

## Torca del Hombre – Cueva del Río Munío -. Asón (Cantabria)

**Cueva Rio Munío**  
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**Torca del Hombre**  
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### Access

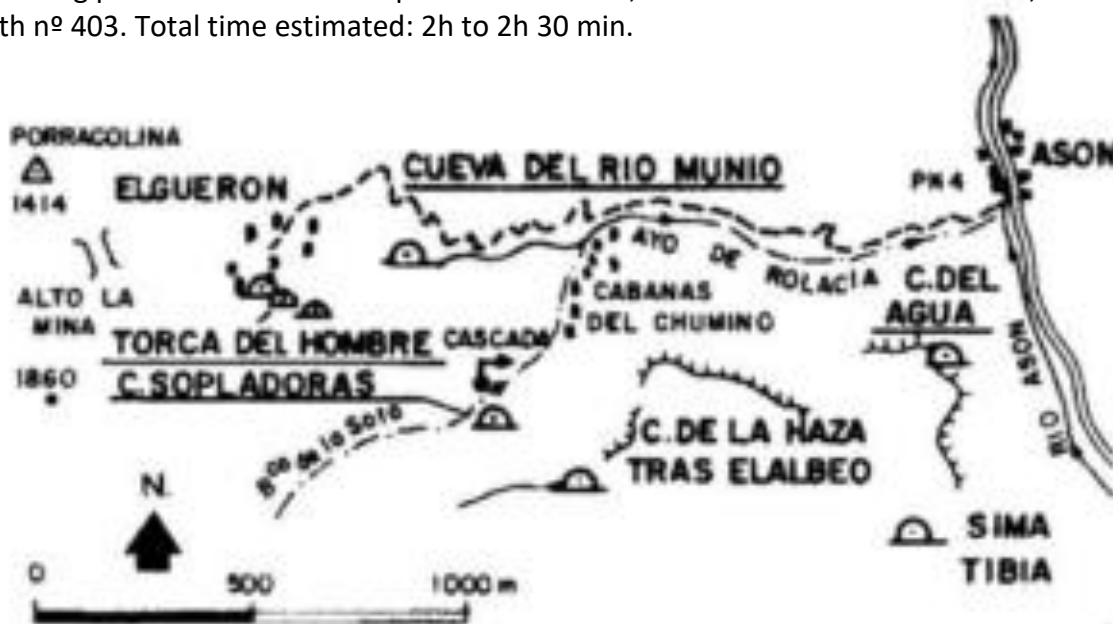
As for the crossing Blowers - Cueva del Agua, it is part of walking from a point located about 100m from the town of Asón in the direction of Puerto de los Collados.

From here a road that crosses the river by a stone bridge, passes through the neighbourhood of Asón and it extends towards the valley of Rolacia. On the left bank of the river and in the middle of Forest is reached, after 45 min. - 1h rise, to the area where the creek meets comes from the slope of the Hazel and the river Munio. At the height of some cabins, which placed on the opposite margin, part by hand right a path, at the beginning little marked, leading to Elguerón. About 5min. It leaves the forest reaching a cottage where there is a fountain. Continuing along the path, which runs through the right hillside and next to the river, we are approaching the Munio River Cave Where does that one come from?

After about 10 min. more of way, you reach the height of the cave.

Total time to climb to the cave: 1.5h. Following the path, which is diverted by the right to save a limestone crestón, it access in 30-45 min. more to Elguerón, unparalleled place with beautiful views where numerous cabins appear in the middle of some meadows.

To access the chasms, you must go to the cabins located in the hollow, next to the walls and the forest, for which there is go down following a little path marked that is lost. For this one, about 100 Meager, you reach the Torca de los Pastors (No. 404), which presents a great entrance mouth. Very close to the wall of limestone on the right, hardly losing height and following parallels to a zone of lapiaz to On the left, we arrive at La Torca del Man, marked with nº 403. Total time estimated: 2h to 2h 30 min.



