

Guano Caves – Rock n Roll Kloof

Guano Caves is a beautiful resort about 7 km outside Montagu on the R62 towards Barrydale. It has cottage-style accommodation, tented camps and a campground. It also offers a number of activities for adults and children and has great swimming facilities, as well as a restaurant.

Rock n Roll Kloof is situated in the Guano Caves Resort. It is the kloof to the right of the well known kloof with the actual Guano Cave and some older routes (see Montagu Rock guidebook).

Guano Caves Resort also has a great restaurant and bar, great for after climbing snacks and beer, etc. Please support them!

Access

Guano Caves is a private resort run by climber-friendly owners. Climbing on the property is free to people staying in the accommodation, or a small fee is levied for day visitors. Gate opens at 7.30 am. For more information and to book accommodation please visit www.montaguguanocave.co.za or call 023 100 2972

NOTE: No dogs or pets allowed up the kloof. There is buck, dassies and baboons living up in this kloof. This is their home. Please respect it!

Bolting

Bolting is allowed here, but please remember this is a trad and sport area, so make sure you are not sinking bolts into an existing trad route. There is huge scope for routes of all grades – sport and trad.

How to get there • Park

Follow the road out of Montagu towards Barrydale (R62) for about 7 km, until you reach the entrance to the Guano Cave Resort on your right. Drive in and go through the main gate, where you will pay an entrance fee and sign an indemnity form.

From here follow the cement road which veers to the left past the office block and continues to the T-junction where you turn right. Follow the road, keeping right at the stone circle, then left at the next fork and carry on straight, past a bank of solar panels on your left. Continue straight, past a small “private property” sign, until you get to a confluence of four roads. Go straight over and continue on to reach a gate, which is sometimes open and other times closed.

IF CLOSED, PLEASE CLOSE AGAIN AFTER YOU HAVE PASSED THROUGH

Continue along a stony road (good for all cars) for a few 100 metres, to reach a very impressive car park, which can park over 20 cars. Made specially for climbers, by the owners! At the top end of the car park you will find a cairn marking the start of the path. Do not walk straight up towards the big black slabs above, but rather take the path heading directly to the right and around the hill.

Approach

Follow the substantial path around the hill and continue up gentle slopes (cairns) to reach the small river bed. Continue along (following cairns), then go up to the left to the sport crags. For Metal Haven and Mirage Wall continue a little further up then go left up Metal Gully.

The huge Supertramp Buttress is directly opposite on the right side of the kloof.

Note

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Floyd Sector

Obscured Wall

Crazy Diamond Tower

Metal Haven

Mirage Wall

Shine On Prow

Metal Gully



Obscured Wall



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Floyd Sector – Obscured Wall



20 min



1. Obscured by Clouds **** 20/6b [11B,C] *T. Lourens Aug 2023*
 2. Comfortably Numb **** 19/6a+ [9B,C] *T. Lourens Aug 2023*
 3. Dark Side of the Moon ***** 22/6c [9B,C] *T. Lourens Nov 2023*
- Some faith needed to stay on.
4. Pulse **** 25/7a+ [8B,C] *Hans n Hans Dec 2023*

Right variation is 25/7a+. Left variation is harder (open project)



5. Mother **** 21 [Trad,C]



FA: *G. Jacobs, HP. Bakker, T. Lourens July 2023*

An excellent route that will test your crack climbing skills.

Starts on the wooden platform and climbs the cracks at the back of a deep chimney.

1. 15m 14: Climb the obvious cracks at the back of the deep, wide chimney. Keep left and climb the narrower chimney to gain the awesome stance behind the huge block [Bolted anchor]

2. 25m 21: Step off the top of the block and climb up onto a platform. Move up to the short corner and layback strenuously up this to gain the sloping platform using some awkward manoeuvres. Continue with more awkward climbing to eventually reach the base of the long layback slit. Climb this (sustained) using a combination of laybacking, stemming, jamming and eventually chimneying to reach the bolted anchors at the top. A great journey!

