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Huler i Snåsa, Nord-Trøndelag

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This annotated list of references to a number of small caves near Snåsa was compiled from information in the Norwegian Cave Index and Bibliography and a recent visit. Some can be considered of historical importance. Gerhard Schøning describes a cave near Undershaug, Snåsa in the diary of his travels in 1773, 1774 & 1775. The same 11 m long cave, 200 m asl, is also known as Musegrotta. Nils Muse, the priest in the area 1695-1737, hid in the cave, just below the top of a steep hill, in 1718 during the war with Sweden. The other caves, in Ådalen, are both known as Mannhø(o)let. One which was not found has references dating from 1845. There are descriptions of about 40m of cave exploration of a resurgent stream with a side passage, a small chamber and low crawls. The other is a very short daylight resurgence cave which is illustrated. The former is said to be named after an old man who hid his valuables in the cave. A dog entering the cave was said to have emerged by the farm Hunden in Overhalden about 20 miles away. The area was visited in 1970 and 1979 by David St Pierre and his young family and again in 2013 with Trond Rian and Øystein Nytrø when nearby Holbekken in Steinkjer Kommune was also investigated.