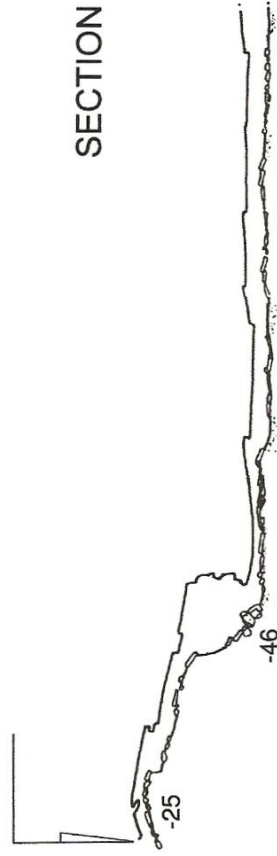
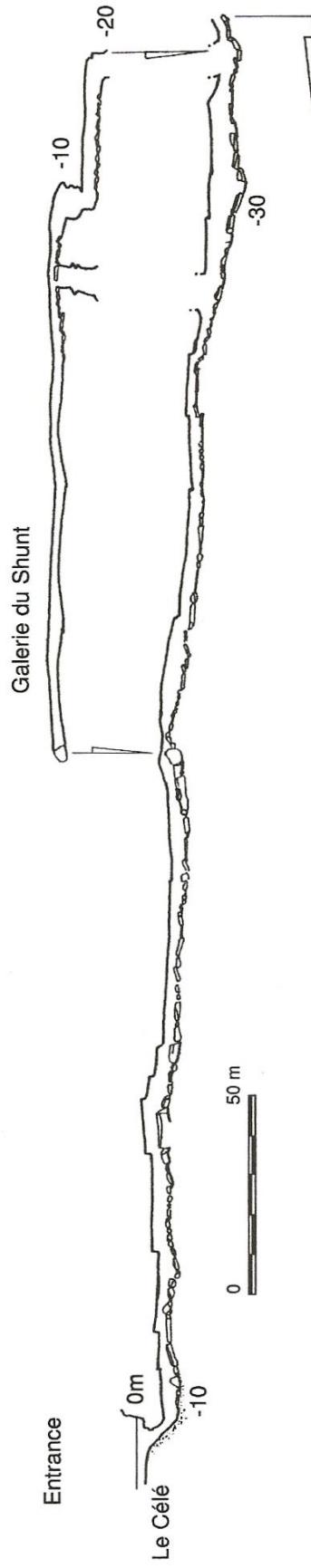


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Co-ordinates : 555,19 - 251,48 - 145m



surfaces 1875m from base and is then followed by 3 more sumps to Sump 5 which has been dived for 1340m

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Location

Take the D41 from the village of Cabrerets in the direction of Figeac. Passing through Marcilhac continue for 1 km to where the river Célé is very close to the road at the start of a long straight section of road. There is a well-used verge with two paths leading down a steep slope to a small clearing, next to an orchard, by the riverbank. This is the kitting up point. A 60 metre swim upstream leads to the cave entrance. The line is tied off to a tangle of tree branches and the entrance is in the middle of the river at 6.0 metres depth.

Cave Description

The entrance to the cave is large and imposing and leads to 150m of large clean washed passage measuring 5-8m high by 8-12m wide. There is a junction at 170m - straight on is the deep route and to the left the shallow route.

The deep route gradually drops down to a large area of slabs. At 300m from base (depth of 22m) a large shaft is reached. There is an airbell above the deep route with dry passages leading off and a line sometimes leads up to it. Back at the junction the shallow route is a 3 to 5 metre tube that can be followed at 12m depth. Several shafts in the right hand wall connect with the deep route and although some are lined a jump line is needed as they do not connect with the shallow route line. The shallow route passage ends at the lip of a large shaft that descends to -24m and joins the deep route line. Going right at the junction leads back to the junction of the deep and shallow routes making a round trip possible - usually in by the deep route out by the shallow route. Going straight on at the junction leads down a large shaft dropping via steps at -30m and -45m to a slope that drops to -55m in a huge passage. This passage continues to 1875 metres from base (following the roof) to a maximum depth of 78m before rising sharply to air.

A short section of passage leads to a boulder pile. After passing this there is 120m of dry passage leading to a canal - a side passage leads to a downstream sump that connects with Sump One at the head of the shaft at 21m. The canal leads to Sump Two which is 400m long with a maximum depth of 7m - an inlet joins the passage on the right side half way through the sump.

The sump surfaces in a 70m long boulder chamber. A further 50m of canal leads to Sump Three which is 15m long and then a further 350m of canal leads to Sump Four.

Sump Four is 290m long and shallow, leading to a short section of passage and then onto Sump Five. This is 1340 metres long with a maximum depth of 25m and ends in a large boulder choke.