

TIMPANOGOS CAVE ATLAS

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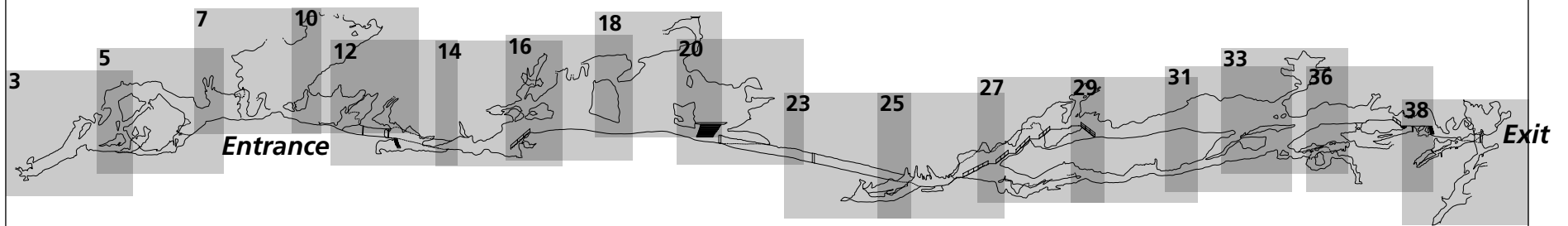


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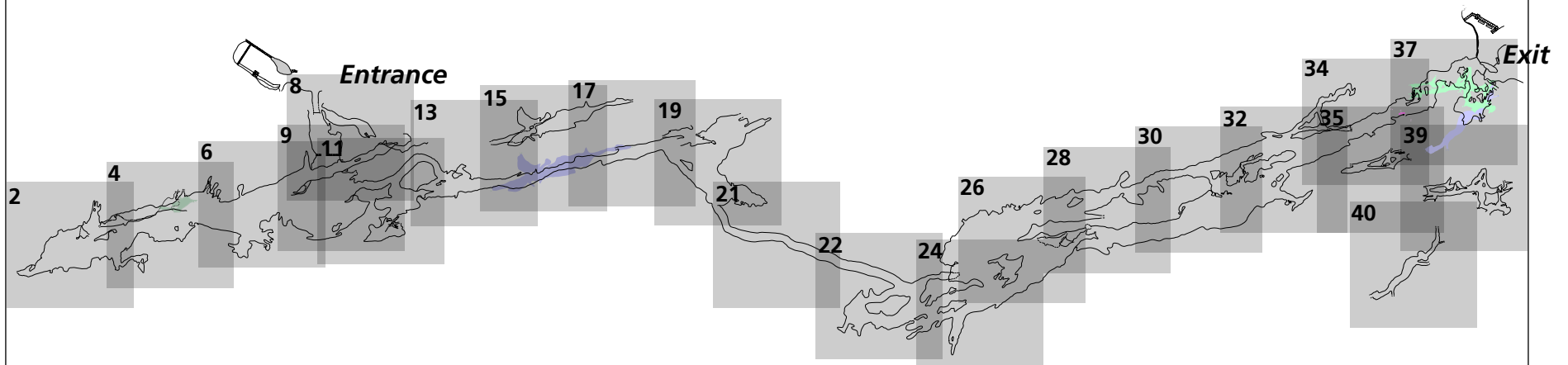
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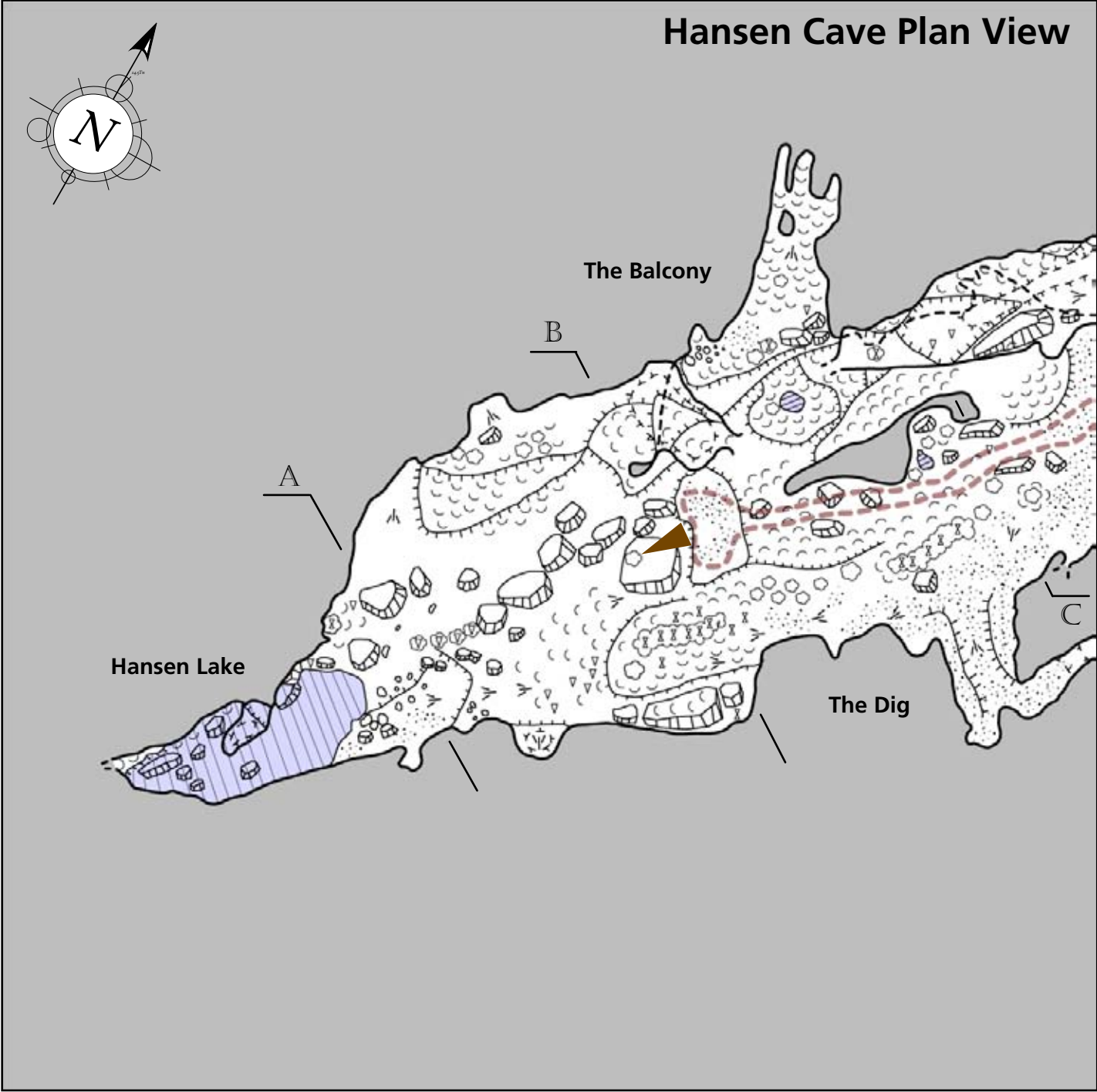
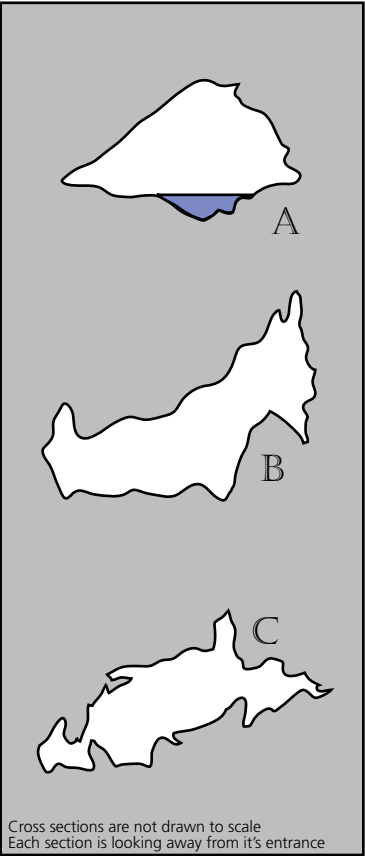
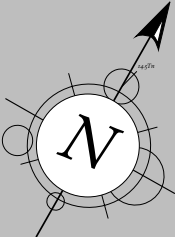
Plan View



This atlas has been created from the full scale map of the Timpanogos Cave System in order to provide a quick and easy to use reference guide of the cave for resource management and maintenance purposes, as well as to help answer questions regarding the behavior of the many restricted areas. **It is not to be used as a navigation guide for recreational caving. Never venture off the main trail unless you have a good reason that is both approved by the Monument Supervisors and beneficial to the cave.**

Each gray square quadrant above is numbered according to a page in the atlas. The plan view is a birds-eye view and the profile view is a side view. Each page contains the expanded section of the map, a photograph of the area, a scale bar, a north arrow for plan view sections, a small map showing the quadrant you are viewing, and a legend explaining the symbols used throughout the atlas. The Timpanogos Cave System was surveyed by Rodney D. Horrocks from 1991 to 1993 and the map was created, designed, and drafted during the summer of 2003 by Brandon K. Kowallis.

Hansen Cave Plan View



Resource Management stands at the back of Hansen Lake during low water levels. NPS Photo

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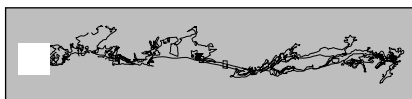
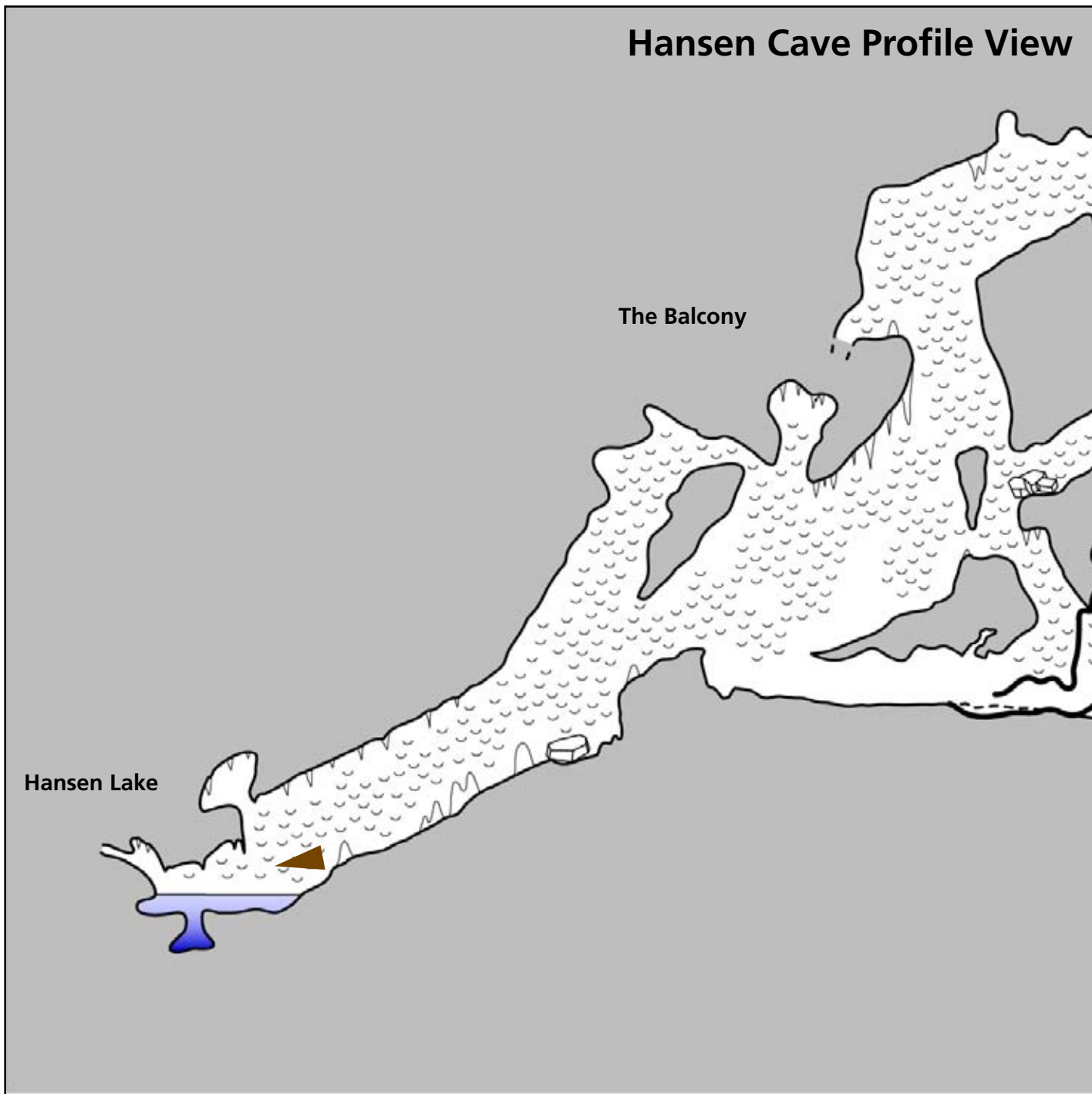


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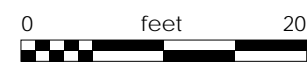
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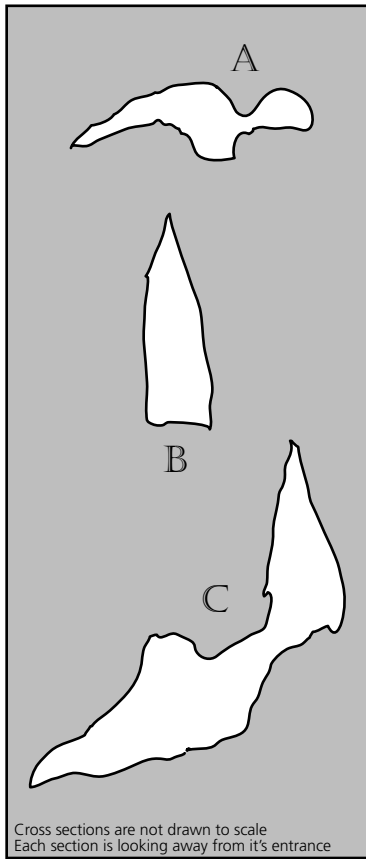


Hansen Lake at high levels. NPS Photo.

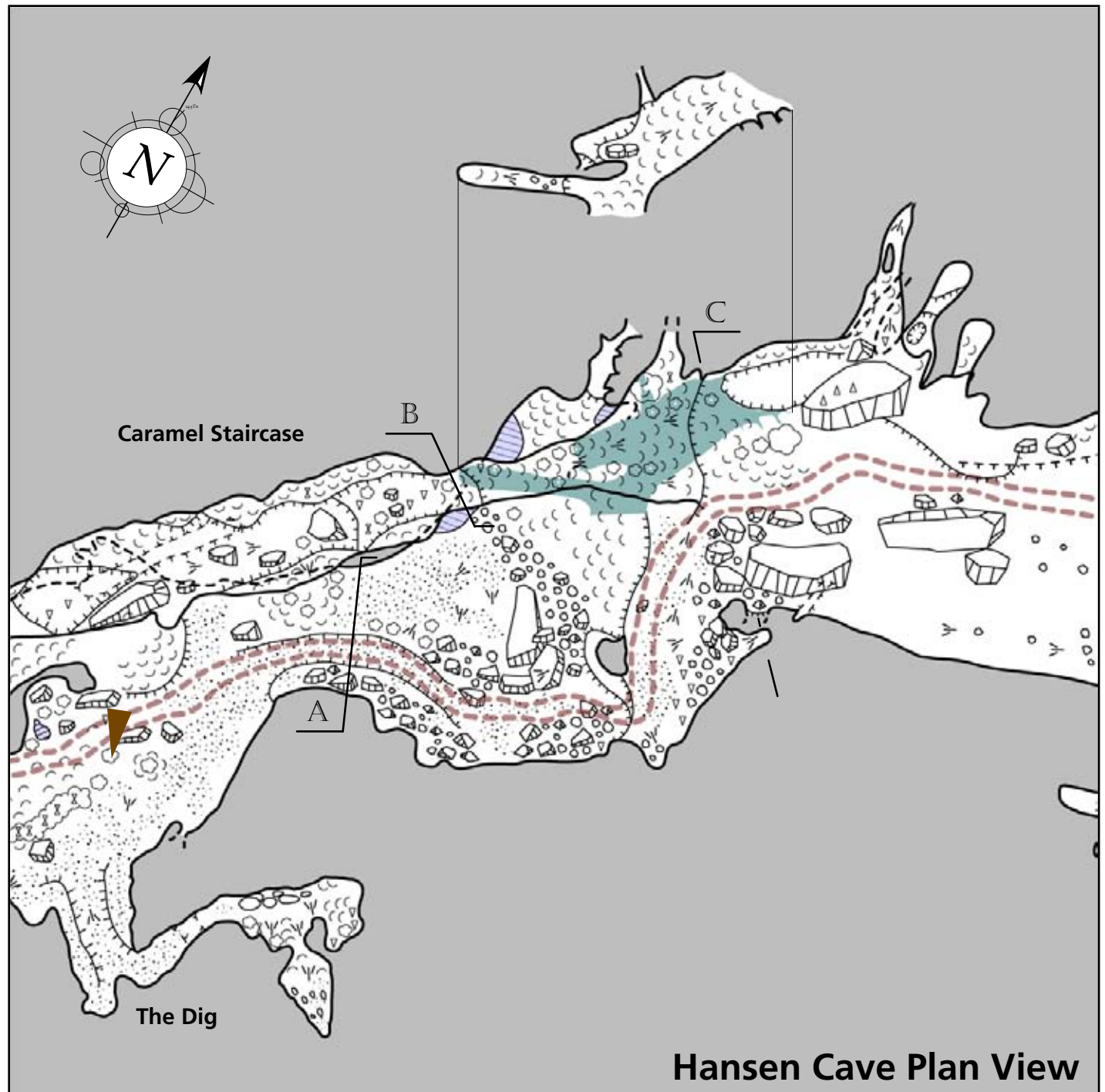


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Just behind these columns is where The Dig area is located. Rod Horrocks dug this out during the 1990's cave survey. NPS Photo.

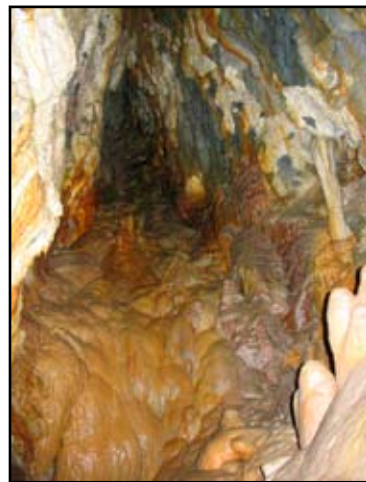


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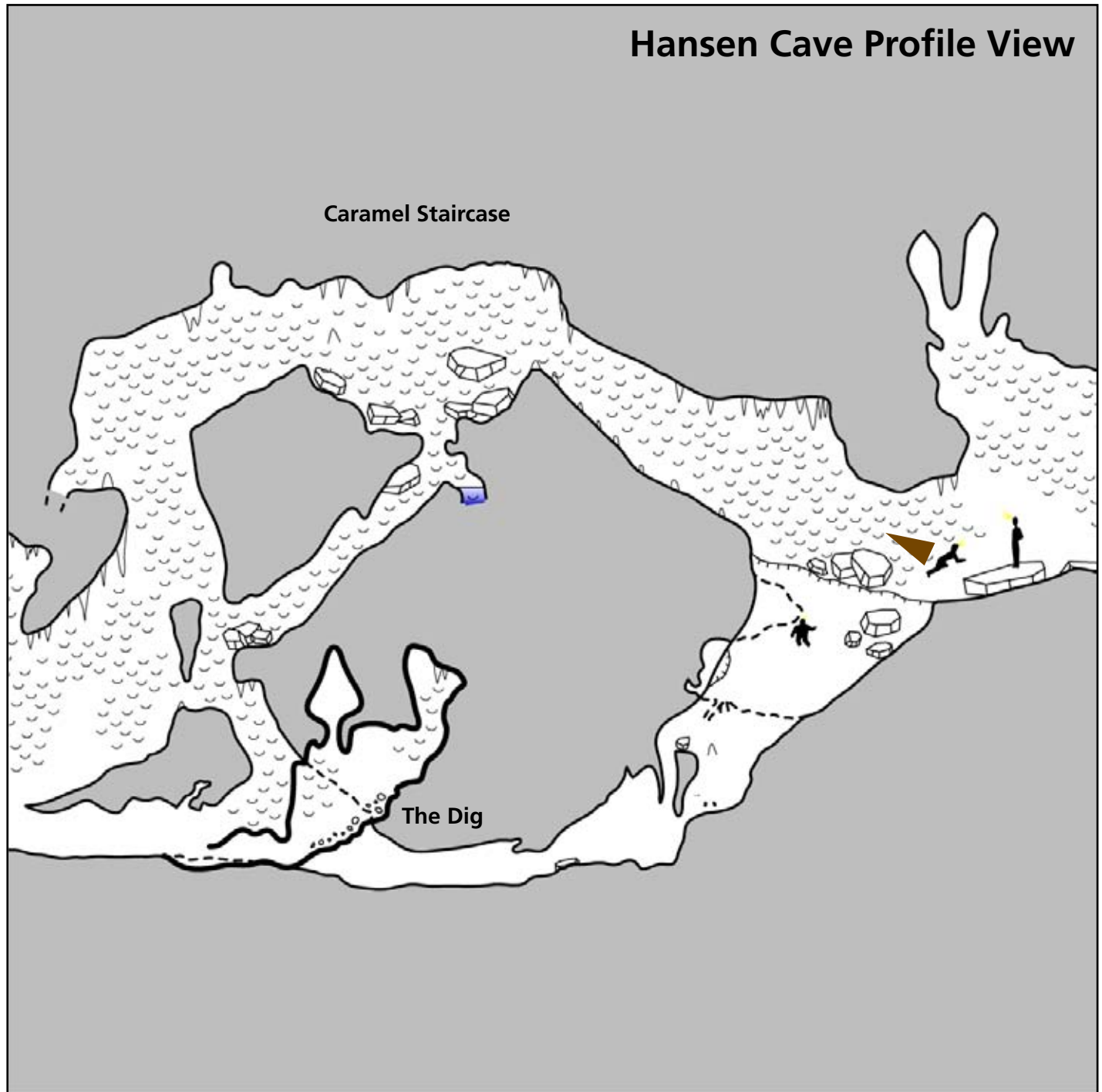


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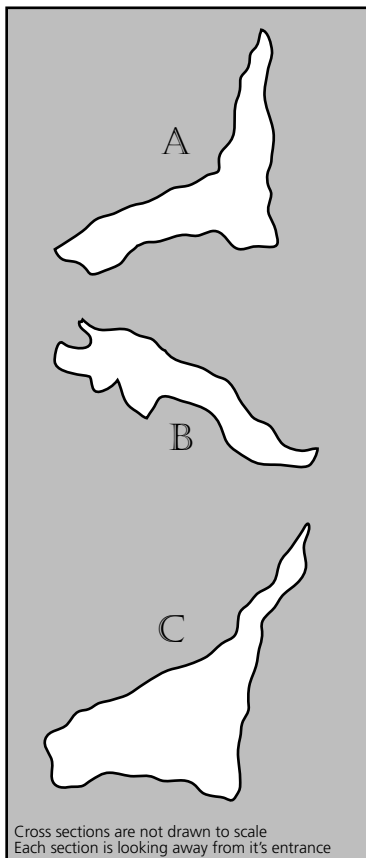
A view up into the Caramel Staircase as seen from the Introduction to Caving trail. NPS Photo.



