

Den interskandinaviske rapelluka i Greft '94

The Scandinavian abseiling week in Greft '94

Three Norwegians and four Swedes explored the upper parts of Himmelstigen in Greftkjelen, Gildeskål 6 - 9 January 1994. The Swedes took responsibility for climbing while the Norwegians mapped. The topmost pitches in Himmelstigen, called "Toppsjaktssystemet", comprise a vertical shaft of about 30 metres and a near vertical shaft of about 55 metres. There is a lot of loose material at the top of the latter, with some blocks barely balanced. This part of the cave is only a few (vertical) metres under the entrance, and a passage continues gently upwards. It is likely that Greft's depth can be increased by pushing upwards ! Between the two pitches are some beautiful conical sand columns, about 10 - 30 centimetres in height. A large hall in another part of Himmelstigen was also mapped. The hall, christened Hall Éluja, is over 100 metres long.

New and better toilet procedures were introduced at Camp David. A "crap and carry" toilet was taken in, so that all shit was taken out of the cave. The trip lasted 66 hours.