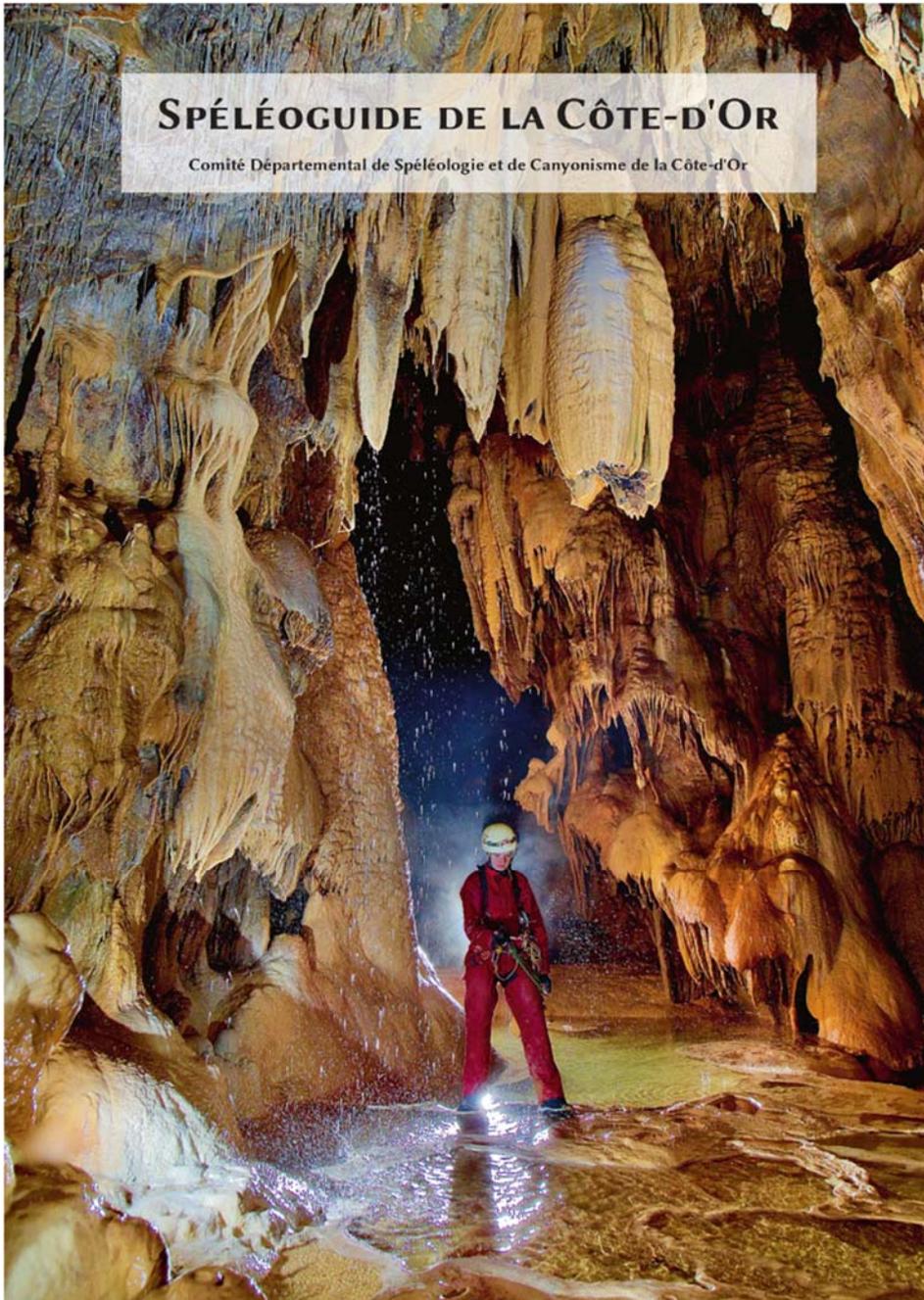


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CAVING GUIDE OF THE CÔTE-D'OR



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37 caves and chasms to discover the underground Côte-d'Or.

