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In Norsk Grotteblad No. 6, 1980 Andrew Ive describes what is said to be Svarthullet near Alstahaug. After studying the description of Svarthullet in "Norges land og folk, Nordlands amt" I am almost certain that the cave described by A. Ive is not Svarthullet. According to NLF Svarthullet goes in the opposite direction of the "present" Svarthullet. It also is described as lying on a ridge not at the bottom of a sloping dry valley as the one described by A. Ive.

I used two days last August looking for Svarthullet but did not succeed. I did although find a cave which I was, except for the entrance pitch, able to free-climb down to about 40-50 m depth. At this point further advance was stopped by a rock and silt filling. A strongly draughting sinkhole was also discovered near Skredhullet, also described by A. Ive.