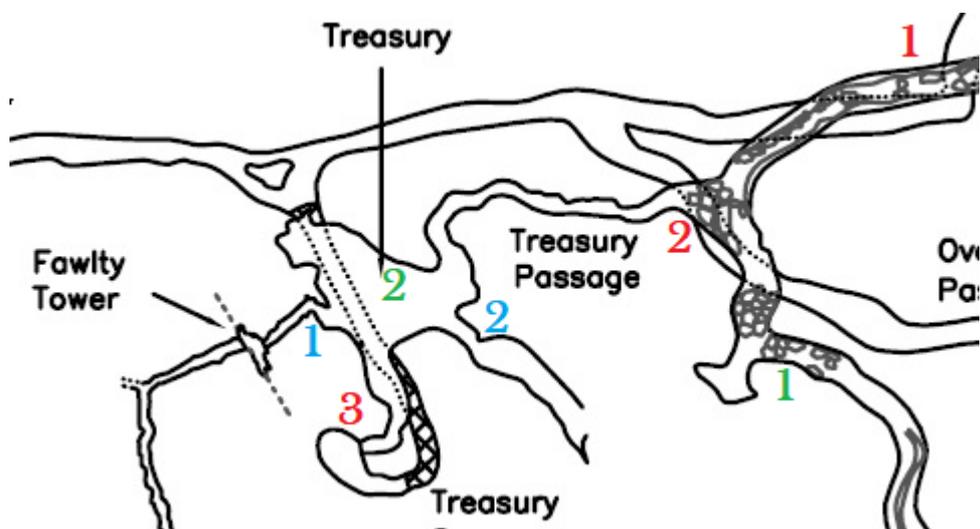


## Example 'Local Knowledge' notes

When adding sites to your LCMLA award, either at assessment or at a later point, you must be able to demonstrate to an assessor that you have a deep knowledge of those sites. The assessor cannot award sites without being confident you know them very well. If they need to assess this practically, you may be asked to go underground again. If you can demonstrate on paper that you are very knowledgeable then the assessor will not require you to go underground again. It is essential to provide detailed notes, usually in the form of a survey with annotations. Below is a small example of the kind of document to present and the level of knowledge you should have for your sites:



Red numbers – Hazards and action

1. Scrambling over large, slippery rocks. Lots of risk of trips, slips and fall. Ensure slow progress and brief on safe movement techniques. Stay low where possible.
2. Short scramble over rocks to passage. One awkward step where a poor landing is possible. Spot.
3. Ladder to sump. Fixed ladder can be lifelined with a 15m rope off in-situ expansion anchors. 2 connectors and an HMS required.

Green numbers – Conservation points

1. Low roof here with a number of small formations. Easy to hit head if rushing.
2. Rescue dump area often used for eating. Care against leaving of any food or litter. Also, low roof with many delicate formations. Stay sat down or on knees.

Blue numbers – Points of interest

1. Gate to Speedwell, the old boundary.
2. Pipe-like deposits of calcite vein. Gives the chamber its name.

In addition to this, you should also make note of access details and ownership. For mine sites, you would be expected to know about the minerals found within and the geological process that led their deposition. For all sites, but caves in particular, you should make notes on the hydrology and flooding characteristics.

Remember, you are trying to show on paper that you know the venue intimately, that way you will not be required to do more underground assessments (at your expense).

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