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CAVES IN THE NATIONAL PARK

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee published, in 1977, its Initial National Park Plan to identify its responsibilities and policies. The importance of caves, as features of the landscape, was duly recognised and attention was drawn to the two main related issues as follows.

Access (Paragraphs 5.81 and 5.82)

"Access is allowed to large areas of moor and fell through custom and the goodwill of landowners, farmers, and holders of common rights.

The ever-increasing pressure of recreational use is, however, creating problems in some instances, and participants in certain activities are experiencing access problems

No right of access exists to a large number of caves, crags, and features of educational or archaeological interest and in certain cases access is strenuously denied by landowners or tenants for a variety of reasons, including concern as to liability in the event of an accident, risk of pollution to water supplies and fear of danger to farming interests."

Damage to Cave Systems (Paragraph 5.25)

"The limestone scenery of the National Park is the setting for the foremost caving area in Britain. The Northern Pennine Cave Area, which is centred on the National Park, contains more than 600 cave systems (more than in all the rest of England) totalling over 200 miles in length. At least 52 of these caves can be considered to be of national importance. The area is of outstanding interest to geologists, geomorphologists, biologists, archaeologists, hydrologists as well as recreational 'potholers'. The fact that these cave systems are underground does not protect them from damage. Over half of all caves in the National Park have damaged formations. The quarrying of limestone is a particularly fundamental threat to some systems and may in extreme cases bring about their complete destruction. Cavers themselves are responsible for the high level of erosion in some of the more popular systems, by the collection of specimens and, in some cases, the wilful destruction of formations in order to facilitate access. Pollution, caused by cavers and by the dumping of rubbish and dead livestock down potholes, may be a serious threat, not only to caves, but also to cave fauna."

The Yorkshire Dales National Park may have powers to assist if serious and intractable access problems, quarry developments, or excessive farm dumping threaten important caves in future. The more insidious, but equally serious damage to caves caused by internal wear and tear is something which can only be combatted by cavers themselves. Each of us has an individual responsibility.

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INTRODUCTION

Less than twenty years ago, cave access problems were almost unknown in the Yorkshire Dales. Farmers generally took little notice if the occasional bunch of potholers crossed their land, and were not very concerned about which particular hole they might be making for. It was only during the '60s, when the rapidly growing numbers of visitors brought an increasing incidence of such things as wall damage, shakehole digging, and cave rescues, that farmers - and more particularly, their landowners - began to object.

The Council of Northern Caving Clubs came into being, in 1962, as a direct result of the complete ban on caving imposed by the landowners of Leck and Casterton Fells. Lengthy negotiations took place before Access Agreements were drawn up to regain access to these very important caving areas. The restricted permit requirements were accepted by C.N.C.C. only because there was no real choice, either on these fells or the other areas subsequently threatened with closure unless the Council introduced controls. Elsewhere around the Dales, however, the majority of farmers have been - and still are - quite content if cavers make a courtesy call for permission to cross their land.

The first comprehensive list of farmers' addresses applicable to specific caves and potholes was drawn up by the Cave Rescue Organisation and made available to clubs in 1963. This booklet, 'Permission to Explore Northern Caves and Potholes', was republished with amendments by C.N.C.C. and was followed, in 1969, by the 'Northern Cave Handbook which enjoyed a much wider circulation. In addition to listing new access details, the Handbook included bibliographic and survey references for as many caves as possible. The publication served a useful purpose during the period when 'Pennine Underground' was grossly out of date, as well as out of print, and before the new guidebook series appeared. Although a number of Amendment Sheets were circulated to clubs in subsequent years, the task of listing references to the numerous new discoveries, as well as checking all the names and addresses of farmers or landowners, eventually became too great for a revised Handbook on the same comprehensive lines. The demand for such information was relieved considerably when the new 'Northern Caves' guidebooks were marketed by the Dalesman Publishing Co. because they proved to contain adequate details for the majority of caves and potholes. There has been a continuing need, however, to inform clubs and individual cavers about the 'problem areas' where more complex access procedures have evolved. This is the main purpose of this new Handbook which is intended for all active cavers, not just club secretaries.

It is no coincidence that the areas where access restrictions have arisen include some of the finest potholes, with new discoveries increasing the demand for access. There is always a threat that the activities of 'pirate' cavers, or a serious rescue incident, could induce a landowner to cancel an Agreement or even take the ultimate step of filling in entrances. Such measures would undoubtedly have been taken if the permit requirements had not been accepted by the great majority of caving groups. This should be borne in mind by the selfish and impatient few who choose to ignore the agreed procedures. Cavers in the North of England should consider themselves fortunate in the degree of freedom, and range of choice, available for their activity by comparison with other caving regions. Despite growing pressures from landowners and authorities concerned about safety, damage, and

possible legal liabilities, the Council of Northern Caving Clubs has, so far, successfully opposed such retrograde developments as the gating of cave entrances, the levying of fees for visiting open caves, or the vesting of restricted access controls in the hands of individual clubs.

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

1. The role of CNCC

The Council was formed in 1963 to negotiate access to certain important caves and potholes which had been closed to cavers. The Access Agreements reached with the respective Landowners for Leck and Casterton Fells, Penygent, Fountains Fell and more recently Mongo Gill Hole, Birks Fell Cave and Washfold Pot, all require the Council to issue permits and to notify the owners in advance of the bookings made. The administrative work involved with these agreements has always been one of the main functions of the CNCC.

In addition, the Council has gradually had to assume the role of a general representative body for the recognised caving clubs active in the north of England. As such it is the regional constituent of the National Caving Association, the formation of which was first proposed by CNCC in 1964 - five years before its constitution was first accepted by all the other bodies involved. Membership of CNCC reached 100 clubs in April 1975.

The affairs of the Council are managed by the elected Officers and Committee, made up of representatives from 12 Full Member Clubs. The Committee appoints Meets Secretaries to deal with permits and also invites to its meetings observers from the British Cave Research Association, the British Association of Caving Instructors, the Cave Rescue Organisation, Whernside Manor and a Warden of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. CNCC delegates attend meetings of the various committees of NCA and of the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council Countryside Committee.

