

Incontro internazionale di speleologia

29 ottobre - 1novembre 2021

Affonnatore di Vallivona - CP 633 Vallivona Sinker

Mynicipality: Sanza (SA)

Location/Site: Basso Cilento

Car parking coordinates: 40°15'43.11"N 15°28'15.07"E

Cave Coordinates: 40°15'43.61"N; 15°28'13.13"E

Distance from Marina di Camerota: Km 73; 1,30 hours roughly.

Route from car parking: the cave is at few tens meter from car parking

Car Route: In the middle part of the road SP 18B from Rofrano (SA) to Sanza (SA) or viceversa, in a hairpin bend, take the paved road coming out from it and going to the Sanctuary (SS of Snow). After 1.5 km the road become a dirt road, follow it up to the saddle and then turn on the right (do not follow signs to Locanda Cervo). After 2 km, take the dirt road on the right and after 50 m take the 300 m artificial tunnel. At the end of it, cross the lake by boat (or by wetsuit), reach the dam and go up along it by rope for 15 m and the go down (by rope, of course)

http://www.fscampania.it/catasto-2/catasto/

Description: The cave opens on the SW part of Cervati Mountain, at the end of a big gorge collecting all waters coming from Cervati.

The first part of the cave is a big tunnel (5 m x 10 m, direction NE), after 100 m there is an active part (Diramazione Franchetti) and the cave continues to E-SE. The roof decreases and there are jumps and lakes (the big one is Carosone lake). Then the tunnel proceeds to SE and there are 2 wells (14 m and 26 m) and a big landslide with many concrections (that the first explorers found full of snails). The cave ends with a siphon.

The Vallivona sinker is a crossing cave. After the siphon, the waters make a short and unknown path and reach the spring of Varco la Peta. Along the gorge walls before entering the cave, upper fossil conducts are evident.

Source: "Atlante delle Grotte della Campania"



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