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Solskinnstur til Stordalsgrotta

Sunshine trip to Stordalsgrotta

This cave in Bardu kommune, Troms was discovered in August last year by the Swedish Caving Society, SSF, and explored to 500 m length. In December, a Swedish/Norwegian party pushed the main river passage to the top of an impressive and very deep pitch.

Stordalsgrotta is unique in being the only major cave system in Norway situated almost 1000 ms a.s.l. The article describes a Swedish/Norwegian exploration trip in February 1985, in temperatures down to -35 C. Two members were turned back by the cold. More than 3 full days were spent carrying very heavy loads forth and back the 25 km from Vassijaure on the Norway/Sweden road.

The pitch was successfully bottomed at 70 metres, free-hanging, and the gently sloping passage below explored for 200 m, to the start of a collapse zone. Total surveyed and paced length, 1400 metres, estimated total depth, and approx. 260 m. The article follows up the friendly (?) Norway/Sweden joke contest, and describes transport problems and frustrations in great detail.