

Expedition Spain 2010

As most of you know, we are organizing an expedition to South of Spain for next year 2010. There is in our plans to about 10 caving trips and 2 canyons during a period of about 15 days. We will be caving in three different National Parks they are Grazalema, Sierra de las nieves y Torcal de Antequera. (attached PPS file with some info)

There will be SRT for most of the caves, only one trip will be able for non SRT cavers which is Cueva del Gato, 5 Kilometres through trip, with all fixed ropes, loads of swimming, wet suit required, harness, helmet and stop or figure of 8, treatment for this cave will be like a canyon because dimensions of passages but obvious on the dark, lakes up to 1100 metres long (600 metres swimmable for us), 6 to 8 abseiling (depend of route) with a dipper drop of 30 metres, huge chambers like Plaza de Toros (bull ring), where you actually could build a bull ring in the chamber and a good range of formations like the Great Stalagmite within 4 metres wide and 5 metres high.

Our accommodation will be based in the village of Villaluenga del Rosario, in the province of Cadiz but very close to Malaga province too, there we will be caving in both of the provinces. Accommodation will be in a bunk style house that is run by the Andalusian Caving Federation, there is plenty of bunks, meeting rooms, a rear patio and porch and kitchen with staff cooking for us. Accommodation is 8 Euros per night and 8 Euros per meal.

All caves that we are visiting, are under permit system, in the permits will be printed all names of all members in the party, that's why we need 100% confirmation that added to the booking of accommodation.

All caves as I said are going to be SRT, and one of the trips will be to Sima GESM, as most of you know, this is a 1100m deep cave, there we could put a MCG team to participate in the exploration still taking place finding new passages and pitches, we will be working with the team that is actually working in Sima GESM's exploration since 2002 and reaching 950m depth of new cave. This trip is ONLY for tougher cavers, 3 meter squeeze by the entrance of the cave, called literally "the f**king squeeze" in surveys. This party will be under the permit that an Spanish Caving Club's has for the exploration. We need again to put names down for permits.

Our caving trips will be developed in National Parks of Andalucia, their organisation is whom issues permits, there is nothing to do with clubs and/or Caving Federation, authorities are well aware about the big risk of fires that's why we need to put names down, I know that at least one local caving club has been fined for taking caving gear off the cars without a caving permit issued, anyway we are in contact already with them 3 parts National Parks, Andalusian Caving Federation and Local Clubs. Sima GESM and Cueva del Gato (5Km through trip) will be already rigged and there will be gear available to rig other caves if needed.

Date for expedition I would suggest to do it in September '10, as I spoke with local cavers, walk to the caves past August has been hardy hot, so September should be cooler than August but always warmer than here.

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OUR CAVING AND CANNOYING TRIPS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN THREE DIFFERENT NATIONAL PARKS:
SIERRA DE GRAZALEMA
SIERRA DE LAS NIEVES
EL TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA

OUR ACCOMMODATION WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE OF VILLALUENGA DEL ROSARIO IN THE HEART OF THE NATIONAL PARK OF GRAZALEMA

FROM THERE WE WILL BE CAVING/CANNOYNG FROM A WALKING DISTANCE TO A SHORT DRIVING DISTANCE, VISITING N.P. OF GRAZALEMA (CADIZ) AND N.P. SIERRA DE LAS NIEVES(MALAGA). THERE IS ALLOWANCE TO A CAVING/CANNOYNG TRIP WHITHIN TWO AN HALF HOURS DRIVING DISTANCE (WORTH IT) TO N.P. EL TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA (GRANADA)

THERE IS PLENTY CLIMBING AREAS IN EITHER OF THE NATIONAL PARKS THAT WE ARE VISITING EVEN A CLIMBING CENTER IN THE VILLAGE WHERE WE LODGING



OUR BASE CAMP WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE OF VILLALUENGA DEL ROSARIO



Villaluenga del Rosario



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Village built
in one of
the different
valley of
the Karst of
Sierra de
Grazalema