2. Aims, principles and policies.

The following aims and objects are stated in the constitution:-

- i) to ensure and maintain access to caves and potholes by negotiation and/or agreement with farmers, landowners or authorities;
- ii) to secure and maintain good relations with, and act as general coordinating body between cavers and farmers, landowners, game-keepers, local residents and other interested parties;
- iii) to encourage and educate cavers to respect and conserve caves and the countryside;
- iv) to represent the general interest of member clubs and Northern cavers;
- v) to act as a general disciplinary body and arbitrator in the event of any act considered detrimental to the Council as a Whole.

The Council also adheres to these principles:

- vi) it cannot interfere with the individuality of any club;
- vii) caving is far more than just a form of physical recreation;
- viii) the Yorkshire Dales region is the most important area of caves and karst landscape in Britain.

The following policies have so far been adopted:-

- a) CNCC does not interfere with existing cave access agreements which are acceptable to member clubs, except where access to some other important cave is being adversely affected;
- b) it has generally maintained a 'low profile' and has not set itself up as a 'pressure group' to influence public opinion;
- c) it avoids publicising caving in ways which might attract more people to the sport;
- d) access agreements involving restrictive controls have only been entered into where informal procedures have been impossible;
- e) the onus for obtaining permission to visit caves or cross land remains with individual parties or clubs;
- f) CNCC supports the cave rescue organisations in promoting a safer approach to potholing generally;
- g) CNCC supports BACI in efforts to improve standards of cave leadership and in controlling the caving activities of schools, youth groups and other novice parties;
- h) CNCC supports BCRA and NCA in protecting caves threatened by damage, and in educating cavers not to abuse caves.

1. USE OF THE HANDBOOK

This Handbook is intended to be used in conjunction with the current series of guidebooks published by the Dalesman Publishing Co. Ltd., 'Northern Caves', Vols. 1 to 5, and 'Underground in Furness', 2nd. Ed. For many of the most popular caves and potholes, the access instructions need explaining in more detail than has been found possible in the guidebooks. The following pages present these details, in much the same order as the guidebook areas, and also include a few Survey References, for some of the longer caves systems which cannot be fully portrayed in the guidebooks. Whilst some cave surveys are obtainable as separate sheets through stockists of caving gear, others will only be found in Journals held in caving club libraries.

2. OBTAINING PERMISSION

Obtaining permission to cross land and visit caves is not just a matter of courtesy, it is, in many cases, essential procedure if access to particular caves is to be maintained. Failure to observe the access requirements of a farmer or landowner will only aggravate the situation and lead to more restrictions for everybody, or even the filling in of cave entrances, as has happened in the past. In many cases it is sufficient to call at the stated farm on the way to the cave or pothole but some popular systems get booked up well in advance and advance written application is advisable. Always give plenty of notice and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

For the caves and potholes where access is controlled by the Council of Northern Caving Clubs on behalf of the landowner, a minimum of one month's notice is normally required - often much more to secure a weekend booking - because details have to be supplied to the landowners and agents on a monthly basis. All requests for permits should be made on Club notepaper, signed by an officer of the Club, and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. These access agreements stipulate that CNCC may only issue permits to Member Clubs; details of their terms are summarised on Pages of the Handbook, followed by a brief 'history' which indicates why some of the restrictions were imposed in the first place.

3. C.N.C.C. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

As required by Clause 4.2 of the Constitution, applications for membership must be supported by letters from proposing and seconding clubs, except when the applicant club which is already a bona fide member of one of the other three Regional Councils. These letters should be sent to the CNCC Secretary, separately or with the application, signed by the Secretary or Chairman of the supporting clubs which must be CNCC Members themselves.

No forms are required to be filled in by applicant clubs. Application should be by letter, including details of the club's size, age, experience, and the names and addresses of its officers or leaders. Applications will be considered by the CNCC Committee at its first meeting following receipt, by the Secretary, of both the written application and the two supporting letters.

The Council's Meets Secretaries will deal with applications for permits to controlled areas and potholes from accepted Member Clubs, following confirmation by the Treasurer that dues have been paid for the year in which the permits are required. (See also Clause 4.7.)

All correspondence, enquiries and applications should be accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope if prompt attention is expected.

The access information on this page supplements the guidebook, 'Northern Caves', Volume 1.

1.A NIDDERDALE

GOYDEN POT,
NEW GOYDEN POT,
and
MANCHESTER HOLE

Call at Limley Farm No. 1 (on left), after approaching via the Water Authority toll road from Lofthouse. Cars may be parked in lay-by beyond Limley Farm entrance. Approach New Goyden by river bed only. Caves are subject to total flooding and a check with the Superintendent at Scar House Reservoir (tel. Ramsgill Dale 202) is recommended about the likelihood of any abnormal discharge of water.

EGLIN'S HOLE and
HOW STEAN
LOW EGLIN'S HOLE

Call at How Stean Cottage and approach direct from Car Park. Hazel Close Farm, Middlesmoor. No need to call if cave is approached from How Stean Car Park.

BLAYSHAW GILL POTS

Mr. Walker, High Blayshaw Farm, Lofthouse, Harrogate. Permission unlikely, at present.

NEW GOYDEN POT

Approach by footpath on east side of river bed; never cross field direct from Waterworks road, Call at Limley Farm No. 1, as for Goyden, and follow river bed. Check flood risk.

1.B STUMP CROSS AREA

MONGO GILL HOLE

Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4), which must be produced to staff at Stump Cross Caverns. Park further up road - not at Show Cave. Vehicles are not permitted down the track, through the gate. Replace shaft covers. Survey ref.: Craven Pothole Club Journal 3 (4), 1964.

STUMP CROSS
CAVERNS

Caving clubs may be allowed into lower levels during the period November - March. Write to:- Mrs. B. Gill, Stump Cross Caverns, Greenhow Hill, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate. Survey Ref.: Craven Pothole Club Journal 3 (4), 1964.

HELL HOLE

Mr. W. Sutcliffe, High Hall, Appletreewick.

TROLLERS GILL

Mr. C.E. Hammond, White House Farm, Appletreewick.

1.C GRASSINGTON AREA

ELBOLTON,
THREAPLANDS &
SKYTHORNS CAVES

These groups of caves are in enclosed land and it is important to call at the addresses stated in 'Northern Caves', Volume 1.

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GREAT WHERNSIDE

DOW CAVE and PROVIDENCE POT Mr. P.W. Foster, North Cote Farm, Kilnsey, Skipton. Knowledge of both ends of Dowbergill Passage should be obtained before attempting a through trip.

