



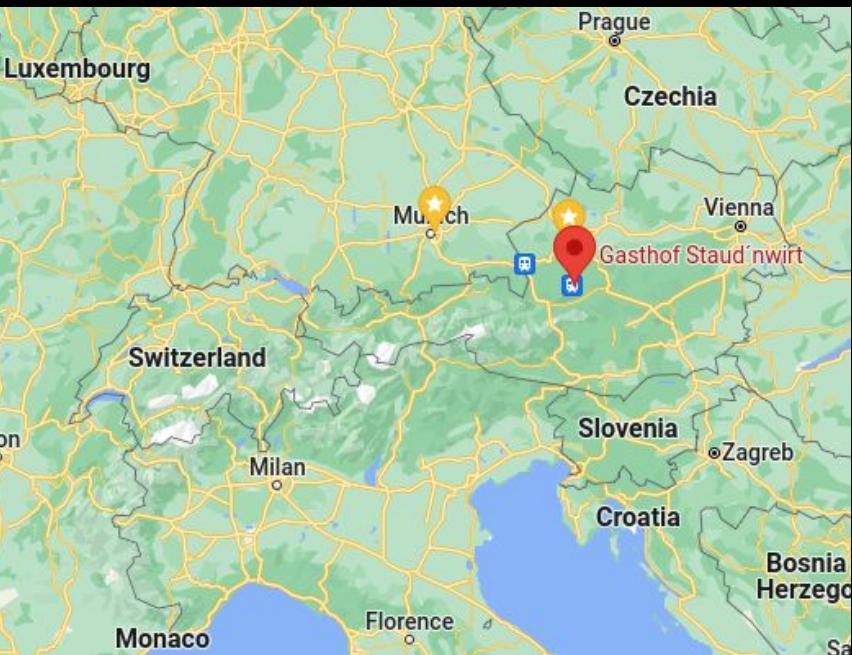
Loser Plateau, Austria

Paul Walko

What is this?

- The Cambridge University Caving Club (CUCC) started exploring Schwarzmooskogel Höhlensystem (SMK system) in the 1970s.
- SMK is currently 137 km (85 mi) long and 1125 m (3690 ft) deep.
- <https://expo.survex.com> maintains anything and everything about the expedition efforts over the years.

