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Rapport fra Steinakslagrotten

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(The article is written in Swedish.)

Steinakslagrotten is situated on the east side of Bonnådalen. Four cavers went on a weekend expedition, staying at Mörsvikbotn Camping.

The cave was discovered in 1999 by Lundberg and Doj. Entry is at 325 asl. A faint path leads to the entry, bypassing Klokkhola.

The cave has previously been mapped in two sessions. The purpose of the present visit was to spend 8 hours passing through to Kontakthallen and map the active part. The trip starts in Kvadraten, a fossil, largely quadratic passage of typical size 4 x 4 m with two bottlenecks. Downwards to a brook called Sentralvarmen ("Central heating" because in summer the temperature is raised by the heat supply of the brook). Further down to Sprayrummet, 1 hr. 20 min. from entry.

The intention was to map along the brook and hopefully reach Mölnelva, roughly 500 m. below. But the passage, named Konglomeraten, became too narrow and had to be abandoned.

Back to Kontakthallen. A hole is found in the roof. A beautiful passage is revealed, named Cokoao and Melis. Unfortunately, it terminated after 71 m.

Next day: Further investigation by-passing the cairn by Polish cavers in 2002. Out in darkness after 9 hours. The day's result: 309 m, total now 1822 m, with depth 191 m.

We hope to return.