6. Fearless **** 24/7a [16B,C] *G. Jacobs Aug 2023*

Starts from the wooden platform. **NB: 35m (70m rope)**

7. Stay *** 24/7a [14B,C] *G. Jacobs Aug 2023*

Starts on the right edge of the wooden platform. **NB: 35m (70m rope)**

Floyd Sector – Crazy Diamond Tower



20 min



1. Echoes ***** 21/6b+ [9B,C] *T. Lourens July 2023*
 2. Goodbye Blue Sky **** 18/6a [10B,C] *T. Lourens July 2023*
 3. Saucerful of Secrets **** 20/6b [13B,C] *T. Lourens July 2023*
 4. Welcome to the Machine ***** 20/6b [20B,C] *T. Lourens July 2023*
- NB: 35m (70m rope)**
5. Wish You Were Here ***** 21/6b+ [20B,C] *T. Lourens Aug 2023*
- NB: 35m (70m rope)**
6. Have a Cigar *** 19/6a+ [10B,C] *T. Lourens Sept 2023*

7. Another Brick in the Wall *** 17 [Trad,C]

FA: *T. Lourens, M. Beaumont Aug 2023*

A pleasant, moderate route that takes you all the way to the summit of the Crazy Diamond Tower.

Starts at the toe at the base of the right side of the tower.

1. 20m 17: Climb up the edge, above the toe, to a point where it steepens. Keep to the left and do some awkward moves up and left to gain the crack and ramp around the corner. Climb easily to the base of a beautiful crack in the open book recess. Climb this, then continue up to a sloping stance with bolted anchors.

1. 20m 12: Starting on the right, move up, then climb diagonally left over big blocks, to reach a wide horizontal break. Climb the slanting corner crack for a few metres, then continue over very easy ground to bolted anchors at the top of the tower.