LANGCLIFFE POT Mr. J. Lambert, Mile House, Kettlewell, Skipton. Permission unlikely.

UPPER WHARFEDALE

BIRKS FELL CAVE Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which must be produced at Redmire Farm (Mr. F.W. Horner), Buckden. No permits can be issued between 1st November and 15th April. Use Buckden car park and approach by public path only. Survey ref.: Craven Pothole Club Journal 4 (3), 1969.

BIRKS WOOD, REDMIRE POT, etc. Mr. F.W. Horner, Redmire Farm, Buckden, Skipton.

FOSS GILL CAVE & POT. Call at Bushey Lodge Farm, Starbotton.

LANGSTROTHDALE

BOUTHER GILL & BRACKEN CAVE Call at Church Farm, Hubberholme, Buckden.

LANGSTROTH CAVE & POT Mr. D. Charlton, Raisgill, Hubberholme, Buckden, Skipton.

PASTURE GILL POT Mr. D.L. Mudd, Top Farm, Yockenthwaite, Buckden, Skipton.

STRANS GILL POT & YOCKENTHWAITE POT. Mr. A. Hird, Yockenthwaite, Buckden, Skipton. Note Permission unlikely for either pot. Restrictions imposed by landowner following rescue incidents in 1973.

LOWER LITTONDALE

COTE GILL POT Mr. M.J. Foster, Arncliffe Cote Farm, Arncliffe, Skipton. (Permission unlikely)

DARNBROOK & COWSIDE

CHERRY TREE HOLE DARNBROOK POT etc. Mr. G. McColl (Farm Manager), Darnbrook Farm, Arncliffe. A call at the farm is sufficient, and is important so that good relations are maintained. Unless instructed otherwise, roud to pots is through gates from Thorogill barn, where cars may be parked. Survey Refs: Craven Pothole Club Journal 4(4) and 4(5).

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1.I UPPER LITTONDALE

BOREHAM CAVE Mr. J.E. Metcalfe, Old Cotes, Arncliffe, Skipton. Ref.: Kendal Caving Club Journal (8), 1974.

CRYSTAL BECK POT Call at Armistead Farm, Litton. Survey Ref.: White Rose P.C. Journal 1 (5), 1968.

1.J PENYGHENT GILL

OUT SLEETS BECK POT Mr. J.E. Cowan, Manor Farm, Halton Gill. Survey Ref.: Journal of British Speleological Assoc. 6(42), 1968

DAWSON CLOSE & LOCKEY GILL AREAS Call at Penyghent House Farm.

SNORKE L CAVE & COW CLOSE AREA Mr. G. Ingleby, Nether Heselden, Litton.

The access information on this page supplements the guidebook, 'Northern Caves', Volume 2.

2.A MALHAM

PIKEDAW CALAMINE CAVERNS Mr. J. Hezeltine, Hilltop Farm, Malham, Nr. Skipton. No need to call, or write, however, in view of proximity to public path (no vehicles allowed). Entrance cover must be replaced.

2.B STOCKDALE

SOUTH BANK POTS Mr. E. Cowperthwaite, Stockdale, Settle.

2.C ATTERMIRE

Prior permission for caves not necessary if approached by recognised footpaths.

2.E FOUNTAINS FELL

GINGLING HOLE and all other holes on Rainscar land (see Guide Book) including HAMMER POT Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which must be produced at Rainscar House (Mr. E. Coates) Applications to CNCC Meets Sec. before 1st February each year, when meets list is approved by Mr. Coates.

MAGNETOMETER POT Fornah Gill, Antler Hole & Echo Pot. Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which must be produced at Neals Ing, where cars may be parked in farmyard. A nominal charge is payable. Echo Pot Survey Ref.: Univ. Leeds S.A. Review (13).

DALE HEAD POT Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4). which must be produced at the gamekeeper's cottage, Brackenbottom, Horton in Ribblesdale (Mr. G. Perfect). Survey Ref.: Northern Pennine Club Journal 1979.

2.F PENYGHENT

PENYGHENT POT HULL POT HUNT POT HIGH HULL POT LITTLE HULL POT Etc. Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which must be shown at the gamekeeper's cottage, Brackenbottom, Horton-in-Ribblesdale (Mr. G. Perfect). Present Agreement with landowner prevents issue of permits for period, 15th April - 15th June, but negotiations in hand to remove restrictions.

COWSKULL & CROSS POTS P. Wood, Top Farm, Horton (2nd. on R. beyond Newhouses)

2.G BIRKWITH

RED MOSS POT P. Wood, Top Farm, Horton. Permission unlikely at present; access difficulties have arisen in this area as a result of indiscriminate digging in the past.

BROWGILL/BIRKWITH AREA Call at High Birkwith Farm.

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3.A ALUM POT AREA

WASHFOLD POT Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which must be produced at The Shaws, Selside (Mr. J.H. Morphet). Agreed access route follows track from gate by Coltpark Cottage. Survey Ref.: Craven Pothole Club Journal 4 (5), 1971.

ALUM POT, LONG CHURN CAVES, Etc. Park in lane leading to Pot and call at North Cote Farm (a charge of 5p. per person is levied). Lower Long Churn is liable to be busy on most weekends. Survey Ref.: 'The Caves of the Alum Pot Area' publis' ed by University of Leeds Speleological Association, 1972.

3.C THE ALLOTMENT

NICK POT, Sulber Pot Call at South House Farm (J.H. Waterstone), nr.Selside.

JUNIPER GULF LONG KILN EAST RIFT POT MARBLE SINK Etc. Write for permit to Messrs. Ingham & Yorke, Land Agents, Littlemoor, Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 1HG, giving plenty of notice and enclosing s.a.e. Compass and map should be carried - it may be dark and misty when you emerge.

3.D GAPING GILL

ALL POTS including BAR POT, CAR POT, GRANGE RIGG POT, DISAPPOINTMENT POT, STREAM PASSAGE POT, FLOOD ENTRANCE POT, HURNEL MOSS POT, Etc. Write for permit to Dr. J.A. Farrar, Ingleborough Estate Office, Clapham, via Lancaster. (Tel. Clapham 302) giving plenty of notice and enclosing s.a.e. When approaching from Clapham, do not upset villagers by changing in village. Use official car park or change on the Fell. There is no right of way for vehicles up Clapdale Lane or Long Lane.

