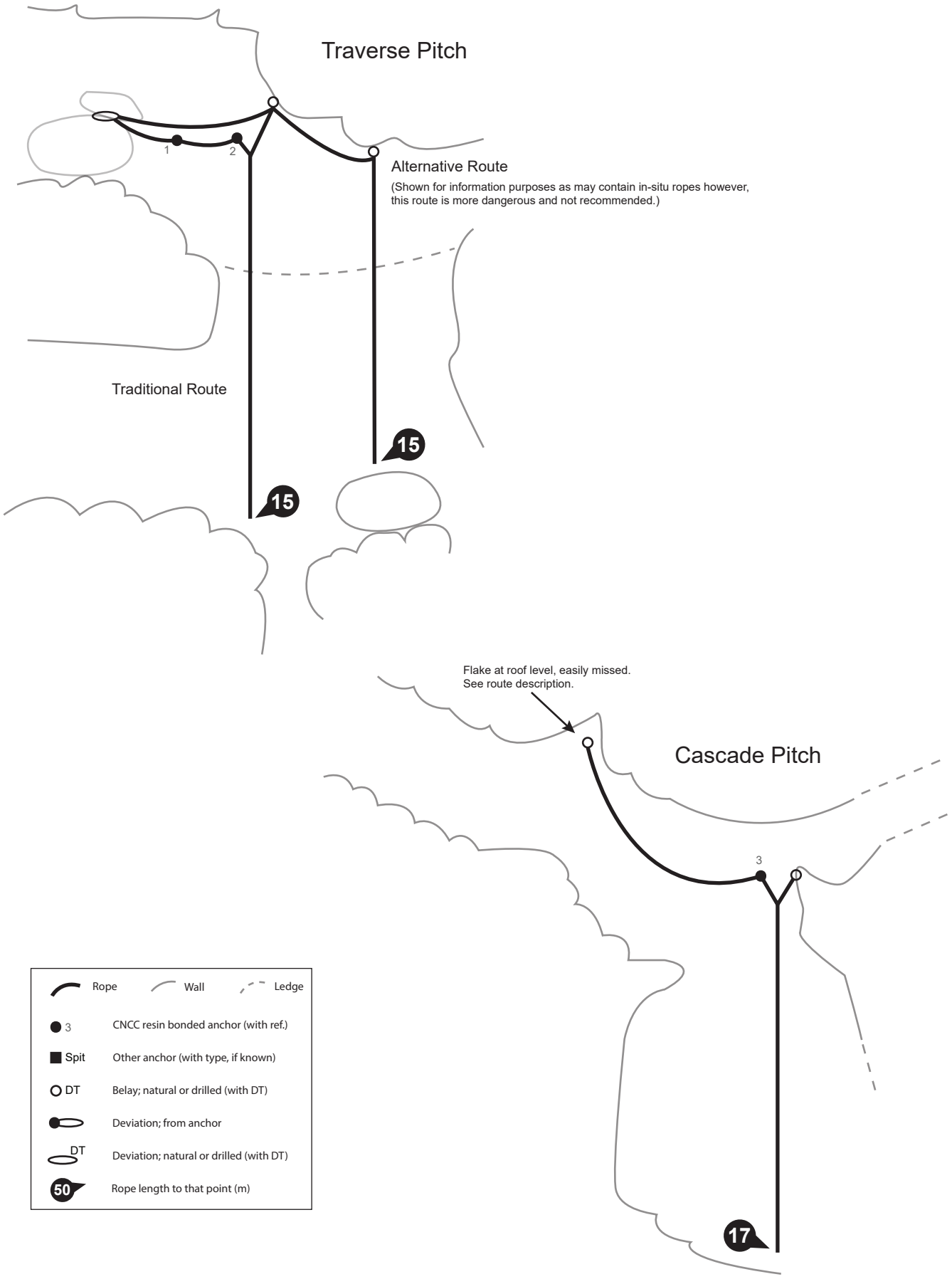
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Bar Pot

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Flood (Wades)

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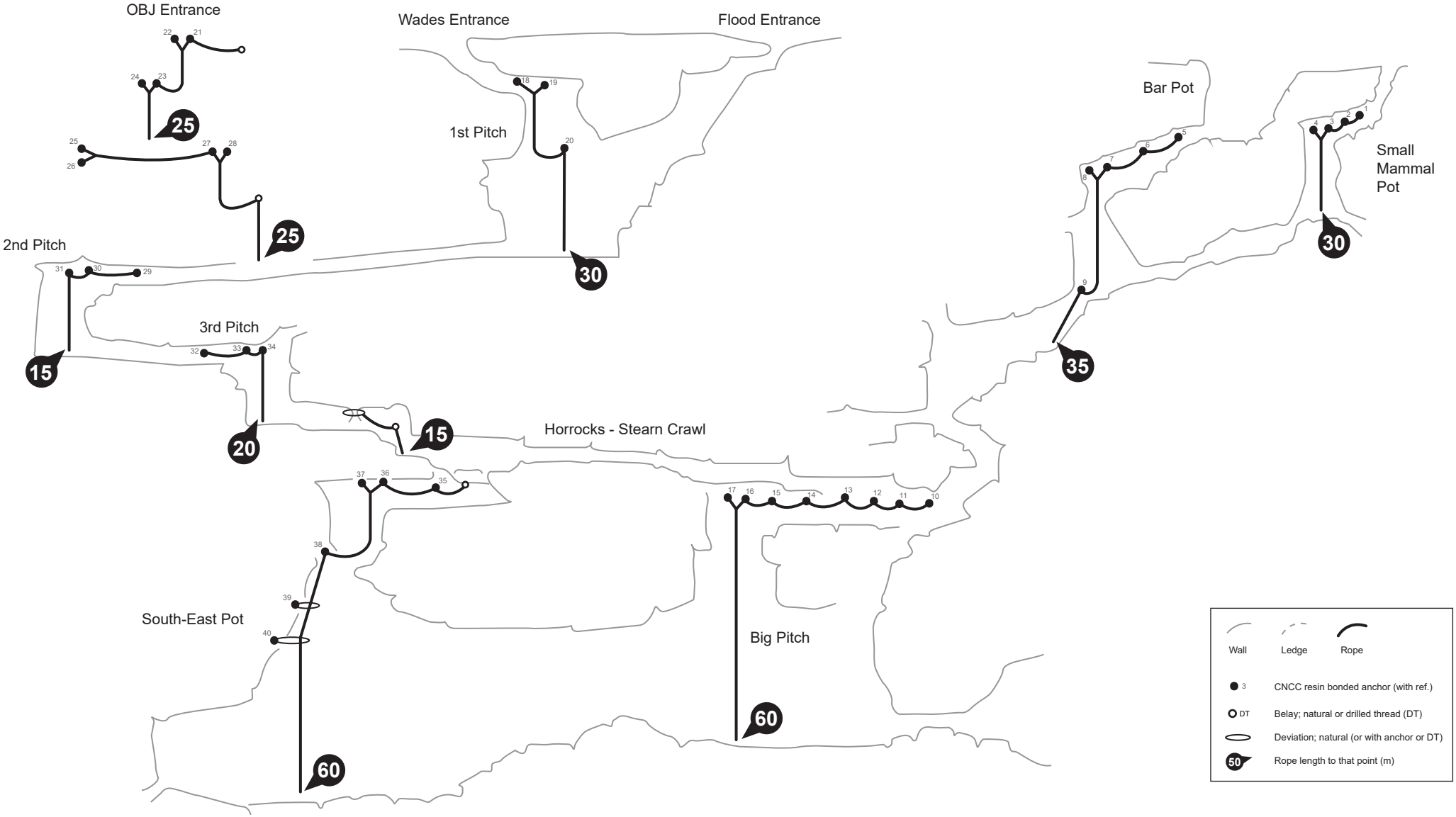
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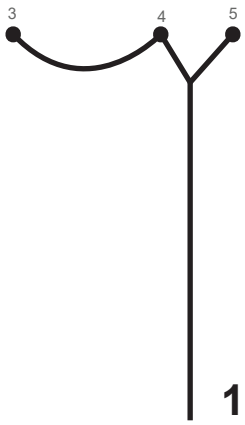
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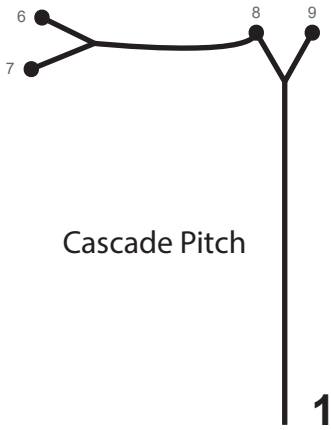
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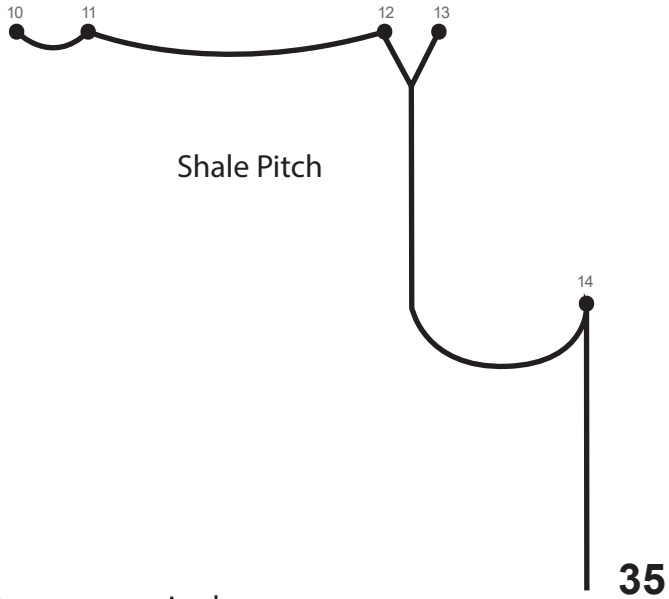
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Alternative to climb down immediately after The Block but is normally bypassed.



Cascade Pitch



Shale Pitch

Note: there are also anchors above The Block - 10m rope required.

Some notes on the area around The Block...

There is a squeeze beneath The Block that requires a little thought as it emerges directly into space over a 2m drop. Then "Not for the Faint Hearted" suggests 4m ahead on the left hand wall is a 5m climb down. Many people may find this climb intimidating.

There are at least two alternatives - first is the small triangular hole directly beneath The Block but this is loose and tight so care is required, but is much easier if you fit. At the far end of the rift, along the floor of wedged boulders, are three anchors. These provide a hang down that avoids the other two routes, but care is required as there is a loose bridge of boulders half way down. This requires a 12m rope and lands just at the bend in the passage before Cascade Pitch.

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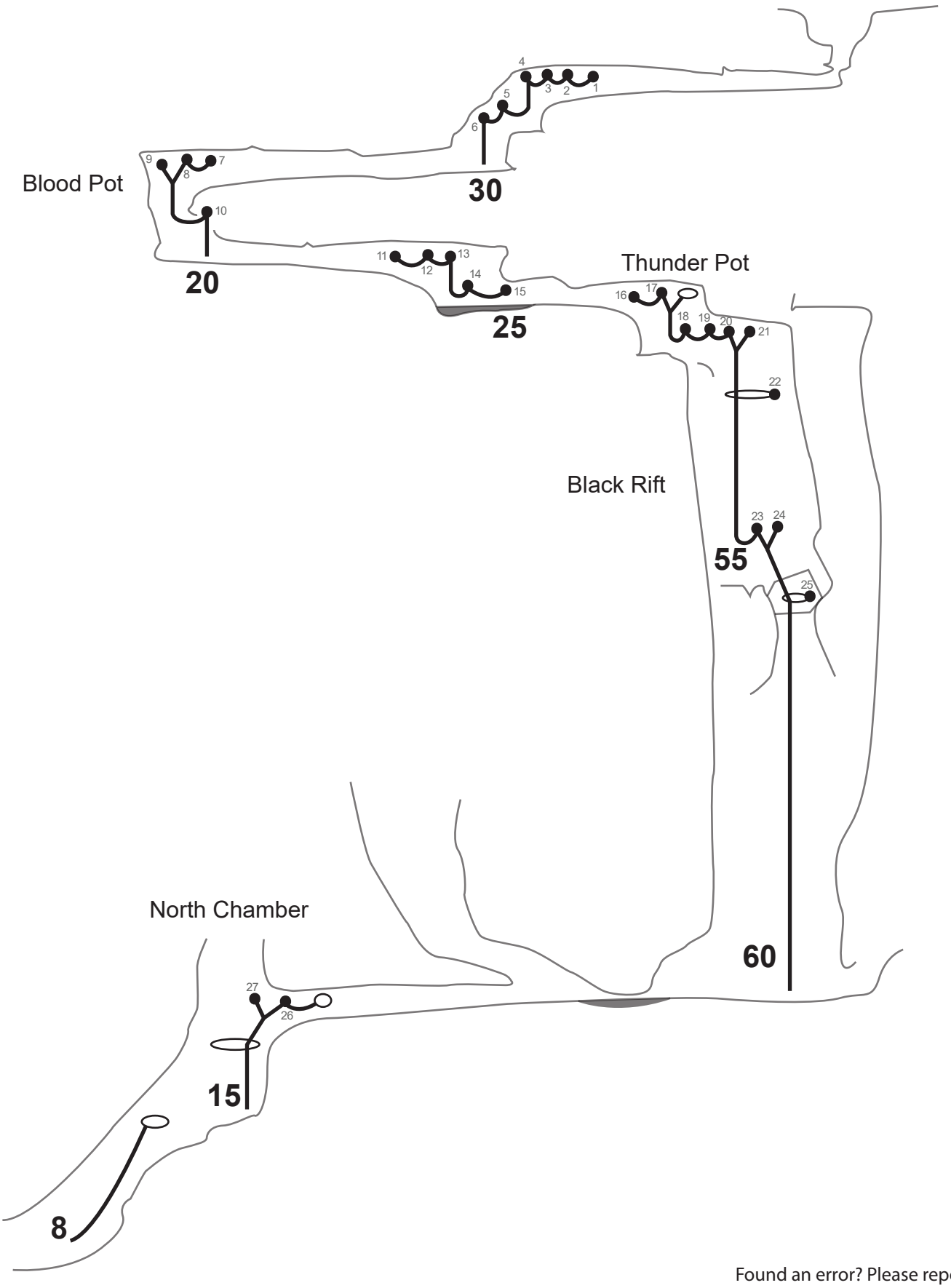
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Black Shiver Pot

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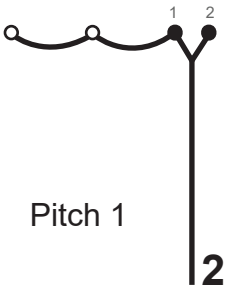
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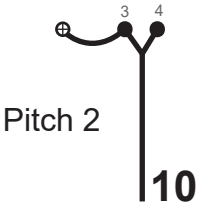
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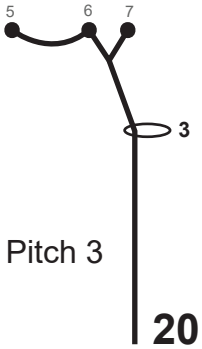
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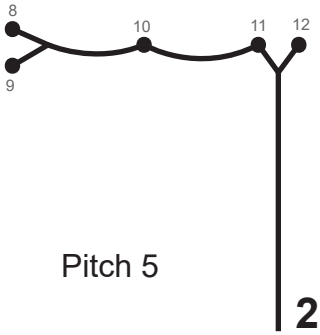


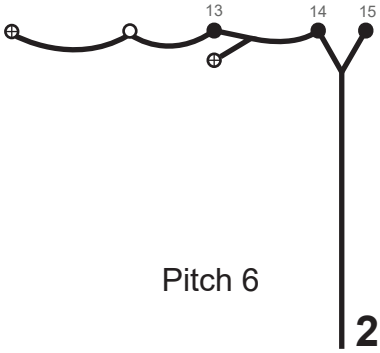






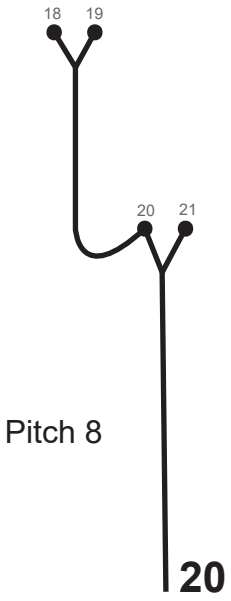
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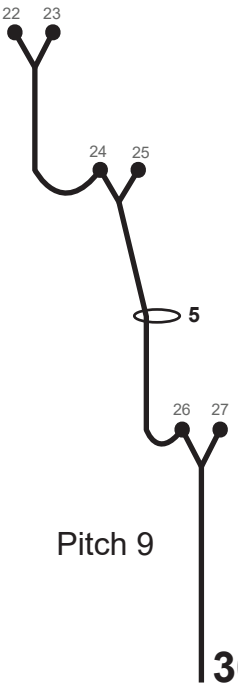






Pitches 5 & 6 can be rigged from 1x 60m rope.







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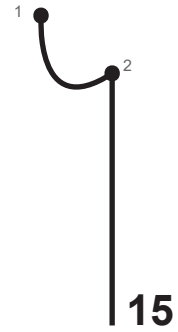
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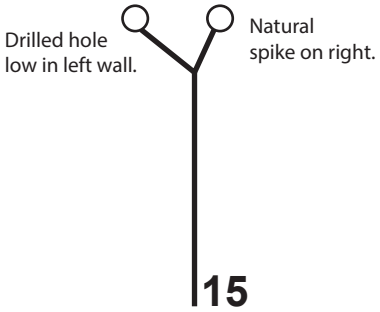
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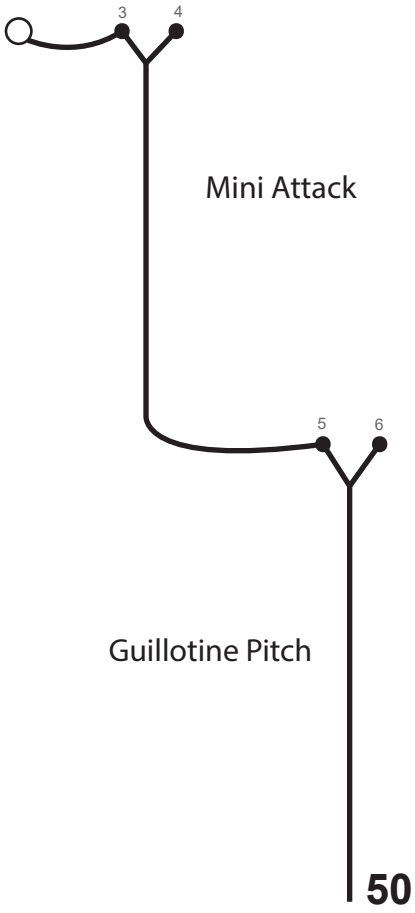
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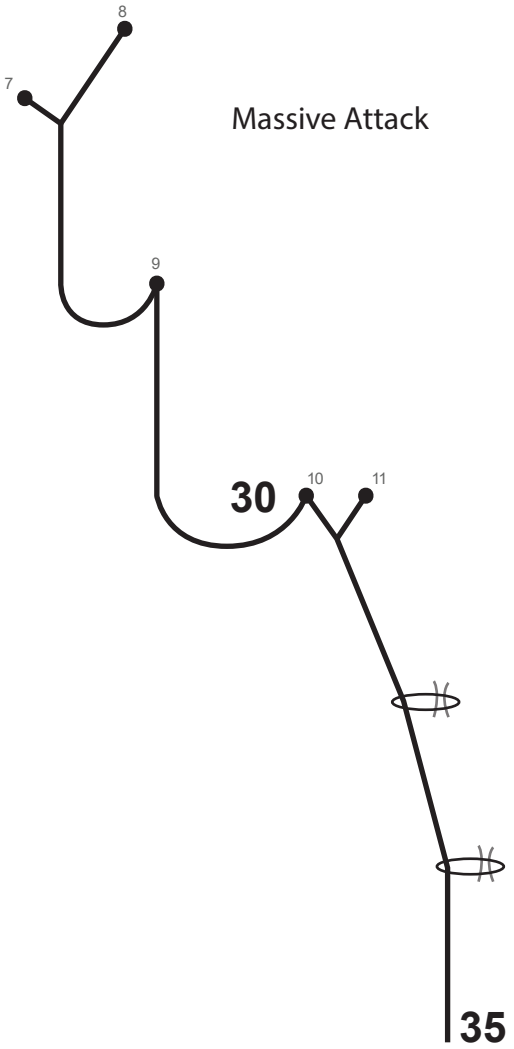


Grab Attack Pitch



Large block.





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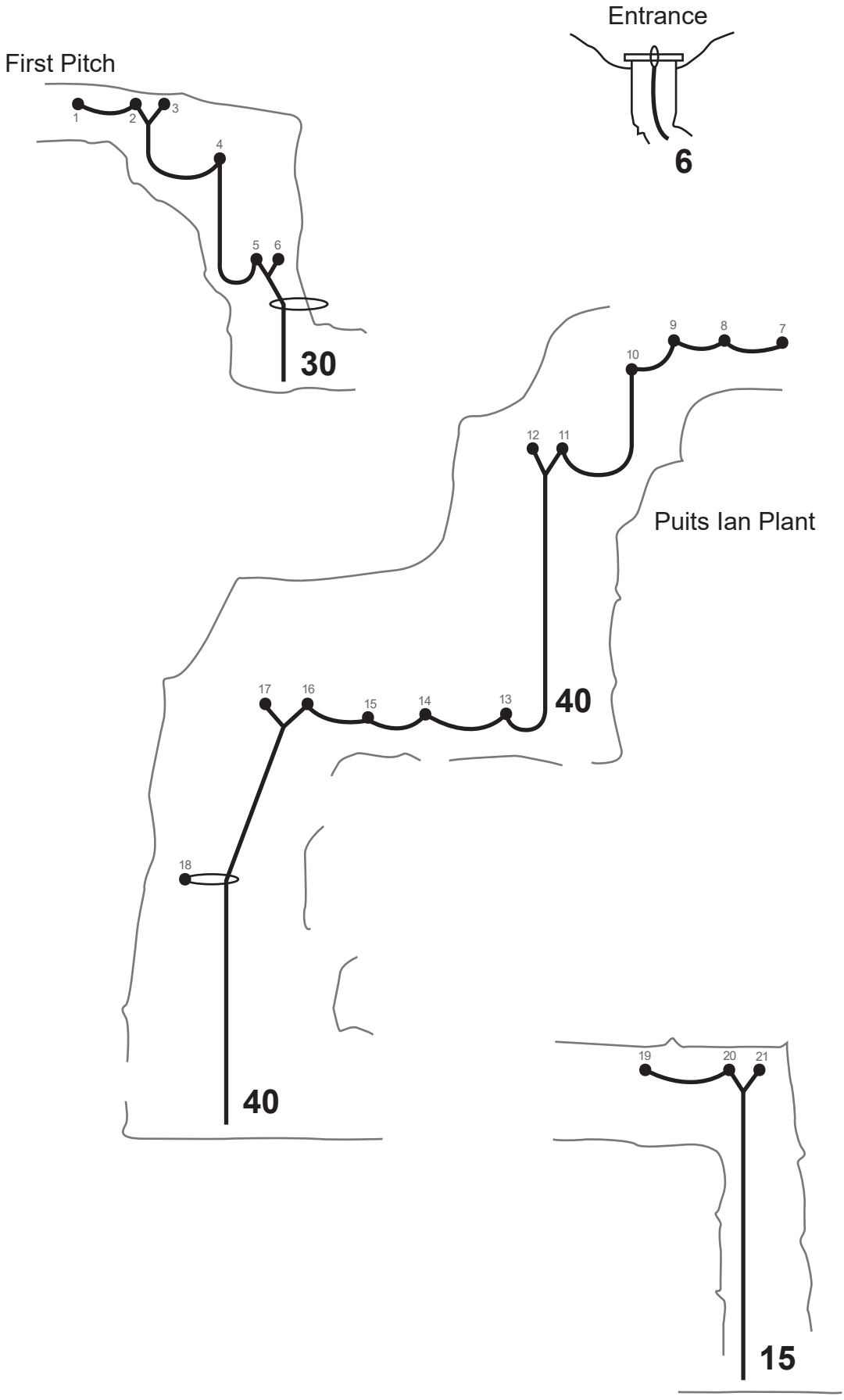
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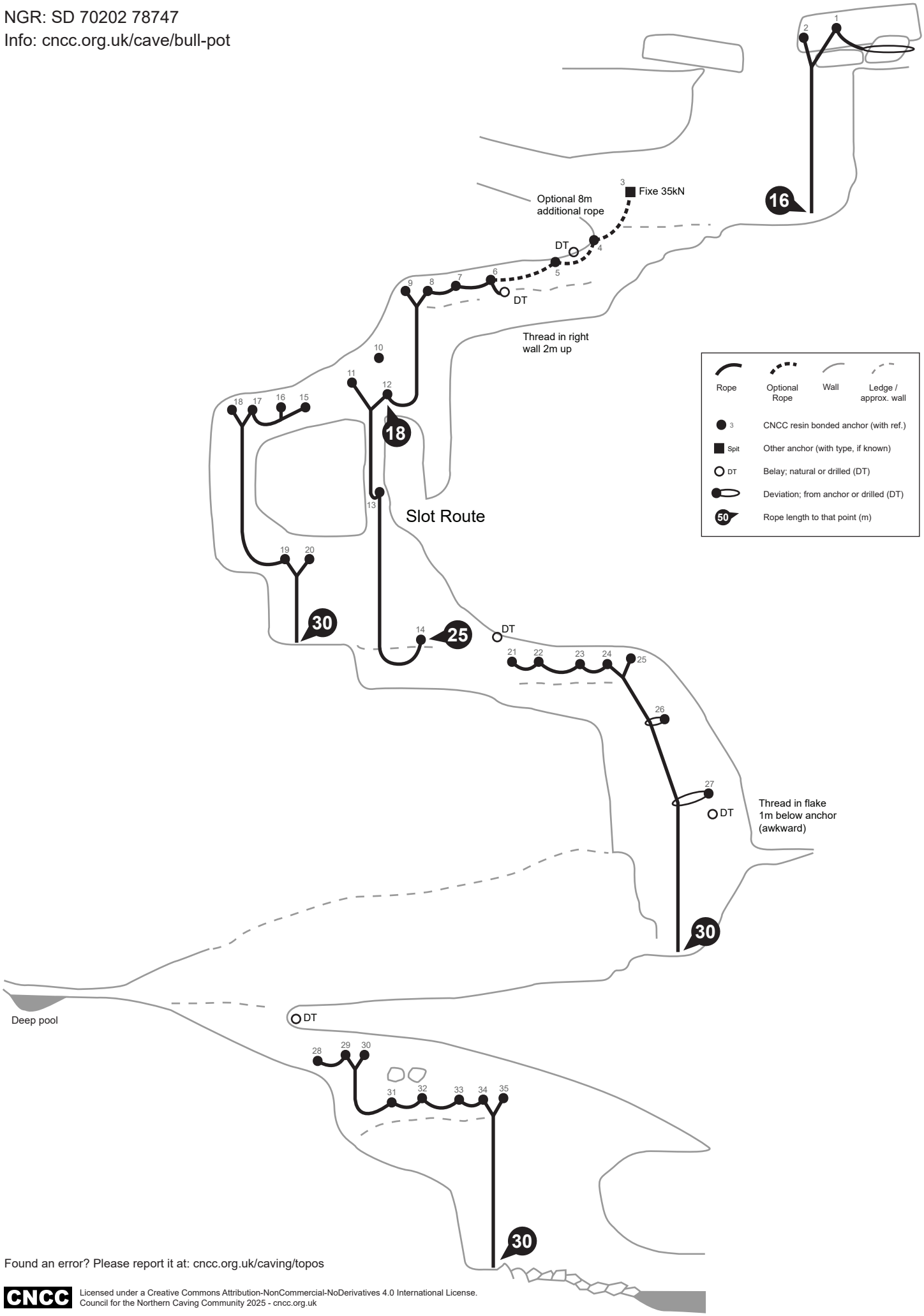
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Bull Pot

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NGR: SD 70202 78747

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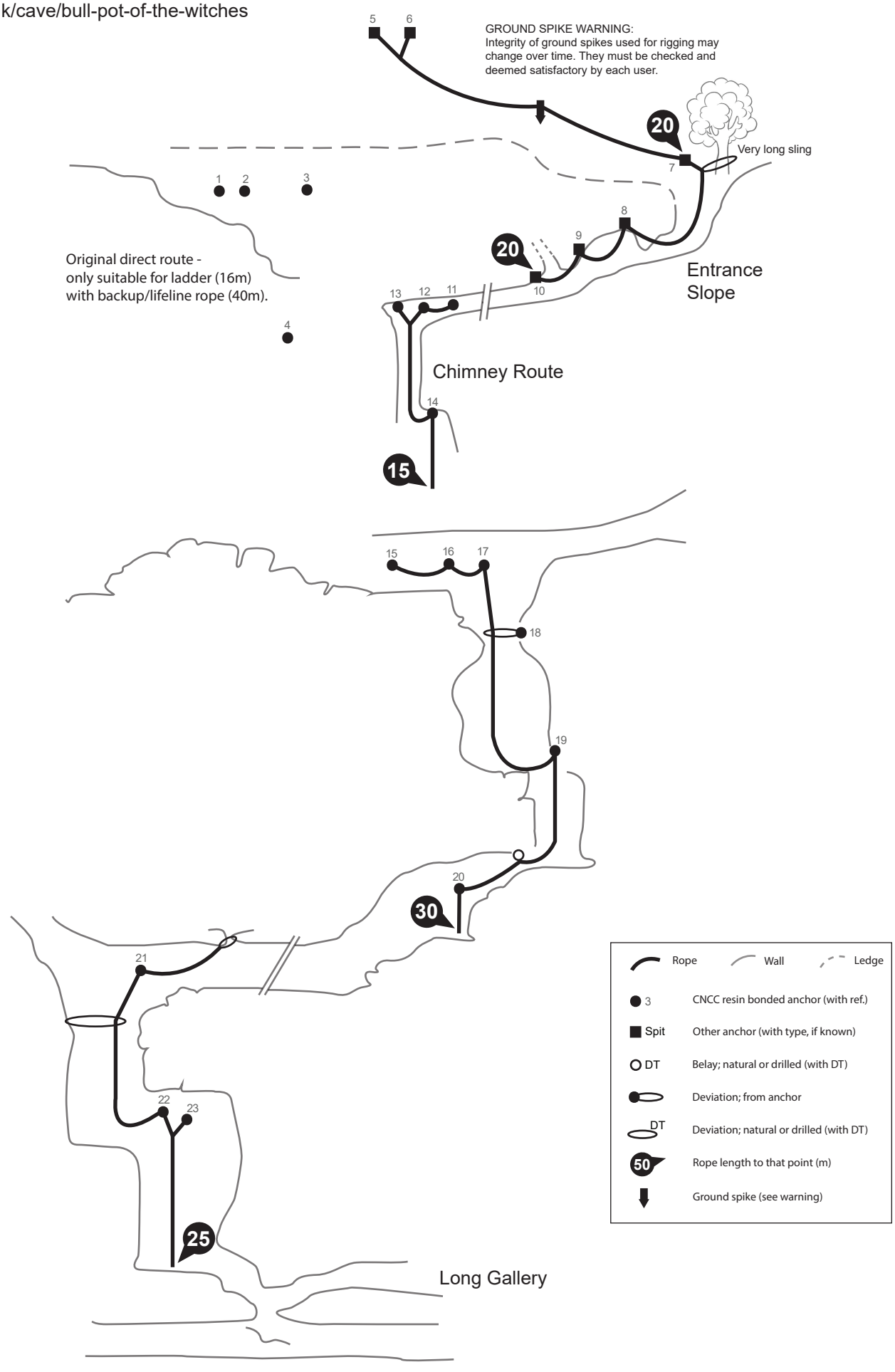
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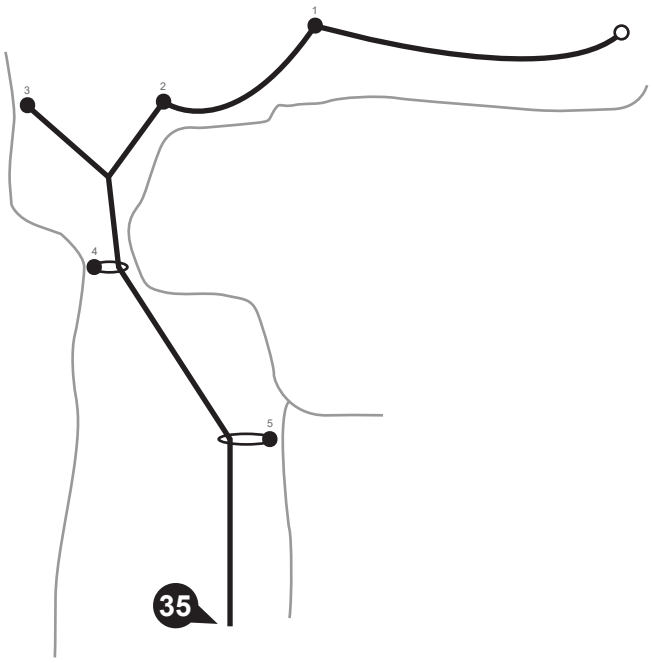
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Bye George Pot - Grand Cascade

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Optional Rope	
Wall	
Ledge / approx. wall	
3	CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)
Spit	Other anchor (with type, if known)
DT	Belay; natural or drilled (DT)
	Deviation; from anchor or drilled (DT)
50	Rope length to that point (m)

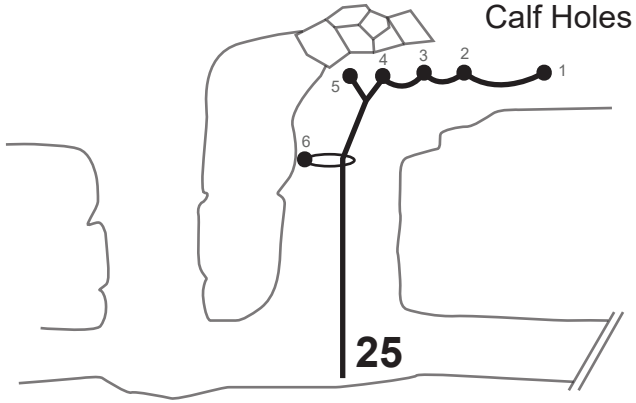
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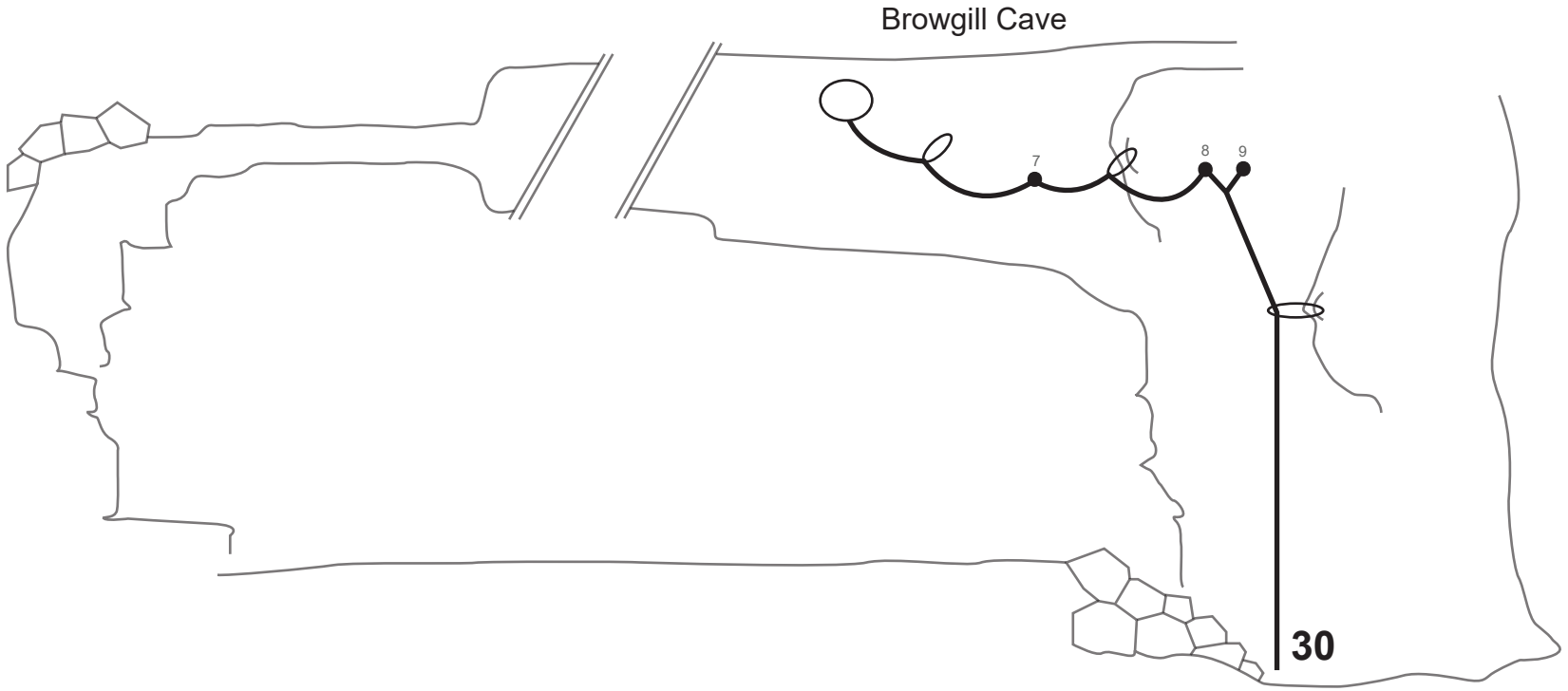
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Calf Holes / Browgill Cave

Version: 07/2015

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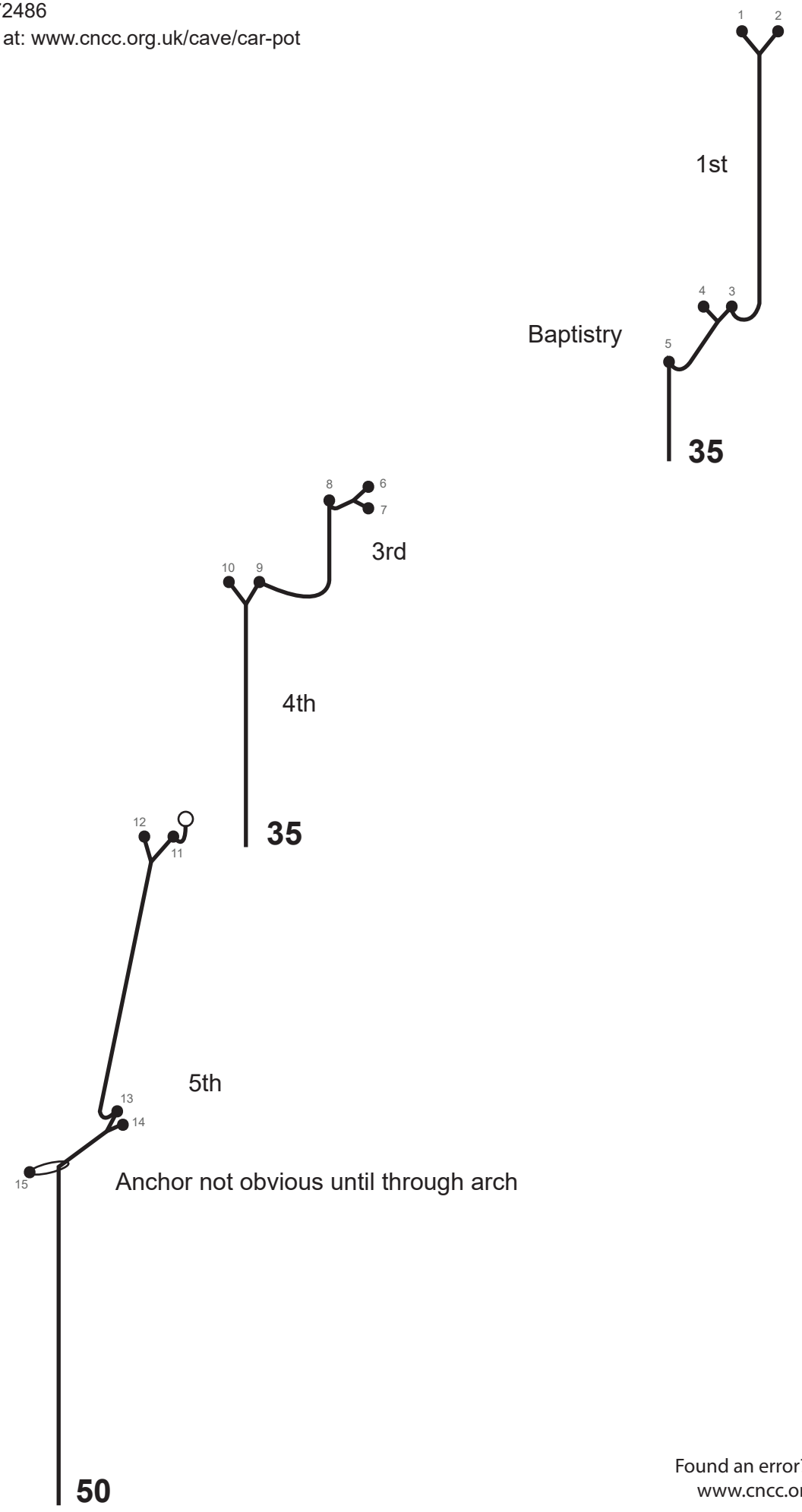
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Version: 11/2017

Car Pot

NGR: SD 75542 72486
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Anchor type: IC



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Cote Gill Pot

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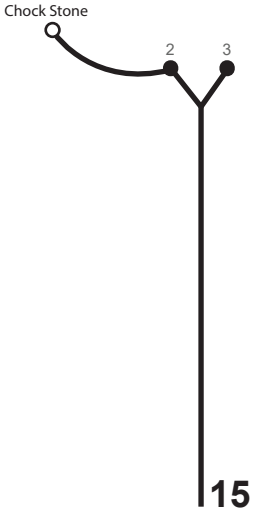
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Entrance



2nd Pitch



Rope Wall Ledge

3 CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)

Spit Other anchor (with type, if known)

DT Belay; natural or drilled (with DT)

Deviation; from anchor

DT Deviation; natural or drilled (with DT)

45 Rope length to that point (m)

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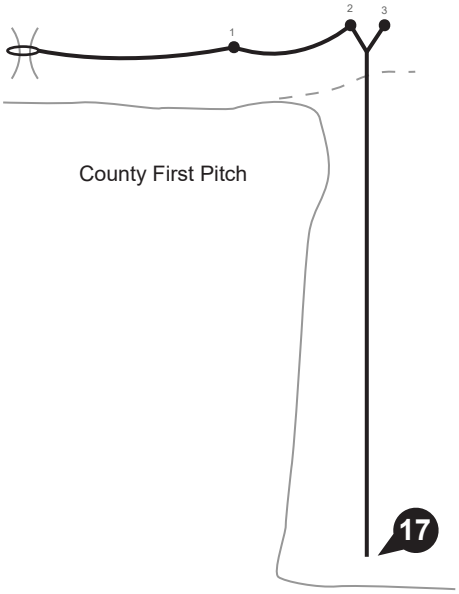
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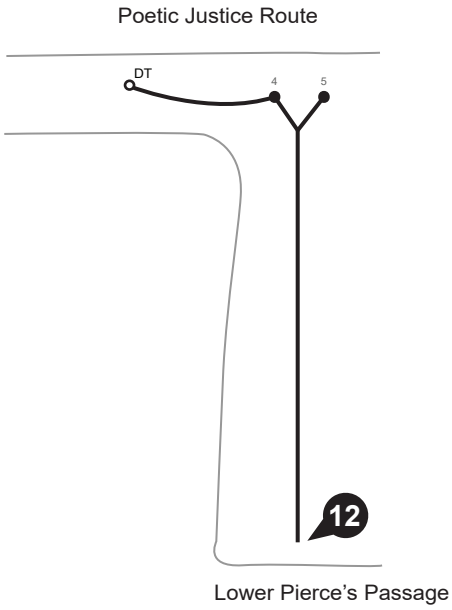
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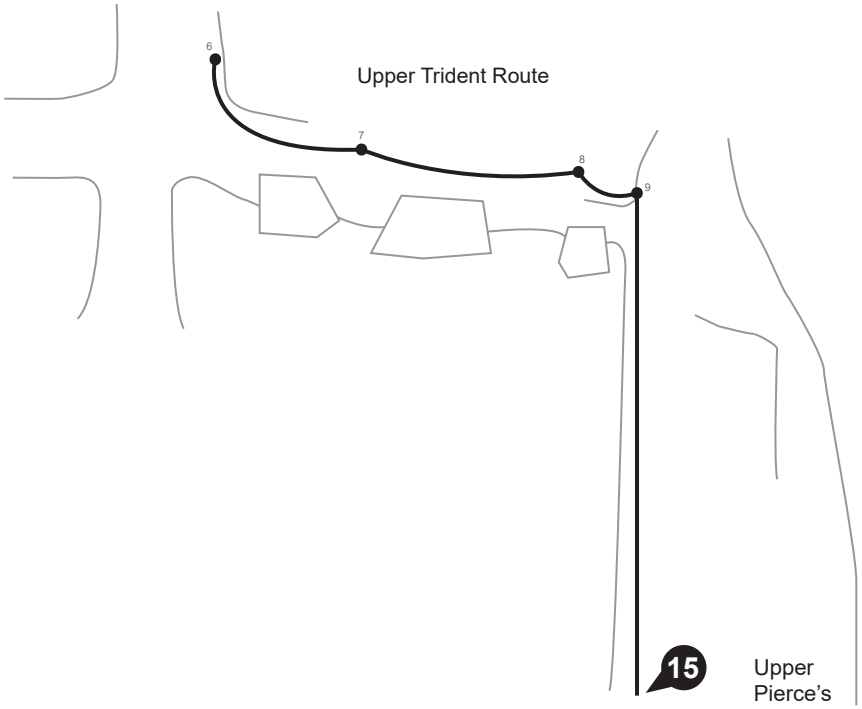
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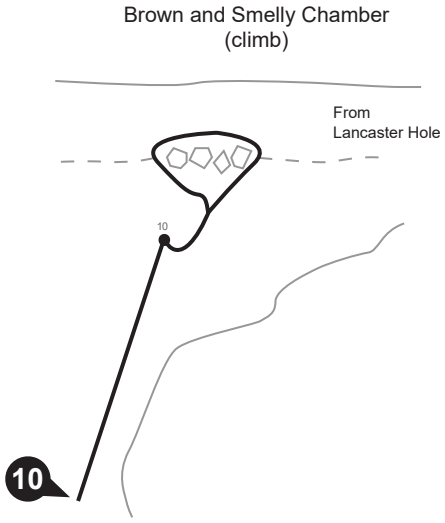
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50	Rope length to that point (m)

Optional Ropes for Climbs

- Broadway - 12m - natural belay
- Poetic Justice (up) - 9m - natural belay
- Manchester Bypass - 15m for ladder belay and then Brown and Smelly Chamber climb (natural belay)

