

2018/06/14: Cross the Caves by John Bulten Instructions Page

Cross the Caves is a combination of Cross the Streams and Cave rules (with the exception of having multiple “caves” that all connect to the edge of the grid).

Rules: Shade some empty cells black to create a single group of black cells that are all connected to each other through their edges. No 2x2 cell area within the grid contains all black cells. Numbers to the left/top of the grid represent the groups of consecutive black cells which are in that row/column in order, either from left to right or from top to bottom. A question mark (?) represents a group of consecutive black cells whose size is unknown; an asterisk (*) represents any number of unknown groups of black cells, including none at all.

All white cells must be connected via other white cells to an edge of the grid. All numbered cells inside the grid must be white and each number in these cells indicates the total count of white cells connected vertically and horizontally to the numbered cell including the cell itself.

		*					*	?
	3		3			2	1	?
	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	?
? ? ?								
	*							
1 * 3			2	5				
? ? ?								
	*							
	*		4	3				
* 4 *								
? ? ?								

		*					*	?
	3		3			2	1	?
	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	?
? ? ?								
	*							
1 * 3				2	5			
? ? ?								
	*							
	*			4	3			
* 4 *								
? ? ?								

Example by Thomas Snyder

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		8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
▶ A	?										
	2 2				6	6	6	6			
	*										
	*		6							2	
▶ B	*										
	*		6							3	
▶ C	*		6							3	
	*										
	2 2				6			7			
▶ D	3 2					4	4				