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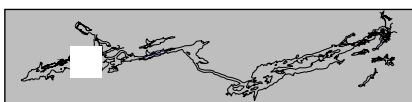
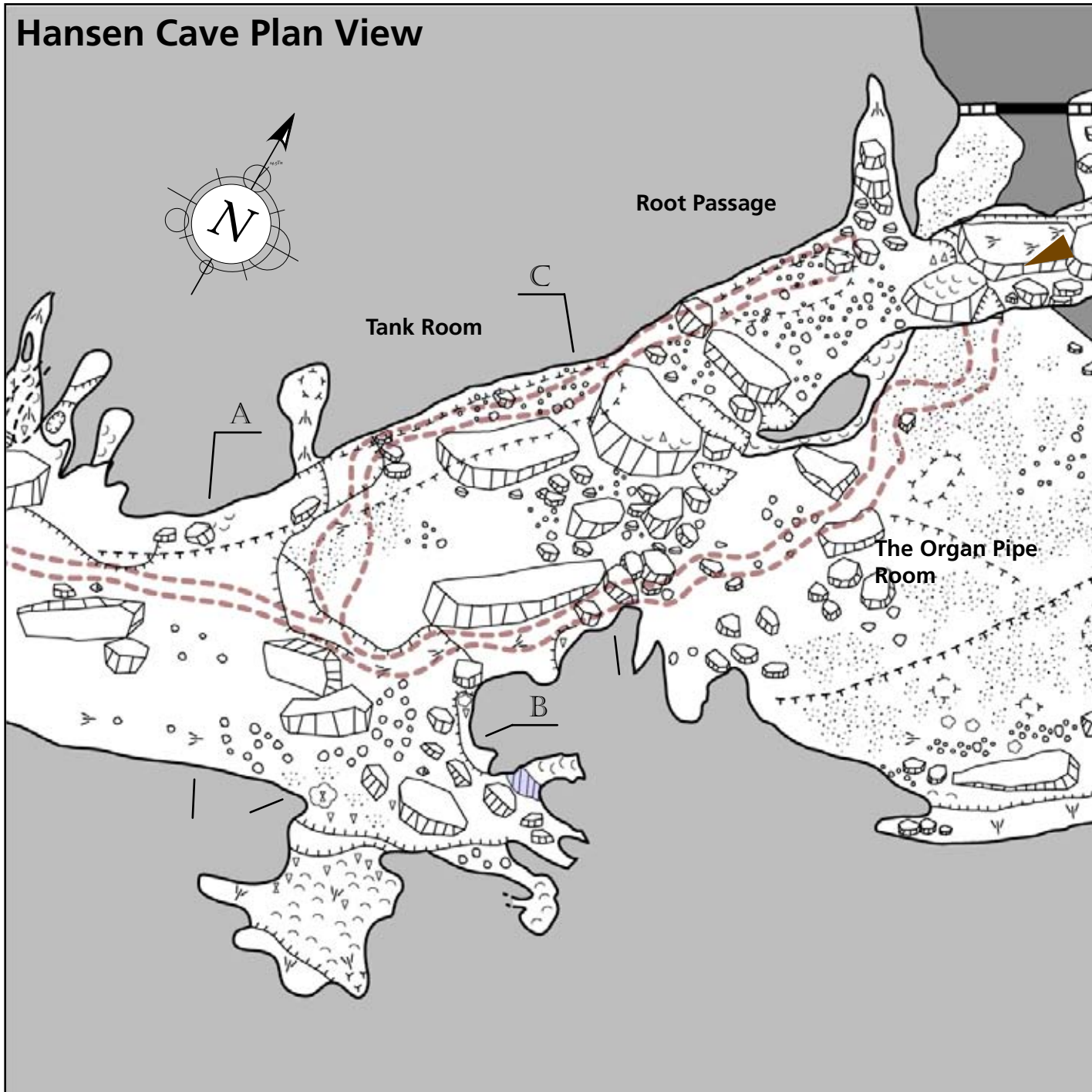
Hansen Cave Plan View



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Jon Jasper navigates through a section of the Root Passage. NPS Photo.



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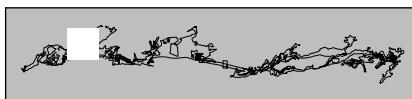
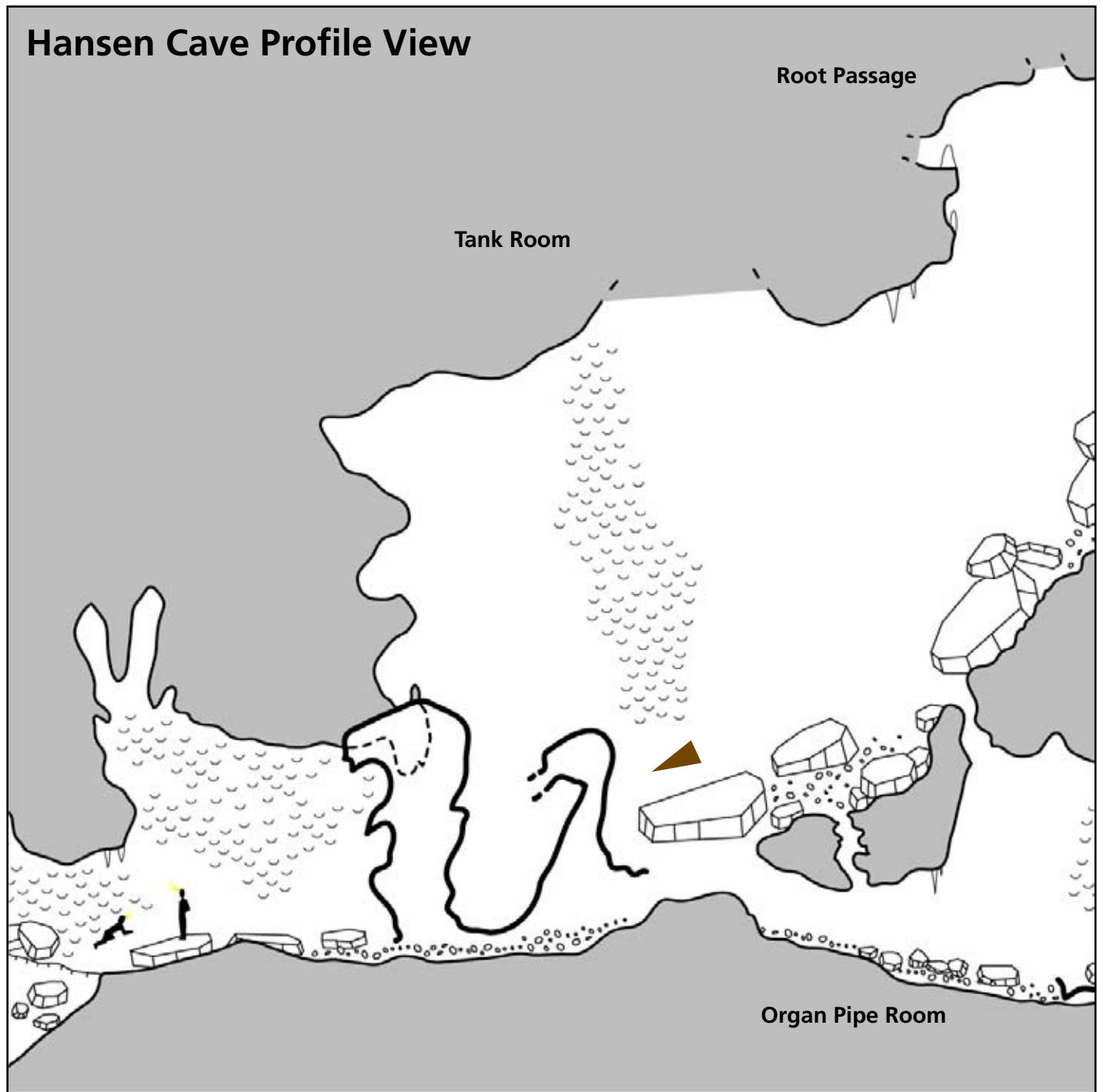
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Jon Jasper standing on the Introduction to Caving trail in the Tank Room. NPS Photo.

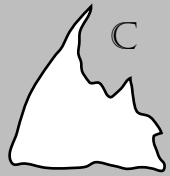
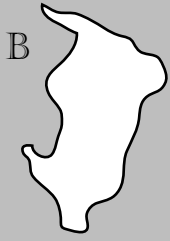
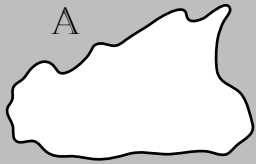
Hansen Cave Profile View



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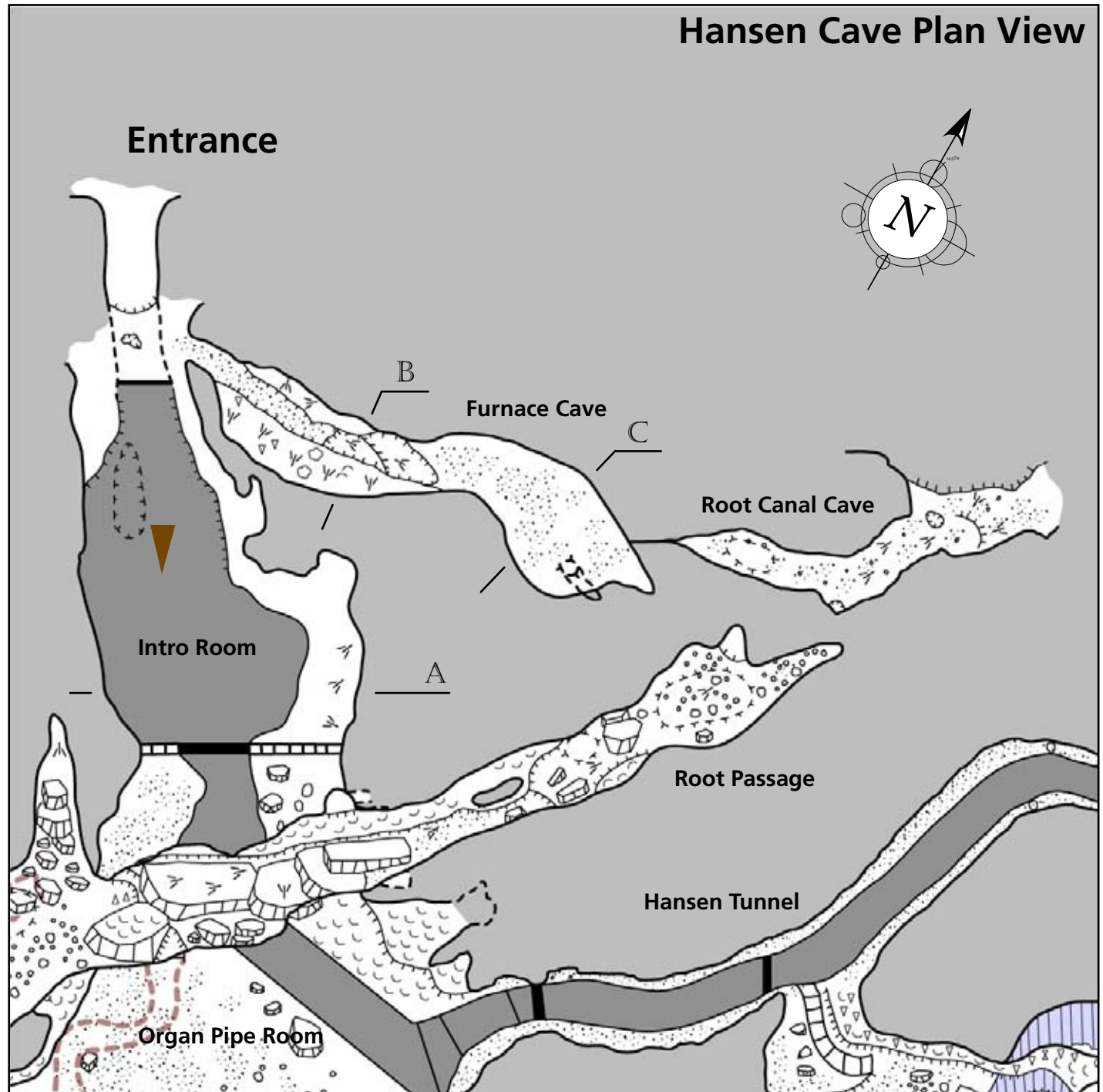
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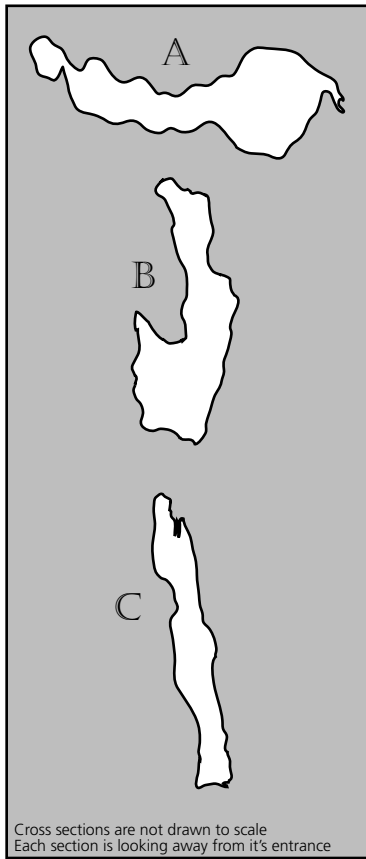


Hansen Cave entrance gate in the Intro Room. Photo by Brandon Kowallis 2003.

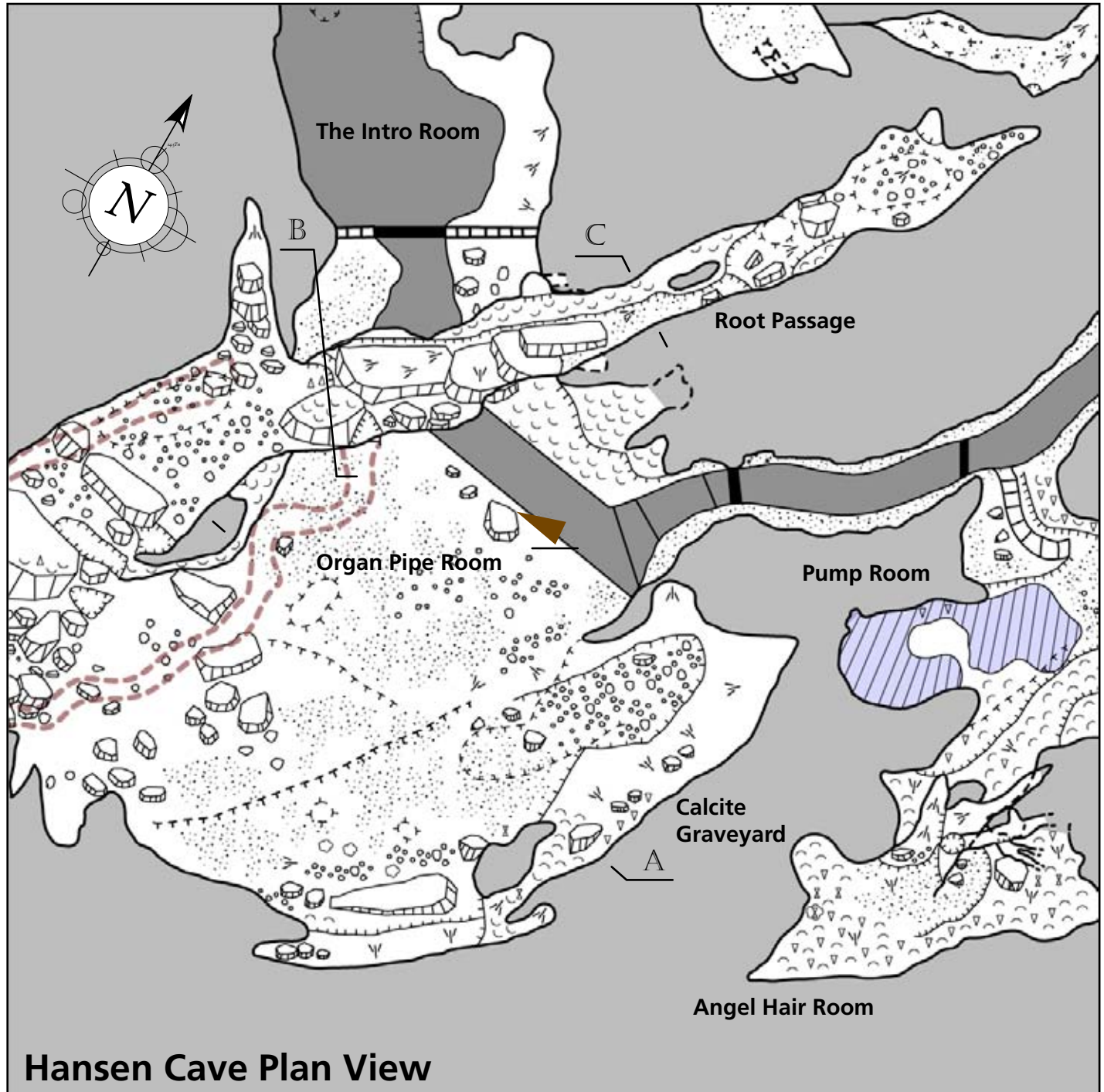


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The Organ Pipe formation in the Organ Pipe Room of Hansen Cave. Photo by Brandon Kowallis 2003.



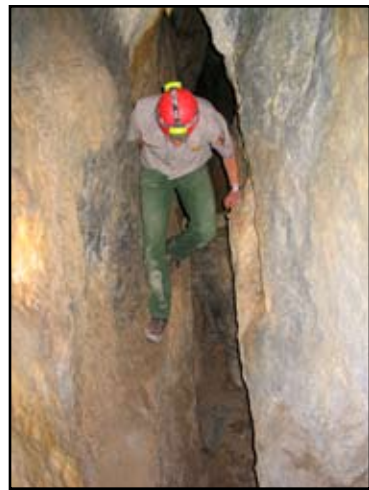
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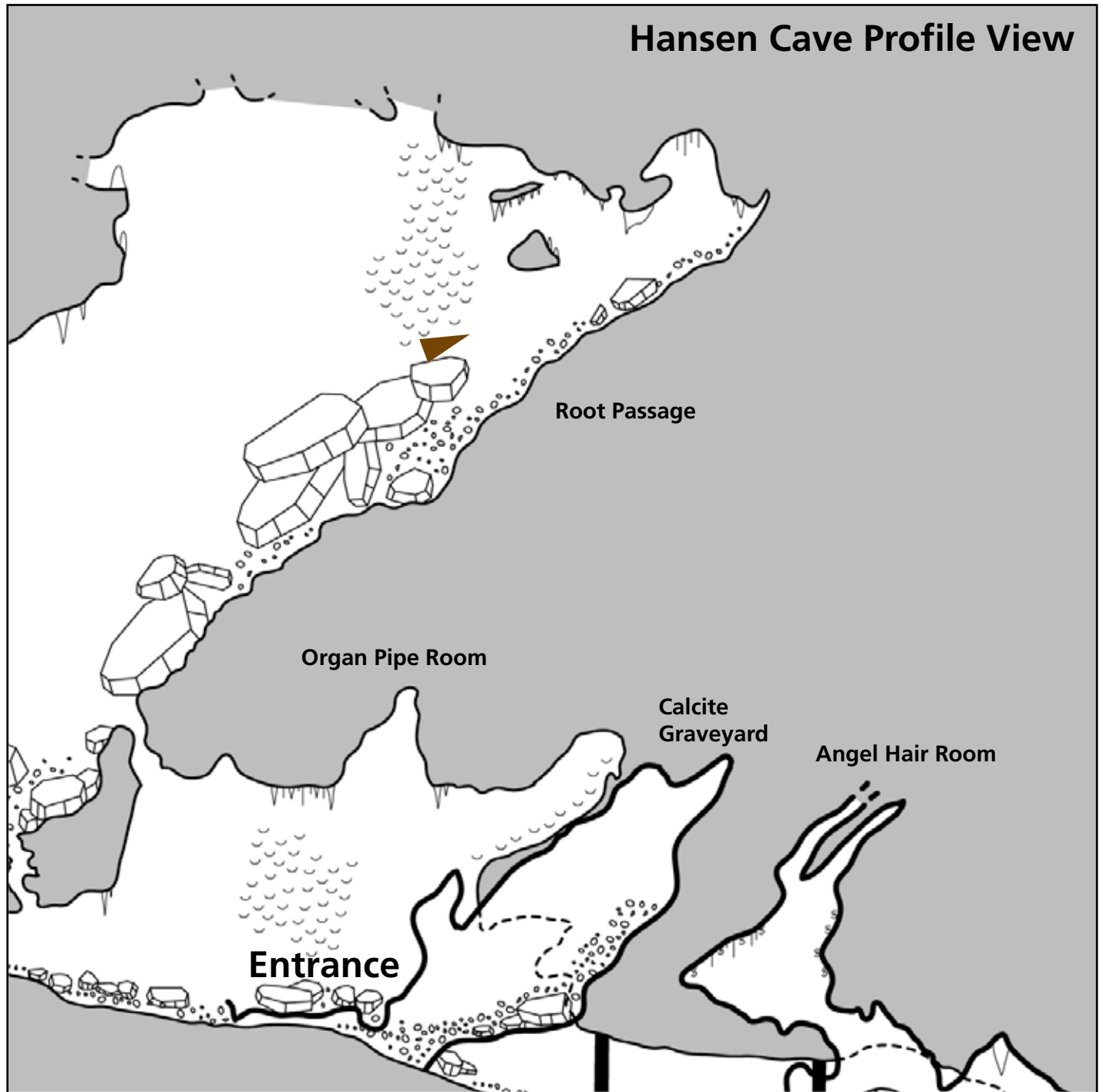
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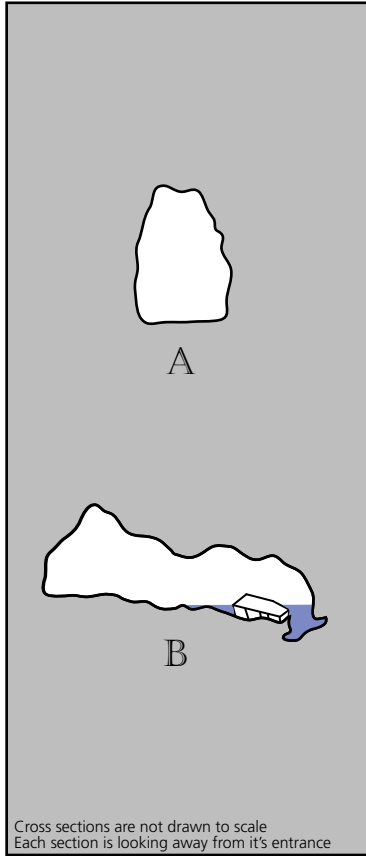


Jon Jasper maneuvering through upper section of the Root Passage. NPS Photo.



