Peak Weekend 7th - 9th March 2025

Vlad Catanea, Rosa Clements, Máté Sáci, Jakub Skop
Lizzie Glanville, Pawet Piwek, Jakub Wornbarol, Oliver Butler,
Frances Pope, Jerome "No callout" Frenchbry,

8th March – 6:15pm
First caving trip! Peak Cavern was a great choice - thank you Vlad for leading and guiding myself and 4 others first to Moss Chamber, and also to Treasury Passage and the ~~Streamway~~ since we had some energy and warmth still ~~[illegible]~~ when we reappeared from ~~[illegible]~~ Pickering Passage. Overall very fun, and very wet (although Mucky Ducks wasn't so deep as usual, I'm told). Crinoid forests and the speleothems (of wiggly, wavy, and all sorts of formations) were lovely to see, and I'm very much looking forward to the photos from this trip. ~~[illegible]~~ The Eyehole on the way to and from Moss Chamber was a bit of a sticky point, but the route was well worth the excertion, and perhaps one day I'll come back to it as a more experienced caver. Almost time for supper (chilli, and Fiona's courgettes + potatoes)

~ Lizzie :)

Fiona & Mate: Peak Cavern ⟶ JH : ~~3.30 hours~~ 3.5 hours,
got lost 3 times. found routes to bottom of JH.
we are supposed to ~~bee~~ meet with Frances & Jerome.
but they are not there. so we returned

JH → Peak Cavern : 1.5 hours.
we are fast lol. even beat Vlad's team haha

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Adam, 8th March, Peak Cavern: Thanks for unexpected loth and all of the pretty rocks!



Fig 1. Formations along the way



Fig 2. A mould we saw

Yorkshire Weekend 9th - 11th May

Carlos Fiona Vlad Rosa Rocky Beixin + 2 freshers.
Anton Wentao

Saturday
Lancaster Hole (& Wilf Taylors round trip)
Fiona Rosa Beixin + 2 freshers.
SRT down & Up.

Fiona did the rigging. took 1.5 hours for everyone to go down.
The freshers were fine doing STOP transition @ when descending. However it wasn't the case were going up.
~~it~~ The trip took 6 hours intotal. a very long trip for beginners.
In the end, Rocky's Team caught up with us. and there was a huge queue at the bottom of Lancaster Hole.
The freshers struggled so much when going up. Fiona went up first it was warm and sunny outside.

Sunday
Fiona Vlad Derrg trip from Wretched Rabbit to Pool Sink

it only took 4 hours intotal (~~in the. ine~~ including walking).

Carlos got a Flat tire & a broken wheel. on a Sunday. He hit a tiny hole on the side of the Road. Someone changed wheel for us. ~~which~~ as has a speedlimit of 55 mph. Our journey back was extremely slow. took us ~ 6 hours.
We got back alive lol.

Forest of Dean weekend

Rosa Clements, Frances Pope, Fiona Zhang, Vlad Catanea, Vlad Turcuman, Oli Butler, Lizzie Glanville

Slaughter Stream

also met the rice cat in the cave rescuers [illegible]

We found the key with a little difficulty (only a What 3 Words location, and not so easy to spot the small keysafe in the pretty garden). But we were then pretty close to the cave. Oli and Lizzie had no problems with the SRT. We went upstream and up Zurree Aven. No water was coming down it, very dry.

We had a look at the description (of the long round trip, which we weren't planning to do) and found the correct way. We saw Norman and some cool crystals. We had a few route finding moments eg. when finding the Chunnel. Apparently turn right and bear right are very different things, and the Chunnel doesn't look very Chunnel like at the start. We then walked past the obvious red and white arrow and struggled with how down we had to go before finding the magnificent fossil (with [illegible]) passage. Eventually we found where we were supposed to be, and some lovely cracked mud floors. Then the streamway! We completed the short round trip, using instructions for the long round trip!

In the streamway we saw some mushrooms trying to grow. And then, a water vole! It was very speedy. I hope it was OK living underground, but there were the bugs and mushrooms getting washed in too.

All out with no problems and back to the campsite for barbecue in the sun. Top trip!

While waiting for Rosa and Oli at the 'bear right' confusion, Vlad T and I (Lizzie) appreciated the darkness, and then made a mud face to go with it (for better and more interests) [illegible] in a muddy [illegible] in the wall.

* Additions by Lizzie G. on 20/06/25 (during Mendip weekend)

In the evening, we had a walk to the Devil's Pulpit to watch the sunrise. Just about made it and saw two badgers! Possibly attracted by Frances's badger talisman necklace.



