

## The Great Bohemia Cave "Expedition" of 2010

A Caving Expedition is being planned for around early March 2010 to explore and photograph the remarkable Bohemia Cave "Jeskyne Bohemia" discovered by a group of cavers visiting from Prague in the Czech Republic. Cavers world wide are invited to join us.

This cave system is up on Mt Owen near to Murchison in the South Island of New Zealand. This cave features huge jungles of spectacular Aragonite Crystal Trees and one of the worlds largest cave chambers. This cave is now over 700 metres deep and is generally horizontal passage with a temperature around 4 degrees celcius. Near the entrance are two short rope drops and the rest of the cave is relatively straight forward for a caver with minimal experience.

The most impressive region is around "The Dream of Alberice" This huge cave passage has one wall coated in Aragonite Trees, Bushes and Crystal Flowers for around a few 100 metres.

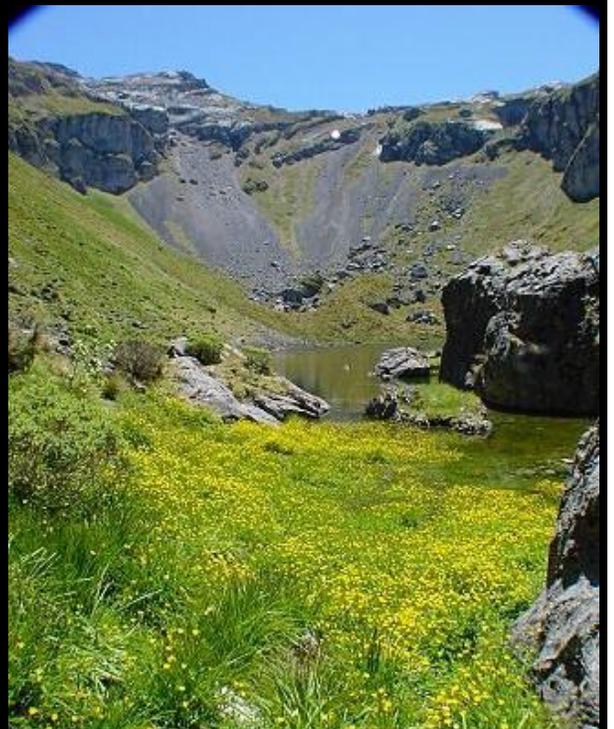
We need around 10 to 20 cavers to cover the cost of "Heli-Caving up Mt Owen. We plan to camp in the Bulmer Lake Valley for around 6 days in total with caving and walking around the region. There are also opportunities to visit Bulmer Cave nearby which is now the longest known in New Zealand at more than 55 kms.

The dates: Flying in **Monday 8th March 2010**, and flying out **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

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Below are a number of photographs illustrating the cave, the surrounding mountains and the spectacular 'Shangri-La Valley' where we will be camping.





So MUCH to photograph!





Unbelievable Aragonite!



So much to see and so little time....



Cool campsites



Mt Owen



The Kitchen under the rock



Bulmer Cave Entrance in centre of frame



The view down the valley



Mt Owen Karst Fields

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