8. Breathe **** 22 [Trad no anchors]

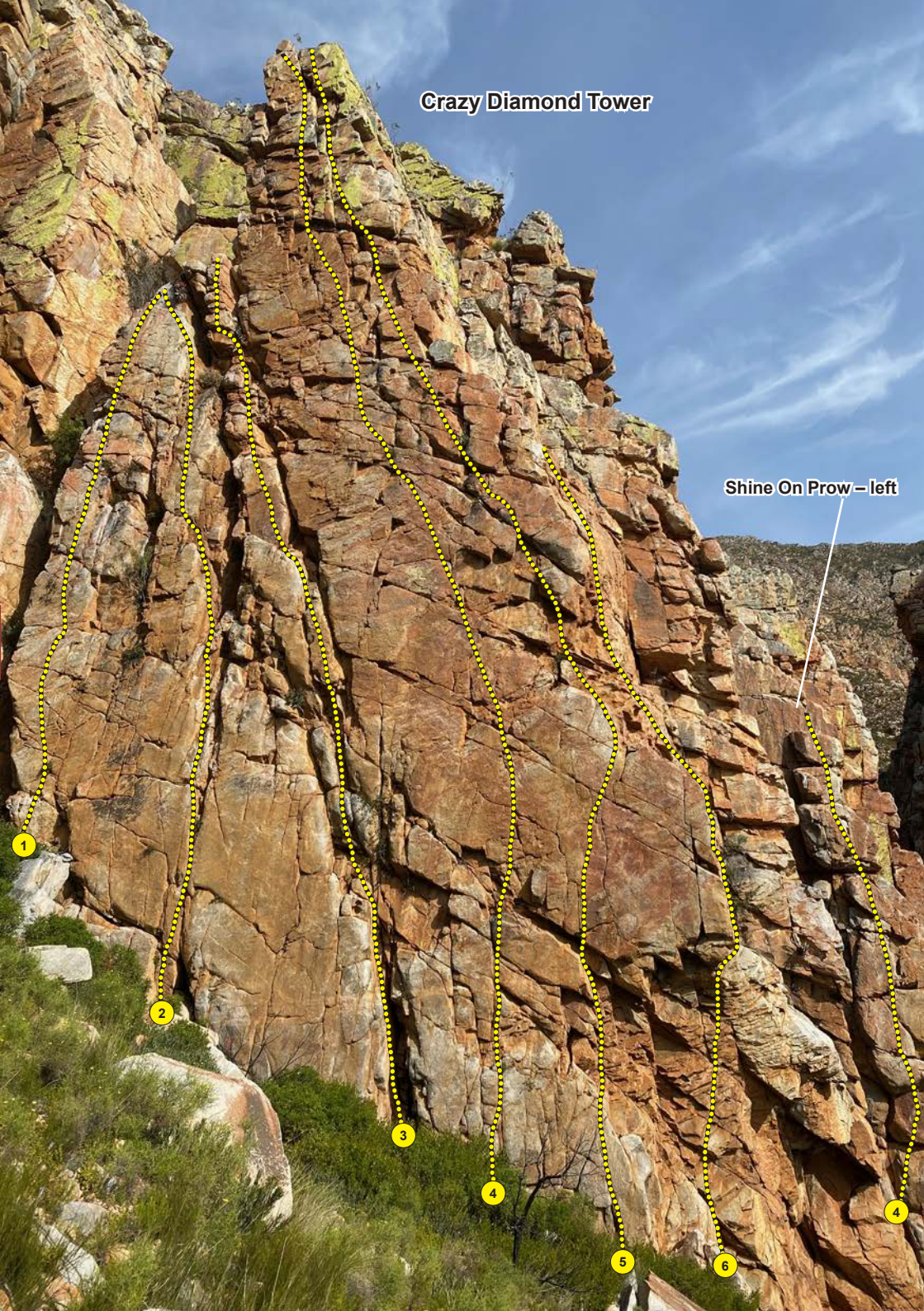
FA *Matt Robinson Feb 2024*

This route is on the back of the Crazy Diamond Tower. Scramble up the gully between the Crazy Diamond Tower and the Shine on Prow until you get to an obvious slab of rock.

1. 20m 22: Traverse left into a break, then follow the crack system diagonally up and right to the top of the tower.

Crazy Diamond Tower

Shine On Prow – left





20 min



The prow to the right of the Crazy Diamond Tower. Has a mix of sport and trad routes.

1. The Endless River ***

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[Trad, C]

FA: R. Halsey Nov 2023

Starts a little way to the left of the cleft.

1. **34m 17:** Climb the corner, then move right to some blocky terrain. Follow the arcing crack left and then easily up to the anchor.

2. The Division Bell ****

19

[Trad, C]

FA: R. Halsey Nov 2023

Starts just left of the cleft

1. **34m 19:** Climb a very straight line up the face, passing the large cream flake on the left, then continue up the right side of a face. Do a tricky move to gain a ledge, then go straight up to the anchor.

3. Sheep ***

16

[Trad,C]

FA: T. Lourens, HP. Bakker Sept 2023

A nice little corner climb with some surprises.

Starts beneath the deep cleft, below a big egg-shaped boulder

1. **20m 16:** Climb awkwardly onto the ledge and go around behind the big boulder to gain the start of the corner. Climb the corner staright to the top.

4. Pigs (3 Different Ones) ****

19/6a+

[8B,C]

T. Lourens Sept 2023

5. Dogs ****

18

[Trad,C]

FA: HP. Bakker, T. Lourens Sept 2023

Great crack and corner climbing.

Starts beneath the hanging creeper on the front of the prow.

1. **30m 18:** Nice crack climbing leads to an awkward move to gain the small ledge. Continue up, tending left, past the hanging creeper, to another ledge. Climb diagonally rightwards, over some blocks to the base of an open book and climb this and the corner above, then move up and around the corner to the right to a rock platform with a bolted anchor.

6. Empty Spaces ***

19/6a+

[13B,C]

T. Lourens Oct 2023

Keep out of the horrible off width near the beginning of the route. Loose rock!

7. Interstellar Overdrive ****

20/6b

[11B,C]

T. Lourens Oct 2023

8. The Wall ****

23/6c+

[11B,C]

