

DRUMMERS PIT
by Don Pollock

In March of 1974 a new pit was surveyed by Jim Currans, Martin Hackworth and myself. The pit had been located by Martin and Jim some time before.

The pit has a story behind it that in short says that several peddlers had been murdered and thrown into the pit--hence its name, Drummers Pit. This was also the first time that Martin used his West 707 rope.

The survey was conducted with Silva and tape in the metric system, the tape being graduated in decimeters. The cave as a whole is not very big, but due to being soaked by the waterfall at the entrance and the pit being a natural refrigerator, it took us around seven hours to explore and map it. The pit is a little over 16 meters deep and the cave at the bottom is around forty-two meters in length. It ends in an extinct dome and at about midway through the cave is a section choked with breakdown. There is a possibility, a good one, of more cave being there but it would take blasting to get to it. The map was drafted by Jim Currans.