

Hangover Hole, Stoney Middleton:

Grid Ref: SK 20693 75955 (GPS), Alt: 240m.

Length:

Access: No known restrictions.

Introduction:

Hangover Hole is a strange place. No one has ever seen the floor, since it consists entirely of breakdown blocks. Phreatic development is seen in only a couple of small fragments, with no trace of the watercourse that formed the system visible. It is also surprising that it appears never to have been entered by miners. Somewhere under the floor may be a continuation passage, but there are few clues as to where one should dig. The far Pizzaland choke is probably the best prospect, but it would be a major undertaking. There is a possible continuation up in the final choke, which may go on to connect with Rubble Rift further up the valley. Hangover Hole, together with Rubble Rift up the valley, and Paracetam 'Ole down the valley hint at a system on this side of the date.

The Cave:

Entrance 25m above road level on the South side of Stoney Middleton Dale about 30m East of the track up to Horseshoe Quarry. Shored entrance in corner of small rock outcrop. Sloping descent leads after a few metres to a small chamber. Way on is in the far corner, a small narrow climb emerging in a breakdown "bedding plane". This can be followed to a square cut stooping passage, passing fine "moonmilk" on the left. (Don't touch it!) A right turn before the end leads immediately to a junction. Straight on leads to Inferno Chamber, a large chamber with a very frightening boulder stuck to the ceiling at one end. At the far end a further crawl leads to a choke and dig, probably heading to the surface. Back at the junction, a left turn leads up and can be followed through a couple of squeezes to emerge in Pizzaland, another large chamber. This has some small but interesting formations that have been taped off - take care not to cross the tapes. At the far end, a squeeze leads to a mud slope up to a substantial choke.

Description Notes:

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Surveys:

- Descent magazine #120 (p8) Oct./Nov. 1994.
- http://www.keyhole.org.uk/surveys_hangover.asp.

Further reading:

- <http://www.keyhole.org.uk>

Entries in Descent Magazine:

- #105 (p14) Apr./May. 1992. #120 (p8) Oct./Nov. 1994.

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