## DESCRIPTION

Currently, the Munío River system has 4 entries, the top 3 are chasms, and the Lower mouth is the Munio River Cave. To make the crossing, it was decided to equip double rope the Torca of the Man. This gap presents wells of accessible length to said technique, aspect that does not meet the other two chasms that have very long wells of 80 and 100m therefore, the crossing here proposes is Torca del Hombre - Cave of the river Munío la Torca del Hombre, with a slope 150m to the Tributarium of the Cascade,

Start with a narrow 6m pitch easily descended. After this one continues for a dry meander until you reach P57. This pitch, with an elongated head and width no greater than 2m, starts with a short ramp To access to the header there is a fixed rope by which is a journey through which the point of maximum verticality is reached the hole. The fixed installation consists of a cable of steel joining three plates (2 Fixe M-10 and 1 Petzl M-8 plate). The descent is made in aerial rapidly expanding the width from the pitch.

It is continued by a short meander that Demolition in a succession of pitches, P8 and P14 In the first one, by a rock altered and nodulous, there is a descent of chain. In the following, with a very narrow, the limestone improves. At its base it starts a wide meander that soon he unloads reducing his height.

Continuing on this one you reach P34, at that there is a contribution of water. The descent start with a handrail with a fixed rope that reaches a built-in block, from which easily accesses the header (steel cable and three plates). When you get to your bottom, and between huge blocks, you get to a chaotic and fossil gallery that gives access to through ramps, to the affluent of the Waterfall.

This gallery, of 3x2 m section, presents a water supply, coming from a pitch ascending, through which falls a waterfall. Progressing through this meander, which in some points reduces its height section, to continue for others in which this increases considerably, it happens first by the P38 ascending well from the Torca of the Shepherds, and later by the affluent of the Cueva de la Boca Estrecha. To from here the gallery becomes wider increasing water flow, at the same time some kettles appear. Later he arrives at the point where it again converges, to through a P8, the route from the Torca of the Shepherds. It follows the river that later it is lost, appearing by hand left some fossil galleries, that will lead through a narrow meander (Gallery Transversal), to the roof of the main gallery of the Munío River, by a balcony about 15m from height. The normal route continues for some wide galleries but low ceiling, which descend to a critical point where it has to be passed, along with the tributary itself, by an area of height no greater than 1 m and a length about 5 m, ending ascending mode between blocks until you reach a room. **This step can be problematic if it is flooded with water, even siphoning.**

From here and up to the river, we continue through large flat roof fossil galleries. Once on the river, the exit is very close, at a mere 300m, so it is you can choose to trace this and travel the great galleries to the chaos of the Hall of the confusion. If we decide to take this direction, you have to follow the river, which runs between blocks and edges very leisurely and with this depth given the width of its channel. When arriving at the denominated

Canyon the gallery narrows, so in various points the river acquires speed, creating completely flooded areas and occasionally deep water After the Canyon and until the room, the galleries have a width close to 30m, being covered by large clusters of blocks and pebbles, given the despicable thing of the rock.

From the point of union of the main gallery with what comes from the chasms, and even the exit, the conduit acquires enormous beauty, predominantly large roof sections flat. The river, which is lost under the blocks, arises to the outside about 5m below the mouth of the cave.

