

## P7, Perryfoot, Castleton.

Grid Ref: SK 10506 81737 (GPS), Alt: 338m. Length: ###m, Depth: ##m  
Access: The entrance is locked by request of the landowner, for access contact [n.williams@bcra.org.uk](mailto:n.williams@bcra.org.uk)

Park at Perryfoot in the pull-in (SK 10085 81284) and call at Perryfoot Farm opposite. It's probably best to go round to the back door (go down the little road and into the farmyard). A small access fee is charged - £1.00 at the time of writing.

### Introduction

This one time choked swallet has been extensively dug over the last few years entering some open passage. Digging and diving have effectively concluded all possible leads for further exploration at this site

### The Cave

The entrance to the cave is a manhole cover close to where the stream sinks in a large depression between P6 and P8. A climb down scaffolding through boulders leads to a short climb (3m ladder required) into a small chamber. A steeply dipping passage with a boulder floor leads to a climb down next to a large boulder close to where the water, last seen at the surface, enters the cave. Following the water leads to a decreasing size passage in solid rock with a fairly committing squeeze into the top of £100 pot (3m ladder required). At the bottom of the pot, a low crawl to the left leads quickly to a deep sump pool with an aven over the top. A larger crawl to the left leads down to a gravel bank and another sump at the bottom of the White Room.

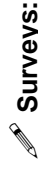
A passage off to the right before the squeeze above £100 Pot contains a short (2m) climb, a low section and then a 3m climb down to a too tight constriction. There is a voice connection here to the aven above the deep sump beyond £100 pot.

The top of the white room is accessed by crawling under the large boulder near where the water is first seen and following the passage up to a small climb. At the top of this climb a hole on the right leads into the White Room where digging spoil is stacked behind wooden/scaffold shoring (approx 15m ladder required to get to the bottom). Straight on at the top of the climb leads to a parallel rift and then a sizeable chamber with an aven which has been climbed to an area of very unstable looking large boulders close to the surface. The White Room also continues up for a considerable distance.



#### Description Notes:

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#### Surveys:

Descent #163 (p11) Dec 2001/Jan 2002.



#### Further reading:

- Caves of the Peak District (p90), DW Gill & JS Beck 1991, now out of print ISBN 1-85568-034-3.
- Limestones and Caves of the Peak District, Trevor D Ford 1977, out of print ISBN 0 86094 004 1 (paper) & 005 X (cloth)



#### Entries in Descent Magazine:

- #162 (p15) Oct/Nov 2001. #175 (p17) Dec./Jan. 2003/4.
- #163 (p11) Dec 2001/Jan 2002. #179 (p15) Aug./Sep. 2004 (diving).
- #172 (p13) Jun./Jul. 2003. #180 (p9) Oct./Nov. 2004.
- #173 (p17) Aug./Sep. 2003.



#### Cave Diving Group Newsletters:

#152 Jul. 2004 (p24). #153 Oct. 2004 (p8-9).



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