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Svensk-norska Osis-expeditionen 1988

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Osis/Stordalsgrotta cave is a long distance away from road and railway. Different modes of transport have been tried out. On this occasion skidoos were going to be employed to carry the main bulk of the gear. This was to take place well ahead of the arrival of caving party.

Mechanical problems and strong wind delayed the 11 cavers from Sweden and Norway and forced them to camp within the cave.

The next day a party went ahead to the 70 m- pitch "Vargschaktet". The expected extatic decent was now rather too wet to earn superlatives. 4 cavers investigated the section of the cave below the pitch without making new finds.

The following days were spent surveying above "Vargschaktet", researching on stalactites, sediments and rock fissures.

Towards the end of the stay improving weather allowed the large heated tent to be erected to the benefit of all with wet gear and a need for a social life.

The expedition-style approach contrasts interestingly with traditional nordic style. It proved its worth for this large scale trip an mid-winter (February). A dryer and better time would be May.