

# THE CHRIS BULL CAVING CENTRE – RULES FOR USE

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This 'cave system' has been constructed for use by Young People and Adults from all age groups of the Scout and Guide Associations and other youth organisations. Every person using this facility must adhere strictly to the following rules.

1) No person will enter the system unless they...

Have received full instruction and briefing from the appointed suitably qualified instructor  
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.

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 10 persons and all groups will do so under the supervision of approved instructors.

3) Whilst there are no physical restrictions on which features of the system can be undertaken, instructors will determine the most suitable route and features according to the age, ability and confidence of the group within the time available.

4) No one will undertake 'The Sump' unless in possession of a complete change of clothes / footwear

5) 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 be undertaken under the direct supervision of the instructors.

6) Persons using the sump must have two instructors present, one either side of the sump to effect quick rescue if required.

9) Normal entry and exit for the system is via hatch 3 on the outer ring or hatch 7 for those undertaking advanced entry. Emergency exits are via any hatch or from the ramp leading from the main chamber.

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\* 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 THE 'CAVES SYSTEM' 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.**