

Bárðarbunga Eruption. The effectiveness of observation of the eruption from a commercial aircraft compared with observation by a consumer grade drone.

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In the early 2000s I had been on a Shepton Mallet Caving Club – Bournemouth University expedition to locate and explore caves in the flows produced by the 1783 Laki eruption. As the Bárðarbunga eruption in the Holuhraun was a similar type of eruption, I was keen to see it. As it was next to impossible to get the permits required to visit by car, a flight was the only option.

DJI flew Phantom drone close enough to the eruption to melt the camera, so I found close up images very interesting, as I could better understand what I had seen at Laki.