J. Munk Oct 2023

Crazy Diamond Tower – right edge



Behind tower



Shine On Prow – left



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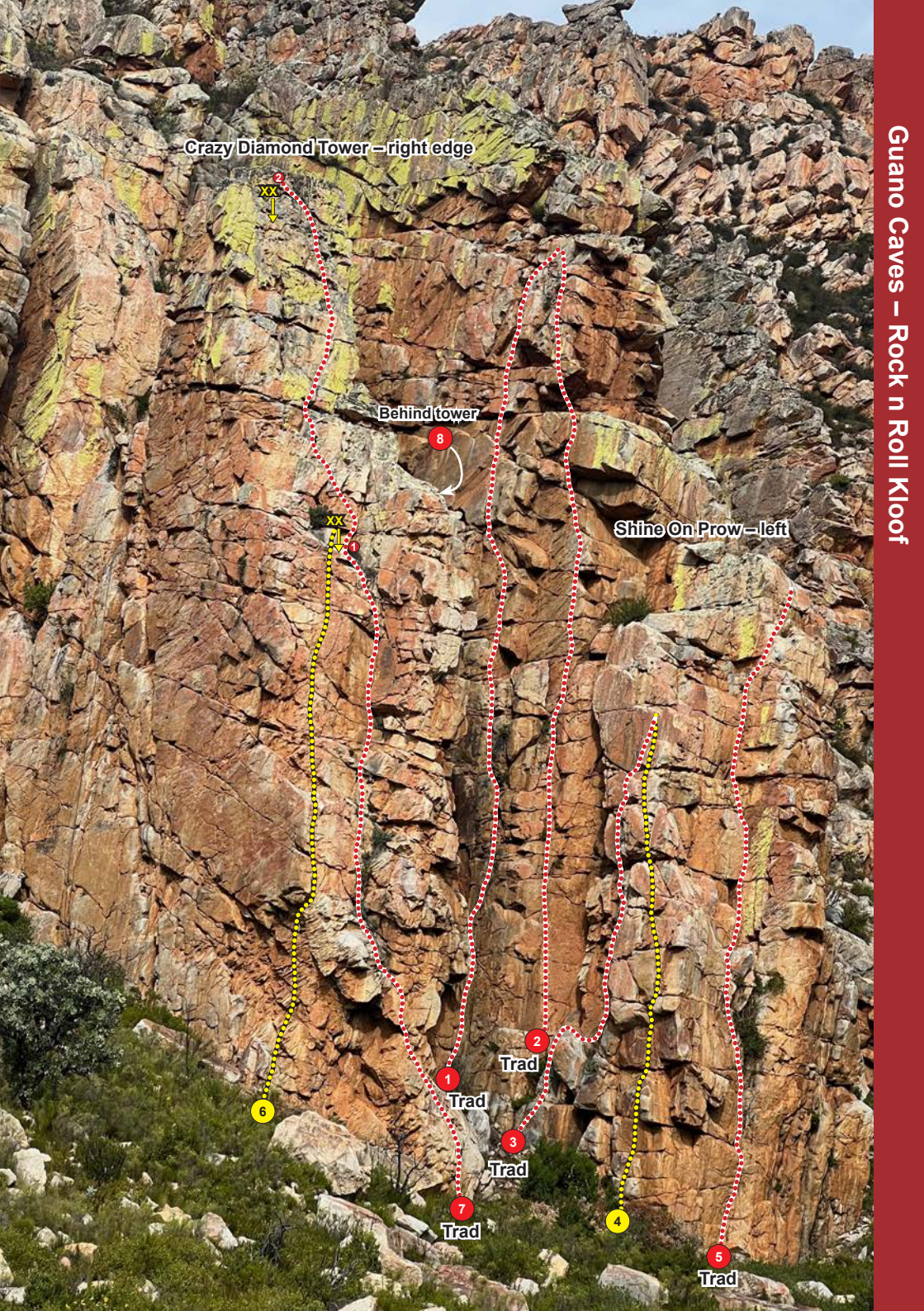
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Shine On Prow – Front



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Shine On Prow – Right

Mirage Wall

Metal Haven

Bass Camp Terrace

Metal Gully

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Mirage Wall



20 min



5 mins



Summer



Winter

Some excellent routes on the steep slab below and left of Metal Haven

Approach

As for Metal Haven

1. Super Twister ****	22/6c	[17B,C]	<i>T. Lourens Jan 2024</i>
A long and interesting journey. First move off the deck will be tricky (bouldery) for short people.			
2. The Snow Goose ***	23/6c+	[8B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler July 2024</i>
3. Mystic Queen		[7B,C]	<i>Closed project (E. Pelsler)</i>
4. Finger Tips ****	25/7a+	[8B,C]	<i>G. Jacobs May 2024</i>
5. Free Fall *****	26/7b	[8B,C]	<i>G. Jacobs June 2024</i>
6. Rain Dancers ****	21/6b+	[7B,C]	<i>T. Lourens June 2024</i>