Getting There

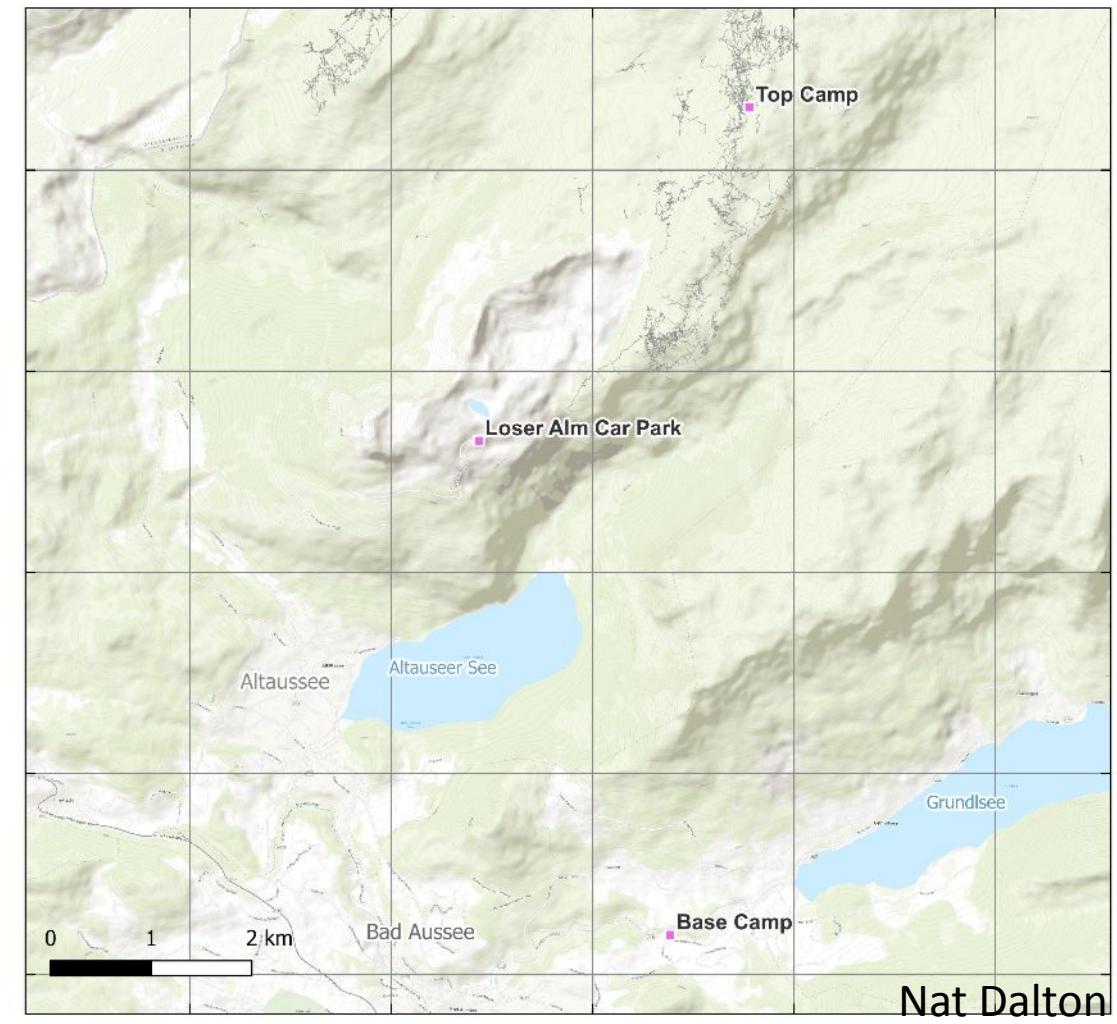


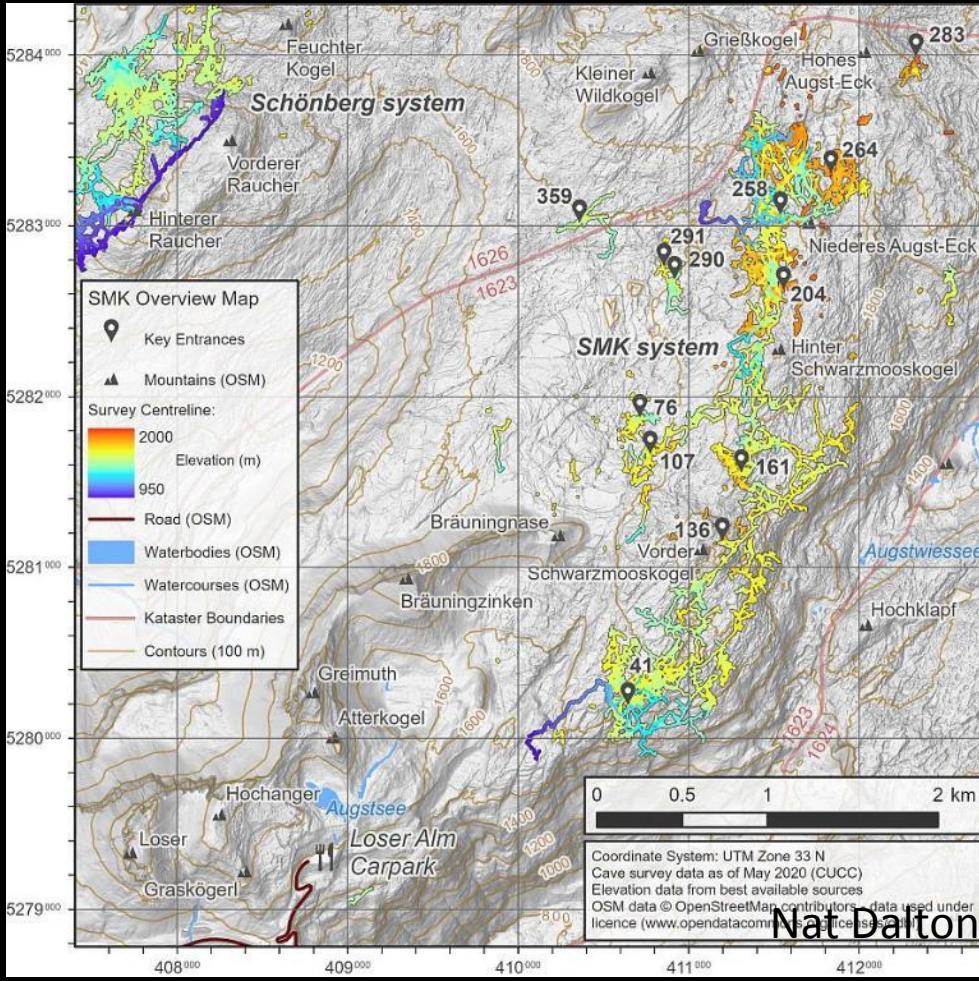
Basecamp