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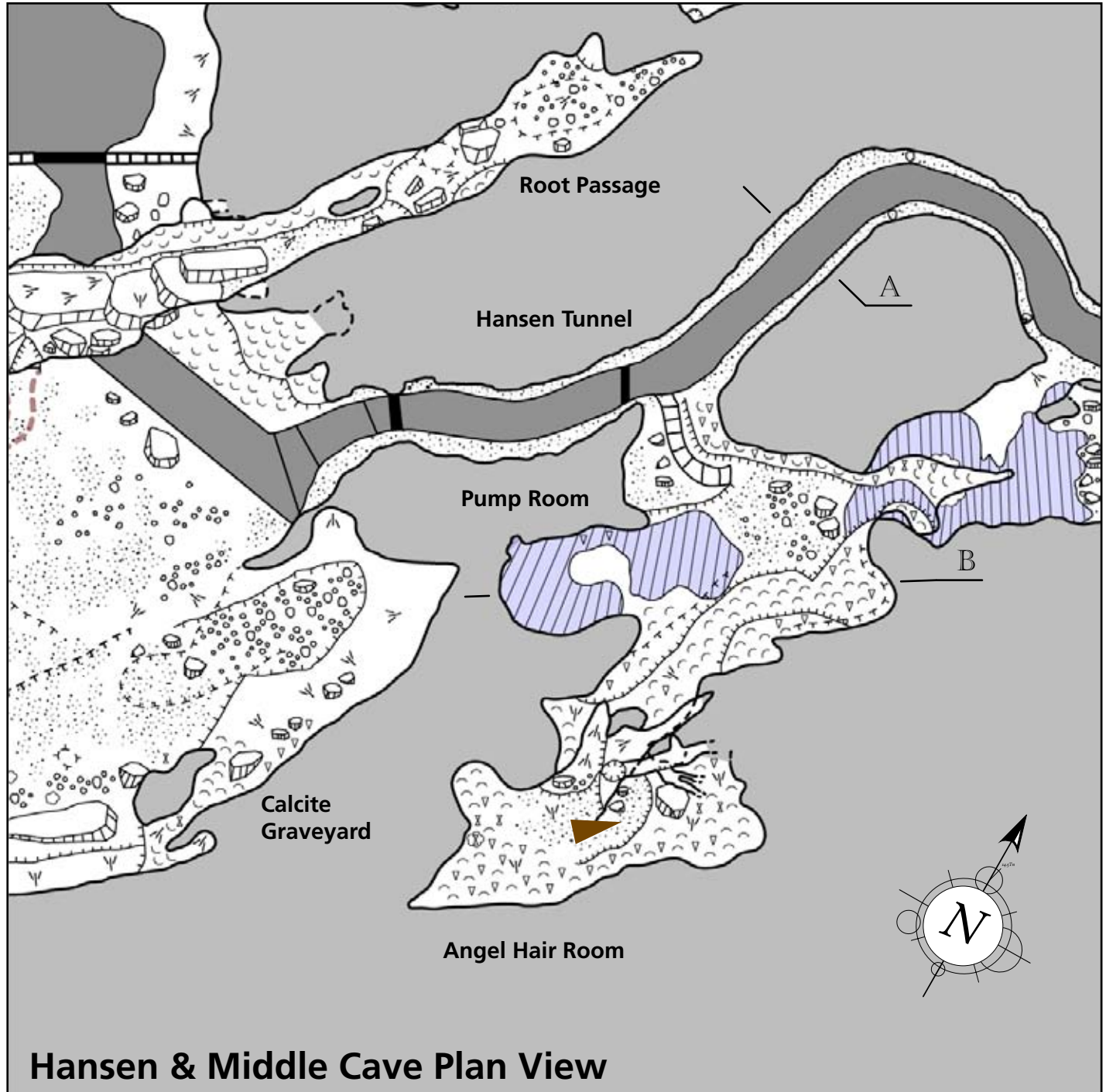




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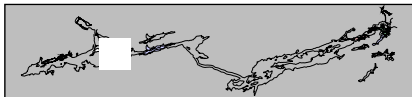


Helictite covered stalactite in the Angel Hair Room of Middle Cave.
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Hansen & Middle Cave Plan View

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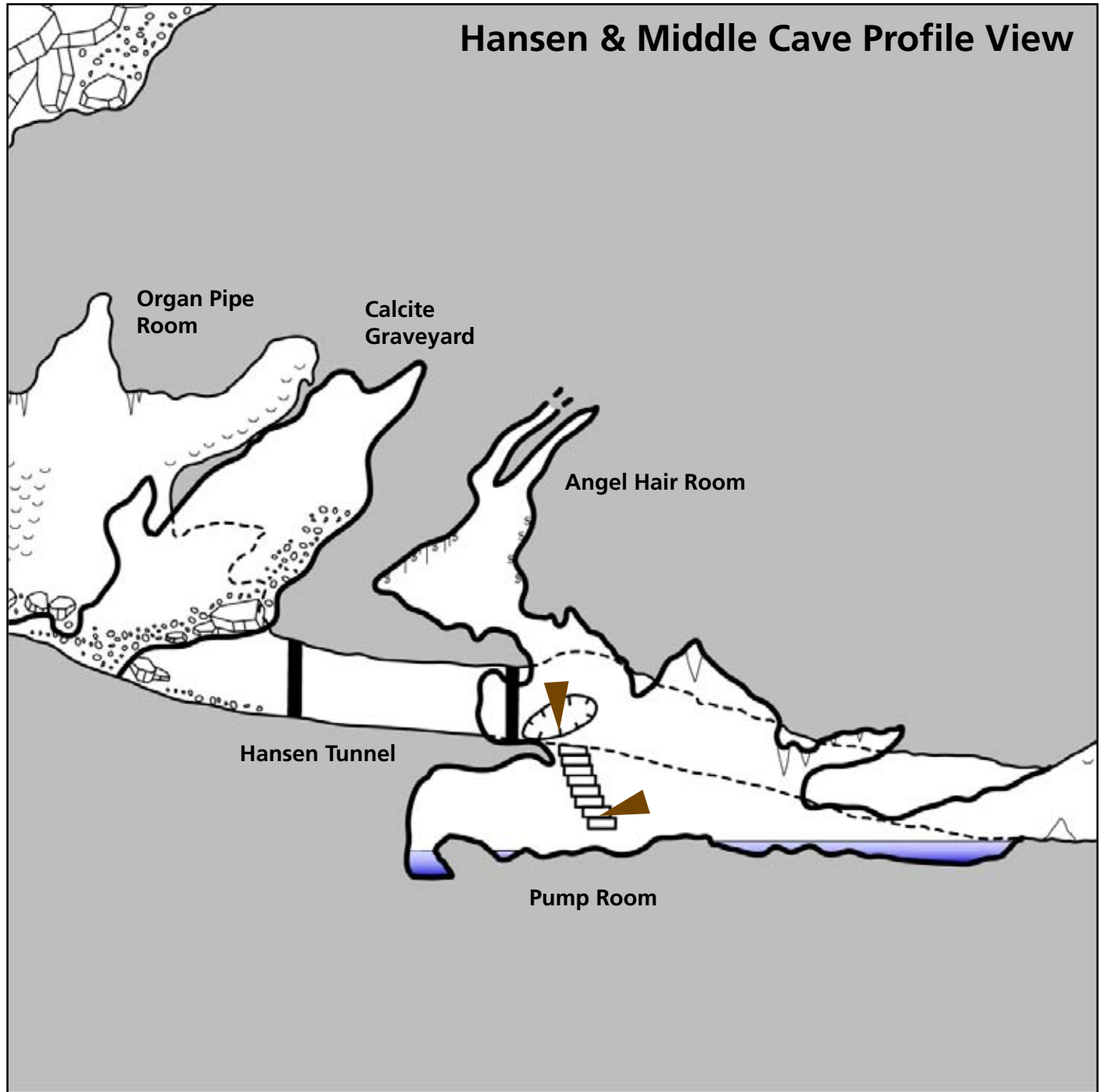


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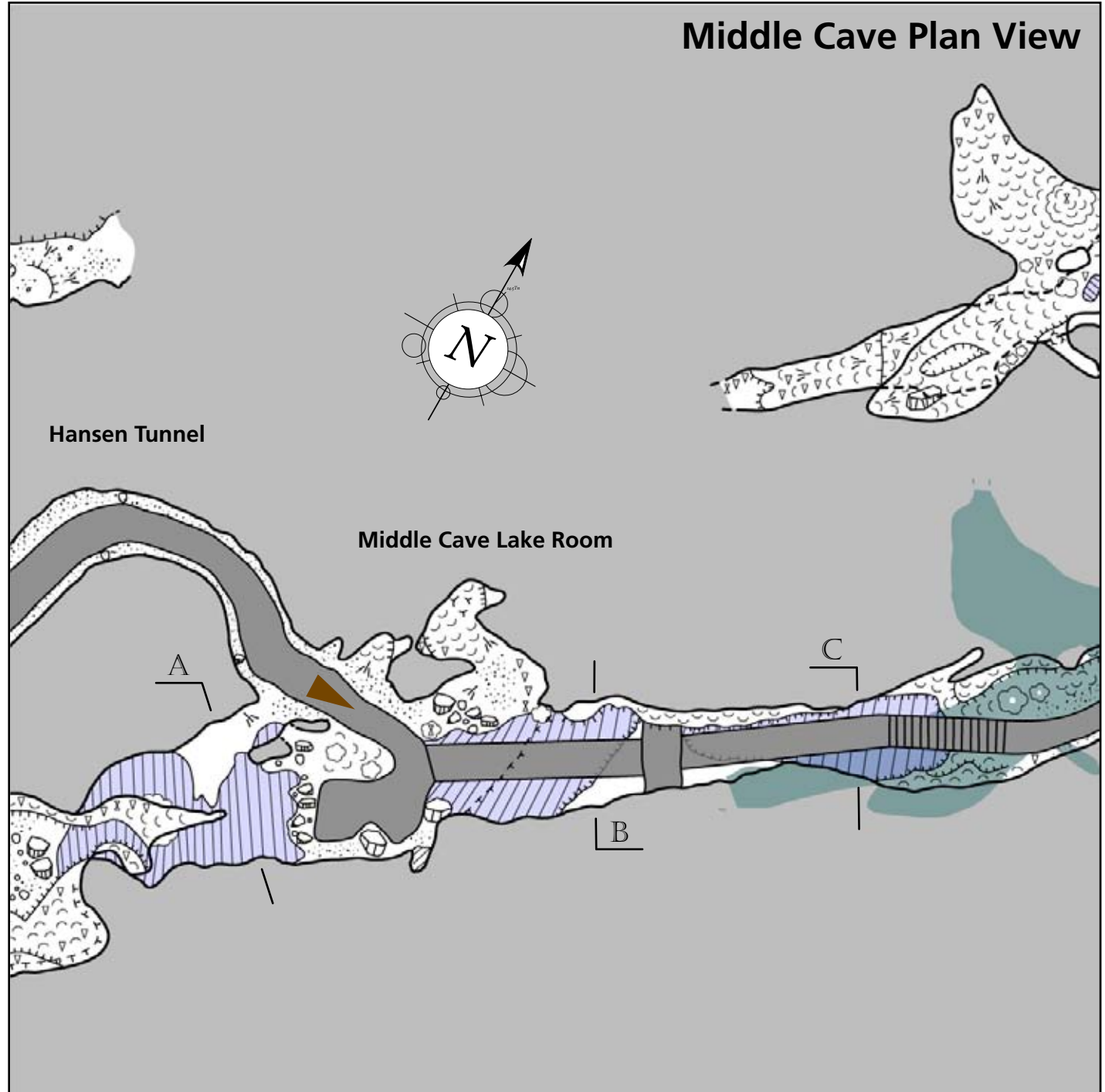
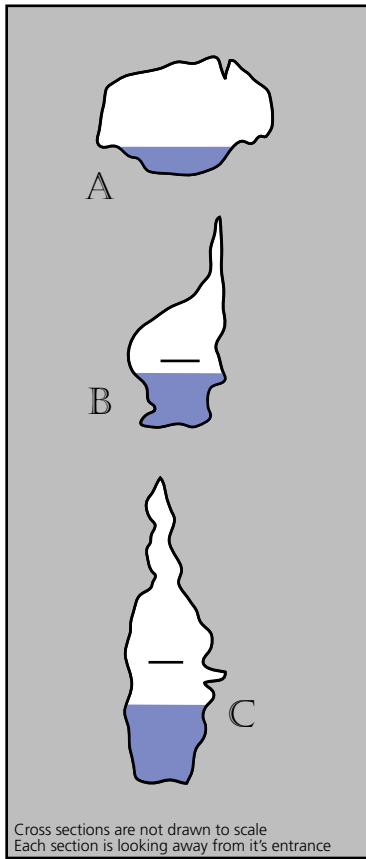
The Pump Room at the bottom of the stairs (top) and as seen from the main trail (bottom). NPS Photo.



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Middle Cave Plan View



Middle Cave Lake during Spring run off when the pump stopped working during April of 2004. Photo by Jon Jasper.



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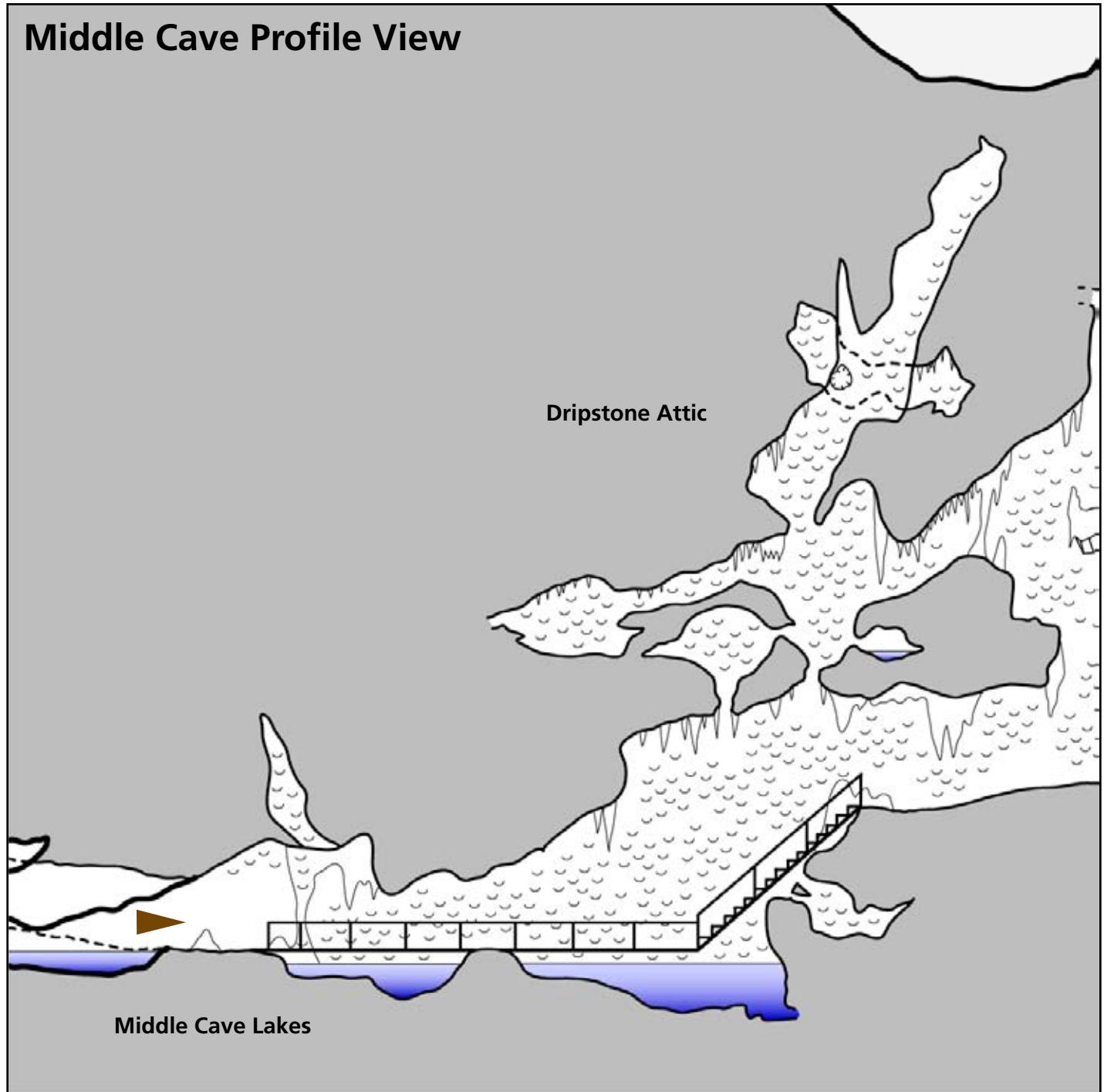
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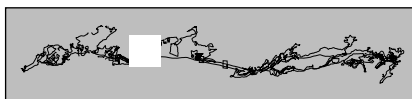


Middle Cave Lake Room. NPS Photo.

Middle Cave Profile View

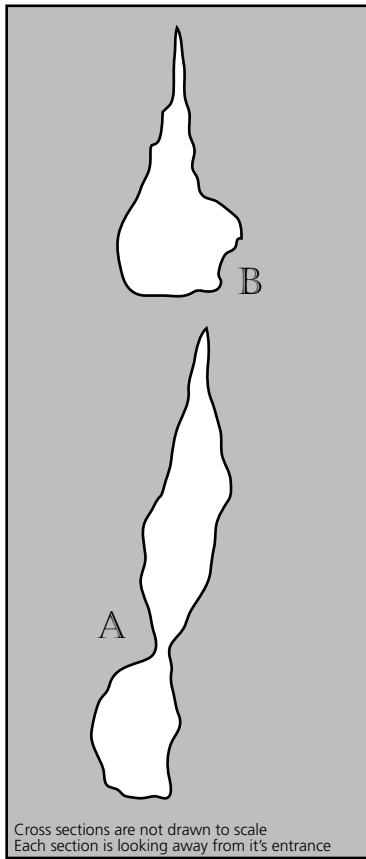


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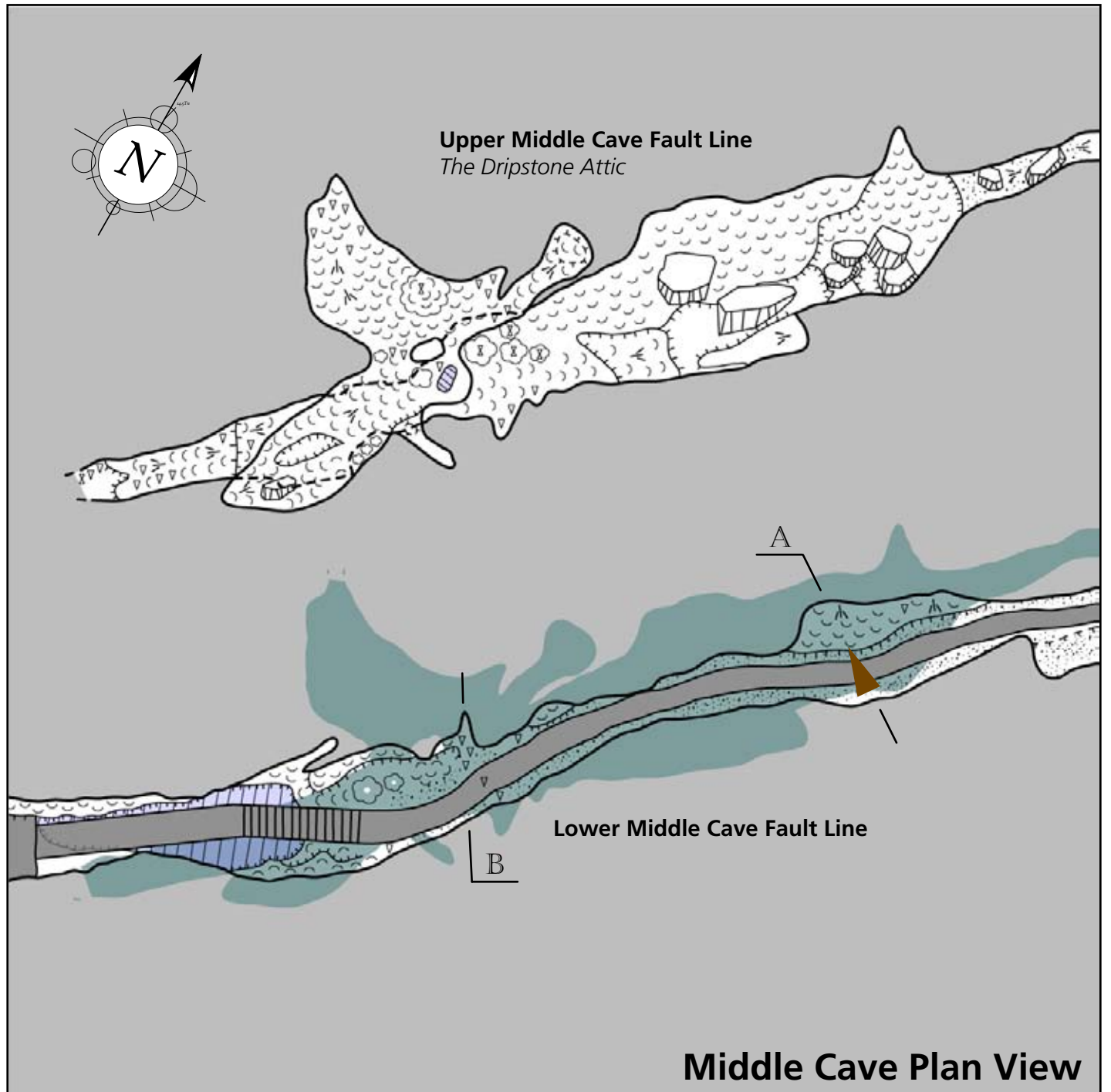


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Ceiling passage leading to the Dripstone Attic in the Middle Cave Fault Line. Passage as seen along the main trail. NPS Photo.



