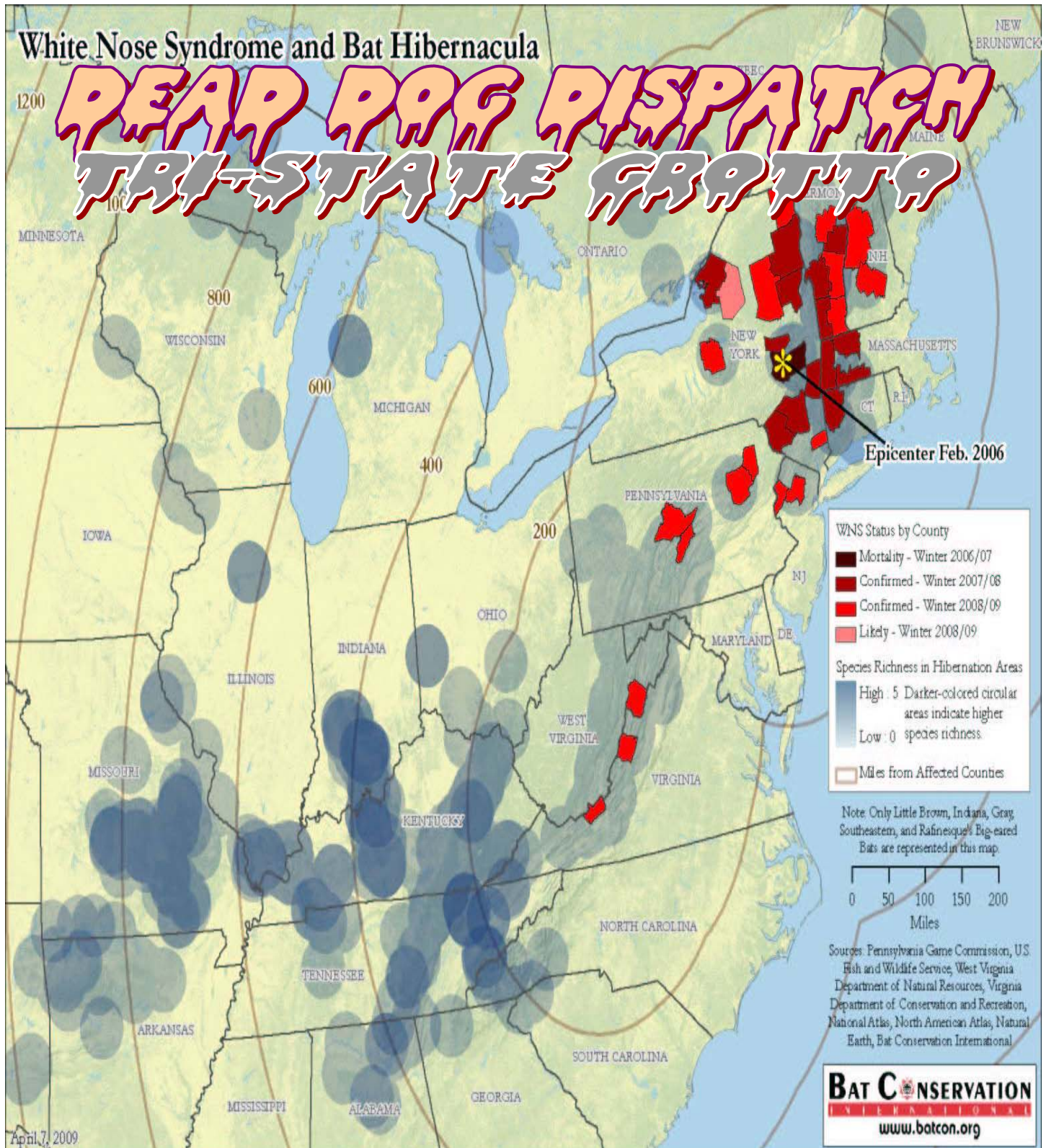


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\*\*\* The updated WNS map on the cover was sent out last week as email.

