

BLUE GRASS GROTTO CAVE
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On August 31, 1974, Jim Currens and myself went to Rockcastle County on a ridge running trip in the vicinity of Barnett's Valley. After walking about a quarter of the way up the valley we found a small hole on the side of the valley. At the time we found it, it was a small hole with a little room inside, in which a small dome pit was blowing.

The next trip, which I was not on, was a dig in which an entrance was made. Jim Currens, Deb Currens, Martin Hackworth and Scott Schillereff finally broke through into a moderately large trunk passage. Exploration was completed with a couple of near broken bones, after an unsuccessful attempt at a climb by Scott "the Fly" Schillereff.

The third and last trip to date was a cave survey, with: Jim Currens, fore-compass and sketch; myself, back compass; Scott, inclinometer; and Richard Ferguson, notes. The survey was with a Silva and tape using two Silva Ranger compasses. The cave is not large--it is the remnant of a larger system. BGG Cave has a mapped length of 464.74 feet. Upon plotting, both by hand and by Calcomp Plotter on the IBM 360, the map very closely resembles a plucked crane.

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