The famous classics, **Combe aux Prêtres** and **Neuvon PDE**, but also a panel to satisfy all desires :

First steps : caves without difficulty, for family walks.

Discoveries : initiation caves, individual caving equipment is necessary as well as the accompaniment by a competent caver.

Classics : technical caves for autonomous cavers.

Rivers : They are very aquatic, the neoprene suit is compulsory.

Dives : ideas for experienced divers.

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The Côte-d'Or, in the heart of the Bourgogne Franche-Comté region, has a vast speleological potential : the geology has created vast tabular shelf where we find large cave systems, rivers, and horizontal development. The department has two large underground cave systems more than 20 km of development, the Neuvon cave (24 km) and the Francheville cave system (28 km: Soucy / Combe aux Prêtres / Rochotte / Nonceuil).

Because of the privileged geographical situation of the Côte-d'Or and because of their aesthetic and sportive interest, these caves are visited all year long by many cavers from all the northern half of France, from Ile-de-France, but also from Belgium, Luxemburg, Switzerland... and it is not rare to see some weekends too many ropes crossing each other in the entrance pits.

Beyond the two emblematic cave systems, the Côte-d'Or has a number of caves that deserve to be explored, holes suitable for beginners, demanding aquatic rivers, exurgences to be dived and "bottom of the hole" siphons, not forgetting a few easy sites accessible to all for a family walk.

The purpose of this speleoguide is to help the reader discover the variety of the underground Côte-d'Or. We have selected about thirty caves, among the most interesting to visit, for all the enthusiasts, from the neophyte to the seasoned practitioner.

Following the example of our colleagues in the Doubs region, whose last topoguides inspired us, we have chosen to group the caves by categories :

The "first steps" : caves without risk, easy, accessible without special training, suitable for a family visit. At least two lamps, helmet recommended, comfortable clothes.

The "Discoveries" : caves requiring more resoluteness, specific equipment (rope and individual caving equipment) and technical training. Neophytes must be supervised by a competent caver.

The "classic" ones : for autonomous cavers.

The "rivers" : these are very aquatic; a full neoprene suit is necessary.

The "dives" : ideas for experienced divers...

And as a reminder, a list of forbidden, dangerous, problematic, forgotten caves...

The information contained in this speleoguide has been collected with care, but it is not immutable and may change over time. We invite the reader to consult the website of the Comité Départemental de Spéléologie de Côte-d'Or (CDS 21), cds21.org, to find the essential updates, as well as many other complementary informations on these caves.

The cavities specification sheets

For each cave, we specify:

- The name and the commune.

- The location (UTM WGS84 zone 31 coordinates) and the access.

- The speleometry (development, height).

- If necessary, an icon (bat) mentioning an issue of protection of bats.

- The history and the inventors.

- A bibliography.

- The description and the itineraries of visit.

- A rigging specification sheet, as precise as possible, but which remains indicative, and leaves the initiative to the rigging provider...

- A topography.

- A "particularities" section if necessary.

- A "bonus" section if necessary: remarkable sites nearby, etc...

The abbreviations used in the rigging sheet are generally well known by cavers :

P20	20 m pit
R4	4 m drump
E6	climbing 6 m
C18	18 m rope
CP	previous rope
MC	handle-line
Dev	deviation
AN	natural anchor
AF	drilled anchor
B	fixed piton
S	bolt

Remember that all the caves are on private land, whether private, communal, state forest etc... and that cavers are only tolerated there. It is particularly important to respect the parking places, to avoid going out of the paths and tracks, to close the gates and fences, to not leave any waste, to not make fires...

Several caves are subject to seasonal or permanent access restrictions : biotope protection orders, Natura 2000 zones, protection of chiropterans, protection of water catchments... Strict compliance with these restrictions is the only way to guarantee our freedom of practice. The list of caves of Côte-d'Or forbidden to caving is already too long.

We are looking forward to meet-you on site to rediscover the underground Côte-d'Or.