



A.S.S. Meeting- *Project Caving*

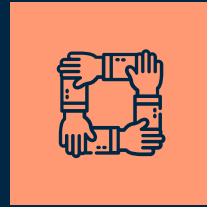
Jakob Denton, 10/19/2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TCR!
 - Aggie Grotto- Champions of mud wrestling
 - Gauntlet 0.0
 - Vertical contest
 - Speleolympics
- Greenbelt/Airmen's- *10/21*
- Powell's- *10/20-10/22*
- Vertical Trainings
 - Regularly scheduled- Signup-genius pinned in groupme
- Assoween- *10/28*
 - Biggest social of the semester U_U

Cave. Digging.

DIG DIG DIG



Exploration

Allows us to access the previously inaccessible

Efficiency of Access

Aids in cave accessibility

FUN

Nothing like rolling mud balls down a tunnel to your homies

Protection of cave

Finding protected species allows the cave to be protected

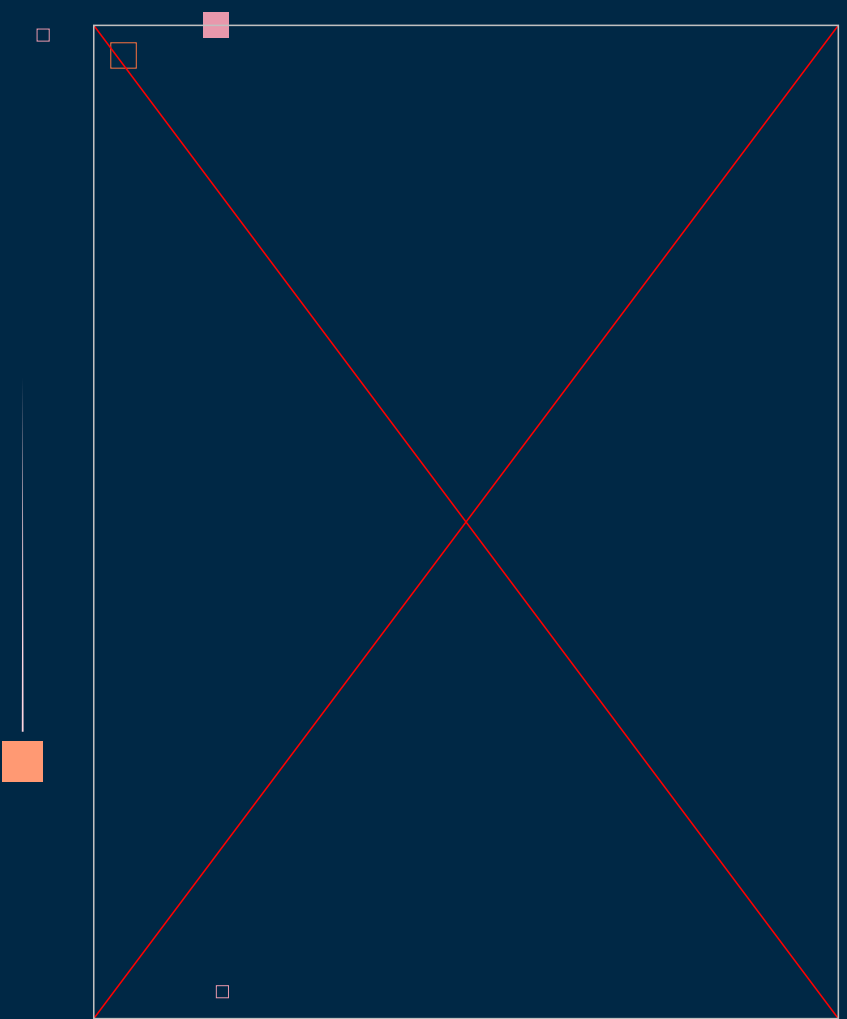
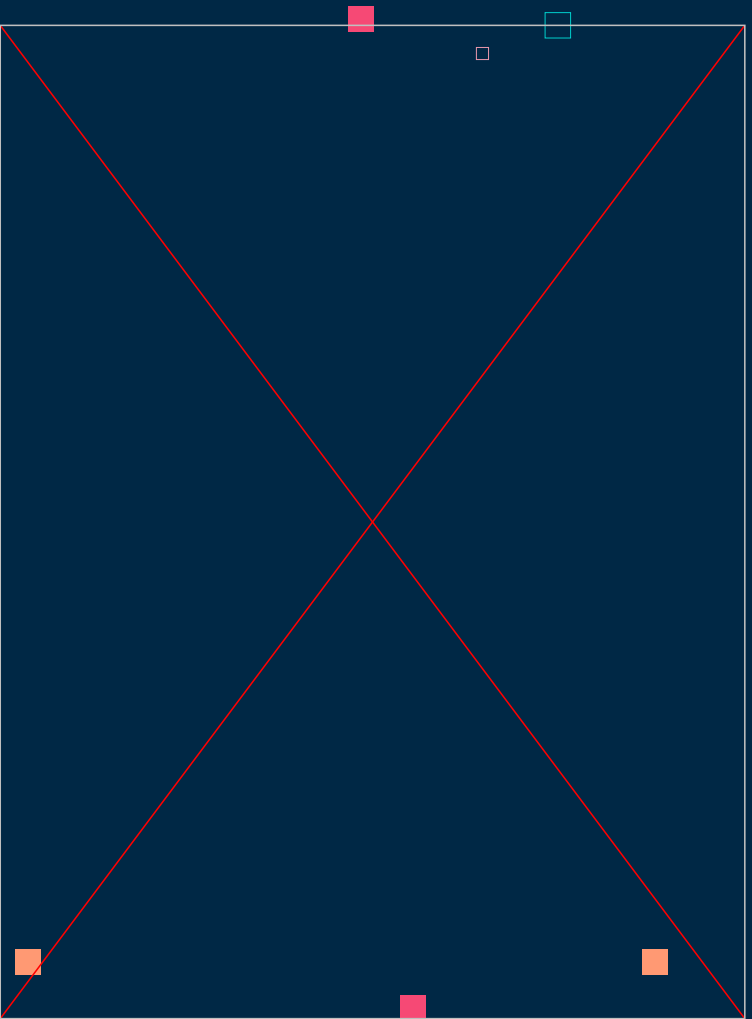
Tools of the Trade

