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Next Board Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 10:00 am

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this will be a virtual meeting. If you would like to attend the meeting and have not already been provided with log-in information, please contact president@necaveconservancy.org to get log-in instructions.

Winter Board Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 10:00 am

Location - To Be Determined

The Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC) is a not-for-profit corporation committed to the conservation, study, management, and acquisition of caves and karst areas having significant geological, hydrological, biological, recreational, historical, or aesthetic features.

To these ends, the NCC combines the resources and expertise of affiliated cave explorers, educators, scientists, landowners, and conservation officials.

The NCC programs are focused mainly on the preservation of caves and karst. Outreach includes education in schools and local communities, establishment of park spaces on karstlands, and educational messages about the significance of groundwater pollution on this sensitive underground ecosystem.

NCC members assist in the exploration, survey, and protection of these natural resources, and manage them so you can explore them yourself.

NCC logo design by Christa Hay



HAVE YOU ACTUALLY SEEN ALL OF CLARKSVILLE? — Thom Engel —

How much of Clarksville Cave have you seen?

Most cavers have been from the Ward entrance to the Lake Room. Many have done the connection between the Ward entrance and the Gregory entrance. I am occasionally surprised when a caver tells me he hasn't actually done Brinleys Sump. For this list, I am not going to include Pauley Avenue—the section beyond the sump in the Lake Room—because few people have seen it. I haven't. The list will be presented from north to south in the cave.

- The Twinkle Room
- The east side of the Lake Room and the north end of the Pinch Passage
- The connection trip from Thook entrance to Ward entrance
- Down the Root Passage in Thook as far as you can go
- The high narrow joints (2) off the loops on Perry Avenue
- The upper route from the Big Room to Perry Avenue
- The small dome on the Gregory side of the connection
- The Lost Rockhammer Room
- The east side of the Slickenside Block Room
- The Slickenside Block Room bypass that gets one to the Bathtub
- The Orifice Passage
- The Bathtub Feeder
- The Waterfall Passage
- Lower Cook Avenue from the Waterfall down through Brinleys Sump
- The upper bypass from Colvin Avenue to McNab Hall
- The Hidden Room off the Gregory entrance room
- The new entrances between the main Gregory and Osborn
- The downstream sump south of the Gregory entrance.

Bonus

- Ladder Cave
- The Corkscrew
- The alternate connection from the Big Room to the north end of the Bathtub Feeder
- The connection between the Bathtub Feeder and the Slickenside Block Room
- Osborn Cave – admittedly hard to do these days








Clarksville Cave (Ward-Gregory Cave)

