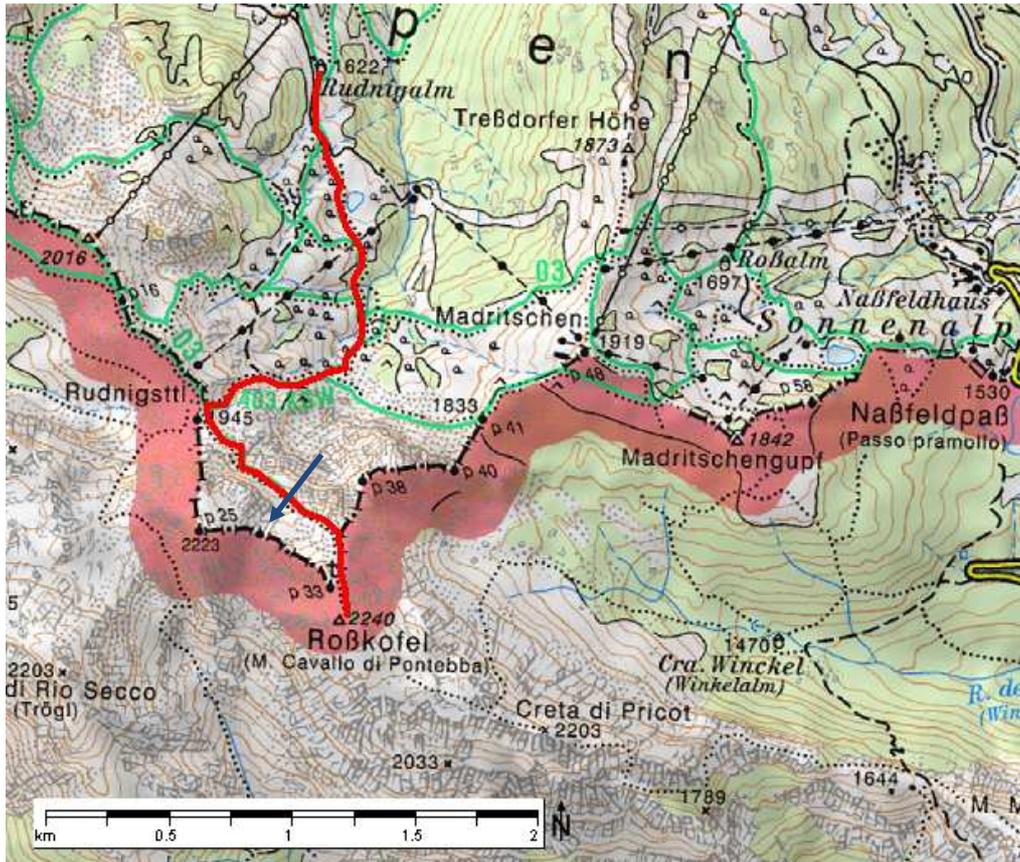


## Geotope 70: Roßkofel – Geo-Caving



Red marking: Hiking route according to advance description; green tracks: hiking trails; ©BEV: Federal Office for Calibration and Measurement, 2005.

### Access:

The “Klondike Cave” can be reached either from Rudnig Alm accessible by a road from Tröpolach or along a hiking trail from Naßfeld via the mountain Madritschen. Access to the cave is restricted to speleologists.

## Description of the Geotope

Close to a depression called “Schneefinkenmulde” (=“snowfinch depression”) which separates the main peak from a smaller one to the west, at an altitude of 2,130 m and close to the boundary stone p-26 the entrance to the “Klondike Cave” is located. This cave represents the biggest and longest of all four known caves in the Roßkofel massif. It extends vertically to a depth of 1,453 m und forms subsurface halls of varying dimensions, tunnels, shafts and dewatering systems. During winter at the entrance warm air is escaping like a chimney suggesting connections with the southern cliff of mountain Roßkofel.

The water circuit in the cave varies depending of the time of the year and the weather. The most impressive water system represents the underground karst river named “Yukon” in the lower part of the cave. A geological description of the mountain Roßkofel is given under Geotope no. 31.



View out from the cave

Additional informations can be obtained by:

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