Eric C. Landgraf





Topcamp









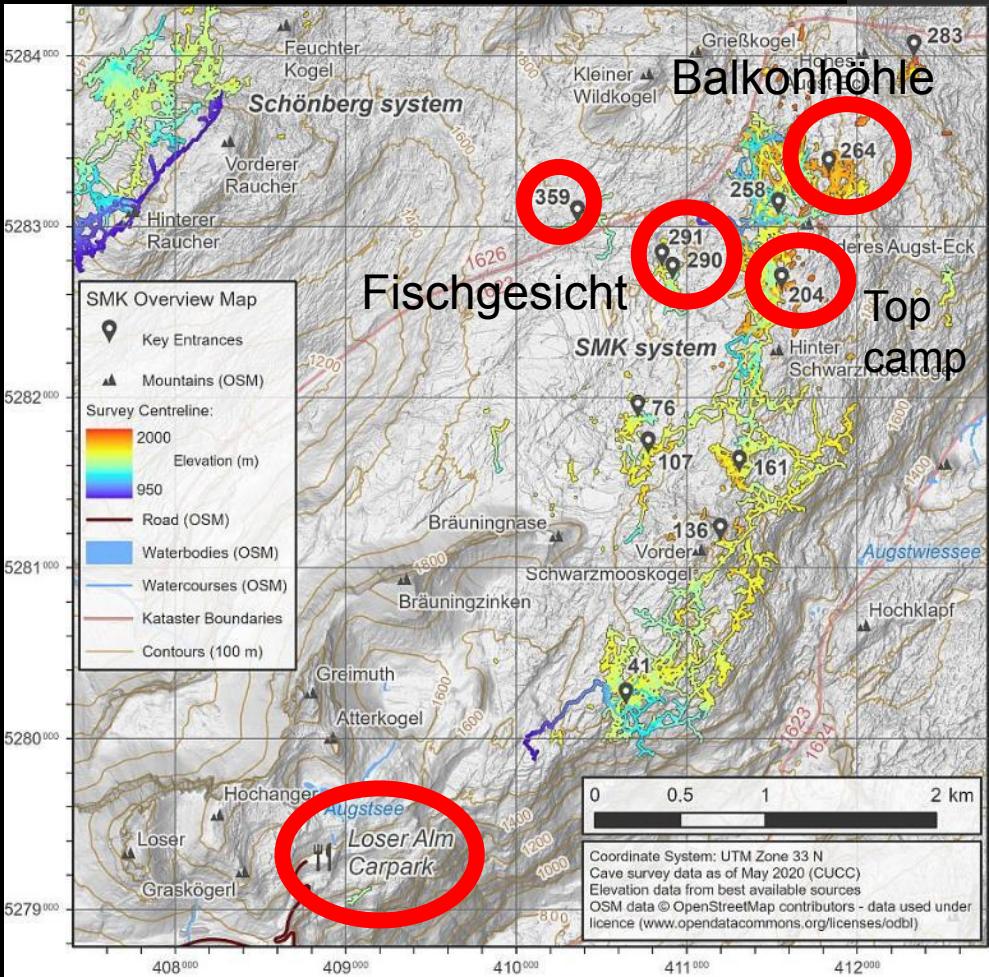








Dachstein (I think?)