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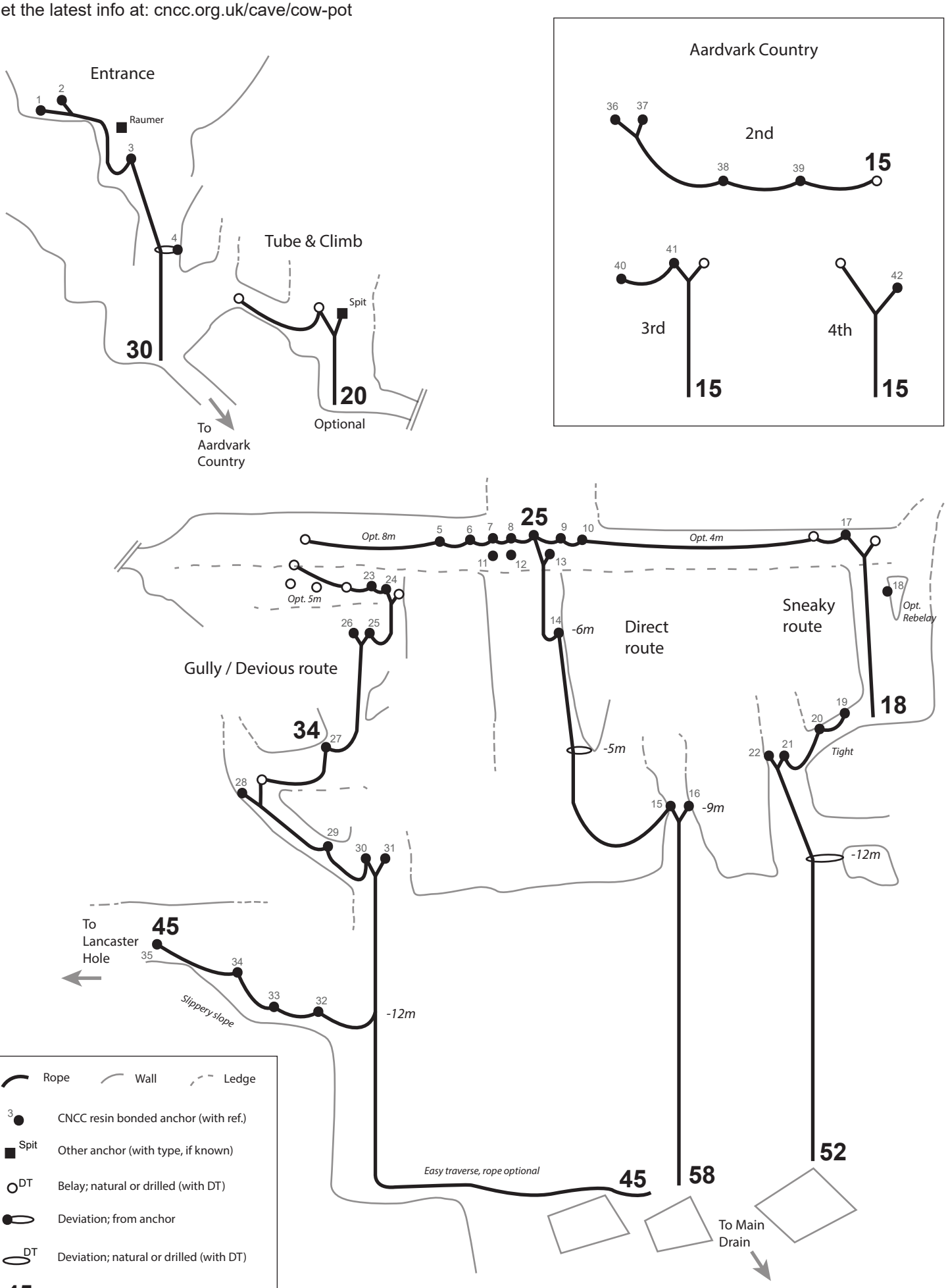
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Cow Pot

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NGR: SD 66427 80857

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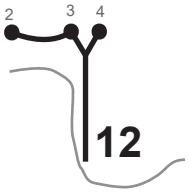
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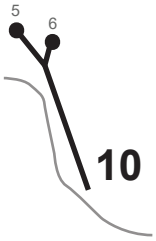
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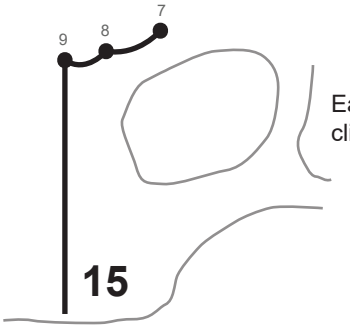
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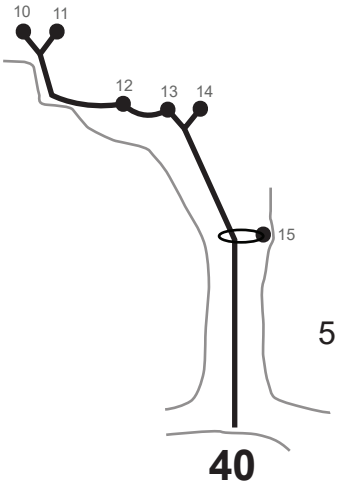
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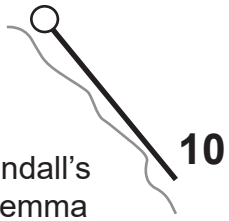
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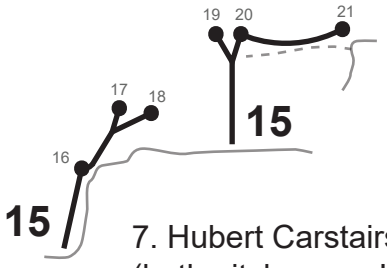
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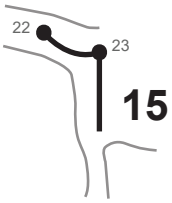
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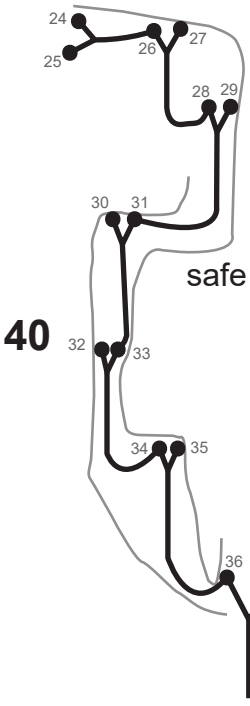
6. Bendall's Dilemma



7. Hubert Carstairs
(both pitches are UP)



8. Breakthrough Pitch



9. Count Lazo Strognoff's Aven

safe ledge

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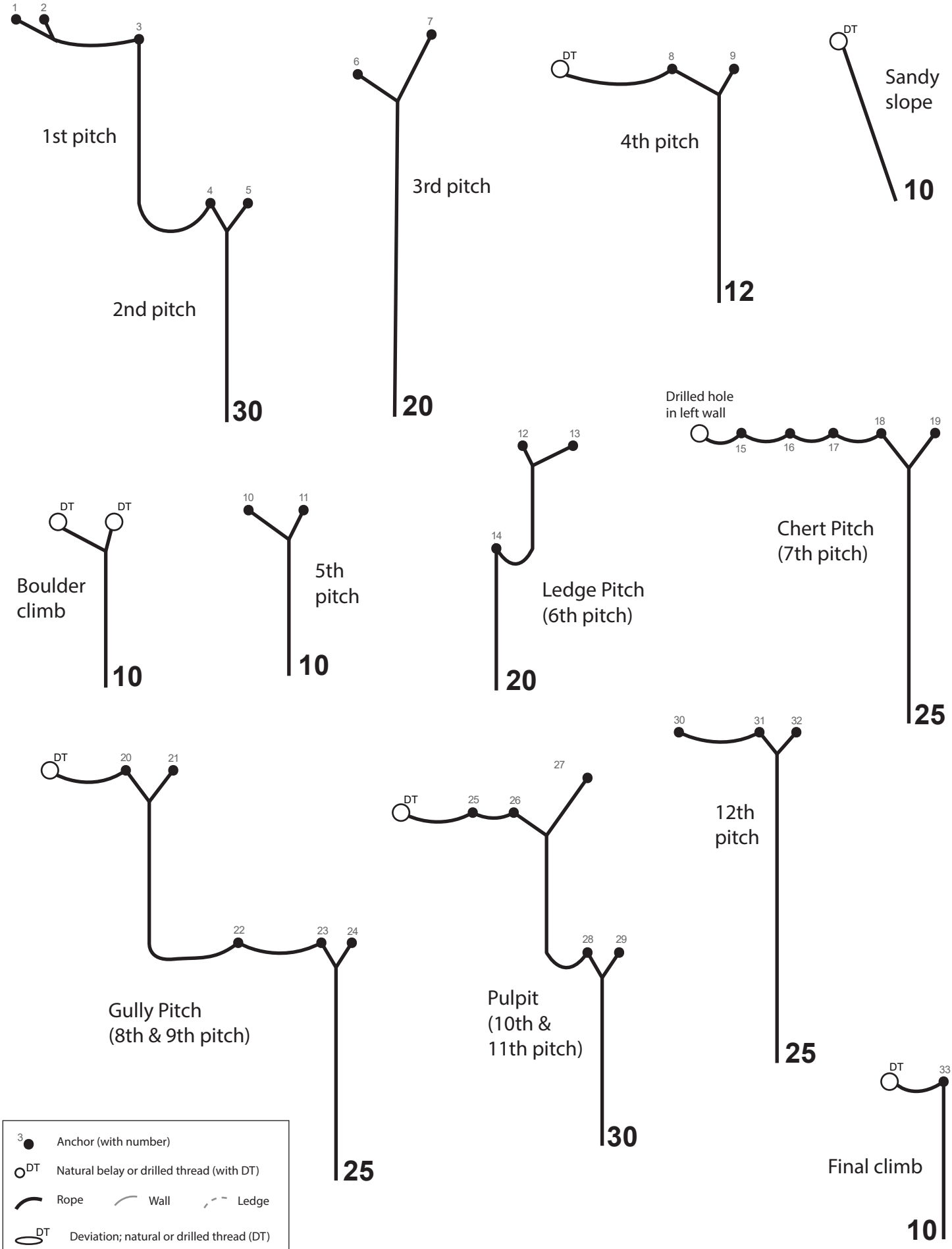
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Curtain Pot

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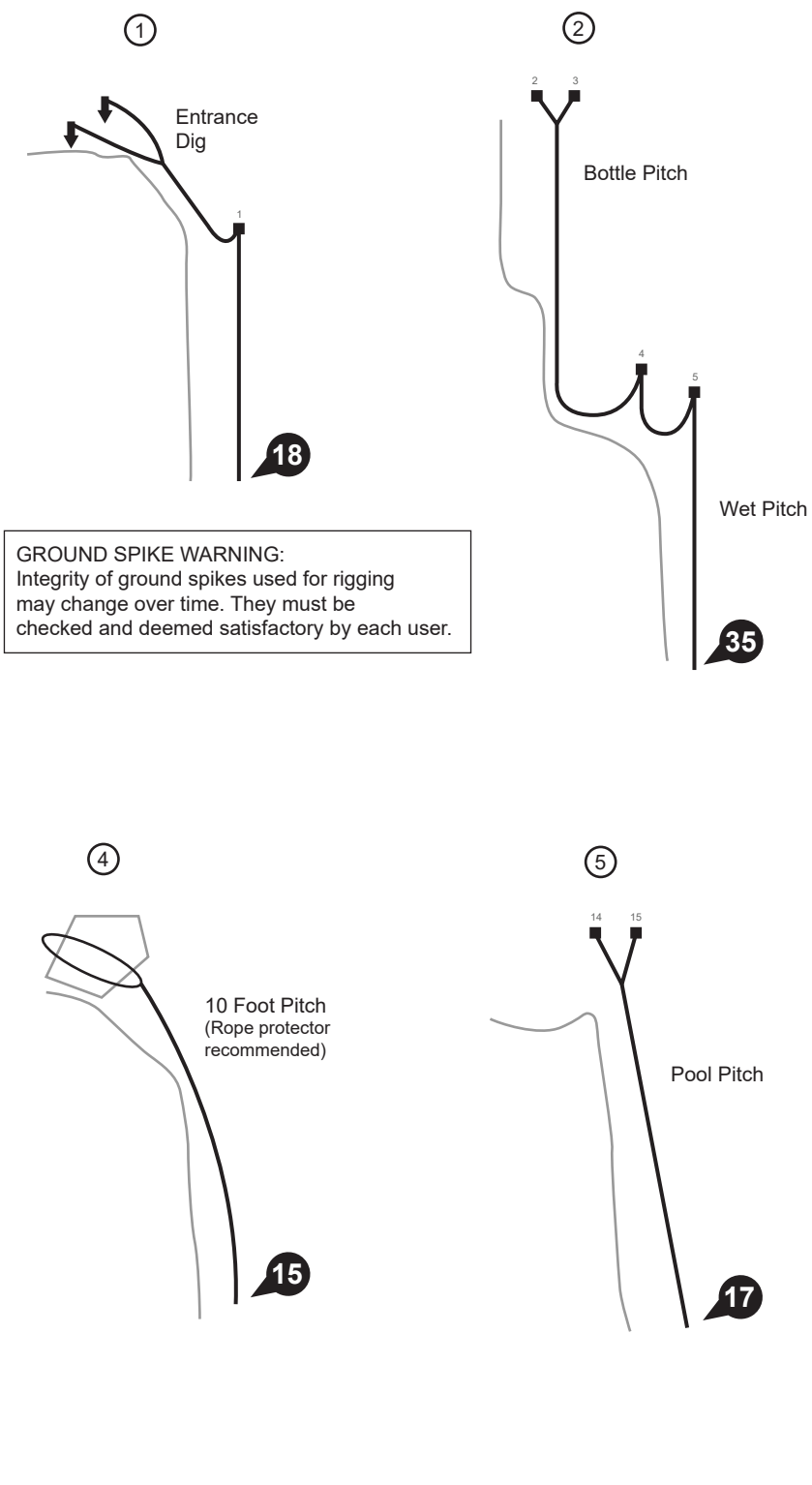
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Dale Head Pot

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GROUND SPIKE WARNING:
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Rope Wall Ledge

Non-CNCC anchor

50 Rope length to that point (m)

Ground spike (see warning)

ANCHOR WARNING
Anchors in Dale Head Pot are resin bonded stainless steel anchors but were installed around 2011 outside of CNCC's anchor scheme. Therefore, particular care must be taken to inspect the anchors and users must make their own judgement about their suitability.

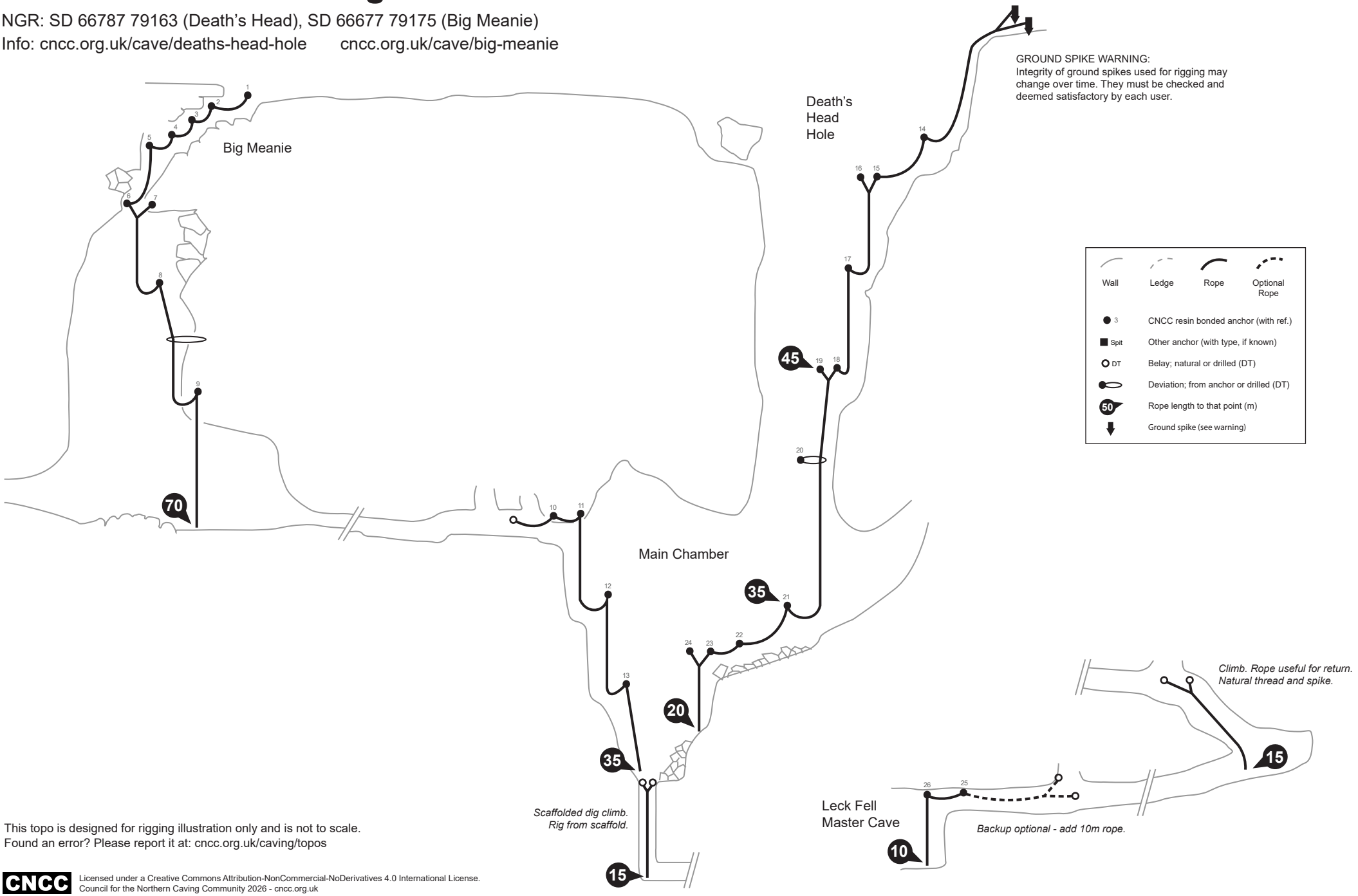
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Death’s Head Hole / Big Meanie

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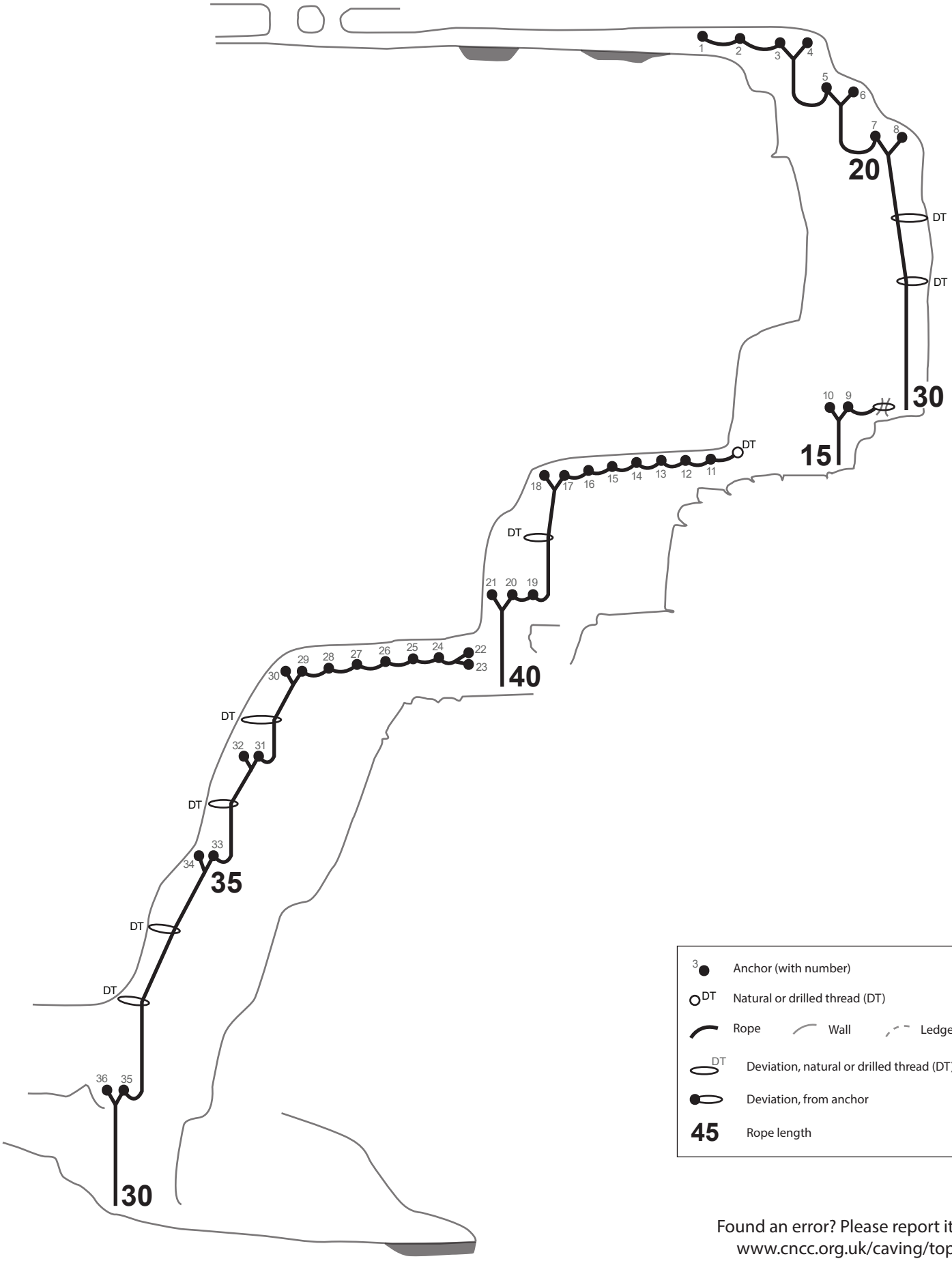
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Diccan Pot

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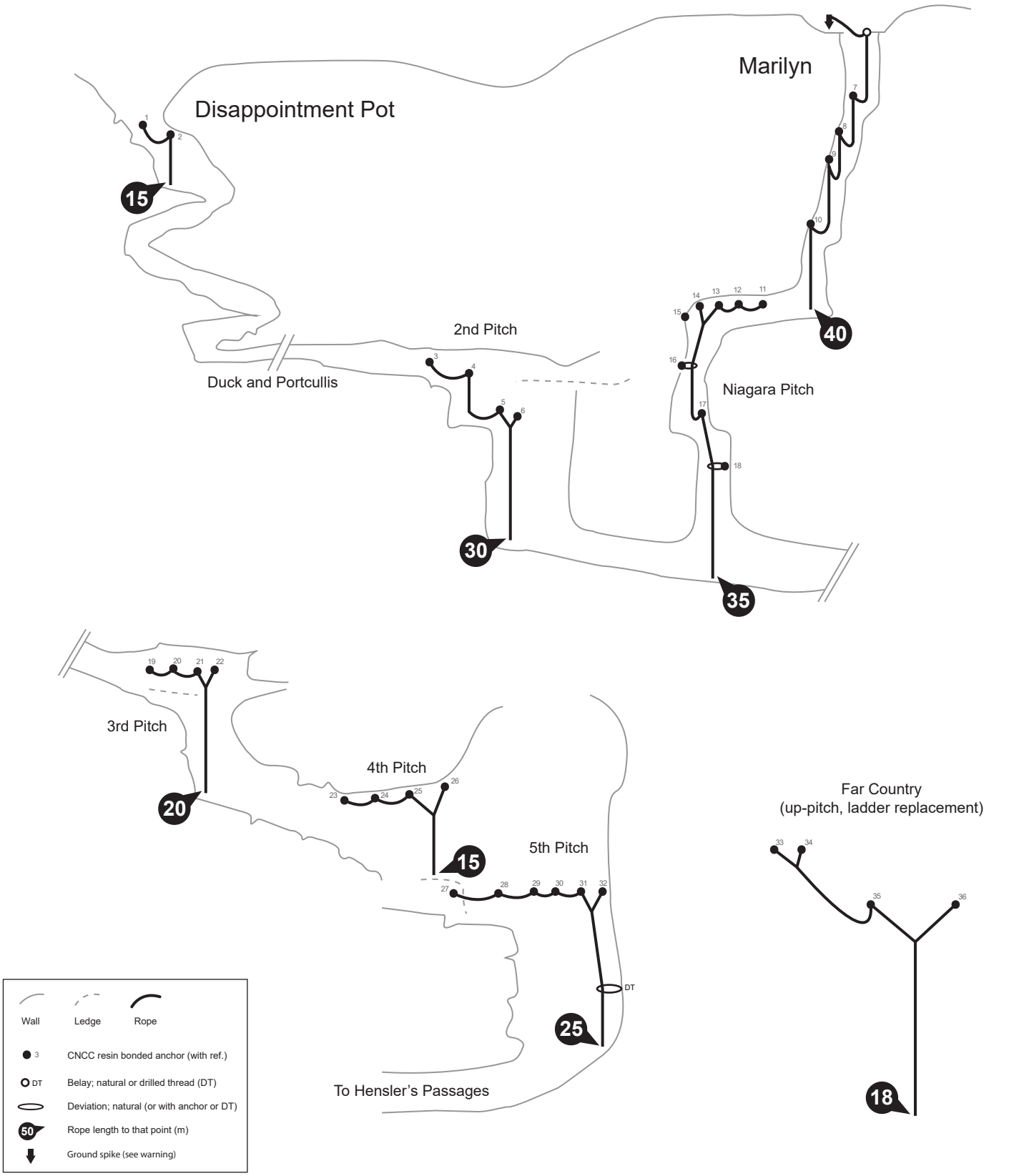
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Marilyn

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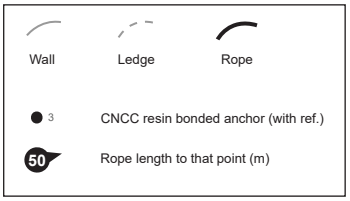
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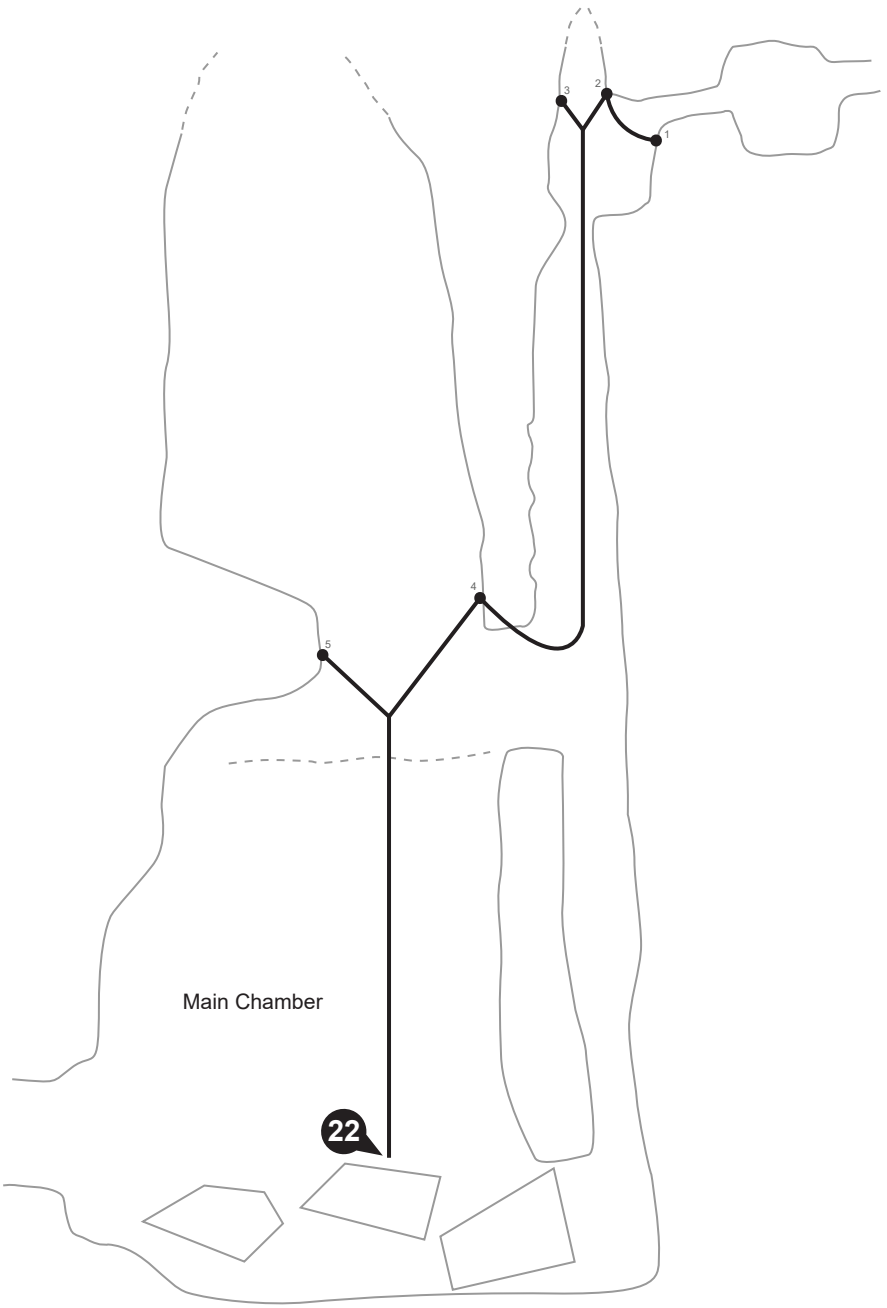
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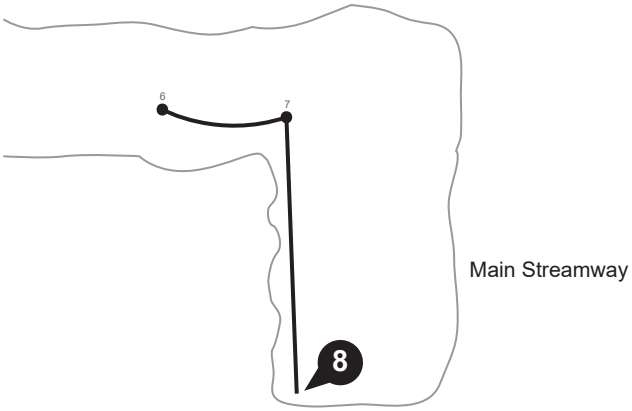
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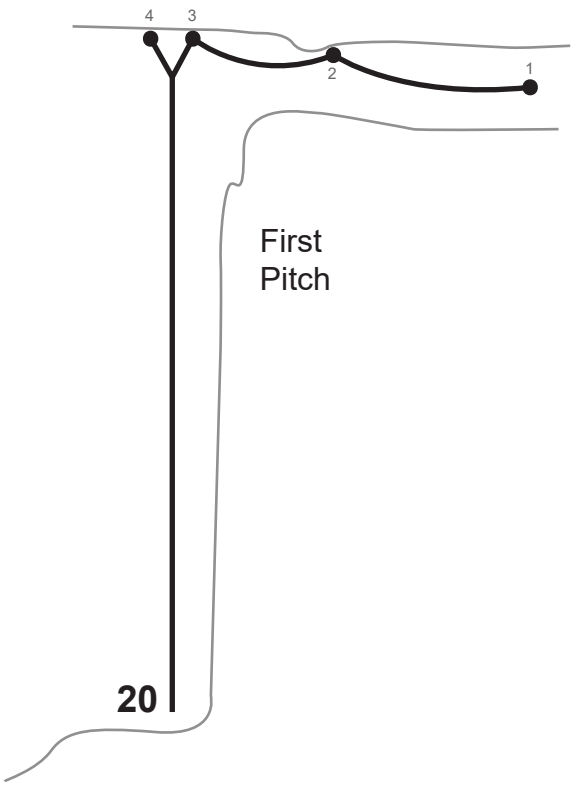
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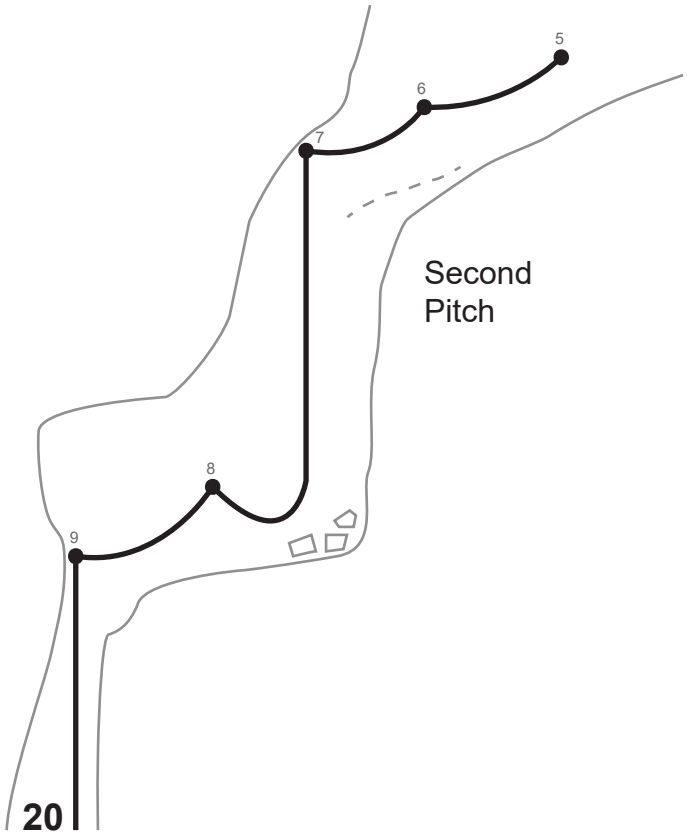
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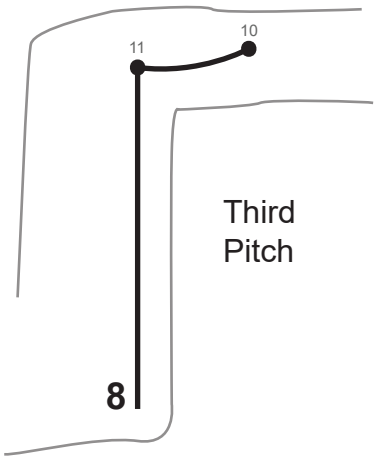
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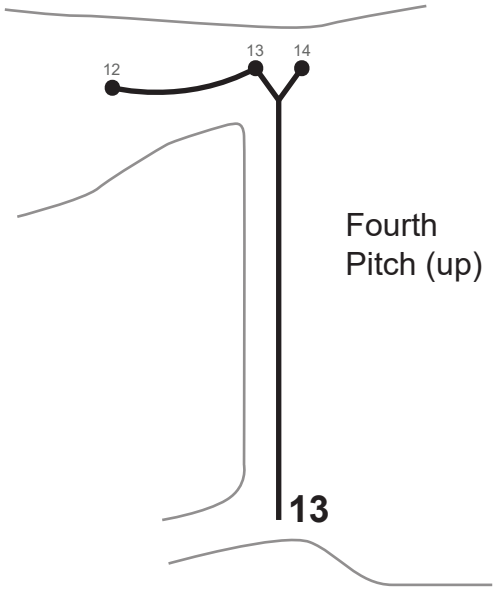
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Rope / Wall / Ledge	
DT	Deviation; natural or drilled thread (DT)
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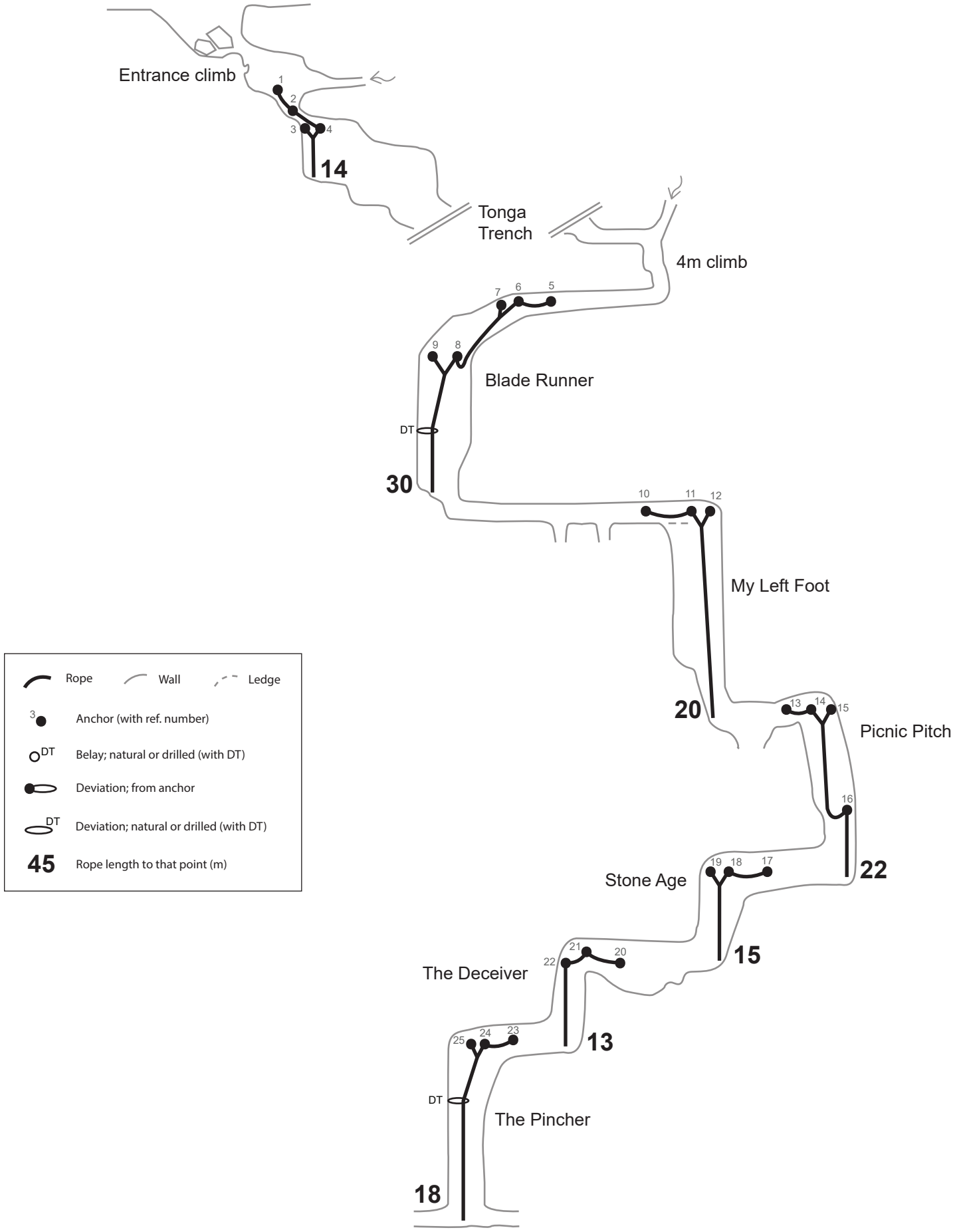
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Five Ways Pot

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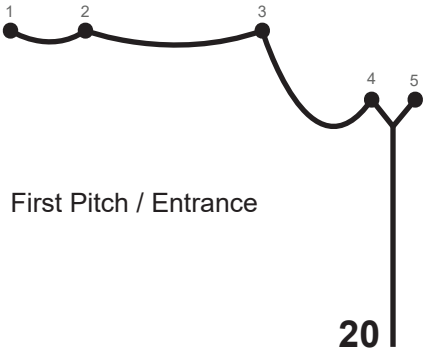
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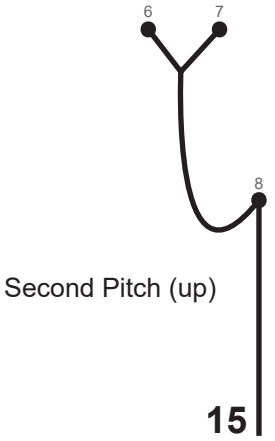
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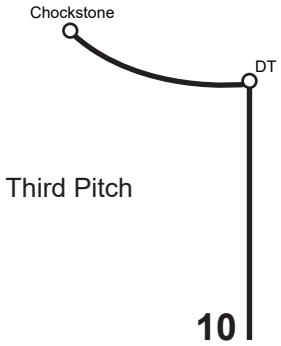
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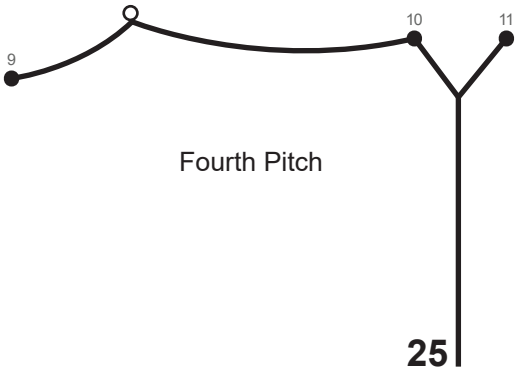
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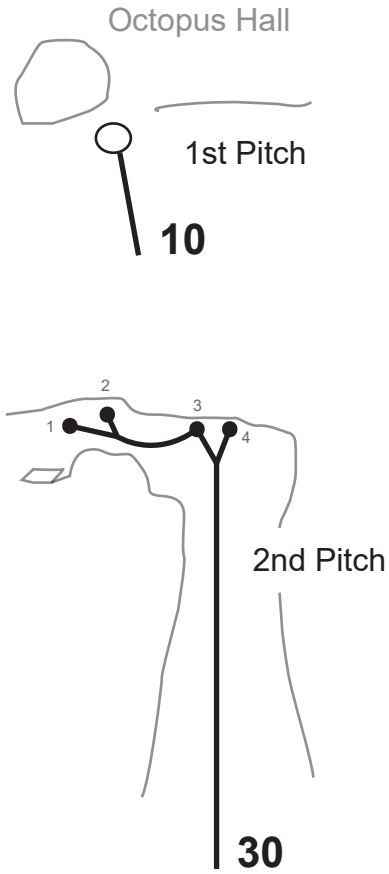
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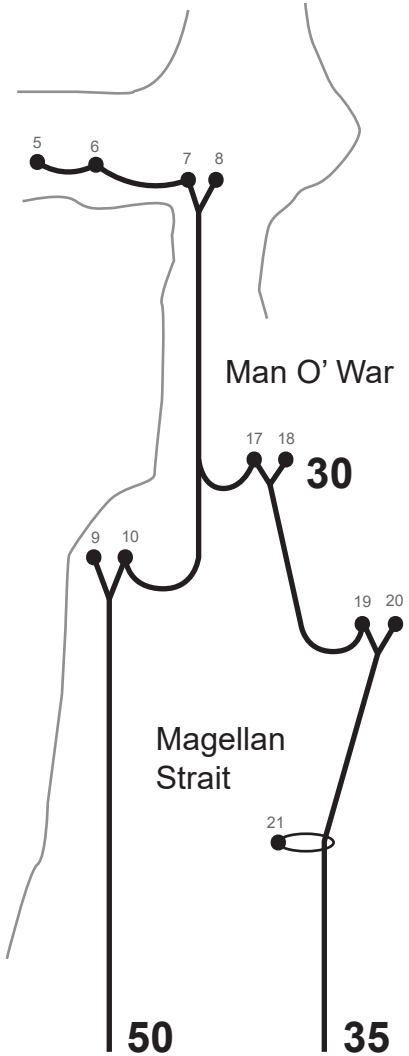
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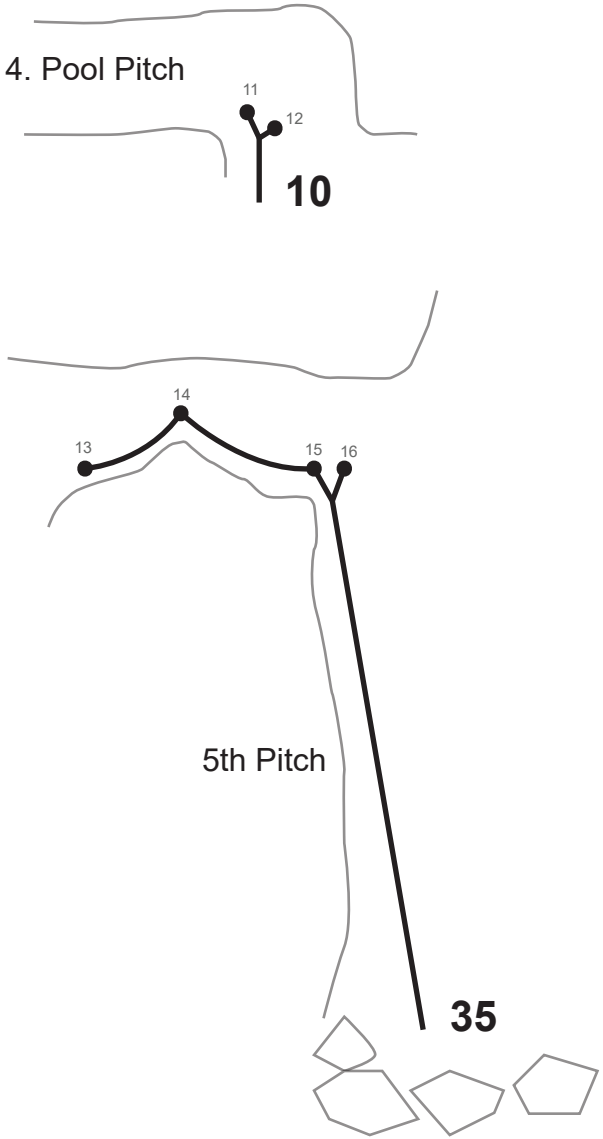
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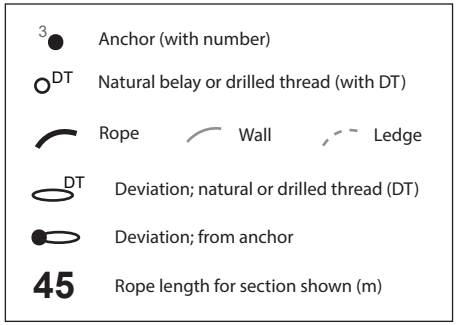
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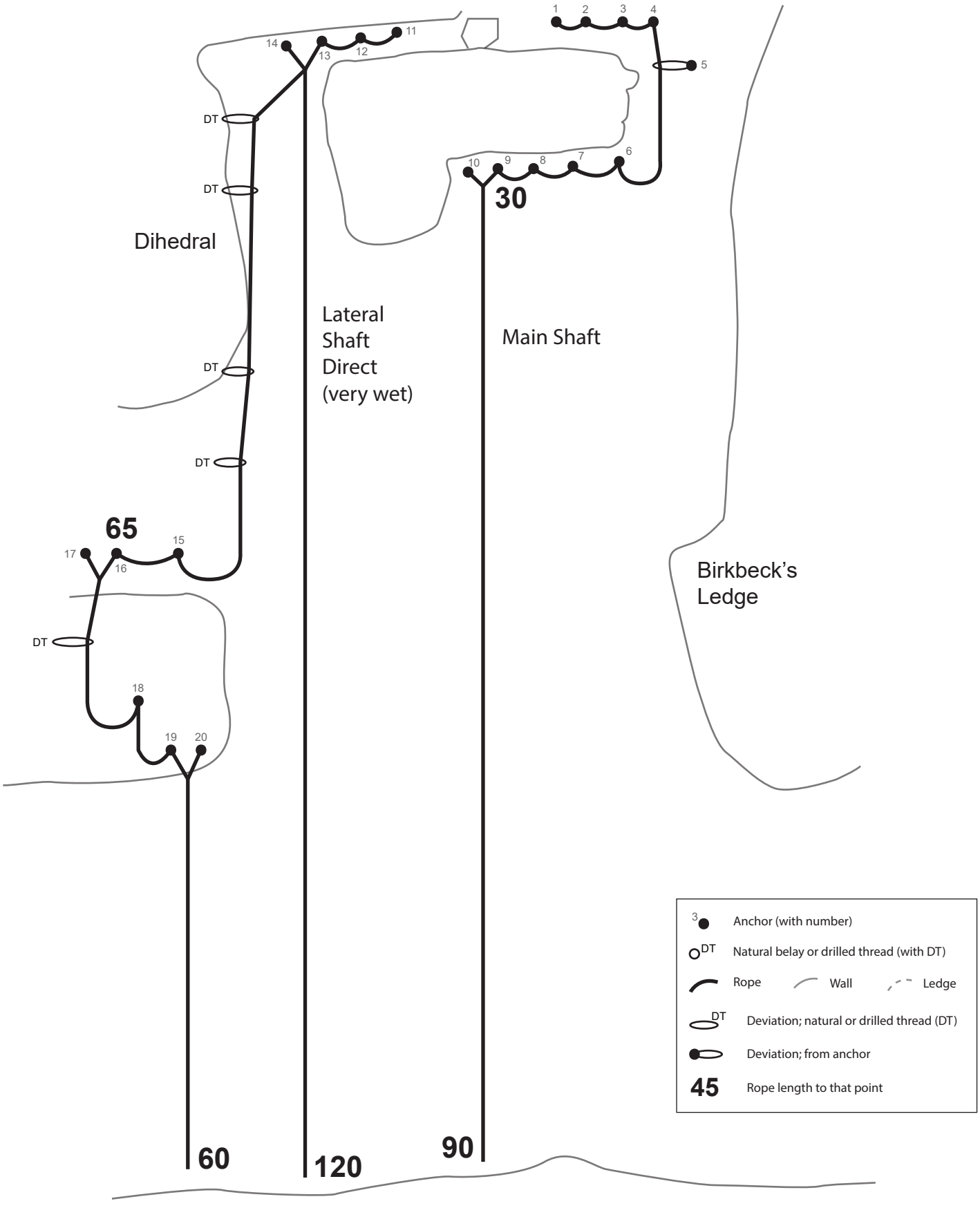
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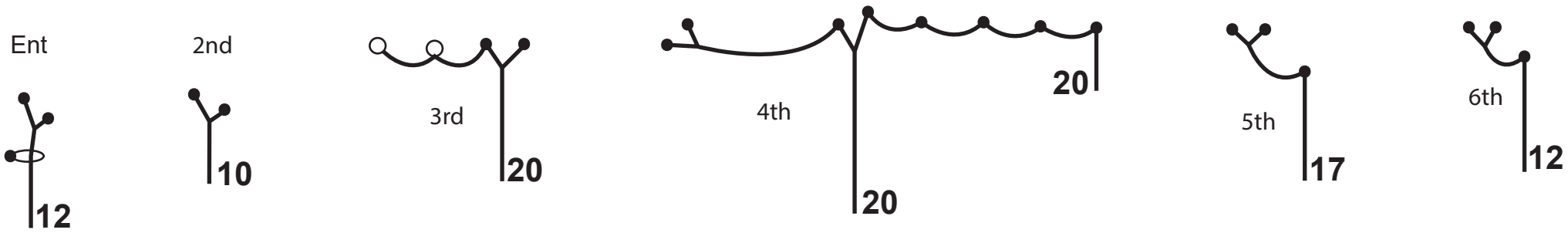
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Gingling Hole

