SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CARRIGACRUMP CAVES

SITE CODE: 001408

This site is situated 3km due south-west of Cloyne in an area of outcropping limestone in east Co. Cork.

In 1986 An Foras Forbartha provided the following description of the site.

The core system has eight entrances and most of the passages are of the canyon type and water floored. The entrances of the caves are in a disused quarry which contains some areas of undisturbed limestone grassland that includes some locally rare plants such as Carline Thistle (*Carlina vulgaris*) and Long-stalked Crane's-bill (*Geranium columbinum*). In addition the naturalised flora is unusual.

The main land use within the site is grazing by horses. Quarrying of the limestone has occurred in the past.

This cave was discovered during quarrying and, together with disused parts of the quarry, has local scientific importance.

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