Balkonhöhle



- <https://expo.survex.com/survexfolder/caves/>
- Data is publicly accessible!

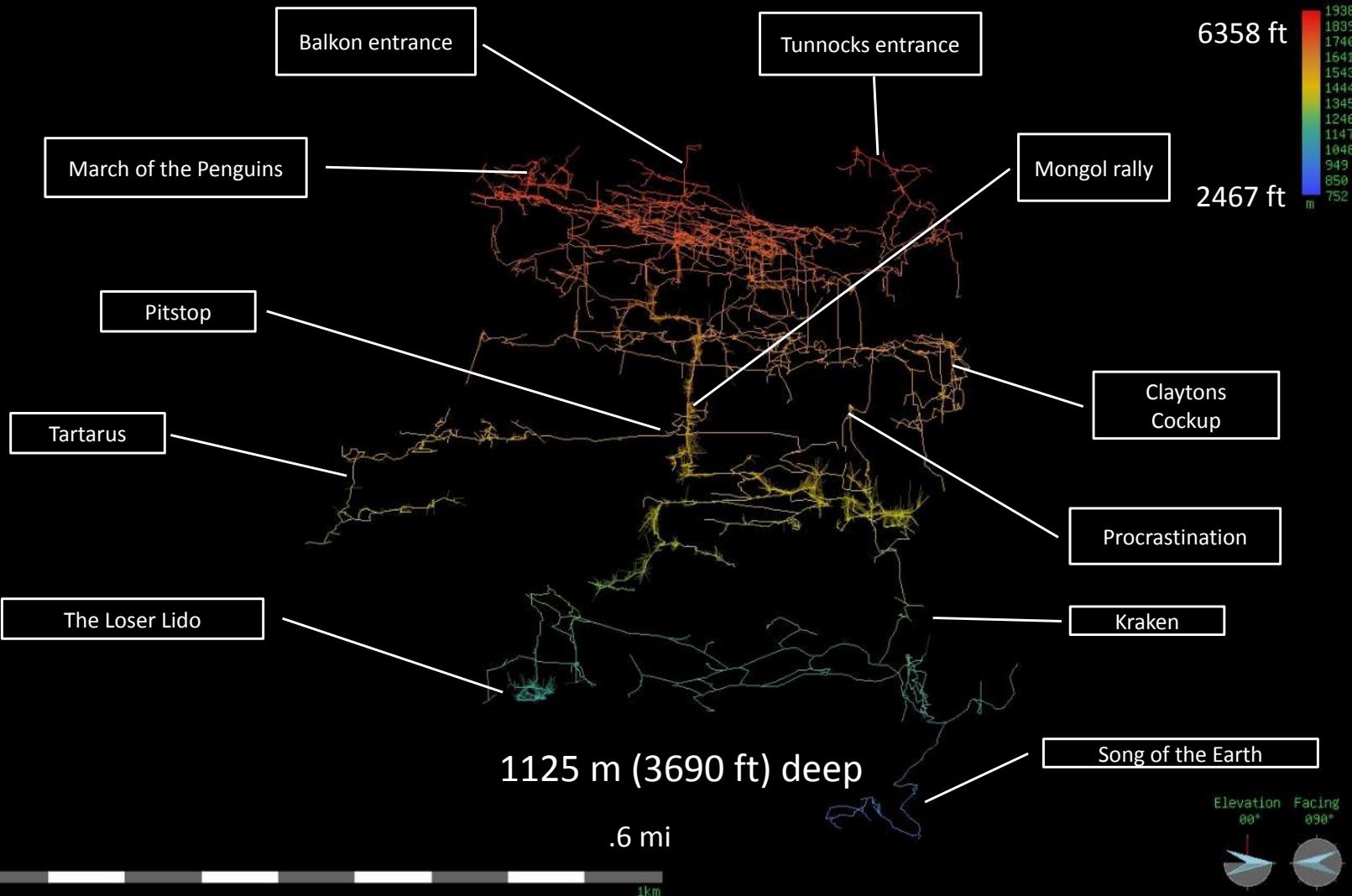
Caves with subdirectories

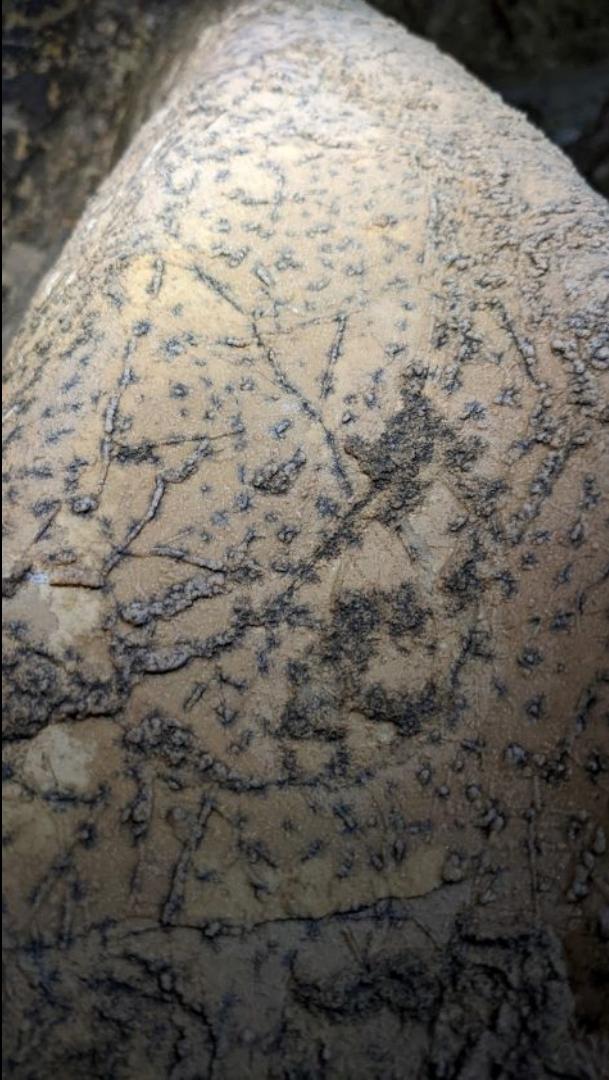
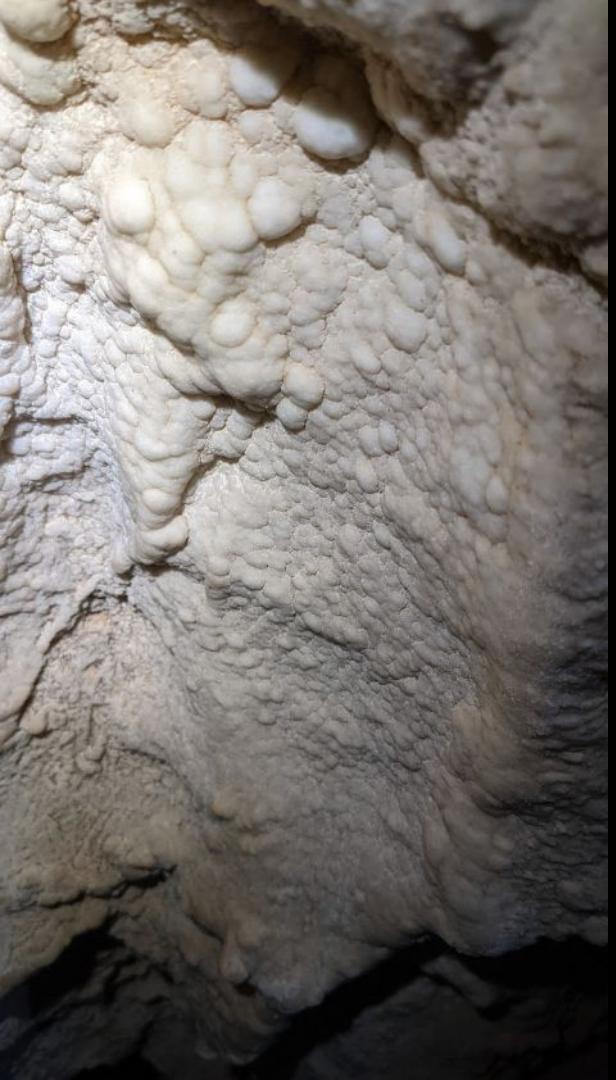
[264 - dates and explorers](#)

[264](#)

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Fischgesicht Höhle <-> Glücklich Schmetterlinghöhle