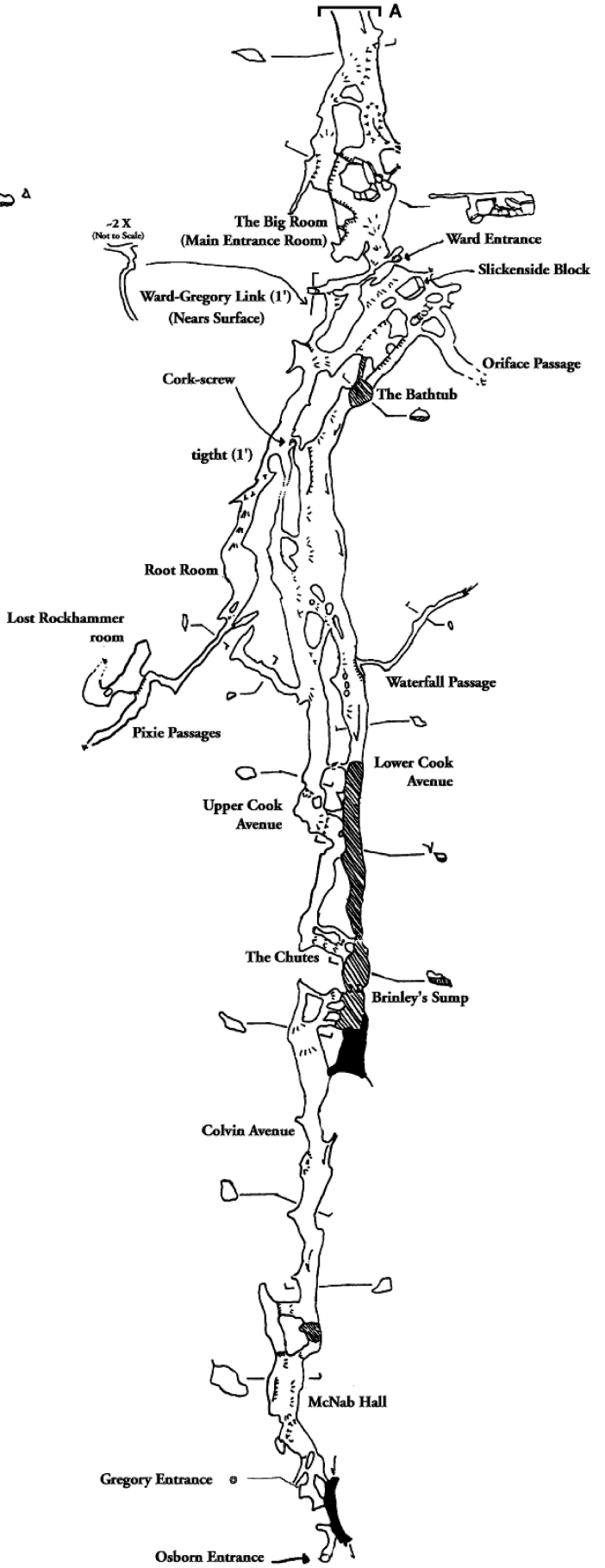
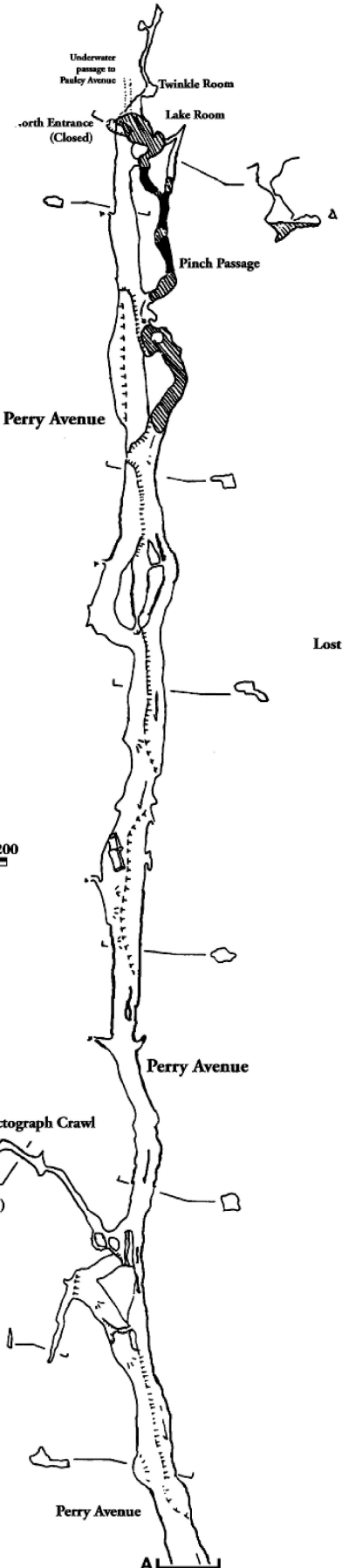
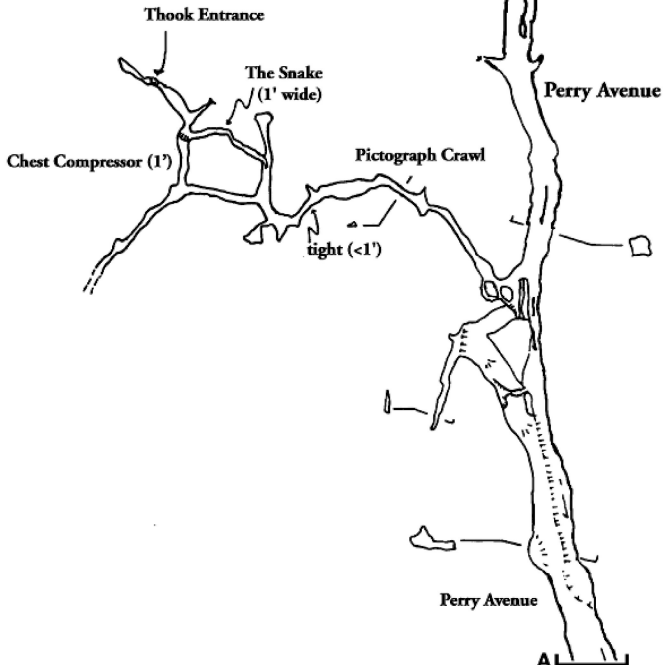
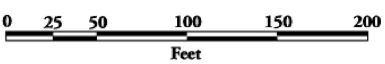
Lake Room to Osborn Cave
Albany Co., NY

