



# Scialet du Pot du Loup



## Description and rigging guide

<b>Location</b>	St Martin-en-Vercors, Drome	<b>Map</b>	TOP25 3236OT
<b>Lambert &amp; GPS co-ordinates</b>	847,33 X 3307,03 X 1287 <b>GPS:</b> 695.017, 4988.243	<b>Date of last visit</b>	3rd August 1999
<b>Depth</b>	-94m	<b>Length</b>	170m

### Access:

The entrance is marked on the map. From the D221 St Martin to Villard Road turn right onto the rough track that leads to the Herbouilly pastures (unofficial) picnic area at spot height 1301 on map. A little way along the track is an accute turn to the left. Reverse along this track to it's end (not far). The entrance is immediately beyond the track.

### Description:

*Please refer to Speleo dans le Vercors Tome 2 for survey and more detail. Please note that rigging information presented here could have changed since this report was written.*

(From '99 report). A fine trip - too readily dismissed as a novice trip, although it's a shame there's not a further 100m of cave like this. Take a camera!

**Entrance pitch:** choose your hang! Back off rope to trees and descend scruffy ledge to Y hang. A short, greasy descent picks up a further Spit for a rebelay. From the bottom of the pitch the way on is a 3m climb up into a horizontal passage. This climb usually has tat in place. Follow the passage to the P37.

**P37 (second pitch):** Back off rope to substantial thread and further Spit followed by a high Y hang over the pitch. A deviation 2m down will provide a free hang in this magnificent shaft.

**P12:** Back off rope to obvious thread. A high Y hang is followed by a deviation some 3m down off the opposite wall. Alternatively, a high traverse can be followed using 3 Spits for a clear rig to the bottom of both P12 and P2.

**R2:** A scruffy climb to the start of P10. (The rope for P12 can be anchored at the top of P2 and used as a handline).

**P10:** A poorly protected traverse (use a sling from an obvious flake half way along) to a Y hang across the shaft. Use a sling from the obvious natural part way down the pitch for a deviation.

**P12:** A short section of horizontal passage leads to P12. A Y hang is rigged from either side of an obvious flake, followed by a deviation from a Spit some metres down. R2 does not require a rope.

### Equipment:

Entrance pitch: 35m rope, 3 hangers and a sling.

3m climb: Take a 5m rope in case it's not rigged.

P37: 52m rope, 4 hangers and a sling.

P12 and R2: 20m rope, 4 hangers and 2 slings.

P10 and P12: 45m rope, 7 hangers and 3 slings.