INGLEBOROUGH CAVE Enquiries about visits to the further reaches beyond the Show Cave should be addressed to: Ingleborough Cave, Clapham, via Lancaster (Tel. Clapham 242).

3.E NEWBY MOSS

ALL POTS Write for permit to Dr. J.A. Farrar, Ingleborough Estate Office, Clapham via Lancaster (Tel. Clapham 302), enclosing s.a.e. Grey Wife Hole Survey Ref.: Kendal C.C. Journal (4), 1969 or 'Descent' (3), April 1969. Newby Moss Pot Survey Ref.: Gritstone Club Jnl. (3) 1969.

The access information on this page supplements the guidebook, 'Northern Caves', Volume 3.

WHITE SCARS

DOWLASS MOSS AREA & QUAKING POT Approach by public footpath via Crina Bottom. Quaking Pot Svy. Ref.: B.C.R.A. Bulletin (6), Nov. '74.

SKIRWITH CAVE Mr. Smith, Whinny Mire Farm, Ingleton (2 miles along Settle road).

TATHAM WIFE HOLE and area. On common land but shortest access route crosses land farmed by Mr. W. Guy, Dale House, Chapel-le-dale. This is permitted provided that route indicated on map in 'Northern Caves' is adhered to. From old 'Granite' Quarry, make for top left corner of pasture, where path ascends gap in scars to stile over wall.

WHITE SCAR CAVE The Manager is Mr. J. Barker, White Scar Cave, Ingleton. Access beyond the Show Cave is allowed only for recognised speleological research at present. Survey Ref.: Transactions B.C.R.A. 4 (3), 1977.

CHAPEL-LE-DALE

BLACK SHIVER POT, MEREGILL HOLE, SUNSET HOLE, etc. Approach via Southerscales, or from the Hill Inn, following the Ingleborough path. There is no right of way from the road near God's Bridge.

SOUTHERSCALES POT. Approach via Great Douk Cave, as above. Use original entrance on S.W. side of wall. New entrance now lies in restricted Nature Reserve (see below). Survey Ref.: Univ. Leeds Spel. Assoc. Explorations Jnl, 1969.

PARK FELL

BARGH'S CAVE & POT, KELD BANK SINK & SCAR CLOSE CAVE area. These caves now lie in Scar Close National Nature Reserve. Permission should be sought from the Nature Conservancy Council, Merlewood Research Station, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. LA11 6JU. Survey Ref.: Univ. Leeds Spel. Assoc. Explorations Jnl, 1969.

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4.A RIBBLEHEAD

RUNSCAR - GEARSTONES AREA Sheep grazing land for several farmers. Prior permission not necessary for caves on open moor. Never leave digs open.

BLACK REEF CAVE Call at Gauber Farm, Ribbleshead. Survey Ref.: Cave Science 4 (32), 1962 (publ. Brit. Spel. Assoc.)

4.B BRUNTS CAR

ELLERBECK AREA Call at Ellerbeck Farm (Mr. A. Brennand).

GATEKIRK/HAWS GILL AREA Call at Broadrake Farm. Approach by footpath and river-bed. Survey Ref.: Gritstone Club Journal (New Series) (5), 1975.

4.C SCALES MOOR

DALE BARN CAVE Call at Twistleton Dale House. Cave must not be visited when adjacent bungalow is occupied. Survey Ref.: Northern Cave Club Journal 2 (3), 1975.

4.D EAST KINGS DALE

ALL POTS Call at Braida Garth Farm (Mr. J. Coates). Growling, Spectacle & Heron Pots Survey Ref.: Lanc. U.S.S. J. 1 (3) Vesper Pot Svy. Ref.: Northern Pennine Club Journal 1979.

4.E WEST KINGS DALE

ROWTEN POT & SIMPSON'S POT Mr. E. Cockett, Foredales, Ingleton, via Carnforth. Survey Ref.: 'West Kingsdale System' (Univ. Leeds Spel. Assoc.)

SWINSTO HOLE & VALLEY ENTRANCE Mr. R. Shuttleworth, Thornton Hall Farm, Westhouse, Ingleton. Prior permission not normally required. Do not climb walls, close roadside gate, leave no litter and avoid obstructing road. Survey Ref.: 'West Kingsdale System' (Univ. Leeds Spel. Assoc.)

4.E LECK FELL & MASONGILL

IREBY FELL CAVERN Prior permission not required. Approach only via Low Dowk Cave and stile over wall, from Masongill Lane, as for Marble Steps. Survey Refs.: Cave Science 2 (9), 1949. Northern Cave Club Journal 2(2), 1969. (Ireby II)

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4.E LECK FELL & MASONGILL (continued)

MARBLE STEPS POT Call at Masongill Hall (Mr. J. Hartley), Westhouse, Ingleton.
Survey Ref.: Journal London University Caving Clubs (7), 1968.

LECK FELL POTS - Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) which
 LOST JOHNS must be produced at Bank House Farm (on left at first gate).
 DEATH'S HEAD No caving allowed during April, May and June (grouse
 GAVEL breeding and lambing).
 RUMBLING Survey Refs.: 'The Leck Fell Cave Systems' (A.C. Waltham),
 NOTTS 1970.

Notts Pot - Birmingham Univ. Speleological Soc. Survey, 1970.

4.F EASEGILL

PIPIKIN POT Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4) as for
 NIPPIKIN POT Leck Fell Pots. Call at Leck Fell House (Mr. A. Middleton)
 PETERSON POT where parking is usually permitted, except during April,
 etc. May or June when the approach from Bullpot Farm, via
 Easegill Beck, must be used.

CASTERTON FELL: Club access only with CNCC Permit (see Page 4).
 EASEGILL CAVERNS Approach from Bullpot Farm via marked paths and use the
 LANCASTER HOLE 'destination board' to state objectives.
 BULL POT Survey Refs.:
 COW POT, LINK POT, Lancaster/Eastgill: Transactions Cave Research Gp. 9 (2), 1967.
 PEGLEG POT, and Bull Pot of Witches: Red Rose Cave & P.C. Journal (5), 1970.
 all holes close Gale Garth Pot and
 to Easegill Beck. Pegleg Pot: Red Rose Cave & P.C. Journal (6), 1972.
 Link Pot: Northern Pennine Club Journal, 1979.

4.G BARBONDALE -

Call at Fell House, Barbondale, or apply Estate Office, Cowan Bridge, via Carnforth.

