

TRIP REPORT


WE DALLY IN THE VALLEY....

Sunday, March 12, J. Wisher, J. Streba, Shawn (?), M. Rocklin, "Doc" Ramey, & I did the initial survey of Homestead Cave in Jackson Co., Ky.. We entered via the 75 foot entrance pit, rather than the 40' eardip entrance, and the water was very much "up". The rappell landed in lots of water, and we sat on breakdown as everyone descended. The idea of rappelling in and having a rope to ascend seemed to be the safest thing to do, it was getting ready to rain, and the eardip seemed dangerous. We set up and surveyed.....around corners. The compass was so accurate, it could shoot through solid rock and still be accurate. The A survey did the fossil passage lead through the "pretties", instead of the river passage. We did 40 stations for 1300+ feet, including several beyond

the initial push to "the 30 foot drop". The next trips involve excavation of suspended breakdown in a canyon ceiling and a dig through encrusted mudfill.

The A survey goes through the ridge, and A40 seems to already be out beyond the sand-stone cap into limestone-only cover. We are very excited about this, and Don Mauney has been looking for the "backdoor" entrance.

Heading back out, it was raining into the pit, but somehow (?) the water level was down substantially. Three of us were bad enough to climb in the soaking, half-frozen rain. The other 3, including myself, did the limbo through the ear dip. Mark Rocklin's interpretation of the limbo was most impressive, and for a second I thought we would exit into Barnett Valley.

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