

# Giant's Hole topo 1. Main Route

## Castleton

Thread belays upstream.  
Useful with novice parties

Garland's Pot

Alternative Y hang arm.

Optional hang & deviation  
for use in wet weather

Optional. Reduces  
risk of rope theft.

To Crab Walk,  
Maggin's Rift,  
Eating House &  
Bad Step Traverse

There are threads and  
anchors that can be  
used to rig Garland's  
Pot on the right  
hand side if the  
normal route is wet,  
or crowded.



From Plug  
Hole

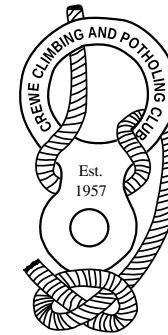
Geology Pot

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Cascade leading  
to Far Curtain

Bad Step Traverse



Corkscrew Aven  
Caution. Fixed rope  
on suspect anchors!

Plug Hole

To  
Geology  
Pot

Spout Hall Cascade

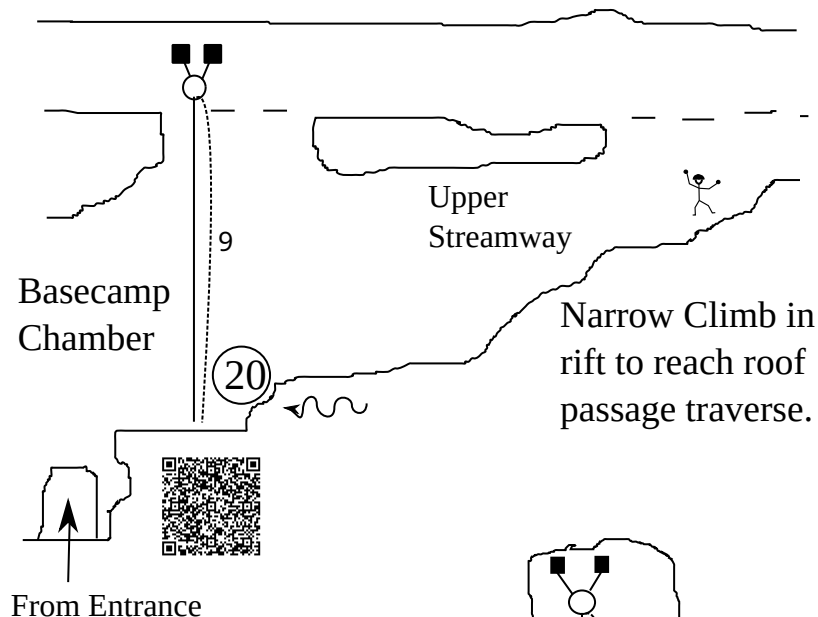
To East Canal

# Giant's Hole topo 2. Other Pitches

## Castleton

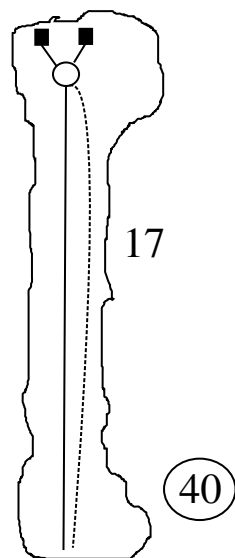
### Basecamp Chamber

Rig to let larger cavers explore the Upper Streamway  
Last person can pull down to derig.