WITHIN A WALKING DISTANCE
TO OUR FIRST CAVING TRIP



NEAREST CAVES TO VISIT



CAVING/CANNOYNG TRIPS

P.N. DE GRAZALEMA

- SIMA DE VILLALUENGA DEL ROSARIO,
- SIMA DE CACAO
- SISTEMA DE REPUBLICANO-CABITO
- POZUELO 1
- POZUELO 2
- SISTEMA HUNDIDERO-GATO

P.N. SIERRA DE LAS NIEVES

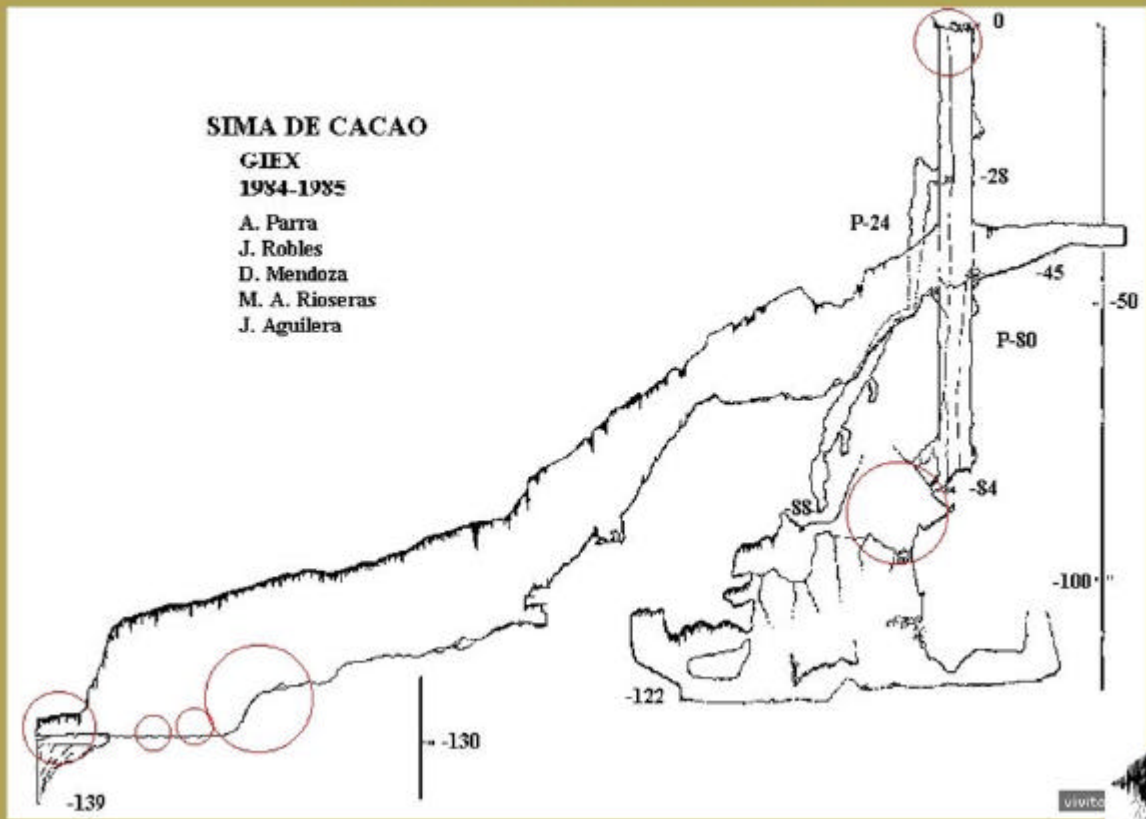
- SIMA GESM
- SIMA DE LAS LEPIOTAS
- SIMA DE LAS PERLAS
- CANNYON RONDA

P.N. EL TORCAL DE ANTEQUERA

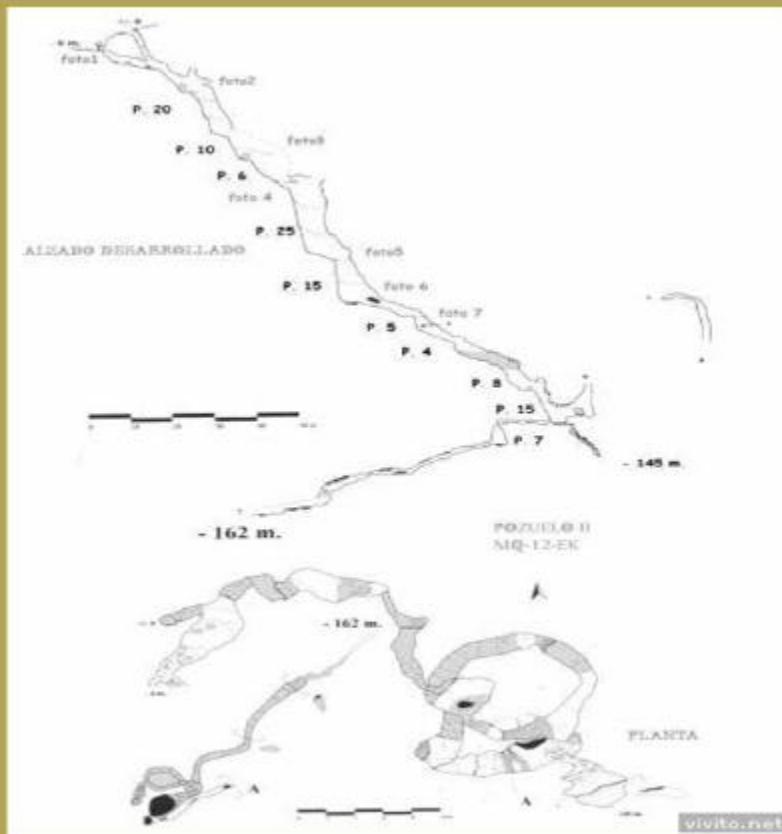
- SIMA RASCA
- CANNYON GARGANTA DE RIO VERDE



SIMA DE CACAO, - 139 M.







POZUELO 2 -162 M.