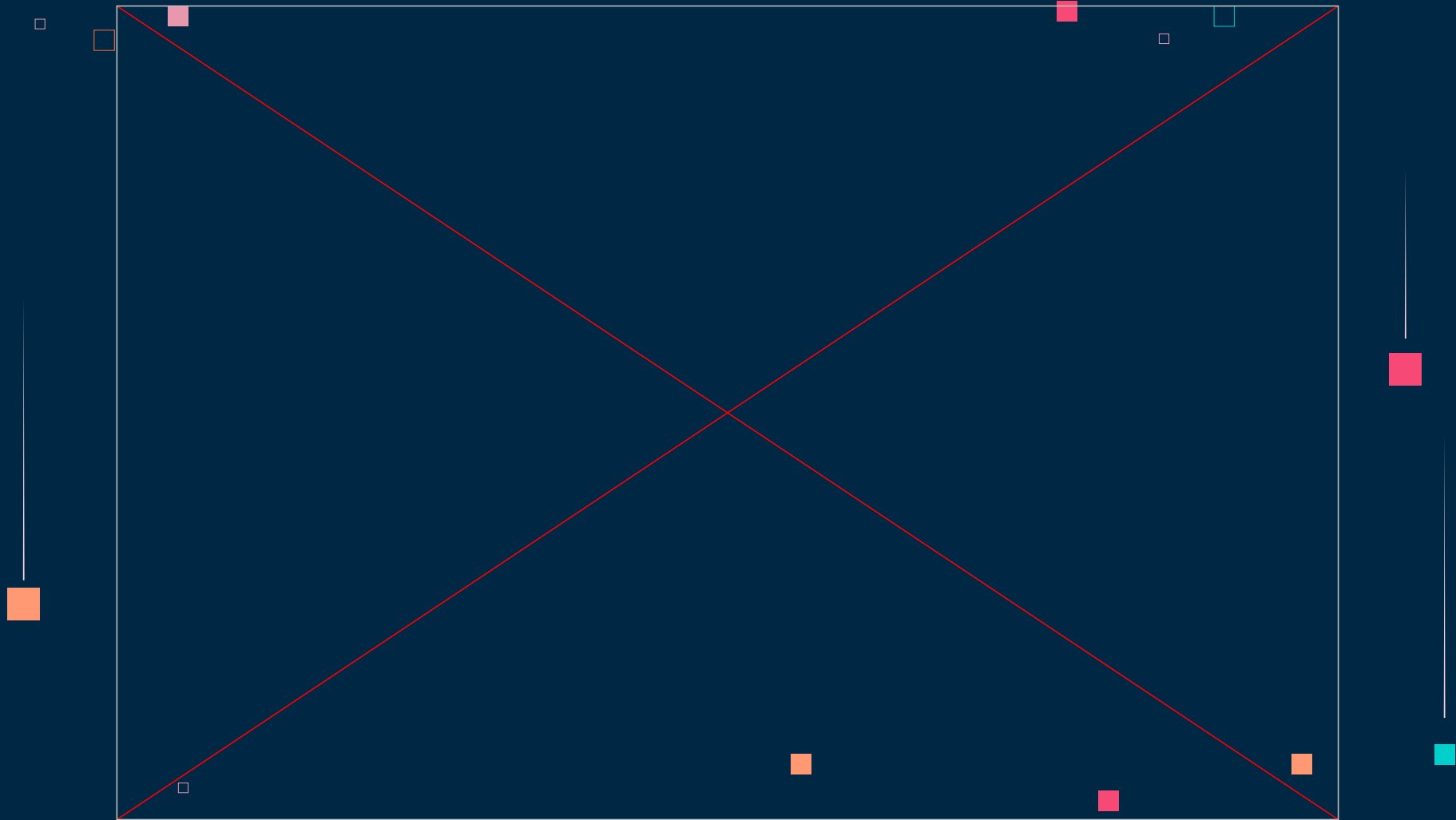
God's coke nail



Digging Enables Further Exploration

- Often times passages can be blocked completely
 - Collapses
 - Breakdown is often a limiting factor of cave exploration
 - By removing breakdown chunks we can find paths through and forward
 - Fill-ins
 - Mud Mud Mud
 - Chambers are often connected with small filled in passages and can be connected with some buckets and determination
 - Human trash
 - Silly little humans often times throw trash into pits on their property