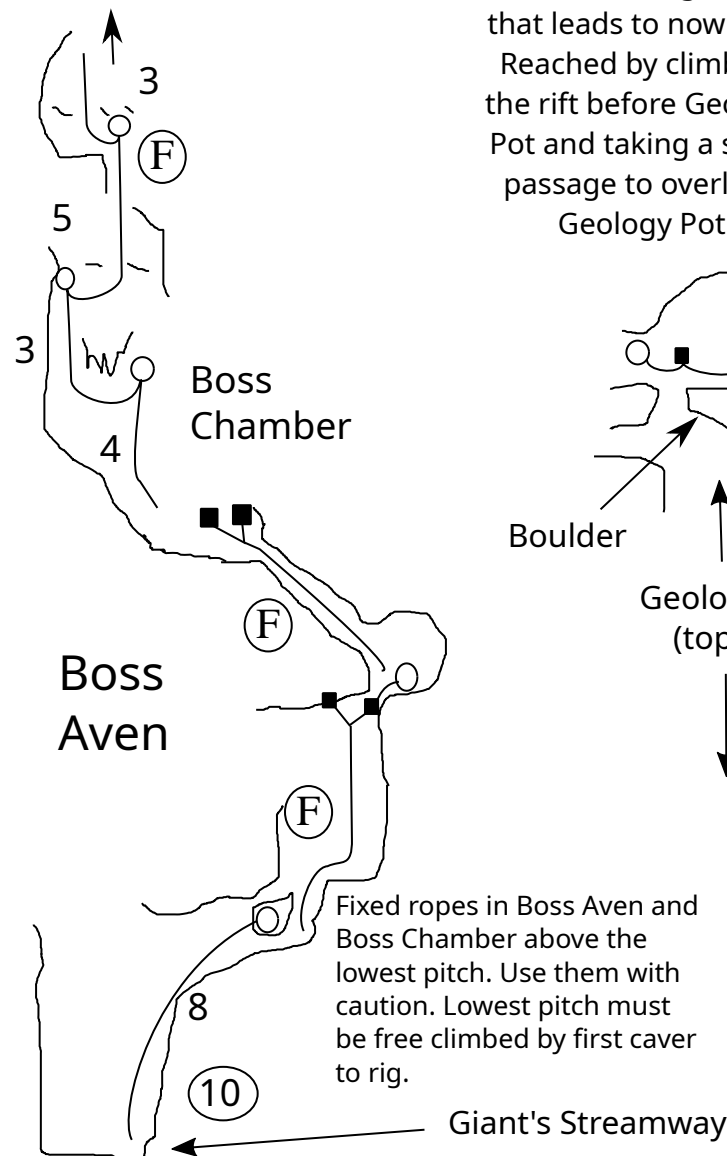
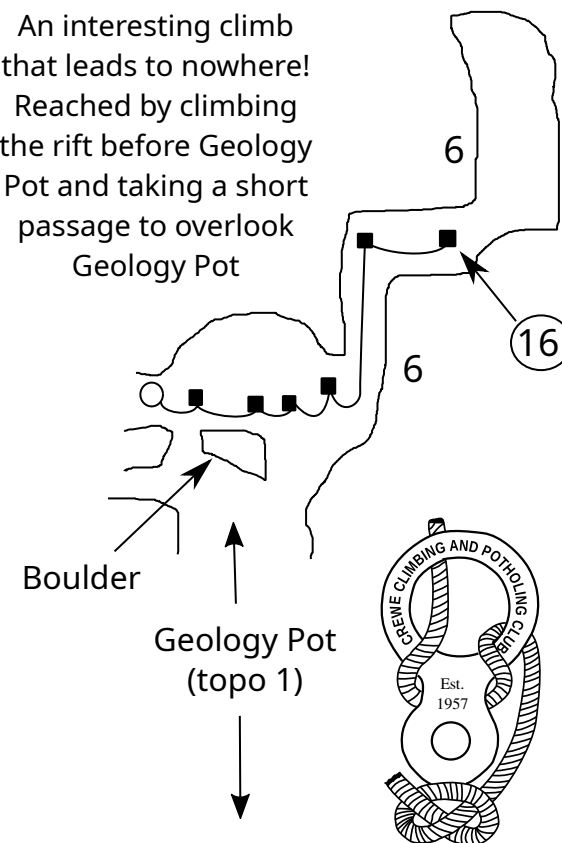
### Pull Through from the Upper Series to the Crabwalk

One way of getting down from the Upper Series. Climbing down is possible closer to Garlands Pot



