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CLARKSVILLE CAVE

Clarksville cave is a popular horizontal cave in Albany County, NY. With about 4800 feet of passage and three entrances, Clarksville is surely the best-known and most-visited wild cave in the Northeast.

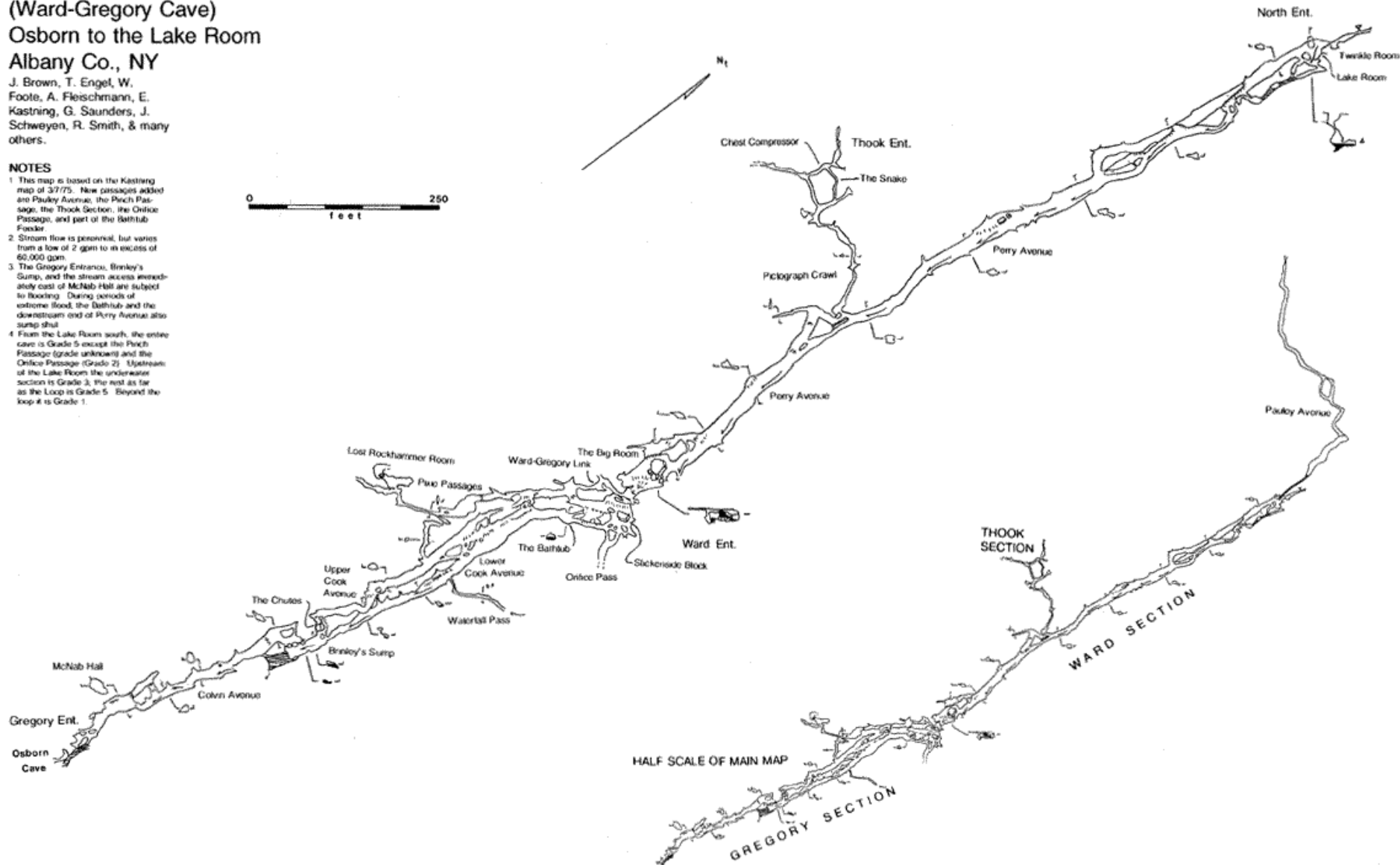
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CLARKSVILLE CAVE (Ward-Gregory Cave) Osborn to the Lake Room Albany Co., NY

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NOTES

- 1 This map is based on the Kastning map of 3/7/75. New passages added are Pauley Avenue, the Pinch Passage, the Thook Section, the Office Passage, and part of the Bathub Feeder.
- 2 Stream flow is perennial, but varies from a low of 2 gpm to an excess of 60,000 gpm.
- 3 The Gregory Entrance, Binley's Sump, and the stream access immediately east 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) and the Office Passage (Grade 2). Upstream of the Lake Room the underwater section is Grade 3; the rest as far as the Loop is Grade 5. Beyond the loop it is Grade 1.



