

Grotter i Ånsvika

Caves in Ånsvika

Ånsvika lies to the west of the fjord Sjørfolda in Sjørfold municipality.

Three surface expeditions and several mapping trips were made in the period 1993-1996 by Norwegian and Swedish cavers. Figure 2 shows caves and dolines found in the area.

Å-1: Two phreatic caves ending in sump after 3 and 10 meters.

Å-2: Phreatic cave, length 15 m.

Å-3: Kallhola. Length 115 m, entrance 100 m asl, mean slope 3 degrees. First explored in 1993, mapped in 1997. The entrance is partly obstructed by blocks. The special feature of the cave is the anastomoses in the ceiling and on some of the blocks in the entrance.

Å-4: The Kallhola doline, 105 m asl, diameter 15-20 m, depth 3-5 m.

In the west wall of the doline are the remains of a phreatic lense-formed cave system, becoming too narrow after only a few meters.

Å-5, Å-6: Small caves.

Å-7: Cave, length 16.5 m, 145 m asl, consisting of a big, phreatic pipe. Cave separates in two after a few meters. The left passage has 3 fine halftubes in the ceiling.

Å-8: The tube stops after a few meters.

Å-9: Ekkelhola, length 50 m, 160 m asl.

Entrance promising, but soon goes down in narrow passages. At the end it was again possible to stand upright in a muddy room.

Å-10: Large, oblong doline, length 70-80 m. No cave openings.

Å-11: Kvanntohola, 155 m asl, entrance 3-4 m above the Kvannto river valley. Explored 1993, with length estimated at 300 m. Inside the entrance, the cave is very roomy. A side passage to the left is the start of a phreatic labyrinth system.

Å12-Å15: Small caves.