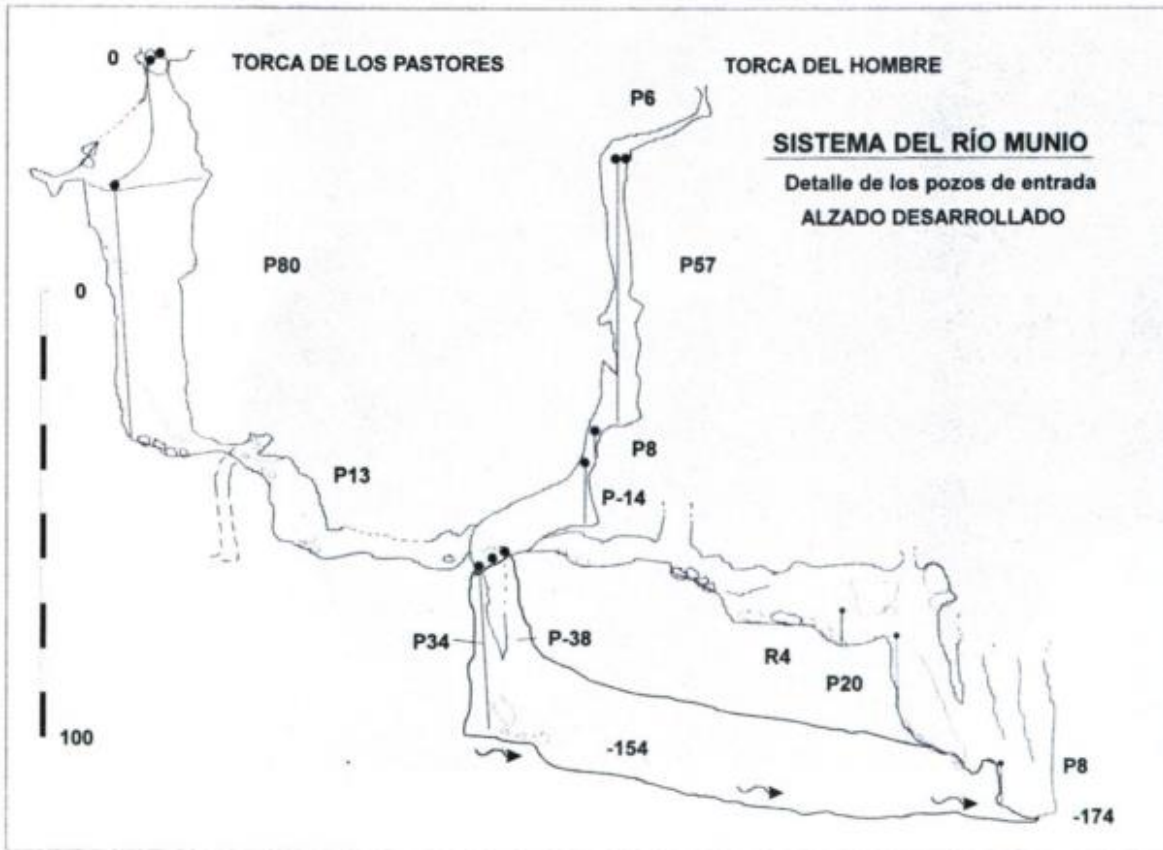
## MATERIALS

You need a 60 m rope and a cord of equal length to recover in double. For small wells, you could take a rope of about 30m to speed the crossing. All the wells of the Torca del Hombre They are perfectly equipped with anchors fixed steel cable, M-10 plates and Chain detaches Fixe according to the wells.

<b>Obstáculo</b>	<b>Cuerda</b>	<b>Observaciones</b>
<b>P 6</b>	Destrepar	Estrecho, destrepar con cuidado.
<b>P 57</b>	2 x 60	Estar atentos a la recuperación de las cuerdas.
<b>P 12</b>	1 x 60	Sin pasamanos de acceso.
<b>P 14</b>	1 x 60	Cabecera estrecha.
<b>P 34</b>	2 x 60	Pasamanos de acceso. Aporte lateral.