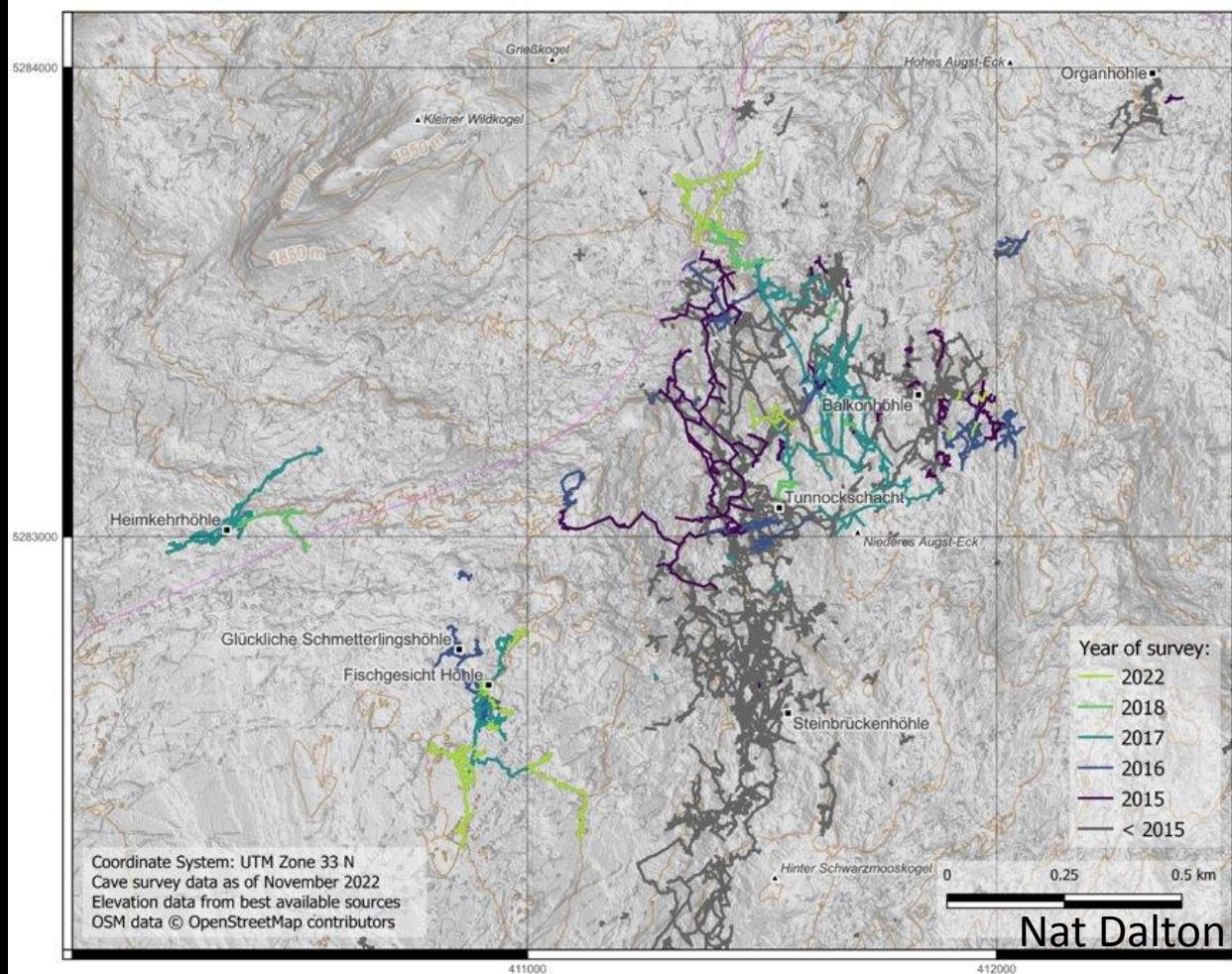
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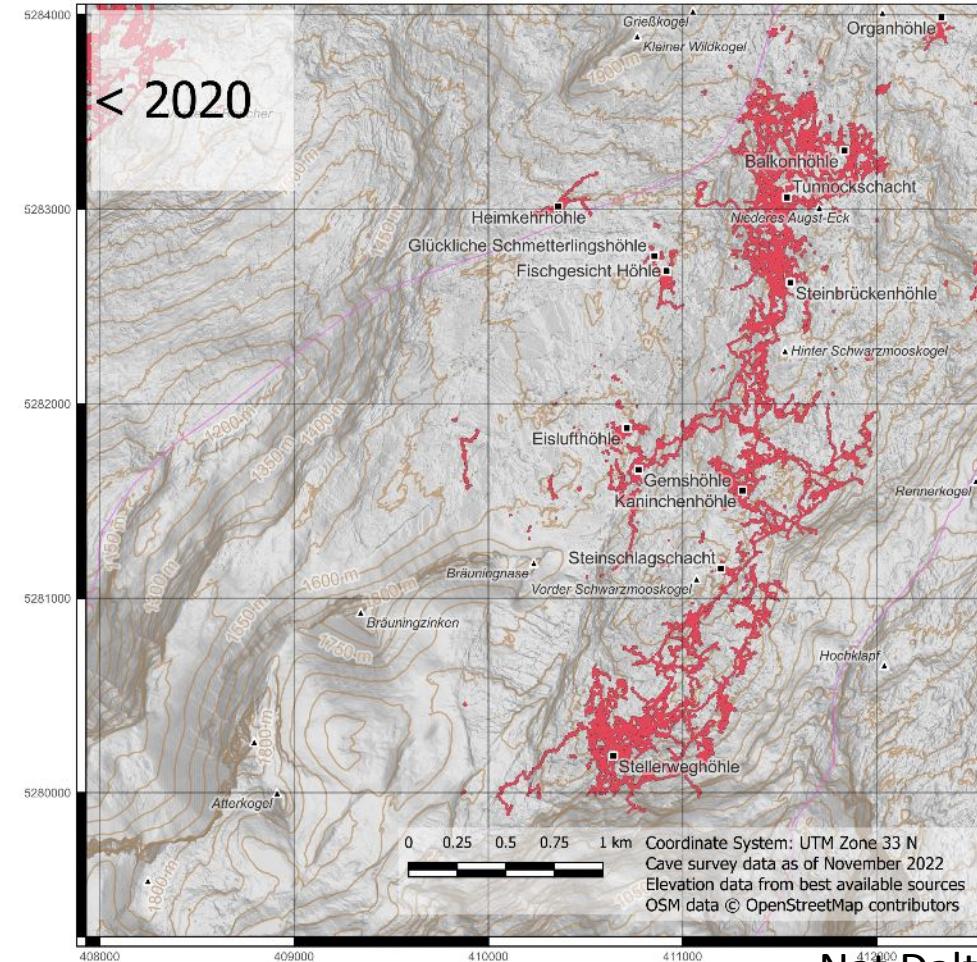


