

## Norsk Grotteblad nr 52, Juni 2009

### Ekspedisjon til Limurshola

Limurshola

Narve Ringset and Hans Øivind Aarstad went on their first trip together to Limurshola in Stordal community, Møre og Romsdal county. Hans Øivind first visited this cave in August 2006, together with David St. Pierre. Back then they recognized on a map the sink of this cave situated 430 m asl. Hans Øivind have been dreaming about this sink since that time, and wanted to explore it, all the way through the marble down to the well known resurgence just 30 m asl. So their target this time was to check this sink, and start surveying the known part of the cave.

Well, it was a chance to take, this time of the year! Thinking about the melting snow... And, surely, the cave was very wet; the small stream was very busy! The DistoX they borrowed from NGF worked perfectly (of course!), but after 25 m into the cave, they terminated the survey for this time. It was too narrow and wet, - they were afraid of drowning the X! They went out and up the terribly steep hill, all the way up to the sink. It is situated in a doline, its size is 15x20 m. Hans Øivind went into the very wet sink beside a roaring waterfall, in just underwear and helmet. Unfortunately, 5 m down he met a sump, size 2x4 m. Too much water to do any progress here this time!

Next day they wanted to explore the end of the known part of the cave. They climbed up the wooden ladders where David and Hans Øivind were in 2006. On the top of this 12 m pit, Hans Øivind started to dig out a side passage leading upwards to the right. After 8 m of digging he came out in a roomy passage, never touched of any human... This passage is situated on top of a series of parallel 12 m pitch, leading down to the room with the wooden ladders. He tried to dig through a narrow passage upwards, but gave up.

Narve checked out the way upstream, trying to find the famous lake that some people from Sykkylven had been passing in a dingy. The wretch of this dinghy is still situated by the cave entrance. But, again, it was too much water to go upstream. They tried to move a lot of rocks in a higher bypass passage. After a while they stopped working. But they recognized that this passage was leading back to the stream. This might be the right place to explore further, - only some hours of working with these rocks!

Well, here are really a potential for a big, deep cave! Estimated dimensions up to now is appr. 200 m. They decided to continue their work in Limurshola in late summer, early autumn, probably in autumn school holiday.