BARBON POT, Survey Ref.: Gritstone Club Journal (New Series 3), 1969.
 CRYSTAL CAVE,
 DOG HOLE etc.
 SHORT GILL CAVE Survey Ref.: Gritstone Club Journal (New Series 4), 1972.

The access information on this page supplements the guidebook, 'Northern Caves', Volume 5.

5.C DENTDALE

River Dee caves: No permission required if approached from parking area at
 IBBETH PERIL etc. North side of Ibbeth Peril forge, or footbridge near Tub Hole.

TUB HOLE Use public path to foot-bridge, then follow river bed.
Survey Ref.: Kendal Caving Club Journal (5), 1969.

NETTLE POT Approach via stream bed from bridge in Gawthrop, but
 do not change in village.

5.B WENSLEYDALE

COTTERDALE caves: Landowner is Mr. J.L. Mackinlay, Simonstone Hall, Hawes.

FOSSDALE BECK Approach from Buttertubs road.
 caves Survey Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (6), 1973.

KELDHEADS CAVE Apply Bolton Estate Office, Wensley, Leyburn, N. Yorks.
Survey Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (4), 1971.

THACKTHWAITE Apply Bolton Estate Office, Wensley, Leyburn, N. Yorks.
 BECK CAVE No access at present: negotiations proceeding.

5.A BISHOPDALE GAVEL & STAKE MOSS POTS

Best approached from Kidstones Pass.

SCRAFTON POT Apply Secretary, West Scrafton Village Committee, Coverdale.
Survey Ref.: Craven Pothole Club Journal 4 (2), 1968.

All other caves Call at nearest farm on route.

5.D SWALEDALE - GRETADALE

GUNNERSIDE GILL Caves lie on sheep-grazing land shared by groups of farmers
 HARD LEVEL GILL represented by local Moor Committees. Surface digs, wall
 PUNCHARD GILL damage, etc. could cause access problems.

WINDEGG MINE Call at Shaw House Farm (NGR NZ 005.052)
 CAVERNS Survey Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (5), 1971.

GOD'S BRIDGE Call at Pasture End Farm, near Bowes (NGR NY 955.129).
 CAVES Survey Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (2), 1968.

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5.E MALLERSTANG

- ANGERHOLME POTS Call at Aisgill, or Hazelgill farms.
- CLIFF FORCE CAVE Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (9), 1978.
- EAST GILL & SWINNERGILL Call at Greenses Farm, Keld.
Survey Ref.: (East Gill Caves): Moldywarps S.G. Jnl. (8), 1976.
- KISDON POTS Call at nearest farm on route.
- RAWTHEY CAVES Call at New House, or Tarn Farm, Fell End.

5.F BROUGH

- LUNEHEAD MINE CAVERNS Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Journal (8), 1976.

5.G TEESDALE

- MOKING HURTH & POT Call at Underhurth, Forest in Teesdale.
Survey Ref.: Moldywarps Speleological Group Jnl. (1), 1967.

5.H WEARDALE

- FAIRY HOLES APCM Ltd., Weardale Works, Eastgate, Bishop Auckland.
No access at present: entrance sealed and in active quarry face.

5.I ALSTON & CROSS FELL

- AYLEBURN MINE & CAVES Call at Clargill Hall, Ayle, Alston.

5.K BOWLAND

- WHITEWELL POT Duchy of Lancaster Estate Office, Forton, Lancaster.
For current access situation, contact Valley Caving Club (see list of CNCC Clubs).

The access information on this page supplements the guidebook, 'Underground in Furness' by E. G. Holland; 2nd Edition 1967.

MORECAMBE BAY

- WARTON CRAG AREA Mr. Gardner, Crag Foot, Warton, Carnforth.
incl. DOG HOLES Survey Ref.: Red Rose Cave & P.C. Journal (2), 1963.

- CRAG FOOT MINE These mines are both blocked at present and in a
LEIGHTON MOSS MINE dangerous condition.

- GRIZEDALE WOOD Research work is carried out at these sites. Please
LEVEL, MOSS HOUSE contact Lancaster Cave & Mine Research Society, Crag
MINE & ECHO PIT Foot, Warton, near Carnforth, before visiting.

- HAZEL GROVE CAVES Entrances in caravan site; permission essential from Hall
More Farm, or through Lancaster Cave & Mine Research
Society.
Survey Ref.: North-West Speleology 1 (1), 1969 (publ. LCMRS).

FURNESS

- ROUDSEA WOOD CAVES Write for permit to:
North West Regional Officer, Nature Conservancy Council,
Merlewood Research Station, Grange over Sands,
Cumbria LA11 6JU.
Survey Ref.: 'Limestones & Caves of N.W. England',
published 1974, by David & Charles.

- CAT CRAG CAVE Enquire Furness Underground Group (see CNCC Club list).

- DAYLIGHT HOLE Call at Whinfield Farm, Whinfield, Lindal.

- HENNING VALLEY Call at High Farm, Lindal, Dalton-in-Furness.
CAVE (& Pylon Pot, Survey Ref.: 'Limestones & Caves of N.W. England',
etc.) publ. 1974.

- TUTUP AREA MINES Call at Tutup Farm, Dalton-in-Furness.

ACCESS AGREEMENTS

A summary of the terms of Access Agreements negotiated by the Council for areas, or specific potholes, where access had formerly been denied. In some cases there have been variations to the terms of the original agreements, and in such cases the present terms are shown below.

LECK FELL

Agreement with Lord Shuttleworth, Leck Hall, Leck, via Carnforth, Lancs, to cover the whole of Leck Fell, including land then owned by Mr. R.T.W. Parke, Hipping Hall, and Mrs. Nuttall, Thurland Castle (May 1964).

1. Only one club per day allowed on the Fell, plus one club in Lost John's System.
2. Written application to CNCC 1 month in advance.
3. Right reserved to withdraw permits for shooting.
4. Routes to caves are shown on permits and must be strictly adhered to.
5. Permit to be shown at Gamekeeper's Cottage, location of which is also shown on permit.
6. No potholing between 1st April and 30th June.

NIPPIKIN/PIPKIN HOLES

The terms of the Leck Fell agreement now generally apply to these potholes.

CASTERTON FELL

No separate formal Agreement was drawn up for Casterton Fell. The owner, Col. Bowring, Whelprigg, Barbon, accepted that the general terms of the Leck Fell Agreement should also apply on his land. The close season was later discontinued for this area.