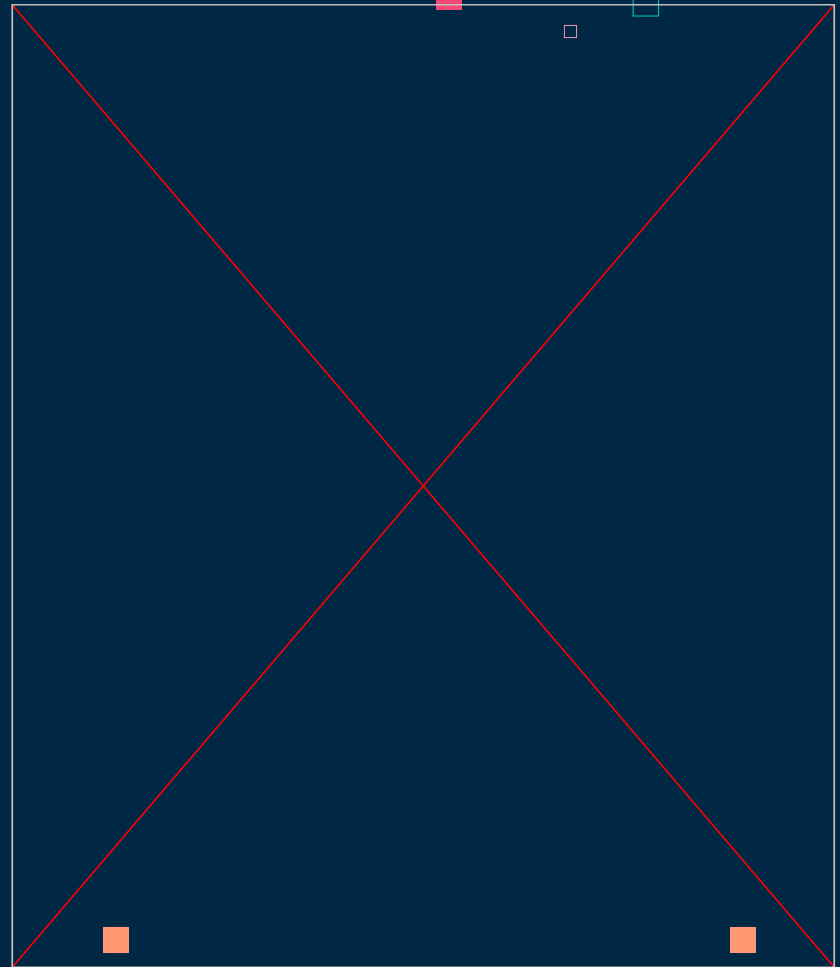


Digging Makes Cave Travel and Access More Efficient

- Digging is often used to expand small passages that most people or equipment can't fit through
 - Imagine having to fit someone through the birth canal on a stretcher
- *Very important:* Digging should always be done with consideration to the cave's integrity
 - Only remove speleothems as last resort and with cave managers explicit permission
 - Often times destroying a cave's natural features are not worth it

Ecstasy of Gold Chamber in Whirlpool Cave

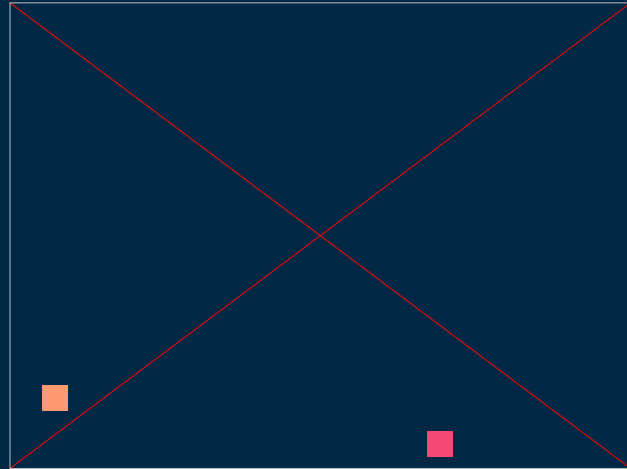
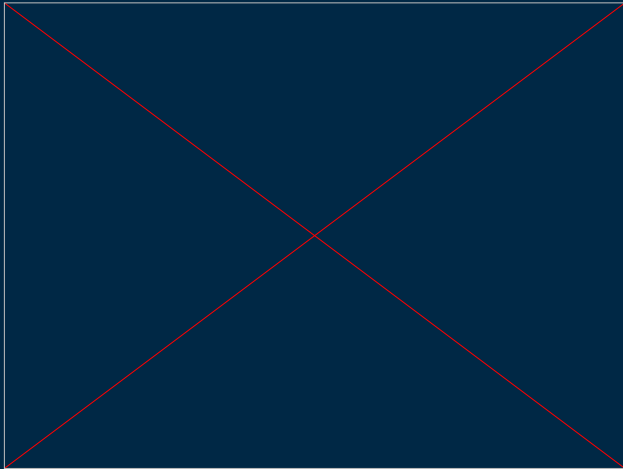
- Super tiny passage with barely visible chamber on other side
- All Aggie Grotto dig team connected it to main passage
- SECRET TUNNEEEEEEEL



