Jenolan Caves



A Selection of Fossils

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We see them today as fossils in the cave walls and ceiling.

...we have brachiopods

(with two shells, bit like a clam).

They'll look like this...



...or this....



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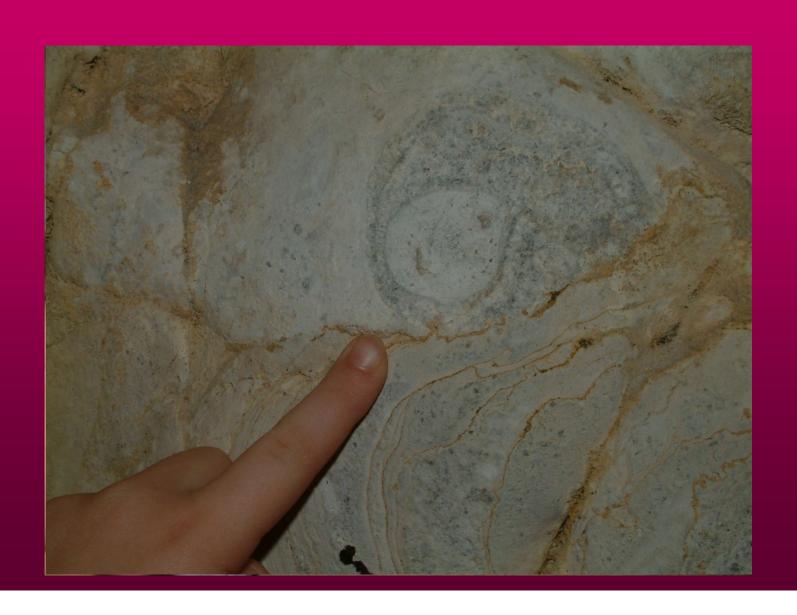
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We find gastropods... (or snails).



...here's one.



...we have nautiloids

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....here's another one.



Anal tube pinnules arms

Fig. 76. Botryocrinus decadactylus, from the Wenlock Limestone—a simple form of Crinoid, seen from the posterior inter-radius. (From the Guide to the Geol. Dept., Brit. Mus.) Natural size.

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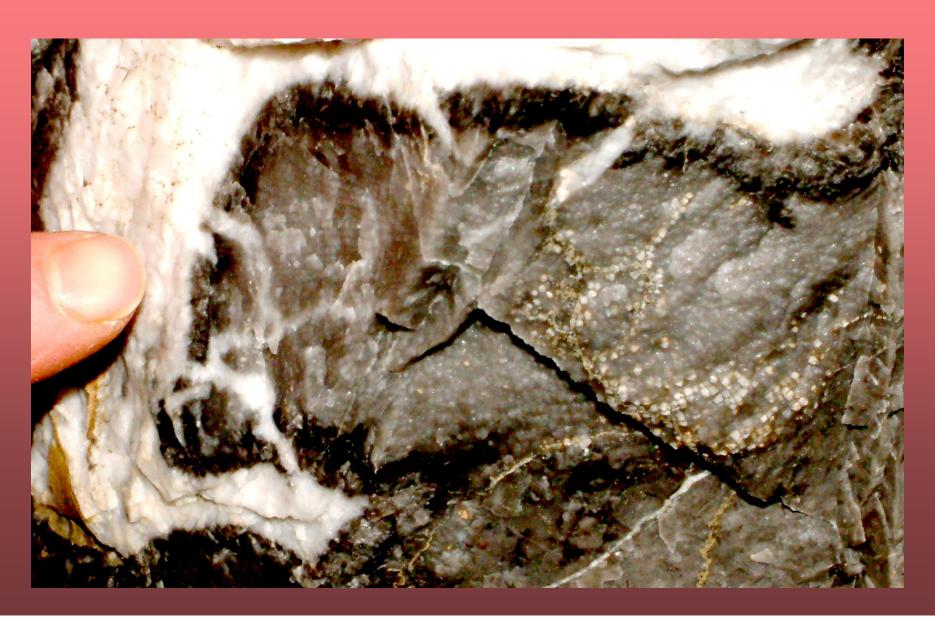
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...lots of them...



...and even more...



Corals and clays??..



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Stones...little ones....



...and big ones.

