

Stoney Middleton Cave Index

Introduction

Some classics, a good number of sporting through trips, another missing master-cave and some real grot. Figure out what's what and what's where and you'll be in for some good caving. For the exploratory caver there is still good potential for further discovery. This index details the major caves, mines, digs and some smaller sites of interest. There are however, hundreds of other natural cave entrances, features, old mines and mine shafts in this area which are not generally frequented by cavers and as yet, not listed here. See the end of this guide for information regarding the submission of additions and amendments.

Cave locations have been derived from non Differential GPS and the accuracy has been limited to 5m +/-2m due to satellite reception difficulties under the dense tree cover and sheer cliffs. Difficult marks have been confirmed or refined by triangulation from projected points using a Leica Disto A3 Laser Range Finder and Suunto KB Compass & Clinometer.

Bamforth Hole

Grid Ref: SK 22049 75805 (GPS/P), Alt: 185m.
Length: 9m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A small mine entrance on a ledge above and to the west of Carlswark Resurgence. Can be accessed from above or below.

Other: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p204).

Bagshot Row

Grid Ref: SK 21103 75830 (GPS), Alt: 215m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: Dig.

Bossen Hole (Windy Ledge Cave)

Entrance 1: Grid Ref: SK 22332 75734 (GPS), Alt: 193m.

Entrance 2: Grid Ref: SK 22355 75733 (GPS), Alt: 196m.

Length: 25m, Vertical Range: 3m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: The cave is situated in a buttress high up on a ledge on the north side of Stoney Dale. A short walking passage leads to a junction. To the left the roof soon lowers becoming impossibly tight. To the right is a

stoop and then crawl through a drafty tube emerges in daylight on the west side of the cliff.

Calver Sough (Garden Shaft)

Grid Ref: SK 24292 74467 (GPS), Alt: 124m.

Depth: -6m, Length: 20m.

Access: The site is in a private garden and there is no access.

Description: The site is in the back garden of a converted corn mill in Calver village. A 1.5m shaft was dropped 10m into Calver sough and the sough dammed to provide water for the mill race. At -2m the water welled up through rubble but this was dug out (1991) to -4m accessing a short rubble slope down into the open sough, 1.5m wide by 2.5m high. This has been dived for 20m to a point where fallen stemples blocked the way on. This section of the sough is in a very poor state of repair, with fallen stemples and stonework exposing unstable eroded shale. Fine tailings soon reduce vis to zero. Further progress at this site does not look practical. Calver sough drains Coombs Dale and Longstone and Hassop Edges, the shafts further up the sough are either inaccessible or lost for various reasons.

More Info: Descent #99 (p10) Apr./May. 1991.

Descent #100 (p16) Jun./Jul. 1991.

CDG Derbyshire Sump Index (p10) 1994.

Carlswark Cavern

Grid Ref: SK 22067 75814 (GPS), Alt: 193m.

Eyam Dale Shaft: Grid Ref: SK 21843 75961 (GPS), Alt: 197m.

Resurgence: Grid Ref: SK 22066 75801 (GPS), Alt: 175m.

Stub Scrin Shaft: Grid Ref: SK 21841 76033 (GPS), Alt: 175m.

Length: 3.2km+, Vertical Range: 60m+.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: An extensive and complex system. The through route from Eyam Dale Shaft (11m deep) to the Gin Entrance is popular with novice groups and outdoor centres. The Cave connects to Merlin's Mine via Shags Sump and at one time via a dry route through Gimil's Dream.

More Info: Selected Caves of Britain & Ireland, 1997 (p121-122).

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p206-7)

Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 (p36-40)

Derbyshire Sump Index, CDG 1994 (p10-11).

Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Surveys: #44 (p7) Jan./Feb 1980 (Big Dig & Shag's Sump)

Descent: #46 (p40) Sep./Oct. 1980 (Shag's Sump).

#47 (p16) Jan./Feb. 1981 (Big Dig).

#66 (p10) Oct. 1985 (Dynamite Series).

#96 (p12) Oct./Nov. 1990.
#115 (p9) Dec./Jan. 1993 (Stub Scrin Shaft).
#118 (p8) Jun./Jul. 1994 (Stub Scrin Shaft).

Crackpot Cave

Grid Ref: SK 21824 75952 (GPS), Alt: 213m. Length: 21m.
Access: No known restrictions. The cave is above and to the left of Eyam Dale Shaft (Carlsark Cavern).
Description: Short dug out cave ending in calcite choke.
Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike / (S1).

