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LITTLE HOLE, HILTON FELL, Nr. APPLEBY, WESTMORLAND.

by

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First explored 1st.June 1963. Length approx. 60 ft. Location - N.G.R. NY 764236.

Location:

On right hand side of floor of a dry valley above largest waterfall at head of Hilton Beck, about half a mile north of Amber Hill Mines. Entrance is in a stream bed besides a cairn built on a large flat rock. A large quantity of large boulders had to be removed in order to go in entrance.

Entrance:

Low, about 9" high and 3 to 4 ft. wide. Crawl in mud and rock of stream bed, then ease right over flattish boulders. Roof higher inside rising to 2ft. to 2ft. 6ins. with passage 4' to 5' wide.

Roof: Flat.

Floor: Slight slope to east (right hand side), mainly covered in coarse sand and small pebbles.

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Passage:

Only one passage, divided after about 40 feet by a thin rock diaphragm which extends from floor to roof. Water flows to the left of this. Sand on the right hand side. Wet bedding-plane crawl for about 60' which ends in boulders on left (bed of dry valley above). Passage too low on right. No formations, limestone only thinly bedded.

A survey was not attempted. The accompanying rough sketch map however serves to give a general picture of the cave and surroundings.

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