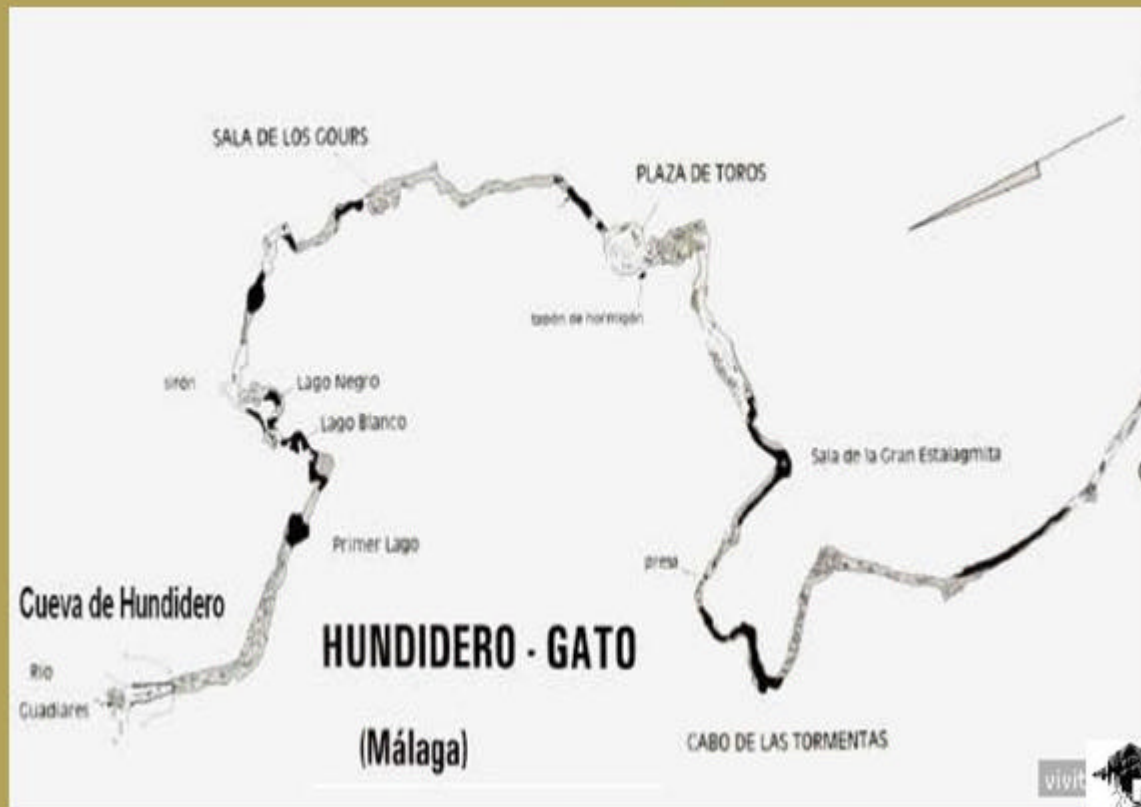


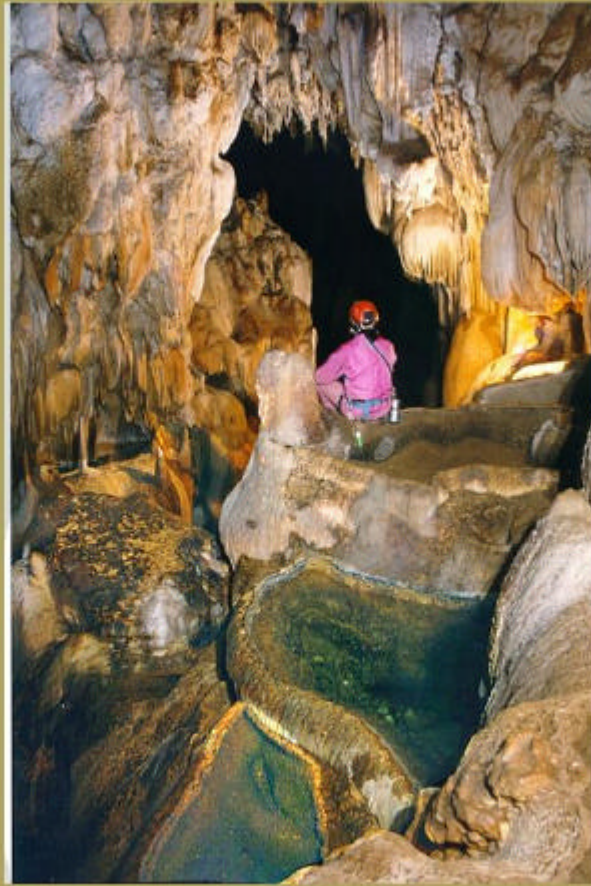


SISTEMA HUNDIDERO-GATO, LENGTH 4.8 KM.



