

Bagshawe Cavern, Bradwell:

Grid Ref: SK 17163 80887 (TBC), Alt: 235m.

Length: 3.5km+

Access: is available for organised parties led by qualified instructors.
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Introduction:

Bagshawe Cavern is the longest cave in the Bradwell catchment area. It was first entered by lead miners and was extensively explored by early cavers and up until the late 1980's was operated as a show cave. For many years access for cavers was tightly controlled being difficult to gain at the best of times. During this period there was little in the way of exploration but in the early 1990's it became possible for exploratory cavers to have a go at the cave. Each following year has seen the cave extended and there is still great potential for further discovery. The upstream sumps have been pushed for over 200m from dive base to a depth of -31m but the way on here does not look hopeful.

The resurgence for the cave Bagshawe Resurgence, although short this is highly significant, producing more water than the combined flow of Castleton's Peak Cavern and Russet Well. Divers over the years have tackled the underwater choke in Sump 2 pushing it to a point some 20m from base. The dig has yet to gain open passage but there is still great potential. The furthest known feeder to this site is Dowse Hole 3.4km away and 115m higher.

The Cave:

The description for this cave has yet to be compiled, it will be published here at a later date.

Description Notes:

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Surveys:

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- Drought / Far Drought Series Sumps CDG NL: #113 (p28) Oct 1994.
- Green & Pleasant Land: Descent #126 (p13) Oct./Nov. 1995.
- Montague Aven: Descent #149 (p18) Aug./Sep. 1999.
- Pothole Sump: Descent #193 (p12) Dec./Jan. 2006/7.
- Upstream Sumps: Derbyshire Sump Index (p4), 1994.
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- Moors, Craggs & Caves of the High Peak & Neighbourhood (inside back cover), Ernest A. Baker, 1903 (reprinted 2002).

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- Derbyshire Sump Index (p3-7), RL Carter & JN Cordingley 1994.
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- #129 (p18) Apr./May. 1996 (Glory Hole).
- #145 (p11) Dec./Jan. 1998/9.
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- #168 (p11) Oct./Nov. 2002.
- #173 (p18) Aug./Sep. 2003.
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- #175 (p16) Dec./Jan. 2003/4.
- #182 (p11) Feb./Mar. 2005.
- #187 (p14) Dec./Jan. 2005/6 (Upstream Sumps).
- #189 (p12) Apr./May. 2006 (Upstream Sumps).
- #192 (p11) Oct./Nov. 2006 (diving).
- #193 (p12) Dec./Jan. 2006/7 (Pothole Sump).

Entries in CDG Newsletter:

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- #94 (p19) Jan. 1990 Downstream Sump 1.
- #103 (p42) Apr. 1992 The Blue Lagoon.
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- #105 (p28-29) Oct. 1992 Glory Hole Sump.
- (p29-30) Lower Level Downstream Sump A.
- (p30) Upstream Sumps.
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- (p17-18) Glory Hole.
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- (p29) Upstream Sumps.
- (p29-30) Drought / Far Drought Series Sumps.
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- #119 (p27) Apr. 1996 Glory Hole.
- #122 (p12) Jan. 1997 Glory Hole.
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- #137 (p17) Oct. 2000 Glory Hole.
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- #159 (p26-27) Apr. 2006 Upstream Sump 5.
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- #162 (p10-11) Jan. 2007 The Blue Lagoon (Pothole Sump?)

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