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A strenuous trip to Osis in spring, a story told by Thomas Andreason who revisited Osis/Stordalsgrotta with two friends in April/May this year. The approach via Narvik, Bonnes and the Stordalen cabin offered hard work to heavily laden skiers. After sleeping for one night and the following day in the cabin, the steep mountainside was negotiated, not without difficulties, and then the remaining 3km to the snow covered cave entrance.

4 hours of digging got them through. A camp was established in Intrånget which is fine for a small party. They rigged the 20 m pitch Føraningen before retreating to rest. The upper part of the cave is dry in winter, which facilitates easier going than wet conditions allow.

Friday noon saw them off on the main push into the cave. A lot of minor climbing passages and pools later they arrived at the chamber from which the impressive 70 m descent starts. However, time as well as energy run out and bar further progress. They turn back, climb out of the cave, mount their skis and make their way to the Stordalen cabin via an alternative route.

After a days rest they are off again to do their final (of 3) nightly skiing across the border to the Vassijaure rail station on schedule for their return home on Sunday 1st of May.