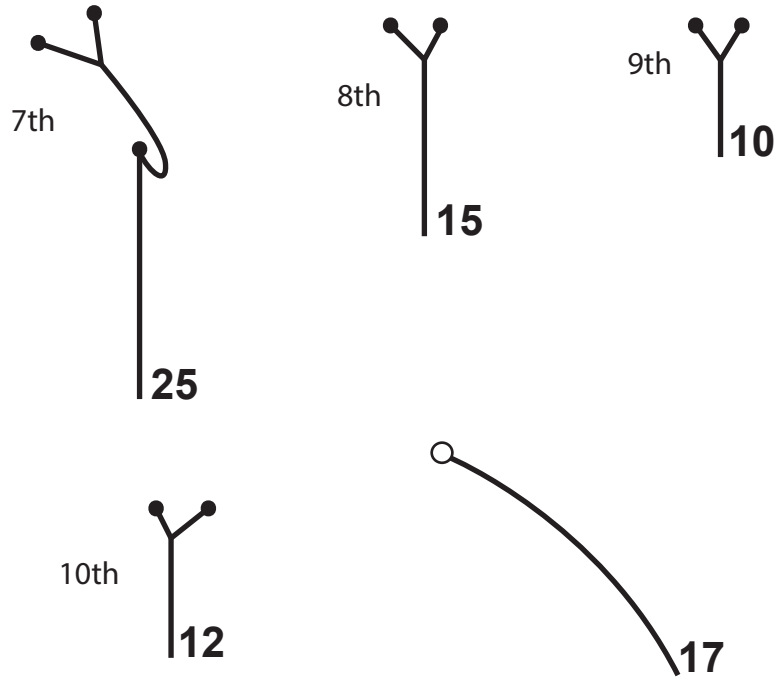
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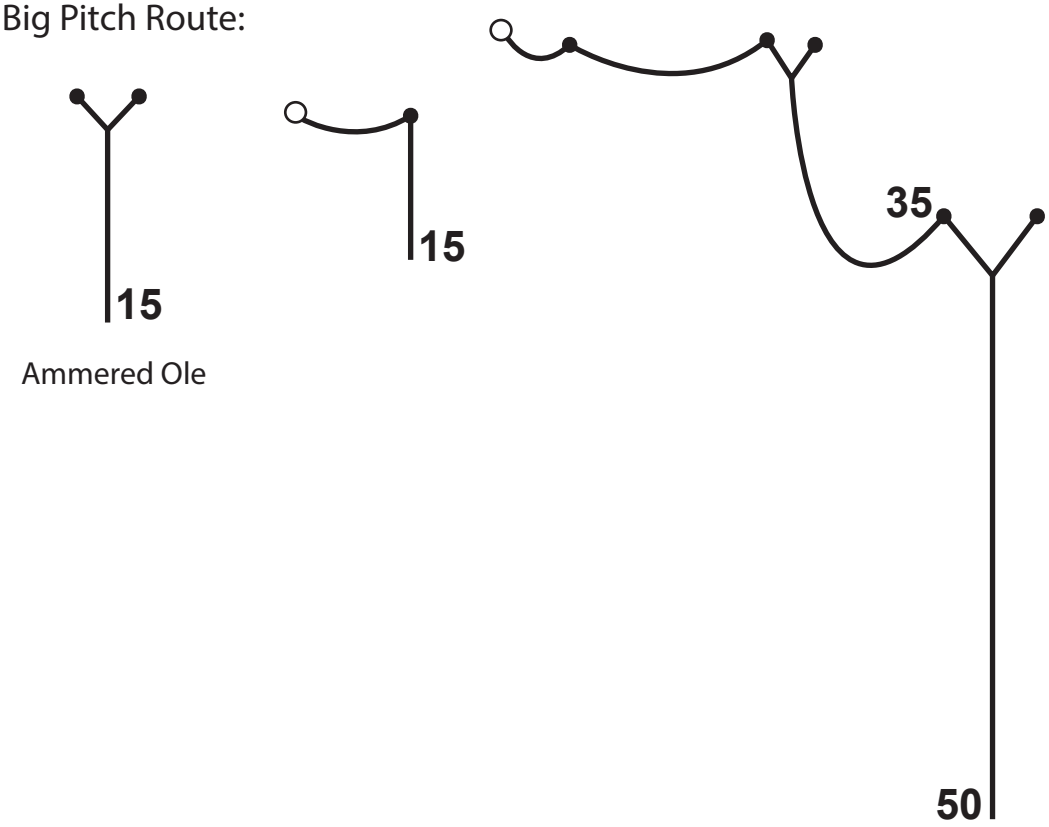
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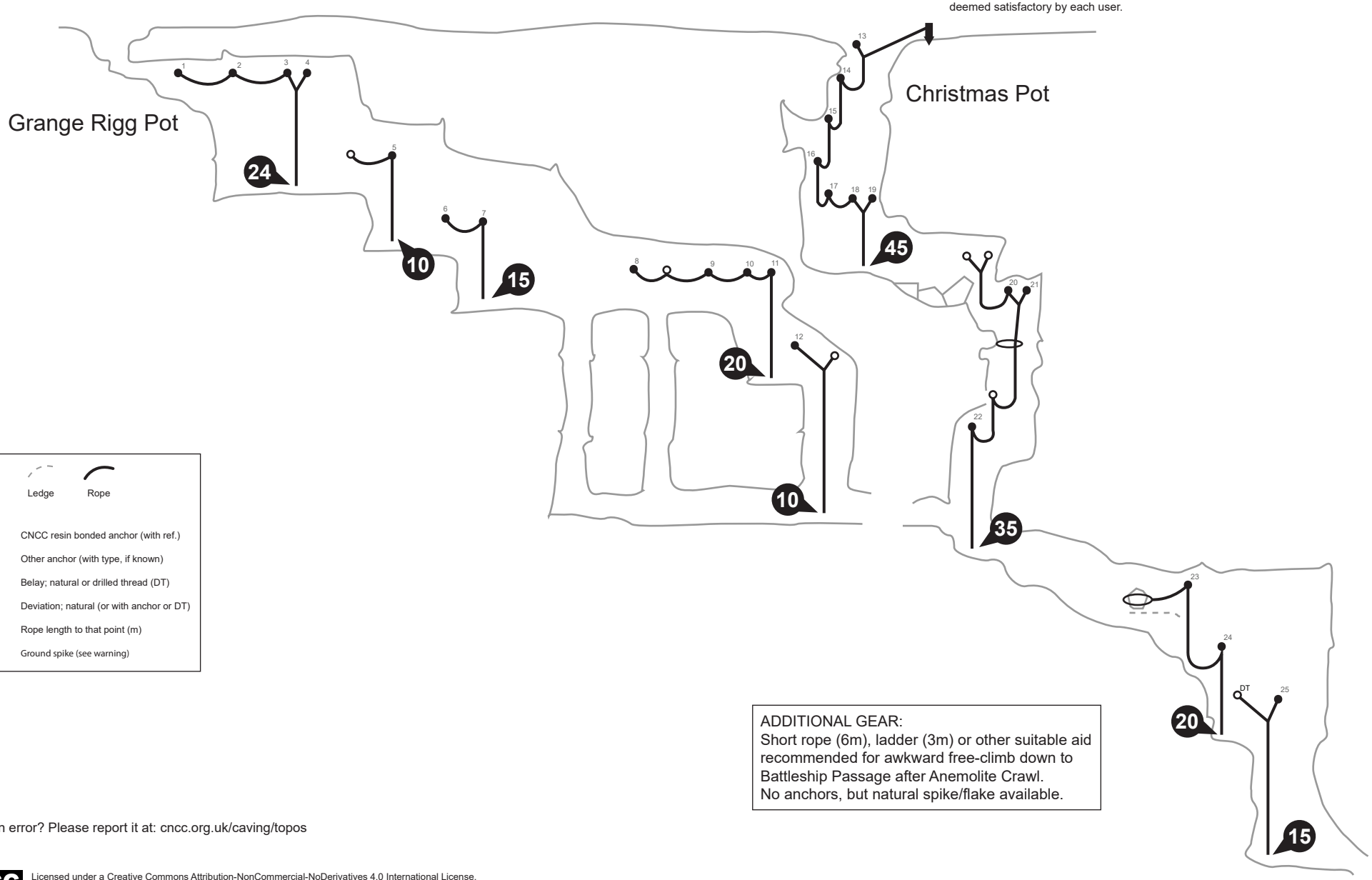
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Grange Rigg Pot / Christmas Pot

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NGR: SD 75490 72715 (Grange Rigg), SD 75735 72695 (Christmas)
Info: cncc.org.uk/cave/grange-rigg-pot

GROUND SPIKE WARNING:
Integrity of ground spikes used for rigging may change over time. They must be checked and deemed satisfactory by each user.



Wall | Ledge | Rope

- 3 — CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)
- Spit — Other anchor (with type, if known)
- DT — Belay; natural or drilled thread (DT)
- Deviation; natural (or with anchor or DT)
- 50 — Rope length to that point (m)
- Ground spike (see warning)

ADDITIONAL GEAR:
Short rope (6m), ladder (3m) or other suitable aid recommended for awkward free-climb down to Battleship Passage after Anemolite Crawl.
No anchors, but natural spike/flake available.

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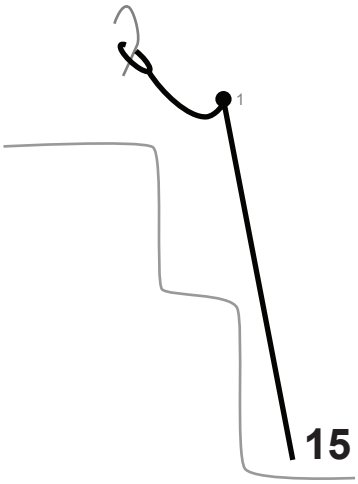
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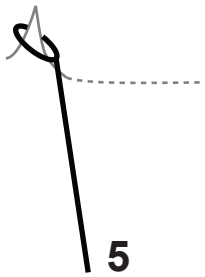
1. Waterfall Inlet Pitch

A drilled thread on the left wall provides a backup for the pitch rigged from an anchor on the right wall. No rebelay is required at the ledge.



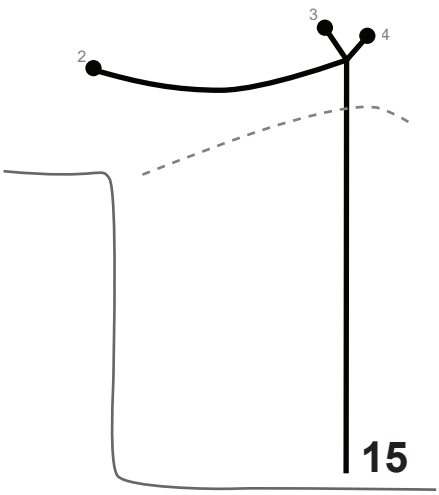
2. Scimitar Pitch

A large spike enables an optional handline to be rigged for the 3 m descent.



3. Stemple Pitch

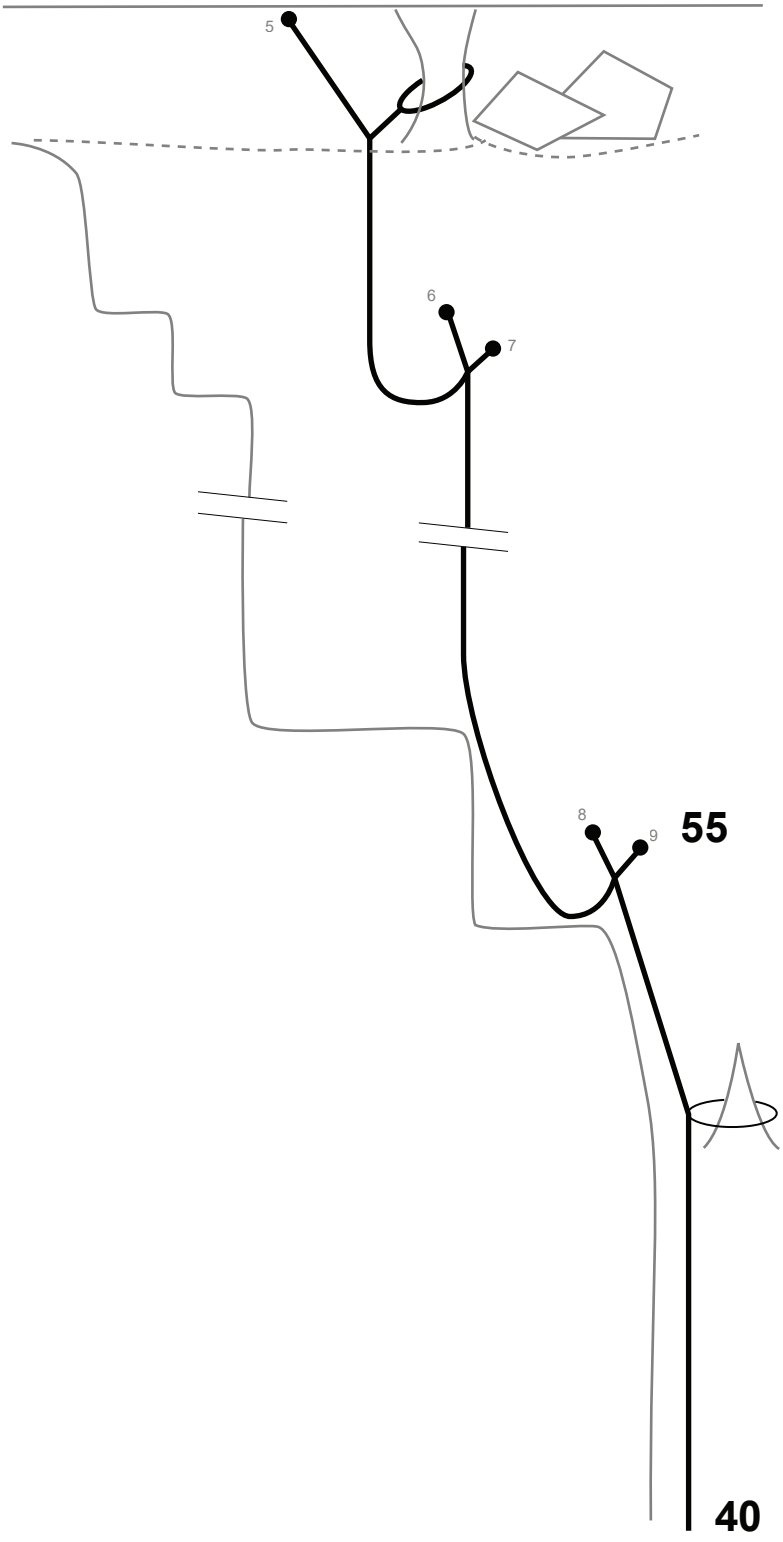
A high anchor on the right provides an initial backup. An ascending traverse leads to the anchors for a Y hang at the pitch head.



4. The Fault Pitch

The impressive final pitch is rigged initially from a large calcite column and an anchor in the roof. Careful positioning of the Y-hang ensures a rub-free descent to the Y-hang rebelay found just before the rift widens.

No rebelay is required at the first ledge but there are anchors on the right-hand wall at the second ledge for a rebelay. A deviation from a thread on the opposite wall is required to avoid rope rub for the final hang.



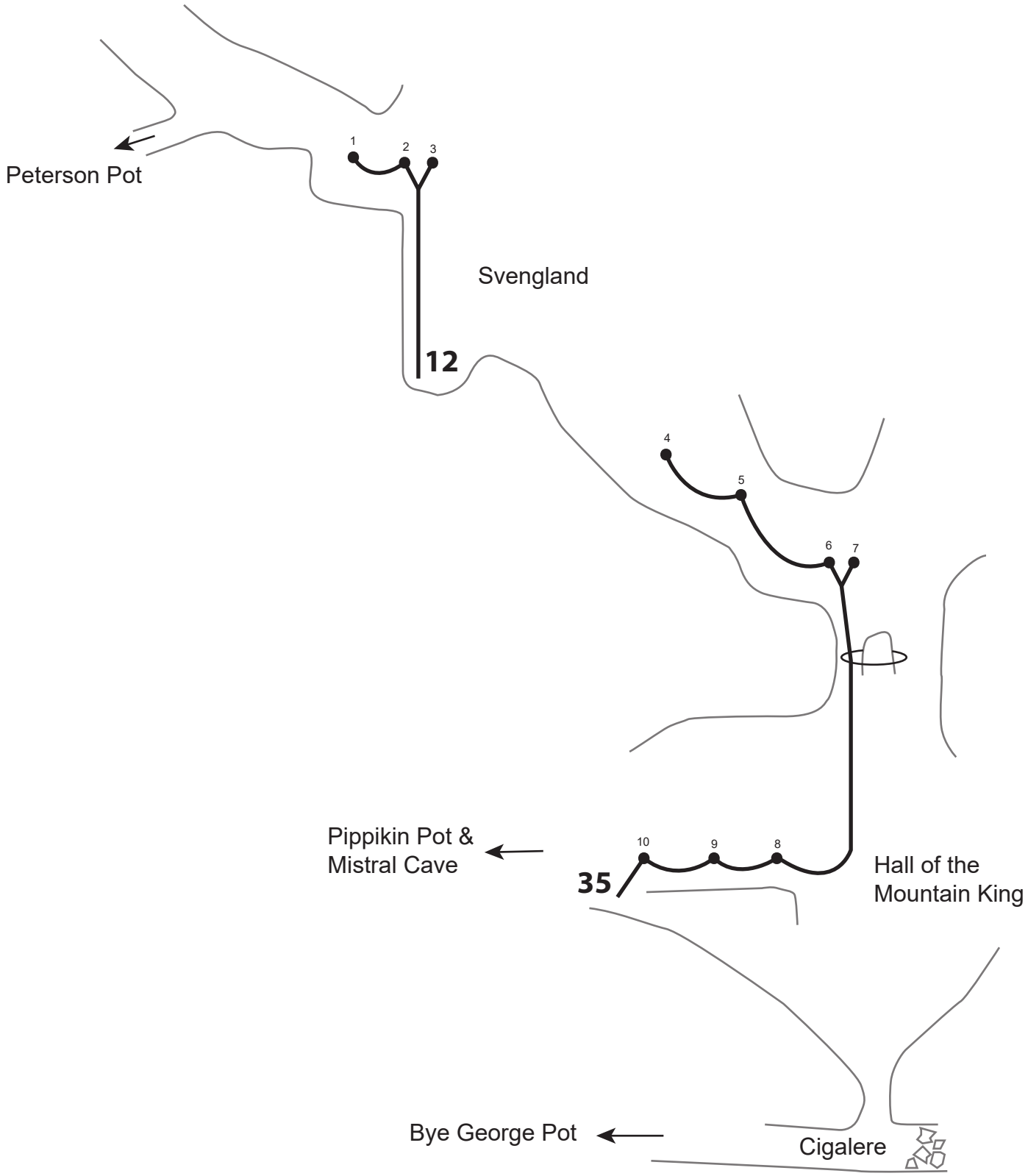
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Hall of the Mountain King

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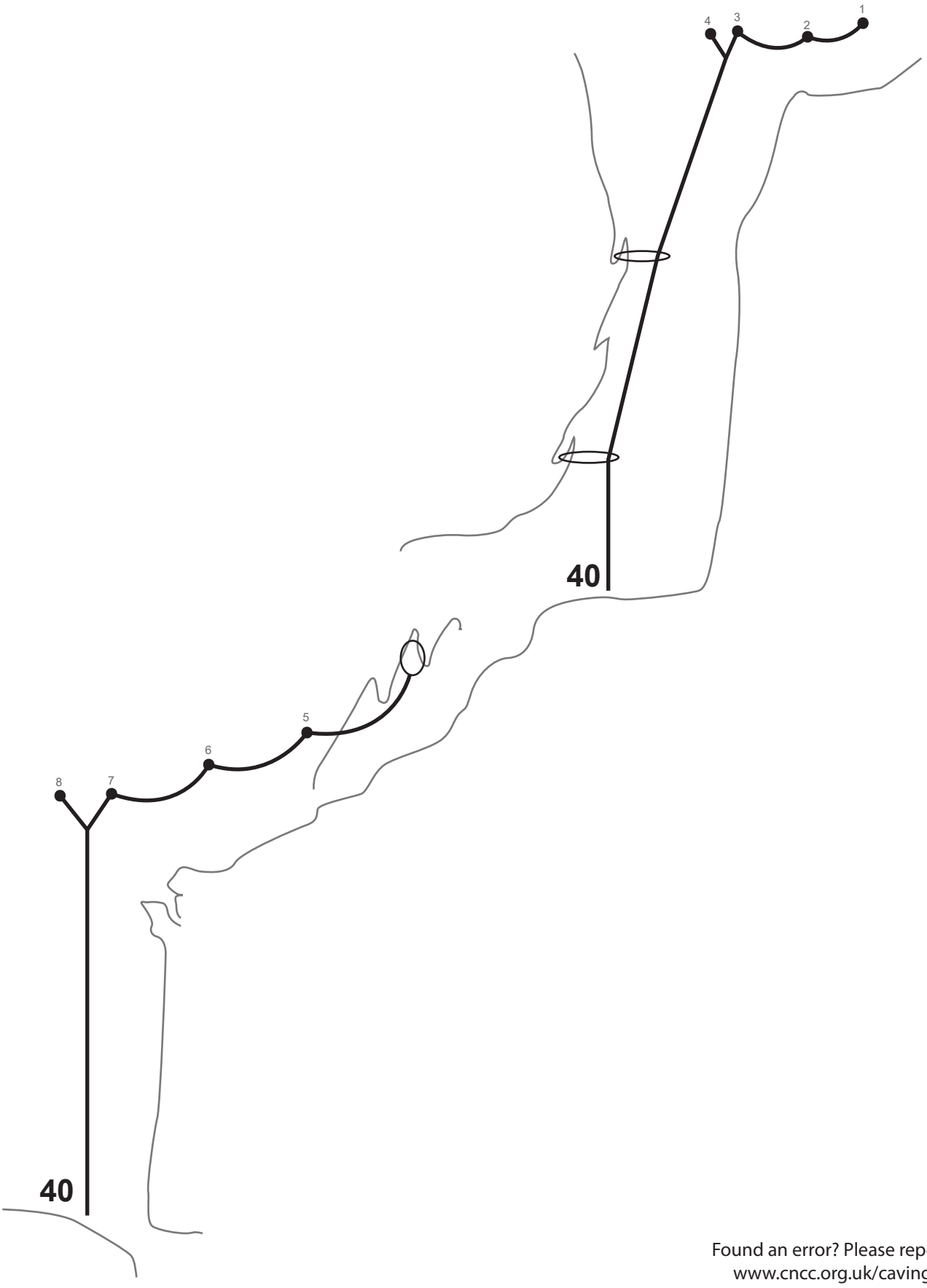
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Hardrawkin Pot

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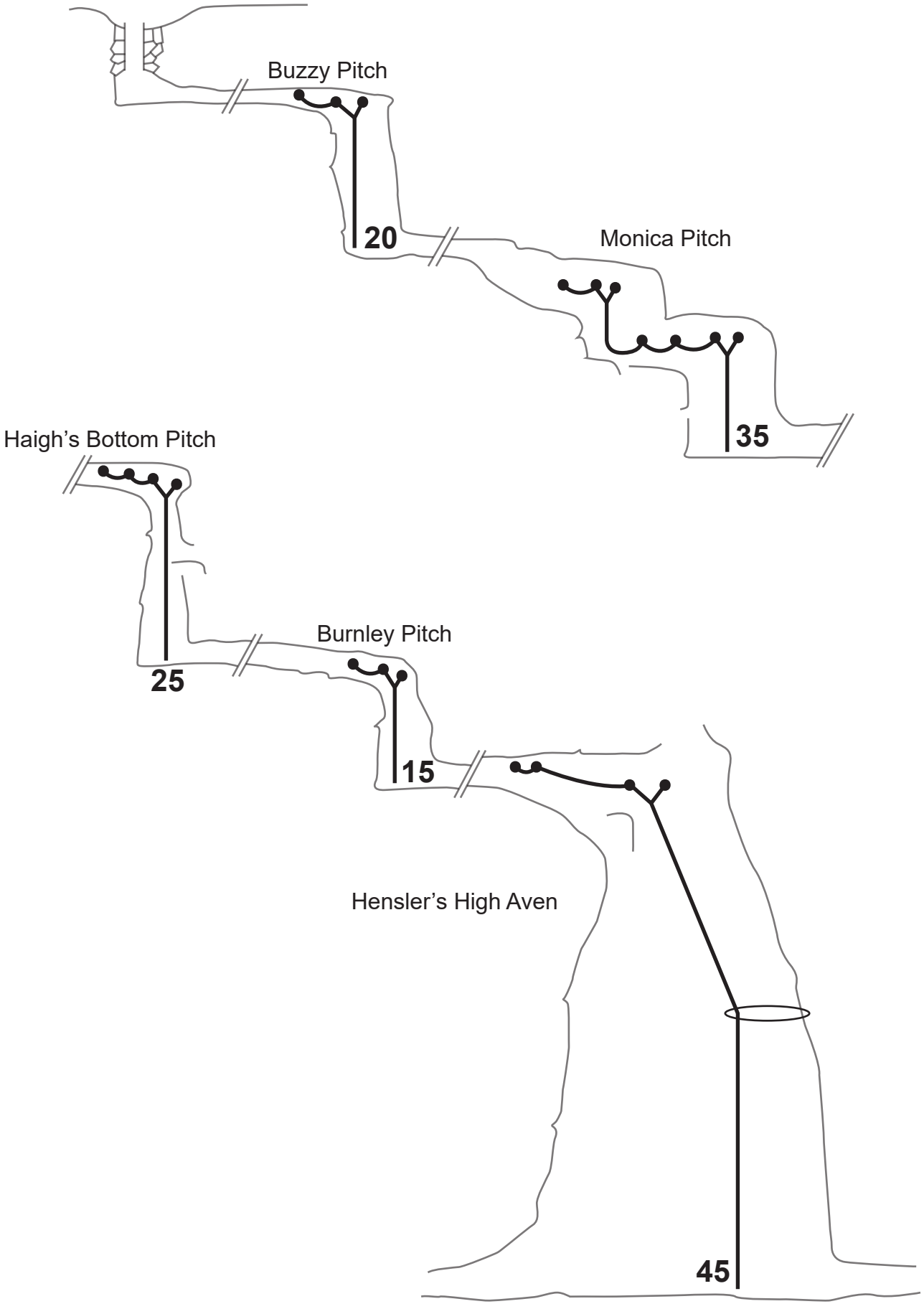
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Hensler's Pot

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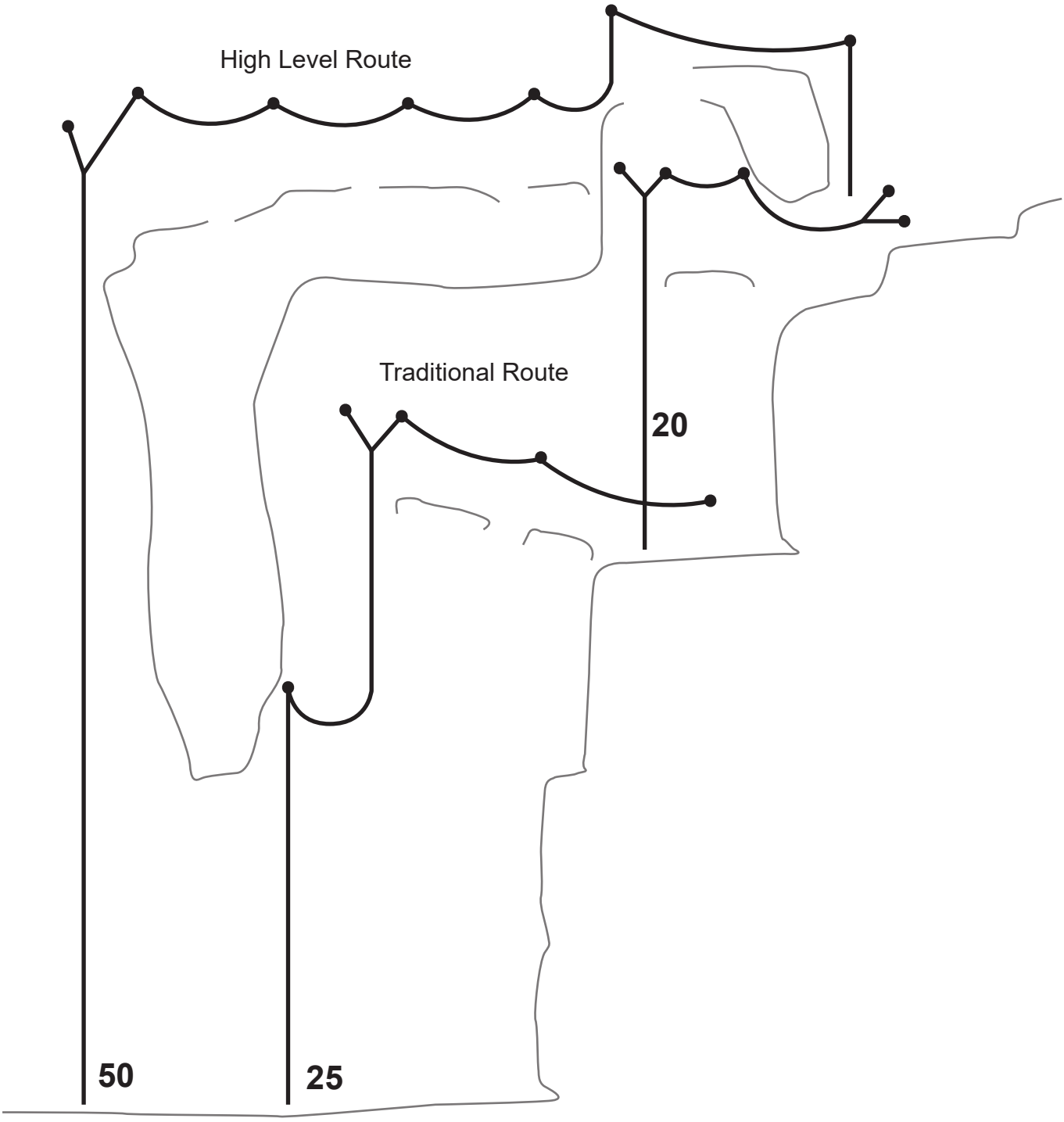
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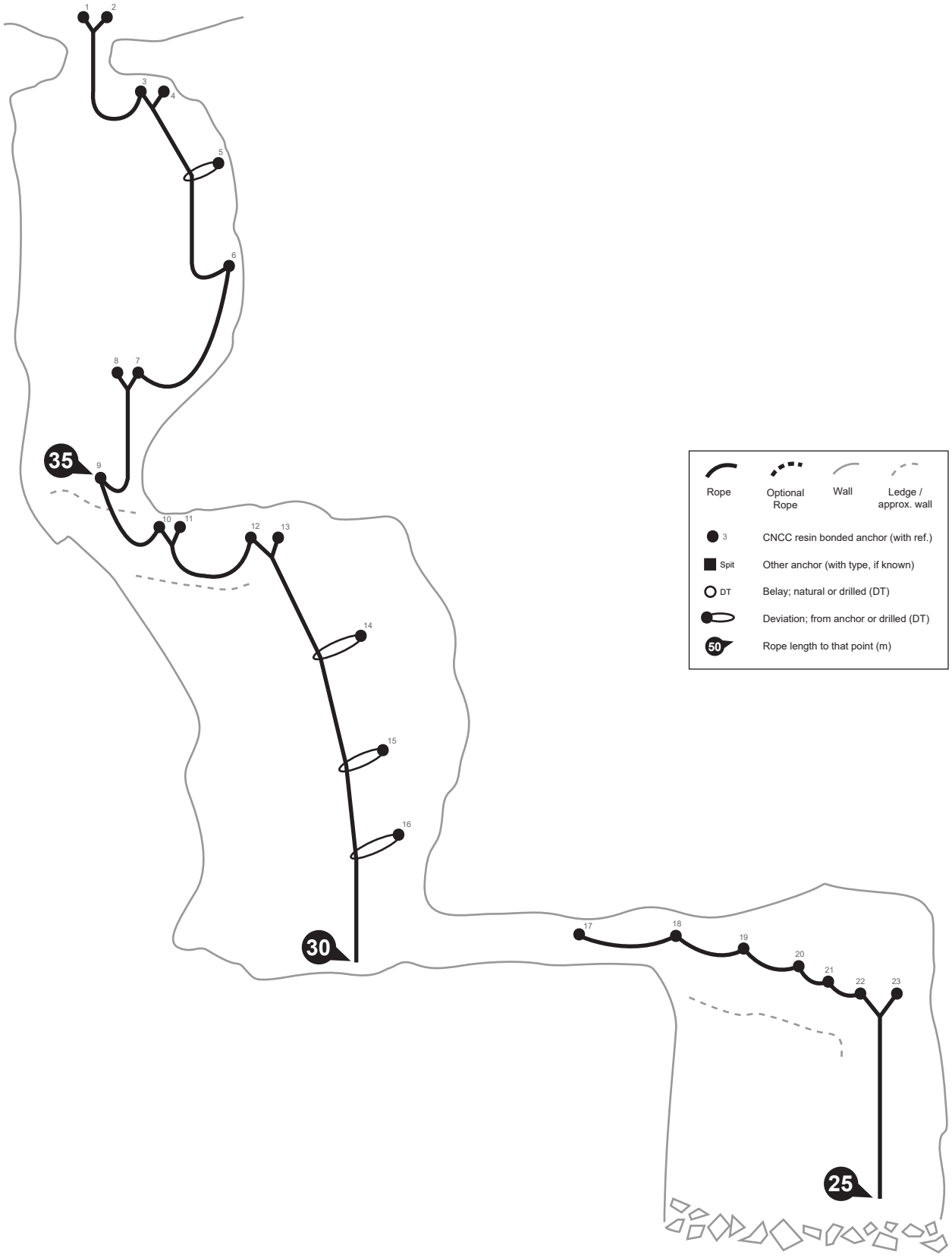
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High Hull Pot

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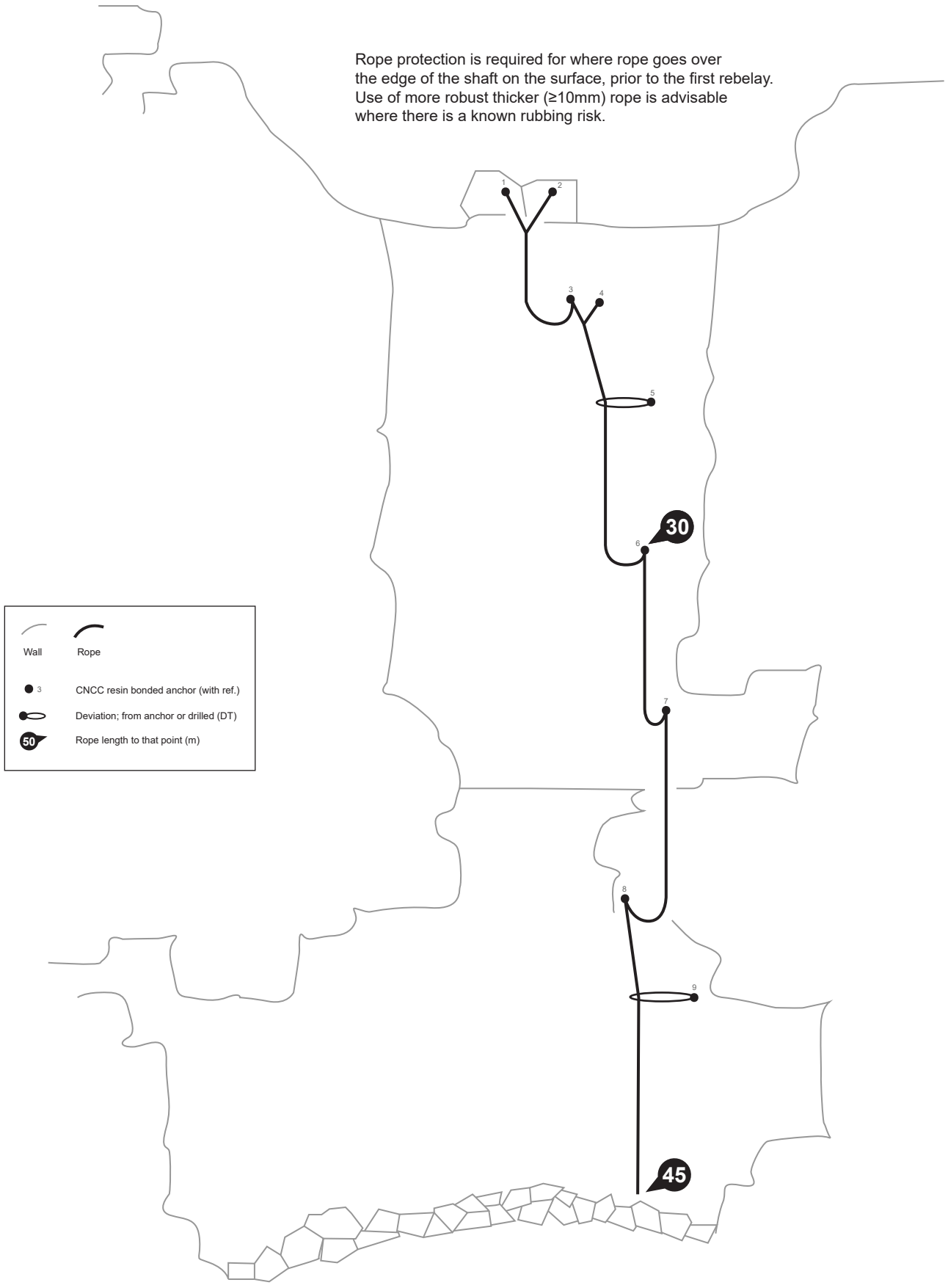
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Hunt Pot

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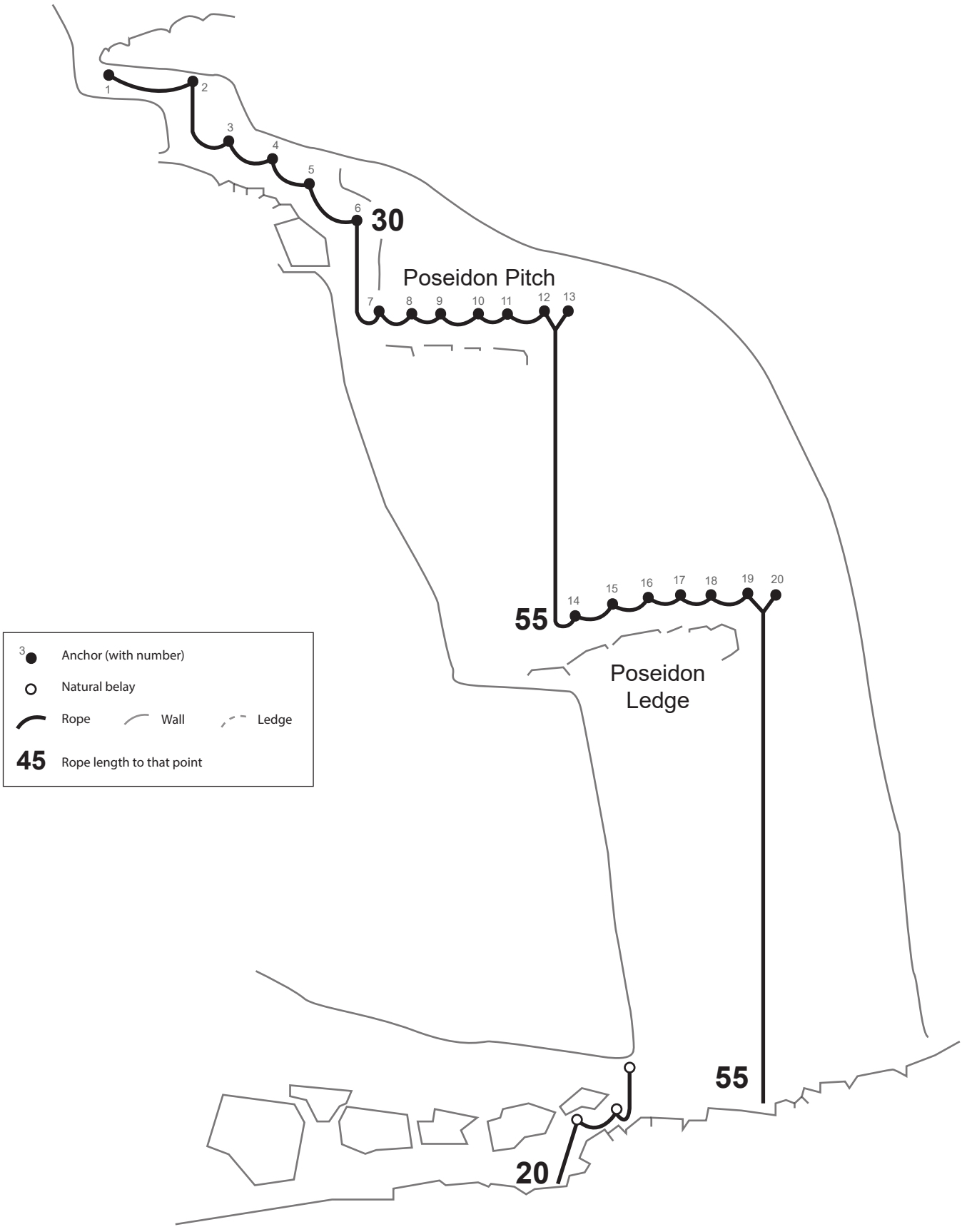
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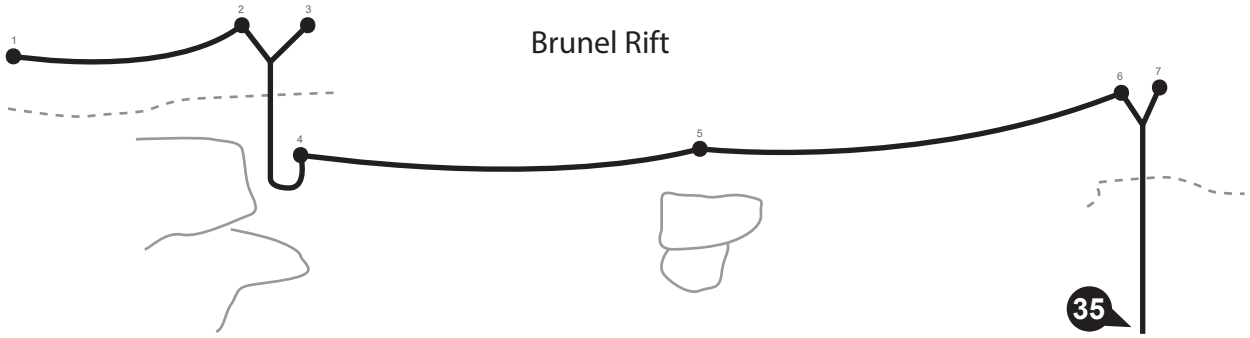
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Illusion Pot