Metal Haven



20 min



10 mins



Summer



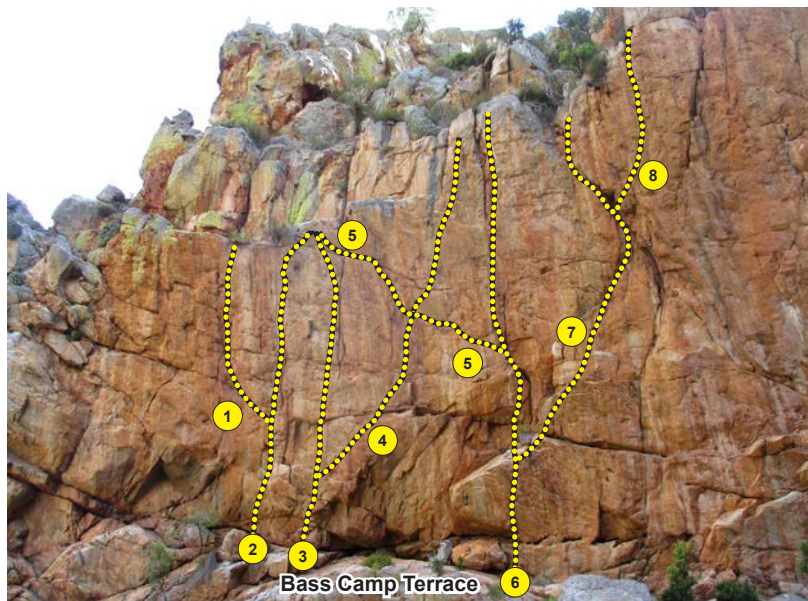
Winter

A beautiful steep wall at the top of Metal Gully. Bass Camp Terrace on the left makes a great chill out area.

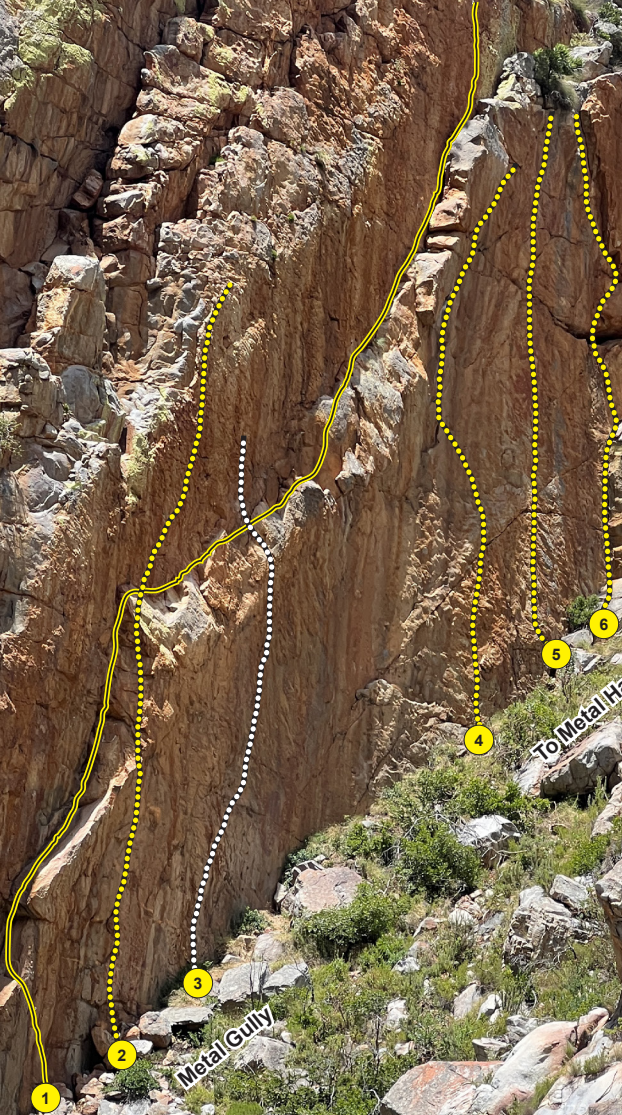
Approach

From the Shine On Prow, scramble up about 5 metres (rope and staples) between some large rectangular blocks. Then follow the path, below Mirage Wall, keeping up against the wall until you reach the crag with Bass Camp Terrace on the left.

