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Torghatten kunnskapsbasert tursti

Torghatten knowledge-based trail

By Jakob Johan Møller & Per Tore Fredriksen. Nordland fylkeskommune, Norway. 2007. Nkr. 60. 24 pp., Norwegian & English text. 23 col. illus., 6 maps. Softback, A5.

Torghattenhullet is a legendary coastal cave situated on Torghatten an island just to the south of Brønnøysund in the county of Nordland, Norway. It is a large through-cave, about 166 m long, 41 m high and 18 metres wide formed in a granitic gneiss.

The middle of the cave is about 115 m a.s.l. Formation of the cave has generally been attributed to wave action before the land which had been depressed by the ice rose to its present level.

The authors of this little booklet attribute its formation to the sculpturing action of plastic ice and large scale drainage of meltwater flowing from the east towards the coast. The illustrations show the various ice abrasion and meltwater features along the path to the cave and within the cave itself.

Reference: St. Pierre, David. 1994. A preliminary bibliography of Torghatten cave, Norway. Norsk Grotteblad, (29), 18-19, illus.

Available from Torghatten Camping Kiosk,. Brønnøysund, Norway.