

Sunset Hole

Location: Chapel-Le-Dale NGR SD742759 GPS-SD74217 75907

Grade: 3

Route to cave:

Park 400 metres north of the Hill Inn, follow the path for Ingleborough south, past Great Douk and through the limestone pavements of the nature reserve. Cross the stile and follow the vague path south-east towards Meregill Hole, Sunset Hole is in a small area of limestone pavement where the stream sinks.

Access:

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

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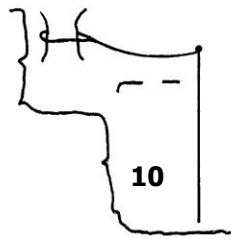
Sunset Hole is an active stream cave, during wet weather the climbs become impassable, do not be tempted to use the tat left by others, take and use your own ropes on the climbs.

A pleasant stream cave that is popular with novices. 250 metres of fine meandering stream passage leads to the first climb. A huge natural column, a couple of metres back from the climb provides an idea belay for the hand line. The second climb is best rigged clear of the water, from a drilled thread traverse forward to a high anchor. Continuing down stream is a traverse and climb down to the head of the main pitch, just before the climb down there is low bedding plane on the right, this crawl via a squeeze leads to the upper series. At the pitch head a single anchor in the back wall leads to a 'Y' hang over the pitch. Descending the main chamber the water disappears down a choked slot, a small side passage had a vocal connection with Braithwaite Wife Hole, the huge depression passed en route to Sunset Hole. At the north end of the main chamber is a climb up into the Upper Series and the 1968 extensions, a dodgy piece of tat marks the climb up.

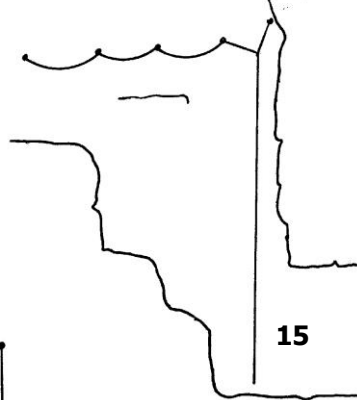
Minimum equipment required:

First climb	10 metre rope
Second climb	15 metre rope
Third climb	15 metre rope
Main pitch	35 metre rope

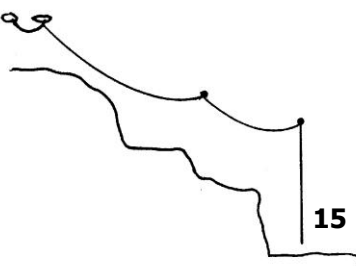
1st climb



2nd climb



3rd climb



Main Pitch