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Spit	Other anchor (with type, if known)
DT	Belay; natural or drilled (DT)
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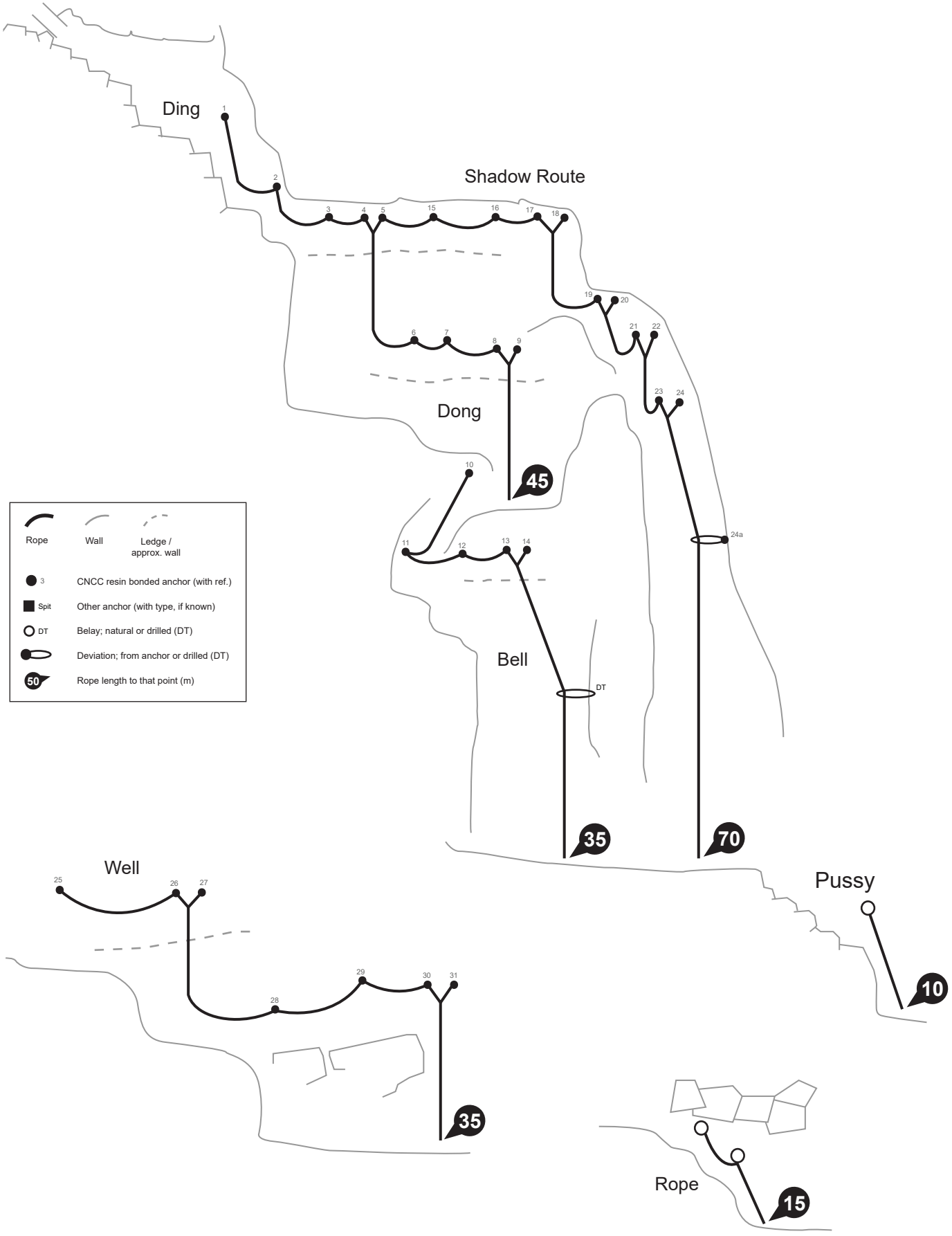
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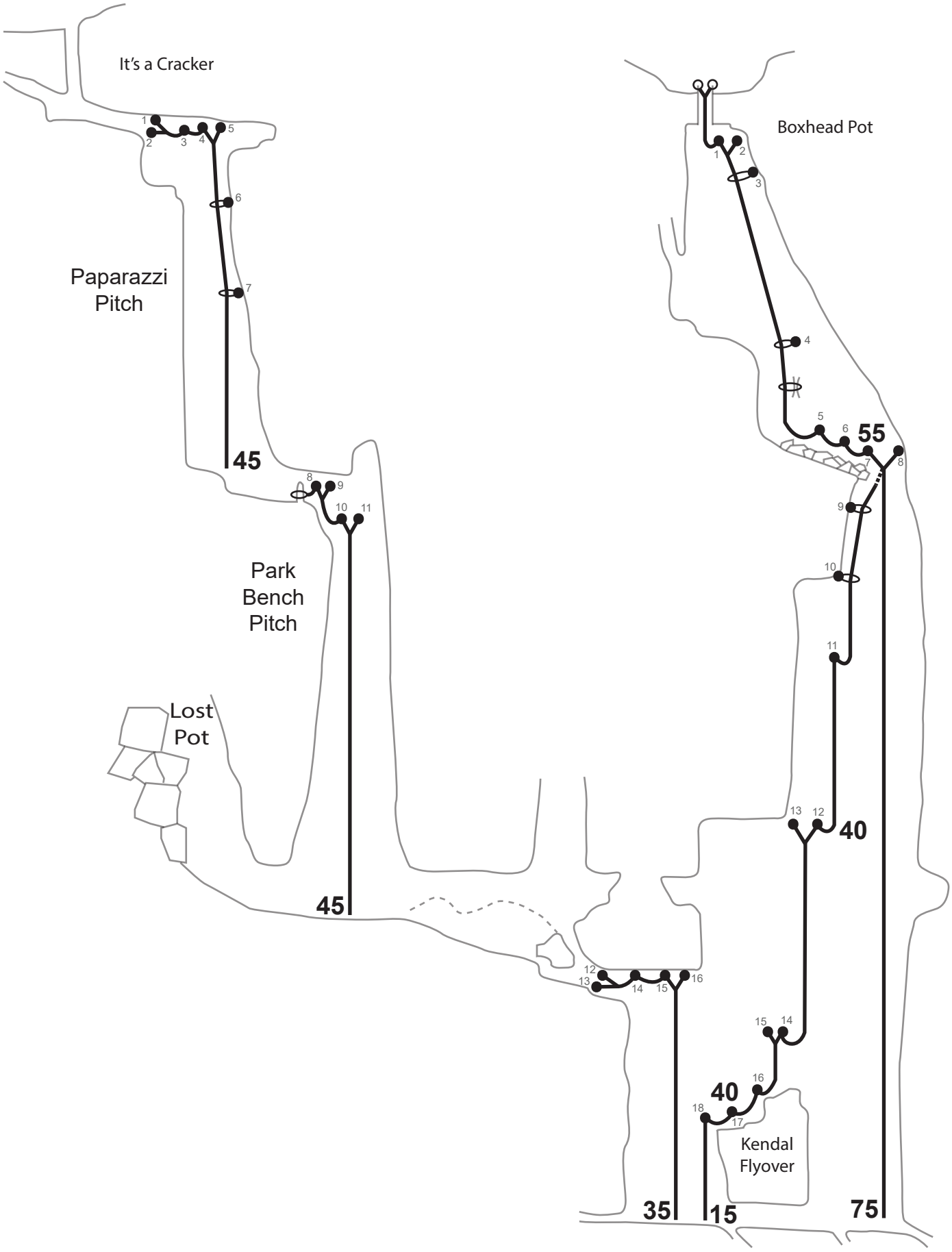
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Jean Pot

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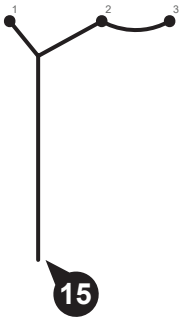
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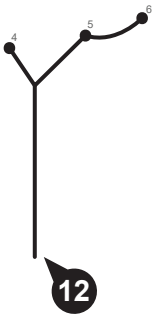
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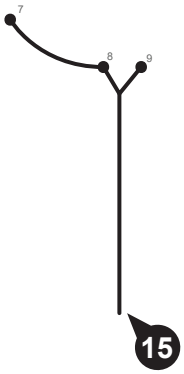
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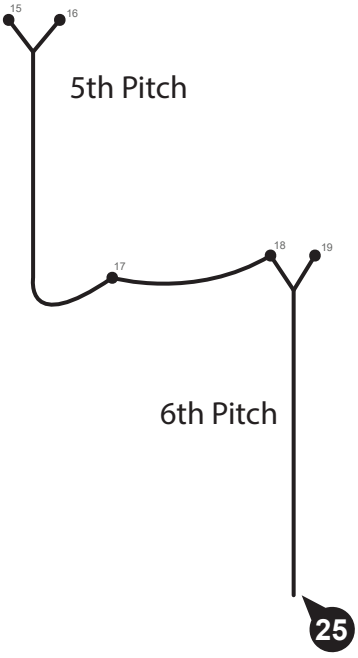


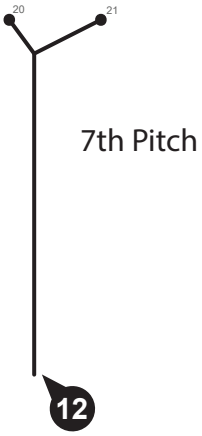
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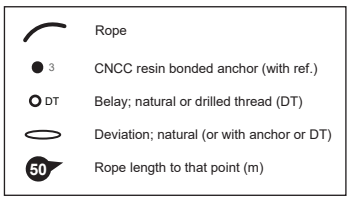


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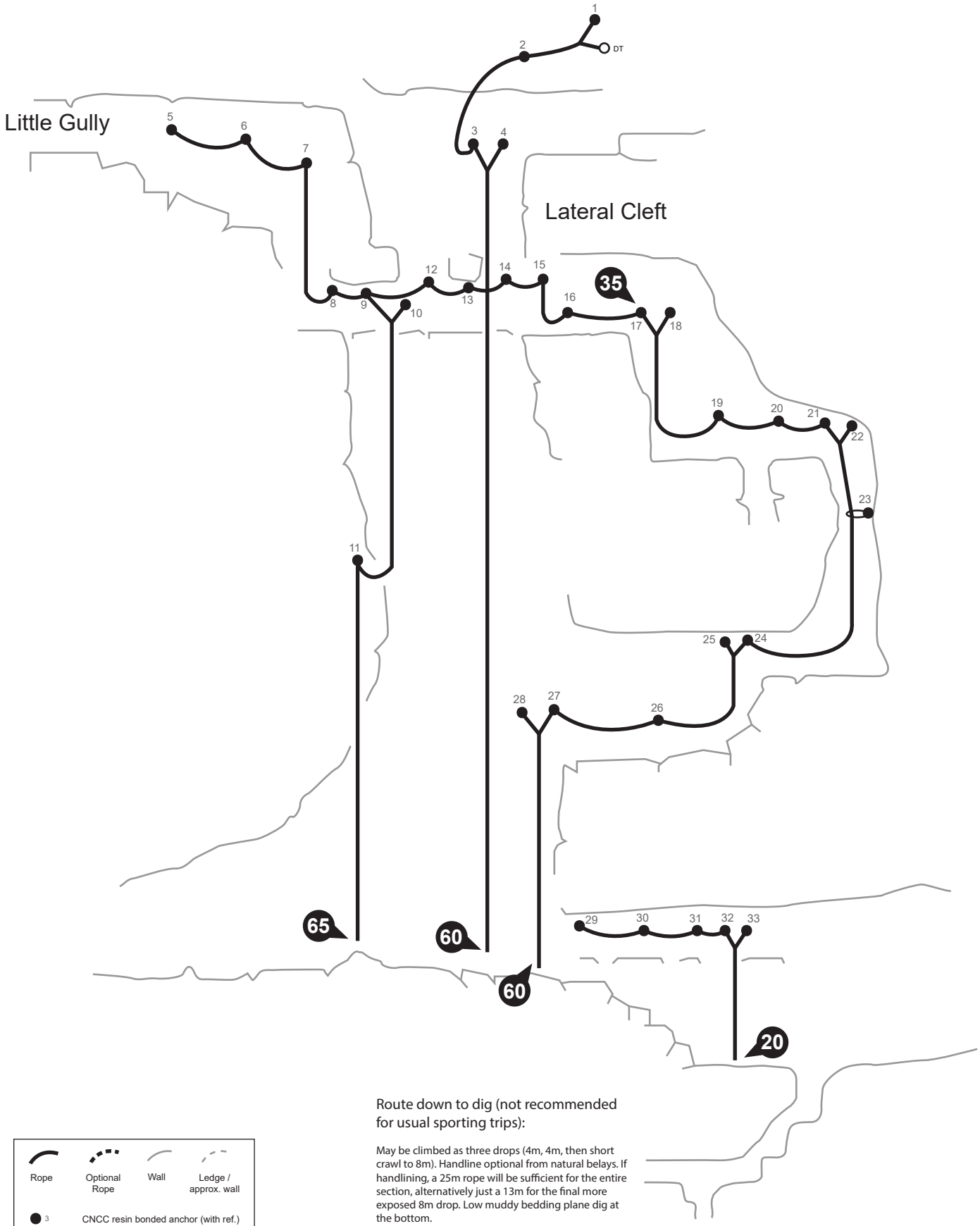
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Jingling Pot

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Route down to dig (not recommended for usual sporting trips):

May be climbed as three drops (4m, 4m, then short crawl to 8m). Handline optional from natural belays. If handlining, a 25m rope will be sufficient for the entire section, alternatively just a 13m for the final more exposed 8m drop. Low muddy bedding plane dig at the bottom.

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Optional Rope	
Wall	
Ledge / approx. wall	
3	CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)
Spit	Other anchor (with type, if known)
DT	Belay; natural or drilled (DT)
	Deviation; from anchor or drilled (DT)
50	Rope length to that point (m)

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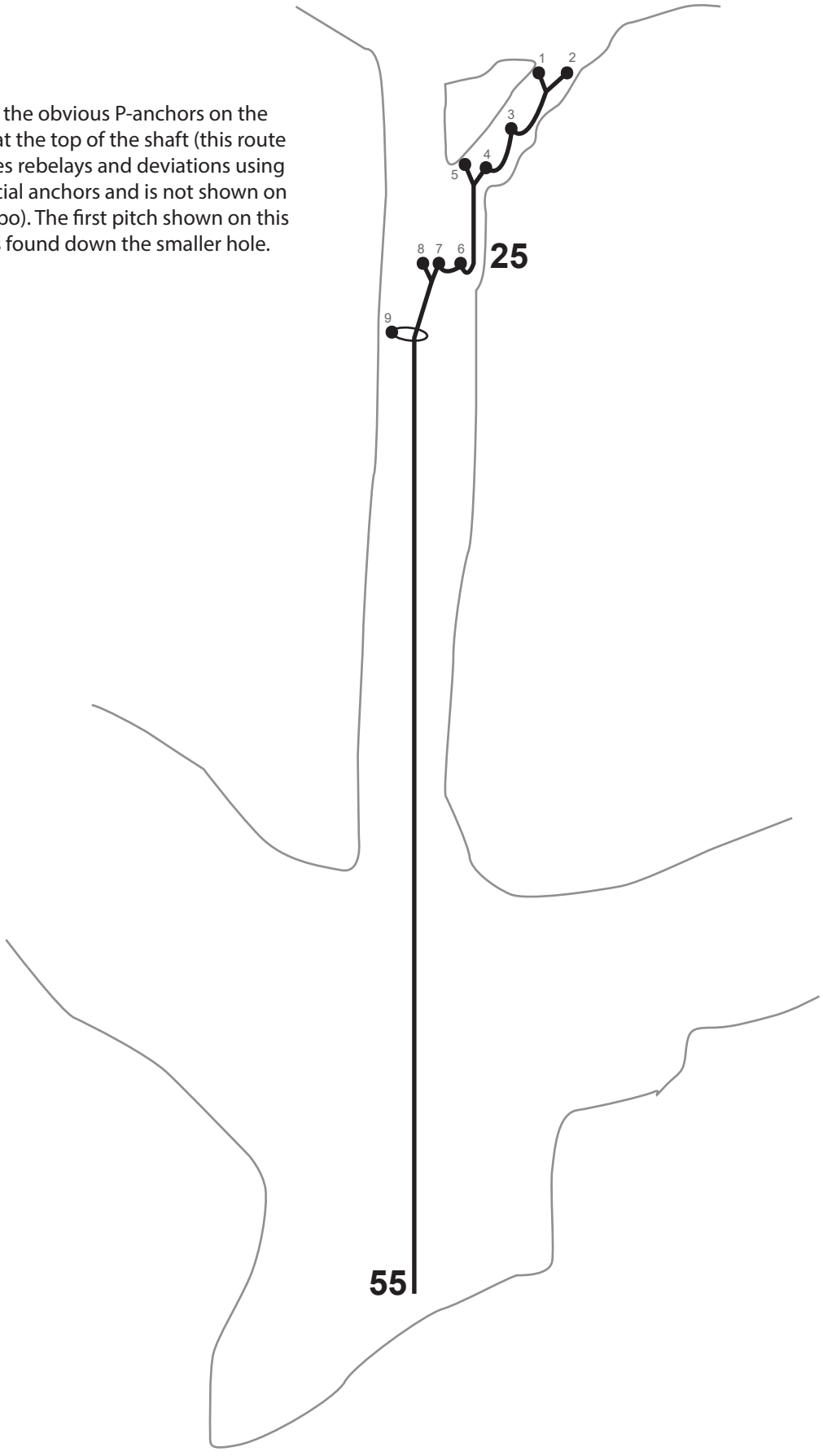
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Jockey Hole

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NOTE:
Ignore the obvious P-anchors on the block at the top of the shaft (this route requires rebelays and deviations using unofficial anchors and is not shown on this topo). The first pitch shown on this topo is found down the smaller hole.



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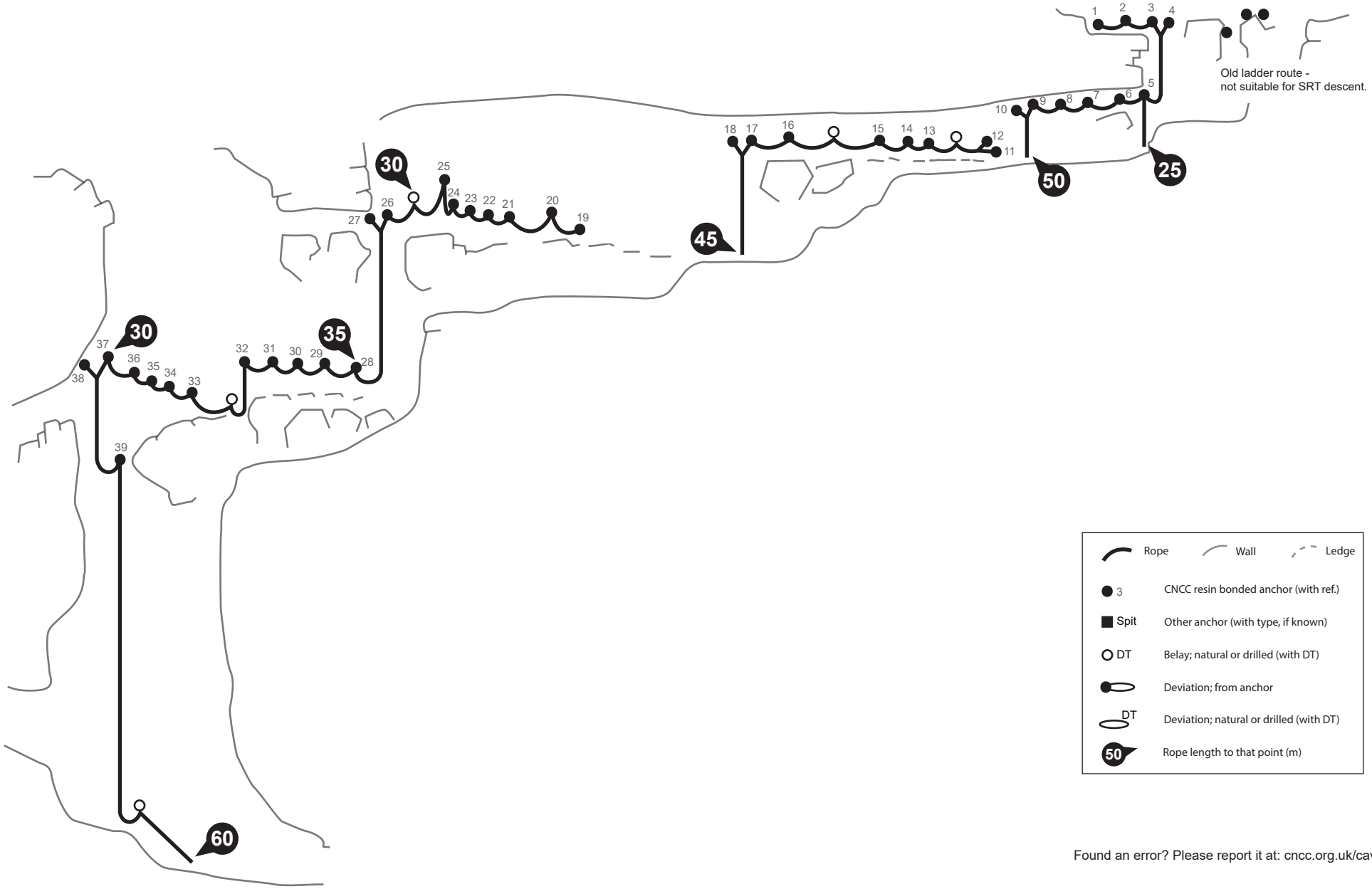
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Juniper Gulf

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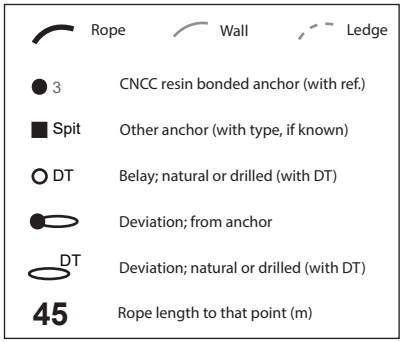
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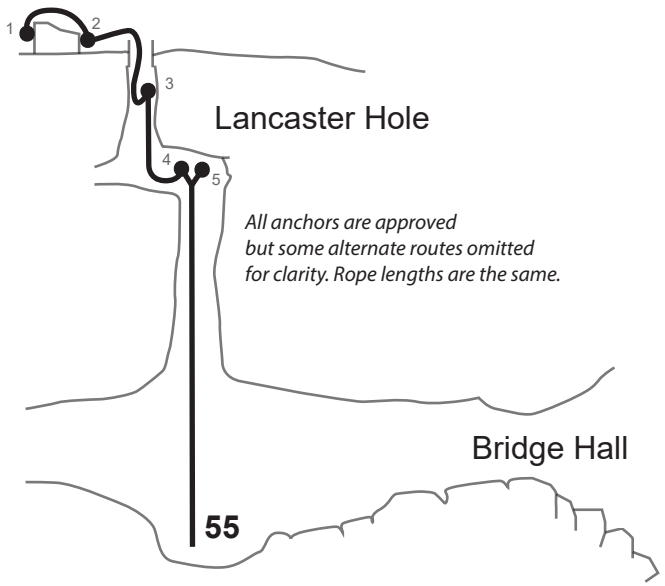
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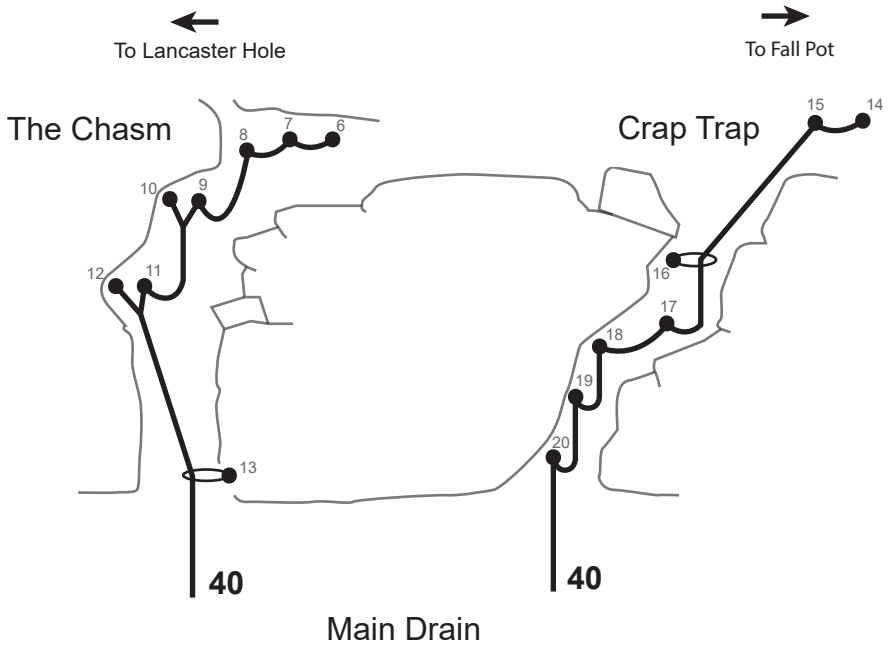
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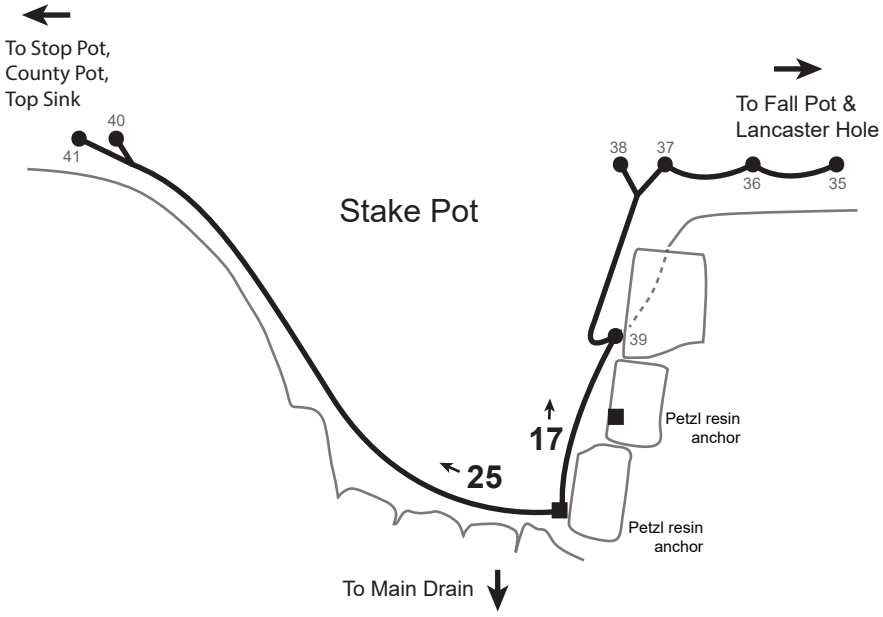
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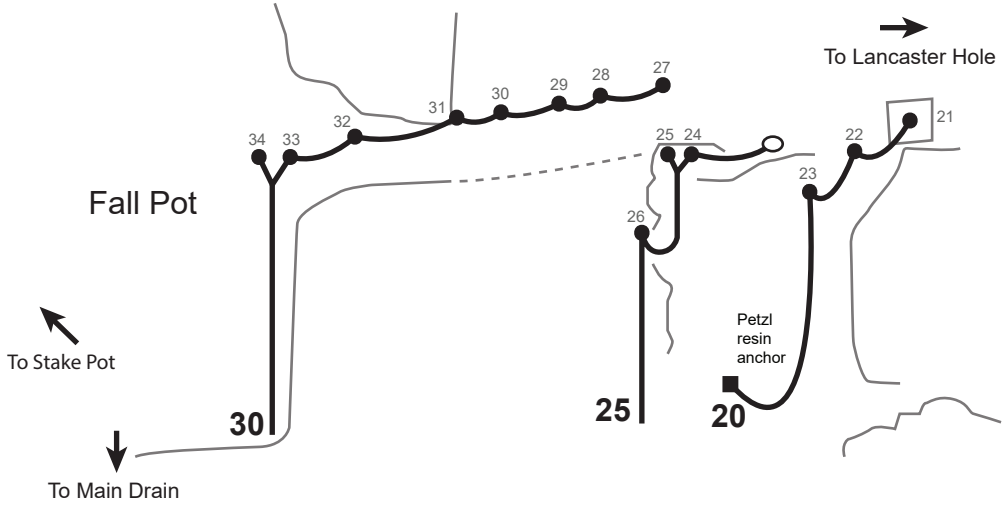
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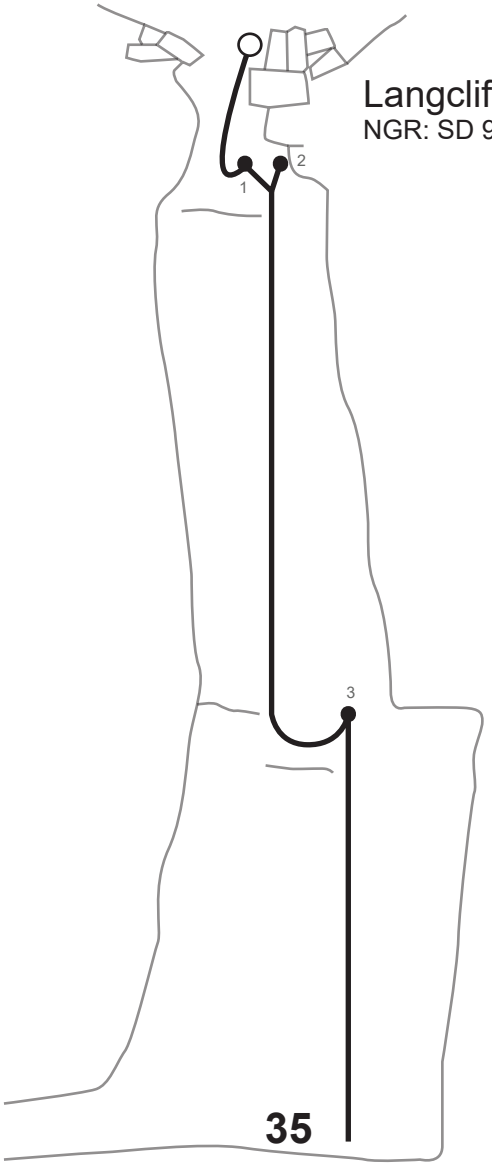
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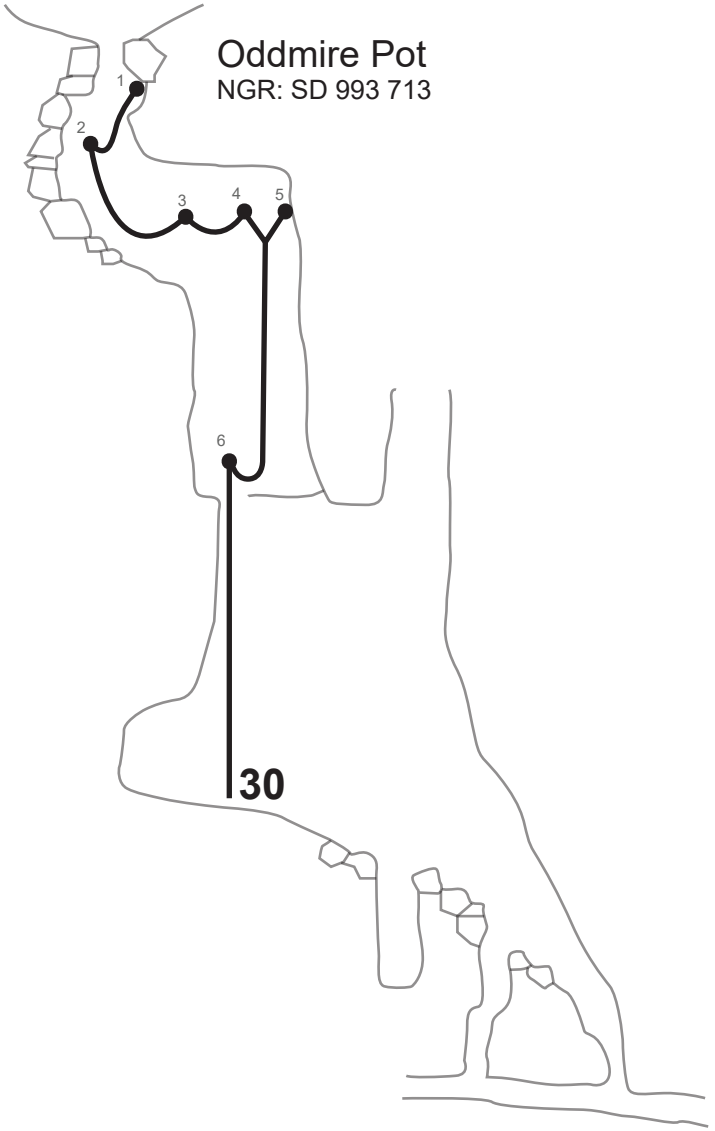
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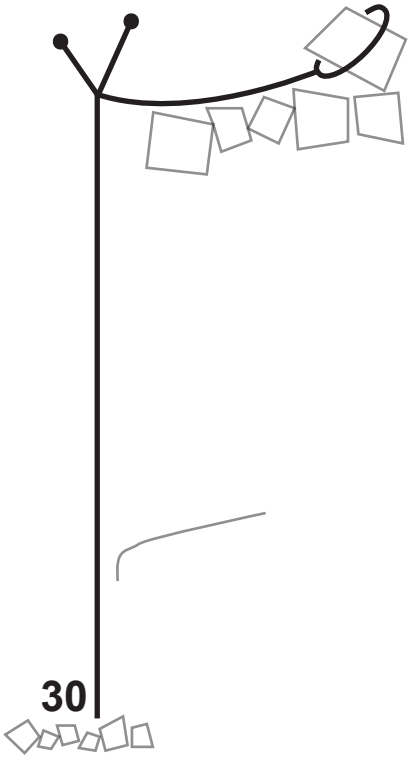
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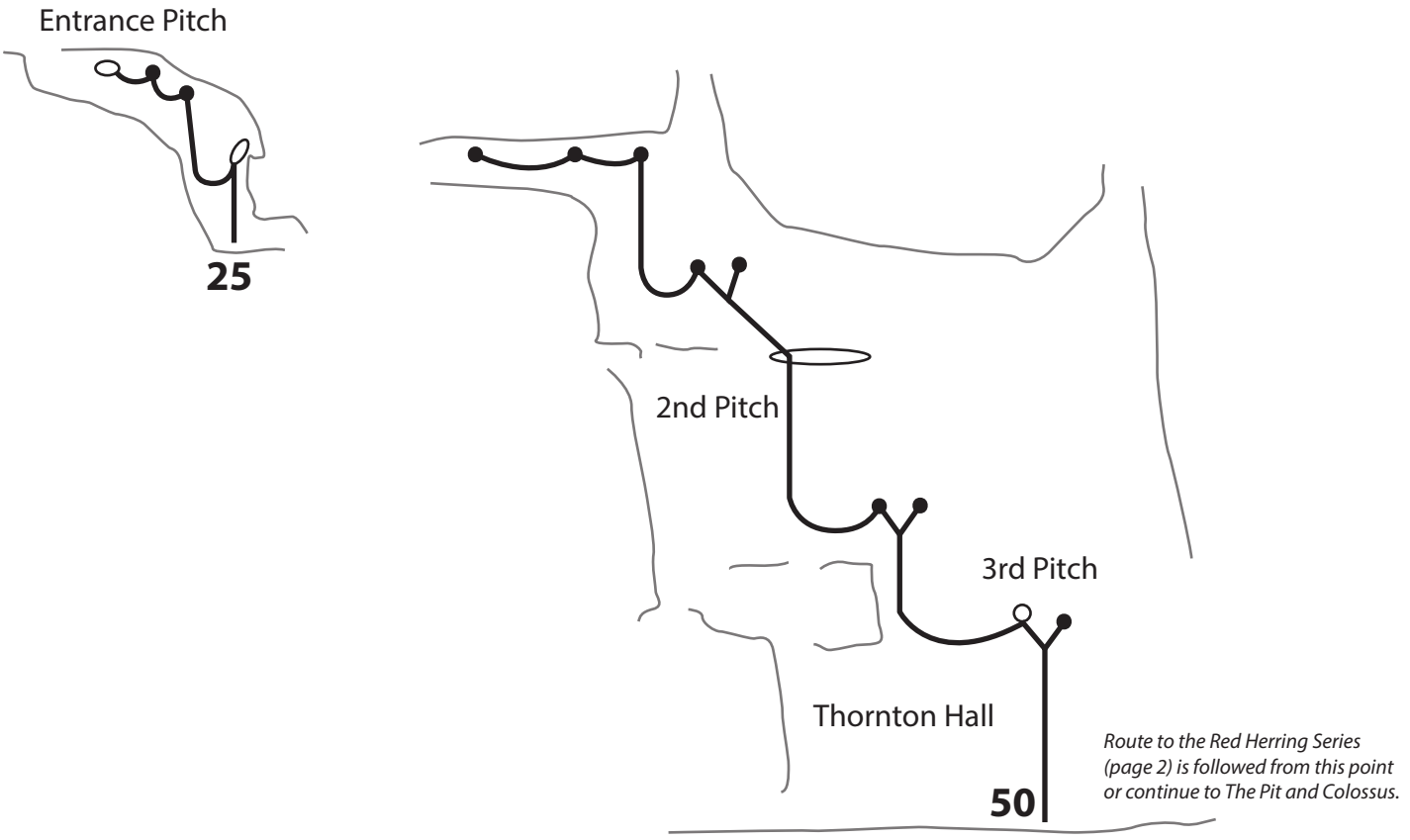
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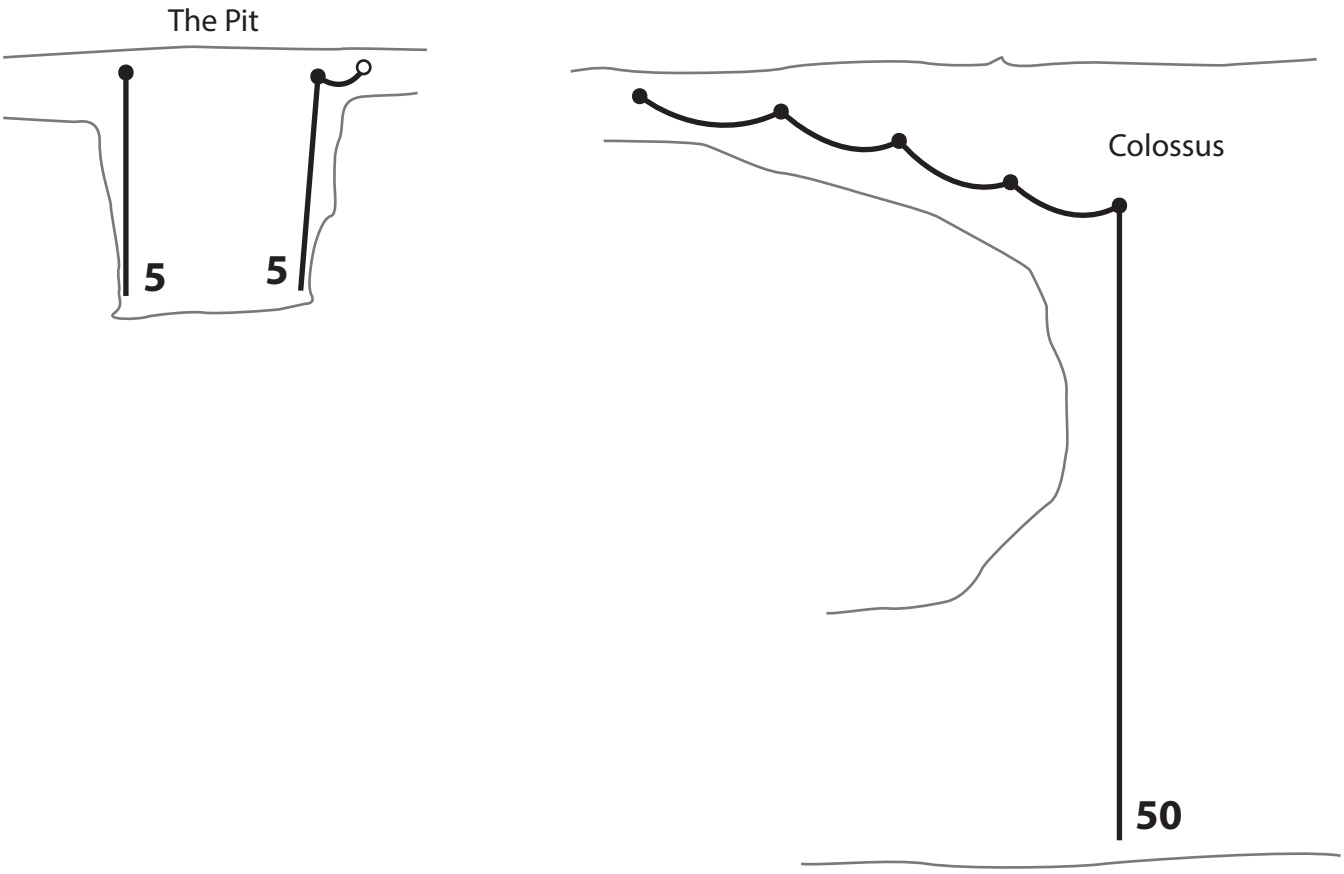
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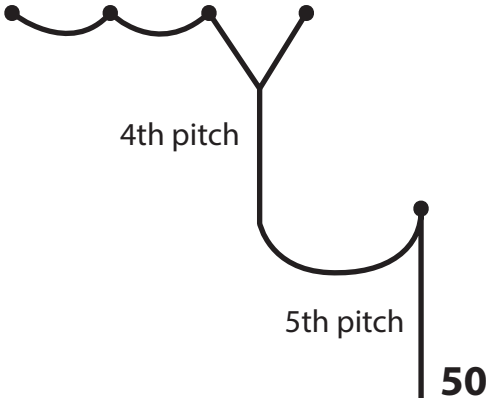
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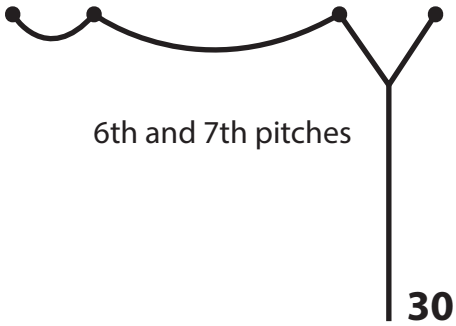
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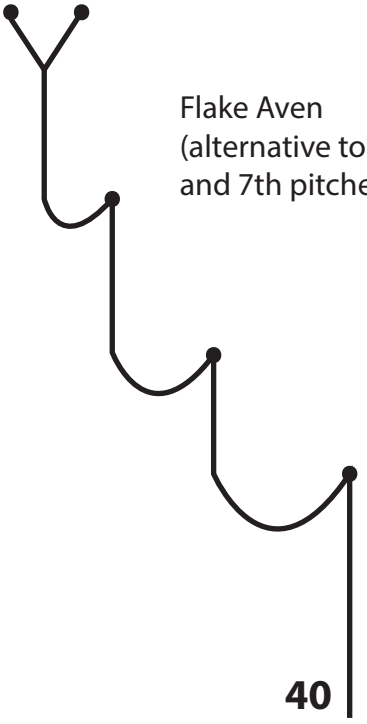
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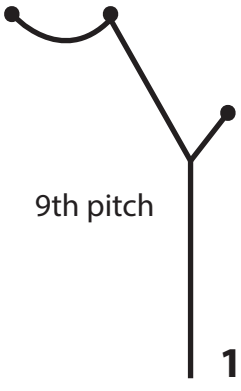
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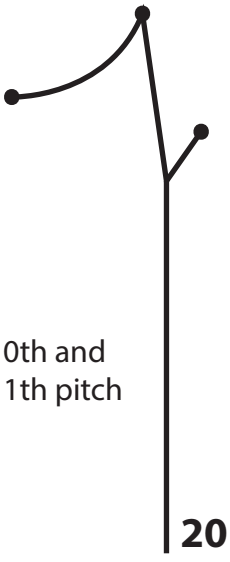
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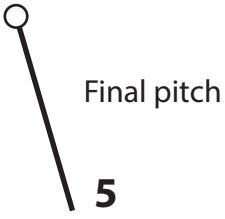