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Otter Hole – Frances, Vlad, Vlad, Fiona, Oli

18th May 2025 Guide: Paddy Wilson

We got to the Lower Wyndcliff carpark and realised it was the same place we had been yesterday to climb up to the Eagle's Nest Viewpoint over the Wye Valley. We'd even already seen the bathtub in the woods that we would wash off the mud in, while walking down to the fake Giant's Cave.

We left the car park rather late, after 07:30 due to the faffing. We walked down hill through the forest and turned right to walk along the river a way until we saw the cave entrance. We got in by 8am but the tidal arch was due to close at 8:30. It's a difficult cave/crawl to the arch so we didn't get there till 9am. It's been a crazily dry spring so the eyelet above the arch was probably not going to close at all. We all climbed feet first through the eyelet and used the rope to try not to head-first into the estuary water. Left the arch area about 9:15pm. The slippy mud starts.

Some one write up the trip...

Giant stalactites, size of large cars.

Got back to the sump at 3pm and we all climbed through the eyelet. Once we all made it over the the archway had started to open and Paddy perfectly fit his bearded head through the gap. Out by 4:30pm. So muddy. Washed in bathtub for ages. Back at the carpark 17:30

Wales Weekend 30/05/25 – 01/06/25

Rosa Clements, Tom Hale, Grace Jasky
Isaac Markovitz, Theo Adams, Vlad Catoiman
Máté Soós, Frances Pope, Jamie Reason, JONATHON BOULTON

(Psychic write up, written on Friday!)

OFD Top to Bottom

(only first sentence ended up happening)

Vlad fell into a big pot, but he survived. We struggled through finding our way OFD 1,5, but after 2h of ~~me~~ getting lost, we found our way thanks to Rocky's surveys! Really fun 9,5h trip.

OFD something

Entered via brickyard, gnome passage, ab. to edward's shortcut. Detour down frozen river the climb down your pool thence to shatter pillar. President's leap, octopus. Rosa and Isaac (and almost Jamie) did the 35' climb ("purely for the sake of a hard climb") to maypole inlet and back. The crawl, cross rift back to shatter pillar. Trident and the judge ~~via salu~~ via presidents, to swamp creek. Finally, salubrious passage to wedding cake and thence gnome passage to the sunlight.

There was an "epic" 3m abseil, it did save an awefully slippy climb though. Surprisingly feet stayed dry the entire time, and even more surprisingly, bum stayed dry despite rips on it larger than some of the squeezes

OFD inventory. 14. Jun 2025

Wallies.

size	number
3	||
4	|| (1–4 1–4½)
5	卌
6	||||
7	||||
8	卌 卌
9	卌 |
10	|
11	卌 |
9½	|
9 [illegible]	|

SRT

spare cows Tails. 10
spare chest harness 5.
pulley jamer 1
chest jammer 2
foot jammer 1
hand jammer 3.
breaking crabs 3
central ~~mailon~~ maillon 1
~~spare~~
full SRT: 卌 \|\|

tackle sacks

good	卌 卌 卌 ||||	19
bad (with holes)	|||	3
bad (broken strap)	|	1
good (one strap this is how its designed)	||	2
good (small SRT bag)	|||	3
Total		28

Wetsuits.

Top \|\| (and half lol)
pants. \|
full (without arms) \|\|\|
full (with arms) \|\|

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Oversuits ~~broken~~ · broken oversuit.

XS		
S	III	3
S+	IIII	~~5~~ 4
M	~~IIII~~ ~~III~~	10
M+		
L	~~III~~	5
XL	~~III~~ II	~~8~~ 7
XXL	IIII	4
~~XXL~~		
Total	~~33~~ 33	

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Undersuit

S	~~III~~ II	7
S+		
M	~~III~~ I	6
L	~~III~~	5
XL	~~III~~ I	6
XXL	IIII	4
Total	~~33~~ 28	

belts 3

gloves. left hand ~~9~~ 10

(unpaired) ~~right~~ hand. ~~III~~ 15

paired gloves: ~~III~~ ~~III~~ ~~IIII~~ 15.

wet socks 11

unpaired ~~4~~ 5

~~1~~ baraclava 1

Kneepads 11 ~~12~~ pairs.

Elbow pads 4 ½ pairs

Maillon 55.

spreaders 9.

Maillon + hangers 16.

hangers 18

Snap crap ~~16~~ 15

Screw-gate krab 19.

Steel krab 9

slings (usable) 32

Pulley 4