



Limestone Walks: Stories of limestone: Castles of Stone

Observe and explain the process of karst.

L1-8 Activity 20A: Visiting the Underground Landscape

“Visiting a limestone cave system allows you to investigate the Earth’s composition and find out about the processes that shaped it. Limestone can form a karst landscape. The features of a karst are: caves, gorges, sink-holes, karren (water sculpted limestone), natural arches and bridges, and speleothems. Before visiting the cave or karst landscape, research the meanings of these terms in reference books and dictionaries and make up a glossary of terms and simple explanations. During your visit, try to identify as many of these features as possible.” Pg 48 MBSPEB, Crown 1999.

L3-4 DISCOVERY WAITOMO CAVES LIMESTONE and KARST WALK

PURPOSE: To focus on the features of the limestone landscape (KARST)

SKILLS: Locating, observing and recording data on a map

DIRECTIONS: Make a map of geological features that would be of interest to anyone studying a Karst Landscape