Rob Watson

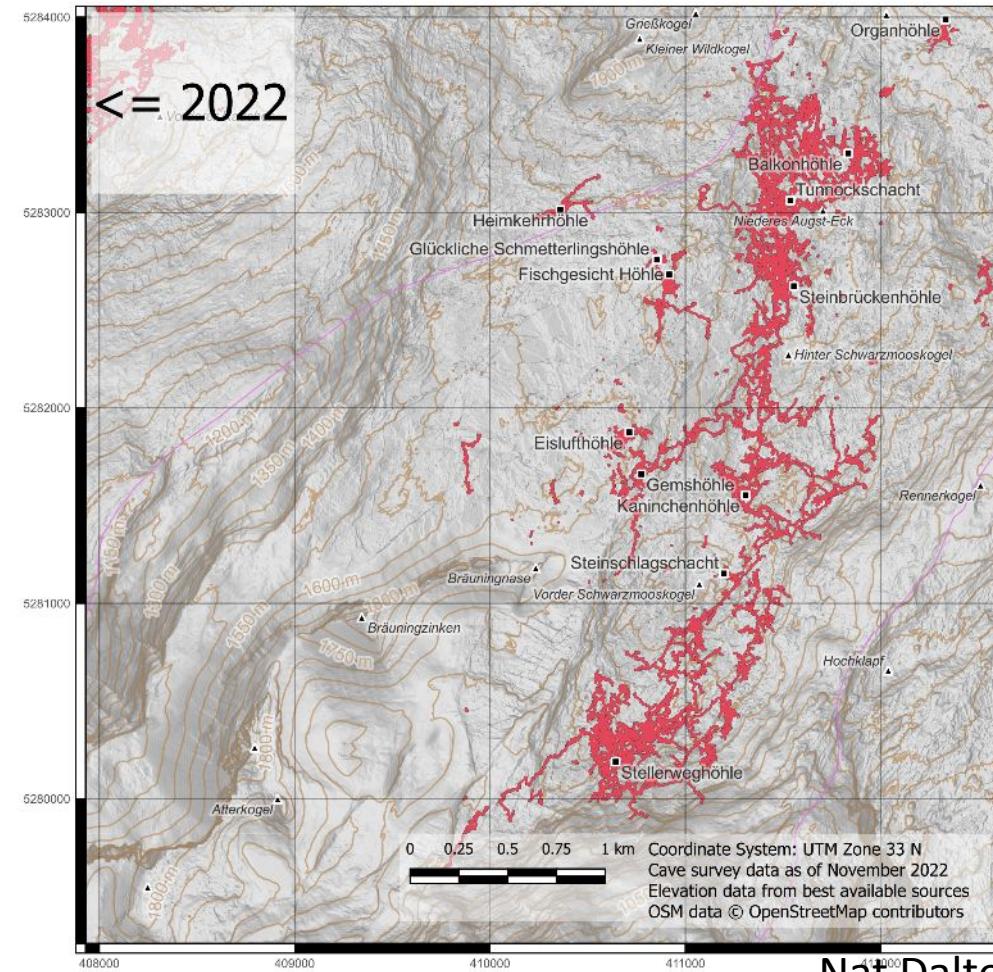
Stats

- Over 3.8 km (2.4 mi) passage surveyed by 37
- Balkonhöhle gained 1.5 km (0.9 mi)
- Fischgesicht connected to Glücklich Schmetterlinghöhle and made them deeper
 - Still not SMK





Nat Dalton



Nat Dalton

PLAN

290 – Fish Face



- Possible connection:
- 129 m horizontal difference
 - 63 m vertical difference

0 mi

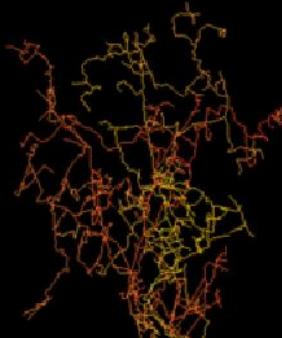
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.6 mi

1km

204 – Steinbrucken

6512 ft
2618 ft

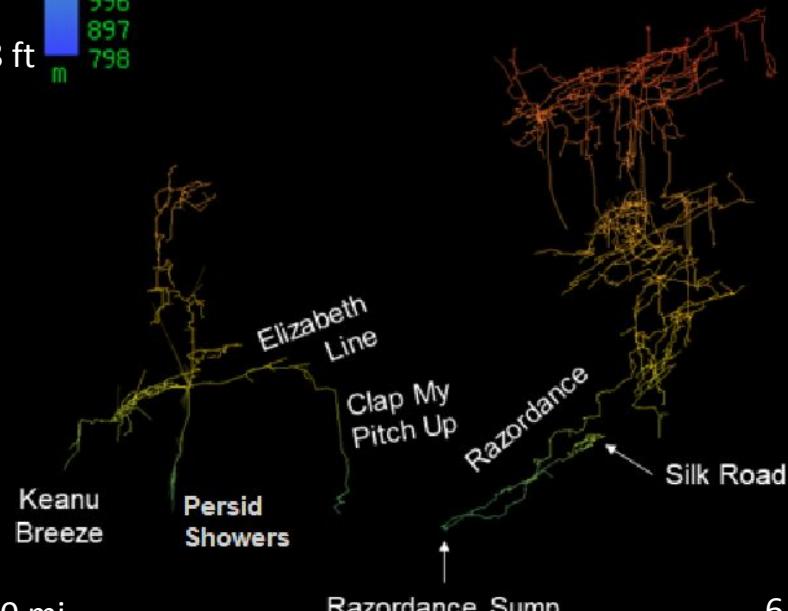


Facing
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Fisch Gesicht (1623/290) and Steinbruckenhöhle (1623/204) in the SMK system, Loser Plateau, Austria (data on 21/08/2022)