Crock Pot

Grid Ref: SK 19854 77043 (GPS), Alt: 270m.
Length: 65m+, Depth: 20m+.
Access: Awaiting information from DCA / landowner.
Description: The cave was discovered in 2000 after a dig in the side of the Waterfall Hole shakehole.
More Info: <http://w01-0504.web.dircon.net/pdc/cave010.htm>
Surveys: http://w01-0504.web.dircon.net/pdc/survey_crock_pot.htm
Descent #156 (p21) Oct./Nov. 2000. Caves & Caving #89 p9
Descent: #148 (p13) Jun./Jul. 1999. #157 (p15) Dec./Jan. 2000/01.
#156 (p20-22) Oct./Nov. 2000. #158 (p19) Feb./Mar. 2001.

Delph Hole

Grid Ref: SK 21650 75951 (GPS), Alt: 225m, Length: 50m+.
Access: No known restrictions.
Description: Entrance through mined passage high on the east side of the Delph. Shaft in the floor after 20m (care!) and intersects natural solution passage in the wall to the right at this point. A careful step over the shaft into the passage passes a tight squeeze on the right almost immediately, behind which is a small chamber. Continuing on back in the natural passage, a short trend left leads down a series of short slides through small chambers to end abruptly in a sandy dig after about 25m.
Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike / (S1).
More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p208).
Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p375).

Eyam Dale House Cave

Grid Ref: SK 21962 76264 (TBC), Alt: 227m.
Length: 320m, Depth: 56m.
Access: The cave lies in the grounds of Eyam Dale House Residential Home and it is advisable to book access in advance. Tel 01433 631360 or write to Eyam Dale House Residential Home, Church Street, Eyam, Hope

Valley, Derbyshire, S32 5QH. The other option is to call on the day to ask for permission. A key required and you may be asked to sign an indemnity and make a donation to the home. Proof of Public Liability Insurance is required.

Description: A 15m abseil down a mined shaft leads to a small chamber with an unstable mine level. Continuing on past a blind shaft in the floor leads through a constriction, followed by a slide down into small chamber to the right. From here another constriction leads into a rift, a little way along which, up and over a boulder pile leads to a bridged downclimb into the floor of the rift. Continuing on for a distance leads to a dead end in a large chamber, while back at the base of the downclimb, through a very tight, wet and muddy 'grovel' is the way on. After a short distance a very tight calcite restriction is met: 'The Pearly Gates'. On and to the right soon opens out and before long a tricky downclimb leads into a large rift chamber ahead. Immediately to the left closes down into a breakdown chamber, but just beyond over a cemented bolder pile, also on the left, is a short passage to some majestic formations, including floating calcite (do not disturb the water!). Under the cemented bolder pile is another way on, leading to a promising dig in the direction of the Dynamite Series in Carlsark Cavern. Back and to the right at the rift chamber the rift can be followed at various levels depending upon you head for heights.

More Info: TSG Journal #12 1985 p10-14.

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p209).
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 (p63-64).
Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike / (S1).

Farnsley Lane Swallet / Sink

Grid Ref: SK 20720 75480 (TBC), Alt: 279m.

Depth: 25m.

Access: Unknown.

Description: No information.

Surveys: Descent #139 (p13) Dec./Jan. 1997/8.

Descent: #132 (p9) Oct./Nov. 1996. #142 (p11) Jun./Jul. 1998.

#133 (p13) Dec./Jan. 1996/97. #143 (p14) Aug./Sep. 1998.

#136 (p14) Jun./Jul. 1997. #149 (p19) Aug./Sep. 1999.

#139 (p13) Dec./Jan. 1997/8.

Farnsley Lane Cave

Access: Unknown.

Description: No information.

More Info: Descent #153 (p11) Apr./May. 2000.

Descent #186 (p14) Oct./Nov. 2005.

Surveys: Descent #153 (p11) Apr./May. 2000.

Fatigue Pot

Grid Ref: SK 22680 74850 (TBC), Alt: 193m.
Length: 190m, Depth: 25m.

Access: No known restrictions.
Description: No information.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p211).
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 (p65-66).
Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p376).
Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.
Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p210).

Fireset Mine

Grid Ref: SK 21897 76075, Alt: 211m.

Access: No known restrictions.
Description: No information.

