

TRIP REPORT FORM

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

DATE: December 4, 2022

CAVE: Amazing Maze

SPECIFIC AREA: spent time on the upper level of the maze

TEAM LEADER: Caleb Crubaugh

TEAM MEMBERS: Jenna Crabtree, Luke Fuka, Jakob Denton

TIME ENTERED: 11:45 am

EXIT TIME: 1:30 pm

PURPOSE OF THE TRIP

Recreational trip to Amazing Maze. First trip for Aggie Grotto to Amazing Maze Cave.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR TRIP AND ANY SPECIAL OBSERVATION

We arrived late on Saturday night after departing from 0-9 Well and stopping in Fort Stockton for some much needed Mexican food and Pina Colodas. We set up camp in the stock tank. We ended up sleeping 4 people in a 2 person tent despite us bringing 2 tents. We woke up around 9am on Sunday morning and slowly began to pack up. After eating breakfast, loading the car, deconning cave gear, and listening to some sweet tunes on Jakob's speaker we headed toward the cave around 11am.

We have never visited Amazing Maze before so we spread out to find the entrance. Jakob found the entrance and I was the first one in. I unlocked the gate and placed the metal bar on top of the bottom metal bar. Once everyone had entered the cave we placed back the middle bar but did not lock it, for safety reasons. We left the "key" to the gate on a shelf in the first chamber as to not misplace it on our journey.

Caleb led the way to the A/C room. It was slow going as we were checking survey stations along our way as to not get lost. Along the way we passed by the entrance into the lower maze. Caleb dropped in to do a little investigating but we decided to concentrate our efforts in a better mapped portion of the cave. The A/C hole sure was blowing some sweet cold air which provided some relief in the warm and humid cave. After taking a rest and everyone sticking their head in the hole we planned our next point.

Caleb again led the way to the Jackrabbit formation. Unfortunately we never did make it to the formation. Somewhere along the way we chose the wrong squeeze and were momentarily lost. Caleb & Luke put their noggins together to locate our whereabouts on the map and plan the way back to the entrance. The party was tired

from caving the day before and due to time constraints that every college student faces on Sunday we decided to exit the cave around 1:30 pm.

After exiting we headed back to the car to finish packing up and to clean up a little. The four of us were left pretty sweaty and dusty from the cave and in good need of a proper washing. We exited the property at roughly 2:30 pm.

I hope to be able to visit this cave in the future. The wonderful maze passages with mineral intrusions were a true thing of beauty. 2 hours was definitely not enough time to appreciate the full beauty and scope of this cave. It is obvious that this cave still needs work on mapping and surveying. The group plans to stay in close contact with the cave manager to hopefully be able to aid in future survey/route-setting trips.



Left to Right: Luke Fuka, Jenna Crabtree, Jakob Denton, Caleb Crubaugh. Suited up and ready before Amazing Maze.



Right to Left: Luke Fuka, Caleb Crubaugh, Jenna Crabtree, Jakob Denton. Tired, hot, dusty, and sweaty after Amazing Maze Cave.