

National Speleological Society Cave Map Symbols

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	Entrance		Stalactite over stalagmite		Vegetal debris
	Drip line		Helictites		Dip of strata
	Cross-section		Flowstone		Vertical bedding
	Ceiling height		Draperies		Horizontal bedding
	Pit depth		Soda straws		Zero datum
	Vertical pit		Shield (or Dutch oven)		Elevation above datum
	Dome		Boxwork		Elevation below datum
	Domepit		Anthodites		Marked survey station
	Bedrock pillar		Rimstone dams		Pavement
	Bedrock floor		Water		Artificial wall
	Change-in-ceiling (lower side is to right)		Water depth		Paved trail
	Ceiling channel		Water flow		Trail
	Floor channel		Intermittent water flow		Ladder, lower end open
	Lower level		Large rapids		Stairs, lower end open
	Upper level		Waterfall		Gate
	Indeterminate wall (or unsurveyed passage)		Sump		Dam
	Abrupt drop (down is to right)		Small stream		Bridge
	Slope (down is to right)		Small rapids		Saltpeter vats
	Measured slope		Intermittent stream		Guardrail
	Small stalactite		Conjectural stream		Pictograph or petroglyph
	Small stalagmite		Large breakdown		Archaeological excavation
	Small column		Small breakdown		Boardwalk
	Large stalactite		Fallen speleothem		Well pipe or casing
	Large stalagmite		Sand		
	Large column		Clay or silt		
			Cobbles		
			Vertebrate remains		