

# Geomorphology and sediments of Aillwee cave, Co. Clare, Ireland

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## **Abstract:**

Aillwee Cave, now over 1 km in length, is the most extensive cave thus far discovered on the high Burren. The cave is developed along a clay wayboard in the middle Asbian limestones and consists of a phreatic roof tube with a deep vadose trench below. Extensive rock fall and subsequent fluvial deposition occurred late in the history of the cave and the system is now almost fossil.