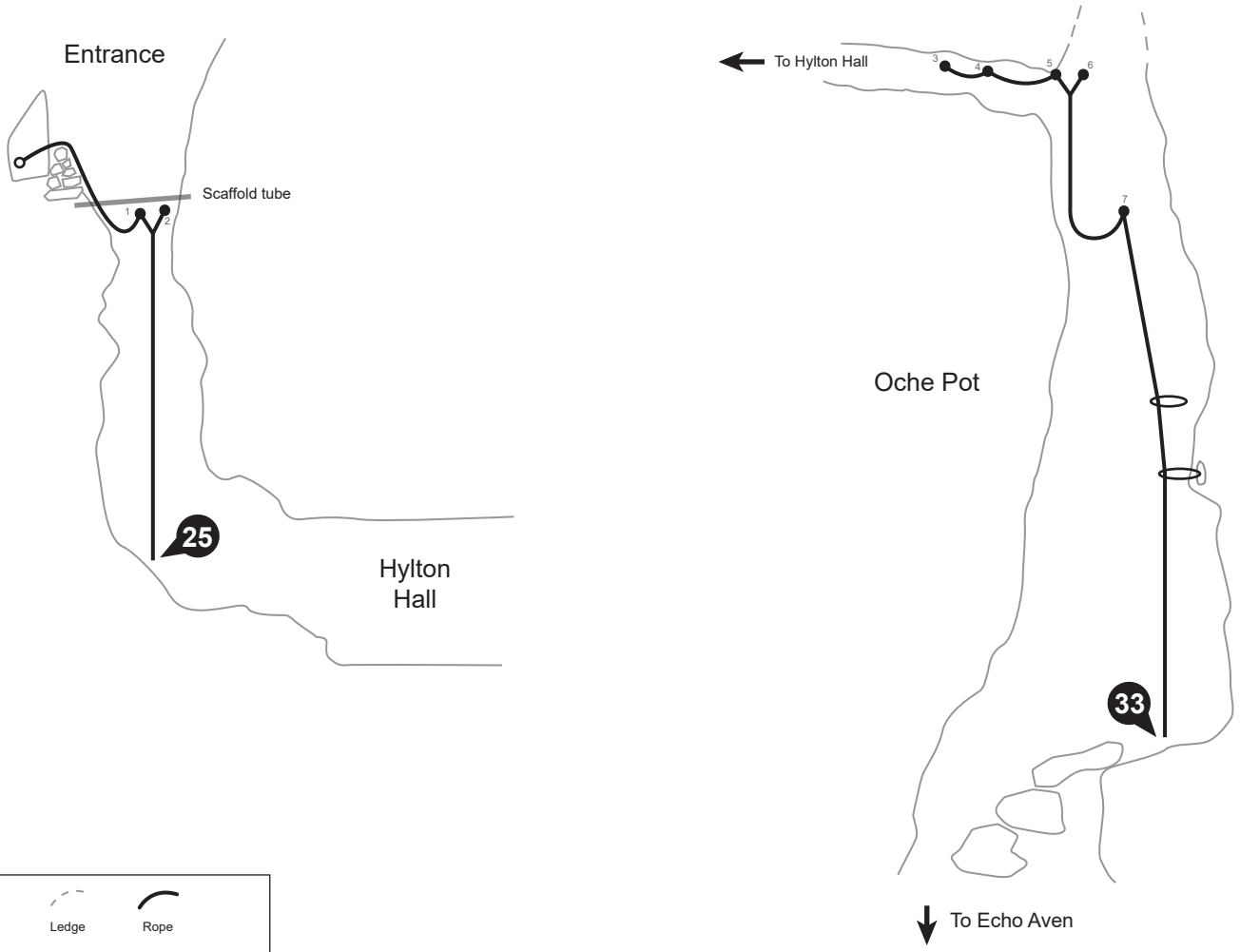
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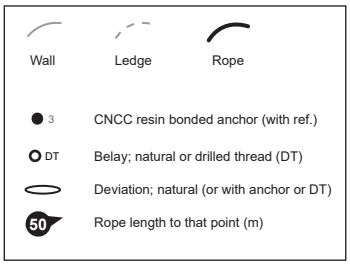
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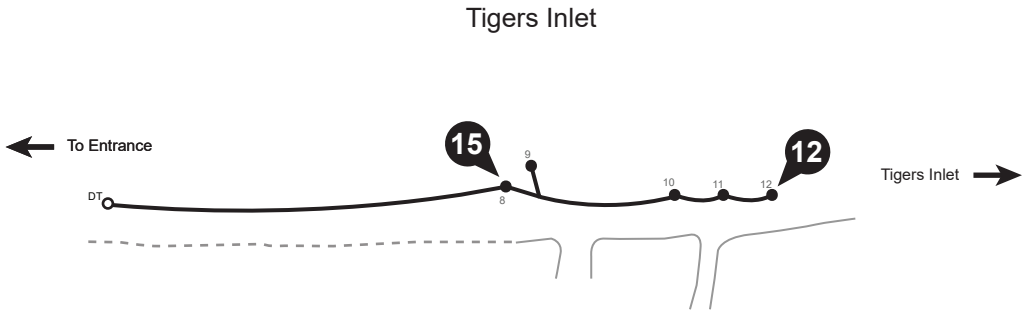
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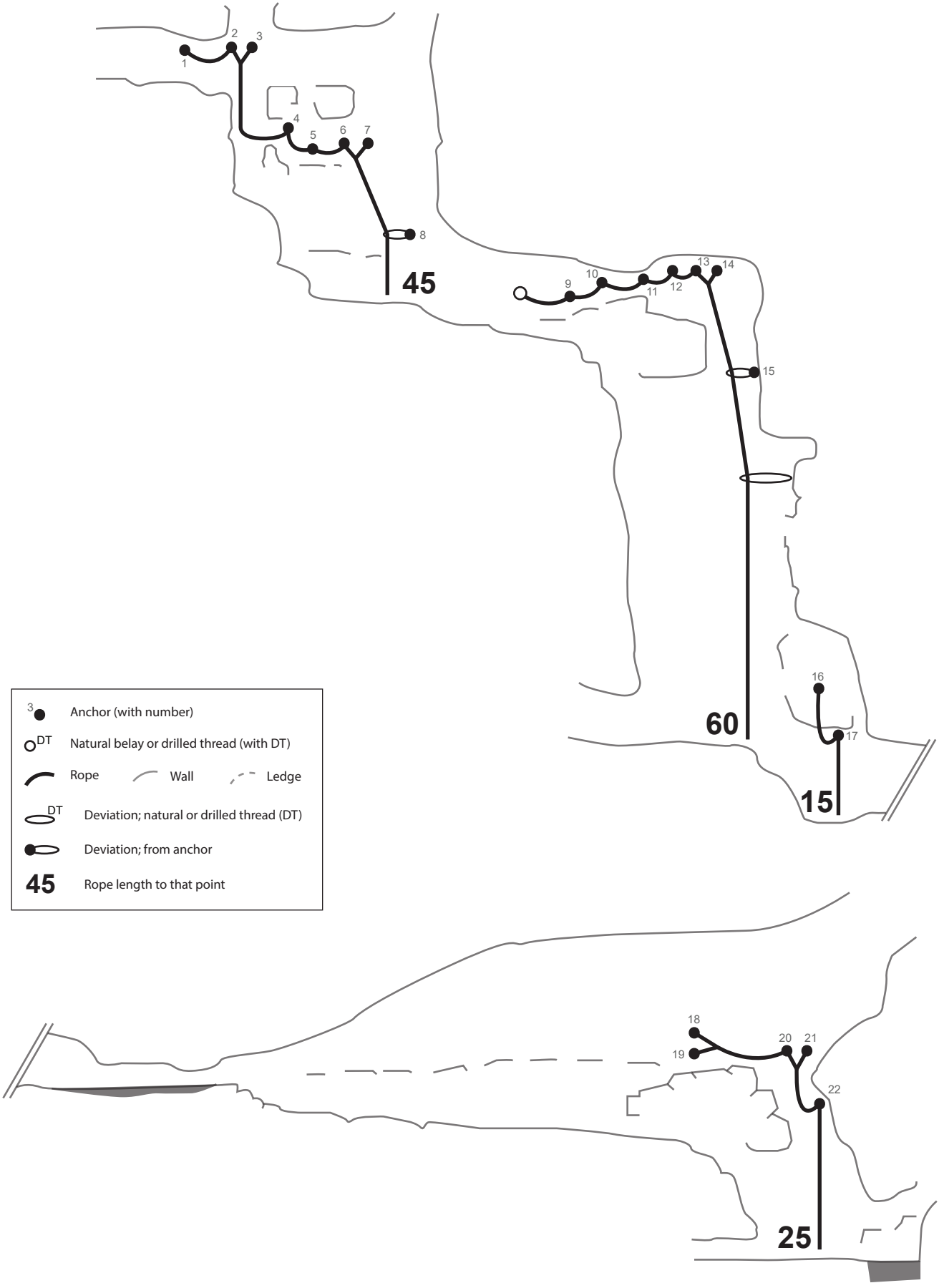
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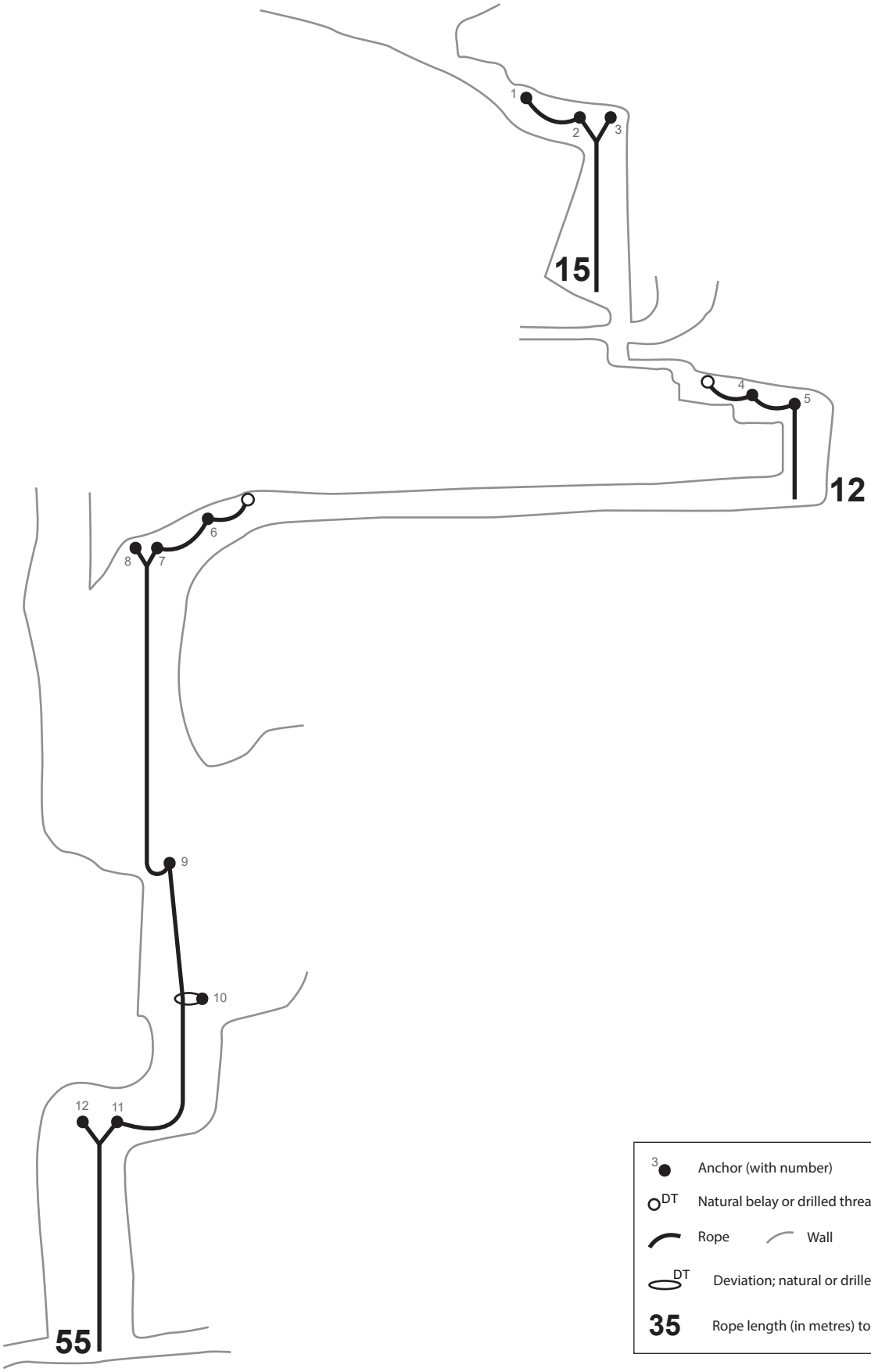
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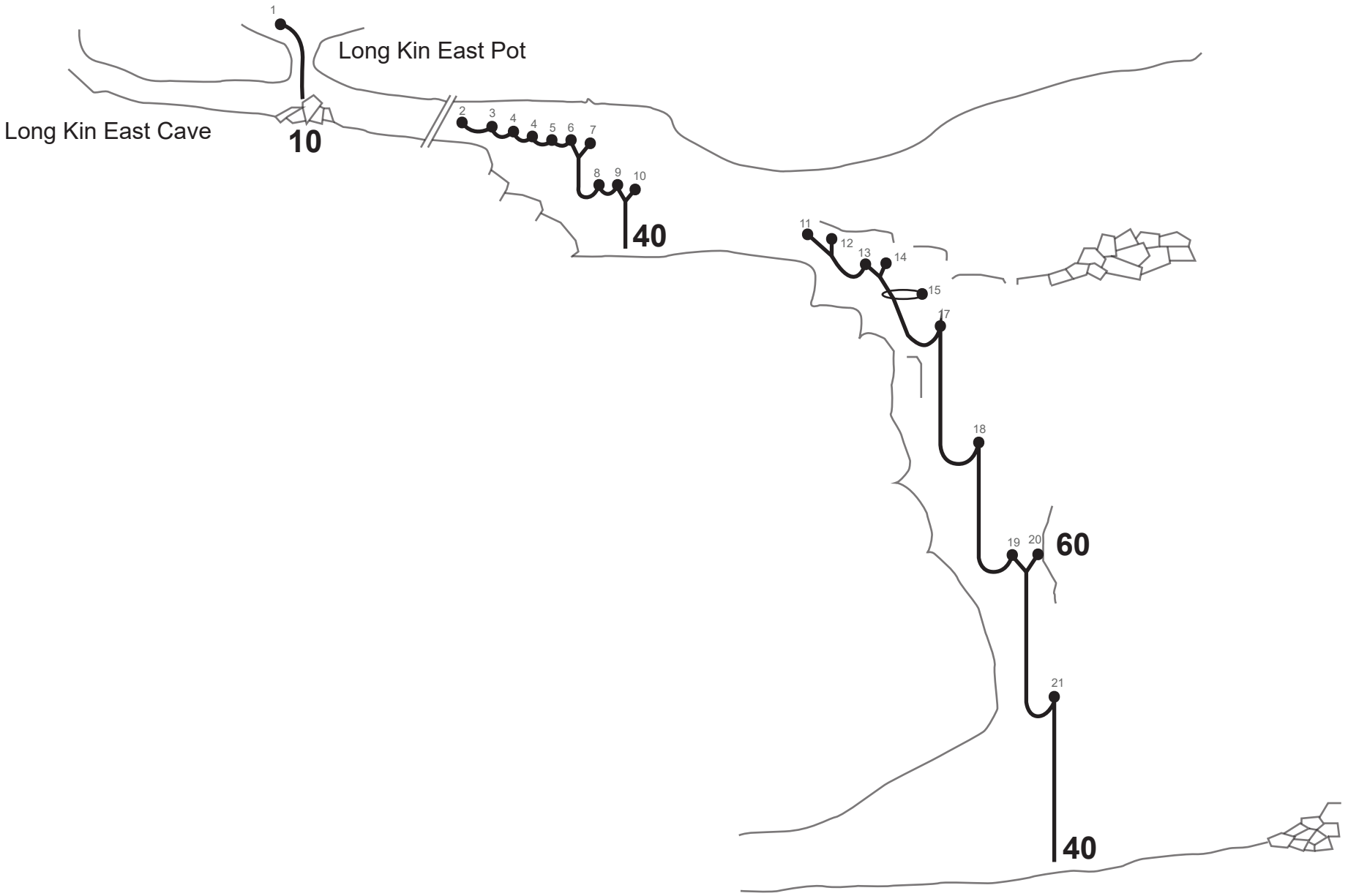
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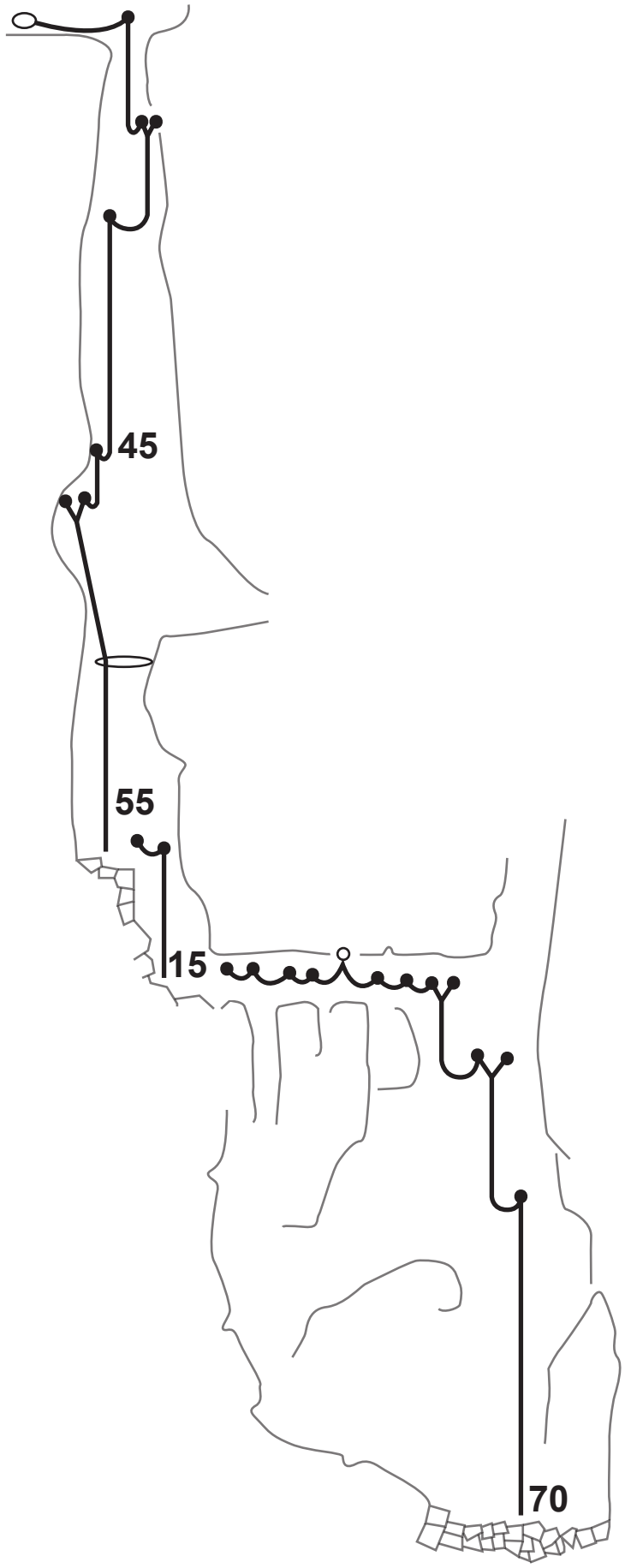
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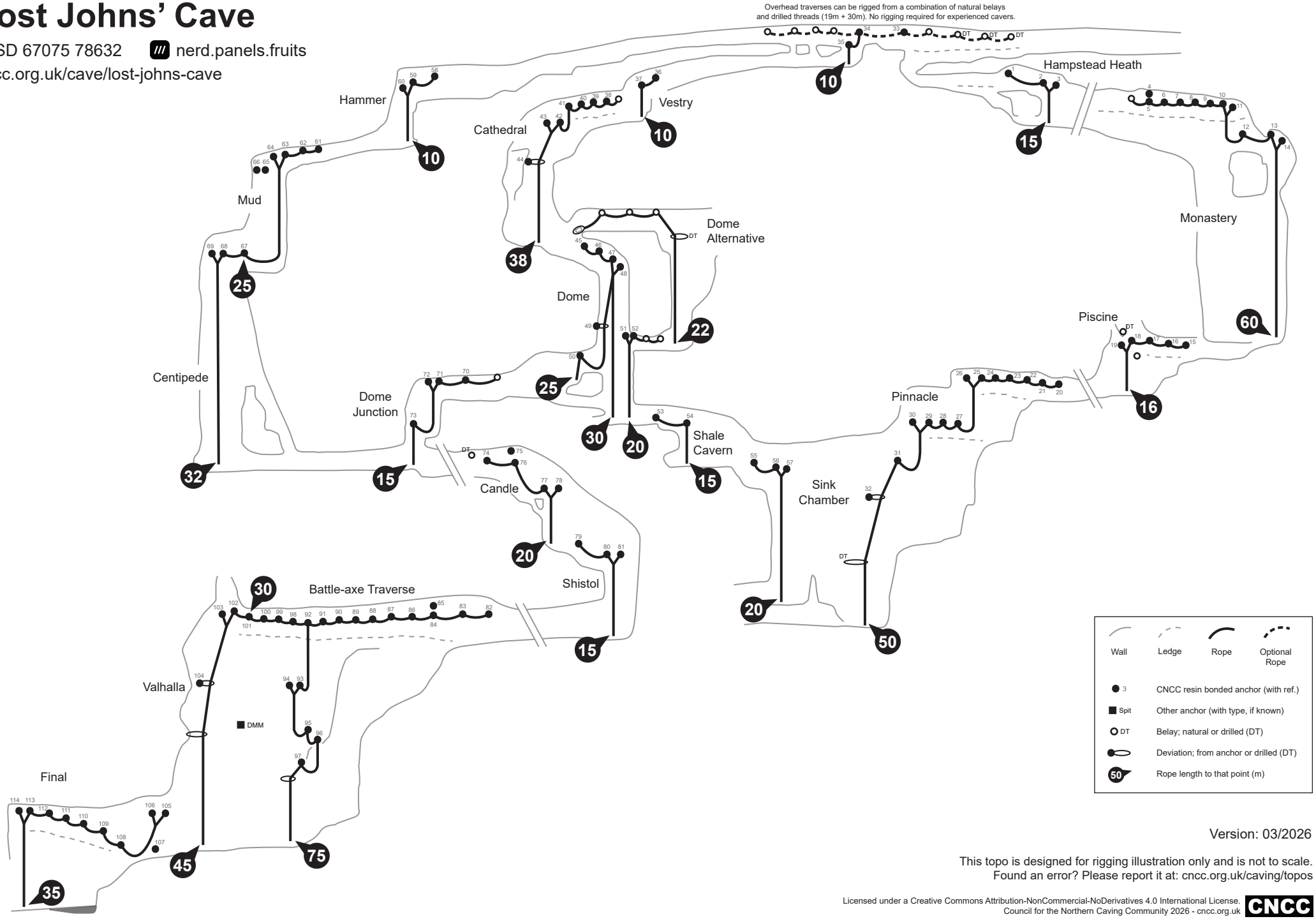
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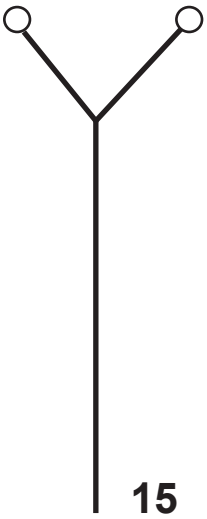
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Magnetometer Pot

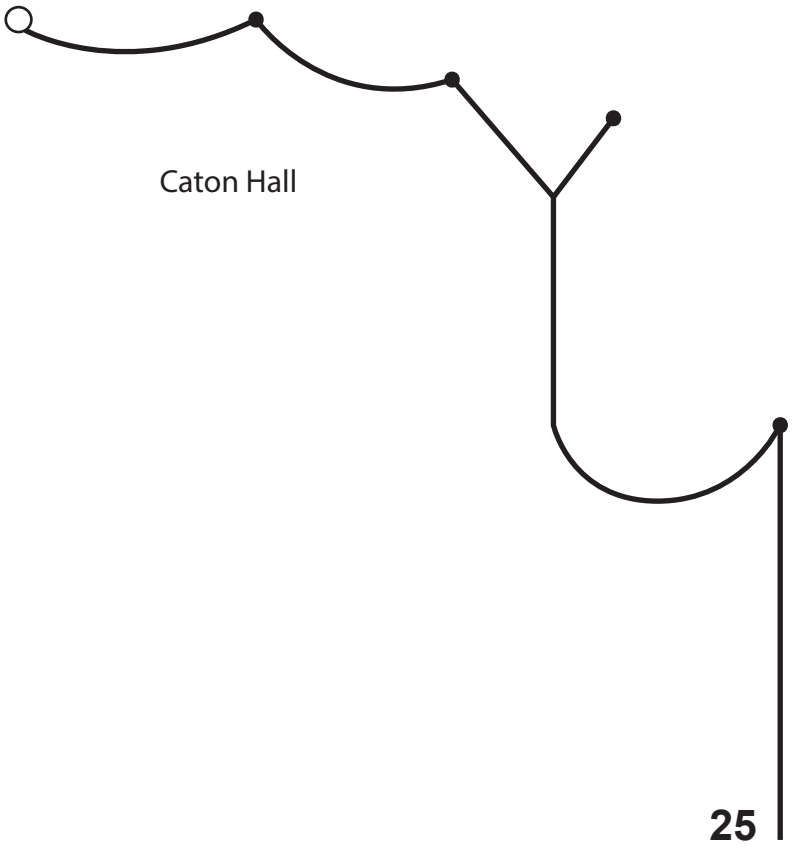
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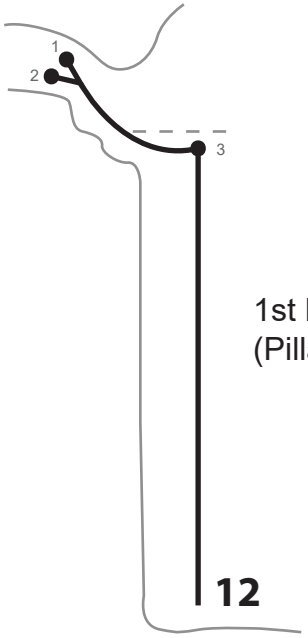
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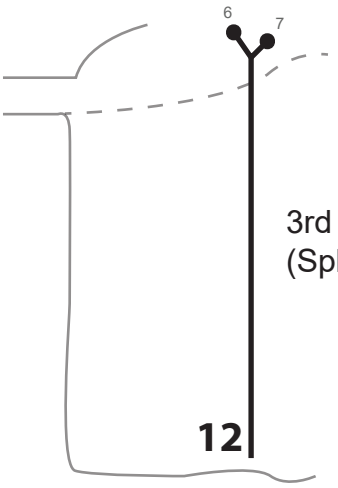
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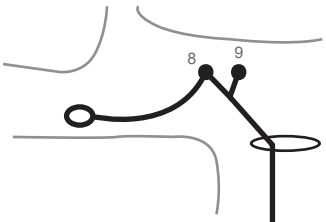
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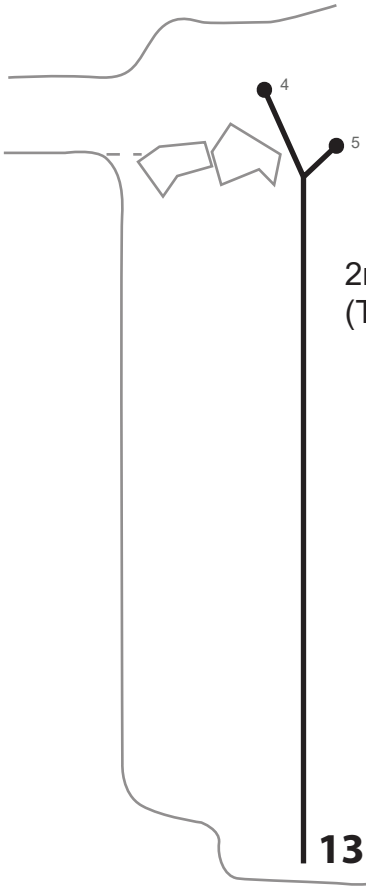
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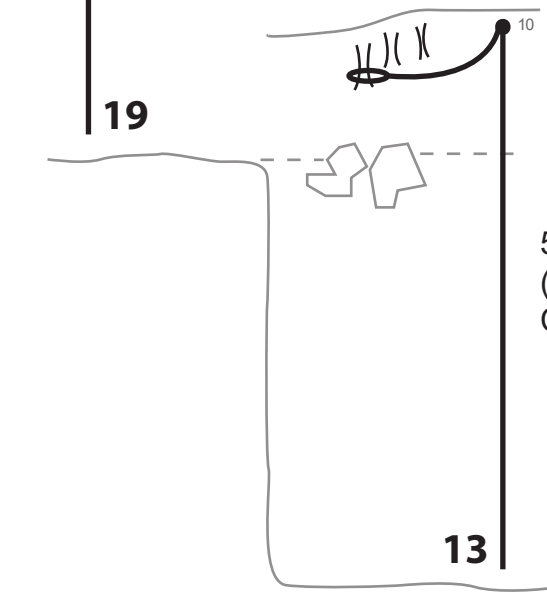
3rd Pitch
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4th Pitch
(Discovery Pot)



2nd Pitch
(The Razor)



5th Pitch
(Fault
Chimney)

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Many of the obstacles in Marble Sink provide a substantial challenge on the descent, and are significantly harder on the return. The cave provides a superb trip, but should not be underestimated.

This rigging guide and text are not intended to be a full description of the trip; a thorough description of the cave can be found in 'Not For The Faint Hearted' by Mike Cooper.

1st pitch
Pillar Pot is likely to be approached feet-first from the entrance, since it is possible for only the smallest people to turn around at the pitch head. Tackling the pitch head first would be particularly committing. A Y-hang on the true left wall enables a descent to where the shaft opens out, and small ledges provide a stance for rigging the rebelay that gives a clear hang to the floor.

2nd pitch
The take-off for The Razor is situated just beyond two large boulders wedged in the rift. A high anchor provides a backup, and the lower anchor provides a free hang to the floor.

3rd pitch
Split Pot is situated just beyond Speaker's Corner, found by following the spacious rift upwards as the stream cuts down below. A carefully positioned Y-hang provides a rub-free descent through a narrowing and down to the stream below.

4th pitch
The last few metres of David's traverse may be protected using a drilled thread on the true left wall. A Y-hang (also on the true left) at the end of the traverse followed immediately by a deviation from a flake on the opposite wall provides a clear hang down Discovery Pot to ledges about 5 m above the stream. The stream can be reached by continuing to abseil, or by free-climbing the remaining drop.

5th pitch
Fault Chimney is situated just downstream from Discovery Pot. A collection of columns provide options for a back-up, and an anchor in the roof just beyond provides a better descent than the alternative floor-level flakes.

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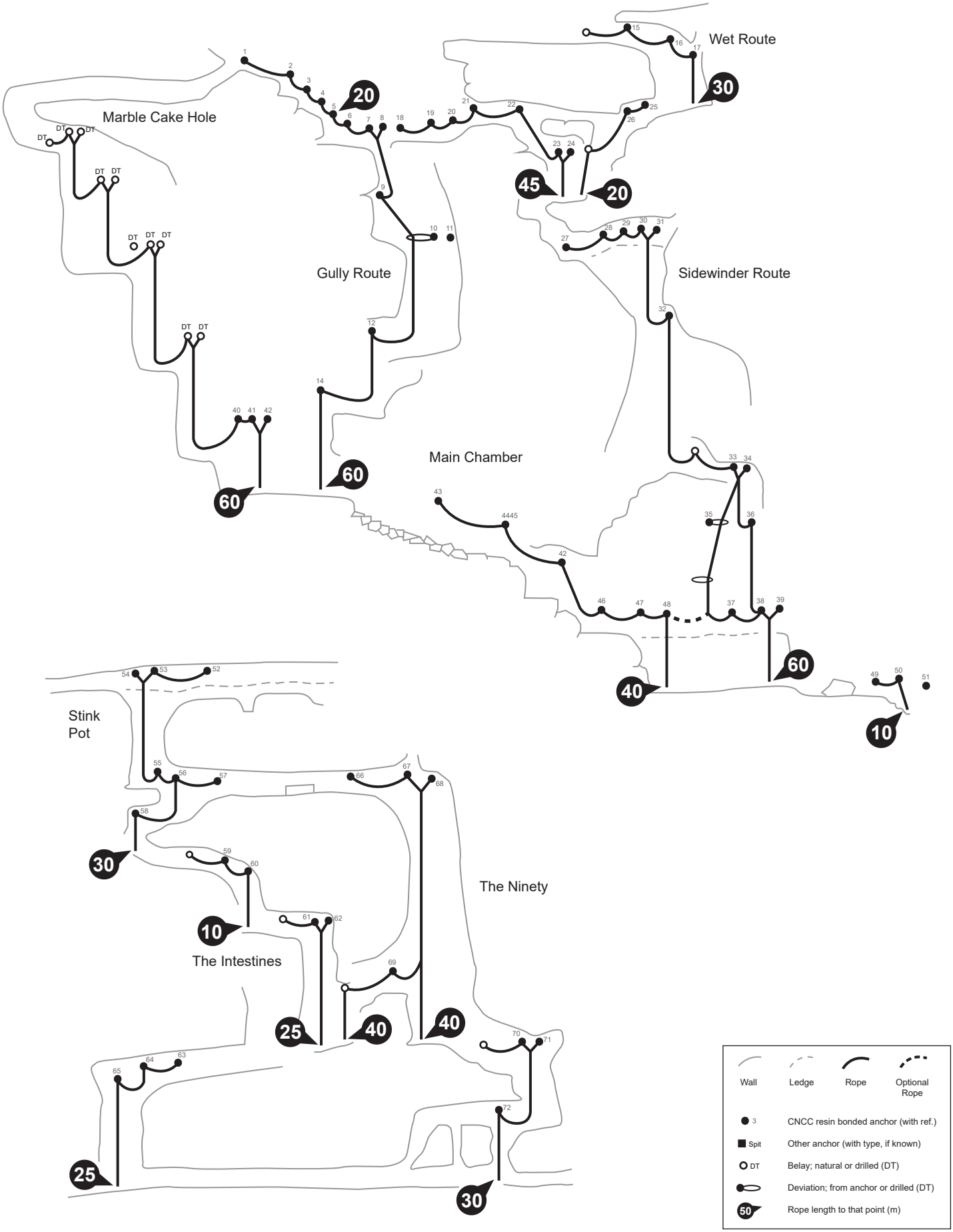
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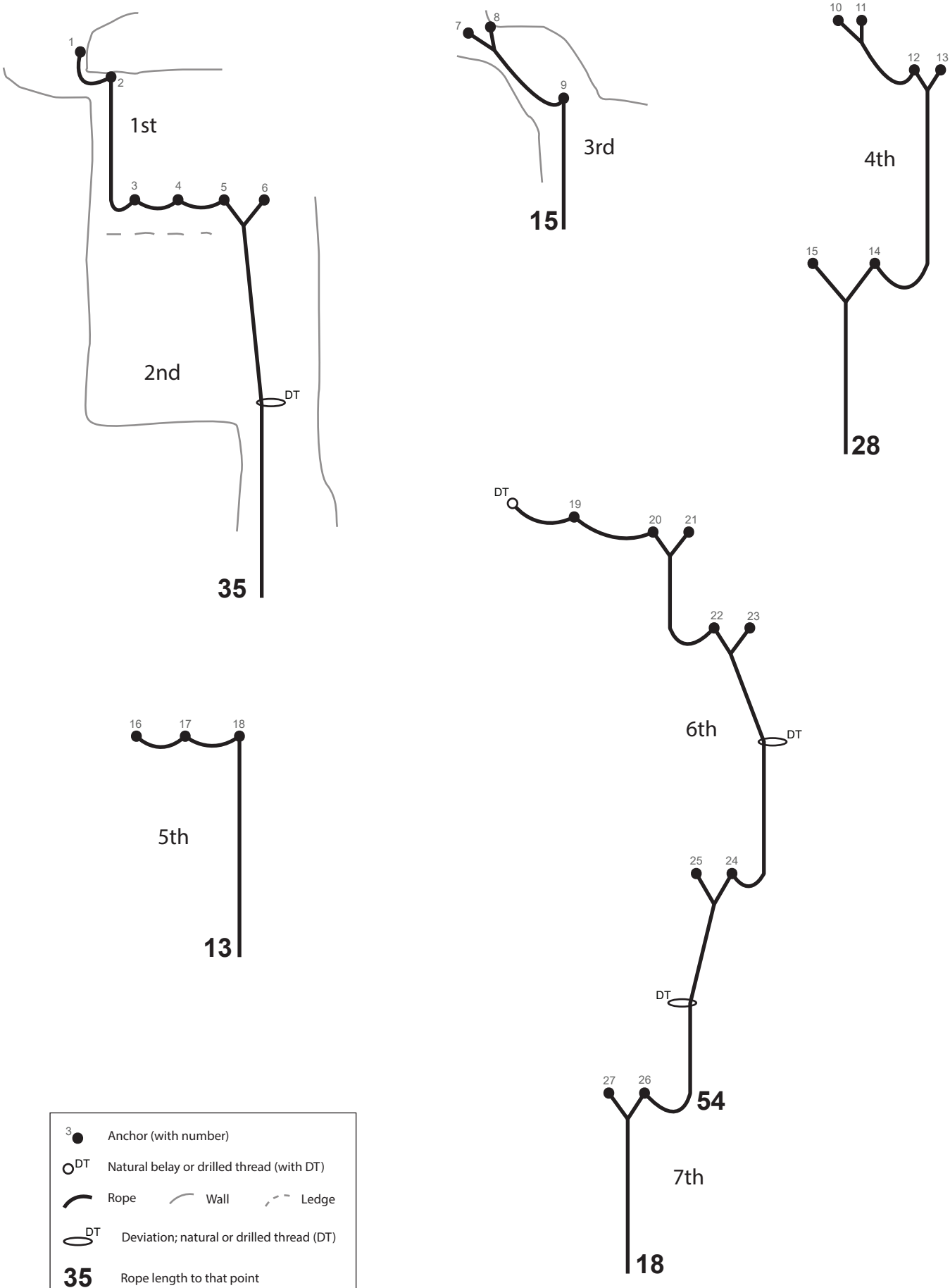
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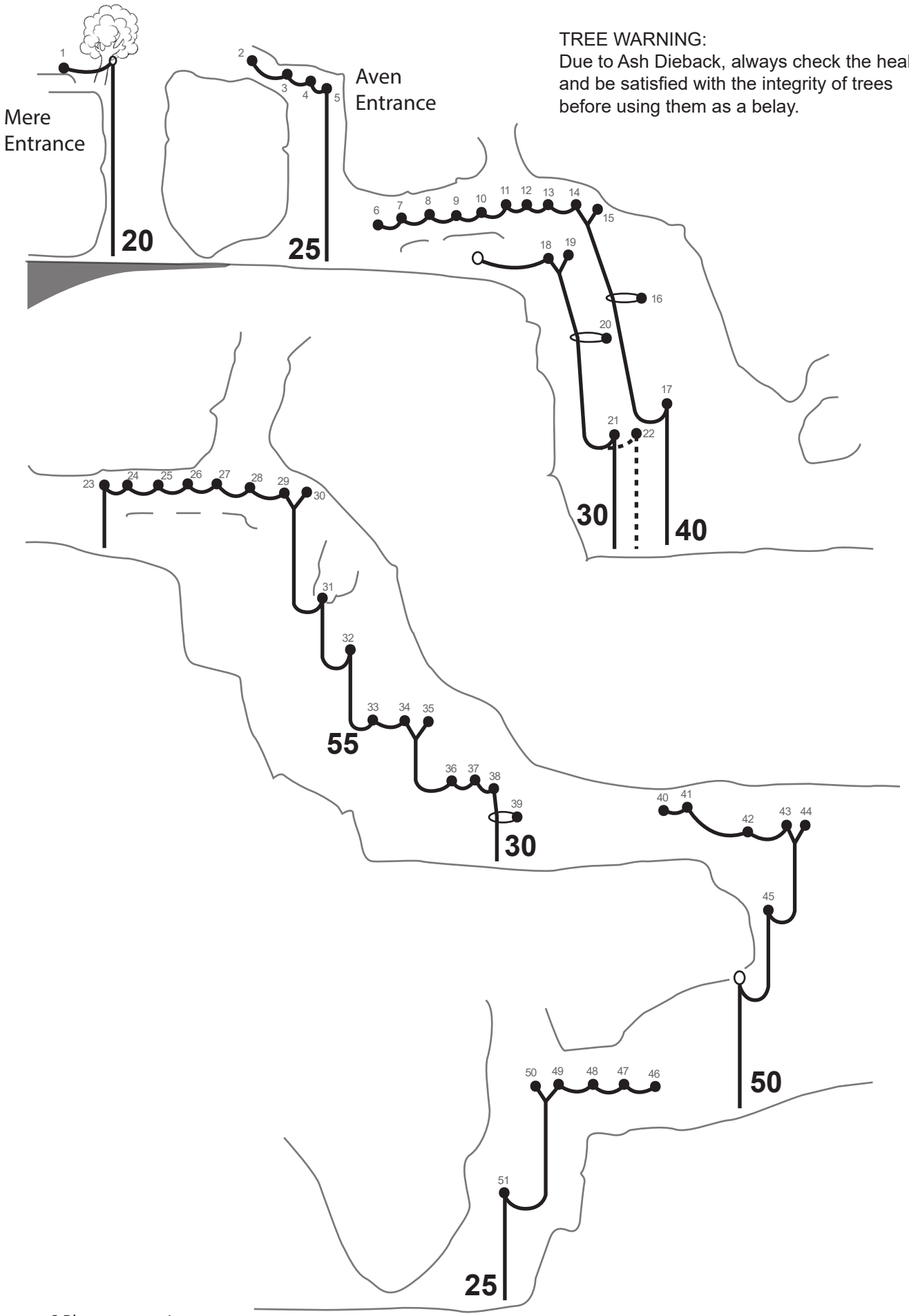
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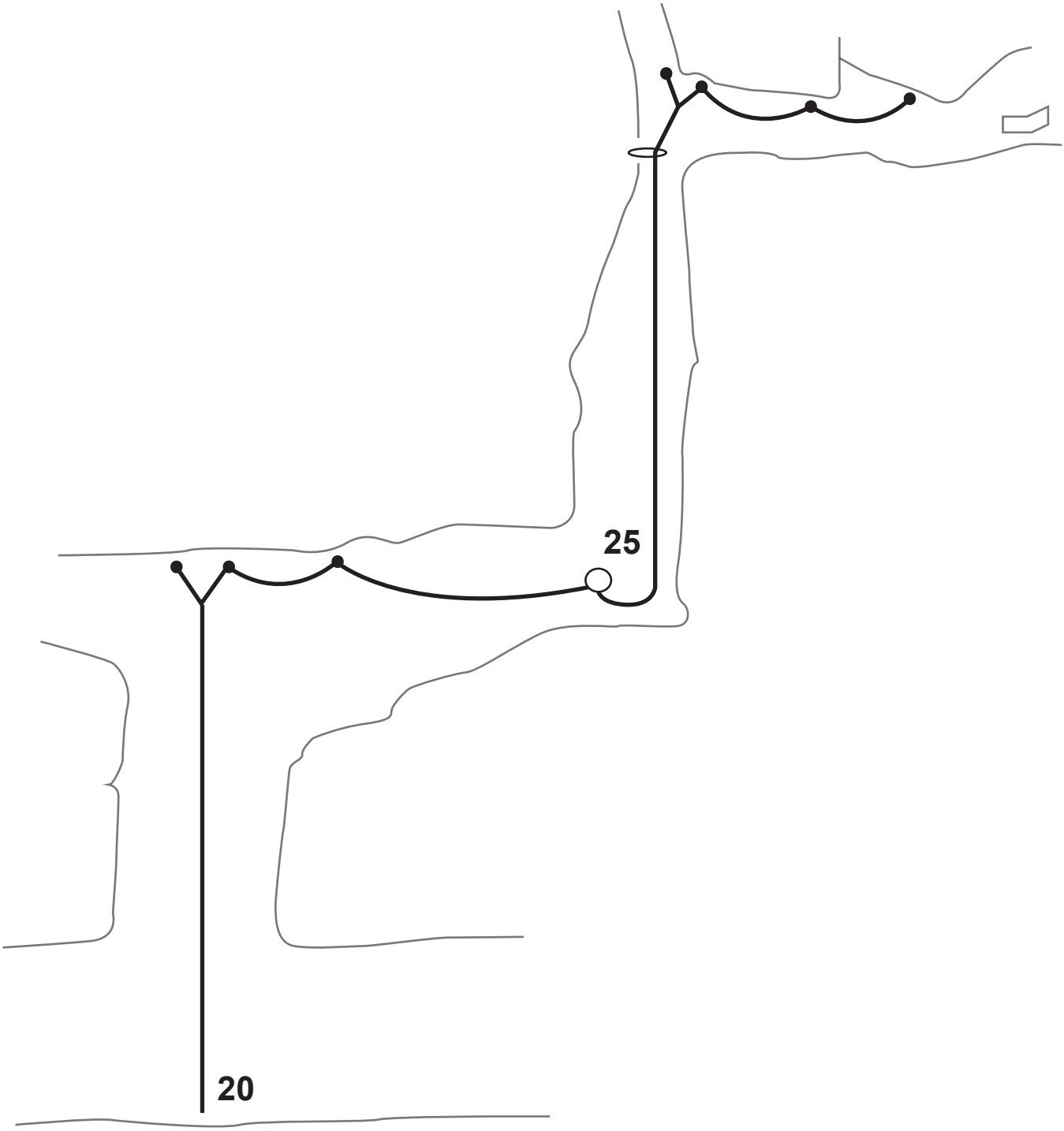
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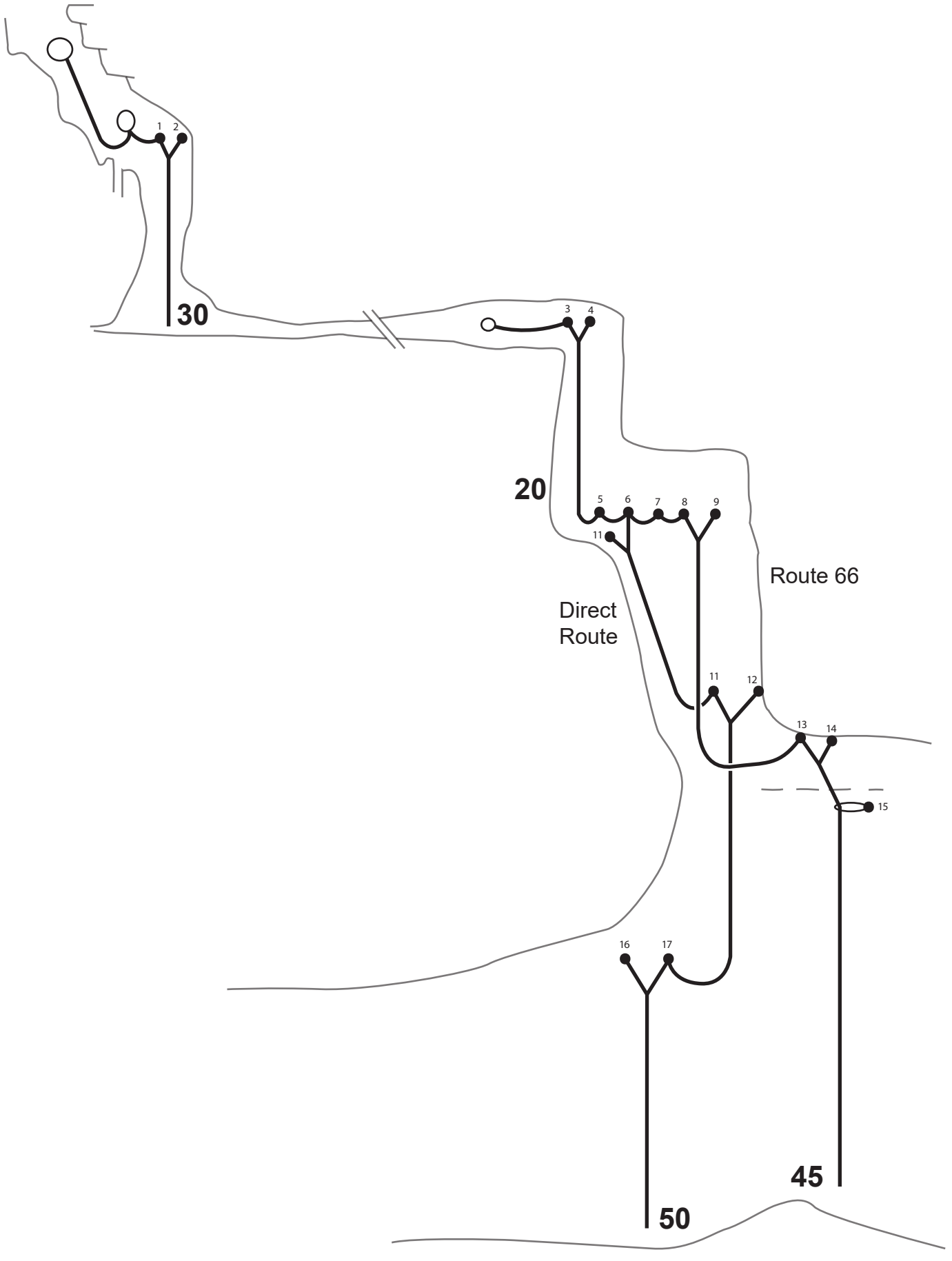
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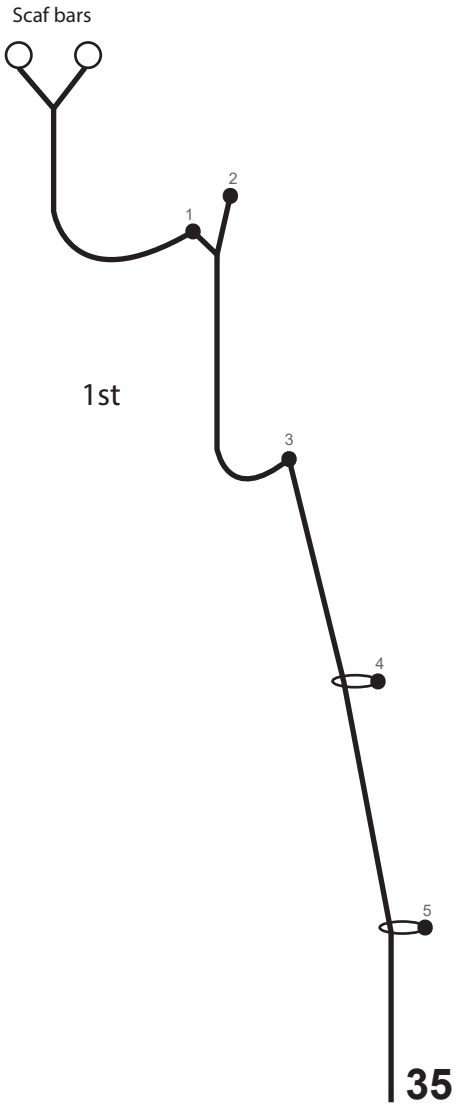
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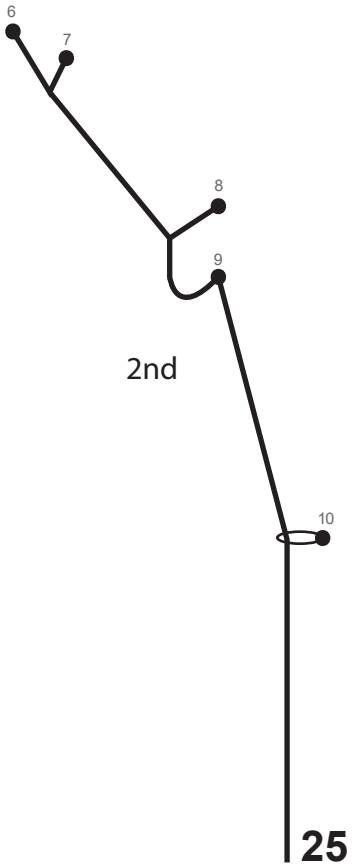
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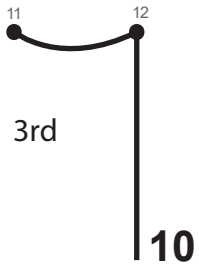
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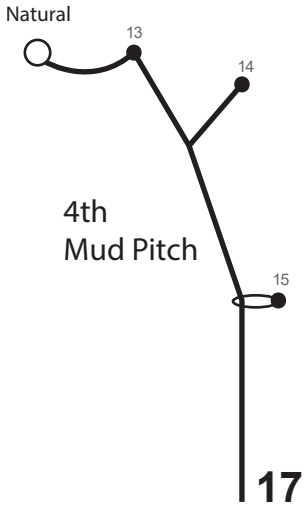
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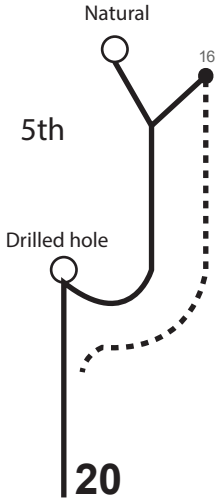
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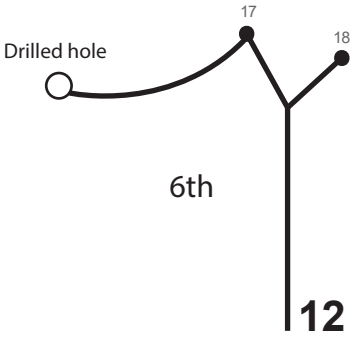




Note:
Very awkward pitch.