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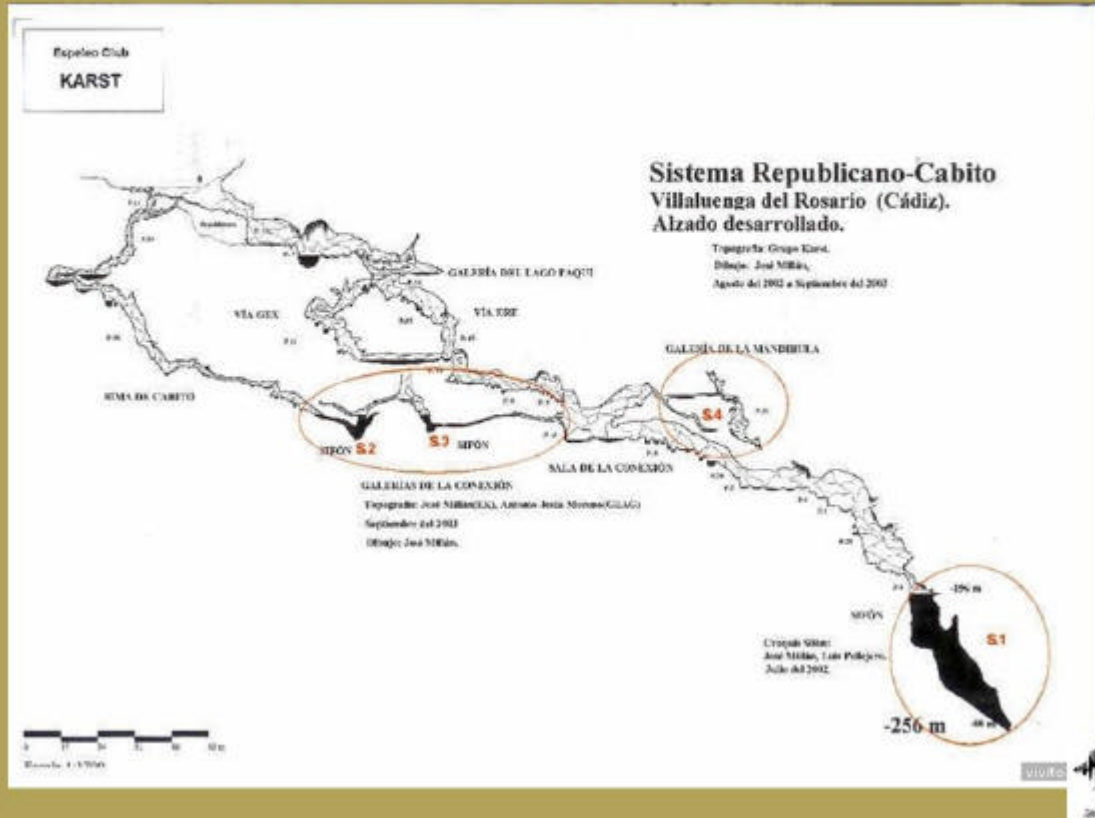








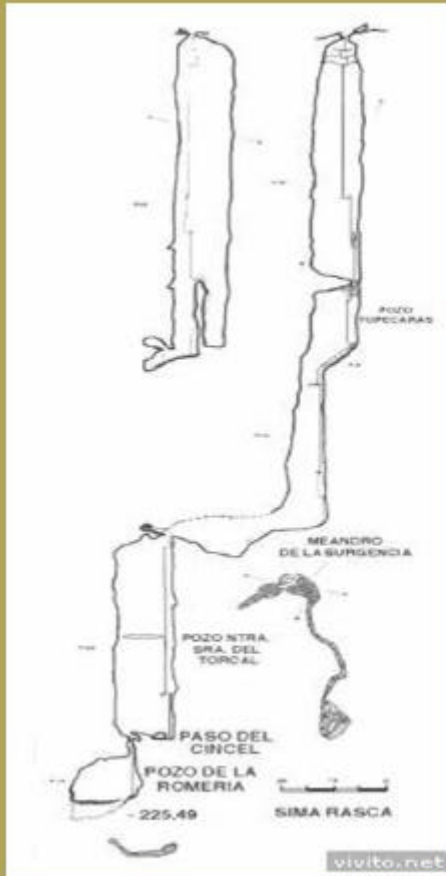
SISTEMA REPUBLICANO-CABITO, -256 M.



SIMA DE POZUELO 1, -278 M.



SIMA RASCA -225 M



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