



## Felix Trombe 2024 – Wessex Summer Camp



### Saturday 13th to Saturday 27th July 2024

Dear WCC members

This year's summer camp offers an opportunity to visit and explore the Réseau Felix Trombe - Henne Morte. This is one of the longest and most complex caves in France, with (currently) some 54 entrances, 117 kms of passage and a total depth of just over 1000 metres. With so many entrances it offers a multitude of round, and through, trips, with masses of choice of difficulty and duration, from a couple of hours easy sight-seeing to 12 hour epics. There are other caves, and show-caves, in the local area, and the usual well-signed French GR walking paths, mostly in heavily wooded hills.

The dates for the Wessex summer camp in 2024 are Saturday 13th to Saturday 27th July. We will be staying in the tiny hamlet of Bardeque, 3 kms South of Arbas, in the Ariège region of the French Pyrenees. We have reserved the whole of the Chalet de Palourmère, which provides bunks for 40 people in 11 bedrooms. There are separate showers, lavatories, a large tackle store, a proper dining room, a large conference room with whiteboards etc. and WiFi. We have also arranged professional catering, with the provision of a cooked breakfast and a good evening meal.

The cost of the food and accommodation will be around € 25 per person per day.

Because we have to reserve, and pay for the entire Chalet booking in advance we will be asking for a sizeable deposit of £140 in advance.

For members who have never joined a Wessex Summer Camp, or who are nervous about getting into a world-class system, this would be an ideal introduction, as the cave offers ample scope for straightforward trips and the opportunity to raise your competence and confidence level.

If you are interested in coming along please fill out the registration form at:-

<https://forms.gle/QXXx9ogPDm7DfZ9a6>

We will provide more information in the coming months but please get your reservations in quickly as places are strictly limited.

For more information feel free to email the people below:-

Bookings and Caving queries - Wayne Starsmore: [wayne@cuckooceleves.uk](mailto:wayne@cuckooceleves.uk)

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