Note: Safety warning!



Mirage Wall



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Metal Gully

To Metal Haven

Bass Camp Terrace

1. Blind Faith ***	22/6c	[5B,C]	<i>J. Temple-Forbes June 2024</i>
2. Come Out and Play ***	23/6c+	[5B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler March 2024</i>
3. Thunderstruck ***	23/6c+	[4B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler March 2024</i>
4. Metalito ***	23/6c+	[6B,C]	<i>M. Acosta June 2024 (BB. B. Theron)</i>
5. Crack Cocaine ***	21/6b+	[7B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler June 2024</i>
6. Enter Sandman ***	22/6c	[6B,C]	<i>B. Marx Nov 2023</i>
7. Nitro ***	21/6b+	[7B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler May 2024</i>
Shares first two bolts of <i>Sandman</i>			
8. Paradise City ***	23/6c+	[9B,C]	<i>E. Pelsler May 2024</i>
Splits off the 6th bolt of <i>Nitro</i>			

Metal Haven

1. The Beautiful People ***	23/6c+	[8B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Dec 2023</i>
2. Invincible ***	25/7a+	[10B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
3. Symphony of Destruction ****	27/7b+	[8B,C]	<i>Project</i>
4. Shadowkings ***	23/6c+	[8B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Jan 2024</i>
5. Last Ride of the Day ****	23/6c+	[9B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
6. Yukon ***	23/6c+	[11B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
Link-up from <i>Last Ride of the Day</i> into <i>Awake</i> , extra bolt indicates where to move right.			
7. Digital Bath ***	28/7c?	[10B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Dec 2023</i>
Link-up from <i>Awake</i> into <i>Last Ride of the Day</i> , extra bolt indicates where to move left.			
8. The Awakening ***	25/7a+	[11B,C]	
Easier version of <i>Awake</i> : includes the left crack at the start and uses the new left bolt at the third clip.			
8a. Awake ***	28/7c?	[10B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
Independent from <i>Last Ride of the Day</i> . Does not include the left crack, third clip directly above sloper.			
9. Honking Antelope ***	26/7b	[10B,C]	<i>B. Theron May 2024</i>
Follow the first three bolts of <i>The Awakening</i> , then climb right onto a pumpy stretch before a rest and the burly top crux.			
10. Addicted to Chaos ****	26/7/7b/+	[±12B,C]	<i>J. Temple-Forbes June 2024</i>
5 bolt link-up between <i>Antelope</i> and <i>Roam</i> .			
11. Take a Look Around ****	23/6c+	[10B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Jan 2024</i>
Arcs across the face and up to join <i>Wherever I May Roam</i> at its last bolt.			
12. Wherever I May Roam *****	28/7c	[9B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
Superb seam, gets progressively harder.			
13. Got the Life ****	24/7a	[12B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
14. Closed Project			<i>Closed project (J. Temple-Forbes)</i>
15. The Hunt ****	27/7b+	[12B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Dec 2023</i>
Awesome rock and wide variety of styles.			
16. Nice Boys Don't Play Rock n Roll ***	26/7b	[11B,C]	<i>D. Moolman June 2024</i>
Climb the flaring crack to join <i>The Hunt</i> at bolt 5. Stick clip second bolt advised.			
17. Ghost River ****	27/7b+?	[11B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
Slightly easier companion to <i>Devil's Dance</i> .			
18. Devil's Dance *****	28/7c	[10B,C]	<i>R. Halsey Nov 2023</i>
Brilliant! Needs brains and biceps. Scramble up two bolts (long slings advised) to the traverse start			
19. All Within My Hands *****	28/7c	[12B,C]	<i>J. Temple-Forbes March 2024</i>
Climb <i>Devil's Dance</i> till the 7th bolt. Don't clip this bolt but the next bolt to the right.			