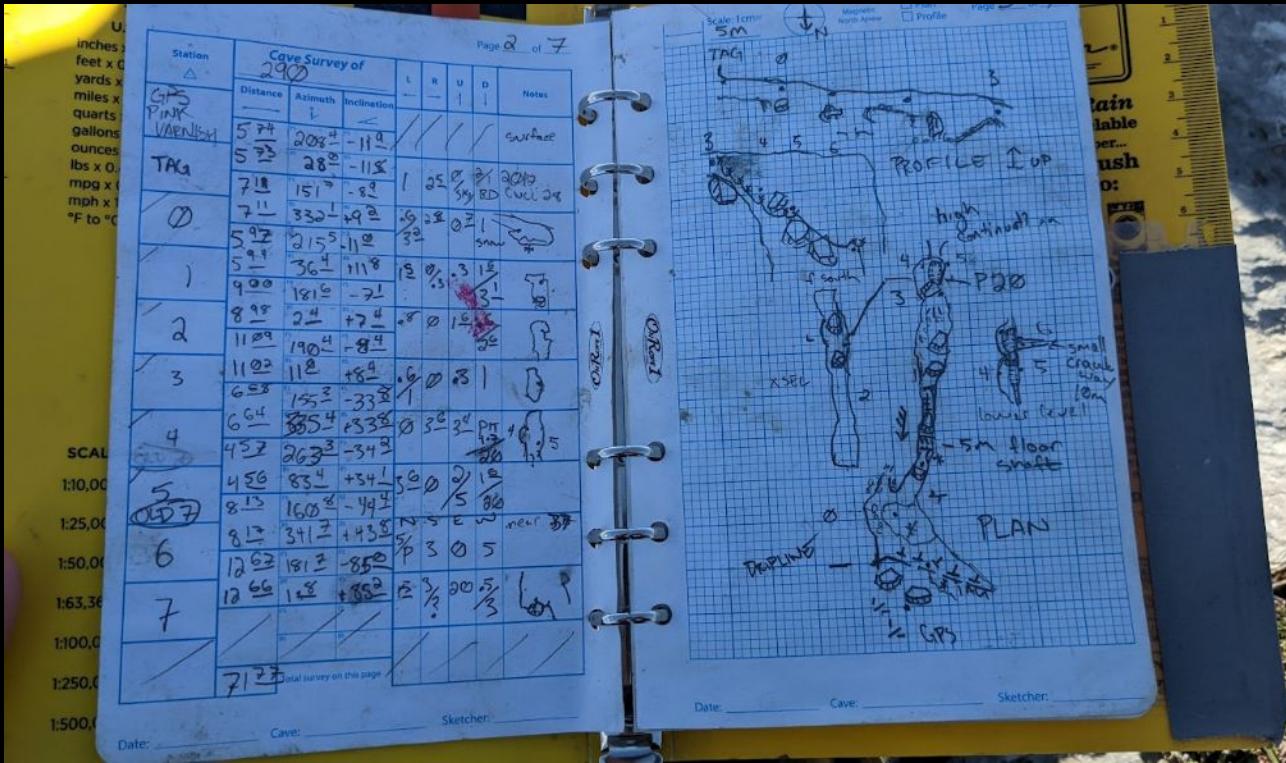
ELEVATION



.6 mi

1km

Data Management



Expo Online Systems Overview

The cave data and online publishing system (aka "the website") is now large and complicated. This page is the overview. The online systems manuals are split into these sections:

- [Toggle - initial training](#) - start here for complete beginners
- [Data maintenance](#) - for cavers finding and updating cave survey data using the software tools.
 - [Monitoring](#) the cave survey workflow status
 - [To-do](#) - data maintenance to-do list
 - [Accounts](#) - the Bank of Expo, the bier book
- [Survey handbook](#) - how to input cave survey data.
- [Handbook maintenance](#) - how to improve and update what you are reading now.
- [System maintenance](#) - how to fix and enhance the software tools we have written:
 - [the next expo](#) - preparing for next year
 - [The repositories](#)
 - [To-do](#) - online systems to-do list
 - [Toggle](#) - the system framework
 - [Other scripts](#)
 - [Server configuration](#)

How to use basecamp computers and networks, how to configure your phone for GPS, how to use your own laptop and "how to expo" in general are all part of the *handbook content*:

- [How can I contribute?](#)
- [Uploading your photos](#)
- [Uploading typed logbooks](#)
- [Uploading GPS tracks](#)
- [Recording a new cave discovery](#)
- [Bascamp computers and network](#) - what there is in the potato hut
- [Data maintenance](#) - finding and updating cave survey data using online tools
- [Configuring your own laptop](#) - for managing drawings and survey files, photographs and scanned images

Surveying and recording survey data is the reason all this exists. The "survey handbook" part of this handbook gives instructions to beginners for how to record discoveries and surveys.



Nerd Spectruman

Entry Level nerd.

Apprentice nerd

Amature nerd

I can log in nerd

Super Nerd

Wookey

Questions

Are you at Expo?

Did you go to Cambridge?

Did you go to VCS?

Is surrex on your PC?

Did you bring your computer?

Stern degree?

Do you have a nerdsize?

Do you own a survey device? (extra point for digital)

Do you lack tact?

Negative Points

Humanities?

Got wazapp?

Do you giggle?

On-Demand Lineplots

Survex File: caves-1623/264/PitStopAll

Included files: [lower_balkon/pitstop](#) [lower_balkon/safecomfortable](#) [lower_balkon/pitstop_4](#) [lower_balkon/northernpowerhouse](#)

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; Locn: Totes Gebirge, Austria - Loser/Augst-Eck Plateau (kataster group 1623)
; Cave: 264 "Balcony Hohle"
; (Originally 2005-05)

*begin PitStopAll

*include lower_balkon/pitstop

*include lower_balkon/safecomfortable
*equate safecomfortable.56x pitstop.56

*include lower_balkon/pitstop_2
*equate pitstop_2.2x pitstop.2

*include lower_balkon/pitstop_3
*equate pitstop_3.56x pitstop.56

*include lower_balkon/pitstop_4
*equate pitstop_4.44x pitstop.44

*include lower_balkon/northernpowerhouse
*equate northernpowerhouse.0 pitstop_4.4

*end PitStopAll
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OUTPUT FROM PROCESSING

Survex 1.2.45

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Survey has no fixed points. Therefore I've fixed pitstopall.pitstop.2 at

Solving one equation...

Survey contains 325 survey stations, joined by 326 legs.

There are 2 loops.

