

Jackson's Bay Great Cave

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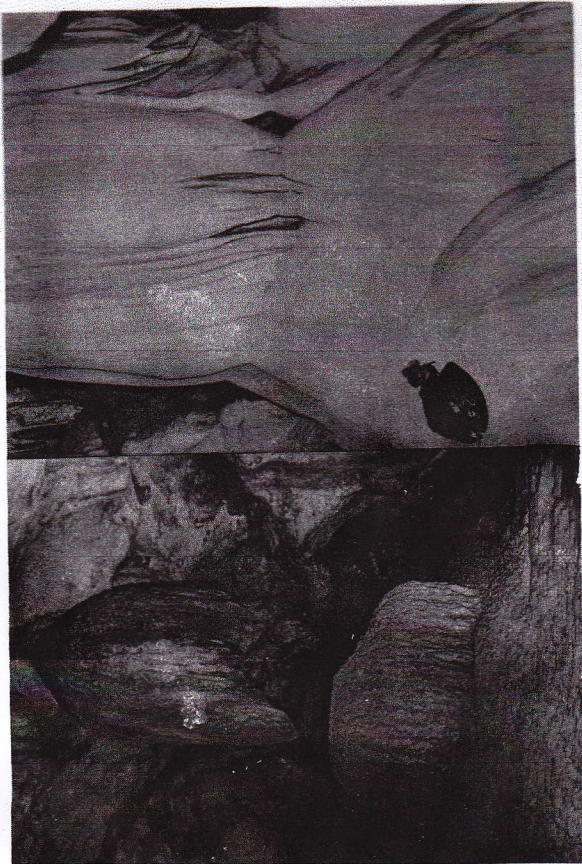
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Left: A tulip-shaped stalactite on the roof stretches towards a stalagmite boss on the floor.

Right: A column of ivory-white flowstone.

gical Survey map shows three faults intersecting in this region and the disturbed nature of the fault zone, aggravated by earthquakes, probably accounts for the breakdown.

Cave preservation

It is hoped that the cave will have many more visitors. However, it is necessary to stress one point. Not only does the cave contain examples of the three major types of decoration - dripstone, rimstone and flowstone - but it also contains features that are not so common. For instance, sparkling pisoliths, lacework, gypsum flowers, crystal clusters and "cave ice" are all to be found. These decorations can soon lose much of their splendour if they are dirtied or damaged and every reasonable care should be taken by the individual visitor to avoid unnecessary damage or disturbance.

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