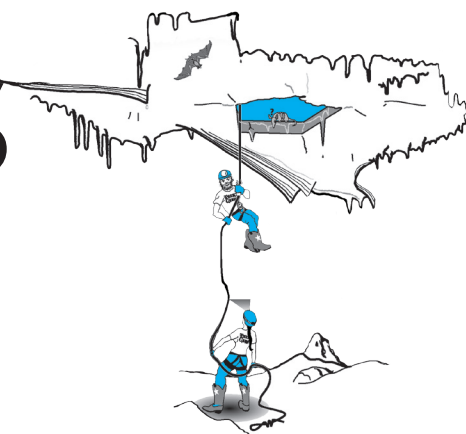


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LOGAN'S TRIP REPORT

by Ellie Watson and Jo Shaertl

Thursday, June 30th, 2011 marked a milestone for the Logan's Survey Project by having 3 survey teams and on a weeknight even!!! 10 people total met at the cave and by 7:45 pm we had split into teams and were beginning survey in the cave.

Drew Wendeborn led the *P Survey* on sketch with Joe Shaertl on instruments. Their main objective was to survey the 13 meter pit in the Entrance Room and thankfully both had brought vertical gear. Drew rigged a rope off of the gate and they set 7 stations with the first station being a -90 to the bottom of the pit and the rest being on rope. They left the survey with tight but going passage.

Report from Joe Shaertl:

The trap door style hole in the floor of the entrance room of Logan's could easily be missed by an unassuming caver, animal, or salesman. On June 30th Joe and Drew were allowed access to said pit. With the hole being barely a foot wide, squeezing,

and squashing must be called upon by even the thinnest of men/women, and such a man/woman must hold one's head at a 90 degree angle from their shoulders to gain access. This method is only administered for a short length of time and space.

Once the sliver is navigated, a deep void becomes obvious, and one can get one's wits about himself and proceed normally for the remainder of the 2 meter wide, 10 meter deep drop. Upon arrival at the bottom of the decent, just off the floor, a free climb continues for approximately 5 to 10 meters. Arriving at the bottom, a crawl becomes apparent, and continues, horizontally another 5-10 meters. Signs of more cave are apparent, but a taller man/woman may find difficulties for the angles of bending and shifting are impeded by obstacles in such tight quarters. The surface ranged from smooth limestone near the top, to jagged limestone 10 meters down, to red clay at the bottom.

Joe Mitchell led the *Q Survey* on sketch with Bennett Lee and Tom Rogers on instrument with the objective of continuing on the *M Survey* in The Crevice Passage. Tom described that the majority of the survey was spent straddling crevice passages while trying to read instrument. This was Bennett's first trip into the cave. They left the survey with going passage. Joe's team was last out of the cave around midnight.

Ellie Watson led the *R Survey* on sketch with Rob Bisset, Journey Bisset, Josh Rubinstein, and Jon Truss on instruments and they finished the west section of The Big Room. This was Jon's first trip into the cave. The *R Survey* tied into the *N*, *O*, and *K Survey* and with a few more shots The Big Room should be finished but there is still a lot of sketching to be done. Jon and Journey practiced on instruments and the team took a few great shots until the disto stopped working. They took The Corkscrew on the way out of the cave and it was the first time Josh and Ellie went through that passage.

There is still PLENTY of cave to survey so look out for the next trip!

This was Josh's last trip into Logan's Cave before he headed out to Virginia. Josh was essential in jump-starting the Logan's Survey Project and is confident it will be a success.

A note for Josh:

"As you leave this cave and move on to others May Oztotl go with you and bring you many more leads."

VOLUNTEER

Date	Trip	Contact
Aug 7	Grotto Work Night Bracken Bat Cave 5 pm arrive 6:30 bat light 7:30 gates locked	Fran Hutchins

UPCOMING TRIPS

Date	Event	Contact
Jul 31	Twinkies' Palace	Ellie Watson
	Water Cave (wet suites recommended)	Ellie Watson
Oct 22	Ground Hog Vertical (must have vertical experience)	Ellie Watson
Oct 23	Tag Team Cave	Ellie Watson
TBD	Logan's Survey	Ellie Watson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
Oct 8-9	Government Canyon	Marvin Miller
Oct 14-16	Texas Caver Reunion	Ellie Watson