5th pitch rope hangs down a too narrow section. It is necessary to climb across boulders and down the narrow section. A second rope or long sling is needed to protect passing the squeeze at the pitch head.

20m rope length is sufficient to protect the squeeze using the first 7m.



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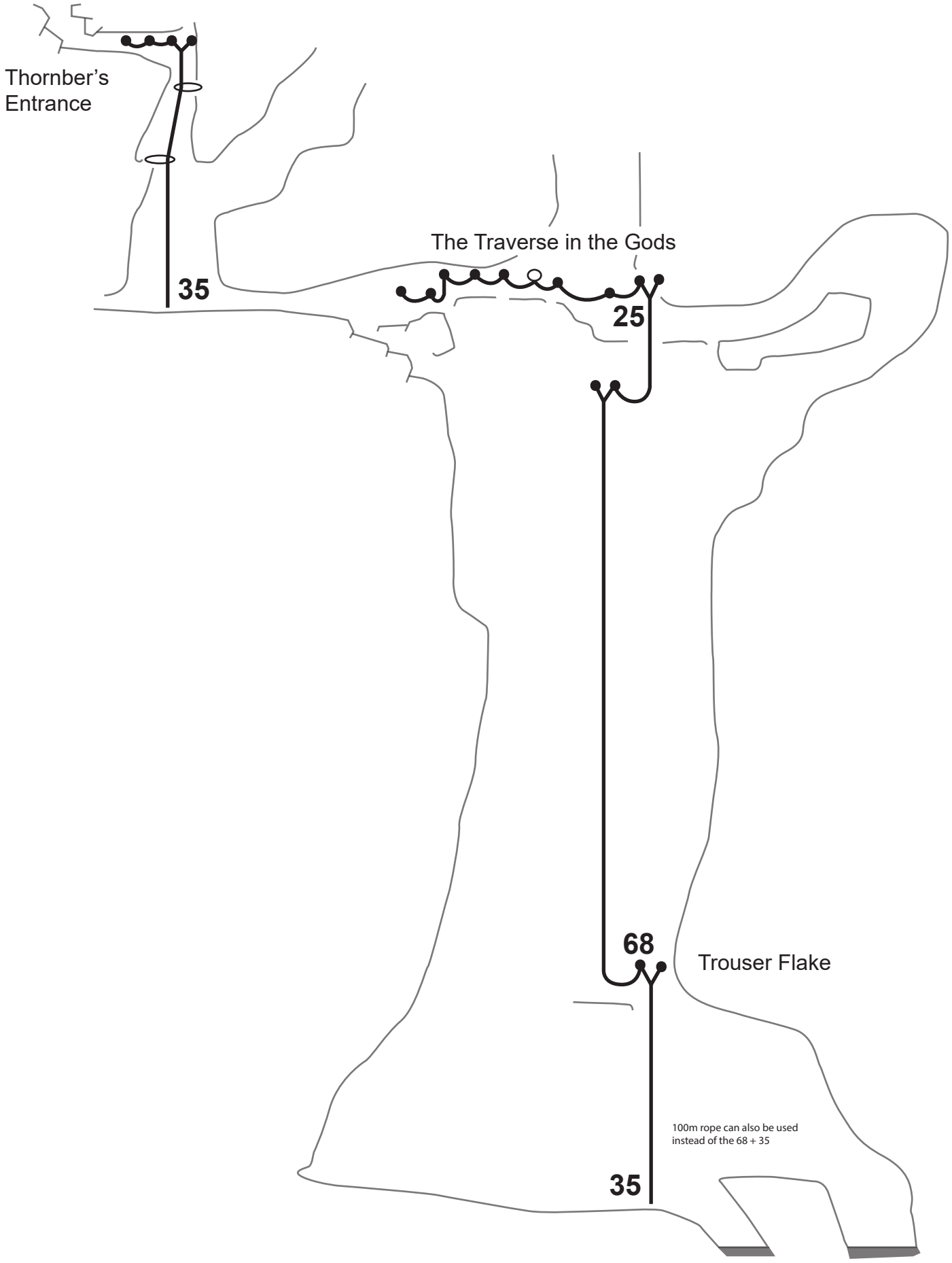
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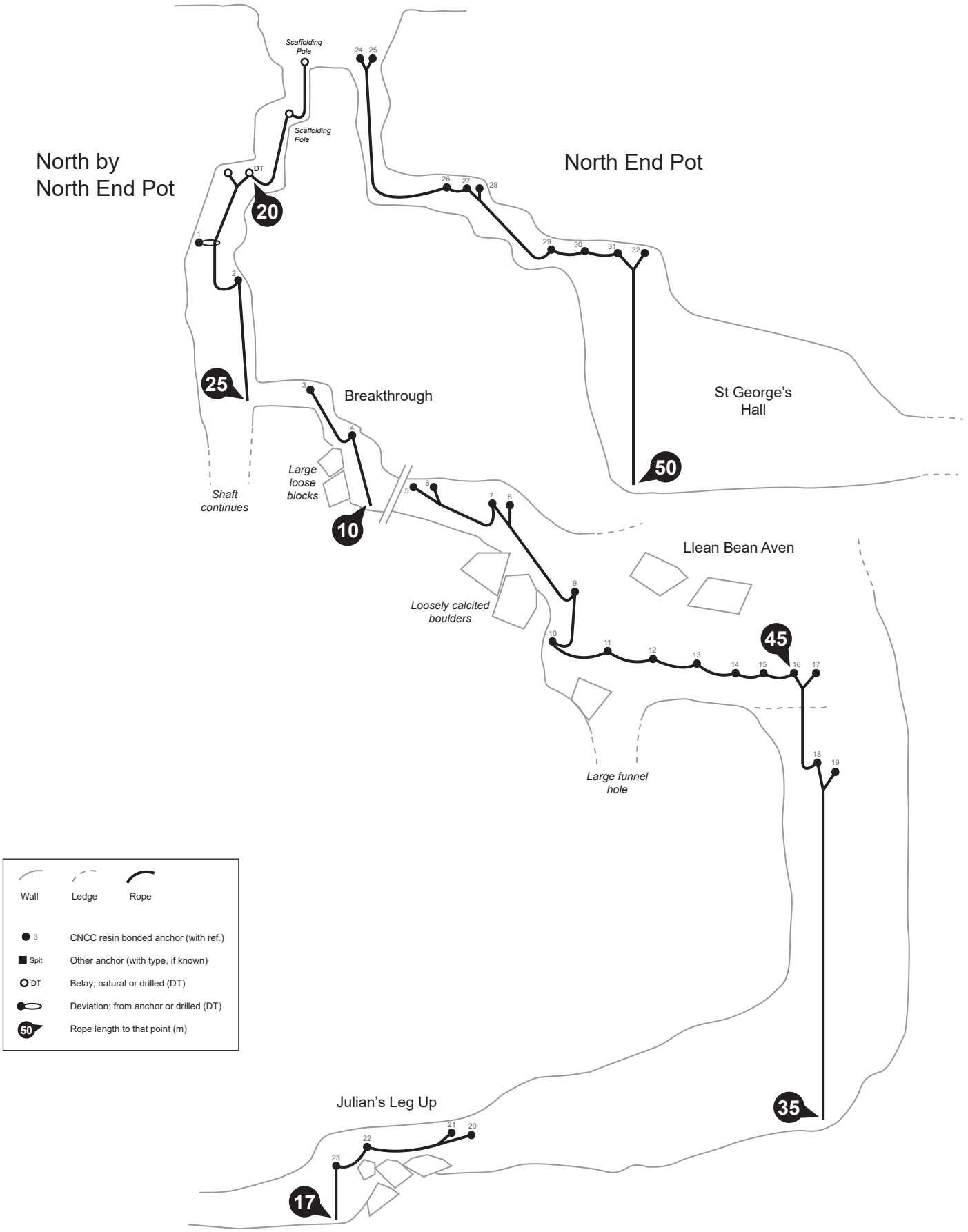
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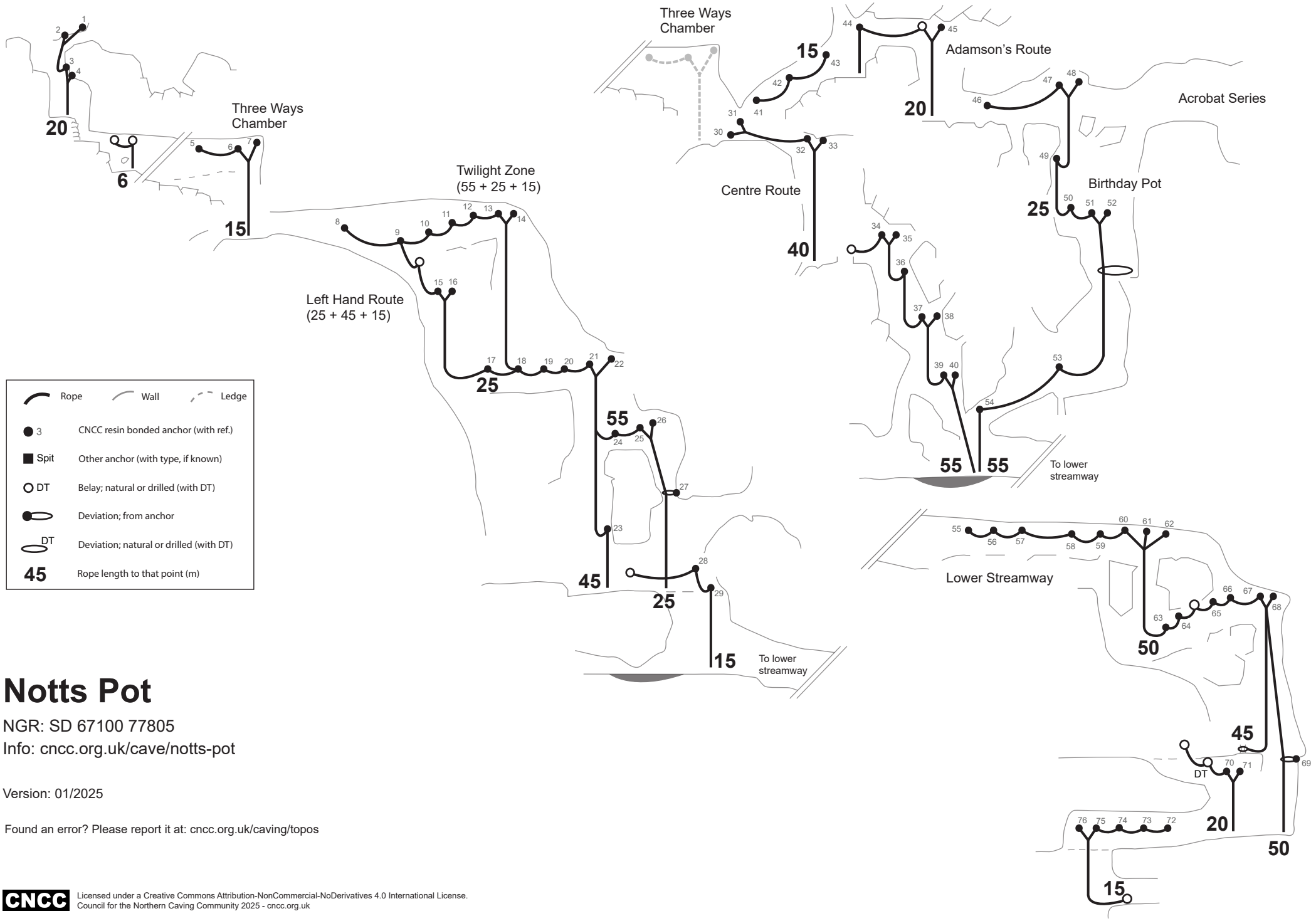
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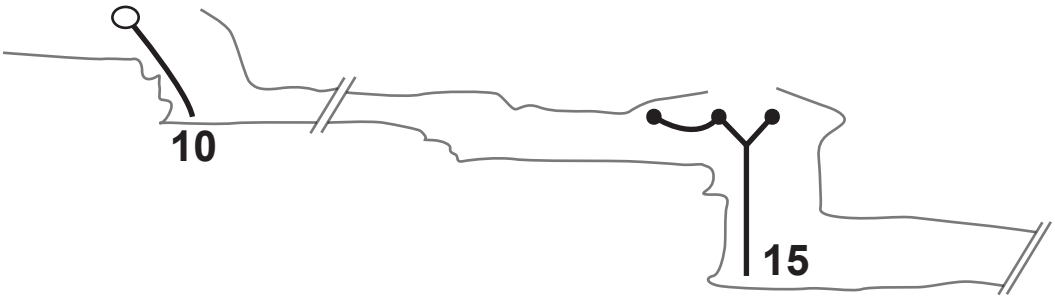
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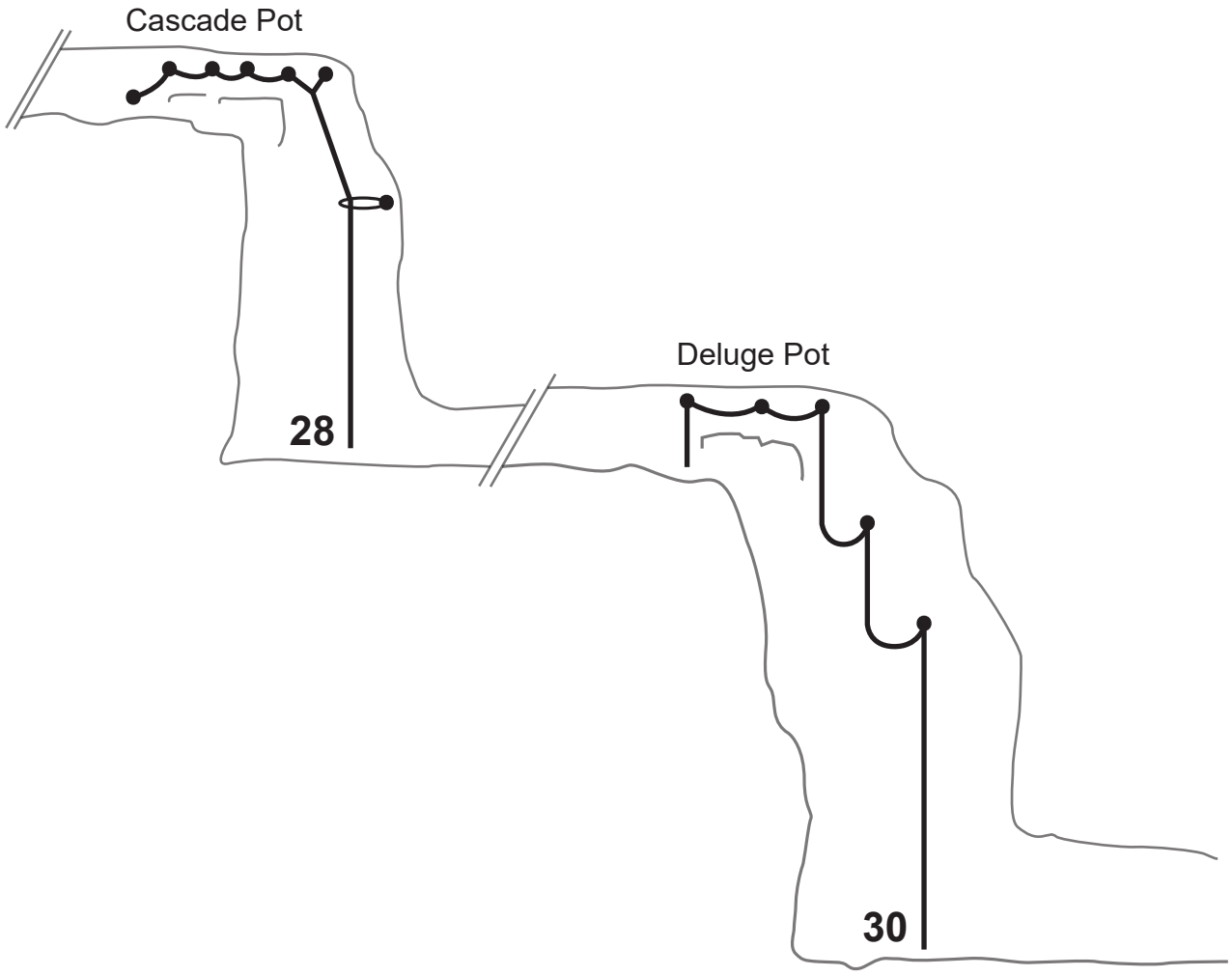
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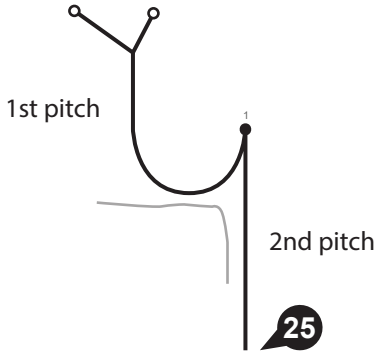
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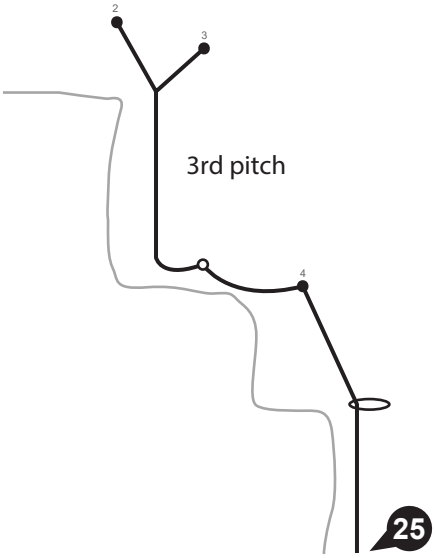
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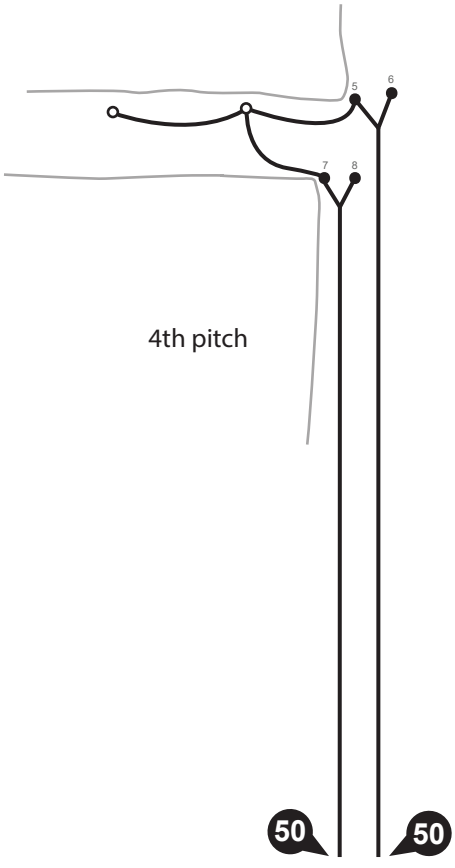
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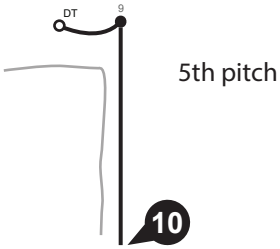
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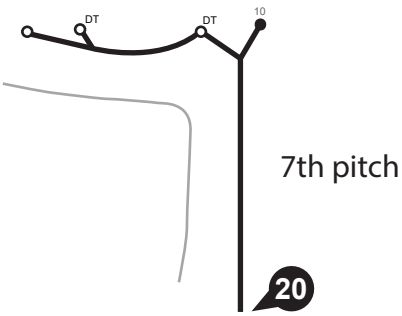




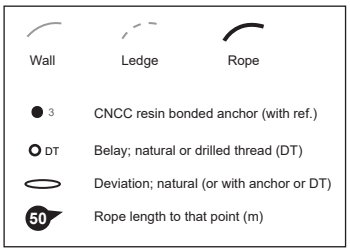




6th pitch is bypassed via bedding on the right and a climb down a massive slab.



Stal and 2 drilled holes in roof.
Thin or flexible sling needed for 2x 18mm holes.



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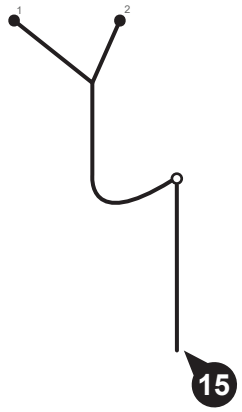
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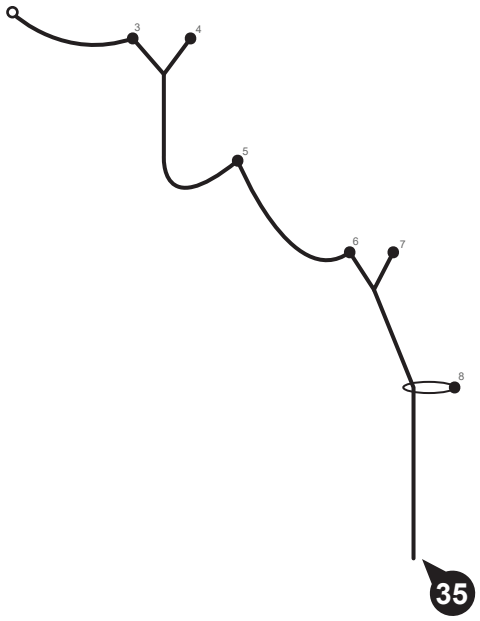
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1st Pitch



Pinnacle Hall

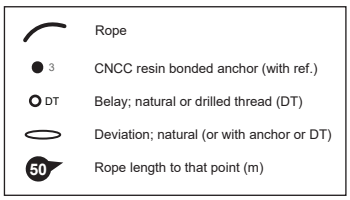


3rd Pitch



4th Pitch





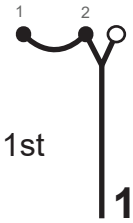
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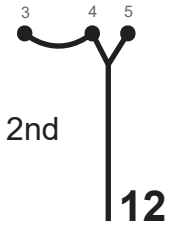
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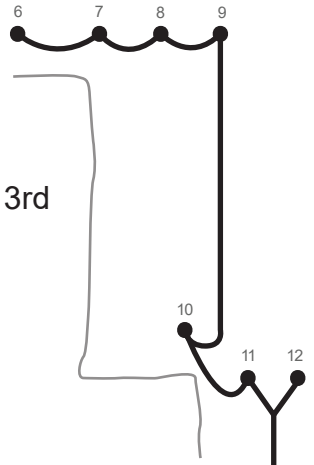
Penyghent Pot

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5th
(natural belays around jammed blocks)



6th: Coffin Pitch
(re-belay from jammed block)



7th: Flake Pitch
(natural belay from flake)



8th



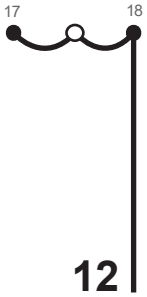
8th
Alternative



Awkward climb
(short rope or sling)



9th:
Myers Leap



10th

Extensions:



Eyrie Pot



Jason's Pitch

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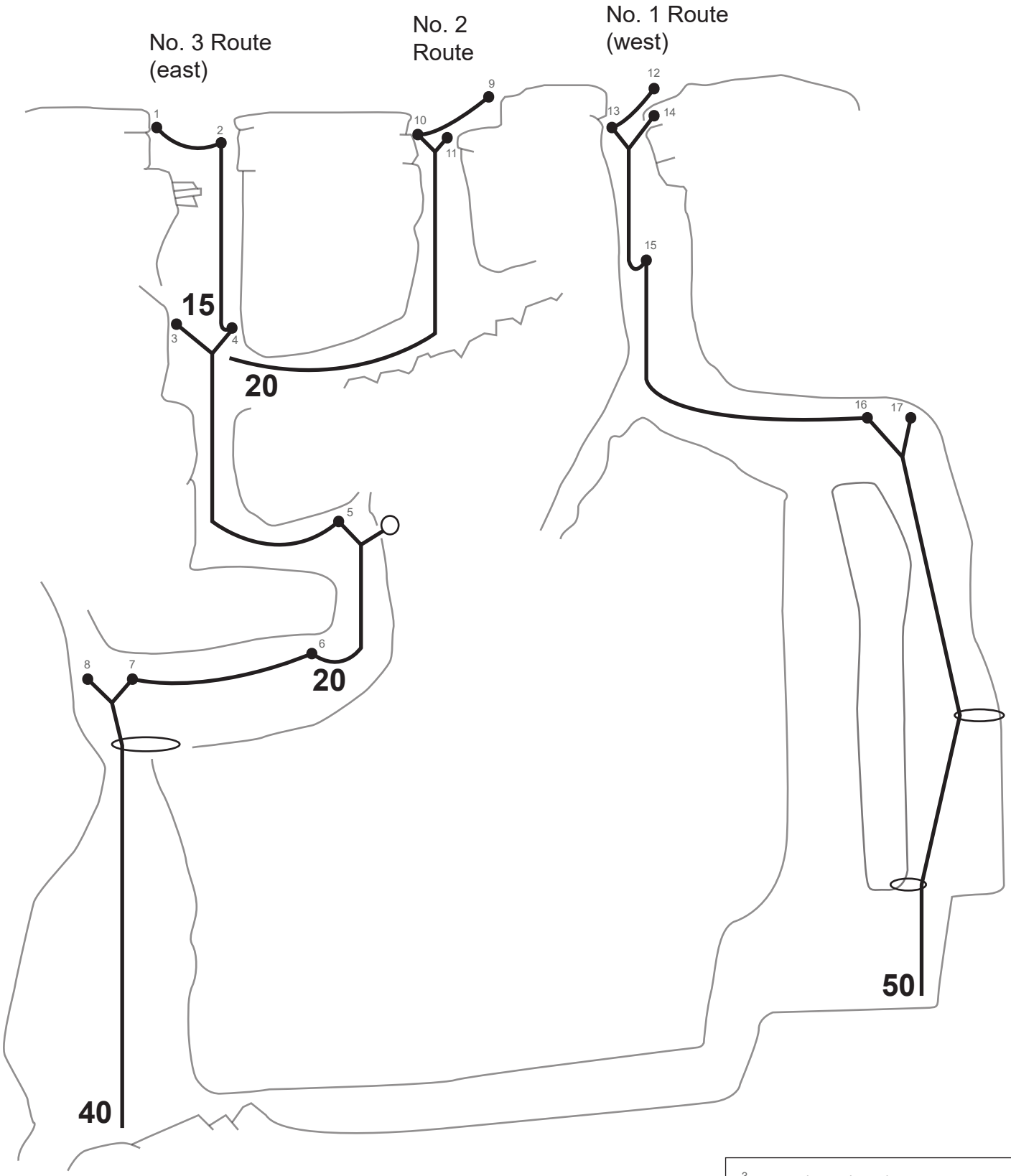
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Anchor (with number)

DT Natural belay or drilled thread (with DT)

Rope Wall Ledge

DT Deviation; natural or drilled thread (DT)

Deviation; from anchor

45 Rope length to that point

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1st



2nd



3rd



4th



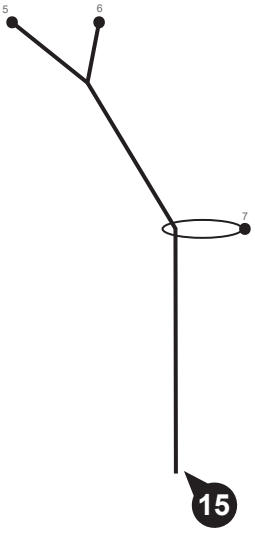
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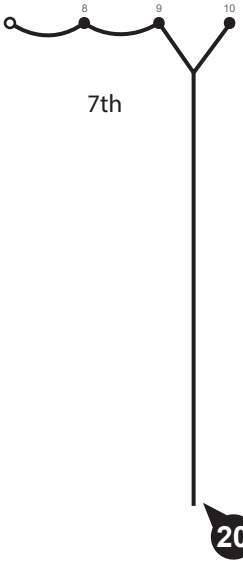
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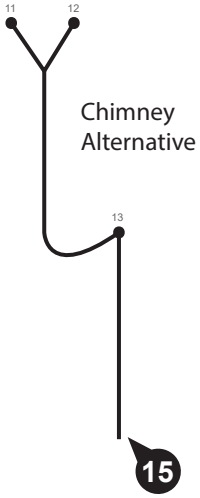


6th



Lower Streamway





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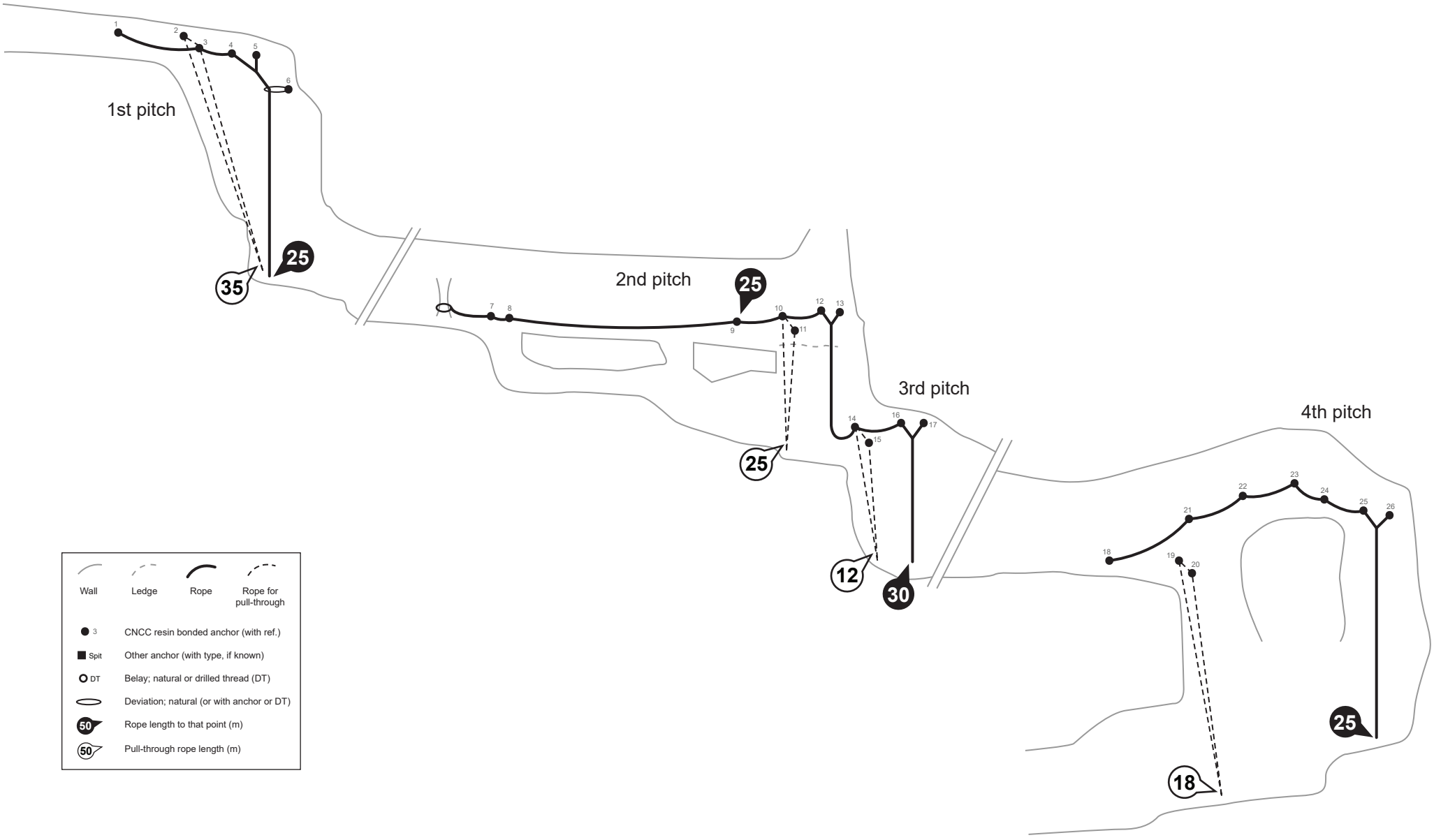
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Pool Sink

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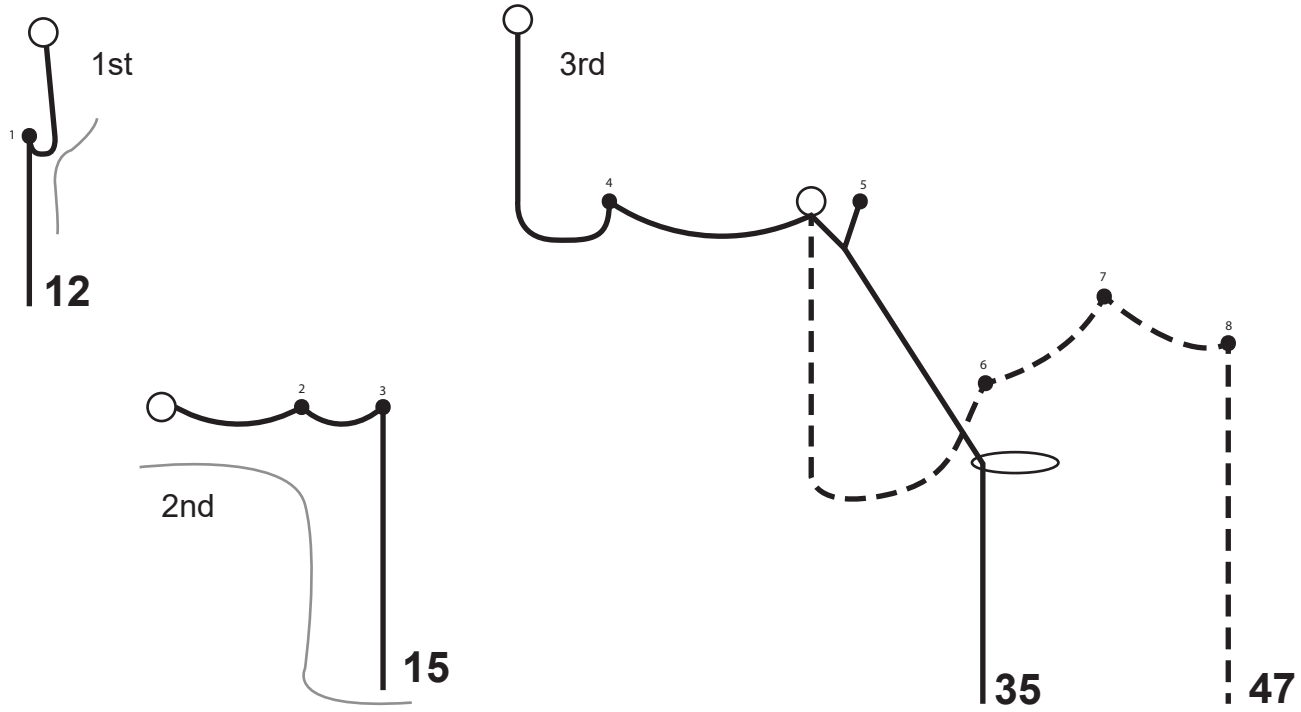
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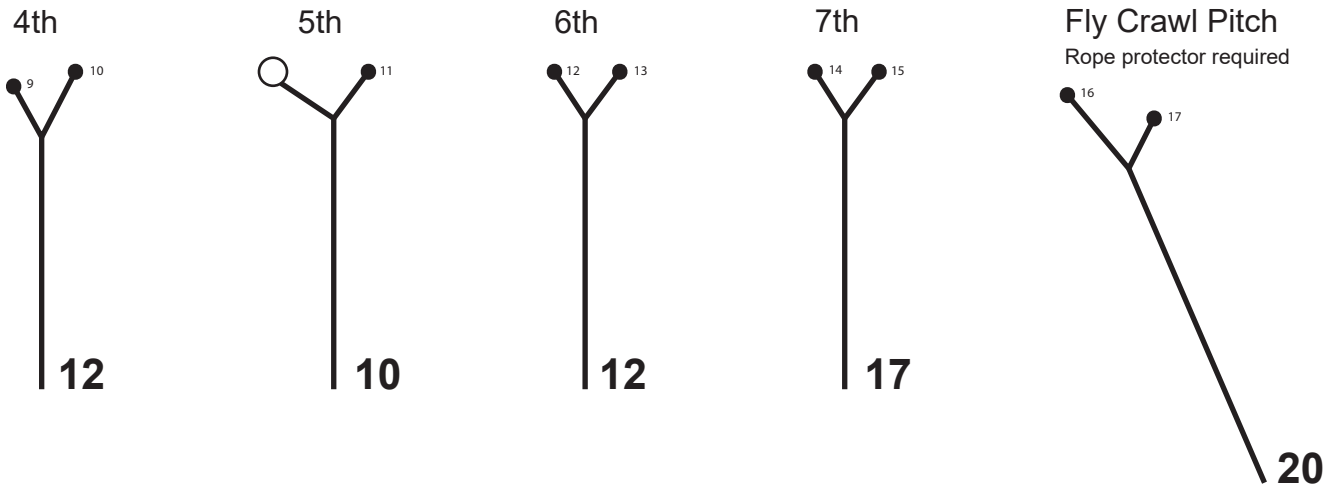
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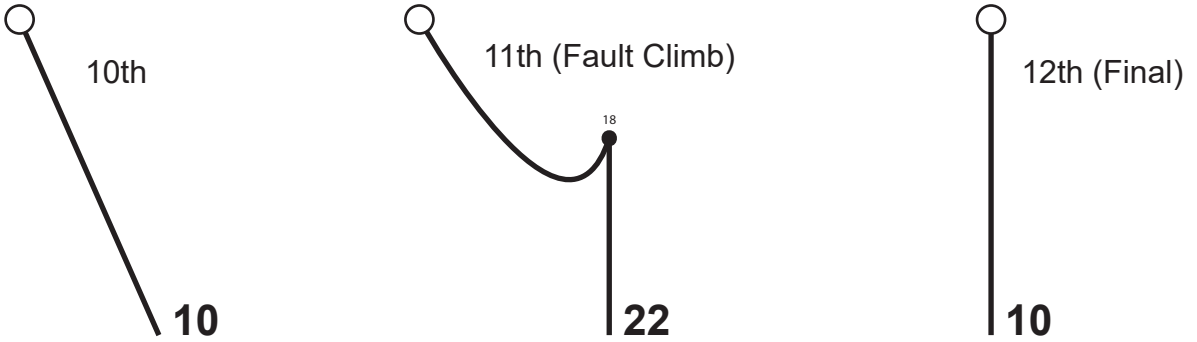
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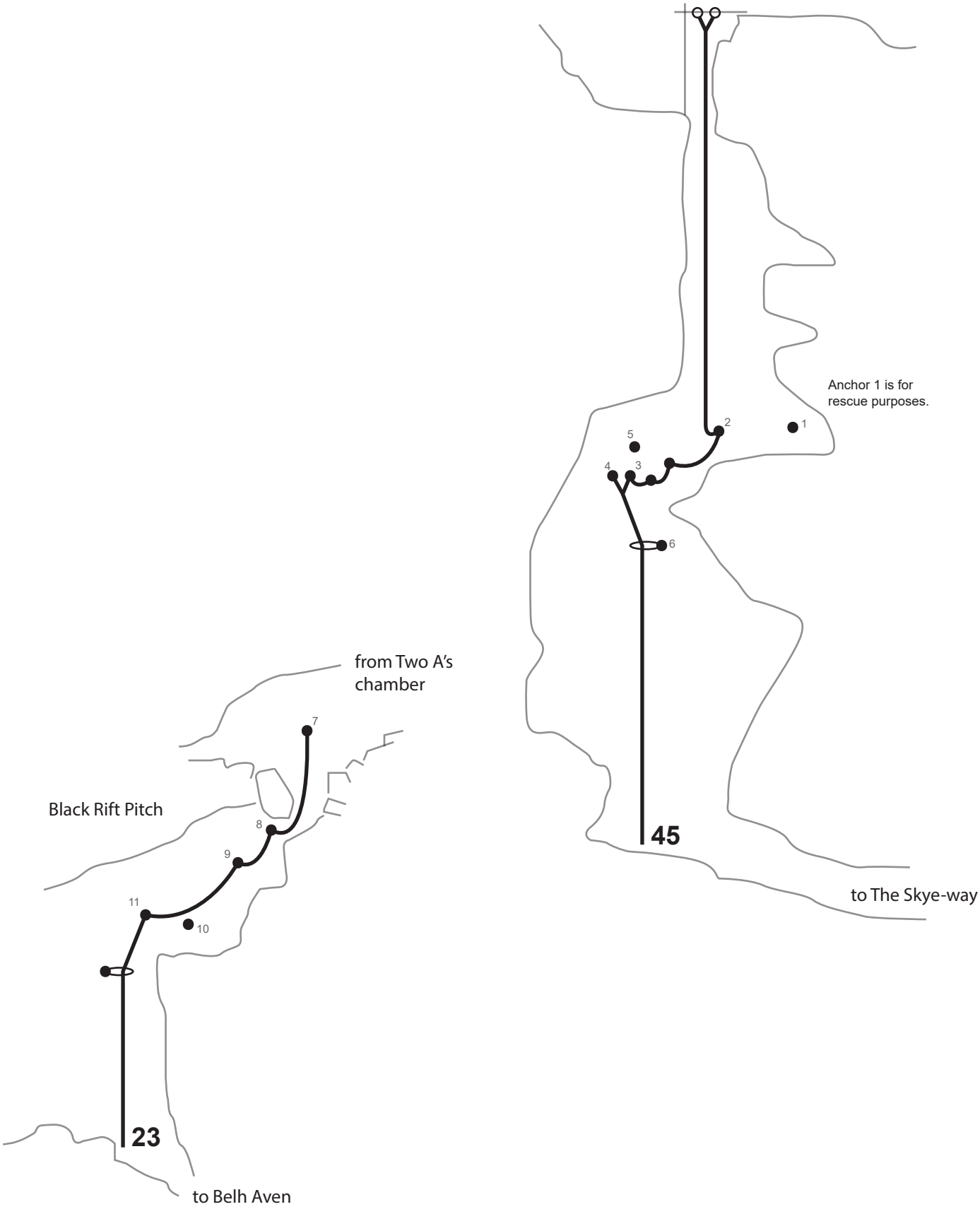
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Rana Hole

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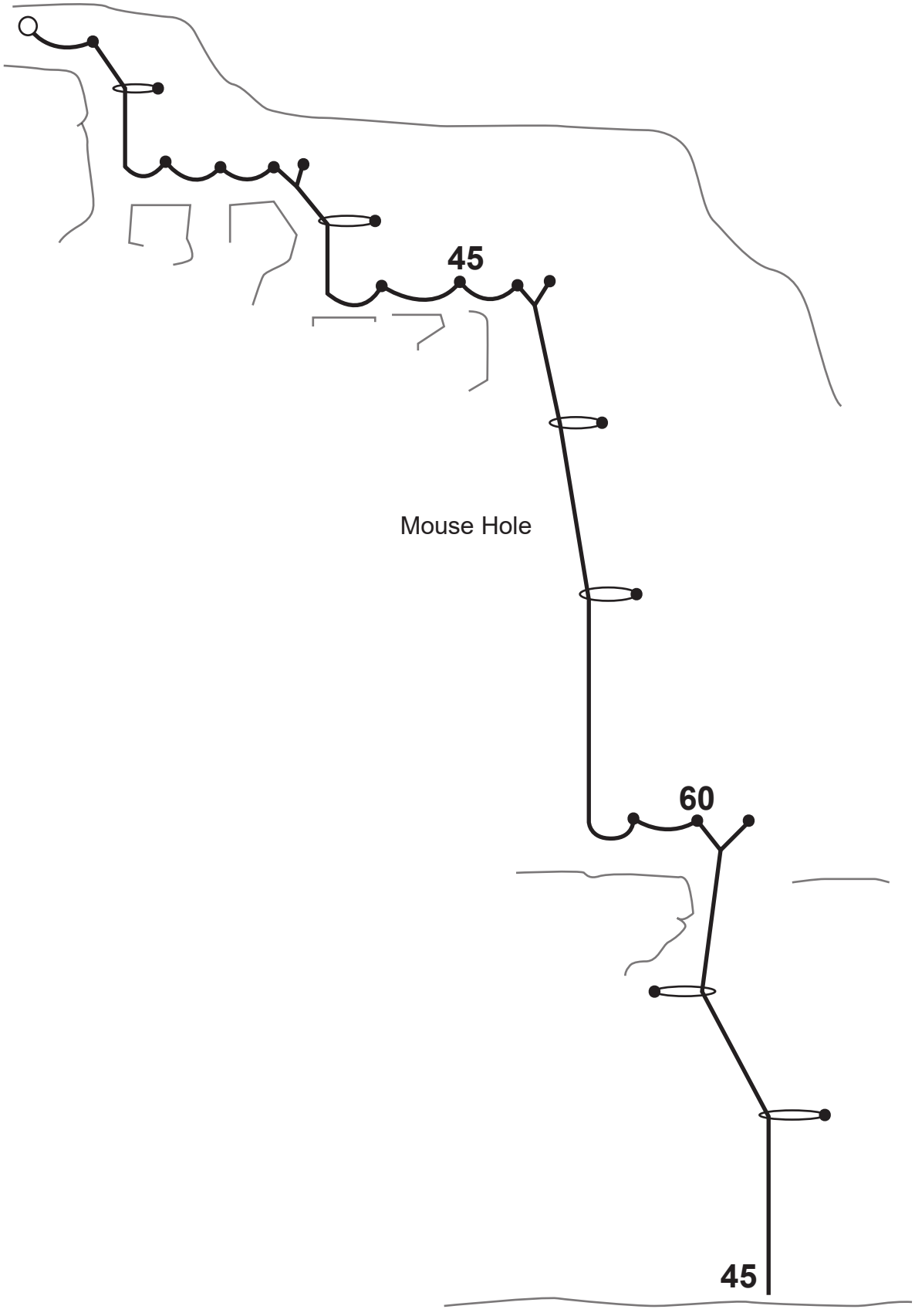
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Rat Hole