Hale Bopp Pot

Grid Ref: SK 20741 75956 (GPS), Alt: 227m.
Length: 7m, Depth: 3m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A dig that has been abandoned due to instability.

More Info: Descent #137 Aug./Sep. 1997 p9.
Caves & Caving #78 Winter 1997 p5.
Descent #145 Dec./Jan. 1998/9 p11.

Hangover Hole

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

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: This cave is described in detail in its own separate guide.

Surveys: Descent magazine #120 (p8) Oct./Nov. 1994.
http://www.keyhole.org.uk/surveys_hangover.asp
Descent: #105 (p14) Apr./May. 1992.
#120 (p8) Oct./Nov. 1994.

Hanging Flat Mine

Grid Ref: SK 20618 76015 (GPS), Alt: 242m.

Access: Unknown.

Description: No information.

Hawkenedge Well

Grid Ref: SK 21561 75821 (GPS), Alt: 188m.
Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A powerful resurgence, the flow of which remains relatively constant, even in dry weather. Probably a sough tail draining the Farnsley Dale area. Following the dam failure at Cavendish Mill on the 22nd January 2007, and the resulting flood of tailings, mud and water that swept down Farnsley Dale and Middleton Dale, the water here continued to run clear and flow at its usual steady rate (1).
1). Keith Joule pers. comm. 25/01/2007.

Hobbit Hole

Grid Ref: SK 20836 75963 (GPS/P), Alt: 224m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A small obscure bedding entrance at ground level 22m north of the main road and below the track up into Furness Quarry. A flat out crawl soon ends at a choke.

Hole in the Wall

Grid Ref: SK 20972 76067 (GPS/P), Alt: 243m.
Length: 70m.

Access: The entrance lies within the old Furness Quarry which is now owned by the British Mountaineering Council. This is a very popular sport climbing venue with bolted routes. There are no known restrictions with regard to visiting this cave.

Description: Passage 10m up in the wall of Furness Quarry (known as Horseshoe Quarry by climbers) ends at a boulder choke / dig.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p213).

Hungerhill Swallet

Oil Drum Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 20957 76951 (CAP), Alt: 281m.

Timbered Shaft: Grid Ref: SK 20961 76948 (CAP), Alt: 281m.

Length: 300m+, Depth: 75m+.

Access: Ask at Hungerhill House.

Both entrances have collapsed but in 2006 the Oil Drum Entrance was reopened.

More Info: TSG Journal #13 1988 (p26-33)

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p213-214
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 (p83-85).

Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.
Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p212).
TSG Journal #13 1988.

Descent: #95 (p18) Aug./Sep. 1990. #127 (p16) Dec./Jan. 1995/96.
#99 (p10) Apr./May. 1991. #188 (p15) Feb./Mar. 2006.
#105 (p14) Apr./May. 1992.

Ivy Green Cave

Grid Ref: SK 22236 75797 (GPS/P), Alt: 200m. Length: 200m+.
Access: No known restrictions.

Description: Entrance is accessed via a short exposed climb.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p214-216
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p86-88

Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Descent: #141 (p12) Apr./May. 1998.
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p87

Keyhole Cave (three entrances)

Grid Ref: SK 22241 75793 (GPS), Alt: 200m.
Grid Ref: SK 22250 75785 (GPS), Alt: 200m.
Grid Ref: SK 22260 75779 (GPS), Alt: 200m.
Length: 24m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A short through cave with the easiest access via the eastern entrance. The middle and western entrances require short climbs.

Layby Pot

Mined Passage Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 20351 75999 (GPS), Alt: 255m.
Oil Drum Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 20434 75996 (GPS), Alt: 245m.
Length: 370m+, Vertical Range: 23m+.
Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p216)
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Barker 1997 (p109-112)
Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p375).
Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.
Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p215).
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 (p110).

Layby Shelter

Grid Ref: SK 20545 76006 (GPS), Alt: 245m. Length: 3m.
Access: No known restrictions.

Description: One of the biggest and most obvious cave entrances in Stoney Dale, visible from the road, but it goes nowhere.

Linnen Dale Dig

Grid Ref: Unknown, Alt: Unknown. Length: Unknown.
Access: Unknown.

Description: Dig.

Descent: #192 (p10) Oct./Nov. 2006.
#195 (p17) Apr./May. 2007.
#196 (p13) Jun./Jul. 2007.
#197 (p18) Aug./Sep. 2007.
#198 (p15) Oct./Nov. 2007.

