

# Kirkwoods Fullmoon Crawl

## My best Memory/ worst Nightmare

or

### How to Name a Passage

Sounds Ominous!

On a quiet Saturday morning John Neack + I joined Tom Kirkwood in the rolling cavemobile for a trip to Jackson County and the newest cave discovered Rockcastle cave.

After descending the initial pit climbdown Tom realized that his winter thermal coveralls and many lunches at the "Maisonette" could not be forced through the crawlway. So off came the coveralls and on came the goosebumps.

Once through, the trip continued over rock, up+down terrain, and lengthy cave untill John had shown us most of the cave. Tom + I enjoyed

the cave although Toms opinion of John Neack wavered lower and lower. Finally we reached the Needle passage and it was time to go. Back to the crawlway(the last one) and Toms coveralls. By now the cotton stuffing was trailing Tom like bread crumbs behind Hansel and Gretel as his coveralls disintegrated before our eyes.

Shedding his rags and placing his Justrite in his underwear Tom entered the crawlway. Upon reaching the other end he cried "I'm out"

After laying on my side and pushing into the crawl, I turned my head and beheld Tom still attempting to negotiate the last squeeze, his Haines briefs with battery pack down to his knees from rubbing on the ceiling. And it's a FULL-MOON reflecting in my light. "I'm out" was more then true and I was glad to see him disappear finally through the hole.

So that's how a passage comes to be named.

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### Announcements

On Dec. 10 Terry Fields, better known to us as "Mitch" got married to Martha in a short ceremony in Lockland. Martha has lived on the land adjacent to Smokehole for many years and Mitch met her after buying the land across the way. After the wedding the couple left for Hawaii for the honeymoon. We hope to see him caving soon agian. Good luck dude!

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### The " NOTHING'S FINISHED UNTIL THE FAT CAVER SINGS" list

I've been involved with the Rainshelter Project from the beginning and I can definitely say we have a lot left to survey.

Imagine yourself at the end of the Needle Passage at a fifteen foot waterfall climb. Climb up fifteen feet and then climb four more short waterfall climbs and enter a long lead which is walking passage ( 400 standard streba units). Many leads to the left and the right, all unsurveyed, unexplored, well, maybe once. There is one particular lead which takes you to a room filled with thousands of tabular gypsum rosettes. Another lead takes you to a crawl with gypsum flowers.

The passage to the Wall Room leads to an upper passage ( 45 feet high) which is still unexplored. John Neack climbed free for thirty feet then slid down. He left lots of skin to mark the route for the next expedition. Thanks, John. That climb has your name on it. ( or at least your skin.)

Domocile also has leads waiting— high, up which will require climbing, surveying, and exploring.

GCGDDD is looking for suckxxx , eh, climbers to pursue the depths of Rainshelter and help expand this incredibly formed and interesting cave.

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