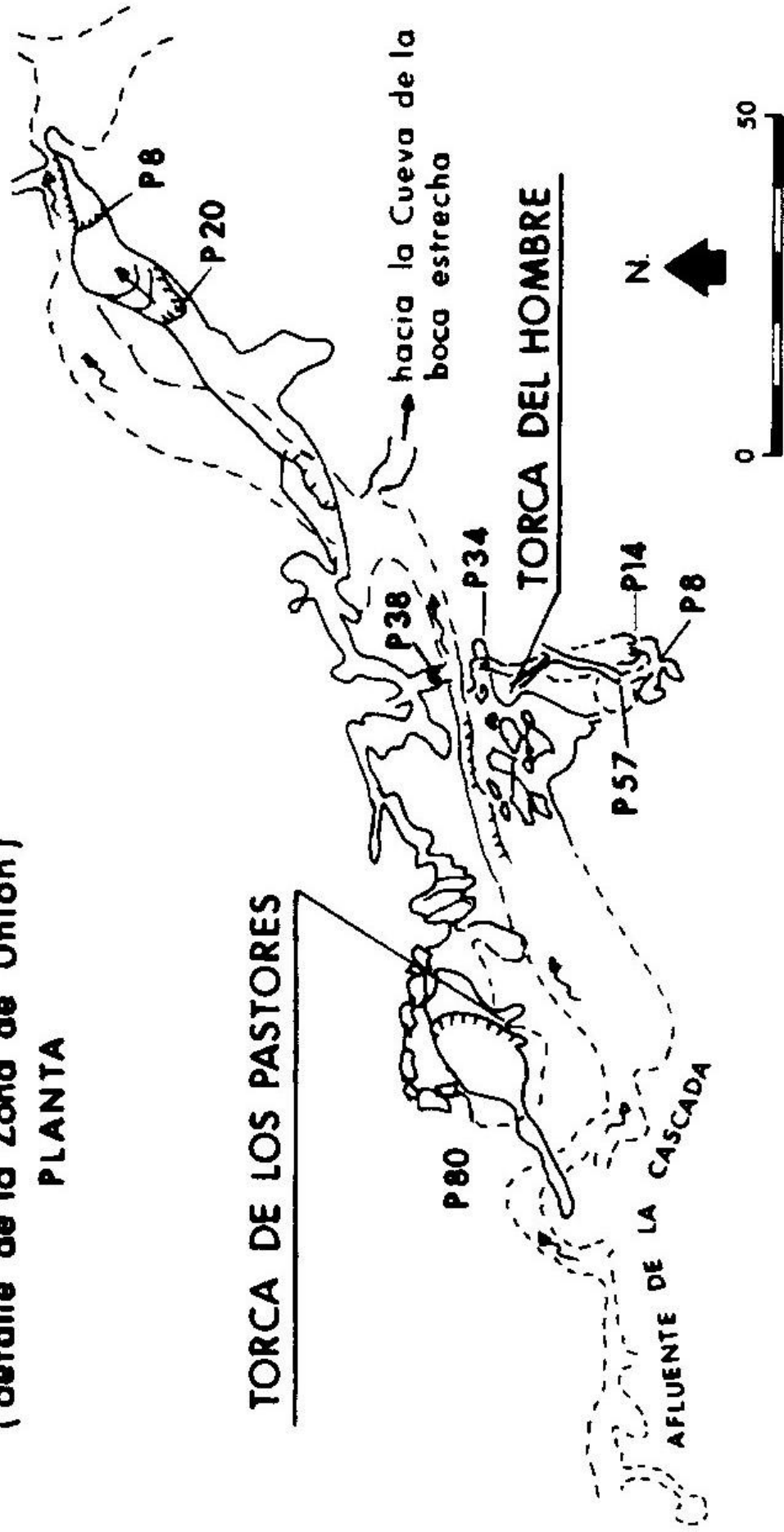
## RECOMMENDATIONS

In times of floods can exist siphoning problems at the point of low roof already described, following the track normal. If this were so, it will be necessary take the transversal gallery that reaches the river by a P15 (without equipping), on top of the main gallery. In case of new installation to double the other two chasms, you have to take into account the poor quality of the rock, Easily disintegrable.