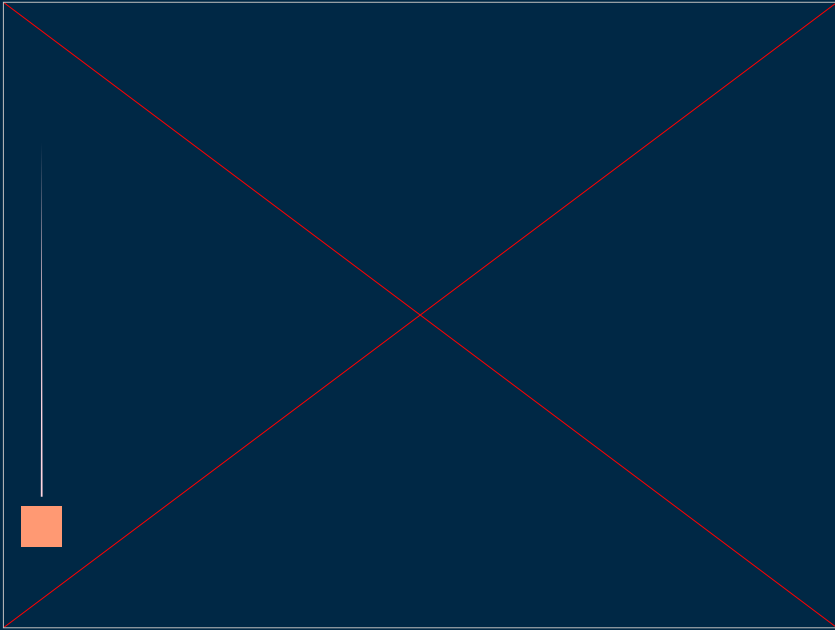
Ecstasy of Gold Chamber in Whirlpool Cave
Photo by Jenna Crabtree

Digging is Fucking Fun

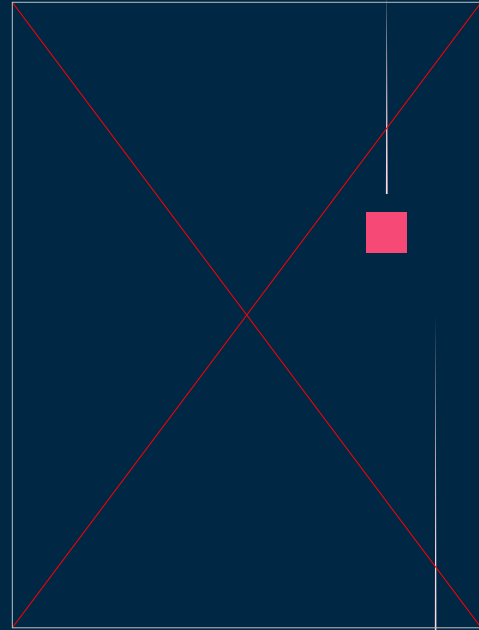
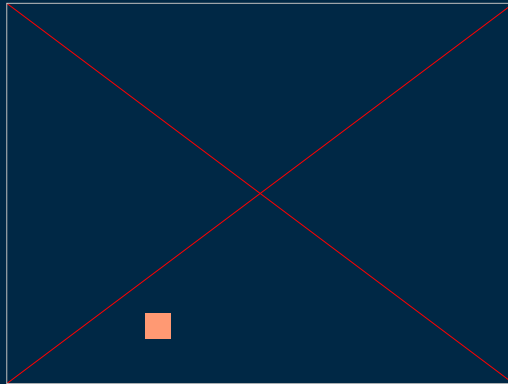
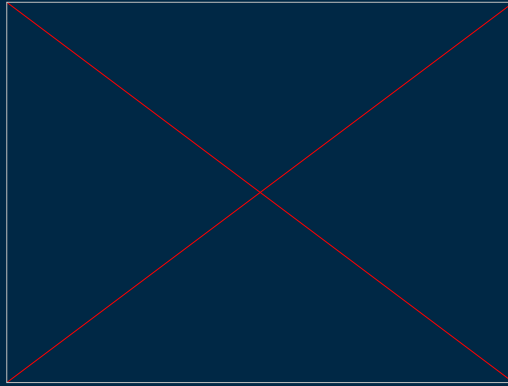
- Nothing beats rolling around in peanut butter mud while listening to Dexter & the Moonrocks with your homiest homies for a good cause
- Live out your repressed mole-person fantasies
- Post-Dig shenanigans



