Fern Cave Utilization Form

This form must be completed and returned to the Fern Cave Access coordinator within one week of your trip. Return to [stevepitts597@gmail.com](mailto:steve@symmetricaluniverse.com).

NSS/SCCi Number: \_\_\_\_37961/5631\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/31/2022

Trip Leader Name:\_\_\_\_Marion Akers\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_3400 Mathis Road SW\_\_\_

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Trip reason (check all that apply):

Surveying/ Mapping: \_\_X\_ Research/ Monitoring: \_\_

Scientific Project (specify):

Number of hours in cave: \_11\_\_ Total people entering cave: 3\_

Time entered: 12:00 pm

Time of exit: 11:00 pm

Did you visit Helictite Heaven? \_no\_\_

List all entrances you entered and all areas of the cave you visited. Please note anything unusual you encountered (vandalism, evidence of unauthorized entry, dead bats, etc.)

From the Johnston entrance, the team traveled down the West Passage, then stopped at the Death Traverse pit at pb75, right after the Guano Rooms. The team rigged and surveyed the 120’ pit and continued survey (dt) at the bottom of the pit. Total surveyed length is 221.6’, and the horizontal length is 104’. No fresh dead bats were seen and no evidence of vandalism or un-authorized entry were found.

Trip participants

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