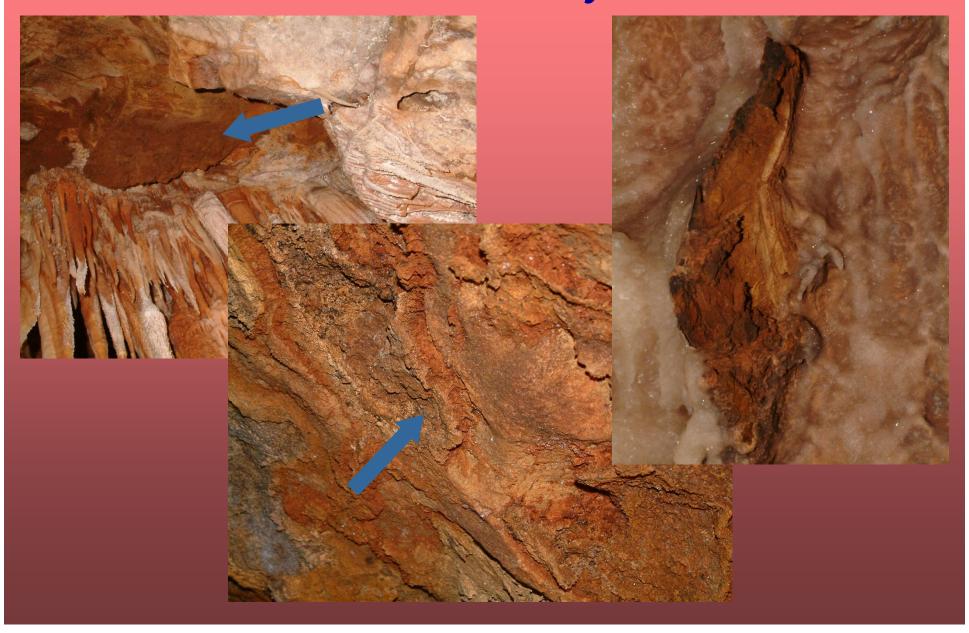


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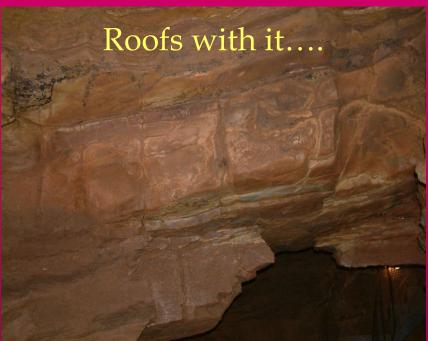


