

# EXPLORATION TOUR OF HIDDEN DEEP CAVES ON GRAND-SALEVE



## Grotte des Sablons

The name of this cave means "fine sand", as the soil is covered with sand. Access to this cave is at an altitude of 830 m, on the right upper side of the steep scree. A rope is visible from the scree, which is very useful for overcoming the last steep slope which leads to a natural scenic arch.

The entrance porch of the cave is spacious and provides protection. The interior is a flat and spacious tunnel about 100 m long with wet ground, which narrows at the end, finishing in a puddle of water. Excavation equipment has been left in place by speleologists, which indicates that works are still in progress.



## Grotte de l'Ours

This cave is about 300 m on the left side of the previous one, about 30 m lower, and can be reached by following the trail along the bottom of the cliff. It is recommended to cautiously watch the bottom of the cliff during the approach, as the cave is hidden by the trees and can easily be missed.

The entrance porch is relatively small, and one has to squat to enter the cave. The interior is a sloping up large tunnel, with very slippery and wet ground, covered with soft limestone, which develops for about 90 m inside the mountain. Close to the end, a small junction with a bottleneck leads to a lateral chamber on the right side.

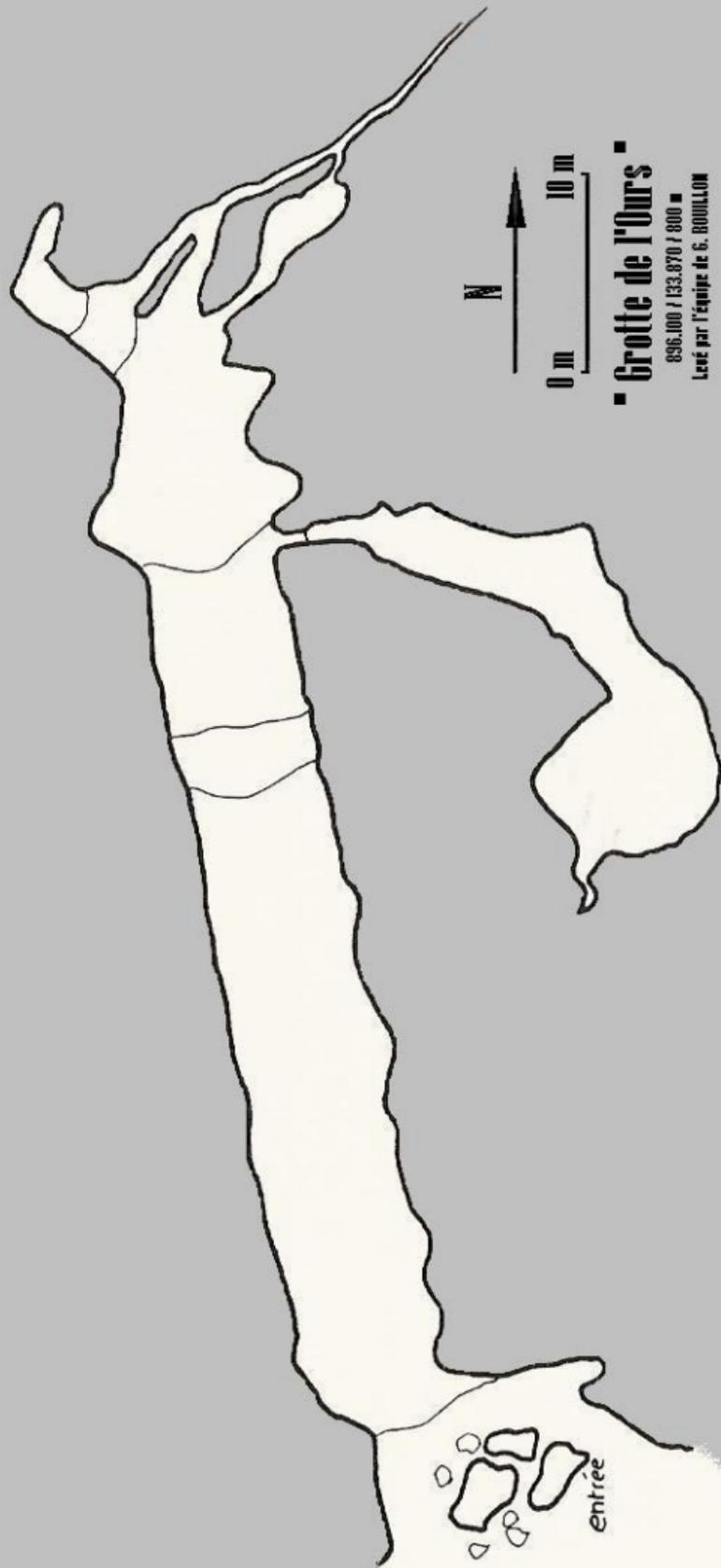


## Grotte du Seillon

The name of this cave means "small bucket". It is located not more than 300 m to the previous one, but some 100 m higher. Access is by the steep trail continuing on the left of the previous cave, ending to the bottom of the cliff where a painting on the rocks indicates "Grande Varappe". From there, the protruding rock on the left must be circumvented, which leads to the visible entrance of the cave. The rocks of the entrance porch are set with crystals which glow when illuminated by a torch.

Again, this cave develops as a sloping up tunnel, with complicated windings and branches for about 200 m inside the mountain.



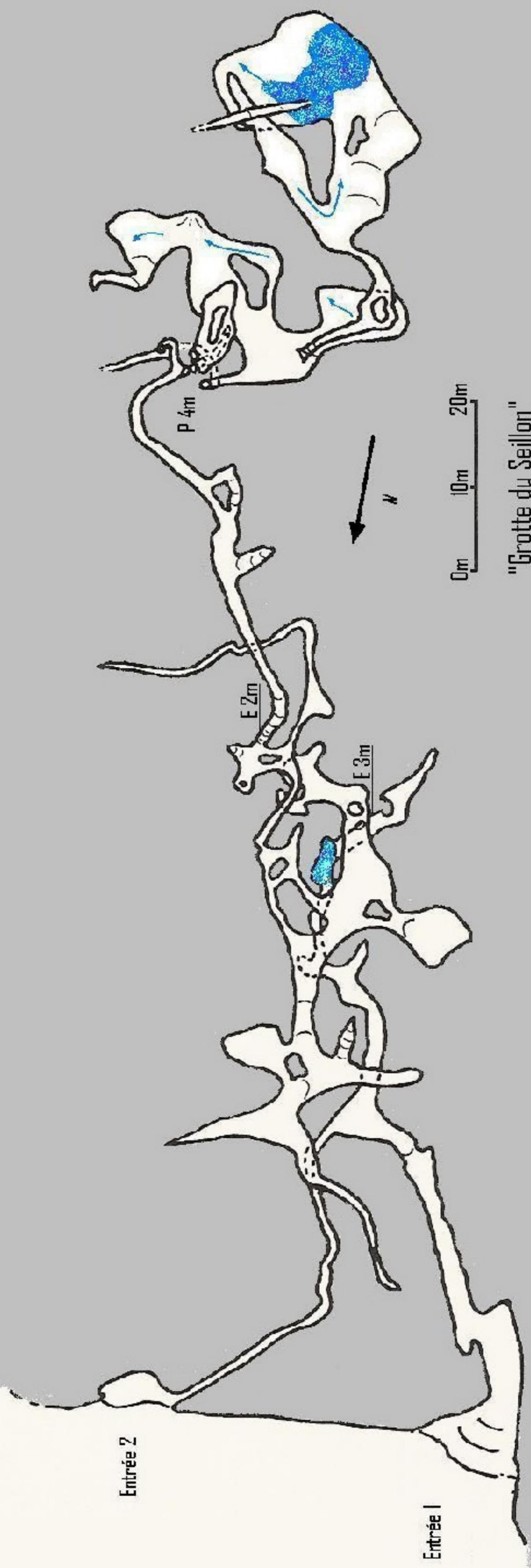


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# Grotte de l'Ours

856.100 / 133.870 / 800 m

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"Grotte du Seillon"

896. 230 / 133. 910 / alt. 920m

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