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Grotter langs Sagelva

CAVES ALONG THE SAGELVA RIVER

The article describes the many caves of the lower part of the Sagelva area in Troms. First to investigate the area were the French (1957). Later British cavers took over.

About 800 m north of the crossroads the entrances of Store Sagelvgrotta open up some 700 m of passages. The main part is a streamway passage which ends in a sink beyond the 8 m waterfall.

Lutgrotta is a linear cave near the former cave. It is surveyed to 364 m; it too is a wet cave. The passage walls are at an almost constant 30° angle. In places Lutgrotta is tight, for instance where a rock named "Willyproppen" (The Willy-plug) bars the way for some.

A further 600 m downstream is the scene of the Johanneshola entrance. It is also a resurgence of the river. It is expected that traffic will increase in the Sagelva caves which may well lead to new discoveries.