PENYGHENT & FORNAH GILL (FOUNTAINS FELL) AREAS

Agreement with Messrs. Davis & Bowring of Gisburn for access to land owned by the Dawson family in the Langcliffe and Horton-in-Ribblesdale Estates. (October 1964)

1. Written applications to CNCC to be made at least 1 month in advance.
2. Only one club per pothole to be permitted on any one day.
3. No potholing on the moorland area of Penyghent between 15th April and 15th June.
4. Right reserved to withdraw permits for shooting days in August, September and October.

Penyghent Area (West of the Stainforth-Halton Gill road)

The Gamekeeper, Mr. G. Perfect, Brackenbottom, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, to be informed of permits granted and called on by clubs on way to pots.

Neals Ing area (Antler, Echo, Fornah Gill and Magnetometer Pots)

Mrs. Caton, Neals Ing, Stainforth to be informed. Club must call at Neals Ing.

6. The Country Code must be adhered to. The shooting hut at the top of Horton Scar Lane, is not to be entered.
7. Permits to be issued only to approved, properly constituted clubs.
8. All persons visit the potholes at their own risk.

FOUNTAINS FELL (Gingling Hole etc)

No formal Agreement governs access to potholes on the moorland area of the Fell because the farmer, Mr. Coates, Rainscar, Stainforth, prefers to renew the situation annually and the Council presses for more available dates each year. A list of proposed club meets is submitted annually.

MONGO GILL HOLE. (and SHOCKLE SHAFT) Sunside Allotment, Greenhow.

Agreement with Major J.E.E. Yorke, Halton Place, Hellifield, Lord of the Manor of Appletreewick. (April 1965).

1. CNCC shall be responsible to the Owner for the control, co-ordination and discipline of the potholing activities of its members.
2. The Agreement shall be from year to year (commencing 1st August) at a nominal rent of 5p per year. No potholing during May, June and July. Either party may terminate the Agreement not later than the previous 30th April.
3. a) Descents of Hole to be limited to member clubs, except by special arrangement. The Council to supply list of member clubs and monthly list to owner.
b) Copy of meets lists to Mrs. B. Gill, Stump Cross Caverns. Visiting club leaders must sign record book at Caverns office to indemnify the Owner, if required.

4. No surface digging or underground blasting without prior consent. No interference with mineral workings in area.
5. The Council shall maintain entrances in stockproof condition and instruct club members to keep to marked path from Stump Cross. No dogs allowed.
6. Any legal or other costs regarding the Agreement to be paid by CNCC.

N.B. The owners of Stump Cross Caverns do not wish cavers vehicles to be parked on their carpark. Vehicles should be parked on the road-side verge beyond Stump Cross. Vehicles should NOT be taken down the track to old mine buildings.

BIRKS FELL CAVE. Redmire Farm, Buckden, near Skipton.

Agreement with Messrs. Dacre Son & Hartley for and on behalf of W.A.G. Watson (June 1970)

1. Access to Cave by track from Redmire Farm only.
2. Agreed access is through Birks Fell Cave entrance only, unless written consent is obtained from the Agents and tenant of Redmire Farm.

3. No cars to be taken to Redmire Farm. Buckden Car Park should be used.
4. All gates on the access track must be closed.
5. No camping permitted.
6. Access to be granted to Member Clubs, one per day.
7. No access between each 1st November and 15th April the following year.
8. CNCC to be responsible for making good any damage resulting from the access to the cave and any claim arising from the damage.
9. CNCC will indemnify Mr. Watson, his Agents, and tenants against any claims for accidents or damage. All persons visit the cave at their own risk.
10. Agents and tenant (Mr. Horner) to be notified monthly in advance of all bookings.
11. Member Clubs must call at Redmire Farm when going to and when returning from cave but the tenant does not accept responsibility for notifying Authorities in any emergency.
12. The tenant may deny access on any one day by giving reasonable notice.
13. The Owner retains the right to terminate the Agreement at any time by giving written notice.

C.N.C.C. - The first fifteen years

A brief summary of the main events which led to the formation of the Council of Northern Caving Clubs and the major problems, negotiations, and achievements which have been recorded in subsequent years.

1962 The grouse moors of Leck and Casterton Fells were closed completely to cavers following the rescue of cavers from Pegleg Pot, which they had visited without permission. The landowners refused to negotiate with individual clubs but indicated that an access agreement would be considered if responsible clubs got together and controlled access.

1963 C.N.C.C. was formed by 11 established clubs as a joint negotiating body. Access to Leck and Casterton Fells was restored following the signing of an Agreement although, initially, only one club per Fell was permitted on one day. Attention was then turned to Fountains Fell, which had been closed to potholers, and the respective landowners for the Allotment area, and Alum Pot, were also approached following reports from clubs of access difficulties.

1964 An agreement covering the Fornah Gill area of Fountains Fell was signed with the inclusion of the Penyghent potholes in the permit arrangements at the landowner's insistence. Access to Rainscar land (Gingling Hole, etc.) was still being refused and West Riding County Council turned down a request to consider serving an Access Order. Clubs were advised to refuse payment of an access charge being levied at Alum Pot because a 'right of way' was indicated on the Draft Footpaths Map. A six months 'close-season' on the Allotment area was called for by the landowner. Fairy Holes, Weardale, was 'lost' to a quarry company following a Public Inquiry. Marker posts and stiles were erected on Casterton Fell by C.N.C.C. An AGM resolution called for moves to set up a 'national body' for caving. Membership reached 25 clubs.

1965 Fountains Fell: very limited access to Gingling Hole negotiated. At Mongo Gill Hole, the landowner called for an access agreement and permit system following a spate of digging and other unauthorised activity. Attempts by farmer to charge clubs for access to Swinsto Hole were successfully resisted. Correspondence continued with Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee and other authorities over growing access difficulties. Membership reached 48 clubs. An inter-regional Meeting rejected the National Body proposed by C.N.C.C.

1966 Dale Barn Cave entrance blocked with concrete on Owner's instructions following contamination of private water supply by fluorescein. Increased number of Gingling Hole meets negotiated. Access difficulties investigated at Marble Steps, New Goyden and Swinsto. Membership of C.N.C.C. reached 57 clubs.

1967 Dale Barn Cave: unsuccessful attempts to contact landowner; case prepared for scheduling as SSSI. Ireby Fell boundary wall stile provided.

