

Cooksburg Cave

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Geologic Unit: St. Louis Limestone

Description: Just inside the entrance of this cave is a small cement dam, as it serves as a reliable water supply for its owner. Before the entrance is a small pit about ten feet deep cut into a thick shale layer, into which the cave's water drains and disappears into the debris at the bottom. The cave consists of a single stream passage about two hundred feet long with an elongate, curving lens dome near the end of the explored passage.

9-1-80 - Jack Hissong, Ralph Mann, and Dennis Green surveyed Cooksburg Cave as part of an effort to find a second entrance to P-11. 110 meters were surveyed, and these combined with a surface survey, indicate that Cooksburg Cave crosses over a passage P-11, with 16 meters of vertical separation. Dennis Green managed to squirm well over 100 meters through an 8" crawl to where he once again found walking passage. He returned before finding the end of this passage.