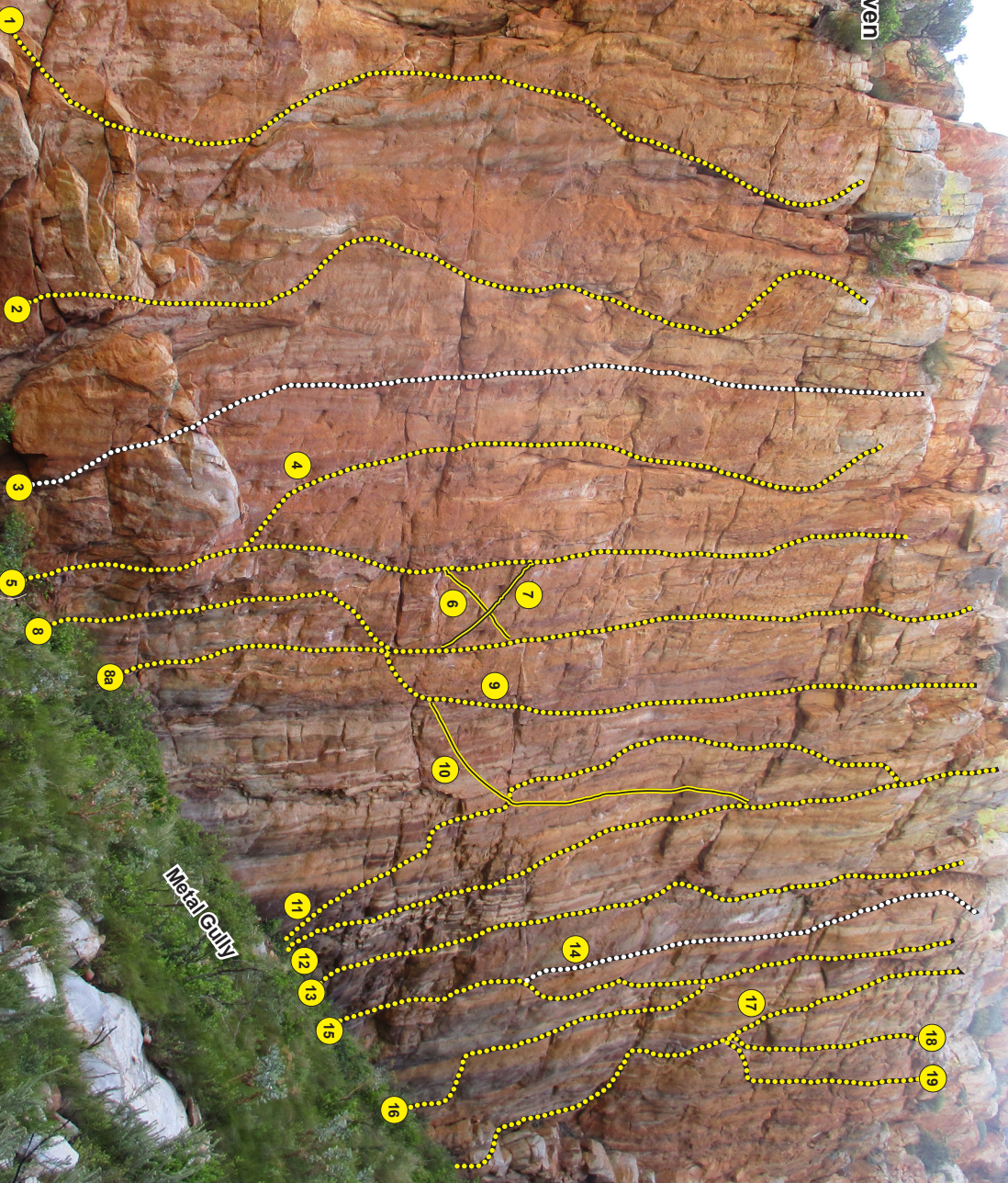
20. Symphony of Sickness **** 24 [Trad]

FA: *G. Bird, D. Le Roux April 2024*

At the very top of Metal Gully it steepens into a chimney on the right. On the right wall are two crack lines. *Symphony of Sickness* takes the right hand one, which splits a smooth white face at the top.