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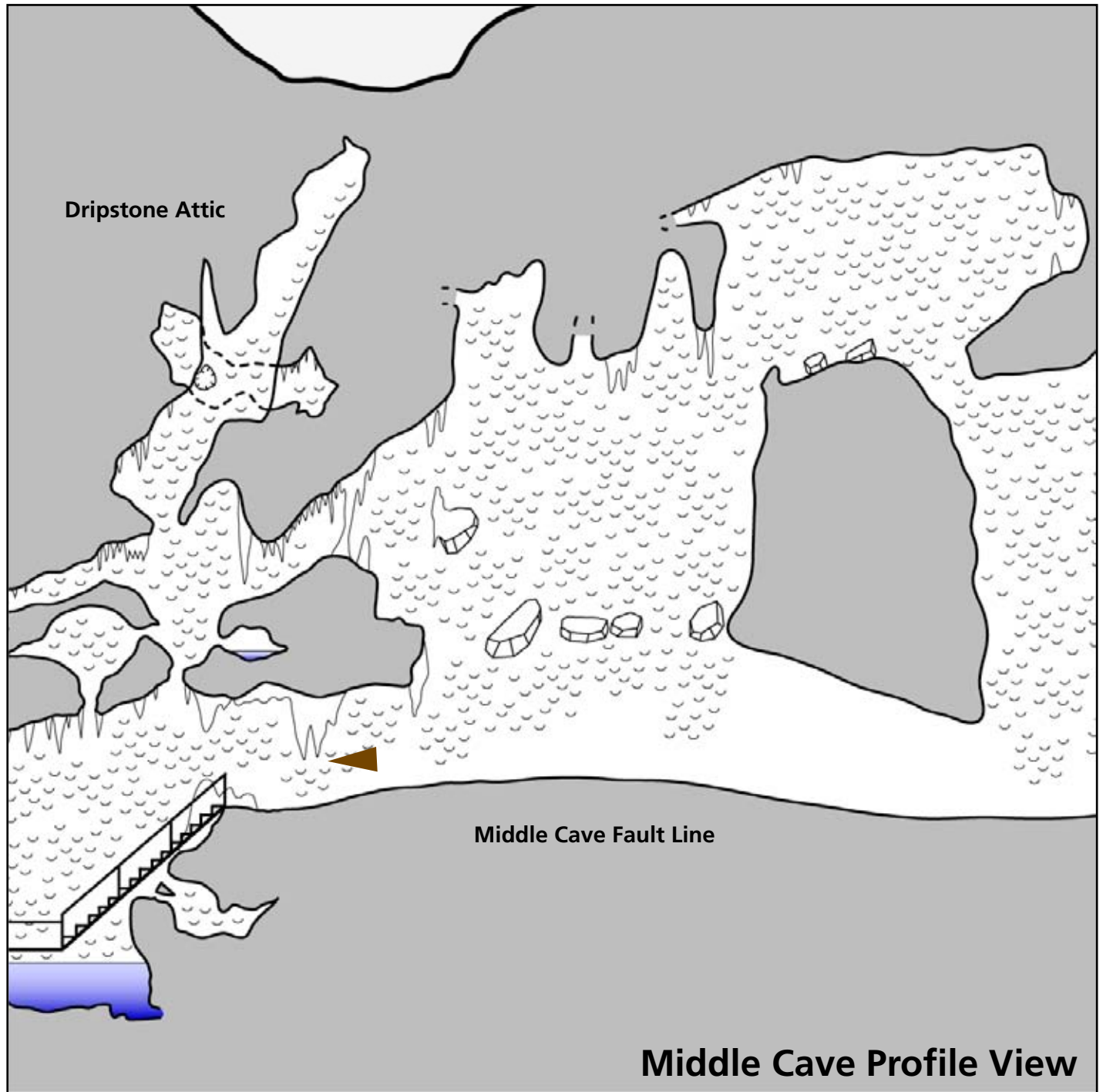


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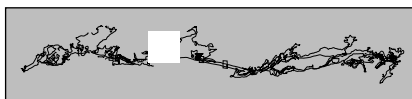
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Jon Jasper stands in the Middle Cave Fault Line passage just below the Dripstone Attic. NPS Photo.

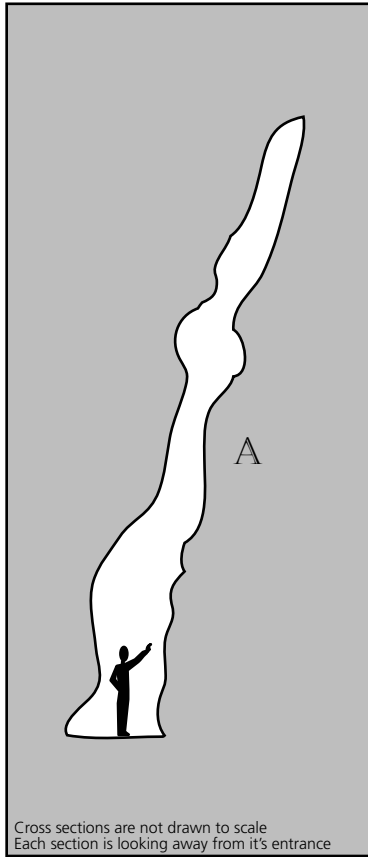


Middle Cave Profile View



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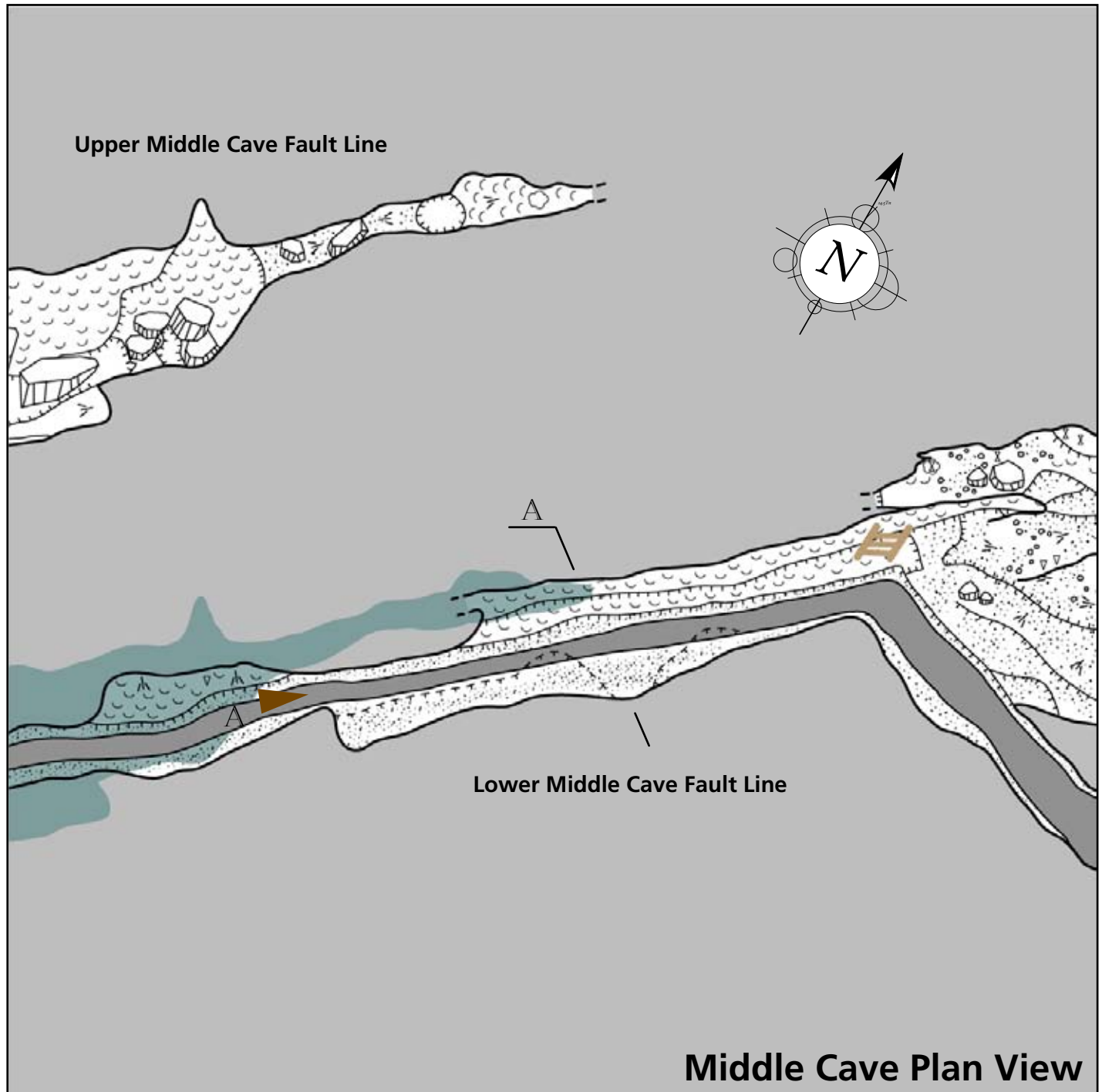




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The Middle Cave fault line. NPS Photo.



Middle Cave Plan View



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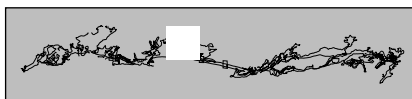
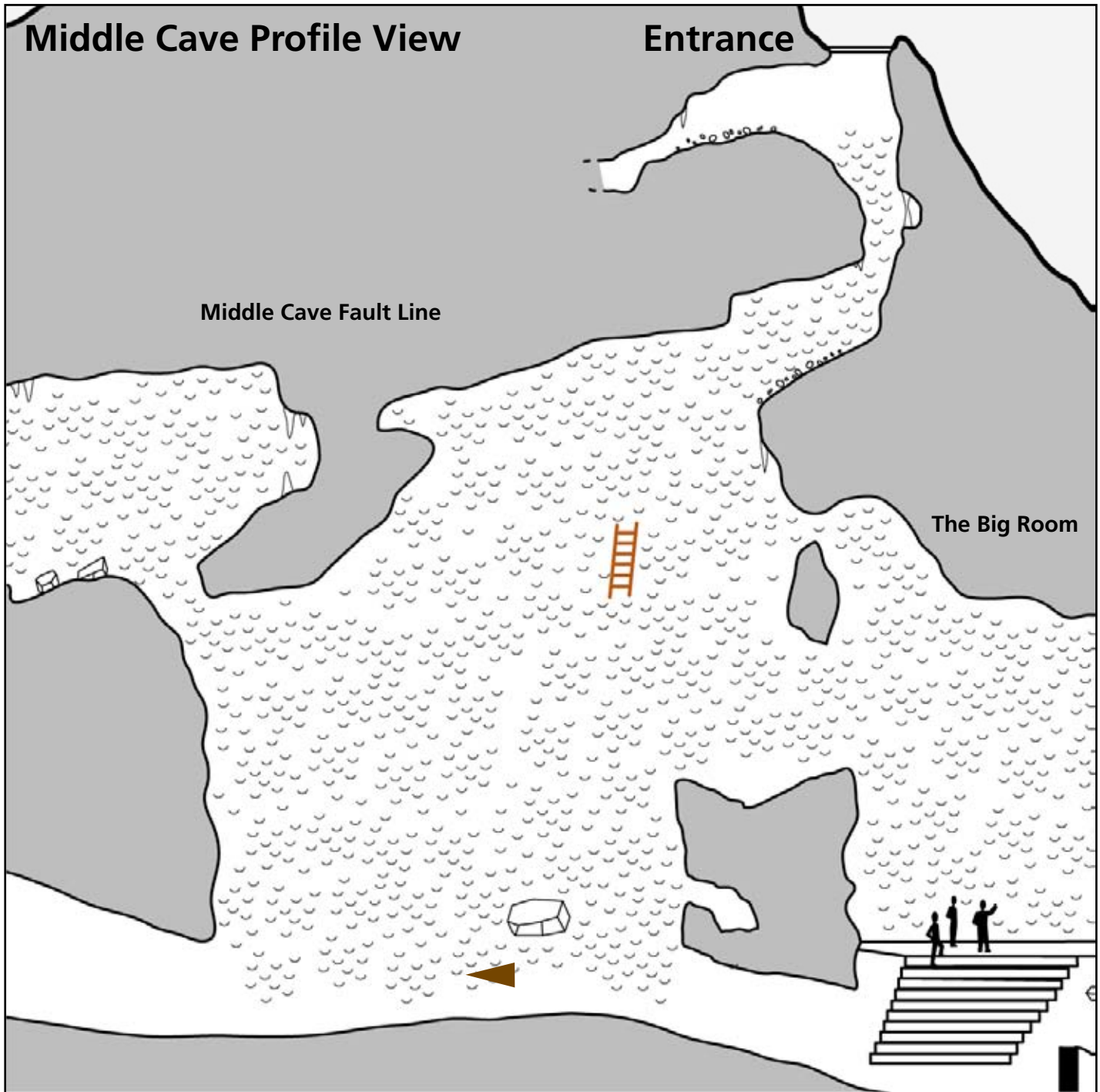


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Popcorn covered wall in the Middle Cave Fault Line passage. NPS Photo.

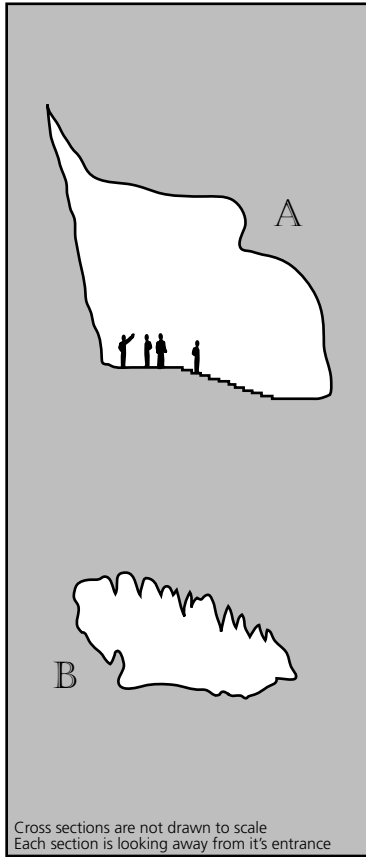


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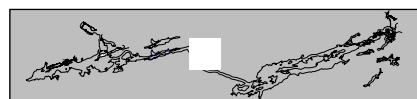
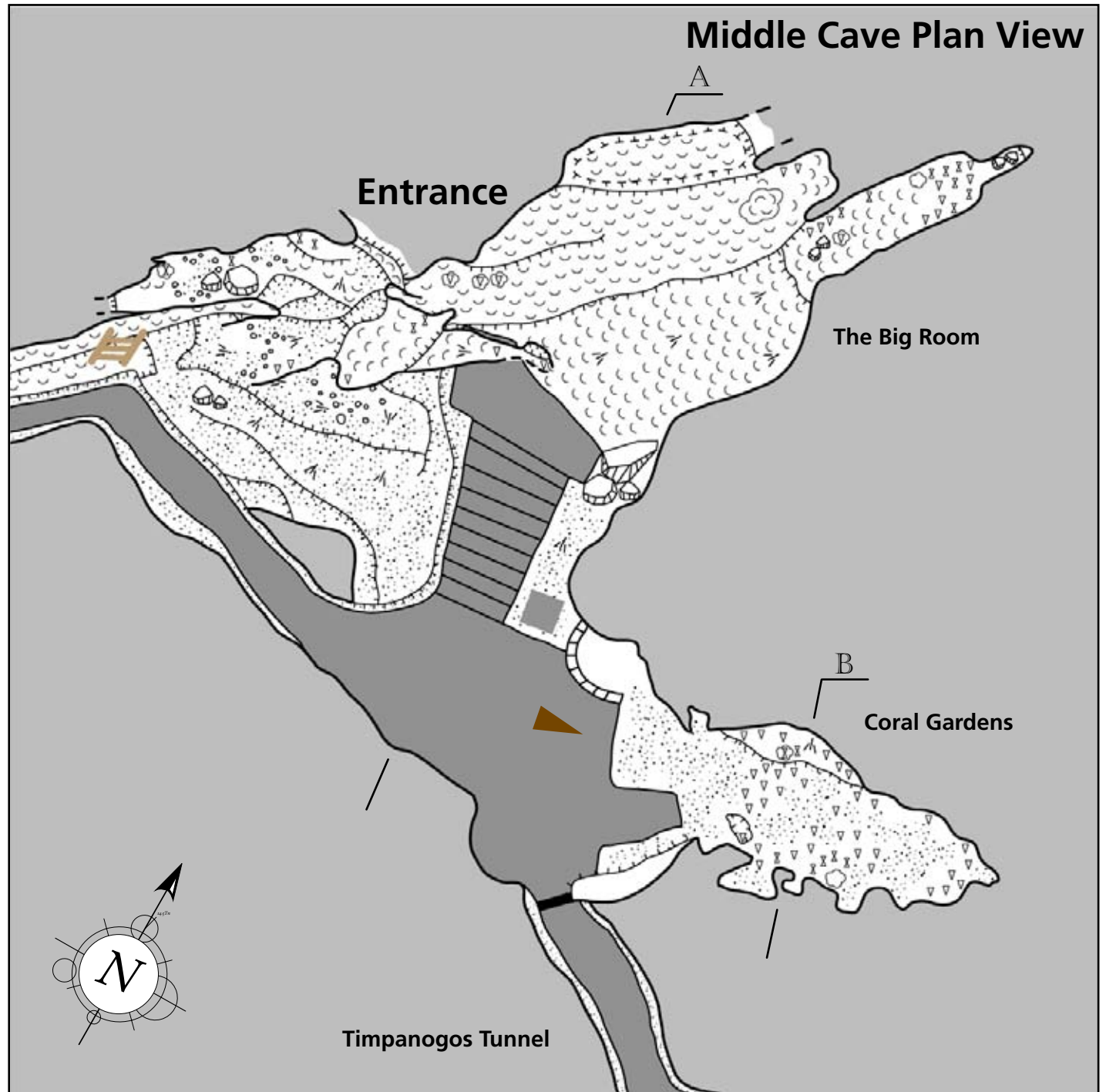
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Middle Cave Plan View



The Coral Gardens in Middle Cave.
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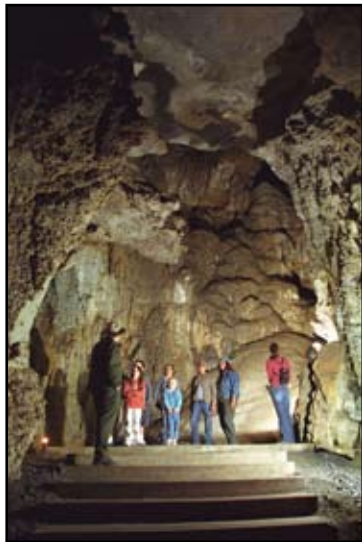


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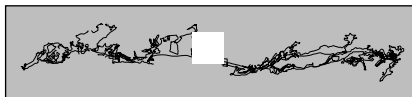
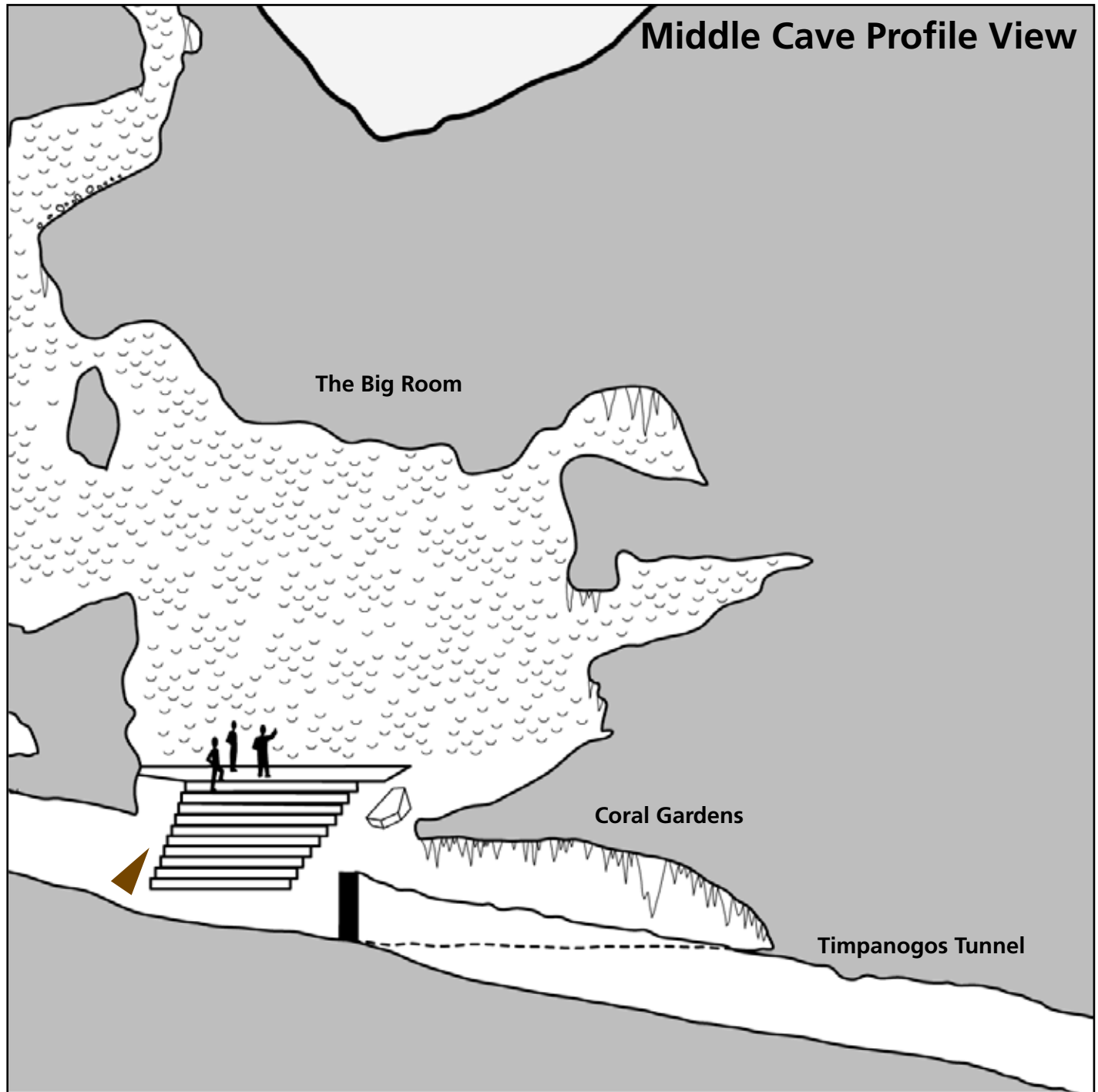