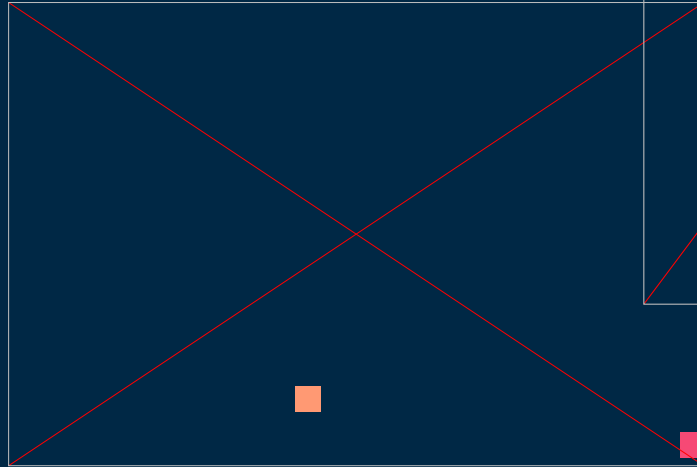
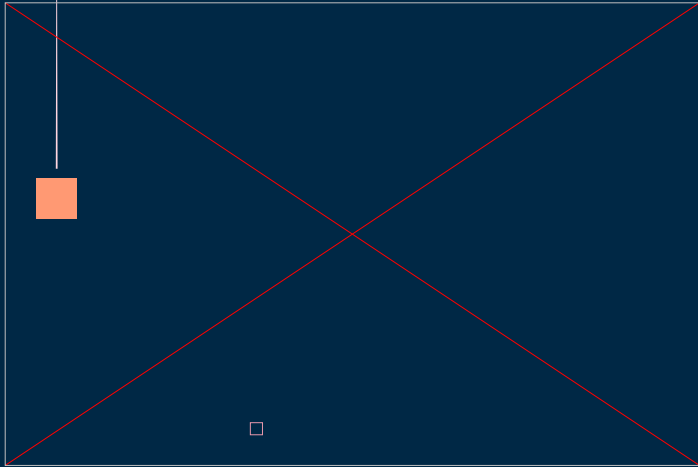
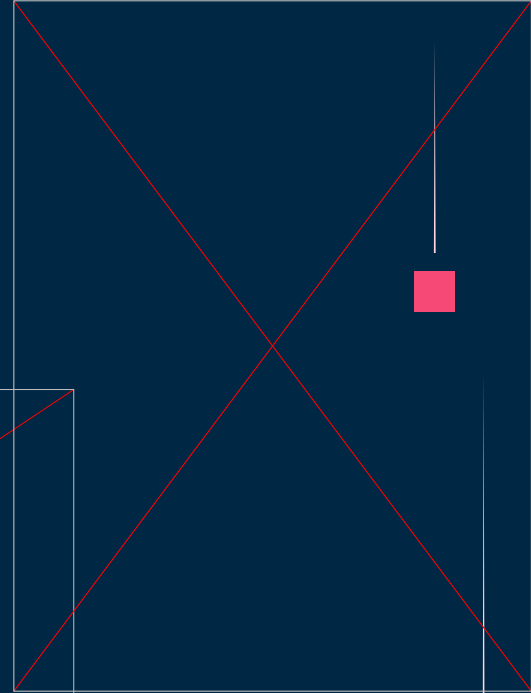
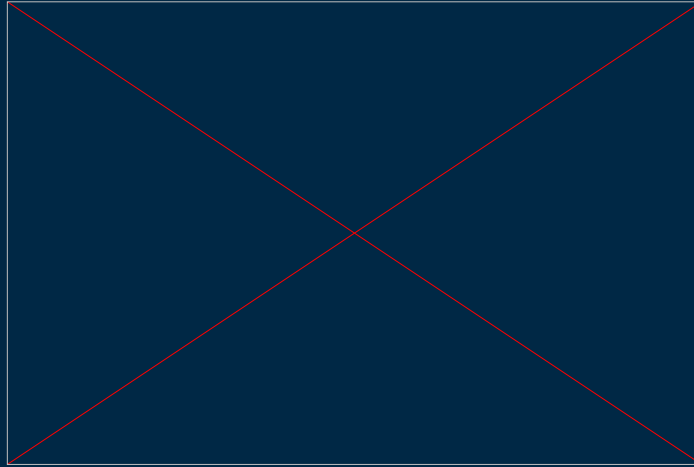
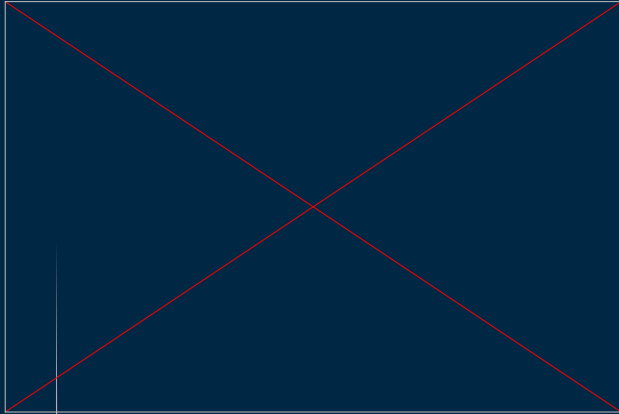
Digging Into Smaller Caves Can Aid in Protection