\*\*\*\* Don't forget, the **JONES QUARRY BOOKLET** is **STILL** available at a reasonable price **\$6.00**. If you don't have it in your library, then **YOU MUST GET IT**. It is **PACKED** with info about the QUARRY, the CAVE, the INDIAN BONES, and of course the **MAP!** If you are interested in purchasing the BOOKLET, contact **BOB BENNETT** [304-579-4304(H) or 304-725-3481 ext 491(W)](E-MAIL at [gimpycaver@comcast.net](mailto:gimpycaver@comcast.net) or **JUDY FISHER** [304-258-4974(H) or 304-258-1822(W)](E-MAIL at [jcf@access.mountain.net](mailto:jcf@access.mountain.net))

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:**

**PROGRAM CHAIR**

**PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



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# CAVE EVENTS

## 2009

JUL 4 ----- INDEPENDENCE DAY  
JUL 8 ----- Grotto Meeting – 7pm  
JUL 11 ----- Grotto Picnic – Crystal Grottoes – 12pm  
JUL 19-26 --- NSS Convention, Kerryville, TX  
JUL 25 ----- Crystal Grottoes Dig – 9am – see John DiCarlo  
AUG 12 ----- Grotto Meeting – 7 PM  
AUG 14-16-- Indiana Cave Capers – Camp Riverdale, Mitchell, IN  
SEP 3-7 ----- OTR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
SEP 5 ----- POLYESTER POWER HOUR  
SEP 5 ----- DOO DAH PARADE  
SEP 7 ----- LABOR DAY  
SEP 9 ----- GROTTTO MEETING – 7PM  
SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT DAY  
SEP 22 ----- AUTUMN EQUINOX  
SEP 25-27 --- Fall VAR at Battle of Cedar Creek Campground – Middletown, VA – Sponsored by BATS & DINGO  
OCT 12 ----- COLUMBUS DAY  
OCT 14 ----- GROTTTO MEETING – 7PM  
OCT 17 ----- BRIDGE DAY  
OCT 31 ----- ALL HALLOWS DAY  
NOV 1 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVUNG TIME ENDS  
NOV 3 ----- ELECTION DAY  
NOV 11 ----- Grotto meeting – 7pm – Nominations & Elections  
NOV 11 ----- VETERAN'S DAY  
NOV 14 ----- Annual WVCC Banquet  
NOV 15 ----- SADIE HAWKINS DAY  
NOV 26 ----- THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOV 27 ----- BLACK FRIDAY  
DEC 7 ----- PEARL HARBOR DAY  
DEC 9 ----- Wrap presents for Red Cross  
DEC 12 ----- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Celebration at Bob & Paulette Bennett's home – 6pm-until?  
DEC 13 ----- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAVE TRIP  
DEC 21 ----- WINTER SOLSTICE (Shortest day of the year!)  
DEC 24 ----- CHRISTMAS EVE  
DEC 35 ----- CHRISTMAS DAY  
DEC 31 ----- NEW YEAR'S EVE

## 2010

MAY 21-23 --- Spring VAR sponsored by Bubble Cave LLC  
JUL 12-17 ----- NSS Convention, Essex Jcnctn, VT

## 2011

AUG 1-5 ----- NSS Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO

## 2012

JUN 25-30 -----NSS Convention, Lewisburg, WV

\*\*\*\*\* CAVE BUCKS \*\*\*\*\*

CAVE BUCKS is a voluntary donation for cave purchases. The money is collected at each monthly meeting and sent to the organization of choice. The money SHOULD NEVER be kept past the week it is collected.

Month of June----- \$6.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$4553.00

Keep It Coming!