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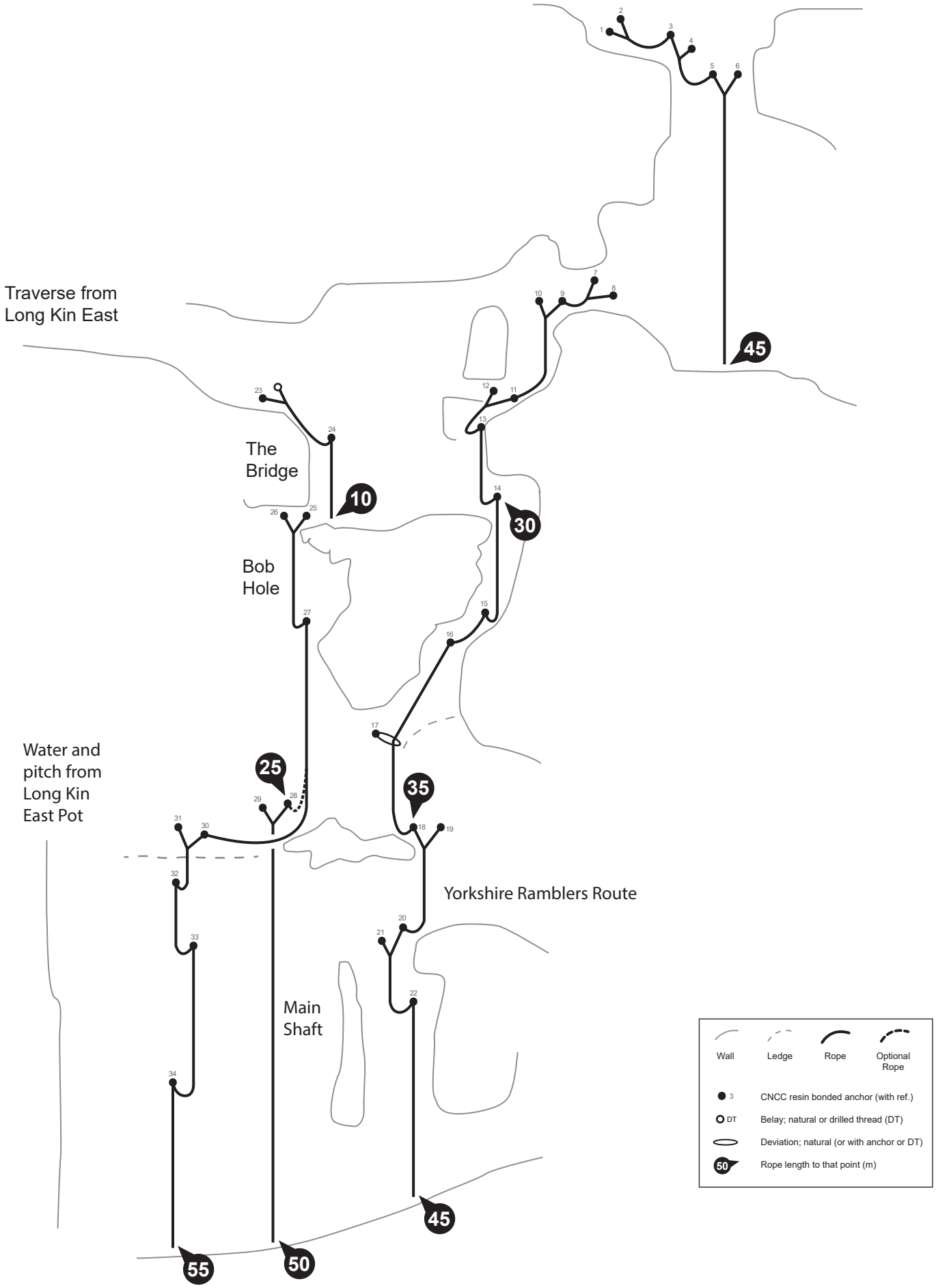
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Rift Pot (The Allotment)

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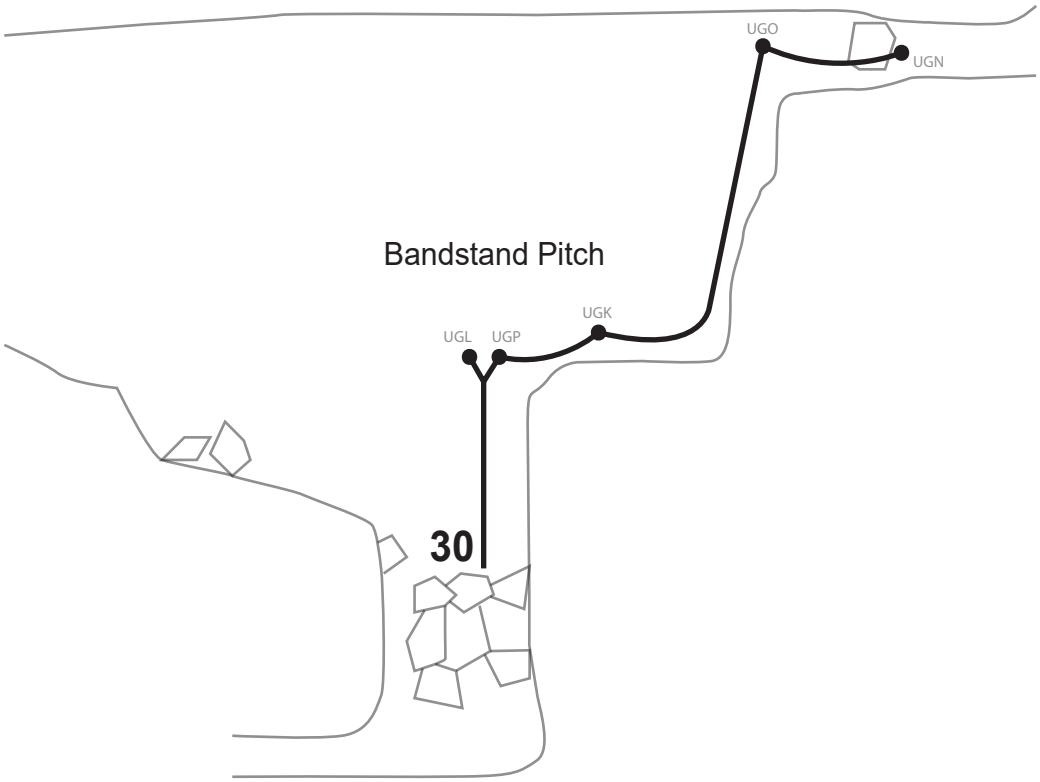
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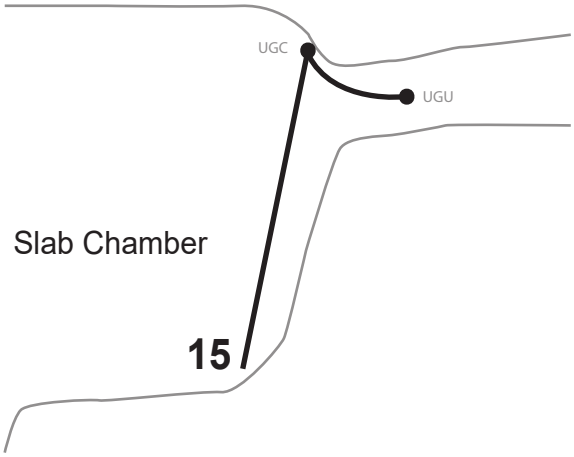
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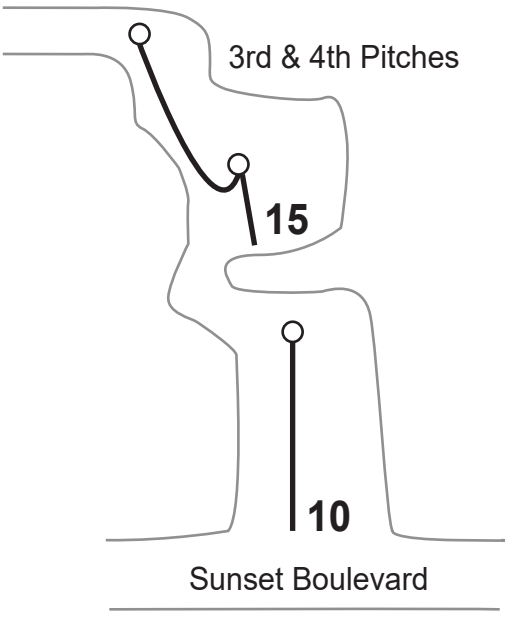
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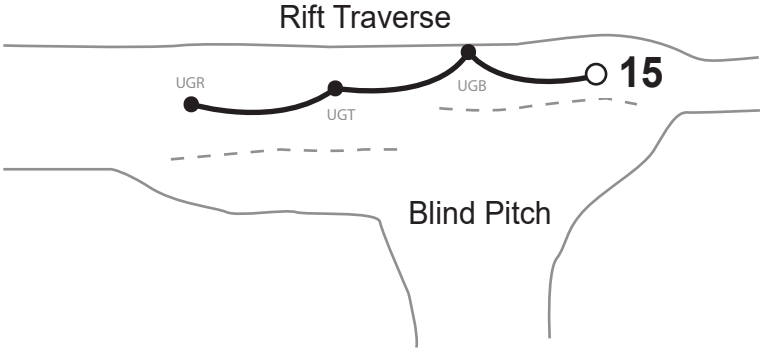
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Further pitch to downstream sump requires 15m rope but is not normally descended.

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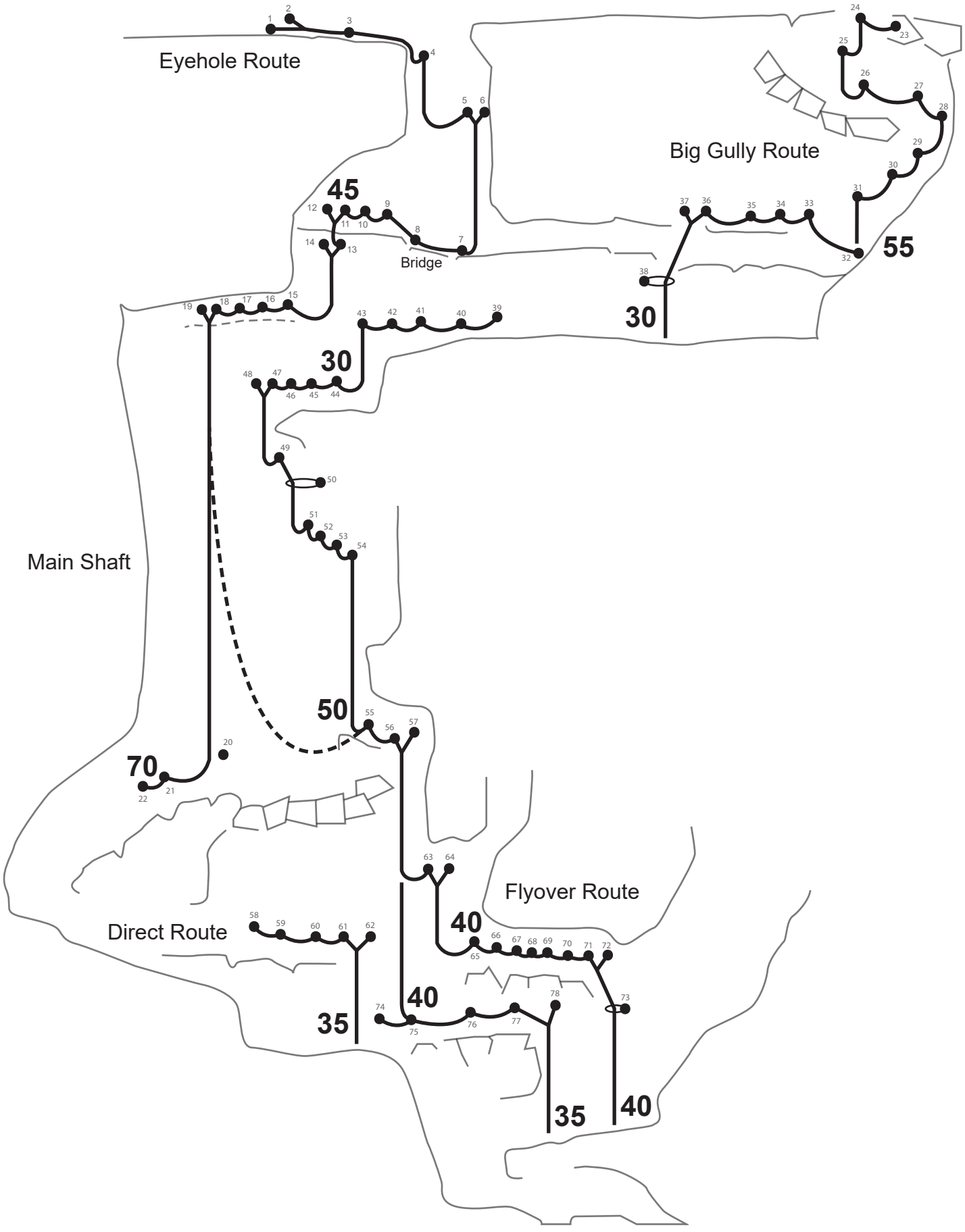
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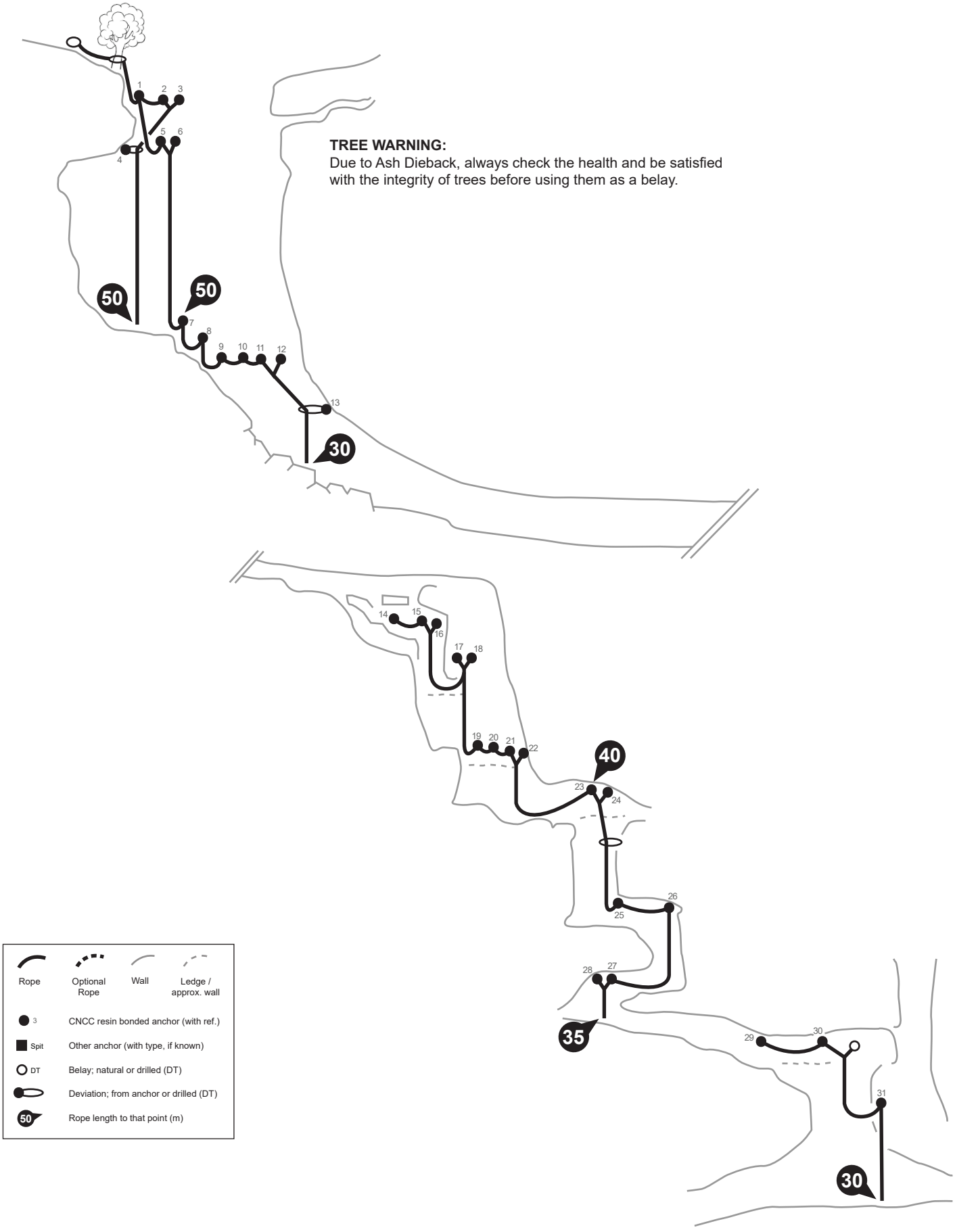
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Rumbling Hole

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TREE WARNING:
Due to Ash Dieback, always check the health and be satisfied with the integrity of trees before using them as a belay.

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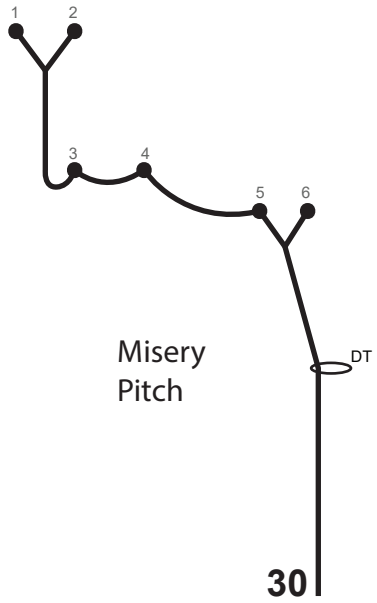
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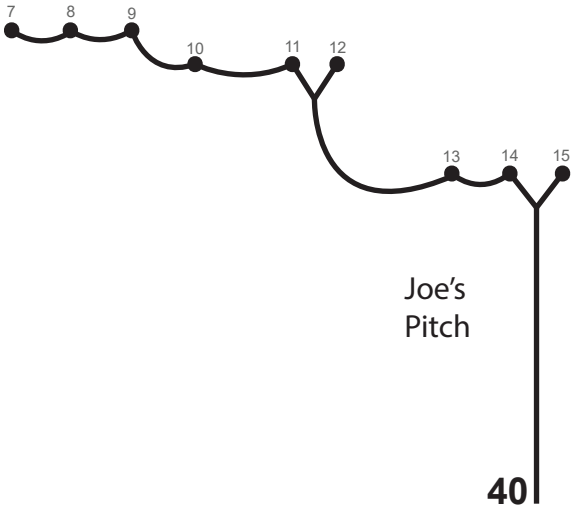
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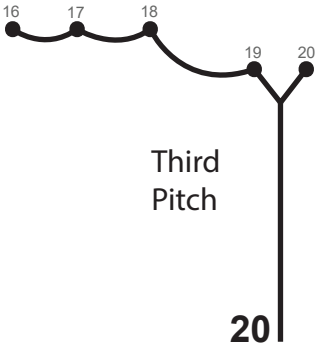
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O DT	Natural belay or drilled thread (with DT)
Rope / Wall / Ledge	
DT	Deviation; natural or drilled thread (DT)
35	Rope length (in metres) to that point

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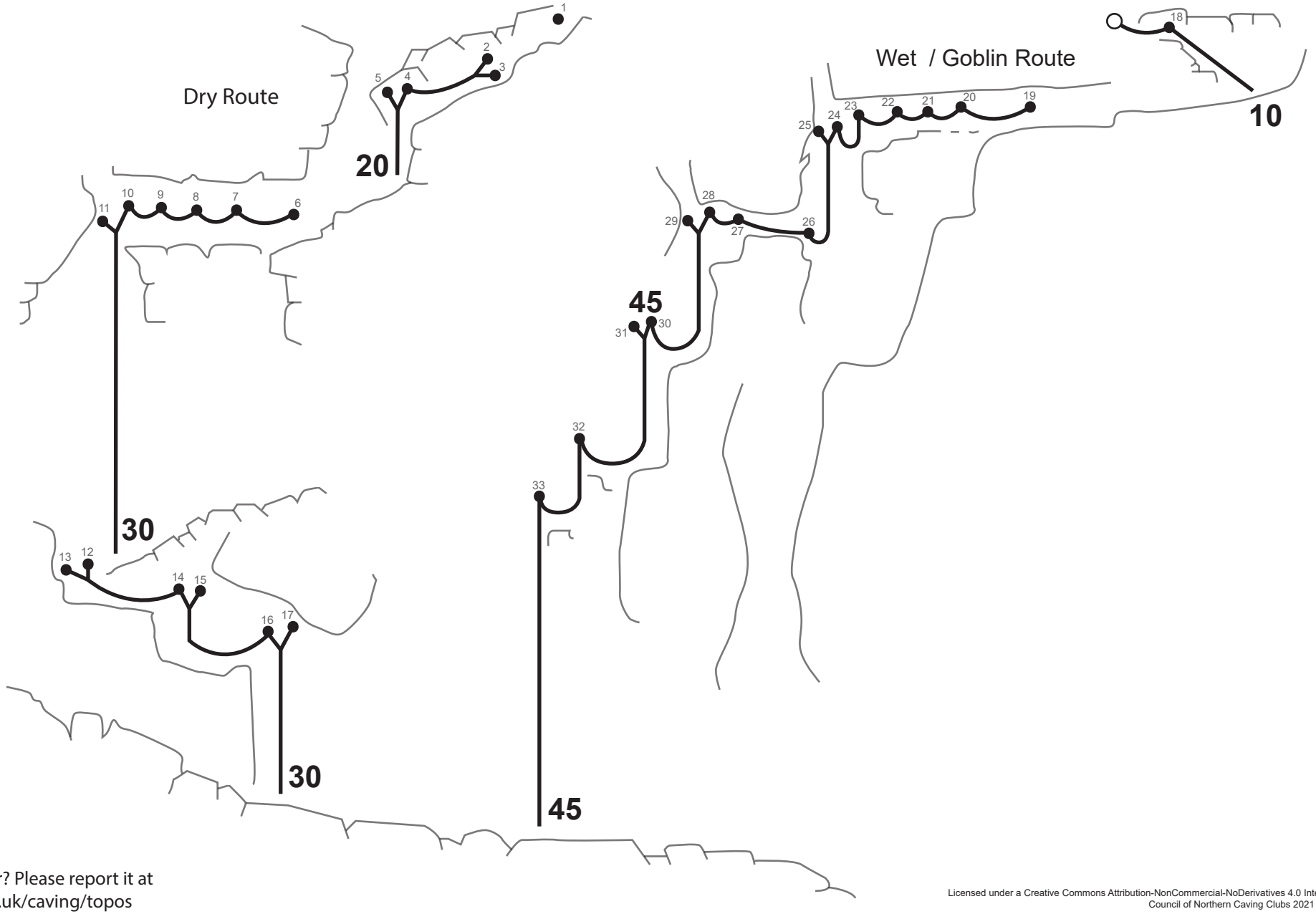
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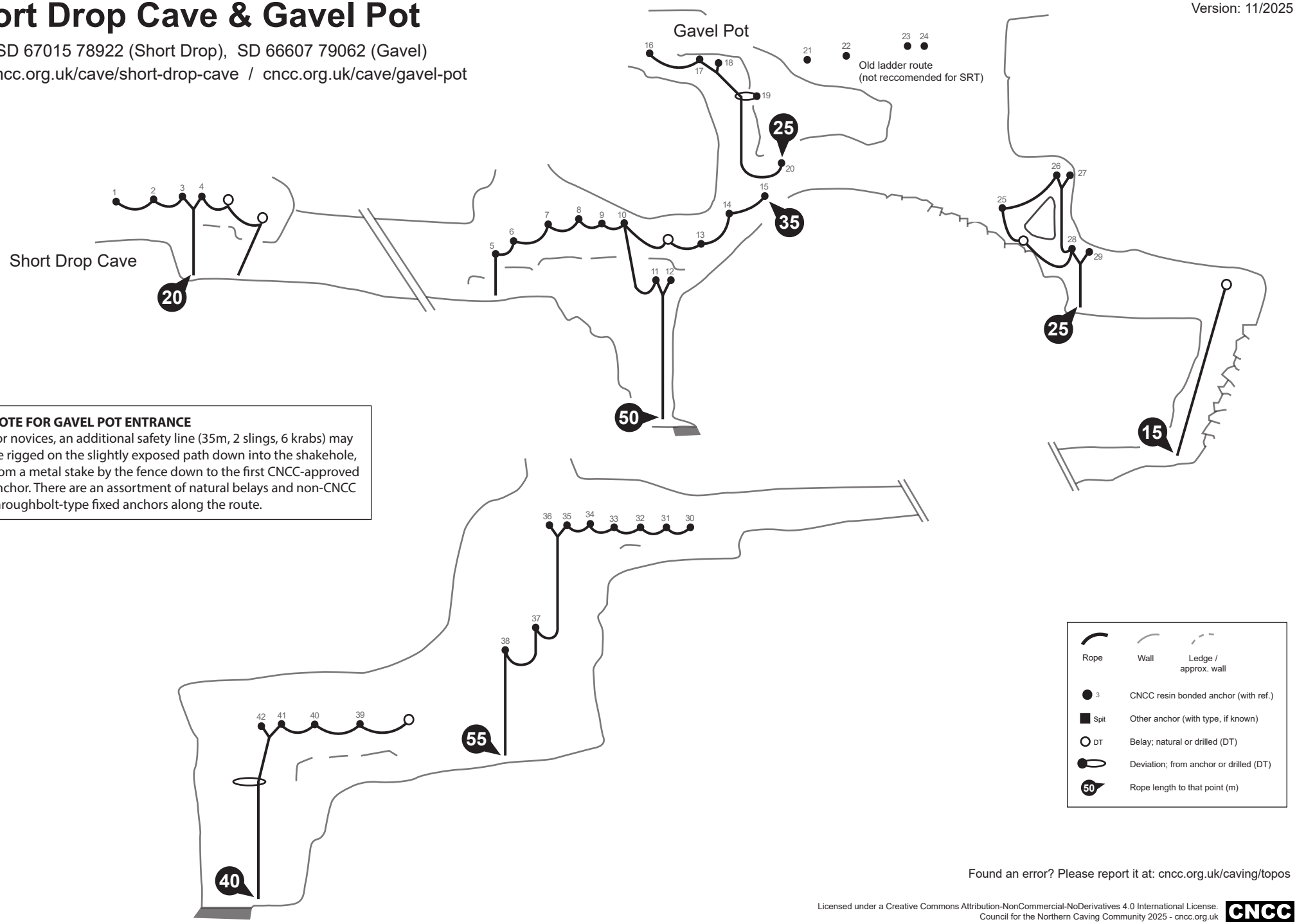
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Short Drop Cave & Gavel Pot

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NOTE FOR GAVEL POT ENTRANCE
For novices, an additional safety line (35m, 2 slings, 6 krabs) may be rigged on the slightly exposed path down into the shakehole, from a metal stake by the fence down to the first CNCC-approved anchor. There are an assortment of natural belays and non-CNCC throughbolt-type fixed anchors along the route.

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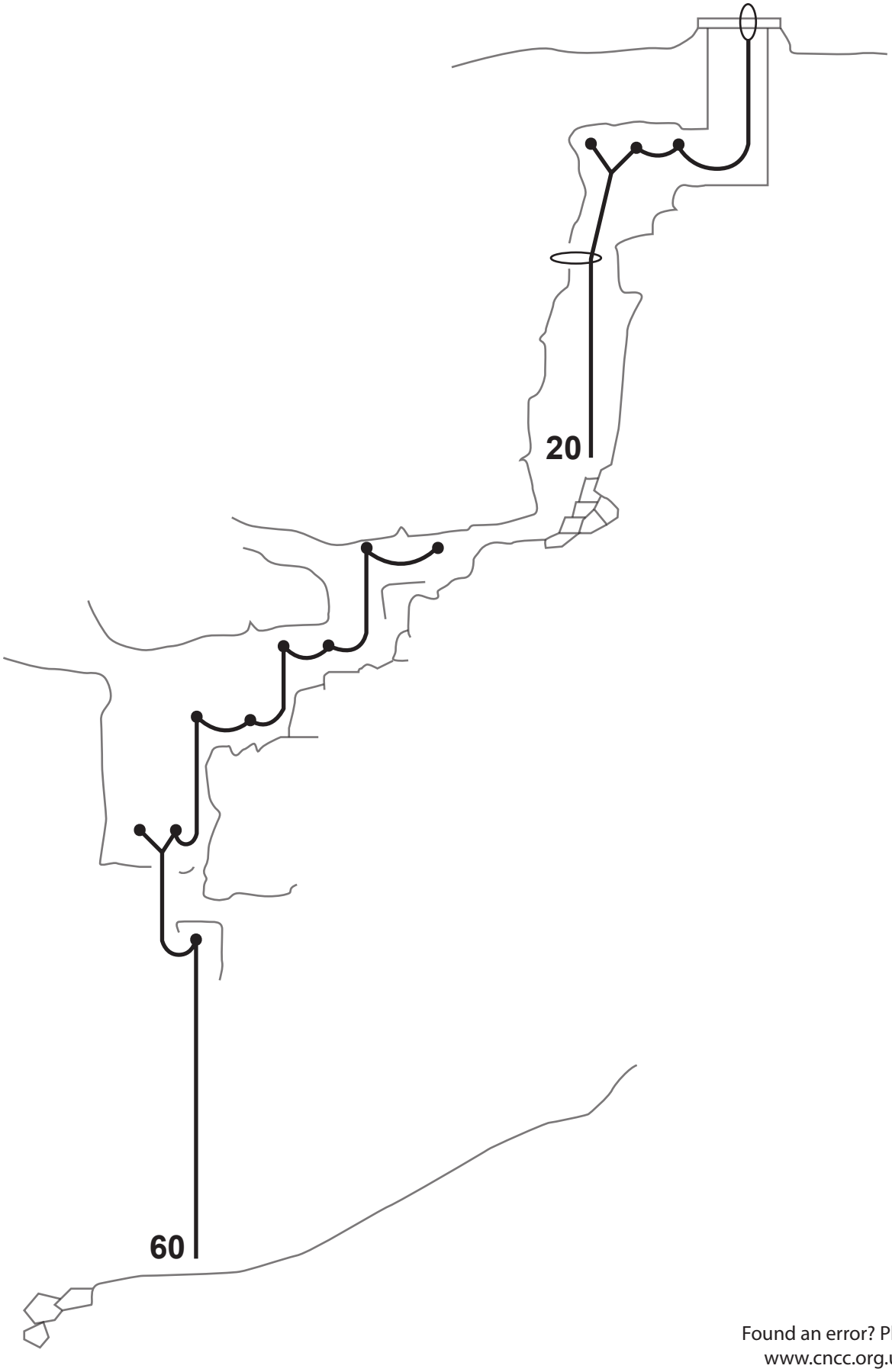
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Shuttleworth Pot

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Important safety information regarding pull-through trips down Swinsto Hole and Simpson Pot

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In April 2025, Swinsto Hole and Simpson Pot were fitted with new anchors to provide an improved situation for cavers embarking on pull-through trips using these caves. Simpson Pot has also been fitted with chains (each spanning two anchors) in three locations to provide a pull through solution where anchors alone would have been less optimal:

- Slit Pot (anchors 44/45)
- Slit Pot 'overhead' (anchors 49/50)
- Swinsto Great Aven (anchors 55/56, reached by abseil from anchors 52/53)

Only one of these three pitches fitted with chains needs to be descended to complete a pull-through of Simpson Pot.

Below is some information about these additions that may prove useful to suitably competent cavers using these caves for pull through trips. **This is NOT a "how to" document and does not replace suitable experience and knowledge. All cavers must use their own judgement about the necessary tackle and the suitability of any belay and techniques.**

Traverse lines

Neither cave has any CNCC-fitted in-situ traverse lines. Use a separate short length of rope (10m is minimally sufficient) to rig (first person) and de-rig (last person) a suitable traverse line. **Please do not leave any ropes behind.**

Using the anchors

As with all caves, always perform a pre-use anchor inspection: www.cncc.org.uk/equipment/anchor-safety

Each pitch-head has two anchors for threading the rope - one anchor is slightly higher than the other. The rope to abseil on should be the closest one to the approach. This will make pulling down easier due to the angles of the anchors.

Using the chains (Simpson Pot only)

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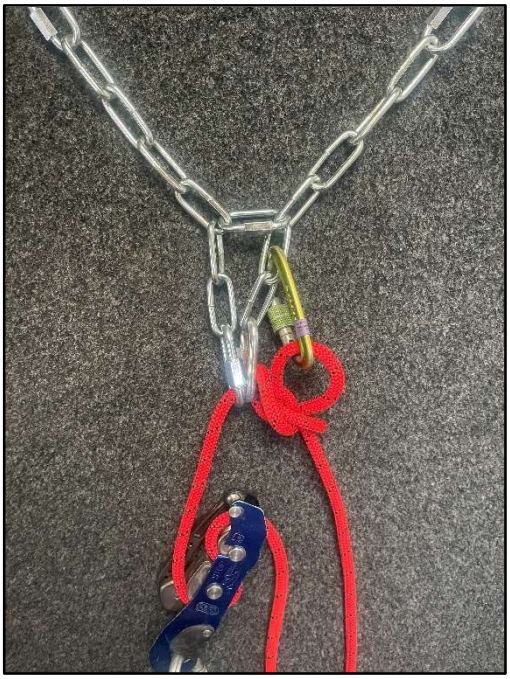
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Chain rigging for pull down



Anchor rigging for pull down

Any issues?

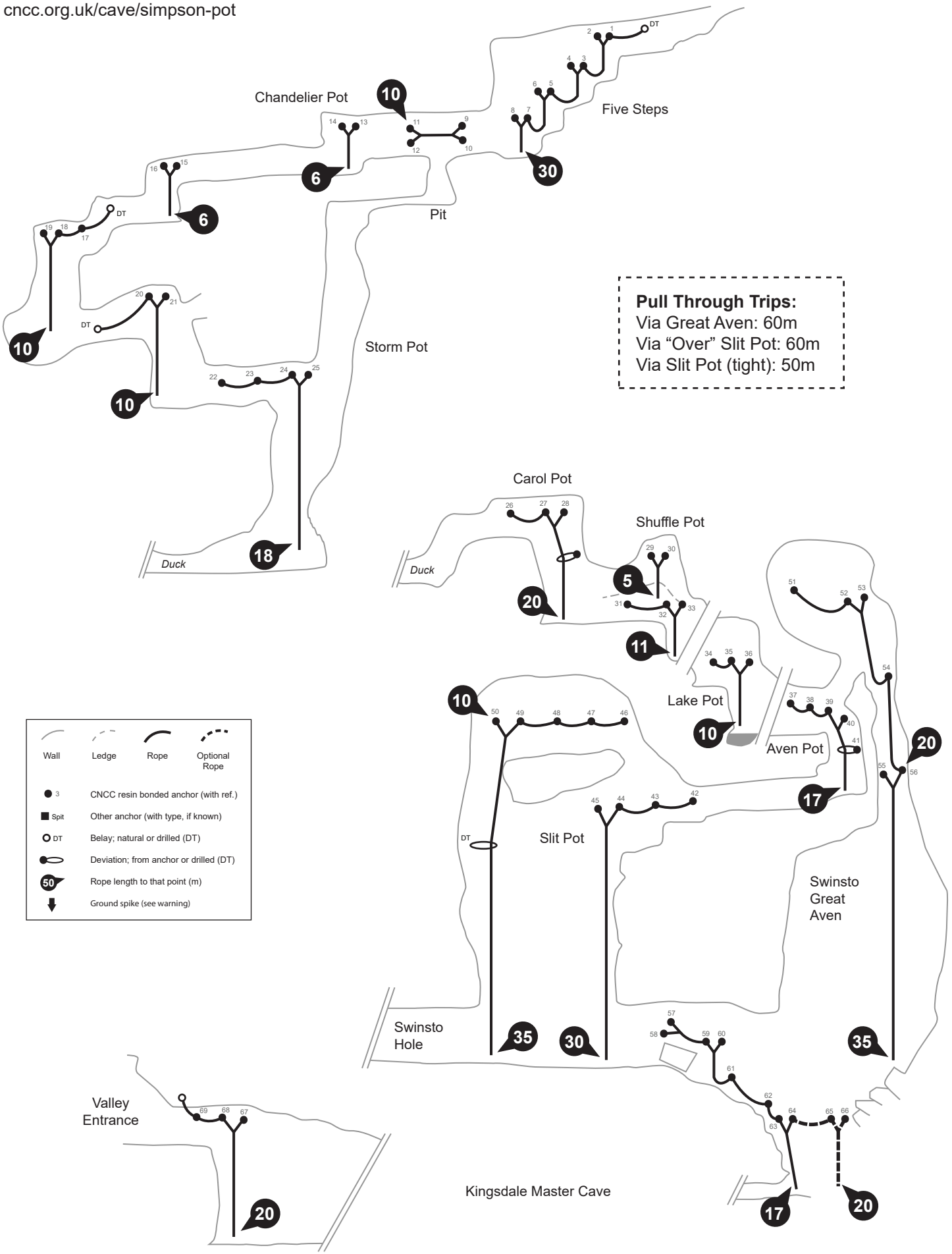
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Simpson Pot

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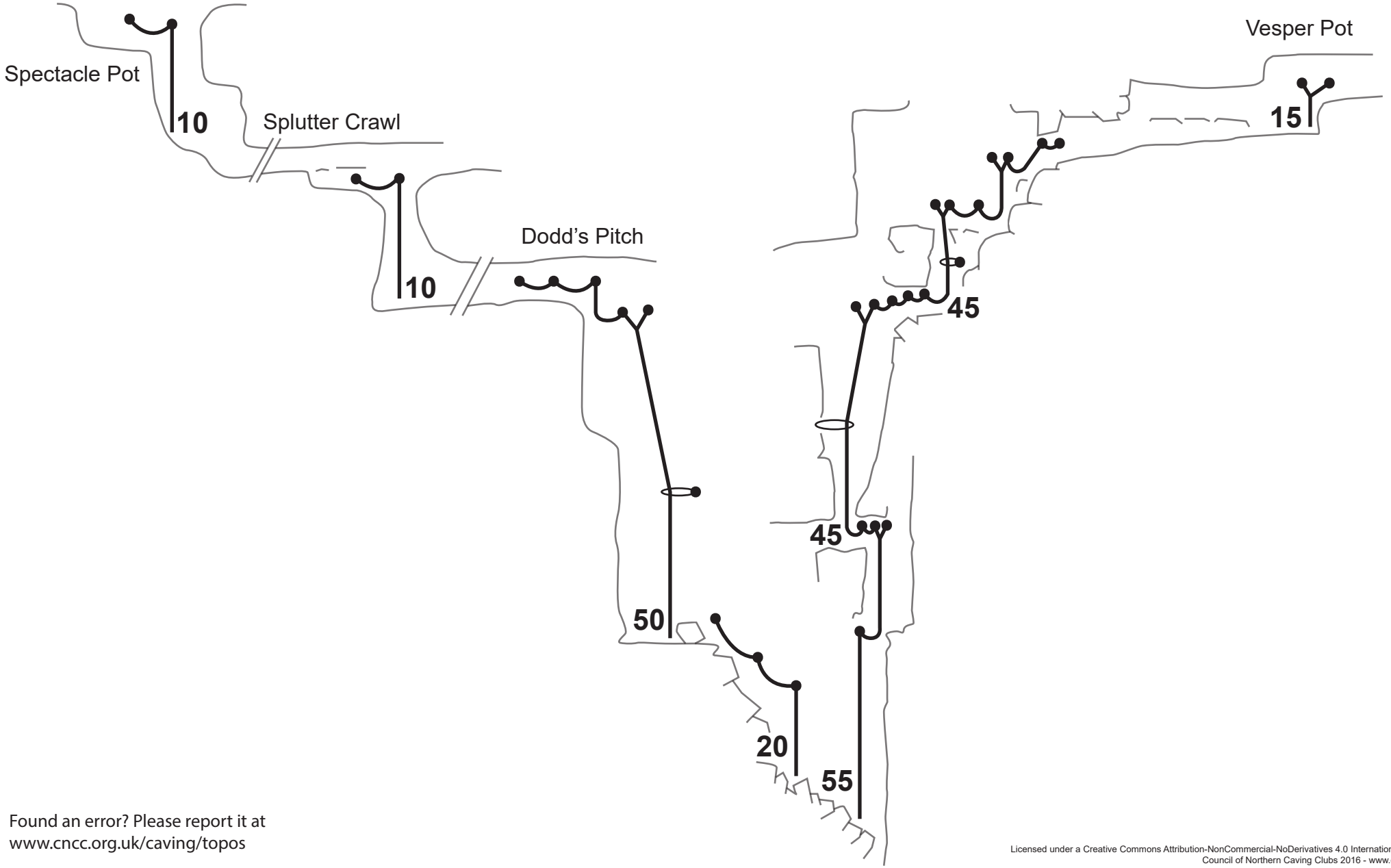
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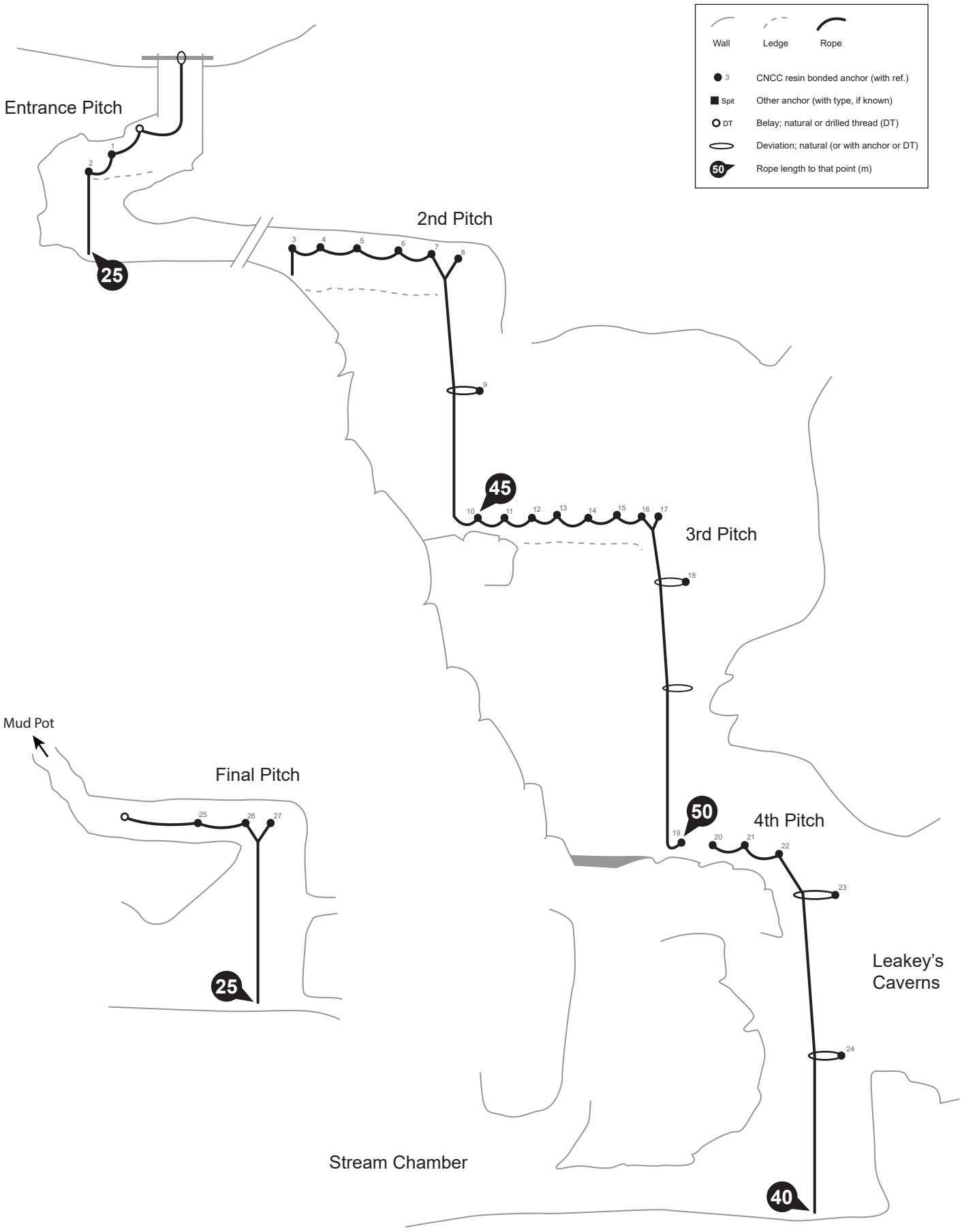
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Stream Passage Pot

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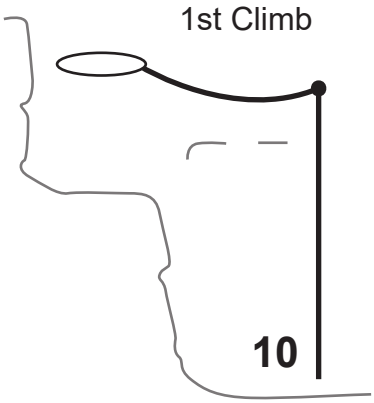
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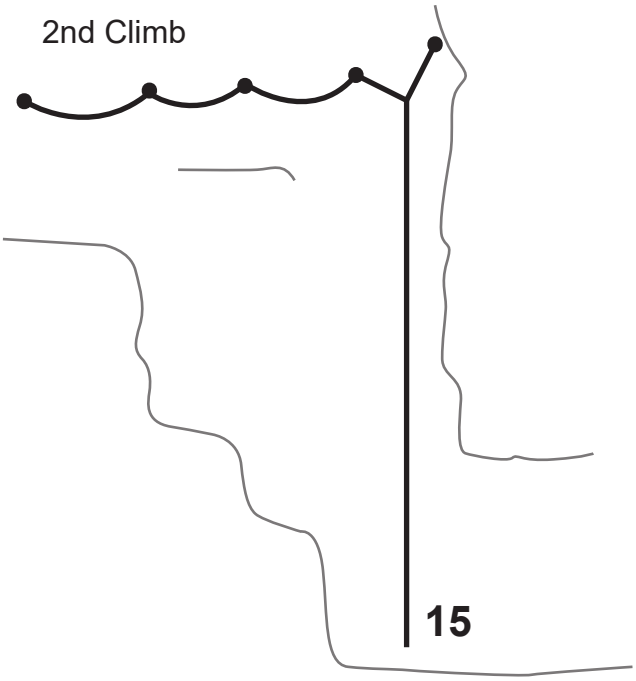
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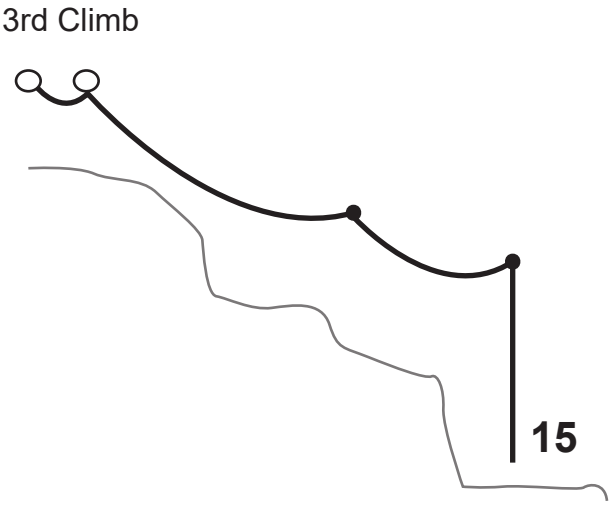
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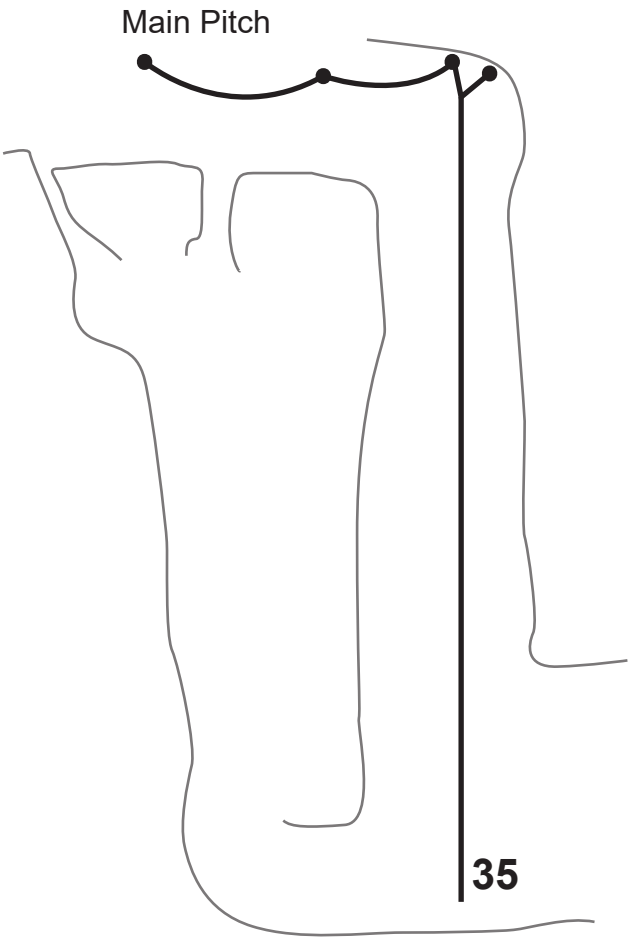
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Important safety information regarding pull-through trips down Swinsto Hole and Simpson Pot

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In April 2025, Swinsto Hole and Simpson Pot were fitted with new anchors to provide an improved situation for cavers embarking on pull-through trips using these caves. Simpson Pot has also been fitted with chains (each spanning two anchors) in three locations to provide a pull through solution where anchors alone would have been less optimal:

- Slit Pot (anchors 44/45)
- Slit Pot 'overhead' (anchors 49/50)
- Swinsto Great Aven (anchors 55/56, reached by abseil from anchors 52/53)

Only one of these three pitches fitted with chains needs to be descended to complete a pull-through of Simpson Pot.