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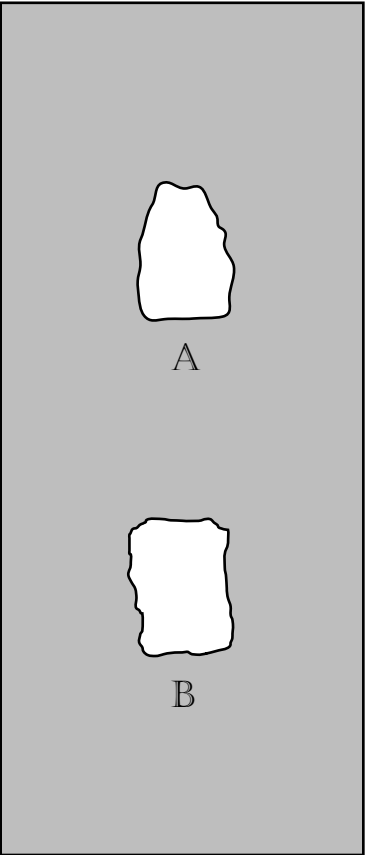
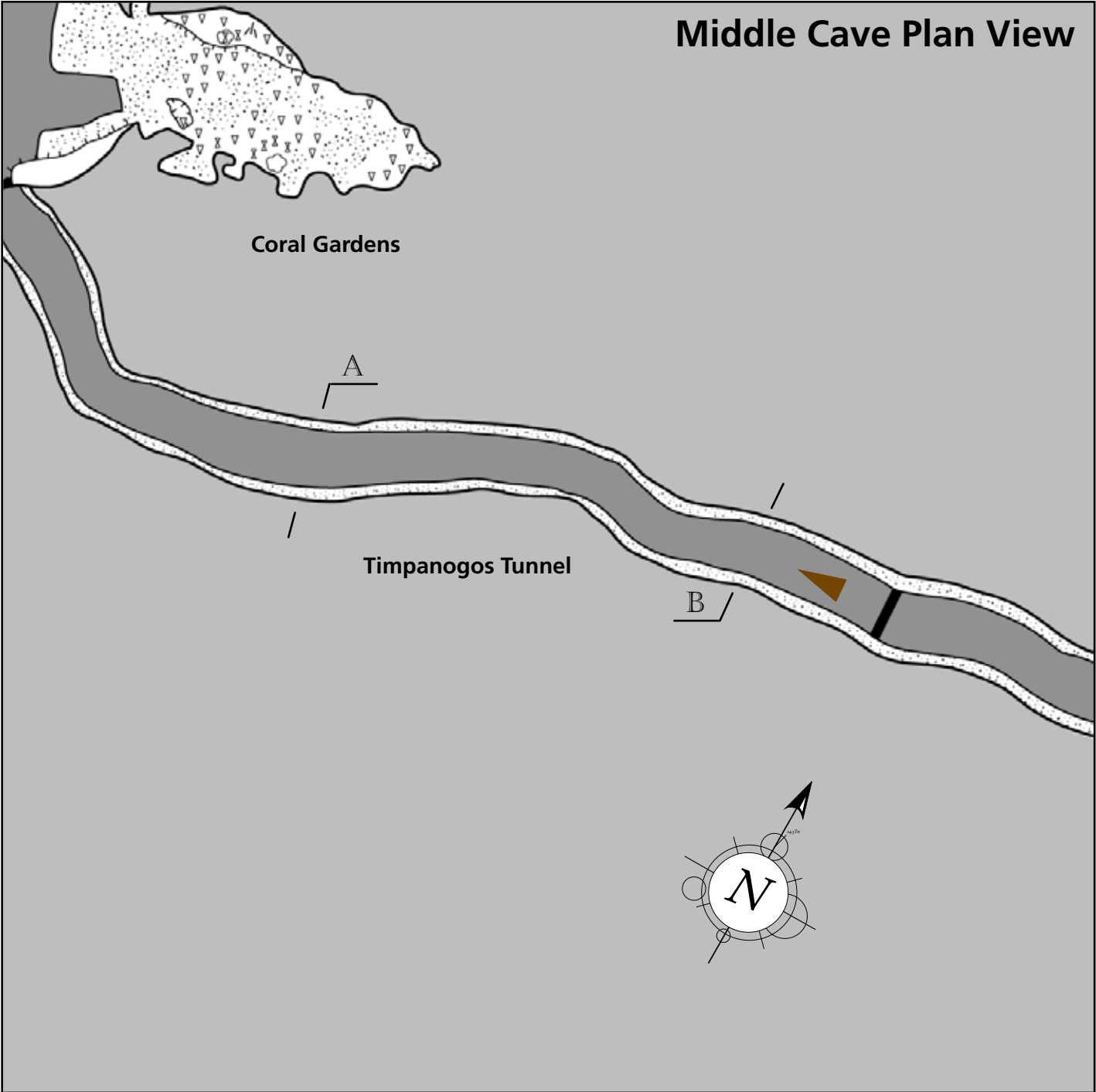
A Ranger Leads a tour in The Big Room of Middle Cave (© 2004, Brandon Kowallis).



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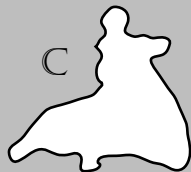
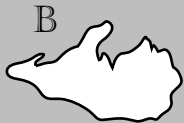
A ranger stands in the Timpanogos Cave Tunnel lit with a flashlight (© 2004, Brandon Kowallis).



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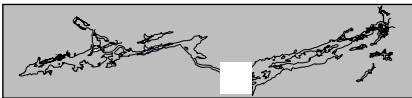
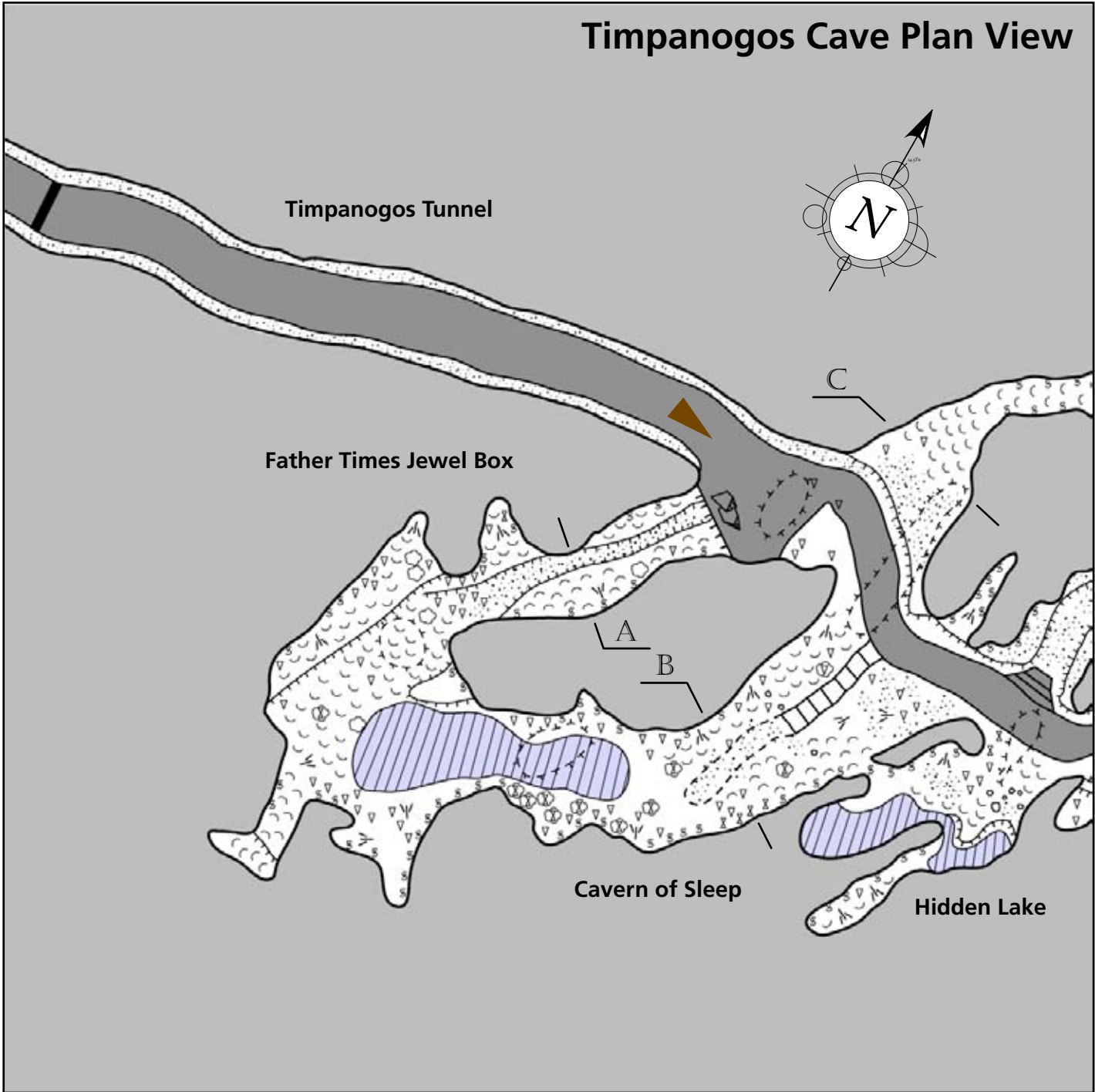
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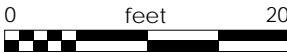
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First glimpse of Timpanogos Cave after exiting the man-made tunnel. This large stalactite is stained yellow from the presence of nickel. NPS Photo.



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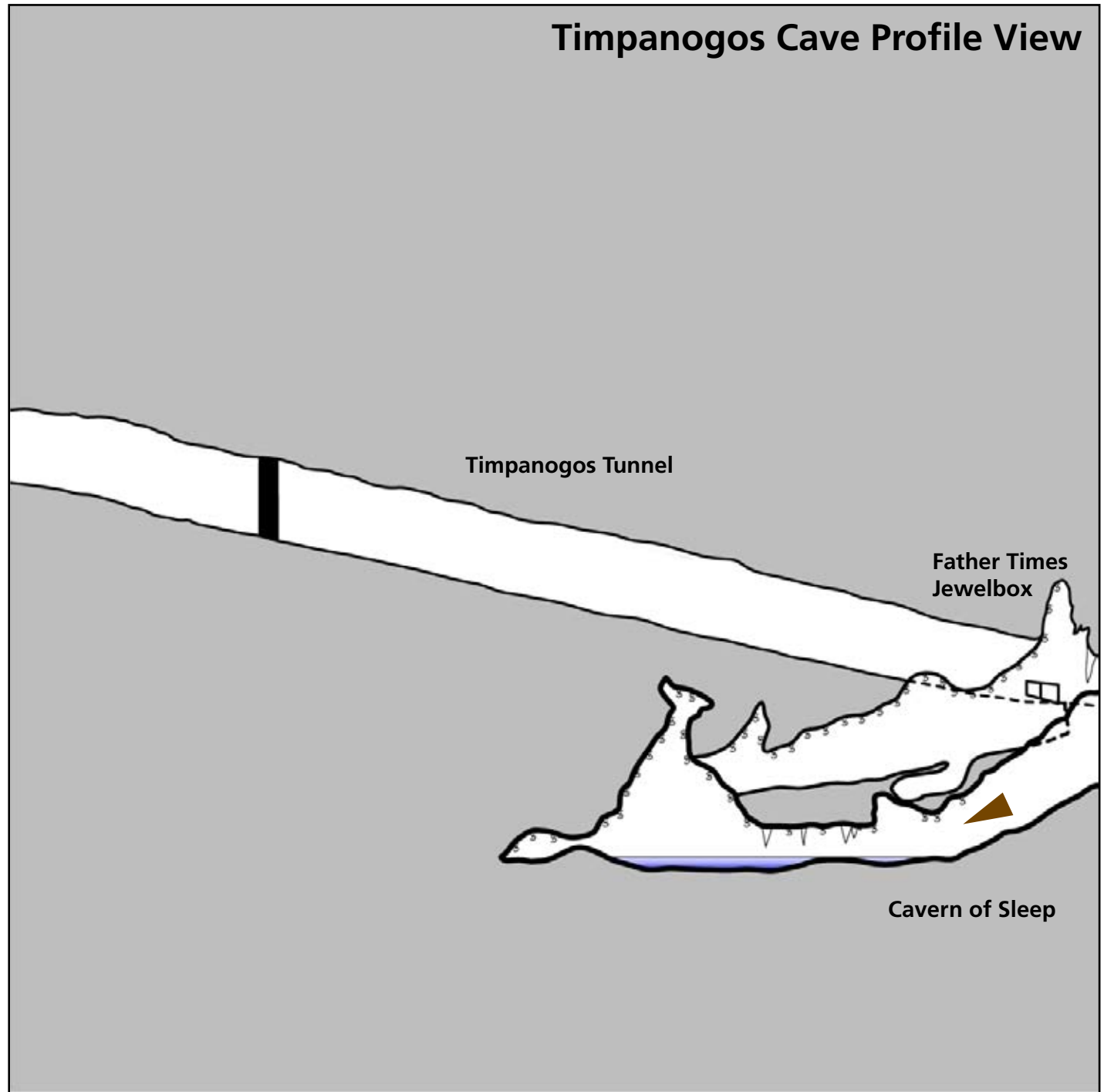


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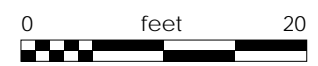
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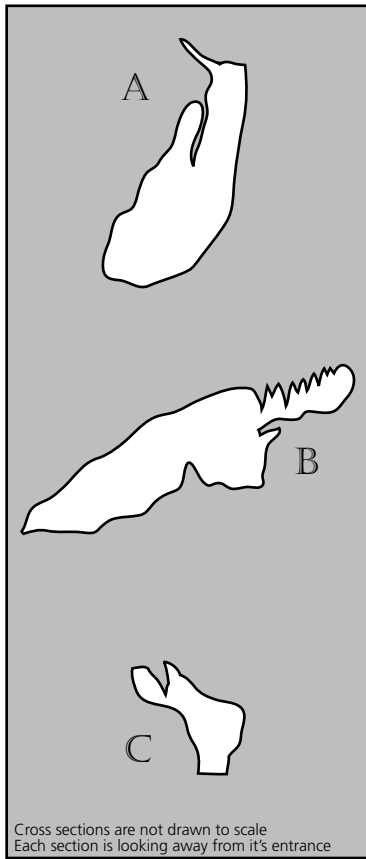


Anthodites in the Cavern of Sleep.
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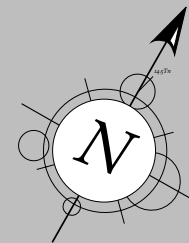
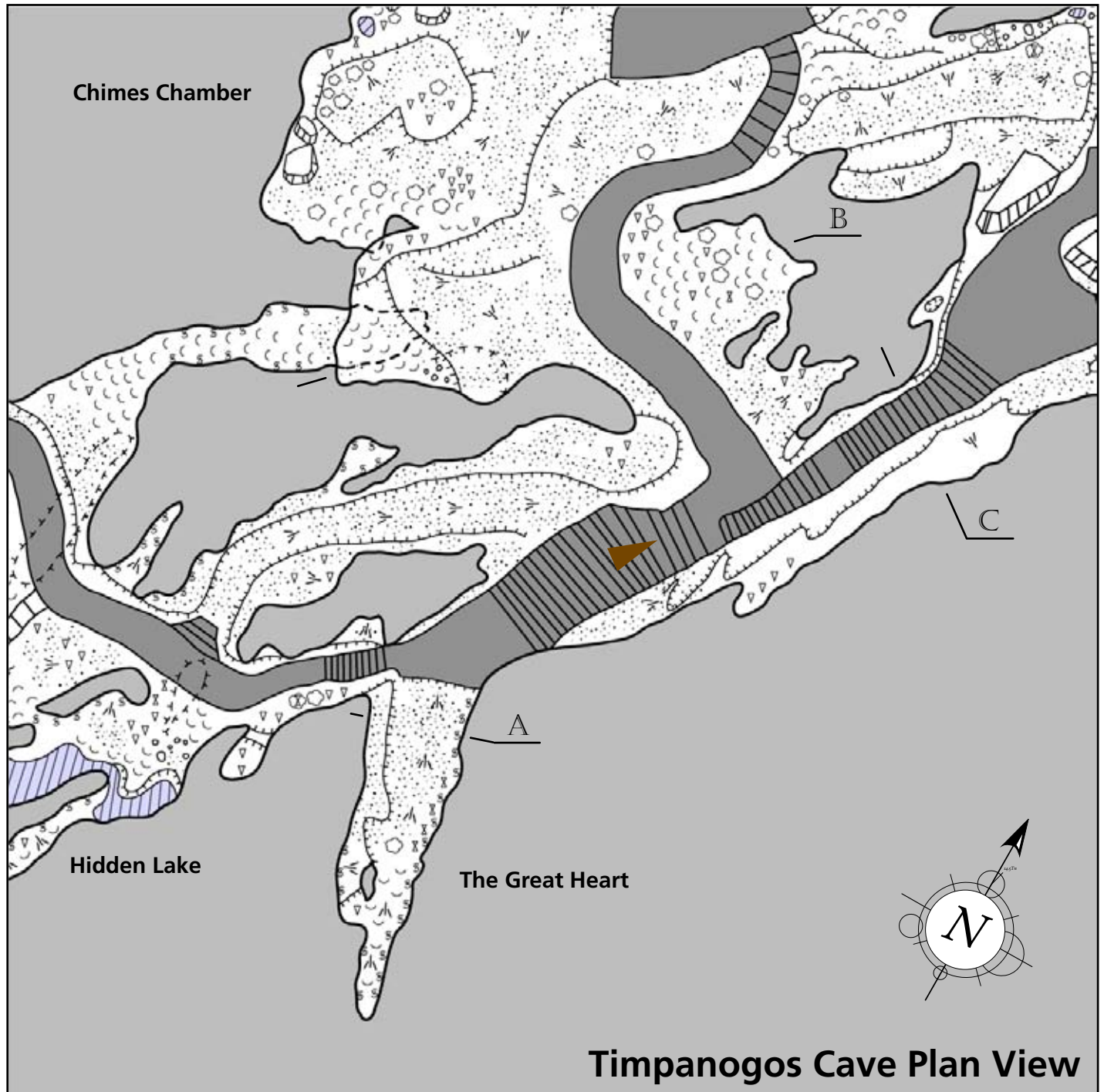


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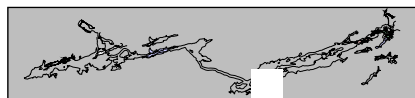




Cave trail at the junction to the Chimes Chamber. NPS Photo.