Undisclosed Cave: Photos by Jakob Denton



Cave Digging Tools



New Mexico Winter Break Trip

➤ Thinking December 27-January 2

➤ https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/45484252?adults=4&children=0&enable_m3_private_room=true&infants=0&pets=0&check_in=2023-12-27&check_out=2024-01-03&source_impression_id=p3_1697472371_KfOrfu8ojLFj8dgB&previous_page_section_name=1000&federated_search_id=ee6b14d6-f383-4755-ad6f-a023ab7ff336

- Airbnb option

➤ Ideal 6-10 people

- 10 people -> 2 fast caving groups

➤ Carlsbad Caverns National Park

- Carlsbad Cavern

➤ Bureau of Land Management

- Sand Cave

- Parks Ranch Cave

- Doc Brito Cave

- Gypsum Forest

- Bobcat Alley

- Little Manhole Cave*

- Selenite Moon Crystal Cave

- Selenite Mine

- Wind-Hicks Cave

- Skylight Cave

➤ Guadalupe Mountains National Park

- Gypsum Sand Dunes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 study for finals	11 1FBUSA Payment White Creek 12:00	12 White Creek 18:00 ASS PPT NIG... 18:00	13 Mercury stations r...	14 ASS General... 20:00 ASS Social T... 22:00	15 End of Semester ASS trip	16 Car Insurance
17 End of Semester...	18 Manager on Shift	19	20	21	22	23 Mercury retrograd... 3 months out
24	25 🎁 Celina 🥳🥳🥳...	26	27 NEW MEXICO CAVIN	28	29	30 Jupiter stations dl...
31 NEW MEXICO CAVIN	Jan 1 Car Payment	2 WCCC Open	3	4	5	6
7 AMEX Payment	8	9	10	11 1FBUSA Payment	12	13 🎁 Ericka 🥳🥳🥳...