## GROTTO LINKS

Tri-State Grotto website ----- [www.wobey.net/TSG](http://www.wobey.net/TSG)  
VAR website ----- [www.varegion.org](http://www.varegion.org)  
NSS website ----- [www.caves.org](http://www.caves.org)  
NSS Convention 2009 ----- <http://www.ics2009.us/>  
OTR Website ----- [www.otr.org](http://www.otr.org)  
MAR Website ----- [www.caves.org/region/mar/](http://www.caves.org/region/mar/)  
WVCC ----- [www.wvcc.net](http://www.wvcc.net)  
Andy Celmer's Web Site --- [www.wobey.net/TSG/Andy/](http://www.wobey.net/TSG/Andy/)  
Bob's Web Site ----- [www.wobey.net/TSG/Bob/](http://www.wobey.net/TSG/Bob/)  
Ehren Gieske's Web Site --- [www.wobey.net/TSG/Ehren/](http://www.wobey.net/TSG/Ehren/)  
Jerry's Cave Web Site ----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry>  
Vitas's Web Site ----- [www.wobey.net/TSG/Vitas/](http://www.wobey.net/TSG/Vitas/)  
Tina Blaik's Web Site ----- [www.kayakdream.com/](http://www.kayakdream.com/)  
David Hackley's Web Site ----- <http://s180.photobucket.com/albums/x307/clearsig/>  
Todd Robert's Web Site ----- [http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd\\_05/](http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/)  
Bob Gulden's Web Page - [www.caverbob.com/home.htm](http://www.caverbob.com/home.htm)  
Nikki Fox's Web Site ----- <http://s231.photobucket.com/albums/ee8/cavefox1/>  
Rock Climbing Knots Friction ----- [www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman](http://www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman)  
Tri-State Grotto MySpace ----- [www.myspace.com/tristategrotto](http://www.myspace.com/tristategrotto)  
Animated Knots by Grog ----- [www.animatedknots.com/](http://www.animatedknots.com/)

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White Nose Syndrome -----  
<http://www.caves.org/grotto/dcg/wns-notice-to-cavers.pdf>  
NSS Online Cavers ----- [www.onlinecavers.com](http://www.onlinecavers.com)  
WNS -- <http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm>  
Containment Procedures -----  
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html>



## MONTH OF JULY

Patricia Carter, Lynn DiCarlo, Ellie  
Florance, Jason Hajenga, Jayna Kackley,  
Jep, Kathy Robinson, Kim Stanley

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*



Of course, everything is still WNS related right now. There are many links and articles on the web right now stating facts and what to do.

Here are a few links the read up on WNS and keep up on the developing news:

NSS Page  
<http://www.caves.org/WNS/index.htm>  
WNS Donation Page  
[http://www.caves.org/WNS/Rapid\\_Response.shtml](http://www.caves.org/WNS/Rapid_Response.shtml)  
US Forest Caves Closure

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[http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/docs/apr\\_2009\\_caves\\_closure/closure\\_order.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/docs/apr_2009_caves_closure/closure_order.pdf)

US Fish & Wildlife Advisory

[http://www.caves.org/WNS/USFWS-WNS\\_cave\\_advisory\\_news\\_rls\\_2009-03-26\\_final-1.pdf](http://www.caves.org/WNS/USFWS-WNS_cave_advisory_news_rls_2009-03-26_final-1.pdf)

WNS Research

<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS2009research.pdf>

D-Con Procedures

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html>

The testimony on WNS before the joint sub-committee video

[http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_jcalpro&Itemid=27&extmode=view&extid=259](http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=27&extmode=view&extid=259)

Subcommittee on WNS hearing NSS web page  
<http://caves.org/WNS/Hearing%20on%20WNS.htm>

From: Butchkoski, Calvin

[mailto:cbutchkosk@state.pa.us]

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 12:53 PM

Cc: Fernald, Ray (DGIF); Whitehurst, David (DGIF)

Subject: RE: Another Likely WNS VA Site

Hello Everyone...

I hate to say it, but here's an updated map. Added Smyth Co., VA as LIKELY per Ricks request.

Cal B...

