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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The dark dripping entrance to the adit will flood in rain, so care is necessary after or during downpours. The crowns of the holly and rowan are combined – two separate trees that appear as one – hanging together from their precarious perches on the rock.



The rock faces of the adit are cut – indicating the trees have grown from crevices they were seeded into (perhaps, most likely, by birds). AW's sketch, depicting a fulsome 'tree' above the passage, is now over sixty years old – intimating these trees are older than their modest dimensions suggest on first impression.



Carefully looking into the deep quarry, with vertical rock walls and debris strewn everywhere below – but softened by greenery everywhere – it takes some moments to find the same perspective AW showed in his sketch.



The clifftop tree is a rowan, handsome and spreading across and down the slope – but achieving the same view as taken by AW is difficult, blocked largely by the billowing grey-green crown of the goat willow. The dark holes in the rockface, drawn by AW, can be used to find a similar alignment, though one must check and recheck viewing positions from several angles.



Looking into the 'big hole' at Banishead Quarry, from a similar position shown in AW's sketch – still very recognisable today, although all the trees have grown and enlarged.