Jackson's Bay Great Cave

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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, aggra-
vated 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 in-
stance, 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 dirty or damaged and every reasonable care should be
taken by the individual visitor to avoid unnecessary dam-
age or disturbance.

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