Subject: Another Likely WNS VA Site

I was out of state last week and thus didn't get this out as quickly as I would have liked. We had a report of WNS symptoms in a cave (Hancock Cave) in Smyth County. Carol Zokitas and I went to the site on 21 May and collected three specimens that were sent to USGS (Madison). All three were pipistrelles (tri-colored bats) and all had the classic white nose fungus (plus). We observed approximately 20-25 pips in the two rooms we visited, but it was hard to determine how many had the fungus

due to position on the ceiling. No dead bats were observed. We did find a single VA big-eared bat in the passage between the two rooms we surveyed. This bat did not show signs of WNS, but we did not handle the bat as we had already handled several pups. This location now puts us in gray bat territory. There is a large bachelor colony (about 2,000 individuals) approximately 9 miles south of Hancock Cave. This site is also approximately 25 miles north of the NC and TN borders. Cal, you can put this down as a "likely but not confirmed" sighting.

Rick Reynolds  
Wildlife Biologist  
VDGIF  
Verona Regional Office

## **Tri-State Grotto**

*Meeting*  
**June 10, 2009**

Bernie Wootten started the meeting at 7:00. Nine members were present.

Chuck Stanley gave the treasures report. Moved to accept, seconded and passed.

We talked about moving our web site.

WNS. We talked about WNS, closed caves, closed sinkholes. Sick bats.

We talked about the Adam Stephen Dig.

We talked about the Grotto picnic at Crystal Grottoes Caverns. It will be the Saturday after the July Meeting.

We talked about the dig at Crystal Grottoes Caverns. We will pick a date in July

Bob talked about a dig or ridge walk

We talked about a hole in Hedgesville.

Six dollars in CaveBucks was collected. It will go to WVCC.

The meeting was over at 8:00.

Submitted by  
***John P. Di Carlo, Jr.***  
***Secretary***  
***Tri-State Grotto***

From: varlist Discussion List  
[VARLIST@listserv.vt.edu] on behalf of  
Dave West [d270@BELLATLANTIC.NET]  
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:23 PM  
To: VARLIST@LISTSERV.VT.EDU  
Subject: [Fwd: White Nose Syndrome video link]

Ravenswood Media, US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife have produced a short video on White Nose Syndrome, \*The Battle For Bats\*. It can be viewed and downloaded at [www.cavebiota.com](http://www.cavebiota.com)  
<<http://www.cavebiota.com>> Please share the link with others. Thanks.

Those in VAR may recognize some of the participants and locations...

Dave West

From: MAR-NSS@yahoogroups.com on behalf of sgentry177@aol.com  
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2009 8:10 PM  
Subject: [MAR-NSS] Online Petition to Support the NSS Headquarters Move to Horse Cave

Can be found here, sign up and give your support!

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/29161.html>



# GEPKS UPDATE

## 7 11 FRO (BER-51)

GPS: 39                      N    78                      W

Quadrangle: Inwood

Formation: Rockdale Run

Location: Inwood area

Map: No

Length: ??

Depth: ??

Description: Just behind the 7 11 was a large sink with a small 2' diameter entrance that took drainage from storms. The passage headed south from the entrance. When the 7 11 was built, the sinkhole was filled in with the excavating rock & dirt debris from the 7/11. Later when the Dairy Queen was built behind the 7 11, the whole sinkhole was completely filled in & the whole area was leveled with part of the Dairy Queen being built over part of the sinkhole. **The cave is filled!**

