



Foresight



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Roam Caves #1 & #2

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Roam #1

Entrance mouth sits at the base of the bluff overlooking the Gasconade. The mouth is 40 feet wide and 75 feet high. Caves runs approximately 350 feet. A trickle of water flows from the mouth throughout the cave.



Cave turns gradually to the right and passageway is about 25 feet wide and 50 feet high for about the first 100 feet. It then gradually slopes upwards for the next 50 feet into walking passage 15 feet wide and 25 feet high. It then enters a crevice with should crouch height for another 75 feet to ceiling breakdown. At this point the cave passage splits into an upper and lower level.



The upper crevice is a crawl over muddy breakdown and is 3 feet wide by 4 feet tall with a narrow crevice shelf forcing you to crawl. This continues 25-30 feet before turning a hard left and dropping to



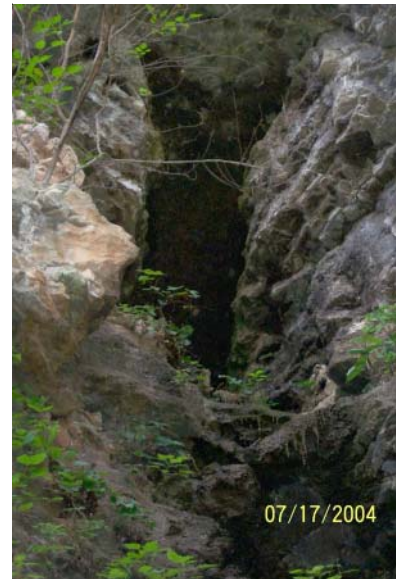
a belly crawl. We turned back at this point. 1 western slimy and 1 yellow long tail salamander were seen in this area.

The lower passage matches the upper tract and is 4 feet wide by 2 feet tall w/ large chert and the trickle stream. We followed it some 30 feet before turning back.



Roam #2

Roam #2 is a small bluff hole 50 from the base of the bluff to the left of Roam #1. It was not entered. GPS and photo only.



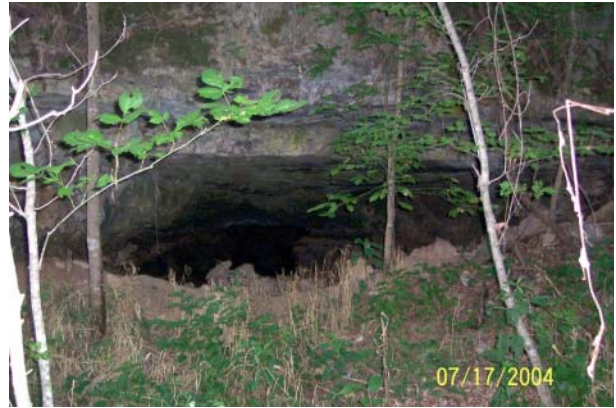
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This is a new cave to the files. Its mouth sits high in a bluff recession just below the base of the gravel road. The recession ravine runs some 150 feet at a gradual slope below the cave mouth to the Gasconade. The cave is 6 feet high by 40 feet wide at the entrance and quickly widens as it slopes down. The first 75 feet of passageway is 15 feet wide and 25 feet high, very dry and shows



2 larger dig holes nearest the mouth. One hole had been dug some 6-7 feet deep and well into the mollusk level. Past this the same passage size remains with approx. 75 feet of mud floor and then a soft, sinking silt floor of easily boat deep water level ranging from knee to waist deep while stepping on rocks and hugging a dual level wall shelf. This passage continues some 100-150 feet and is filled with 100's of *Caecidotea* some of which were nearly 2 inches long. The silt floor gradually gives way to a depth of 2-3 feet of water with a fairly muddy floor.

A 10 foot wide passage to the right at this point is filled with breakdown and opens into a 10 foot high dry room with continuing dry crawl passage. No further exploration of this passage. A large pickerel frog was on the lower shelf level near this passage.

Just beyond this passage, the main ceiling lowers to 6-8 feet high for some 20 feet as the floor rises above water level to a firm mud. At this point the cave splits in a Y. 1 pipistrelle was seen in a ceiling pocket in this area.

To the left, a knee crawl in 3 foot high by 6 foot wide passage continues. Only 150 feet was explored today. A possum skeleton was near the entrance of this passage.



To the right a passage of similar form was also followed for 150 plus feet before turning back.

Total estimated passage explored was 1000 feet, with much left to see.