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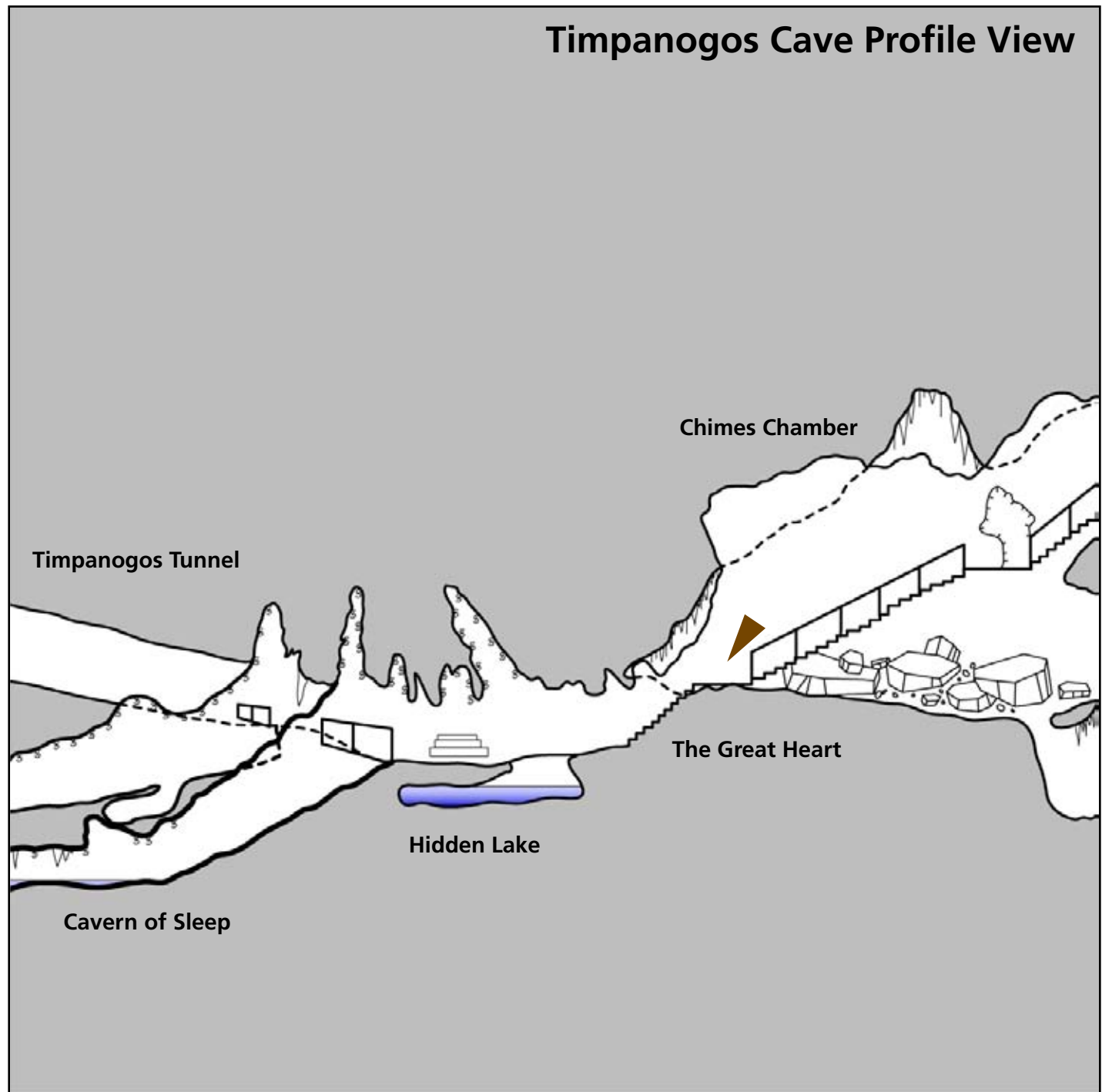


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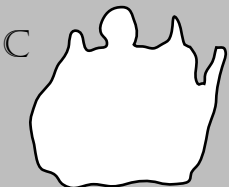
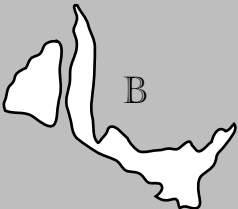
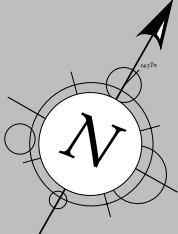
The Great Heart of Timpanogos.
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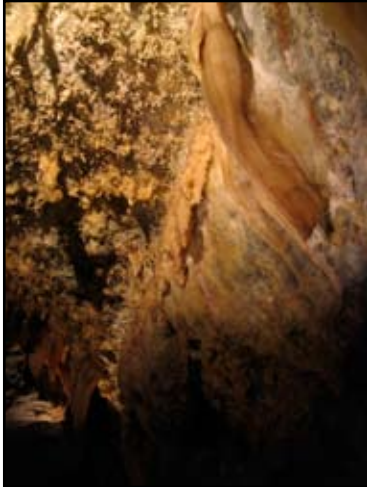
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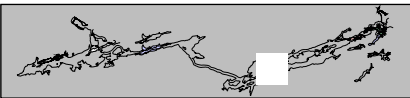
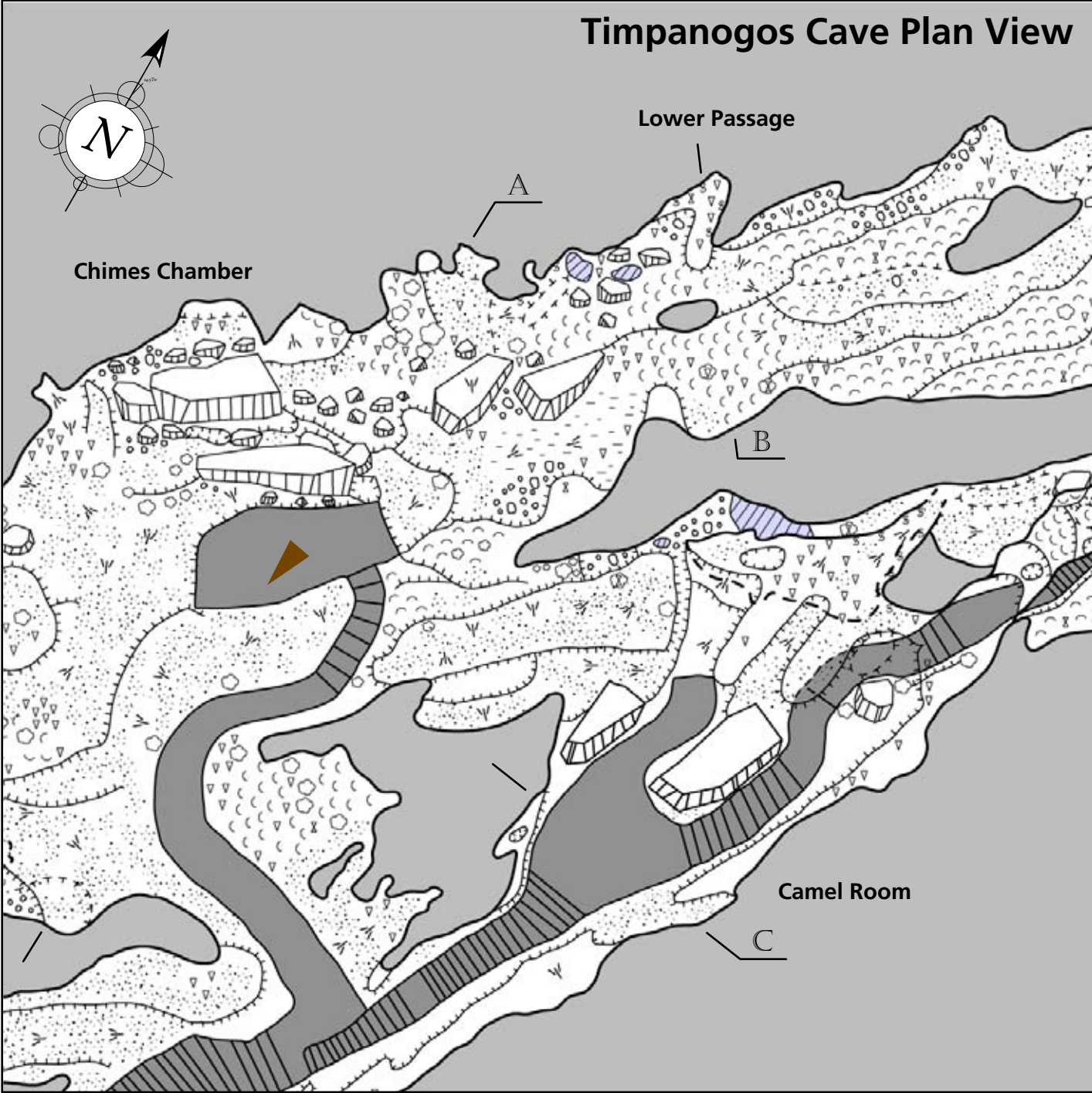
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Formation covered ceiling in the Chimes Chamber. NPS Photo.

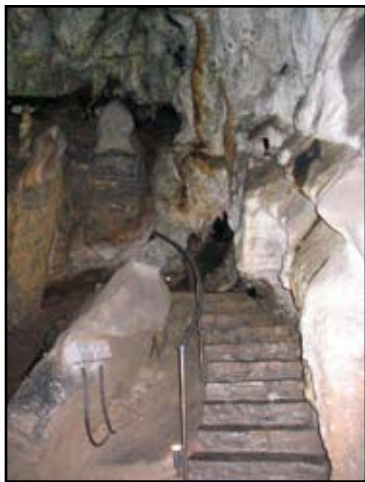


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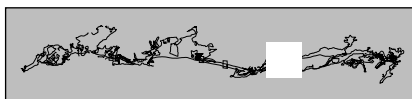
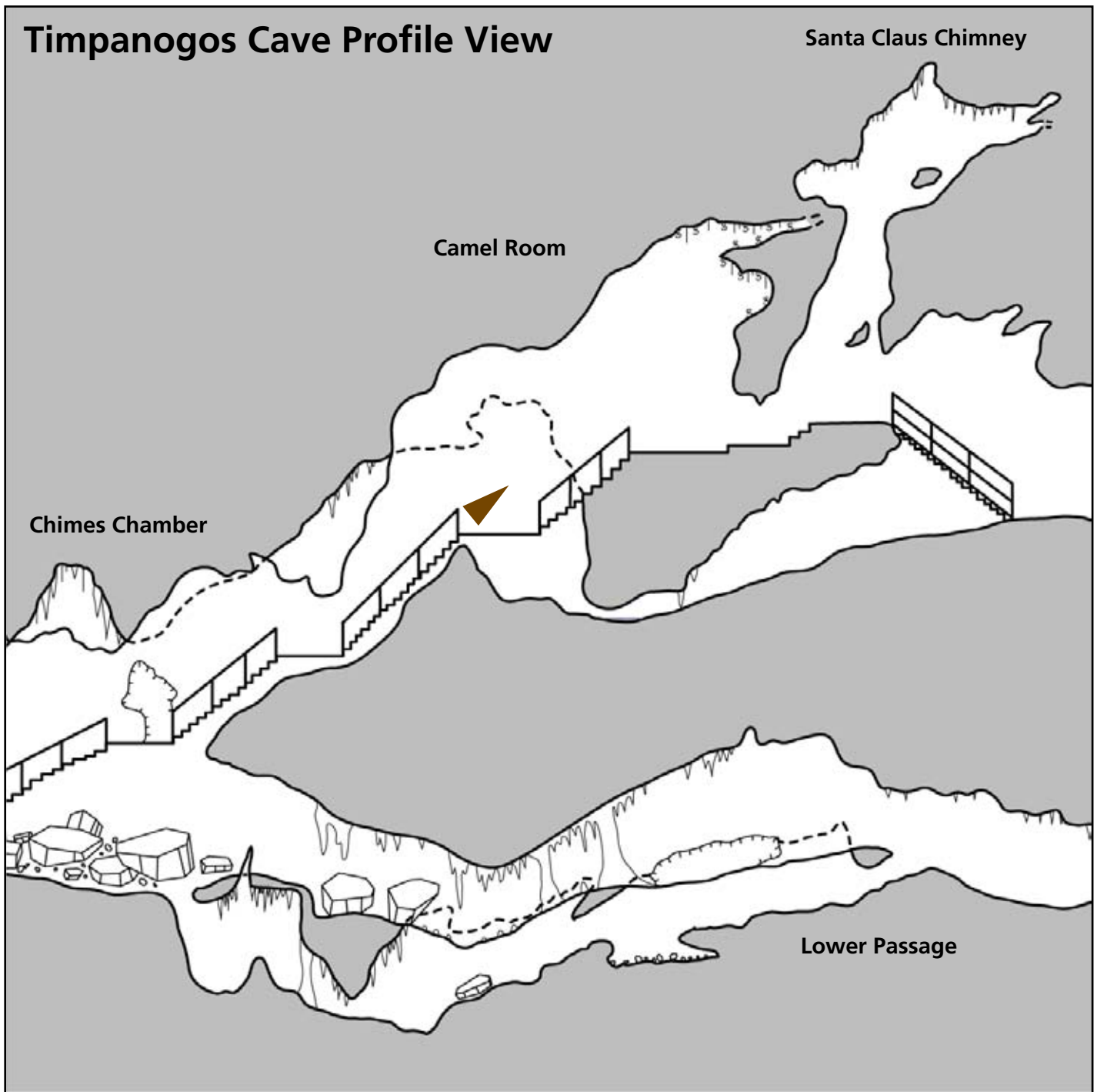
Legend

Flowstone	
Ledge	
Stalactite	
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Helictite	
Pool	
Main Trail	
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Rocks	
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Slope	
Pit	
Column	
Ceiling Ledge	
Ceiling Dome	
Silt	

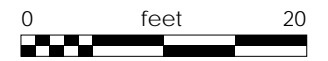


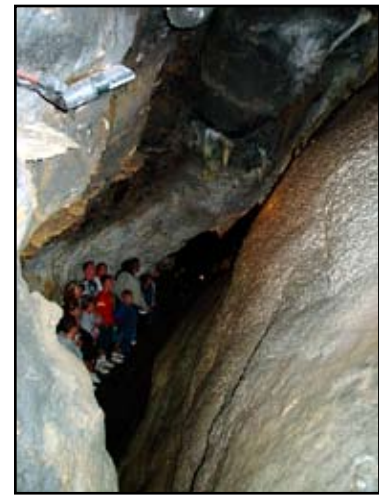
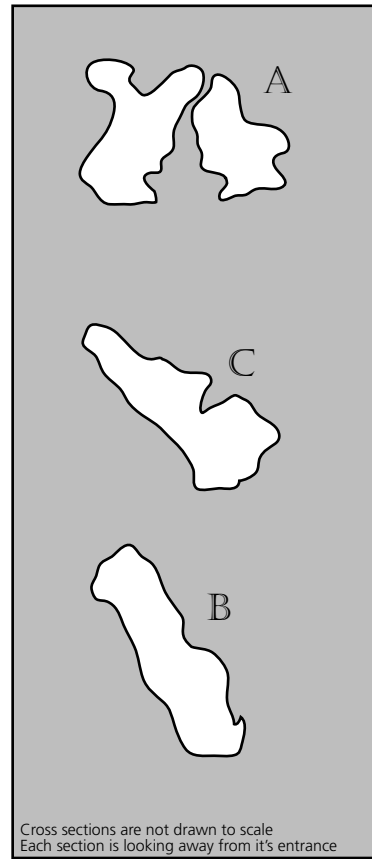
Looking into the Camel Room. NPS Photo.

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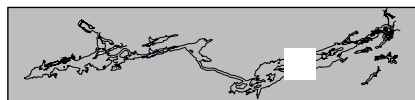
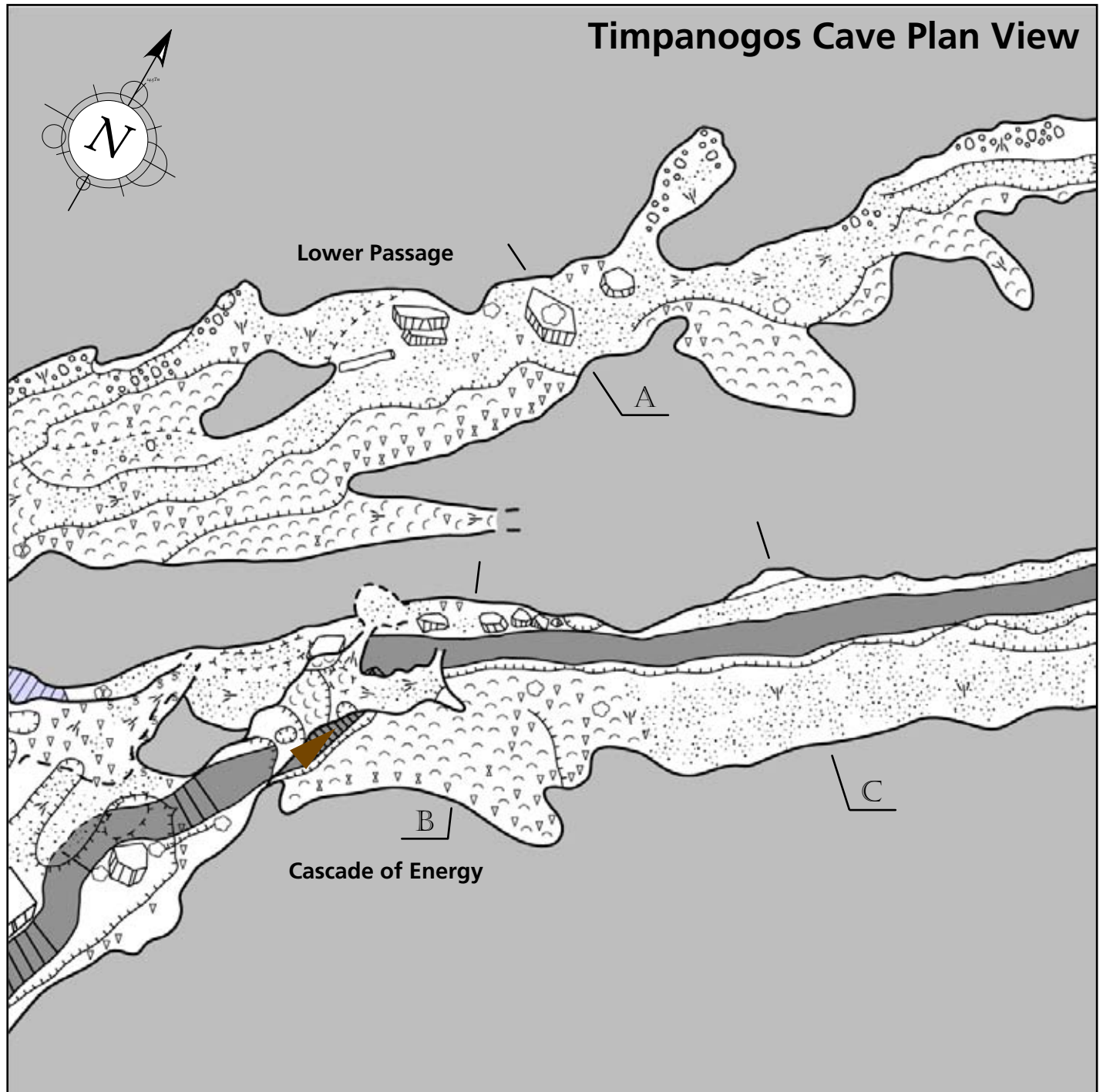


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A tour group passes by the Cascade of Energy flowstone formation.
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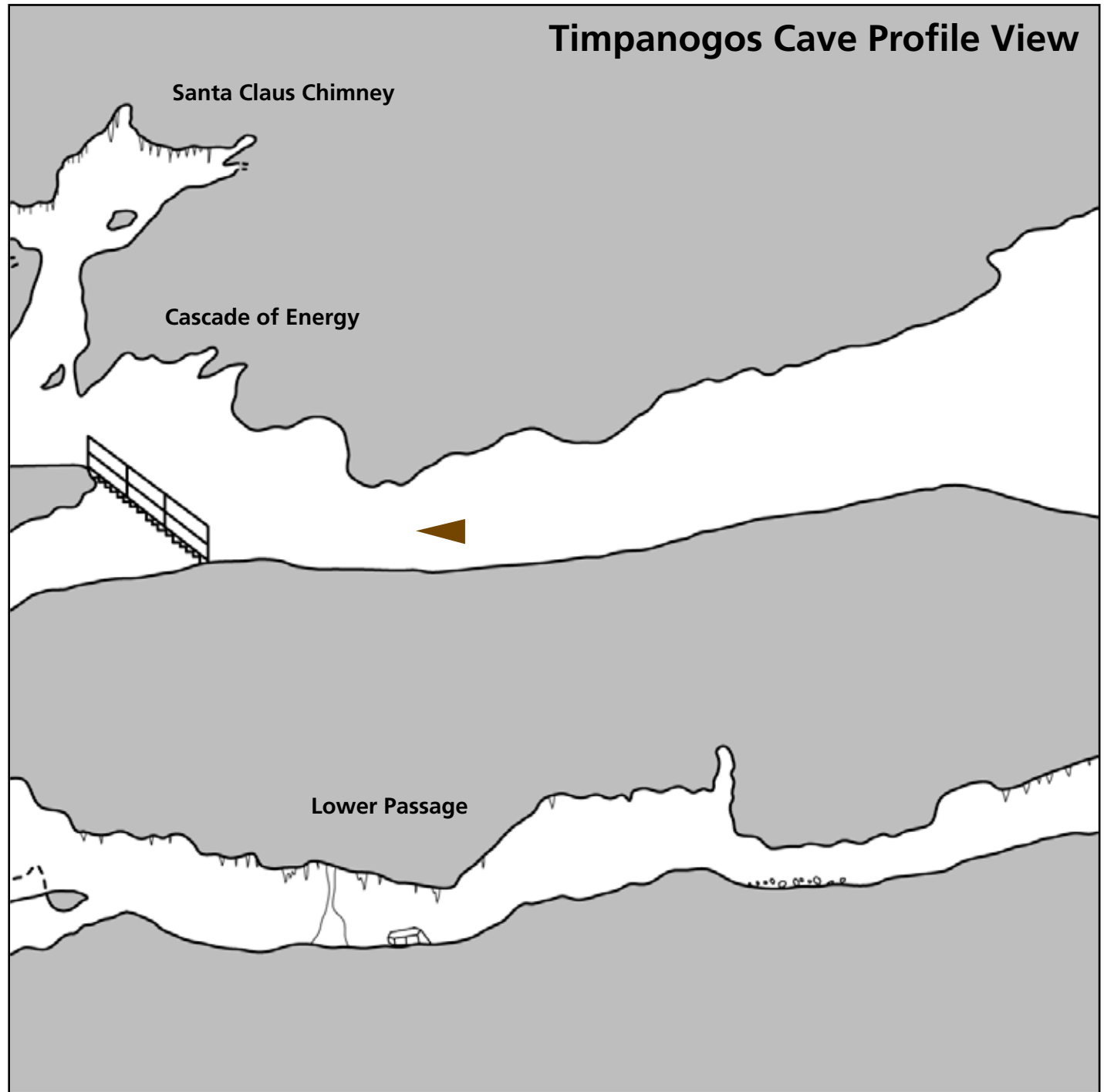
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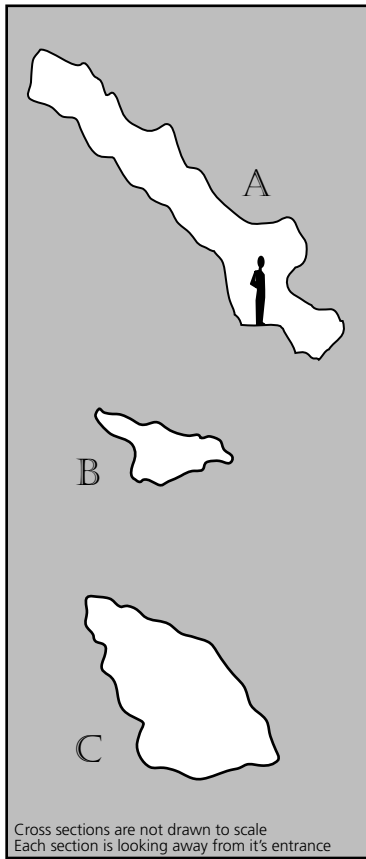
Drapery below the Cascade of Energy. NPS Photo.