## 30-FOOT CRAWL CAVE (BER-52)

GPS: 39                      N    77                      W

Quadrangle: Hedgesville

Formation: New Market

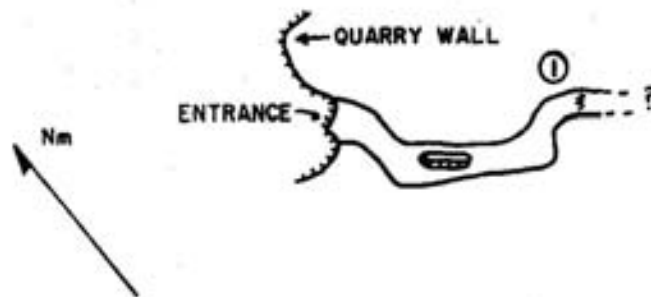
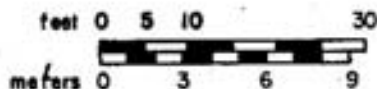
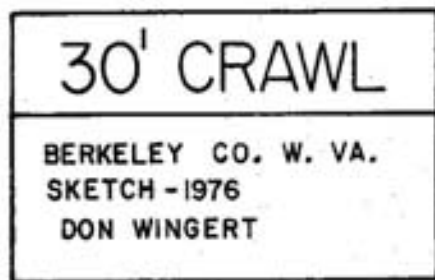
Location: Nestle Quarry Area

Map: Yes

Length: 30'

Depth: ??

Description: A short cave in the Nestle Quarry area with no water that gets too small to continue.



## ADAM STEPHEN PIT (BER-65)

GPS: 39                      N    77                      W

Quadrangle: Martinsburg

Formation: New Market

Location: E. John St.

Map: Yes

Length: 10'

Depth: 30'

Description: Under a house owned by the Historical Society is a basement that has an arched stone ceiling. The pit is accessed from this basement. Tri-State Grotto spent many hours digging and excavation dirt & debris from the pit area and pit until it got almost too small to dig. The pit is shown to visitors every spring at the Martinsburg Heritage Day / Adam Stephen Day Celebration.

## ADAM STEPHEN PIT #2 (BER-64)

GPS: 39                      N    77                      W

Quadrangle: Martinsburg

Formation: New Market

Location: E. John St.

Map: No

Length: 10'

Depth: 26'

Description: Under the Adam Stephen home on E. Burk St. there is a pit being dug by Tri-State Grotto. The pit has approximately a 4' diameter heading downward at approximately a 50 degree angle for 26' (and still going). The approximate direction is NNW. It is shown to visitors every spring at the Martinsburg Heritage Day / Adam Stephen Day Celebration.

## ANDERSON CAVE (BER-22)

GPS: 39                      N    77                      W

Quadrangle: Hedgesville

Formation: Chambersburg

Location: Crossroads Store, Rt 11

Map: Yes

Length: 58'

Depth: ??

Description: The cave is located next to an auto salvage yard on the east side of Rt 11 north of Martinsburg. The entrance is on the south side of a very large sink. The cave accepts storm drainage from the local terrain. Debris has to be removed to access the cave each time it storms. The cave was resurveyed to 58' after the 1<sup>st</sup> map was drawn. **The cave is to be considered closed!**

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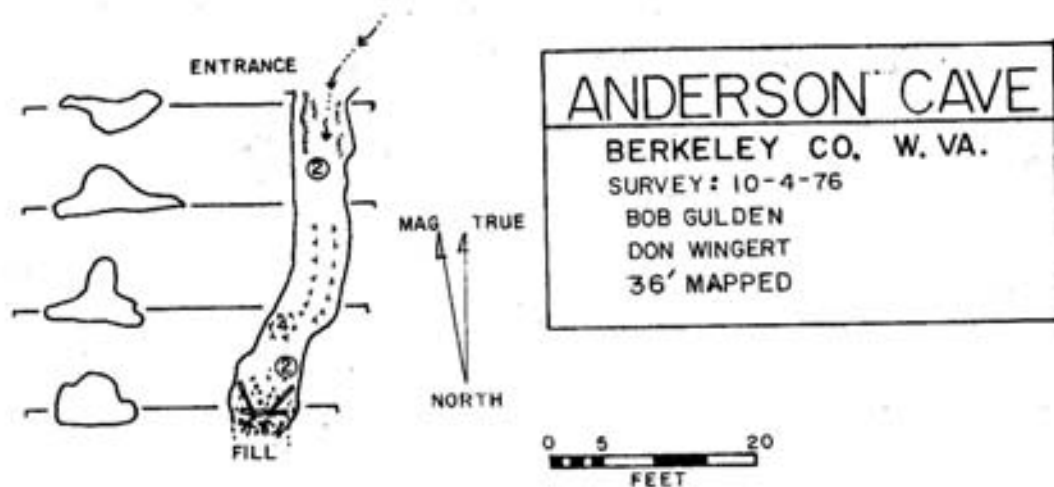
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### APPLE JACK CAVE (BER-2)

