

Water Icicle Close Cavern Report 10-09-2023

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I organised a trip for DCC members to have a look into Water Icicle Close Cave. It has many stories with strange happenings experienced by several people whilst underground including myself. There is a 30m entrance pitch rigged off a scaffold bar. It did not take long to descend, as the trip consisted of Allan Berry and myself, no other takers for this one. We took a gas meter with us to log the carbon dioxide concentration in different areas of the cave. As soon as we reached the bottom of the pitch the alarm was going off, 18% oxygen. The alarm continued the entire time we were underground. We decided to take the camera kit, consisting of flashes and the tripod as no-one else was present we thought we would take the opportunity for a photo shoot. We dragged the camera kit through mud and water exploring all the digs that are in here. It was extremely muddy and we struggled to keep the gas monitor clean throughout the trip. The levels of oxygen remained at 18% and nothing else was detected. A fun

mud slithering trip.