Kiosk



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Clarksville Cave Wards Entrance



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The Descent



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Family Cave



Photo from tour.airstreamlife.com

Walking Passage



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Crawling



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Brown Bats (with WNS)



Photo by Mark Lucas taken during winter bat count

Lake Room



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Flowstone



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Duckunder



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Changing area

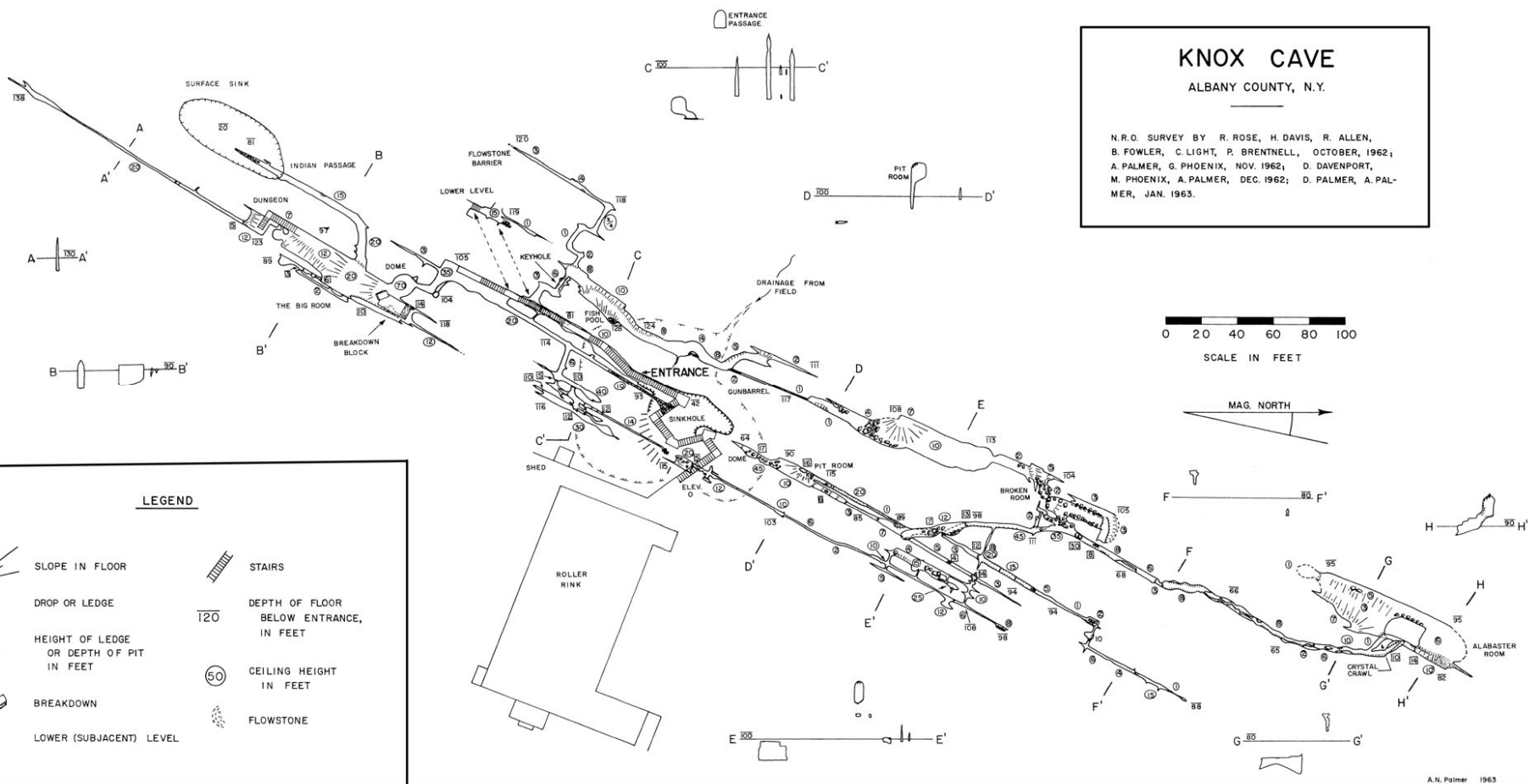


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KNOX CAVE

The Knox Cave Preserve is in Albany County NY and has been owned by the Northeastern Cave Conservancy (NCC) since 1979.

There are two known caves on the property. Knox Cave, known since at least 1787 and commercialized from 1933 to 1958, is one of the most visited caves in the northeast. Crossbones Cave was discovered by digging in the "New Sink" in early 2000 and is an advanced vertical cave.



Knox Kiosk



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Knox Cave Entrance



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Entering Gunbarrel



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Inside Gunbarrel



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Exiting Gunbarrel



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Subway Bench



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Crawling



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Crawling



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Dry Cave



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Let's get Muddy



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Vertical Caving



Dry Caving



Wet Caving



Marble Caves



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