

Spennede funn i Holtålen

A narrow stripe of mainly exposed marble is located in Holtålen, Trøndelag. It is around 30km long, only hidden by postglacial deposits in the lower Aunegrenda region.

North of this stripe, in the Selbu region, traces of marble can be found here and there, sometimes with small caves. One of the known caves in the Aunegrenda region is Helveteshola (Hell's cave), located in a doline landscape. Parts in the west of this cave are very narrow so that SRT is required. After some days work moving rocks it was possible to enter the deeper parts of this cave. But it turned out to end in a dangerous, wet chamber close to a collapsed section, making this cave live up to its name.

This group of cavers inspired by exploring this cave looked for other caves in this area for three years.

Several karst caves were found, most of them comparatively short, very few of them with stalactites and most of them located above the tree line. A few karst areas not previously investigated were also found.

One of them, the Berethola cave, turned out to be a little different. By using more complex structure that cave was mapped with Disto X, Topo Droid and the lesser known program called Cave Render.

Two skulls were found inside, documented, preserved and sent to scientists. They turned out to be the skulls of two small bears, around 1500 years old.

The name of the cave reflects the name of the female summer farmer, Beret. She used water from this cave to cool the milk from her cows about 100 years ago.