

Jingling Pot

Location: West Kingsdale NGR SD698783 GPS-SD69890 78372 **Grade:** 3

Route to cave:

Park at a convenient place about 600 metres south of Yordas Wood. Go through the gate and follow the vague path up through the scars. Head south along Turbary Road. Go through the gate and after about 100 metres climb small bank on the right, Jingling Pot is an isolated shaft overlooked by two trees.

Access:

No need to ask for permission if the route is followed and the country code is adhered to.

Warning:

Only in times of very wet weather does the stream flow down the main shaft, more of a hazard are the dead rabbits and sheep. See also the low anchor warning in this guide.

A relatively easy pothole with no particular hazard, except its vertical nature. The Lateral Cleft route by definition is a complicated route down a simple pothole.

An initial anchor placed in the stream bed followed by a 'Y' hang from the trees (check for dead branches) give an unobstructed descent of the main shaft.

Lateral Cleft

From the trees descend about 9 metres, a pendulum into a passage formed on the same joint as the shaft is the start of the Lateral Cleft Route.

A 'Y' hang precedes a narrow descent which can be eased by pushing out a little further into the rift. A short traverse over holes in the floor leads to a low 'Y' hang. This is followed by a deviation, necessary because of the sloping nature of the pitch. A high 'Y' hang precedes an awkward climb; this can be eased by a deviation from a thread. The landing is on a broad platform overlooking the main shaft. A high 'Y' hang completes the descent of the Lateral Cleft. (note: two maillons or two karabiners may be necessary to avoid rope rub of the knot or loop, this is due to the shape of the rock surface).

Little Gully

On the opposite side of the pothole to the trees is a little gully, three anchors are provide for the short traverse and short descent to a ledge overlooking the main shaft. A 'Y' hang out over the shaft is followed by a re-belay 15 metres lower down allows for an unobstructed hang down the shaft.

The lateral Cleft can also be accessed from this ledge by traversing around

the right hand side of the shaft on the broad ledge. Three anchors protect the traverse as this ledge is very slippery.

Final Pitch

The next section is free climbable, but a traverse on ledges leads to a 'Y' hang which lands in a chamber. A dig under the right hand wall descends and may provide a connection with Aquamole Pot.

Minimum equipment required:

Main shaft	2 slings	60 metre rope
Main shaft Little Gully		65 metre rope
Lateral Cleft tree route	2 slings	35 & 45 metre rope
Little Gully to Lateral Cleft		25 metre rope
Final pitch		20 metre rope

