

SWAN DIKE POT

A classic

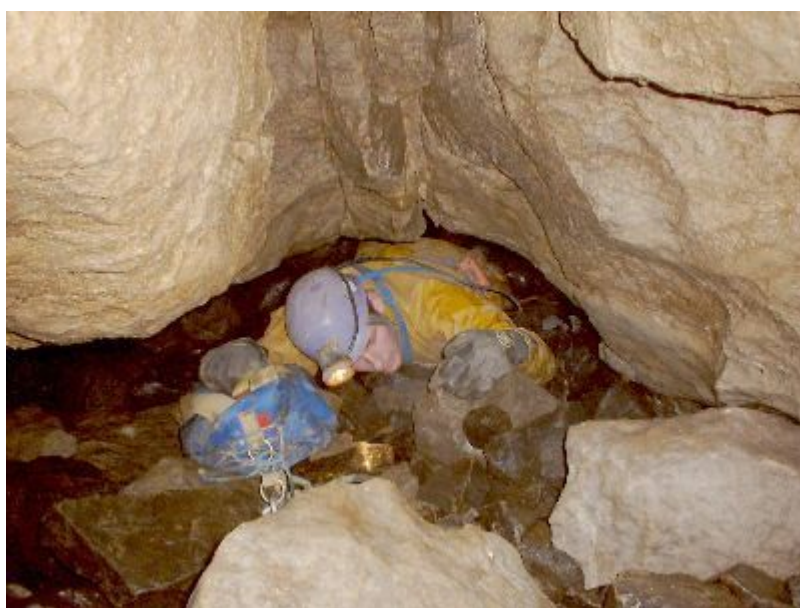
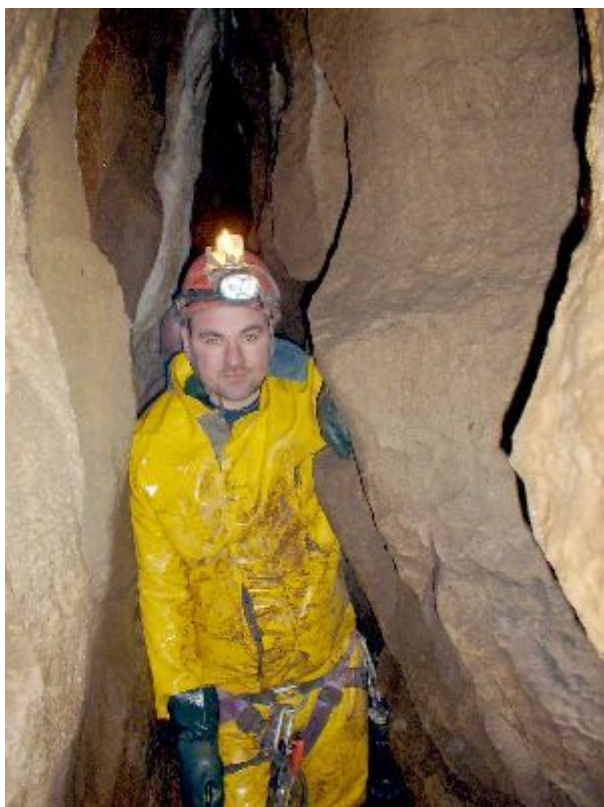
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People present - Duncan Jones, Pete Dale, Simon Halliday, Rupert Reynolds, Andy W, Sam

A chilly day on the surface, with a dash of snow on the ground. After our last attempt at doing this and parking in the wrong spot and looking in the wrong hole (think it was a dig, anyway that day resulted in us doing Snatcher Pot which is actually quite good and something I would recommend for a short days outing, read the report for that trip on here) we were more prepared this time and parked exactly where we needed to be! A long (ahem) walk was had to the entrance, whereupon, for a change, Pete was sent down first just in case it was loose further down, which it wasn't too bad, at least no worse than anything else we've done before. From the bottom of the entrance the cave took on pleasant properties, mixed going including a crawl and a clamber leads along a nice stream passage (as the pictures below show) with some climbs, this soon reaches an 8m pitch, although this is not the one to descend and we crossed over the top of this and onto the next one.

After rigging it we descended and found two ways on, Sam (I think it was him) had a look at the small passage leading to the sump and found himself lying sideways and not being able to move a great deal, much to everyone else's amusement - persistence paid off eventually and he extracted himself from said passage. Next it was the turn of Pete to examine the other passage, which he entered with his SRT kit on, after a while when we were all stood in the spacious surrounds of the pitch-bottom we heard a muffled grumble coming from the small section. It was Pete blaming his lack of progress on the crawl being somewhat small and his SRT kit was getting in his way, so in some kind of bizarre faff he removed his kit and passed it back to me whilst I was on my side bent round a corner (trying to take some photos at the same time!) Once this was done Pete set about trying again but still made no further progress. After deciding the way on must be tight and nobody seeming overly keen for tight stuff that day we headed out, happy in the knowledge we had reached the end as it is described in NC1 - the extensions will be visited another day some point in the future..





Duncan Jones

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