Merlin's Mine

Main Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21771 75907 (GPS), Alt: 215m.
Top Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21778 75923 (GPS), Alt: 227m.
Length: 1000m+, Depth: 30m+.
Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p217-218
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p121-124
Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p213, 246, 367-371).

Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Descent: #96 (p12) Oct./Nov. 1990.
#97 (p10) Dec./Jan. 1990/91
CDG NL: #98 (p21) Jan. 1991.

Mine Levels in Stoney Dale

In most cases the names or numbers given to these sites are not original or historic but are those used by cavers to for ease of identification.

- **Level 1**
Grid Ref: SK 22628 75665 (GPS/P TBC), Alt: 170m, Length: ?m.
Access: The entrance is in the private garden of the first house on the north side of the dale down (East) from Lover's Leap Garage.
- **Level 2a, 2b and 2c**
Grid Ref: SK 22310 75757 (GPS), Alt: 196m. Length: 18m.
Access: No known restrictions.
Description: Three short levels, one above the other, at the western end of Windy Ledge.
- **Level 3**
Grid Ref: SK 22237 75797 (GPS/P), Alt: 195m. Length: 15m.
Access: No known restrictions.
Description: A large open rift on a mineral vein between Ivy Green Cave and Keyhole Cave.

- **Level 4 (Triple Hole)**
NW ent. Grid Ref: SK 22121 75812, Alt: 193m. Length: 60m.
SE ent. Grid Ref: SK 22129 75802
Access: No known restrictions, situated on the terrace 53 & 61m east of Carlswark Caven's Gin Entrance (SK 22074 75818 (GPS), Alt: 193m). There is a middle "entrance", hence the name, but this is too tight to get in or out of, unless you're a snake. Moving carefully through the entrances (which have become a bit of toilet for rock climbers) the cliff proper is entered. Ignoring a mined out hollow to the left there is almost immediately a small constriction with muddy puddle. Passing this a slight accent is made to a junction. The way on is right which continues into an unstable mine level. Back slightly on the left is a natural passage, which is followed right and down a couple of muddy slides, then left to ascend through a constriction into two interconnected chambers.
- **Level 5**
Grid Ref: SK 22111 75820, Alt: 195m. Length: 60m.
Access: No known restrictions.
Description: A large 5m high, 1m wide entrance on Nut Scrin.
- **Level 6 (Shining Cliff Mine)**
Grid Ref: SK 21930 75839 (GPS), Alt: 221m. Length: 106m.
Access: No known restrictions.
- **Level 7**
Lower Level Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21653 75858 (GPS), Alt: 194m.
Upper Level Entrances #1: Grid Ref: SK 21671 75868 (GPS), Alt: 204m.
Upper Level Entrances #2: Grid Ref: SK 21675 75871 (GPS), Alt: 209m.
Hope Shaft Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21700 75886 (GPS), Alt: 226m.
Combined Length: 100m, Vertical Range: 32m.
Access: No known restrictions.
More Info: CCPC Rigging Guide.
Surveys: (S1).
- **Level 8**
No information.
- **Level 9 (Friday Mine, Good Friday Mine)**
No information.
- **Level 10**
Grid Ref: SK 22237 75796 (GPS/P), Alt: 192m. Length:
Access: No known restrictions, situated directly below Ivy Green Cave.
- **Level 11 (Monday Mine)**
Grid Ref: SK 21497 75907 (TBC), Alt: 208m.
Access: No known restrictions.

Monday Mine (see Level 11)

Monkey Rock Cave

Grid Ref: SK 21531 75916 (GPS), Alt: 230m. Length: 10m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: No information.

Moorwood Sough

Sough Tail: SK 23168 75453 (TBC), Alt: 143m.

Rock Cottage Shaft: SK 22709 75638 (GPS/P), Alt: 176m

Glebe Mine Winding Shaft: SK 21925 76398 (CAP), Alt: 239m.

Length: 1.6km.

Access: No access.

Description: A fine sough in relatively good condition. Even in normal conditions the flow of water can be difficult to progress against in some of the narrower and lower sections. 1.6km in iron ladders ascend 15m into Glebe Mine, connecting to Ladywash Mine and the Hucklow Level. In normal conditions this is the main resurgence for the mines and caves of the Stoney Middleton and Eyam area. The Glebe Mine Winding Shaft has now been capped with concrete and is within a housing development.

