



Scialet de la Fee Anglais

(Cave of the English Fairy)

Description and rigging guide



Location	Correncon, Isere	Map	TOP25 32360T
Lambert & GPS co-ordinates	850,28 X 310,38 X 1184 GPS: 698.223, 4991.619	Date of last visit	8 th August 1999
Depth	-89m	Length	

Access : From Villard-de-Lans (or you could approach from St Martin) follow the D221 (Herbouilly) road past les Sables and take the next left turn at Baraque Forest (spot height 1138). Follow the road past several bends until on a long right hand bend a forest track can be seen going off on the left (at a picnic spot). Park on forestry track just off the forest road. Follow track down slope to vague path on the left (just at the bottom of slope). A vague path across moss covered lapiez leads to the “new” entrance (care), the original entrance is in an obvious gully just to the north of the new entrance.



Path to entrance



Original Entrance

Description:

Please refer to Speleo dans le Vercors Tome 1 for survey and more detail. Please note that rigging information presented here could have changed since this report was written.

(From '99 report). The cave was discovered in July 1982 by members of Dent Caving Club whilst looking for the entrance to Joufflus! A cracking trip with just 3 fine pitches leading to a static lake (Several dives have failed to find a continuation).

The first pitch (24m) is rigged via a short 2 hanger traverse to a Y hang which is followed by a further Y hang out in the shaft. A fine free hang follows into a good sized chamber, from where a pair of interesting Y hangs provide another fine descent (26m) into a further fine chamber. (The new entrance also lands in this chamber, but this route is very scruffy and there is a real danger from falling rocks and forest debris when using this route). There is a pretty grotto across a large pool (Lac?) with interesting scrambles to entertain here, or the optional climb up into the Meandre Fossile.

From this chamber a rope protected climb leads down to the head of the final pitch (20M)

rigged from a Y hang and deviation from across the shaft. A final hanger provides a safe landing place alongside deep water.

French cave diver Bertrand Leger dived the lake on 16th and 23rd September 1984. He circled the bottom of the lake at -6 m without finding any further passages apart from a narrow fissure in one corner, which falls below 3 m and is closed by mud.

Equipment:

Entrance pitch: 35m of rope, 6 hangers

Second pitch: 33m of rope, 5 hangers

Final pitch: 35m, 6 hangers and a long sling