Below is some information about these additions that may prove useful to suitably competent cavers using these caves for pull through trips. **This is NOT a "how to" document and does not replace suitable experience and knowledge. All cavers must use their own judgement about the necessary tackle and the suitability of any belay and techniques.**

Traverse lines

Neither cave has any CNCC-fitted in-situ traverse lines. Use a separate short length of rope (10m is minimally sufficient) to rig (first person) and de-rig (last person) a suitable traverse line. **Please do not leave any ropes behind.**

Using the anchors

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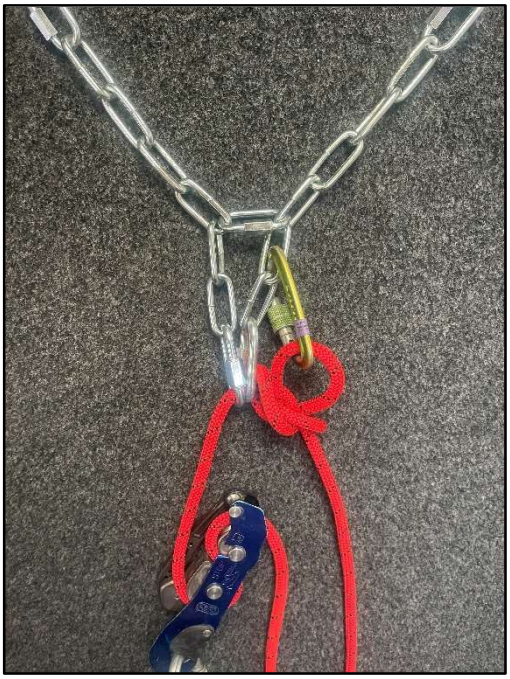
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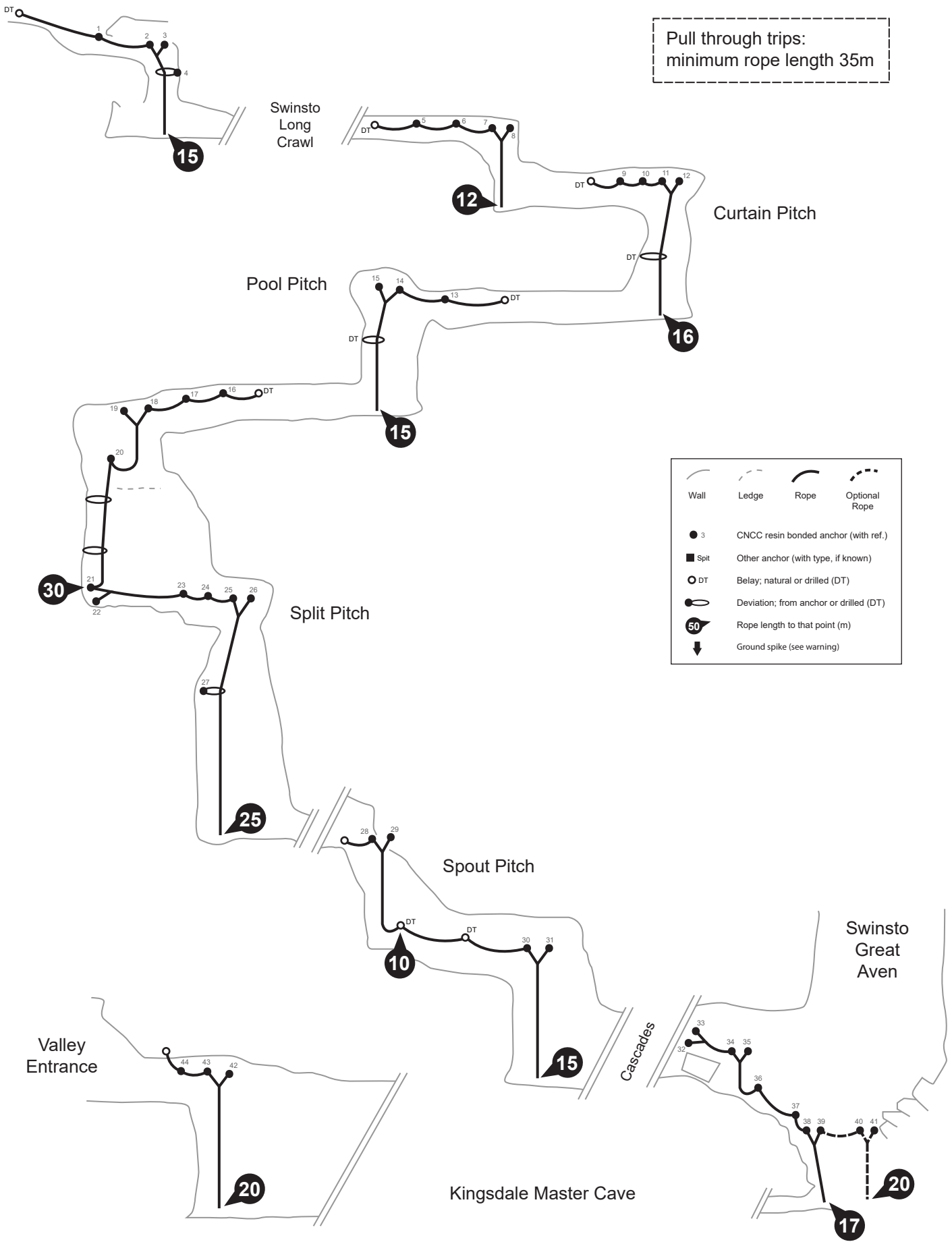
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Swinsto Hole

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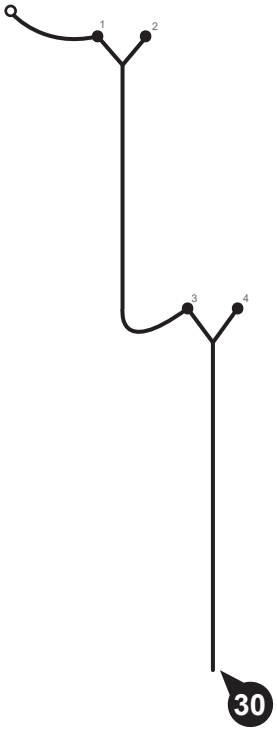
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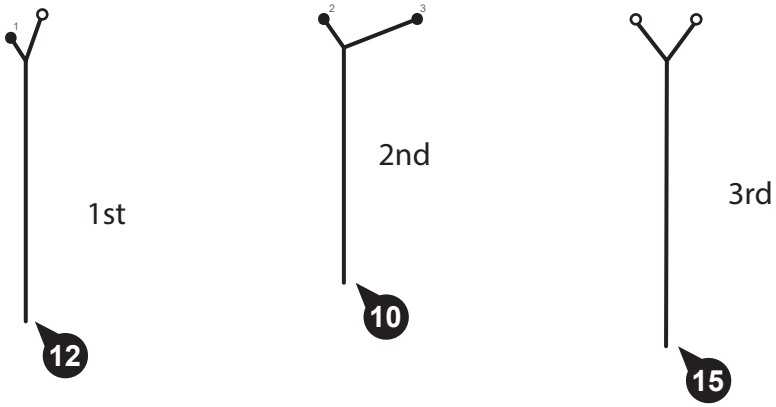
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Sylvester Pot



Mancunian Way



Ease Gill Aven



	Rope
3	CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)
DT	Belay; natural or drilled thread (DT)
	Deviation; natural (or with anchor or DT)
50	Rope length to that point (m)

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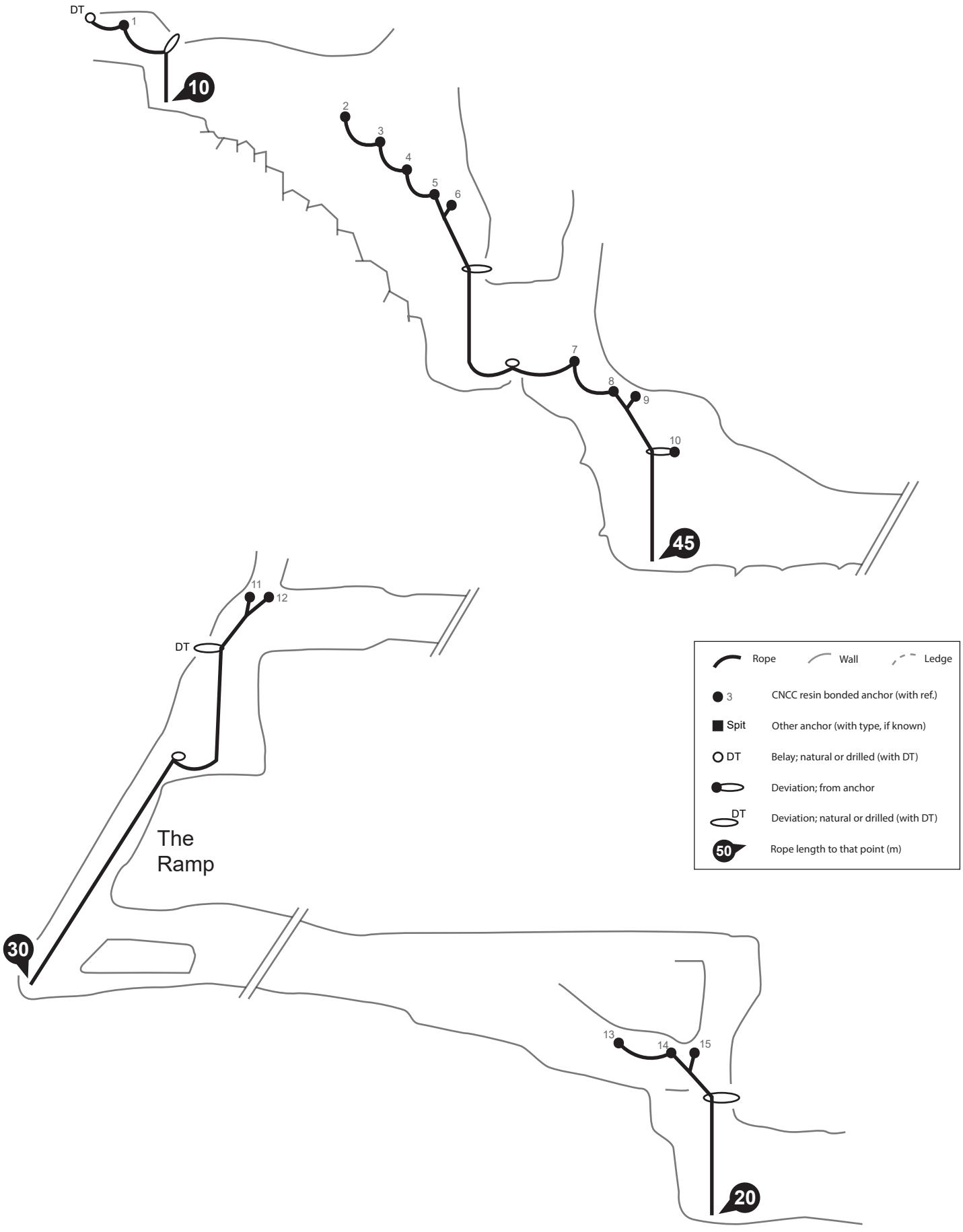
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Tatham Wife Hole

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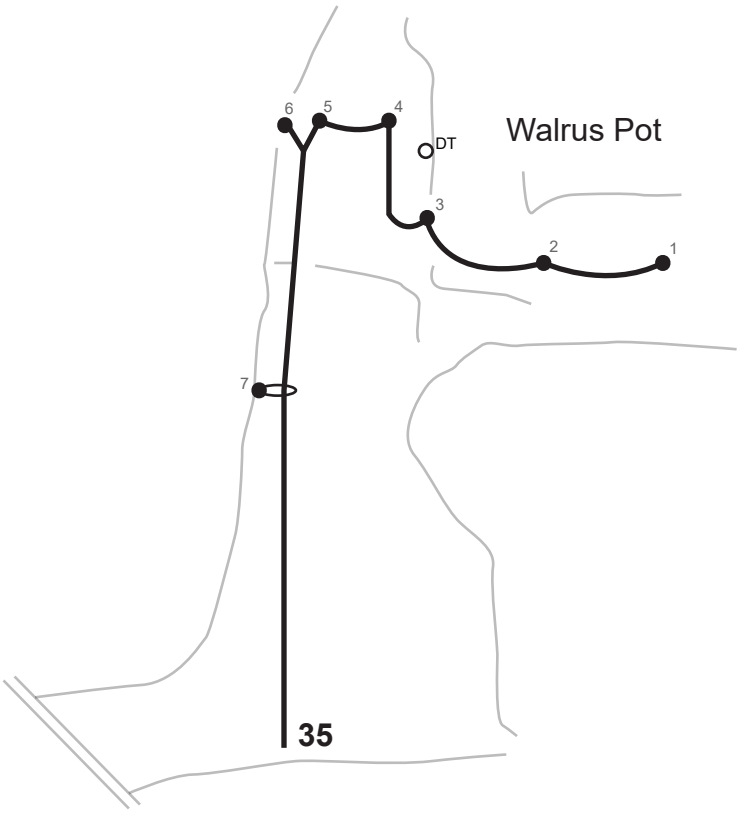
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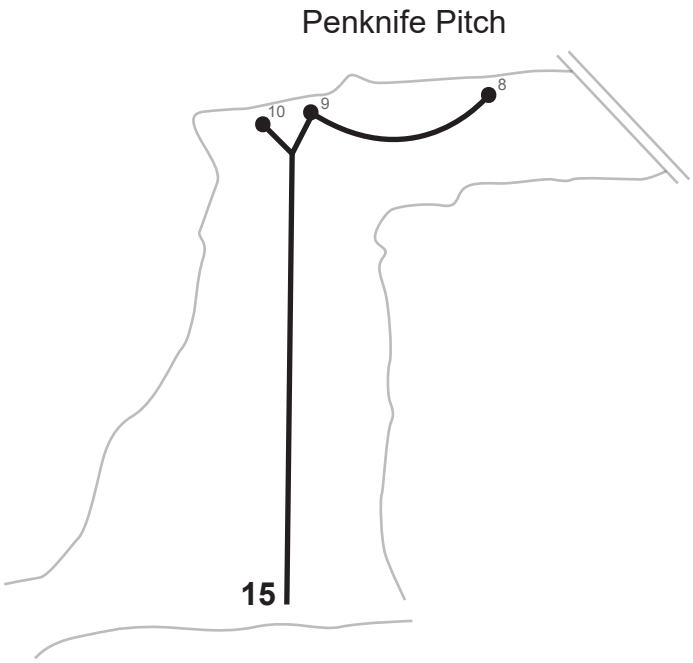
Top Sink

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NGR: SD 68055 81115

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Rope / Wall / Ledge	
3	CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)
Spit	Other anchor (with type, if known)
DT	Belay; natural or drilled (with DT)
	Deviation; from anchor
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45	Rope length to that point (m)

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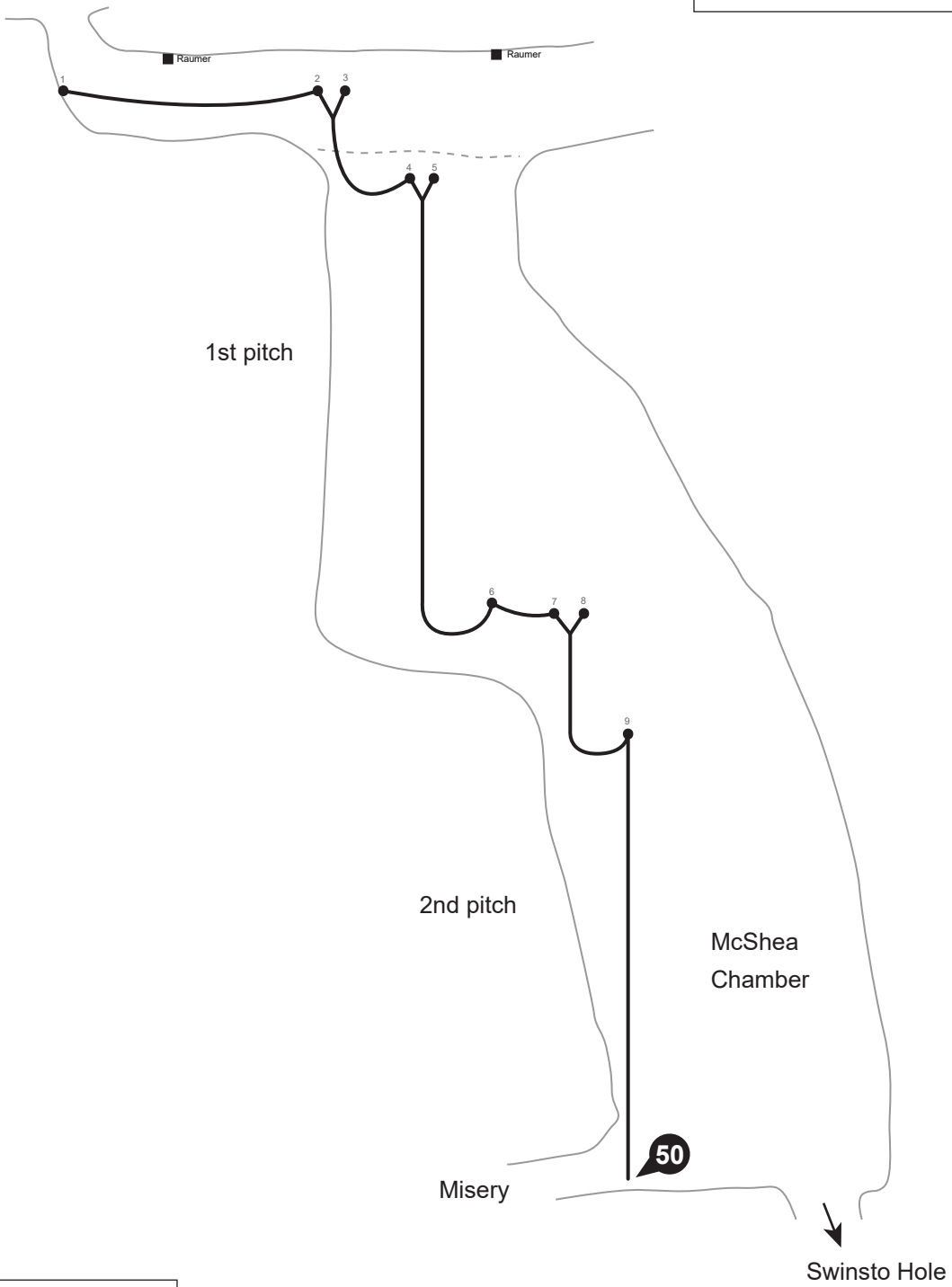
Turbary Pot

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Warning
Some Petzl Longlife anchors are present in this cave. We recommend they are NOT used due to safety alert from Petzl. See the alert document in the equipment section of the website.



Wall Ledge Rope

3 CNCC resin bonded anchor (with ref.)

Spit Other anchor (with type, if known)

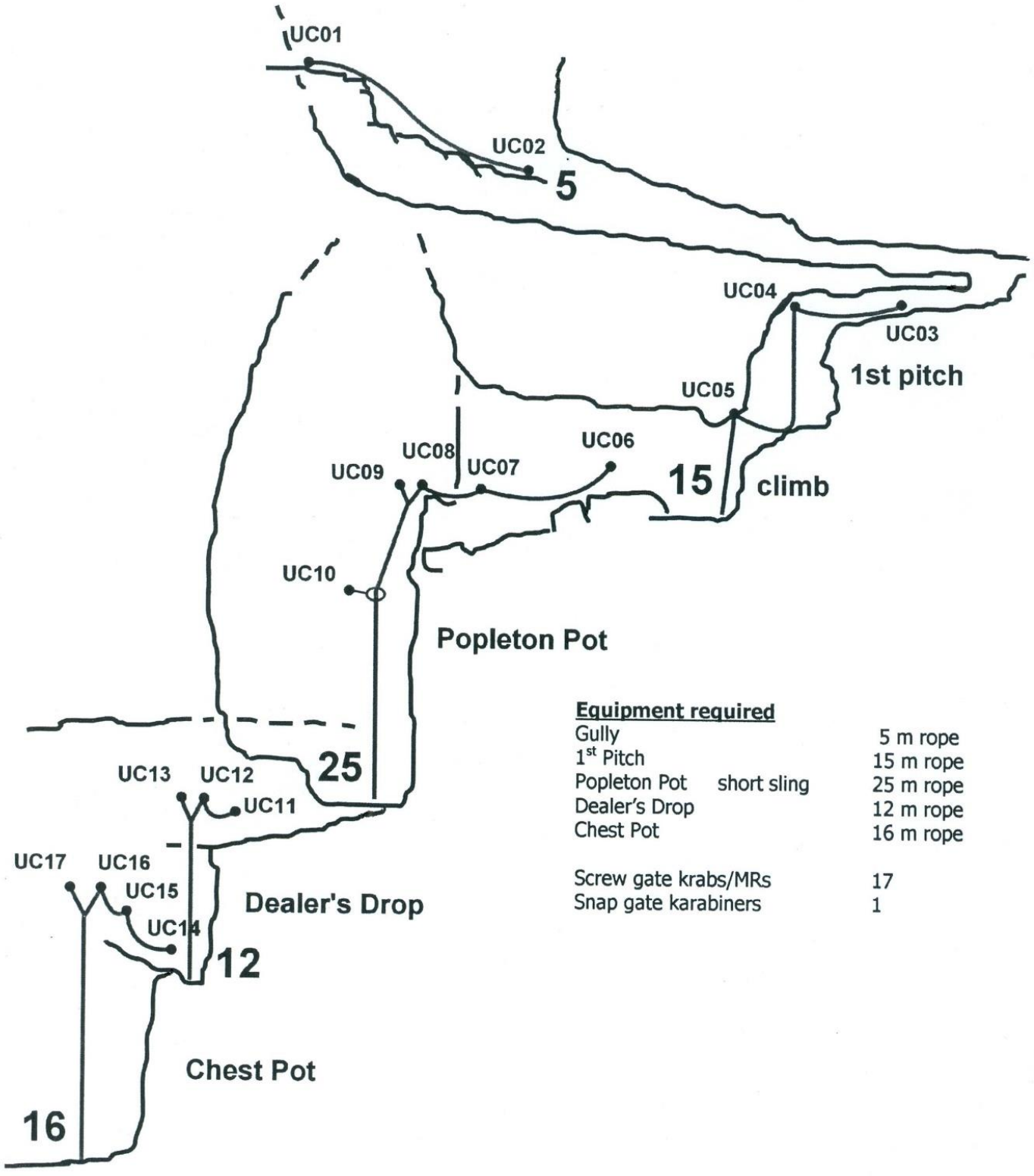
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(Cave of the Skulls)



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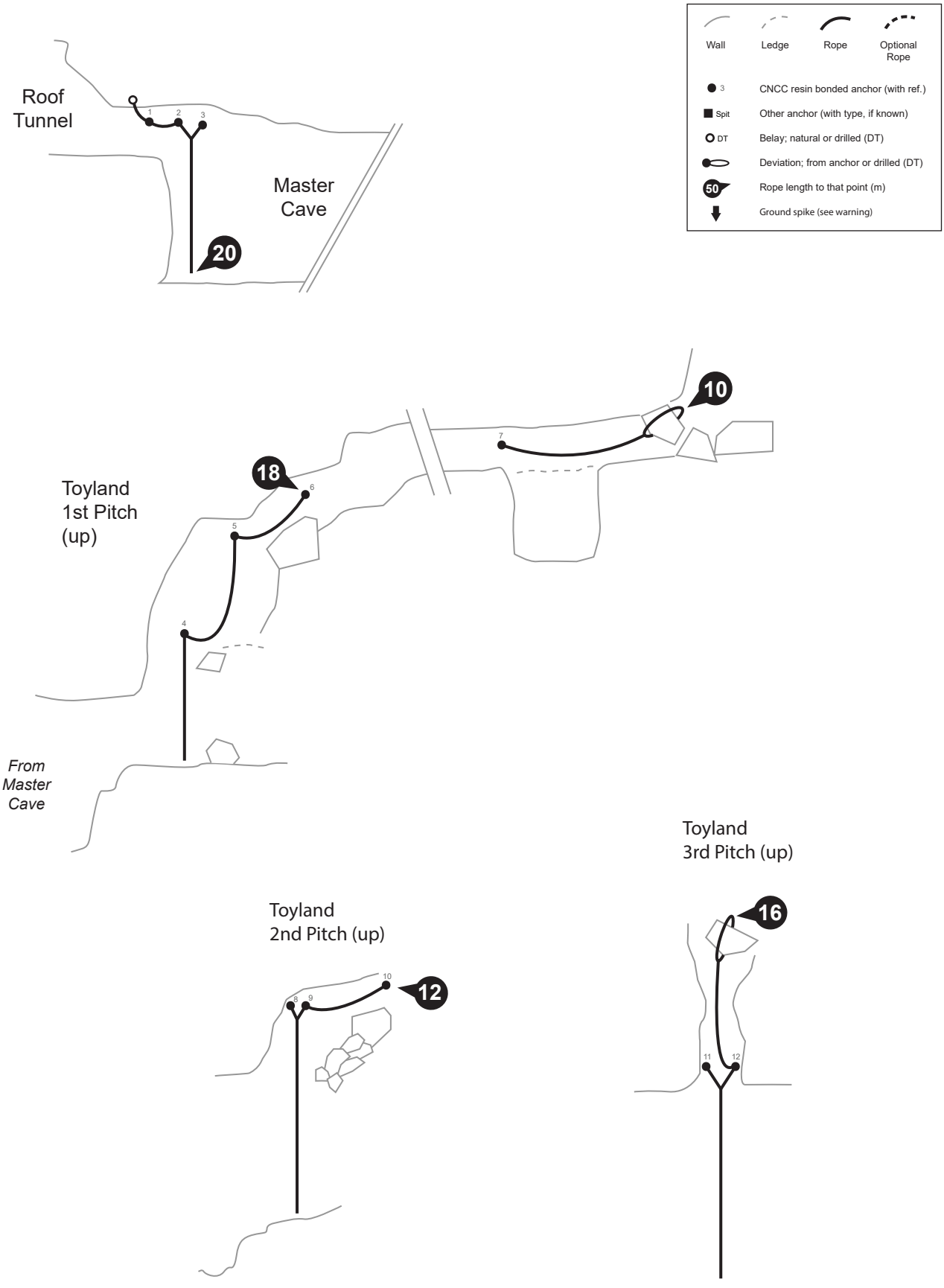
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1st Pitch		15 m rope
Popleton Pot	short sling	25 m rope
Dealer's Drop		12 m rope
Chest Pot		16 m rope
Screw gate krabs/MRs		17
Snap gate karabiners		1

Valley Entrance

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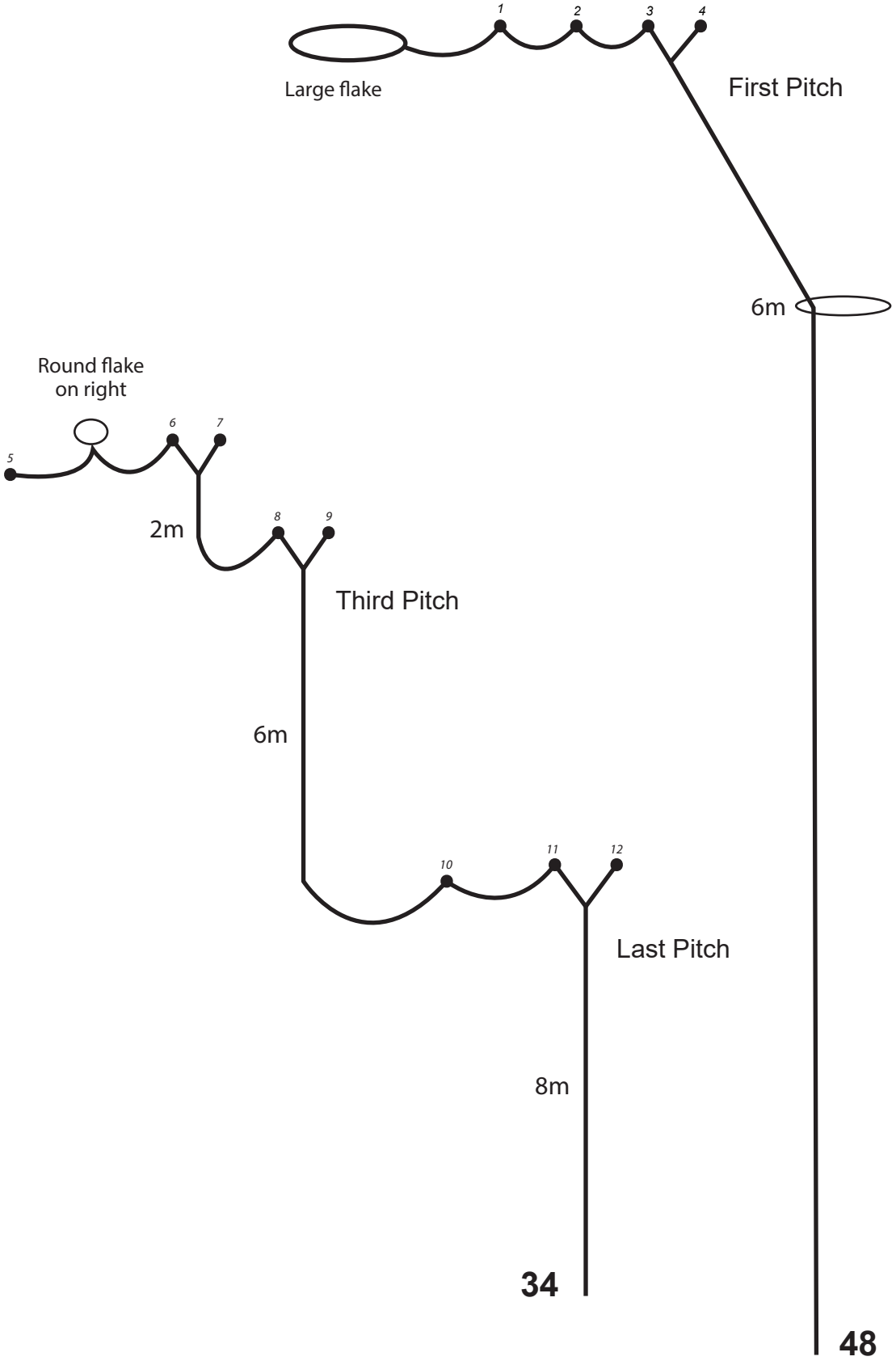
Washfold Pot

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NOTE: Second Pitch free-climbable; 5m handline useful



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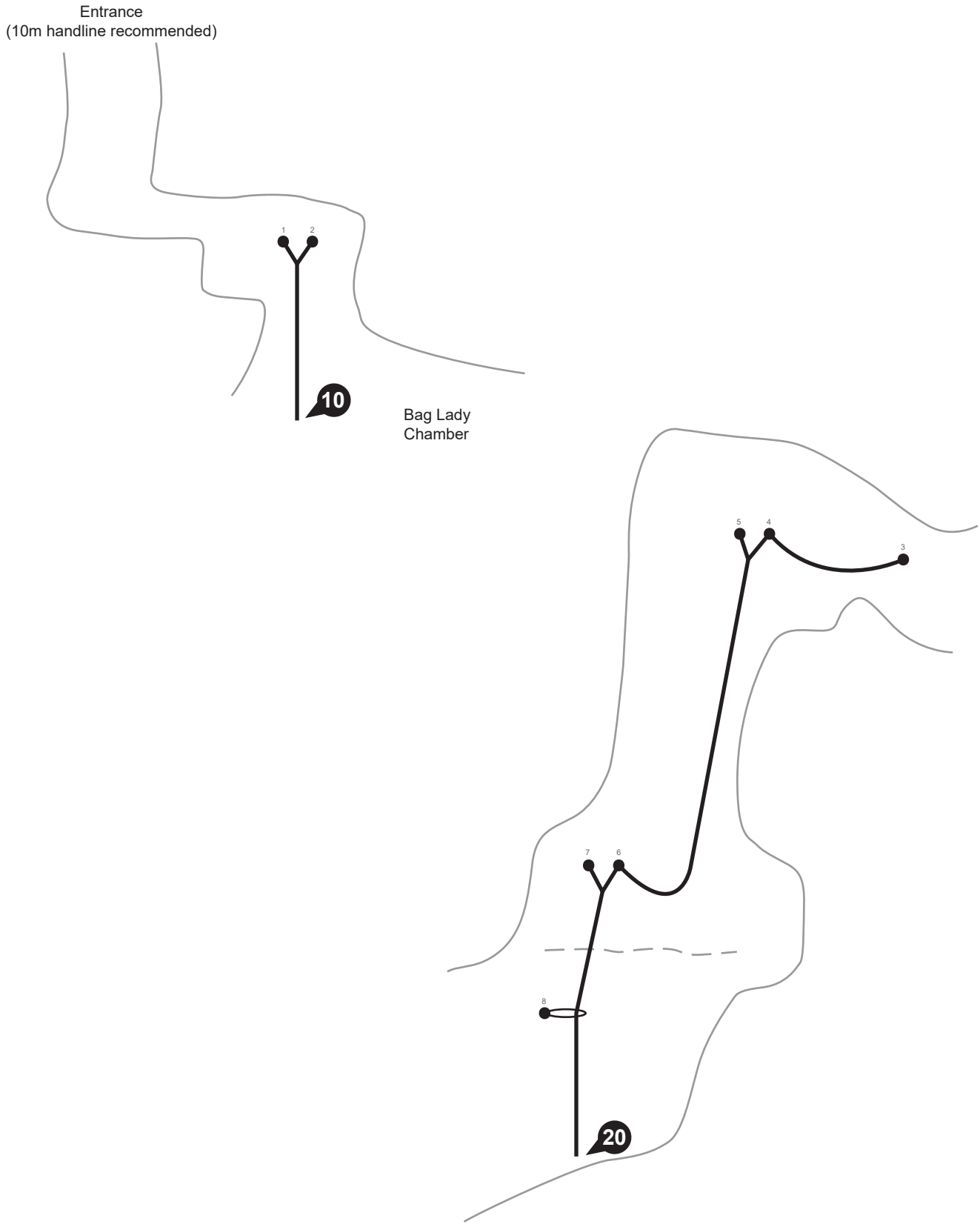
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Wizard’s Chasm

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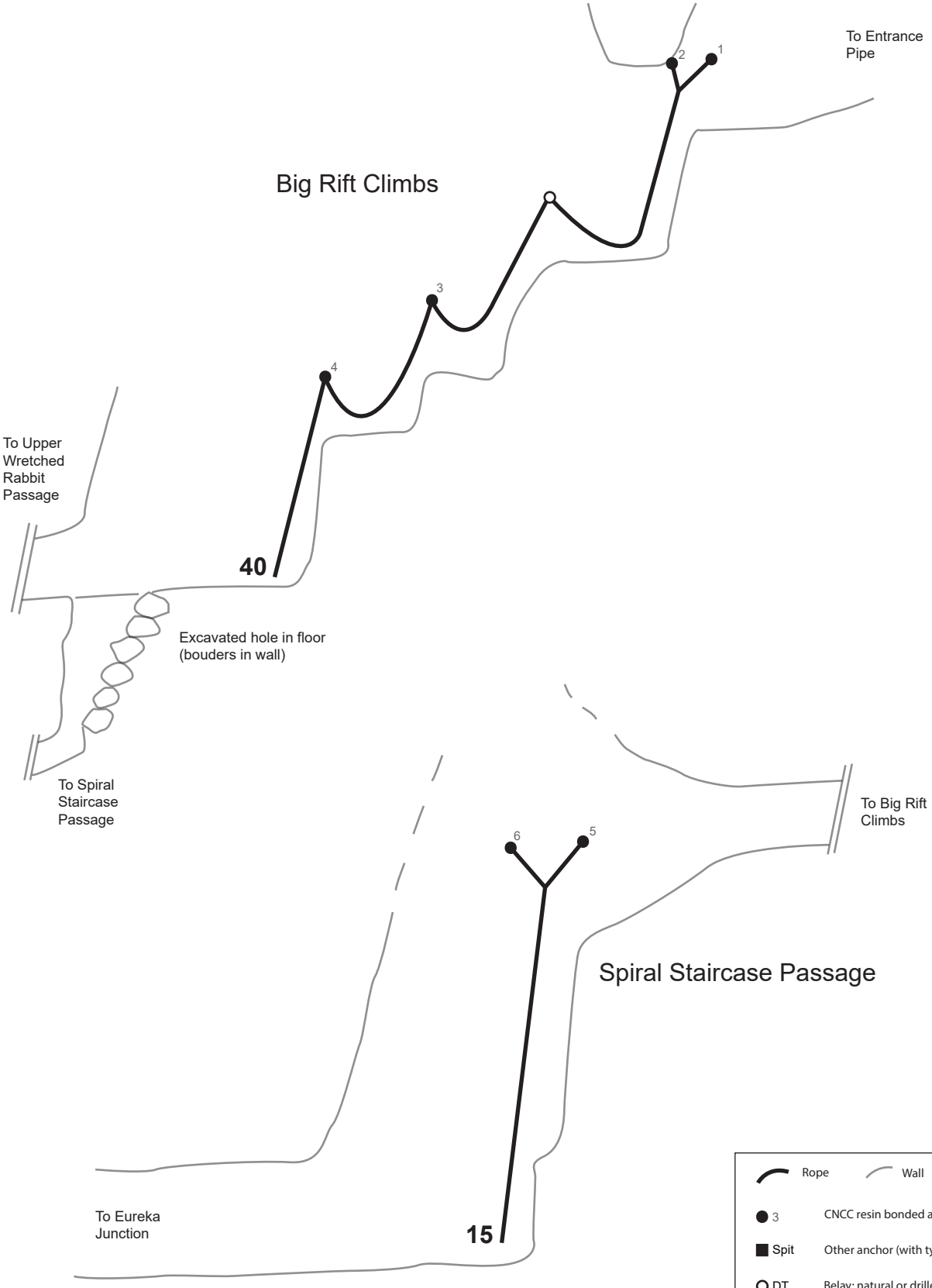
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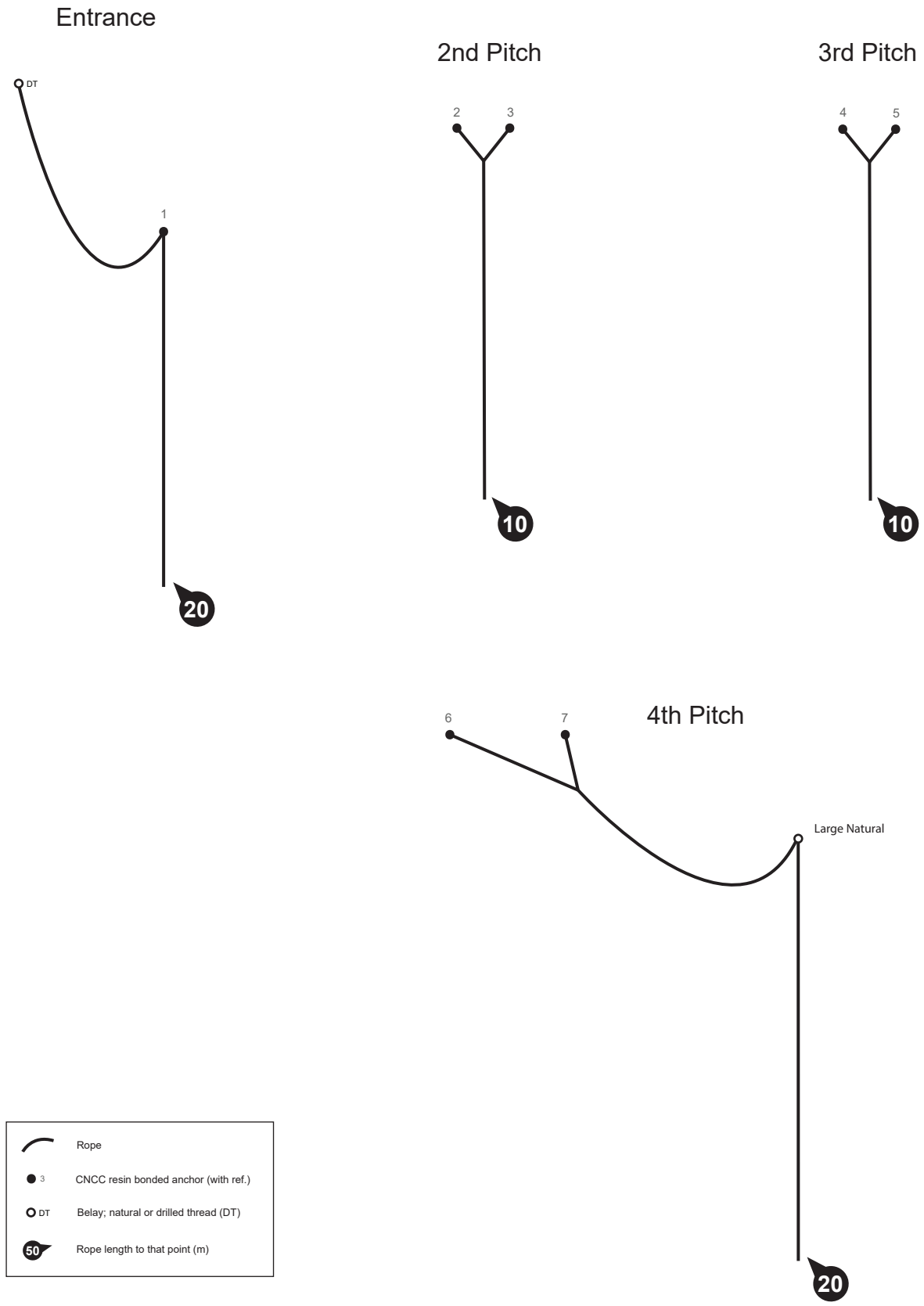
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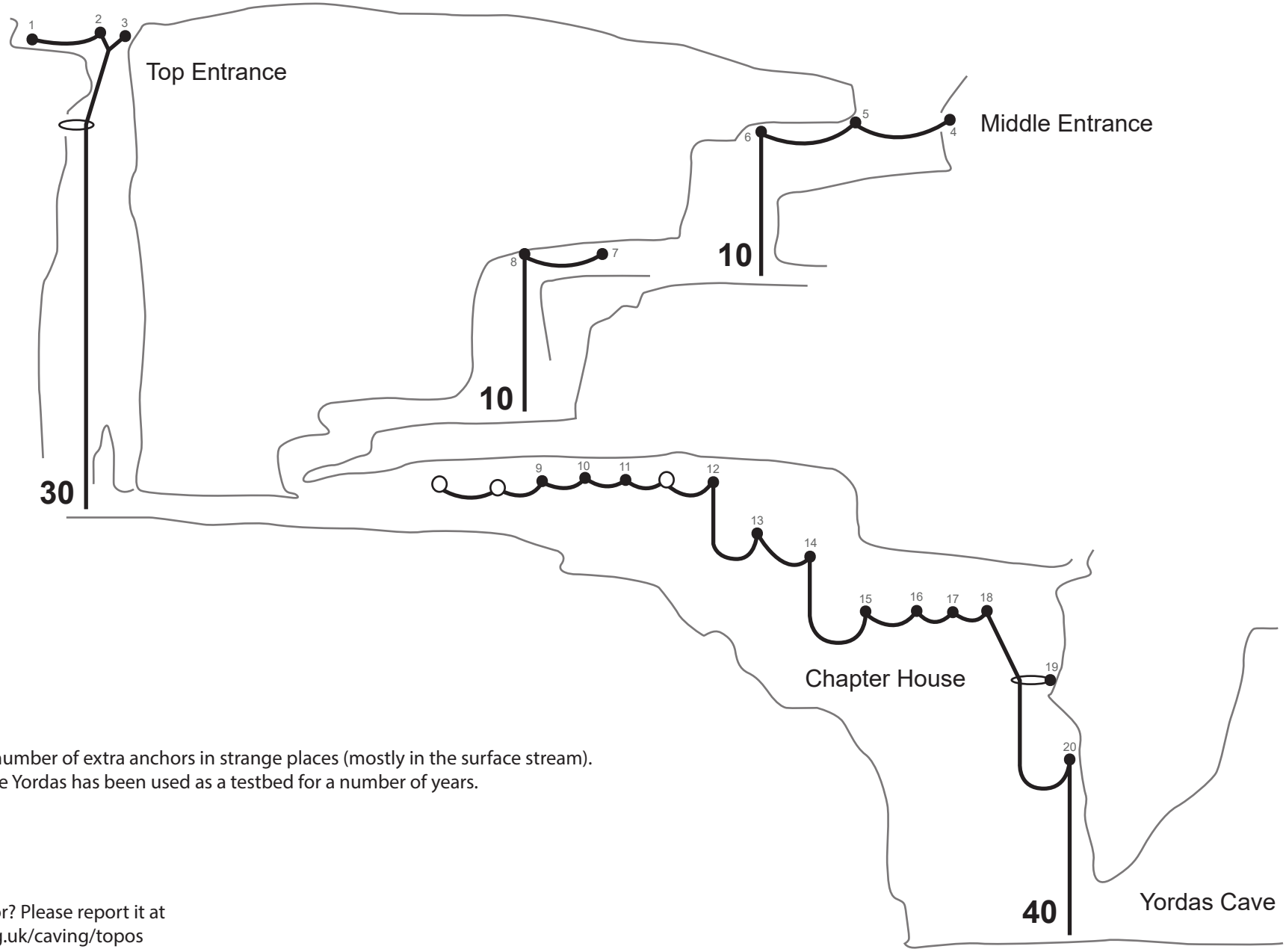
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Yordas Pot and Cave

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Please note:
Yordas has a number of extra anchors in strange places (mostly in the surface stream).
This is because Yordas has been used as a testbed for a number of years.

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