More Info: Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p197, 213, 362, 372 & 380).

Descent: #192 (p12) Oct./Nov. 2006.

Nickergrove Mine

Adit Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21546 75959 (GPS), Alt: 220m.

Didsbury Shaft: Grid Ref: SK 21552 76033 (GPS), Alt: 217m.

Length: 579m, Vertical Range: 24m.

Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, D Gill & JS Beck 1991 p220-222
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Barker 1997 p131-133

Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p220

#66 (p10) Oct. 1985 #124 (p10) Jun./Jul. 1995.

#96 (p12) Oct./Nov. 1990. #126 (p13) Oct./Nov. 1995.

#97 (p10) Dec./Jan. 1990/91. #129 (p18) Apr./May. 1996.

#120 (p9) Oct./Nov. 1994. #130 (p15) Jun./Jul. 1996.

#121 (p12) Dec./Jan. 1994/95. #131 (p9) Aug./Sep. 1996.

#123 (p12) Apr./May. 1995. #132 (p9) Oct./Nov. 1996.

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Paracetam 'Ole

Grid Ref: SK 20733 75948 (GPS), Alt: 236m.

Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Descent #131 (p9) Aug./Sep. 1996.

Descent #152 (p11) Feb./Mar. 2000.

Surveys: Descent #152 (p11) Feb./Mar. 2000.

Piece End Swallet

Grid Ref: SK 19015 77275 (TBC), Alt: 289m. Length: 32m.

Access: Unknown.

Surveys: Descent Magazine #144 (p9) Oct./Nov. 1998.

Descent: #140 (p11) Feb./Mar. 1998. #144 (p9) Oct./Nov. 1998.

#141 (p12) Apr./May. 1998. #148 (p12) Jun./Jul. 1999

Rock Cottage Shaft

See Moorwood Sough.

Rubble Rift

Grid Ref: SK 20606 75968 (GPS), Alt: 240m.

Length: 60m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: This cave is described in detail in its own separate guide.

More Info: Descent #135 (p18) Apr./May. 1997.

www.keyhole.org.uk

Surveys: www.keyhole.org.uk

Strawberry Hole (nr. Furness Quarry)

Grid Ref: SK 20768 75987 (GPS), Alt: 228m.

Access: The entrance lies on the left-hand (North) side of the track into Furness Quarry which is now partly owned by the British Mountaineering Council. This is a very popular sport climbing venue with bolted routes. There are no known restrictions with regard to visiting this cave.

Description: A route through a boulder ruckle has been pushed for a few meters with no solid wall or discernible passage. It is unlikely that this "hole" is anything more than a cavity between large boulders.

Descent: #153 (p12) Apr./May. 2000.

Streaks Cave

Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p224

Streaks Pot

Top Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21216 75955, Alt: 232m.

Lower Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21410 75933, Alt: 198m.

Length: 777m, Vertical Range: 41m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: A sporting cave with an excellent through trip, tight and awkward in places. Some sections of the cave flood completely in wet weather. This cave will be described in detail in its own separate guide, due for release mid 2007.

More Info: Selected Caves of Britain & Ireland 1997. p137-138.

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p224-225

Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p163-166

Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p223

Descent: #47 Jan./Feb. 1981 p5 & 15

#96 Oct./Nov. 1990 p12

#97 Dec./Jan. 1990/91 p10

#150 Oct./Nov. 1999 p11

#151 Dec./Jan. 1999/2000 p11

#154 Jun./Jul. 2000 p16

#181 Dec./Jan. 2004/5 p10

#182 Feb./Mar. 2005 p10

#185 Aug./Sep. 2005 p18 (West Choke).

C & C #78 Winter 1997 p5

Sunday Mine

Original Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21448 75922, Alt: 195m.

Aaron's Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21481 75908, Alt: 195m.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: Unstable mine intersects sections of natural passage.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p225

Swevic House Swallet

Grid Ref: SK 18683 77460 (CAP), Alt: 295m.

Access: No access.

Description: Dig.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p227.

Limestones & Caves of the Peak District, Ford 1977 (p362).

Descent: #107 (p15) Aug./Sep. 1992. #140 (p10) Feb./Mar. 1998.

Upper Delfth Cave

Grid Ref: SK 215 760, Alt: 210m
Length: 18m

Access: No known restrictions

Description: Dig. Known to have issued a spring in late 1800's, now completely choked with mud and calcite.

