

RED STALACTITE IN WIZARDS CHASM

When the explorers of Wizards Chasm entered Red Stalactite Chamber on 2nd November 1996, there were two impressive red stalactites. One was perhaps a foot long and the other well over two feet long. A stump remains of the first one. The second larger one - see picture by Duncan Jones - is gone completely.

Northern Boggarts are hoping to reinstall the larger stalactite which we found in pieces on the floor. We have around 26 inches of it but are missing a section of from near the end.

We have learned that a red stalactite was taken from the cave for dating shortly after its discovery and this would well account for us not finding anything of the smaller broken stalactite. It is extremely unlikely that the small missing piece we are looking for was used for dating but perhaps it was removed at the same time. The large red stal was still in situ when Black Rose visited the cave on 10th June 2000 so if the material was removed for dating before this date, then our missing piece must have been removed by someone else or is still in situ.

We would very much like to hear from anyone who is in possession of the missing piece or knows where it is. The colour would be paler than the rich red of the main stalactite – perhaps four inches in length and around $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter.

We would also be interested to hear from anyone who might have knowledge or expertise in reconstructing the missing piece for resin as this would be another option. If anyone can offer any information or help, please be in touch with Tony Brown, Northern Boggarts, 21 Eshton Terrace Clitheroe, BB7 1BQ, 01200 422811, email anthony.brown@acultd.plus.com