Total length of survey legs = 1226.08m (1226.08m adjusted)

Total plan length of survey legs = 1140.67m

Total vertical length of survey legs = 328.38m

Vertical range = 82.68m (from pitstopall.pitstop_2.2 at 4.23m to pitstop

North-South range = 468.06m (from anonymous station at 253.01m to pitstop

East-West range = 206.73m (from pitstopall.pitstop_3.8 at 8.42m to pitstop
186 1-nodes.

102 2-nodes.

10 3-nodes.

1 4-node.

6 5-nodes.

2 6-nodes.

2 7-nodes.

5 8-nodes.

1 9-node.

5 10-nodes.

1 11-node.

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1 14-node.

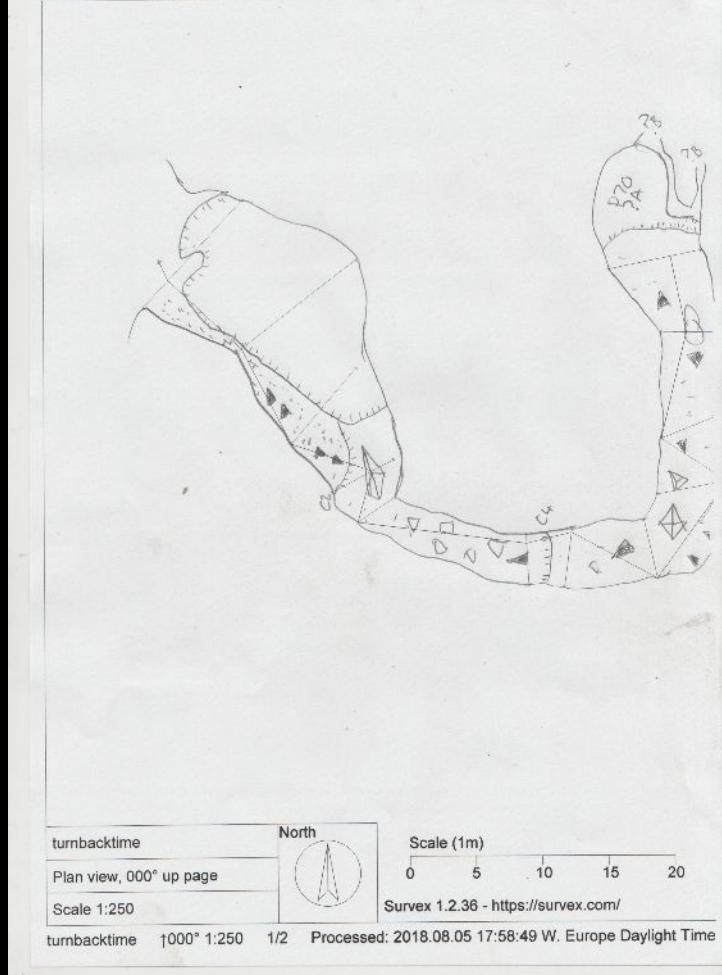
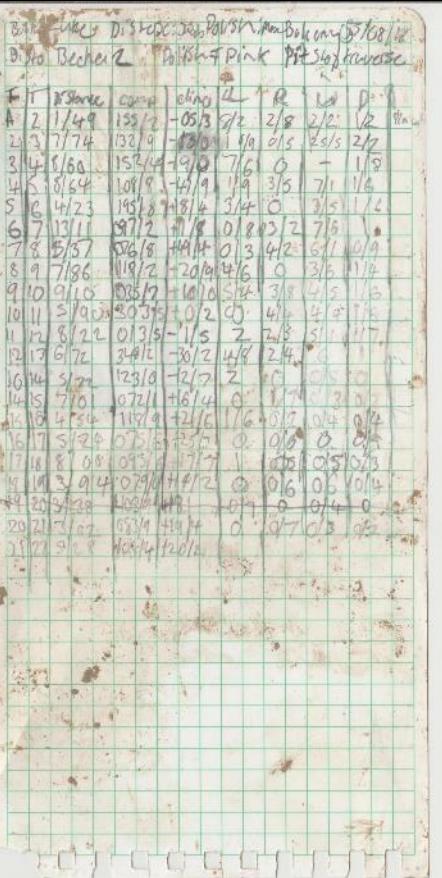
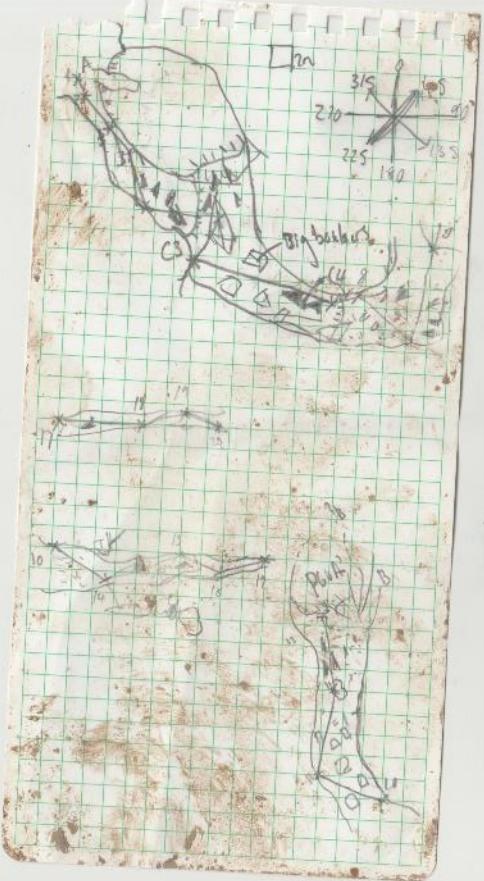
1 17-node.

1 19-node.

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Topcamp Pt 2







Prospecting











Basecamp Kitchen









Future Goals

- Continue pushing Balkonhöhle
- Connect Fischgesicht to SMK
- Push Heimkehrhöhle