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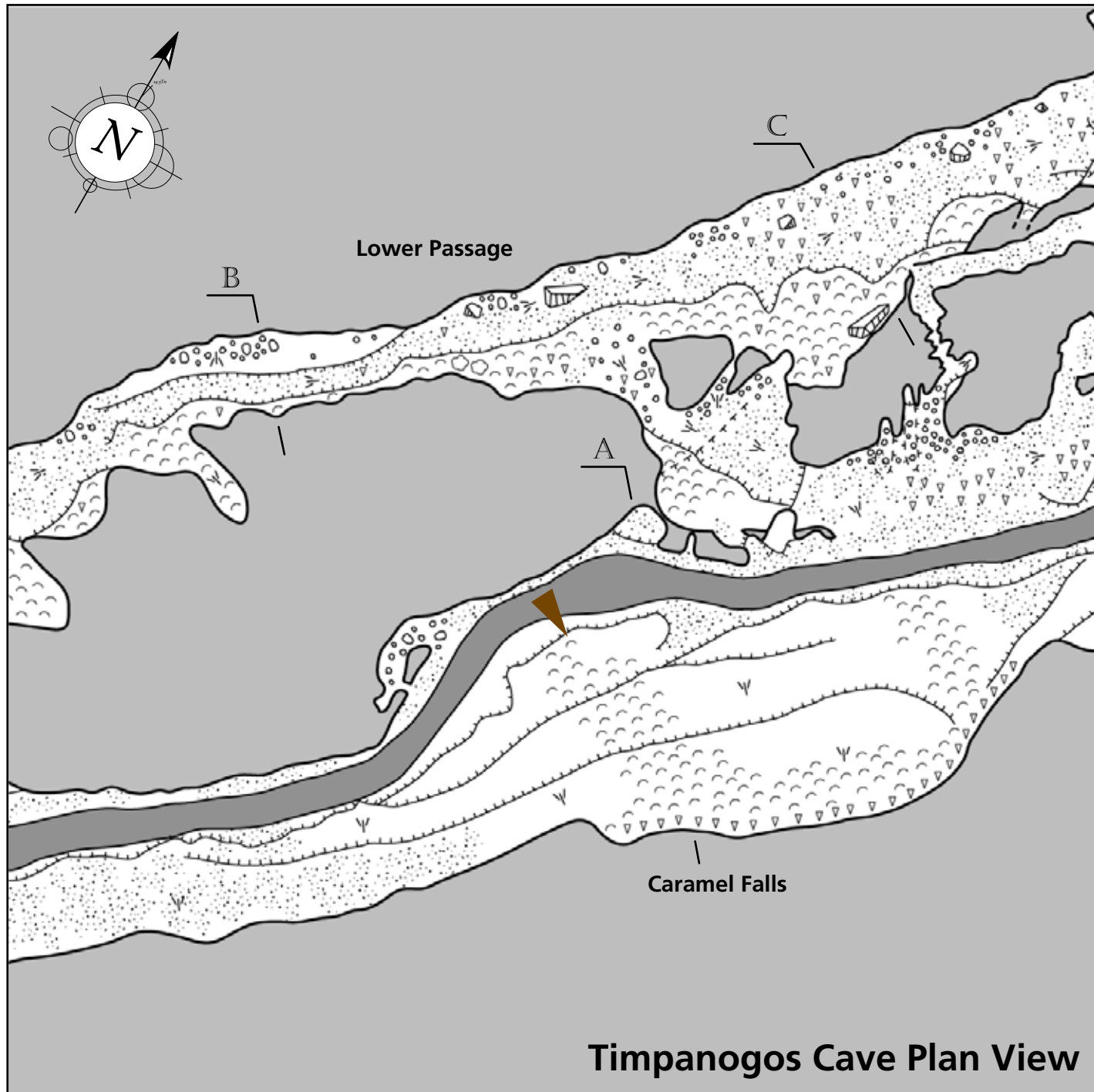
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The Caramel Falls flowstone formation. Orange coloration is caused by the presence of iron. NPS Photo.



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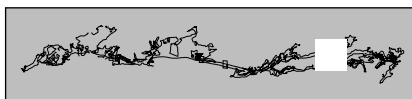
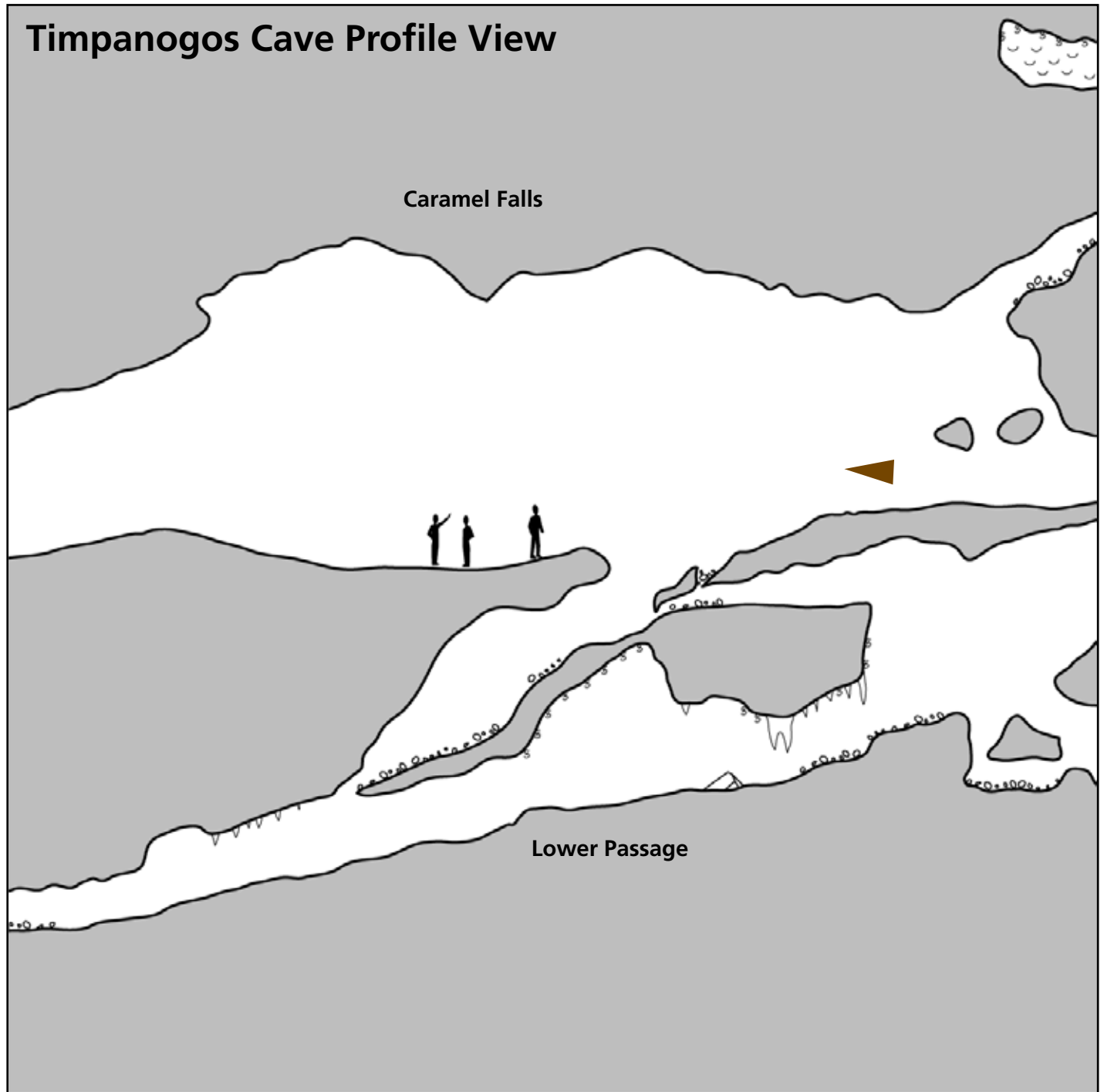
Legend

Flowstone	☾
Ledge	⤴
Stalactite	∇
Stalagmite	⊕
Helictite	Ⓢ
Pool	⊖
Main Trail	—
Intro to Caving Trail	- - -
Rocks	⦿
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Column	⌵
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Ceiling Dome	⊕
Silt	⦿

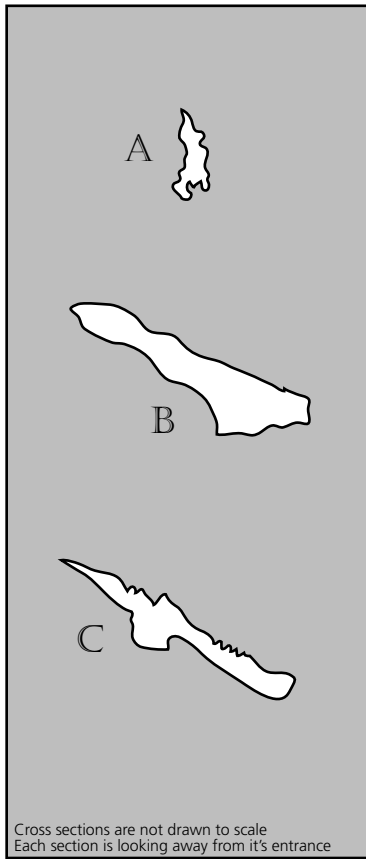


Passageway at the Caramel Falls.
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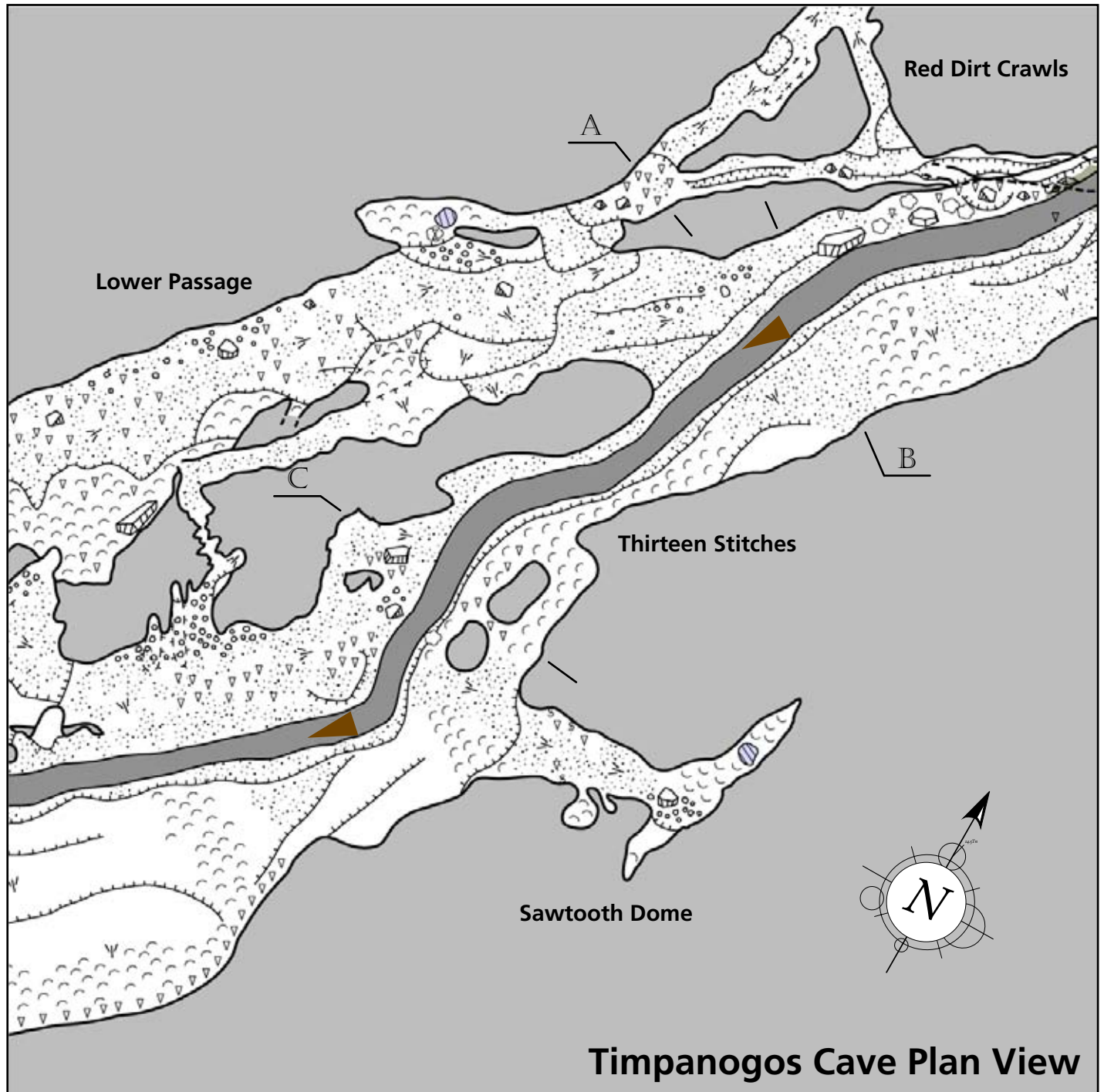
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Two access areas into the lower passage. The top image shows the better route. NPS Photos.



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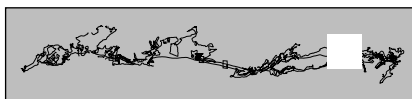
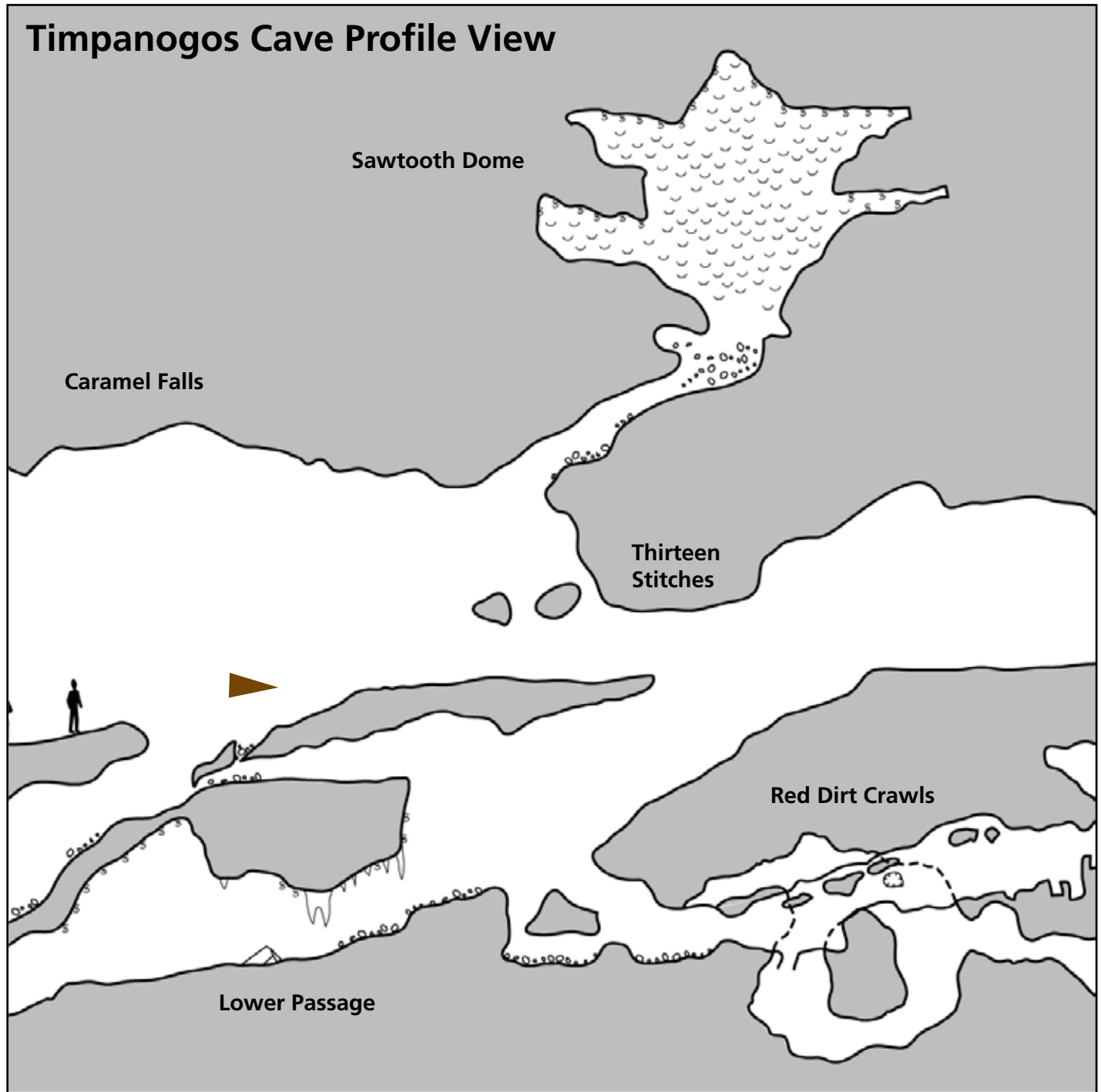
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Ledge	⤴
Stalactite	∇
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Main Trail	—
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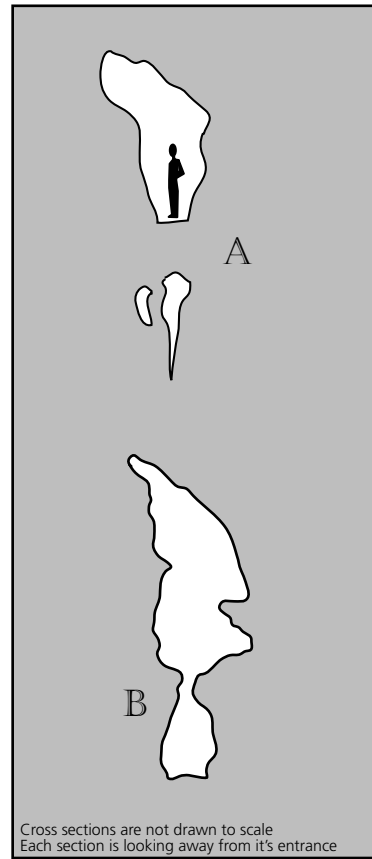
Passage way just before the Thirteen Stitches formation. It is here at the bend in the trail and up to the right where the Sawtooth Dome is accessed. This slope is extremely loose and can cause rocks and debris to fall onto the trail below.

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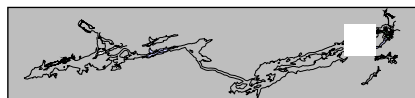
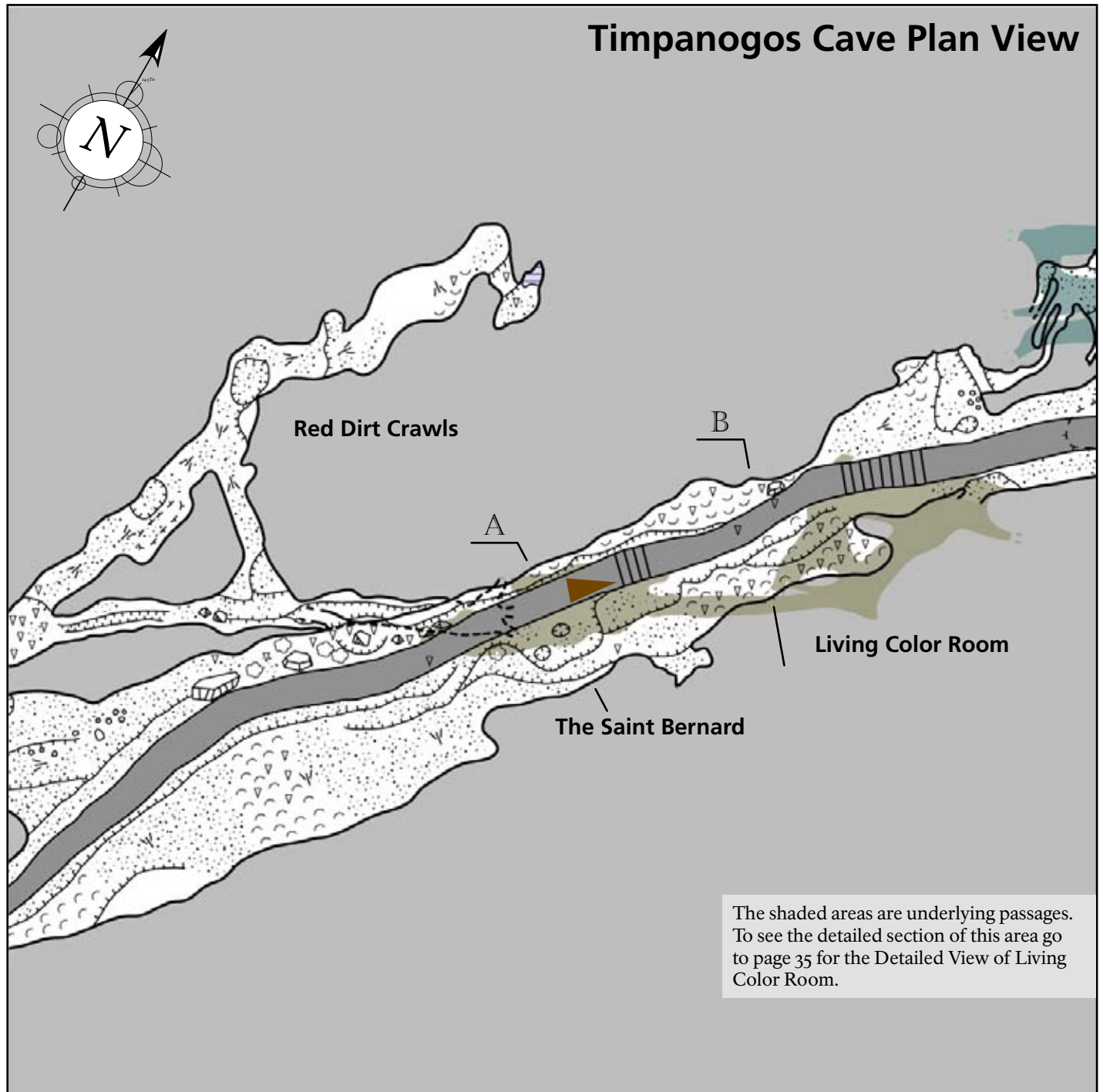


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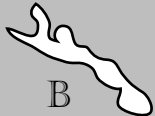
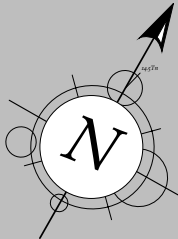
The Saint Bernard flowstone formation. NPS Photo.