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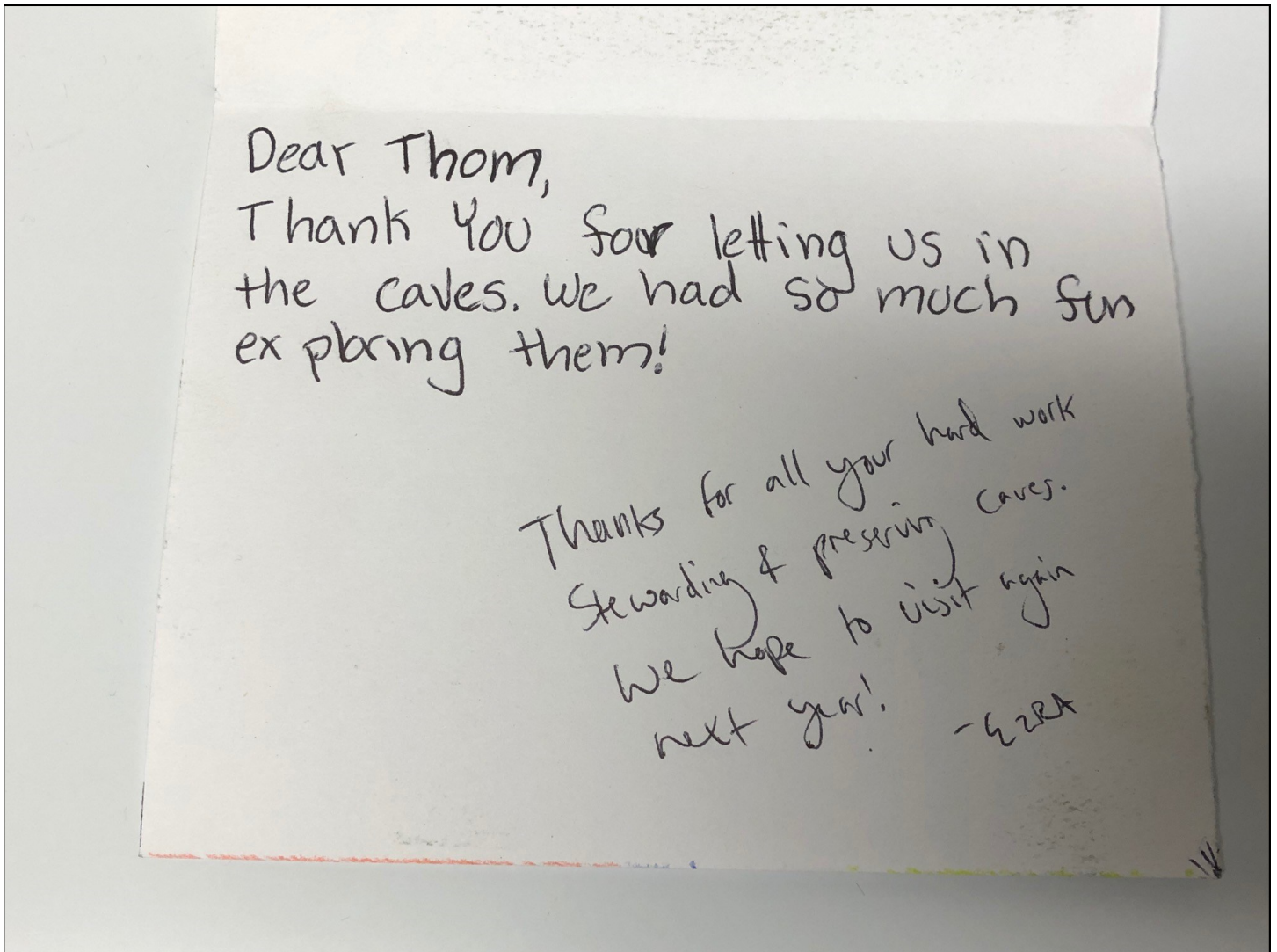
1. This map is based on the Kastning map of 3/7/75. New passages added are the Pinch Passage, the Thook Section, the Orifice Passage, and part of the Bathub Foyer.
2. Stream flow is perennial, but varies from a low of 2 gpm to in excess of 80,000 gpm.
3. The Gregory Entrance, Brinley's Sump, and the stream access immediately west of McNab Hall are subject to flooding. During periods of extreme flood, the bathub and the downstream end of Perry Avenue also sump shut.
4. From the Lake Room south, the entire cave is Grade 5 except the Pinch Passage (grade unknown), the Orifice Passage (grade 2), and the underwater sections (Grade 3).

Legend

-  Water filled passage
-  Water-floored passage
-  Ceiling ledge
-  Slope
-  Too tight







A thank-you card to Thom Engel from Kroka Expeditions (Marlow, New Hampshire).