1968 Foot and Mouth outbreak: full cooperation of Member Clubs in staying away from the Dales for 2 months. Bar Pot: landowner persuaded not to proceed with proposed gating. Satisfactory outcome of meetings with Settle RDC over caves affecting public water supplies. Dale Barn Cave: no progress. Birks Fell Cave:

reports of refusal of permission. Tatham Wife Hole: route of access agreed with farmer. Whernside Manor opened by Scout Association with CNCC advice and representation on Management Committee. Member Clubs - 68.

1969 Leck & Casterton Fells: warnings from landowners about pirating. Dale Barn Cave: letters to landowner get no reply; solicitors finally say 'no' to any discussions. Local Weather Forecast service commenced. Northern Cave Handbook published. National Caving Association constituted.

1970 Casterton Fell: Landowner agreed to ending close season. Leck Fell: tighter controls introduced following threats of closure due to pirating. Dale Barn Cave problem referred to WRCC Nat. Park Planning Committee with backing of Yorks. Sports Federation. Mossdale Caverns sealed following flood tragedy. Membership reached 84 Clubs.

1971 Birks Fell Cave: Access Agreement with landowner brought renewed access. Washfold Pot: permission refused. Red Moss Pot: entrance blocked on landowner's instructions following newspaper reports of discovery.

1972 No progress at Washfold Pot or Red Moss Pot despite correspondence and discussion with farmers concerned. Cherry Tree Hole and Darnbrook Pot entrances filled in by farmer following minor rescue incident. Reports of refused permission at Pikedaw, and also at Langcliffe Pot following much-publicised rescue. Leck Fell: fences erected round open shafts by CNCC volunteers. Revised CNCC Constitution agreed. Subscriptions raised to £2 per Member Club.

1973 Leck Fell: permits increased to three clubs per day. Washfold Pot: Farmer agreed to permit system and access restored. Rescues at Birks Fell Cave, and Langstroth and Strans Gill Pots caused bad publicity and access restrictions. More trouble with farmer for Swinsto because of unauthorised digging. Enquiries commenced about regaining access to Fairy Holes, Weardale. CNCC volunteers played major part in an organised 'clean-up' of farm refuse, dumped vehicles, etc. from stream-beds, cave entrances, and shakeholes in Chapel-le-dale and elsewhere. Pikedaw Caverns - landowners threaten to seal entrance shaft.

1974 Birks Fell Cave: Agreement terminated by landowner following the aforementioned rescue incident; negotiations later regained limited renewal but with extended 'close season'. Moves for increased access on Leck Fell prevented by continued pirating. Pikedaw Caverns - owners agree to provision of unlocked lid in proposed cover slab following C.N.C.C. pressure and offer to cover costs; work carried out by a Member Club to the owner's satisfaction. Council membership reached 90 Clubs.

1975 White Scar Cave: Campaign in support of proposed purchase by Yorkshire Dales National Park to protect from quarry threat; YDNP out-bid at auction (by businessman) but agreement reached with new Owner about limited access to cavers for survey and scientific work. Campaign to save Whernside Manor from threatened closure commenced. Legal Agreement to cover limited access to Fairy Holes, Weardale, signed with quarry company but temporarily withdrawn because of difference of opinion over safety of the excavated entrance. Cherry Tree Hole and Darnbrook Pot reopened following ownership change. C.N.C.C. Membership reached 100 Clubs.

1976 Casterton Fell permits increased to three clubs per day. Yorkshire Dales National Park (NYCC) purchased Whernside Manor following supporting campaign by C.N.C.C. and N.C.A. Temporary access to Fairy Holes agreed for survey purposes but hopes receded for locating any new entrance away from the advancing quarry. C.N.C.C. Constitution amended to allow election of Officers each year, instead of every second year.

1977 Gingling Hole owner agreed to increased number of permits. Thackthwaite Beck Cave entrance filled in by land-owner who considered it 'hazardous'. Sundry refusals of permission to visit caves elsewhere in the Dales blamed on landowners' fears about possible legal liability. 'National Park Plan' published, giving recognition to the importance of the caves and potholes. C.N.C.C. Membership reached 120 Clubs.

1978 Leck & Casterton Fells: Over 500 permits issued during year: additional Meets Secretary appointed. Ling Gill Nature Reserve: threat of cave-gating averted. C.N.C.C. Membership reached 133 Clubs.

THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

Constitution

1. Name.

The organisation shall be called The Council of Northern Caving Clubs.

2. Definition.

2.1. The Council is a voluntary association of responsible Caving Clubs.

2.2. The Council cannot interfere with the individuality of any Club.

3. Aims and Objects.

3.1. To ensure and maintain access to caves and potholes by negotiations and/or agreement with farmers, landowners or authorities.

3.2. To secure and maintain good relations, and act as general co-ordinating body between cavers and farmers, landowners, gamekeepers, local residents and other interested parties.

3.3. To encourage and educate cavers to respect and conserve caves and the countryside.

3.4. To represent the general interest of member clubs and Northern caves.

3.5. To act as a general disciplinary body and arbitrator in the event of any act considered detrimental to the Council as a whole.

4. Membership

4.1. There are two classes of membership:- Full and Associate.

4.2. Applications for membership must be proposed and seconded by member clubs before being considered by the Committee, except in the case of clubs which are already members of another Regional council.

4.3. Initial election shall be to a class of Associate Membership.

4.4. After a period of twelve months, a club may apply for Full membership, which shall be decided by the Committee. Full membership of the Council will only be granted to responsible and properly constituted clubs which are owned and controlled by their own members and are primarily based in the North of Britain.

4.5. Newly elected clubs shall pay an entrance fee decided upon at a General Meeting of the Council.

4.6. Clubs not elected to Full Membership will remain Associate Members.

4.7. Membership shall lapse when a club is six months in arrears with its Annual Subscription.

5. Subscription and Finance.

5.1. Full and Associate Member clubs shall pay an annual subscription due on the first day of January each year.

5.2. The amount of the Annual Subscription shall be decided upon at a General Meeting of the Council.

5.3. The Council shall have the power to raise funds from other sources.

6. Officers and Committee

6.1. A working committee shall be elected every year at a General Meeting.

6.2. The Committee shall consist of eight elected members, plus a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, all of whom shall represent different Full Member Clubs.

6.3. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members who shall not be eligible to vote.