### Carnival Aven

An interesting climb that leads to nowhere!  
Reached by climbing the rift before Geology Pot and taking a short passage to overlook Geology Pot

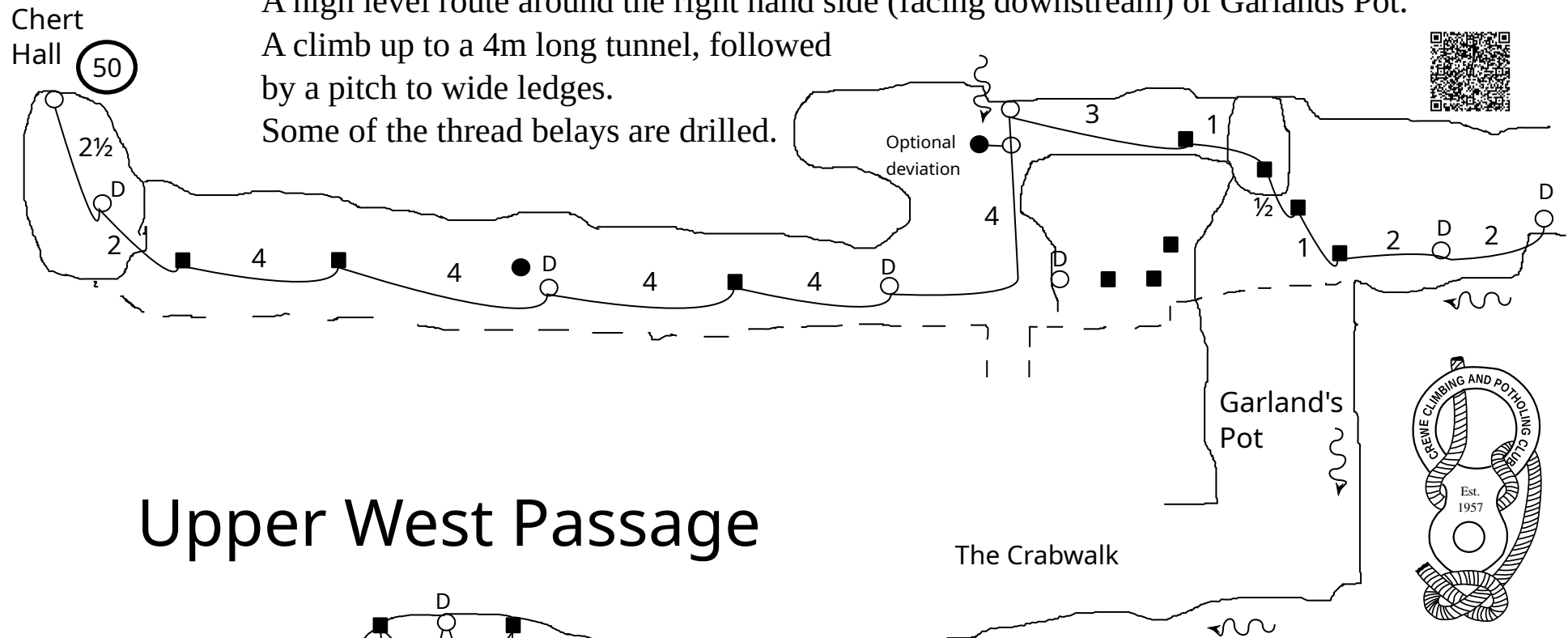


# Giant's Hole topo 3. Castleton Garland's Pot to Chert Hall

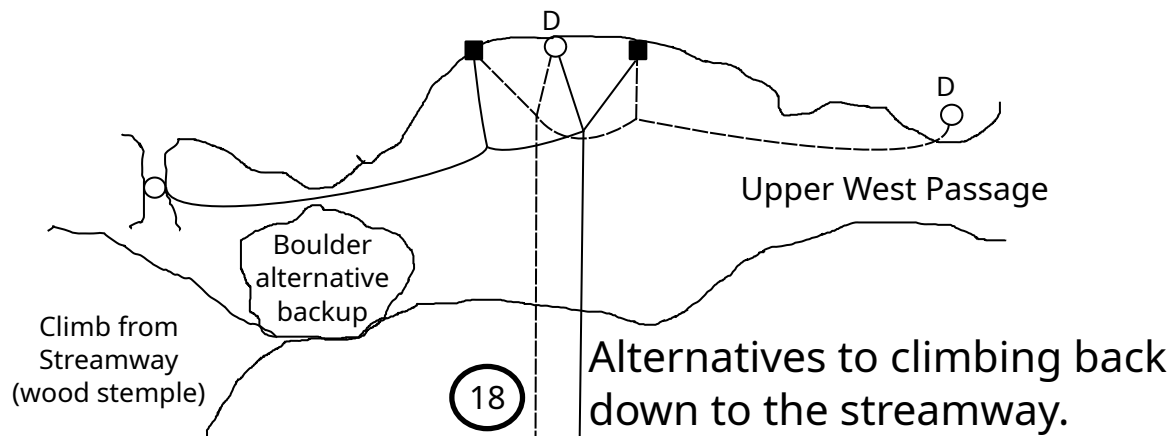
A high level route around the right hand side (facing downstream) of Garlands Pot.

A climb up to a 4m long tunnel, followed by a pitch to wide ledges.


Some of the thread belays are drilled.



# Upper West Passage



# Key

Pitch depth (metres)	9
Descent distance to deviation (m)	-3
Rope length (m)	7
Rope length for entire route (m)	42
Thread belay. Natural, or drilled	○ D ○
Scaffold bar belay	◁
8mm spit, rawl bolt etc	●
Stainless steel permanent anchor IC, Eco, BP, DMM, goujon, P38, Fixe etc. Spike, or flake	■
Deviation	△
Fixed ladder	◁
Pull through, or Pull Up	■ ■ ○
Fixed rope	ⓕ
Belay stake	⌋
Tree belay	✎
QR Code link to Peak District Caving	
Derbyshire key required	🔧
Access key, or code required	🔑
Flowing water (normal conditions)	🌊

## Safety

Caving is a potentially dangerous activity. You must be aware of and accept the risks involved. You are responsible for your own actions and for your own and your companions safety.

If you are unsure about SRT, or safe rigging methods then we recommend joining a reputable club, or attending a training course. These rigging guides are provided for the use of experienced cavers only. The provision of a guide does not mean that the route is safe and the caver must use her, or his own judgment when rigging and descending the cave. Weather conditions, deterioration of the anchors, loose rock, the cavers skill level, fitness and many other factors can affect the safety of the route.

Derbyshire Caving Association and its member clubs undertook a programme to replace the old 8mm “spits” with stainless steel resin fixed hangers. These anchors are inspected on a regular basis and are safe at the time of inspection. You must always check any anchor yourself before using it. No anchor can be considered totally safe and it would be unwise to trust your life to a single anchor. Adequate back-ups are available. Details of the DCA anchor scheme, the type of anchors that DCA install, how to check any anchor prior to use and how to report a defective anchor can be found at <https://www.thedca.org.uk/equipment/resin-set-anchors>. Other anchors are not installed, or inspected by DCA and should be treated with the same amount of caution. Natural features, including trees, must be inspected carefully before use as belays. Ash die back disease is prevalent in the Peak District and can make afflicted ash trees dangerously weak.

Fixed ropes should be treated with the greatest of caution. Especially those heading upwards, where the upper anchors and rope condition cannot be checked before trusting your life to them. A few have been installed by DCA and have a regular inspection and replacement schedule. Some have been adopted by caving clubs, but others have received no care after installation.

Pitch Lengths are for guidance only. Rope lengths may need to be increased depending on your rigging techniques. Err on the side of caution; are your ropes long enough? Have you tied a knot in the end?

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