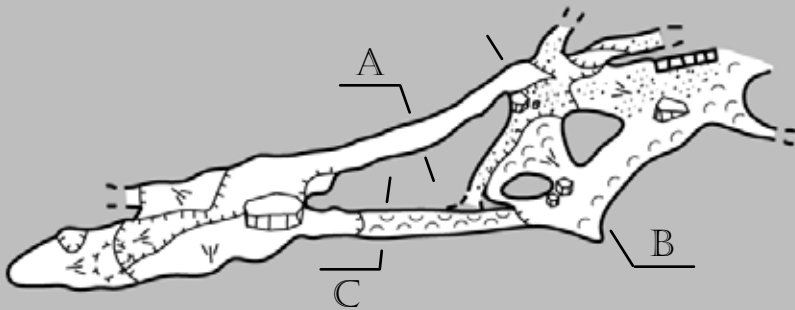
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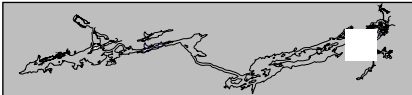
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Detailed View Living Color Room *Connects on Page 34*



Hole on the left shows one entrance to the Living Color Room. It is located before the Bone Yard and just after the stairs past the Saint Bernard. This passage goes from where you see above, to just below the bridge before the Saint Bernard. The best way to describe the Living color room is tight, disgustingly muddy, and miserable. NPS Photo.



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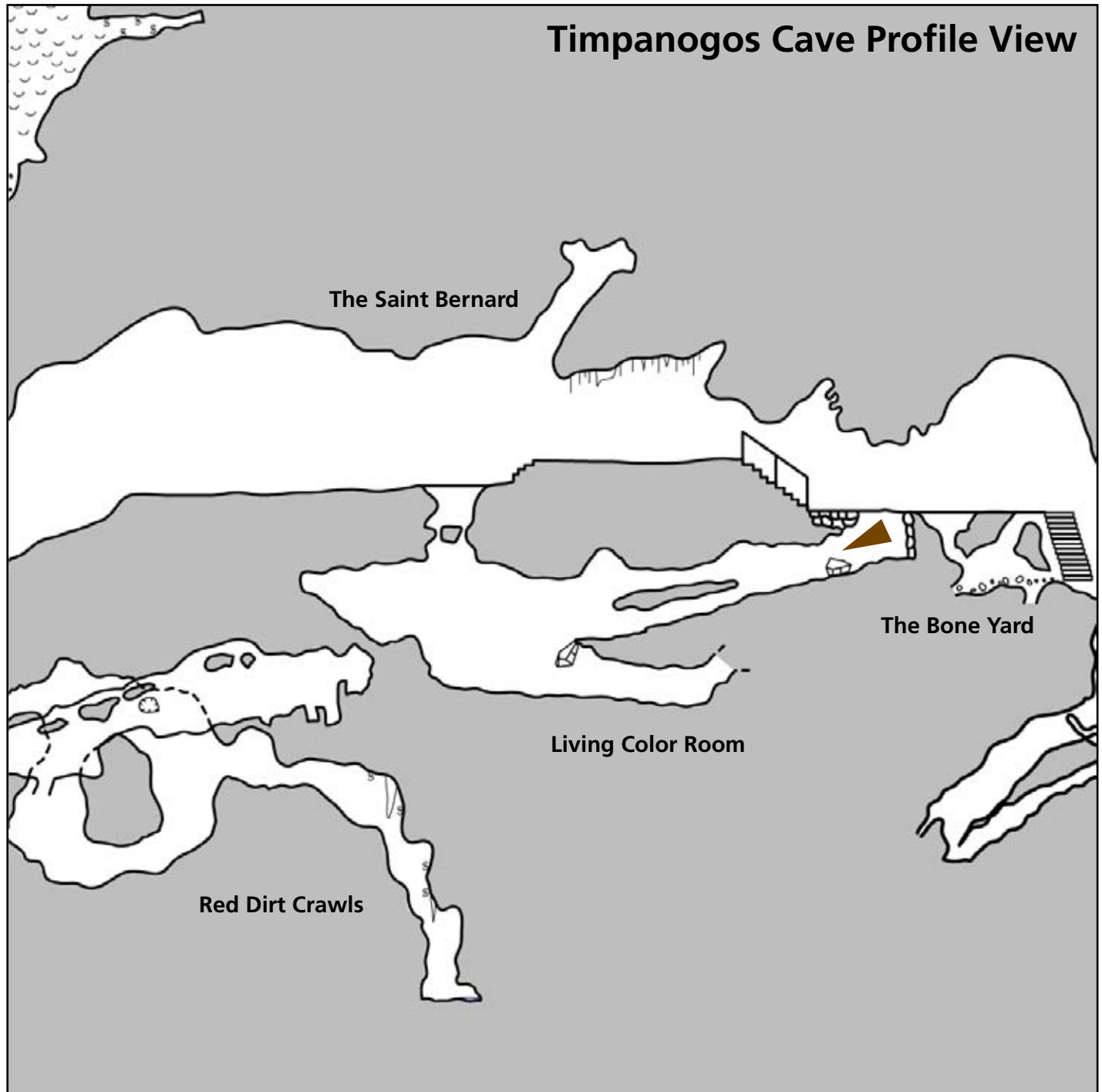


Legend

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Ledge	⤴
Stalactite	∇
Stalagmite	⊕
Helictite	ℂ
Pool	⊖
Main Trail	—
Intro to Caving Trail	- - -
Rocks	⦿
Boulders	⊖
Slope	⤴
Pit	⊖
Column	⊗
Ceiling Ledge	⤴
Ceiling Dome	⊖
Silt	⦿



Brandon Kowallis squeezing through a clean section of the Living Color Room. Photo by Jon Jasper 2004.

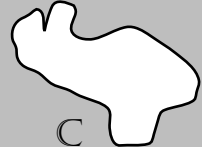
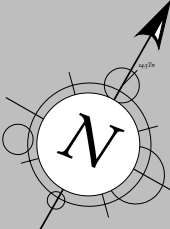


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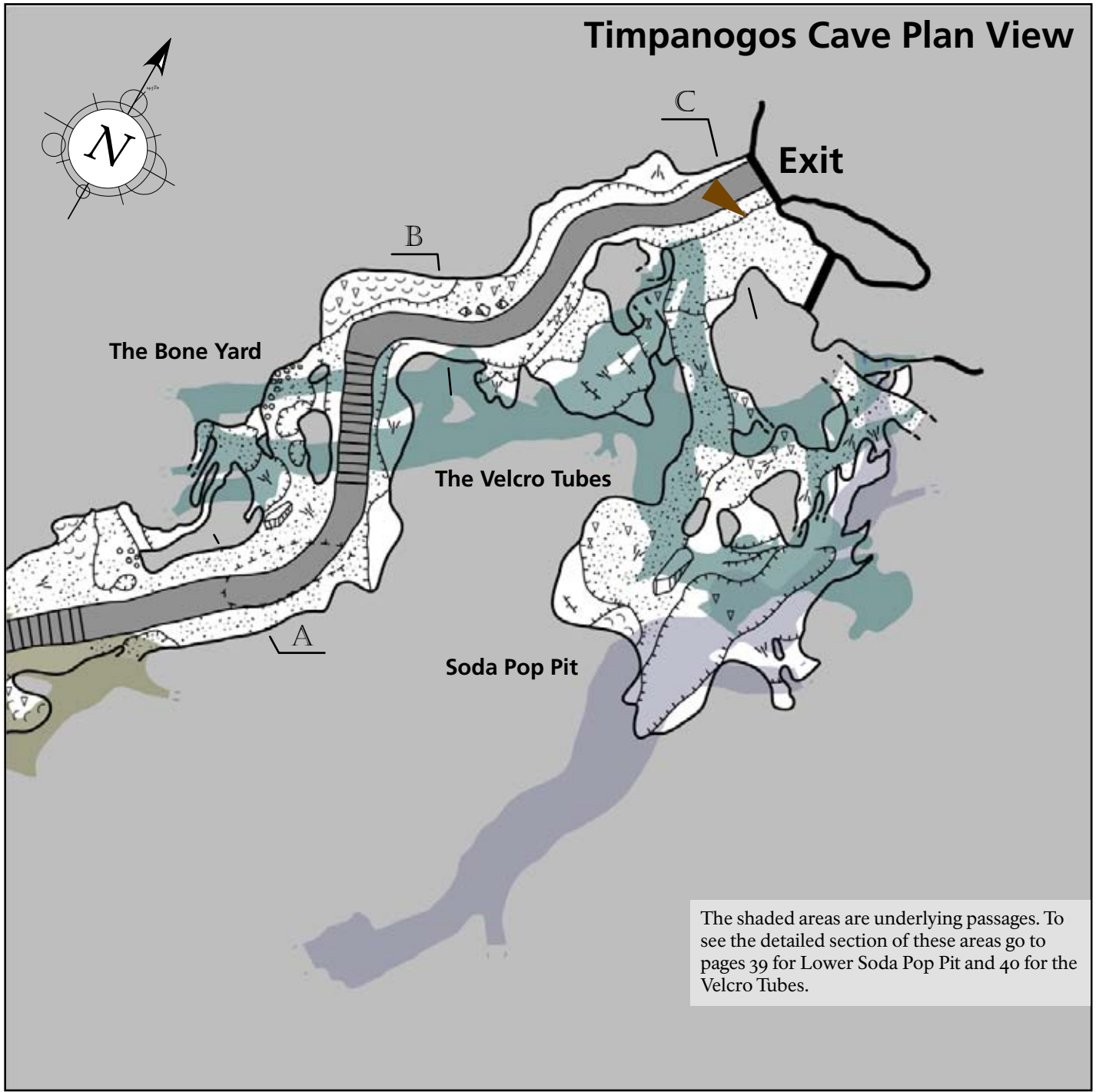


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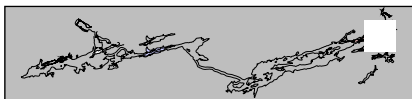
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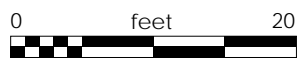
The shaded areas are underlying passages. To see the detailed section of these areas go to pages 39 for Lower Soda Pop Pit and 40 for the Velcro Tubes.



Installing the cave gate at the Timpanogos Cave exit. NPS Photo.



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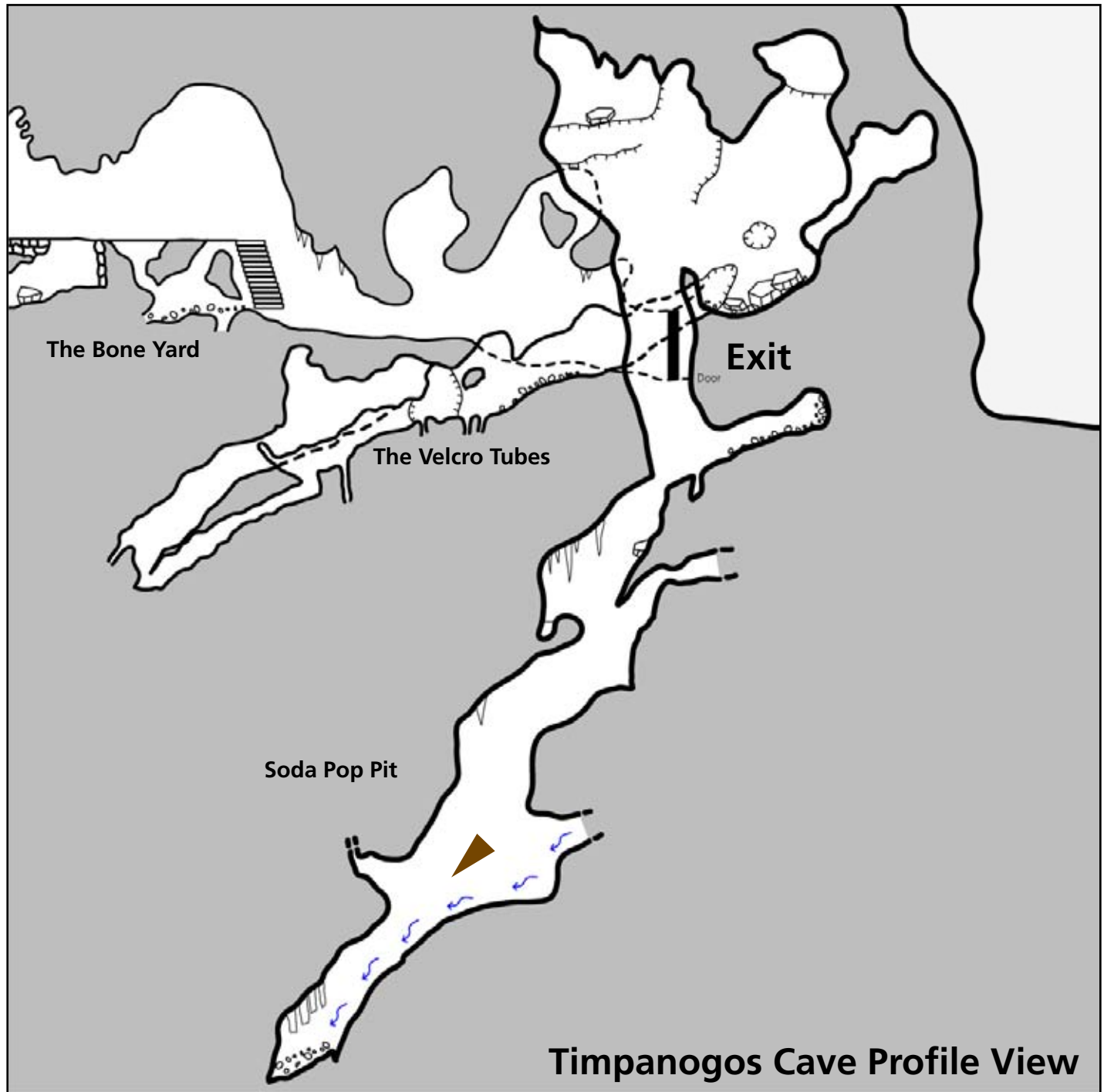


Legend

Flowstone	⤿
Ledge	⤿
Stalactite	∇
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Helictite	ℂ
Pool	⊖
Main Trail	—
Intro to Caving Trail	- - -
Rocks	⊙
Boulders	⊖
Slope	⤿
Pit	⊖
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Ceiling Dome	⊕
Silt	⊙



Jon Jasper at the flooded bottom of Soda Pop Pit. NPS Photo.

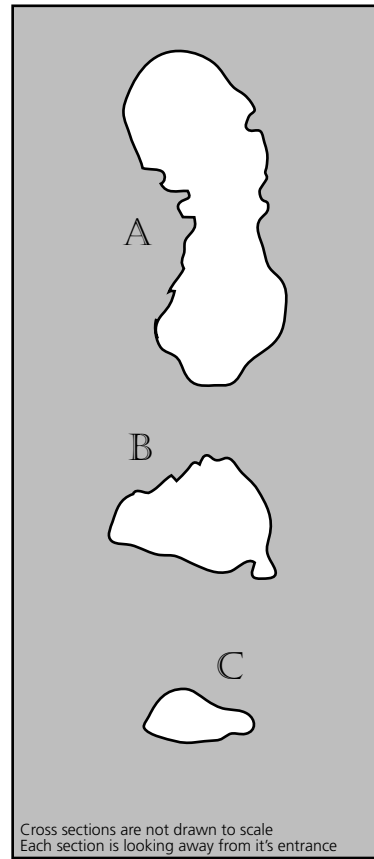


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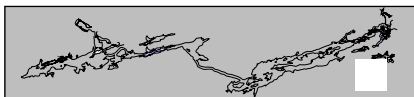
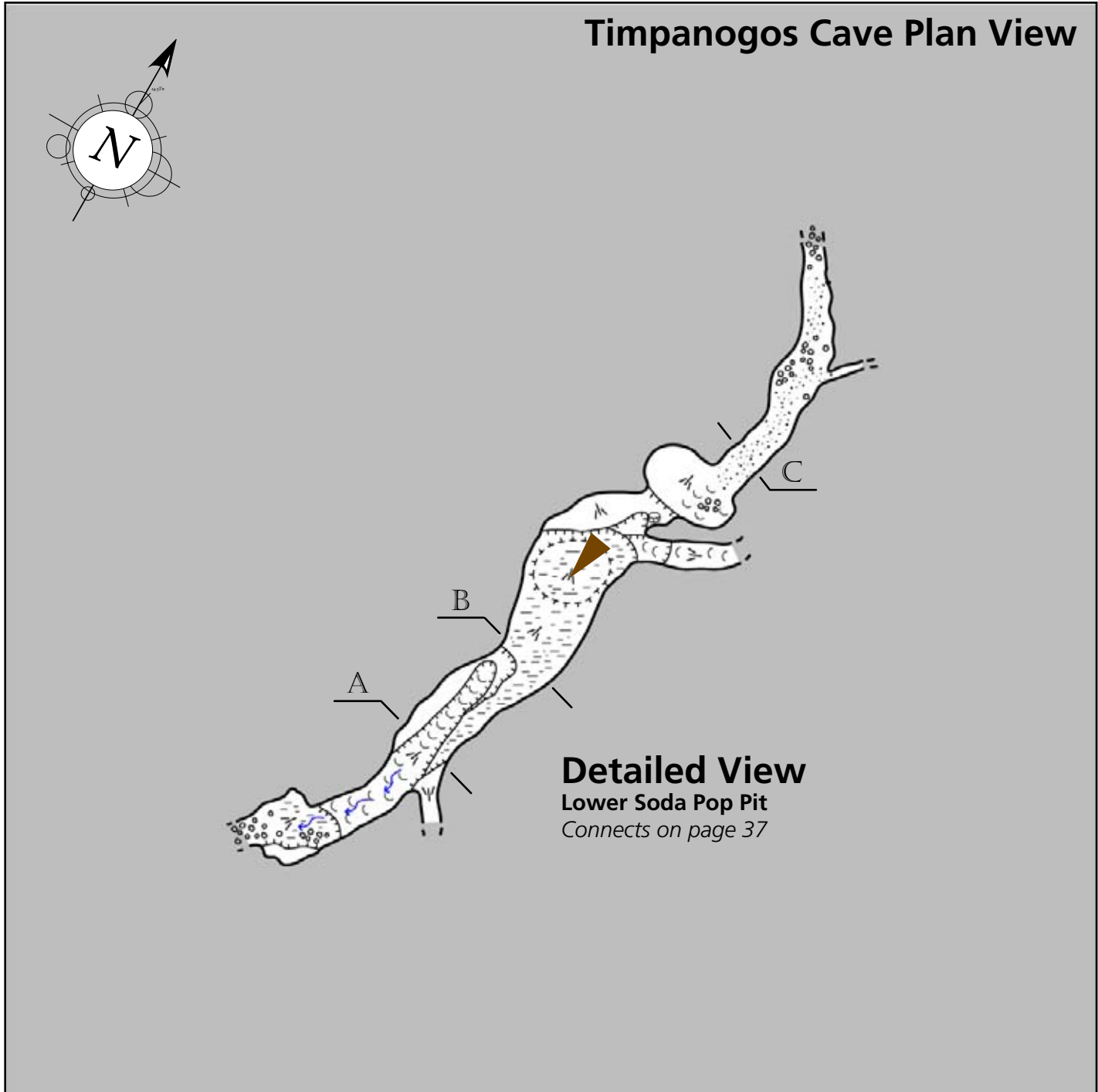
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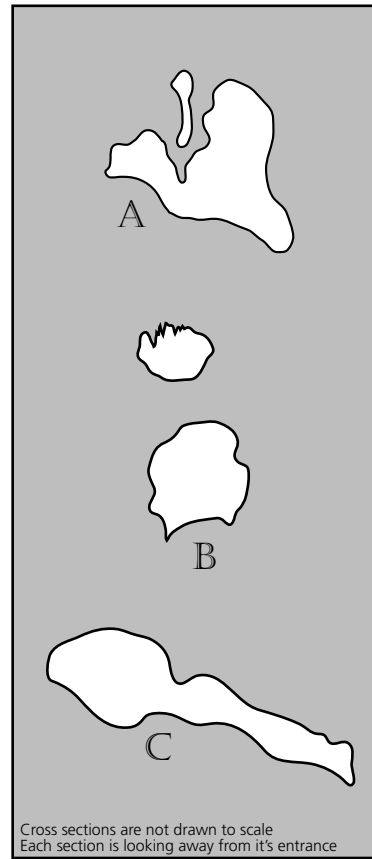


Cami Pulham preparing to descend into Soda Pop Pit. NPS Photo.

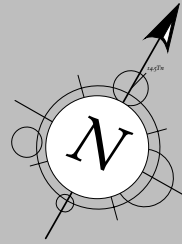


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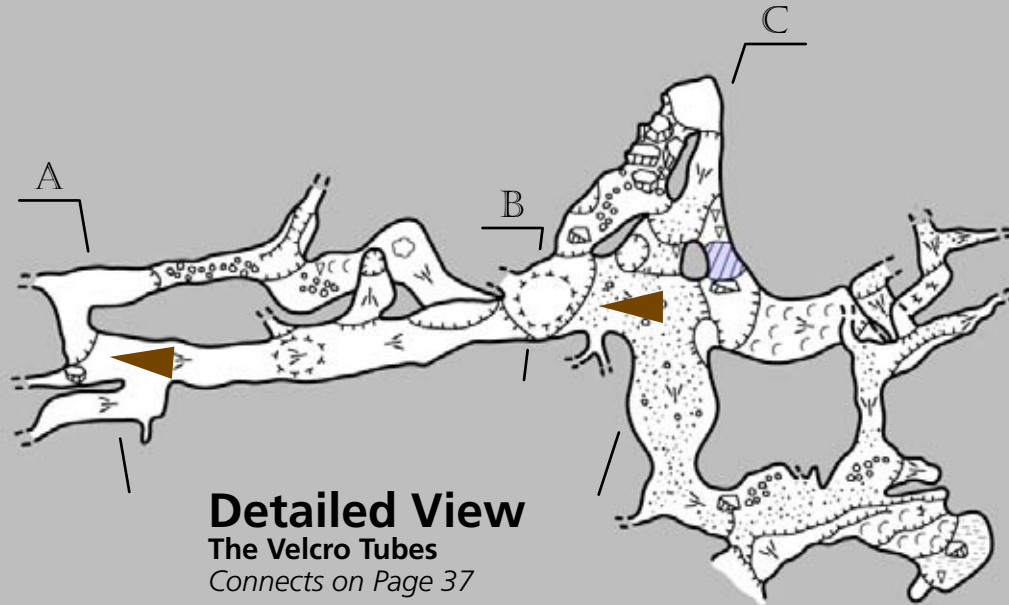




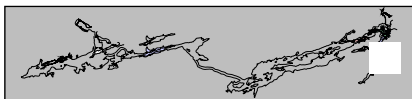
Jon Jasper (top) and Brandon Kowallis (bottom) in popcorn lined, velcro sections of the Velcro Tubes. NPS Photos.



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Detailed View
The Velcro Tubes
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