6.4. If a club which is represented on the Committee fails to send a representative to two consecutive Committee Meetings without good reason being given in writing, the Committee may elect another club to provide a Committee Member in its place.

6.5. The Committee shall meet at least three times per year as convened by the Secretary.

6.6. The Secretary shall call a Committee Meeting if requested by three or more other members of the Committee.

6.7. A quorum at a Committee Meeting shall consist of six Committee Members at least one of whom shall be an Officer of the Council.

6.8. Minutes of Committee Meetings shall be taken and copies circulated to all member clubs.

7. General Meetings

7.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May or June every year.

7.2. A Special General Meeting shall be called if requested in writing by ten member clubs.

7.3. All member clubs shall be sent notice of a General Meeting at least four weeks in advance.

7.4. General Meetings shall be open to all member clubs but voting shall be restricted to one representative from each paid-up Full Member club present.

7.5. Eight Full Member clubs shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.

7.6. Minutes of General Meetings shall be taken and copies circulated to all member clubs.

7.7. The Constitution shall only be amended at a General Meeting of the Council.

8. Access Procedure.

There special Access Agreements have been drawn up between landowners and the Council the following procedure will apply:

8.1. All rules and conditions must be adhered to as laid down in the respective Agreements.

- 8.2. All member clubs shall be issued with full details of Agreements when completed or revised.
- 8.3. The Committee shall appoint Meets Secretaries, as necessary, to issue permits to visit caves and potholes covered by Agreements, in accordance with the stipulated conditions.
- 8.4. Meets Secretaries shall be considered as co-opted Committee Members with no voting rights.
- 8.5. Applications for permits will only be accepted from paid-up member clubs of the Council.
- 8.6. The Meets Secretaries may restrict the issue of permits to a particular cave or area in accordance with the Committee's instructions if,
 - (i) the demand for access exceeds the available dates, or
 - (ii) a threat to the Agreement as a whole might arise as a consequence of some special circumstance.
- 8.7. All member clubs must accept responsibility for the activities and behaviour of their individual members and guests in the areas subject to Agreements.
9. General
 - 9.1. Member clubs shall apply for permission to enter any land and abide by any special conditions imposed.
 - 9.2. The Council cannot accept liability of costs for any damage, fire, theft, legal fees, injury, etc.
 - 9.3. In the event of a serious breach of the Constitution by a member club, a Special General Meeting may be called to consider what disciplinary action should be taken which may include expulsion from the Council.

(Agreed December 1972, with 1974 and 1976 amendments incorporated).

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS - ADDRESS LIST

The following lists corresponded with the Council's mailing list of Full, and Associate Member Clubs in May 1979. Club Secretaries will already have changed, in some cases, and contacts through the listed addresses cannot therefore be relied on. Member Clubs are requested to inform the C.N.C.C. Hon. Secretary of changes as quickly as possible.

1. FULL MEMBER CLUBS

AIREDALE CAVING CLUB

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BOLTON SPELEO CLUB

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BRADFORD POTHOLE CLUB

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BURNLEY CAVING CLUB

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CAVE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

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CRAVEN POTHOLE CLUB

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EARBY POTHOLE CLUB

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FURNESS UNDERGROUND GROUP

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MICHELIN CAVING CLUB

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NORTHERN MINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

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T. Lambert, Dale Bank, Ingleton, Carnforth.

BISHOP AUCKLAND CAVING CLUB

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HYPERION CLUB

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SPELEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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BUTTERSHAW UPPER SCHOOL CAVING CLUB

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GHYLL HEAD OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

G. Ogilvie, Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Ghyll Head, Windermere, Cumbria.

LANCASTER UNIV. SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY CAVING CLUB
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SAFETY

1. If you have doubts about the fitness or competence of your party, don't go.
2. Make sure everyone is adequately dressed, fed, and equipped for the proposed trip.
3. Take note of the weather situation and forecast, together with the present state of streams etc. A large number of caves and potholes flood seriously. Run-off from the fells can be very fast, storms and heavy showers can be very local and a sudden thaw can melt snow in winter. (See 'Local Weather Forecasts' below)
4. Leave full information with someone on the surface about where you are going and for how long.
5. Test ladders, belays and ropes on the surface before using underground. Check them frequently for damage, wear or corrosion.
6. Beware of the possibility of accidents or of situations developing from which rescue will be necessary.

The main causes of accidents are:

- (a) Exposure and exhaustion;
- (b) Falls on ladder pitches and traverses (test belays and use lifeline always).
- (c) Flooding, affecting pitches and low crawls;
- (d) Losing the route and light-failure;
- (e) Loose boulders and tight places.

FIXED AIDS UNDERGROUND - A WARNING

All fixed aids, such as belay bolts, rigid ladders, etc., should be regarded with suspicion because the majority were installed only for the short-term convenience of the parties who placed them. Do not take their soundness for granted - even if mentioned in the Guidebook. Alternative, or additional natural belays are usually available.

PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT

1. The leader of the party must assess the situation and decide whether the accident is of a minor nature and can be dealt with by his own party, or whether the services of the Cave Rescue Organisation are required.
2. Competent persons should be sent out to call out the C.R.O. They should take as much information as possible about the state of the casualty and the circumstances of the accident.
3. Never underestimate the possible injuries or the difficulties of rescue.
4. The only way to call out the C.R.O. is to telephone
SETTLE POLICE STATION - Tel. SETTLE 2542

If you are in Wharfedale, Littondale or Nidderdale, call out the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association by phoning -
GRASSINGTON POLICE STATION - GRASSINGTON 752222
or SKIPTON POLICE STATION - Tel. SKIPTON 3377

In the Northern Dales, ask the local police to call out the Cave Rescue Organisation.

In East Yorkshire, ask local police to contact the Upper Wharfedale F.R.A.

5. Details asked for by the police will include:-
 - (a) Name and area of cave or pot, and position of casualty in it;
 - (b) Name, age and address of person(s) injured;
 - (c) Name of club and number in the party;
 - (d) Condition of casualty and details of clothing;
 - (e) General conditions in the pot and on the surface.
6. The party underground should give First Aid and make the patient comfortable and warm. If feasible, and especially if the casualty can assist himself, a start should be made to move the patient towards the surface. Exposure and shock are more likely to prove fatal than further physical damage caused by moving him. The casualty should never be left alone and he should be belayed if his position is insecure.