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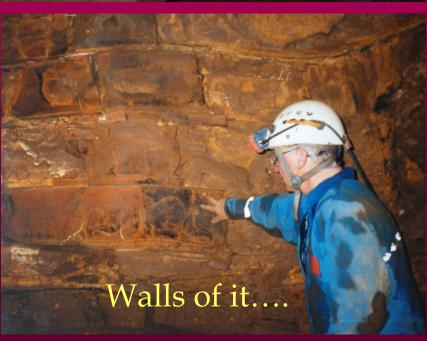
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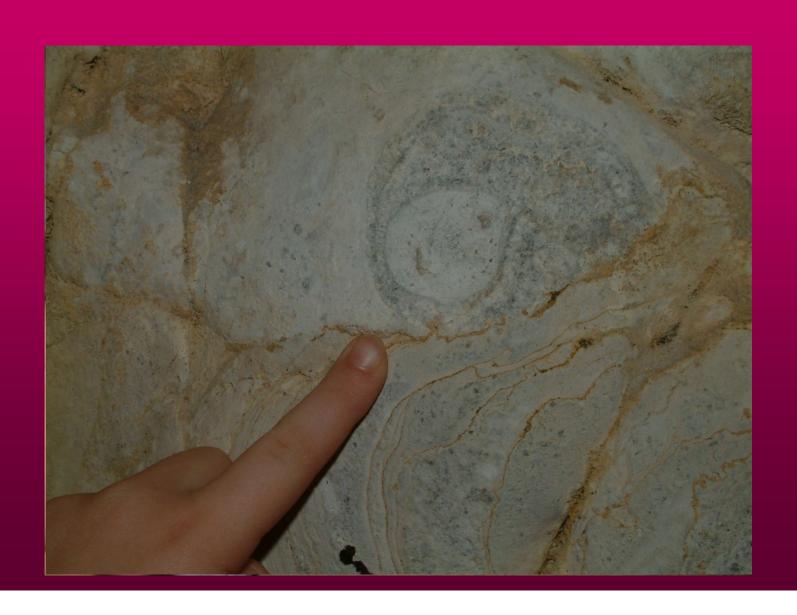
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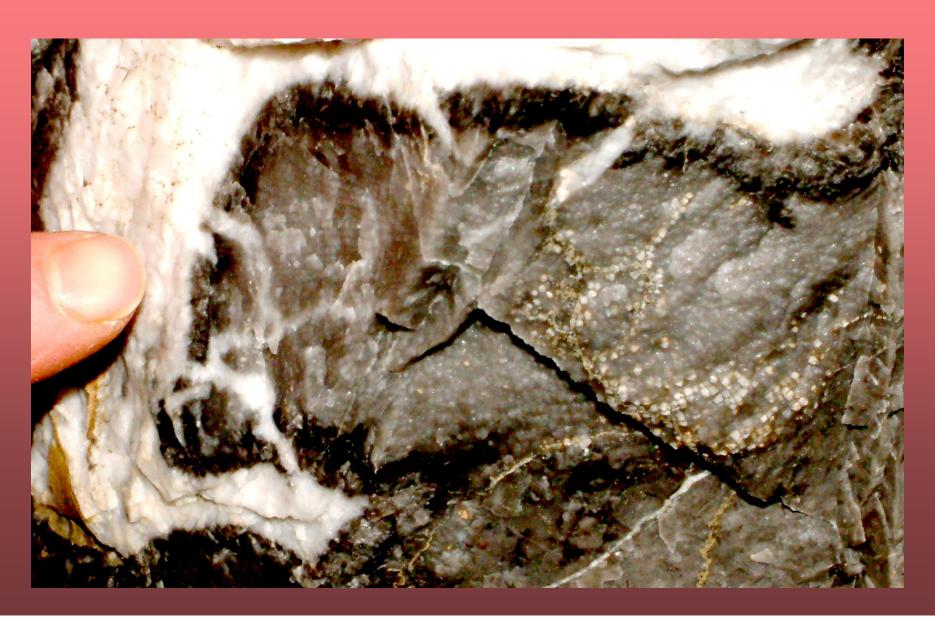
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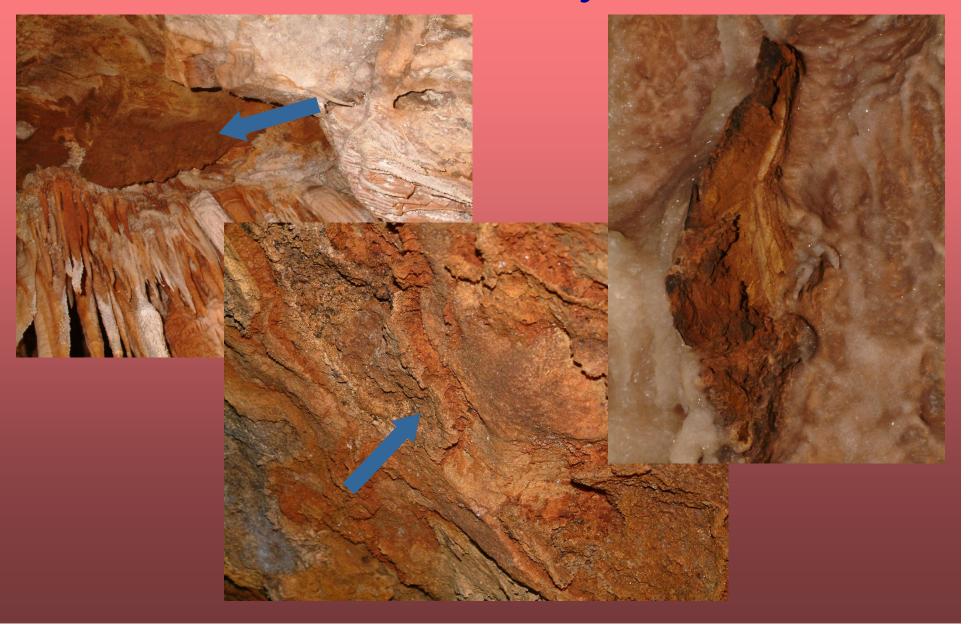


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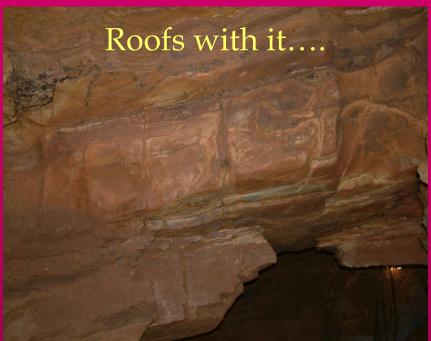


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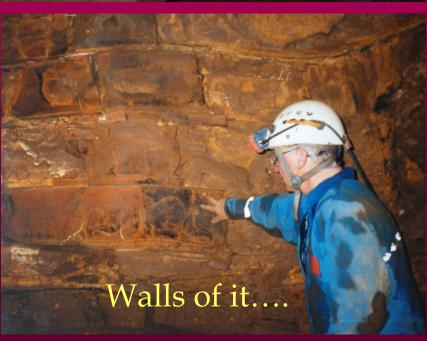
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