Other: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991

Waterfall Hole

Grid Ref: SK 19873 77044, Alt: 270m.

Length: 350m+, Vertical Range: 40m+.

Access: Awaiting information from DCA / landowner.

Description: A very complex, awkward, and in places unstable pot carrying one of the main feeders into the Stoney Middleton drainage system. Digging efforts over the years have failed to find the way on.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p227-228

Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p176-179

Surveys: Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p226).

Descent: #99 (p10) Apr./May. 1991. #107 (p15) Aug./Sep. 1992.

#106 (p19) Jun./Jul. 1992. #156 (p9) Oct./Nov. 2000.

Watergrove Sough

Soughtail: Grid Ref: SK 21063 75825 (GPS), Alt: 200m.

Shaft Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 20926 75923 (GPS), Alt: 217m.

Length: 200m+.

Access: No known restrictions.

Description: Carries a large amount of water from Watergrove Mine 1.9km to the west (SK 19088 75820). It can become impassable in wet weather. In normal conditions progress is barred by a collapse. Downstream from the shaft entrance progress becomes too low and wet and the tail has been modified by road works. This is now too small / has too greater flow to enter.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 (p229).

Peak District Sump Index 1994 (p76).

Windy Ledge Cave (See Bossen Hole)

Yoga Cave

Crawl Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21219 75892, Alt: 198m.

Shaft Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21159 75871, Alt: 198m.

Rubbish Bag Entrance: Grid Ref: SK 21151 75869, Alt: 198m.
Length: 180m+.

Access: No known restrictions.

More Info: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p229-230
Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p184-186
Published by John Beck, available from Hitch n Hike.

Surveys: Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991 p228

Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997 p185



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Further reading:

- Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991, now out of print ISBN 1-85568-034-3.
- Peak Rigging Guide, published by Crew Climbing & Potholeing Club.
- Peak District Sump Index, R.L. Carter & J.N. Cordingley 1994, published by the Cave Diving Group.
- Rocks & Scenery of the Peak District, Trevor D. Ford 2006 ISBN 1-84306-026-4.
- Limestones and Caves of the Peak District, Trevor D Ford 1977, out of print ISBN 0 86094 004 1 (paper) & 005 X (cloth).



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 **NOTES:**

① Abbreviations:

- GPS = Positional data derived from Global Positioning System.
- GPS/P = Positional data derived from a projected GPS location.
- CAP = Positional data derived from calibrated aerial photograph.
- TBC = To be confirmed.
- CRoW = Site lies within a designated Countryside Rights of Way area. See the note at the end of this guide.
- CPD:91 = Caves of the Peak District, DW Gill & JS Beck 1991, ISBN 1-85568-034-3 (out of print).
- CCPD:97 = Classic Caves of the Peak District, Iain Barker 1997, ISBN 1-86126-058-X (out of print).
- SCBI:97 = Selected Caves of Britain & Ireland, Des Marshall & Donald Rust 1997, ISBN 1-871890-43-8.
- LCPD:77 = Limestones and Caves of the Peak District, Trevor D Ford 1977, out of print ISBN 0 86094 004 1 (paper) & 005 X (cloth).
- PDSI:94 = Peak District Sump Index, Cave Diving Group, R.L. Carter & J.N.Cordingley 1994.

① Clubs:

- CCC = Chesterfield Caving Club.
- CCPC = Crewe Climbing & Potholing Club.
- CDG = Cave Diving Group.
- EEG = Eyam Exploration Group.
- EPC = Eldon Pothole Club.
- KCC = Keyhole Caving Club.
- OCC = Orpheus Caving Club.
- SUSS = Sheffield University Speleological Society.
- TSG = Technical Speleological Group
- YCC = Yorkshire Caving Club.

CRoW: Some sites lie within a designated Countryside Rights of Way area so, in theory, there should be no restrictions with regard to general access. However, we advise the utmost respect towards the land and the land owner. It is worth remembering, sites within CRoW areas can be freely visited but legally there is nothing to stop an aggravated landowner freely visiting the site themselves and filling the entrance full of concrete..... Be considerate and respect their wishes!! (e.g. Thistle Pot).

The 2007 Flood: On the 22nd January 2007 a dam burst at Cavendish Mill sending a massive wave of mud and rock down the A623 through Stoney Middleton. See Descent #195 Apr./May. 2007.

WARNING!

Caving and exploring mines can be dangerous and fatal accidents can happen, especially if you are not sufficiently trained.

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