GPS: 39      N 78      W

Quardangle: Big Pool

Formation: Tonoloway

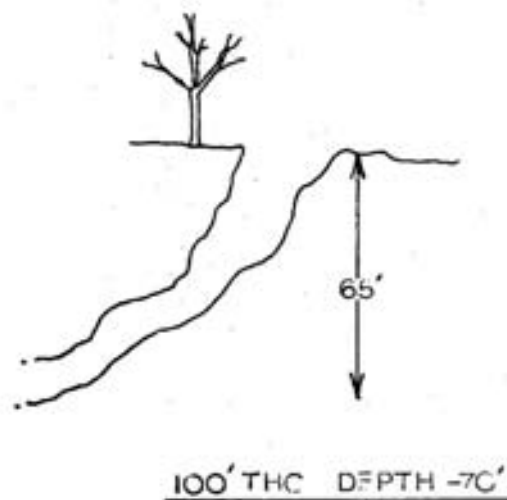
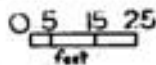
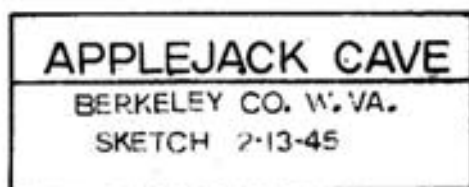
Location: Back Creek Valley west of Rt 7

Map: No

Length: 135'

Depth: 65'

Description: The cave is located on Leading Ridge just west of Rt 7 (Glengary / Tomahawk Rd). The cave was used to dispose of apples each year. The 10' square entrance drops down about 65' at about 45 degrees with 70' of passage at the bottom.





# GROTTO PHOTOS



Mouth of Opequon Pit



Poor Farm Cave (Pocahontas Co)



Harpers Pit



Jones Quarry Cave



# ANNUAL GROTTO PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

12:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM

## AT CRYSTAL GROTTOS CAVERN

COME ON OVER AND JOIN  
IN ON THE FUN!

The Grotto will furnish ice, sodas, eating  
utensils, & charcoal!

**There will be Darts, Frisbee, Croquet, n Volley Ball!?**

*Bring extra chairs, a covered dish (with food),  
and your favorite meat to fix on the grill!*

### **DIRECTIONS!**

*Go to Sharpsburg, MD*

*Continue straight thru Sharpsburg*

*Continue until you pass the Red Bird Restaurant on the right*

*Crystal Grottoes will also be on your right before you get to  
Boonsboro*

*Look for the Grotto Picnic Sign*

**B YOB**



# SAVIN CALENDAR

## JULY 5TH - AUGUST 15TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 5 	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8  Grotto meeting 7pm	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11 Annual Grotto Picnic 12pm 
Jul 12 	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18
Jul 19 	Jul 20  NSS CONVENTION Kerrville, TX	Jul 21 NSS Convention	Jul 22 NSS Convention	Jul 23 NSS Convention	Jul 24 NSS Convention	Jul 25 Crystal Grottoes Dig 9am
Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12  Grotto meeting 7pm	Aug 13	Aug 14 Indiana Cave Capers	Aug 15 Indiana Cave Capers

# DEAD DOG DISPATCH



Spar Pools in Paxtons

- 1- MORE & MORE WNS WNS WNS!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 2- ANOTHER POSSIBLE WNS SITE!!!!
- 3- GEPKS CAVES

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