



The Chris Bull Caving Centre – RULES FOR USE

This 'cave system' has been constructed for use by Children, Young People and Adults from all age groups of the Scout and Guide Associations and may be offered as an activity to members of other organisations. Every person using this facility must adhere strictly to the following rules.

- 1) No person will enter the system unless and until they
 - a) Have received full instruction and briefing from the appointed suitably qualified instructor
 - b) Are equipped with the necessary protective equipment, which is a safety helmet and headlight and are wearing suitable clothing* as required for those sections of the system they are to use.
 - c) Are accompanied by the instructors and have been told that they can enter the system.
- 2) The maximum number in any group entering the cave system is 12 persons and all groups below Explorer Scout age will do so under the supervision of approved instructors.
- 3) Beaver Scouts, or children of Beaver age, may only use the outer ring of the system and will always have two instructors with them; one of front and one at the rear of the party.
- 4) Cubs Scouts, or children of Cub age, may use the outer ring and features 3, 4 and 7.
- 5) Scouts or children of Scout age may use all areas of the system except feature 8 (the sump**) unless under the close supervision of an instructor, as part of their Chief Scout's, or equivalent Award.
- 6) Explorer and Network Scouts, or Young people of Explorer or Network Scout age, will be allowed to use all features of the system, unless told otherwise by an instructor.
- 7) Once in the system 'Cavers' will stay in their party with their instructors and the proper equipment will be used to tackle each hazard as it encountered; this includes ladders where necessary. All pitches over 2m must undertaken under the direct supervision of the instructors.
- 8) Persons using the sump for the first time must have two instructors present.
- 9) Normal entry and exit for the system is via the manway on the outer ring only. Emergency exits are via any manway or from the ramp leading from the main chamber.

* suitable clothing i.e. old clothes which can get wet and dirty, long sleeves, long trousers, sturdy footwear or wellingtons. Remember this clothing will get wet, dirty and scuffed so do not wear anything you might want to wear elsewhere.

**Cavers using the 'sump' will require a complete change of clothing as this feature involves either partial or complete immersion in water.

ALL PERSONS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS AN INHERENT RISK IN USING OUR 'CAVES' AND WHILST WE DO OUR UTMOST TO REDUCE THAT RISK TO THE MINIMUM ANY PERSON WHO, IN THE OPINION OF AN INSTRUCTOR, IS NOT BEHAVING IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER OR WHO FAILS TO FOLLOW A DIRECT INSTRUCTION, WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXIT THE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY AND MAY BE BARRED FROM ANY FUTURE USE OF IT.