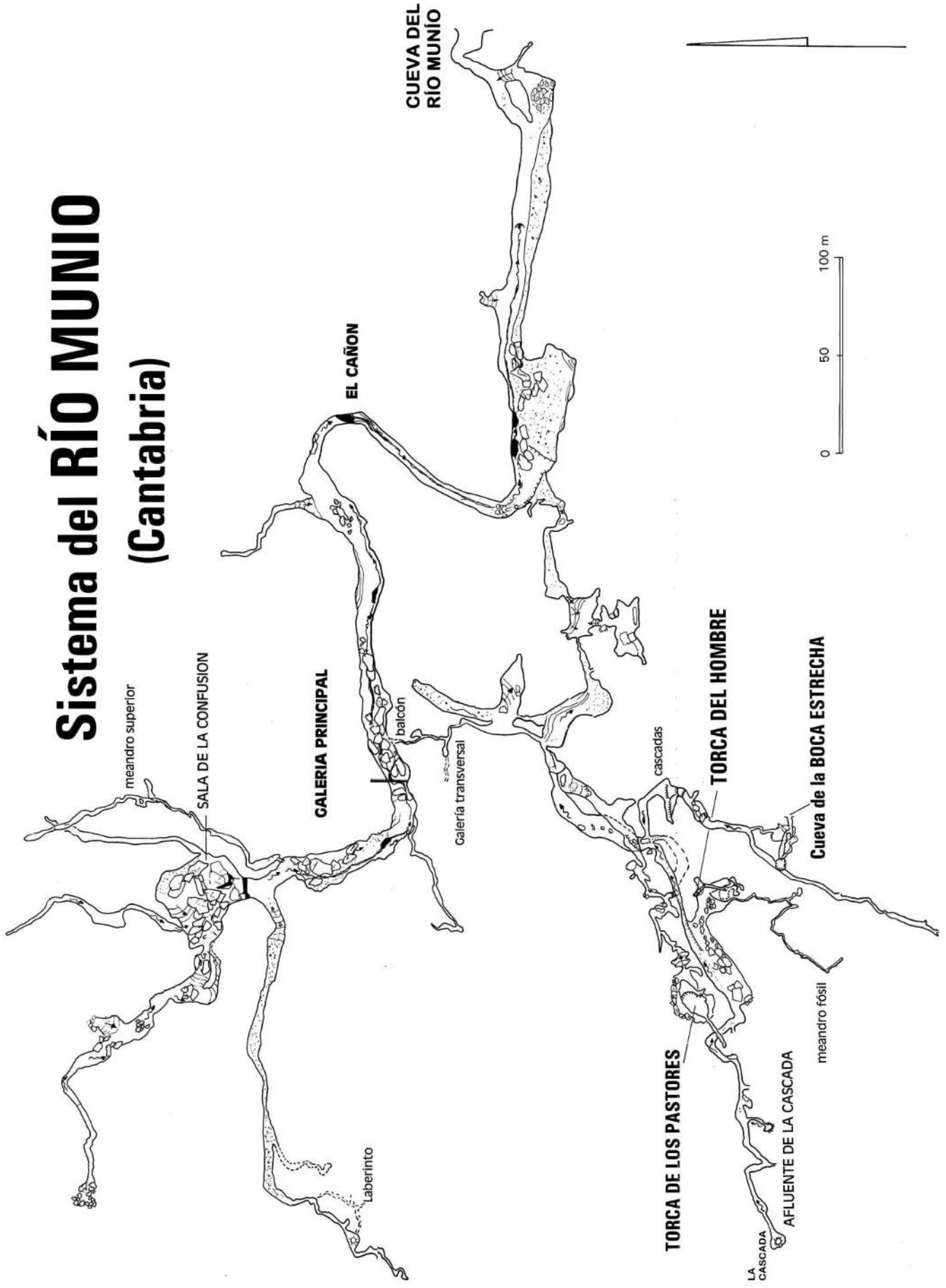


**SISTEMA DEL RIO MUNIO**  
(detalle de la Zona de Unión)

PLANTA



# Sistema del RÍO MUNIO (Cantabria)



meandro superior

SALA DE LA CONFUSION

GALERIA PRINCIPAL

Laberinto

CUEVA DEL RÍO MUNIO

EL CAÑON

balcón

Galería transversal

cascadas

TORCA DE LOS PASTORES

TORCA DEL HOMBRE

LA CASCADA

AFLUENTE DE LA CASCADA

meandro fósil

Cueva de la BOCA ESTRECHA

0 50 100 m