1. 20m 24: Start slightly left, curving right to the small roof, then follow the crack to a small ledge. Scramble off the back.

Metal Haven



Metal Grity

The Punk Wall



20 min



10 mins



Some nice moderate routes to warm up on for the steeper harder stuff opposite

Approach

As for Metal Haven. The face directly opposite the top section of Matel Haven.

1. Sex Pistols ***

19/6a+

[7B,C]

T. Lourens June 2024

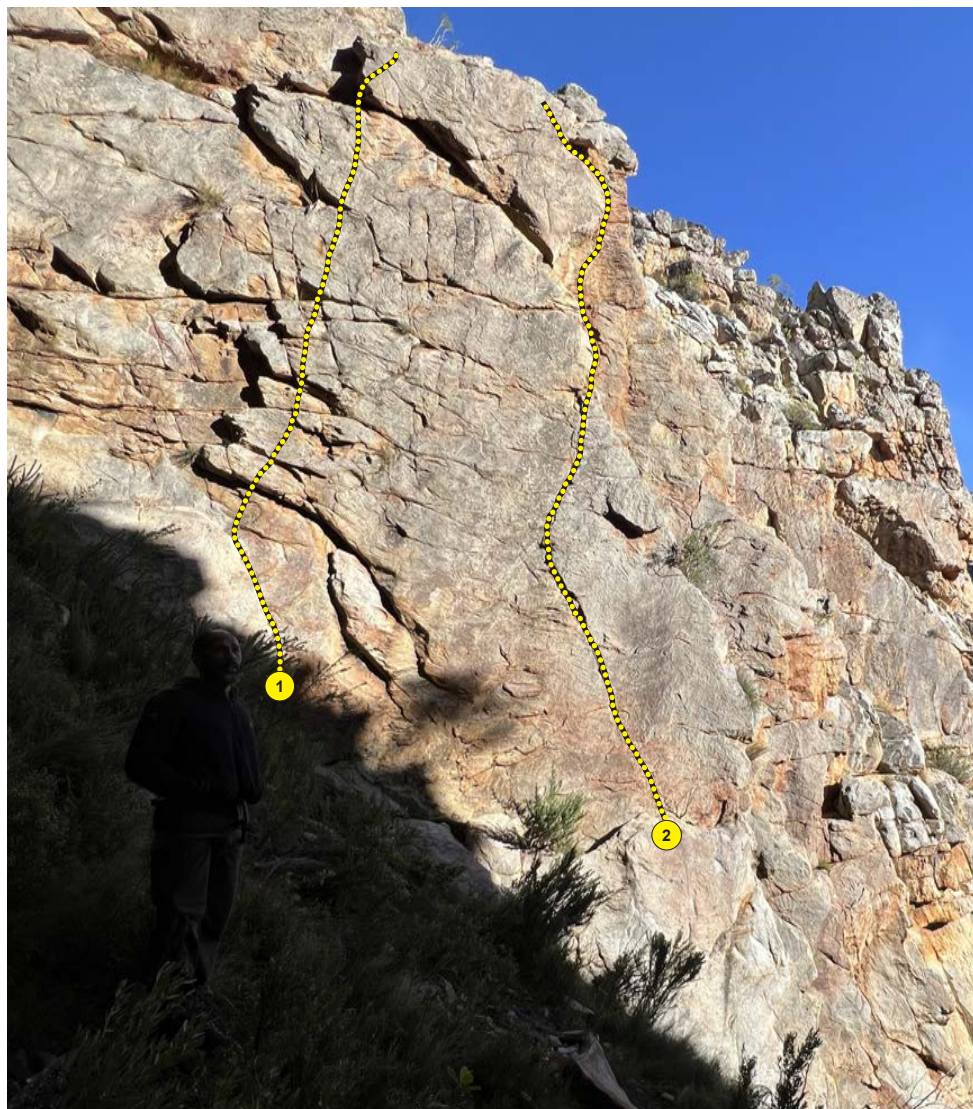
2. Stranglers ****

20/6b

[8B,C]

T. Lourens June 2024

Beautiful climbing, following the thin seam.



Wonder Wall



20 min



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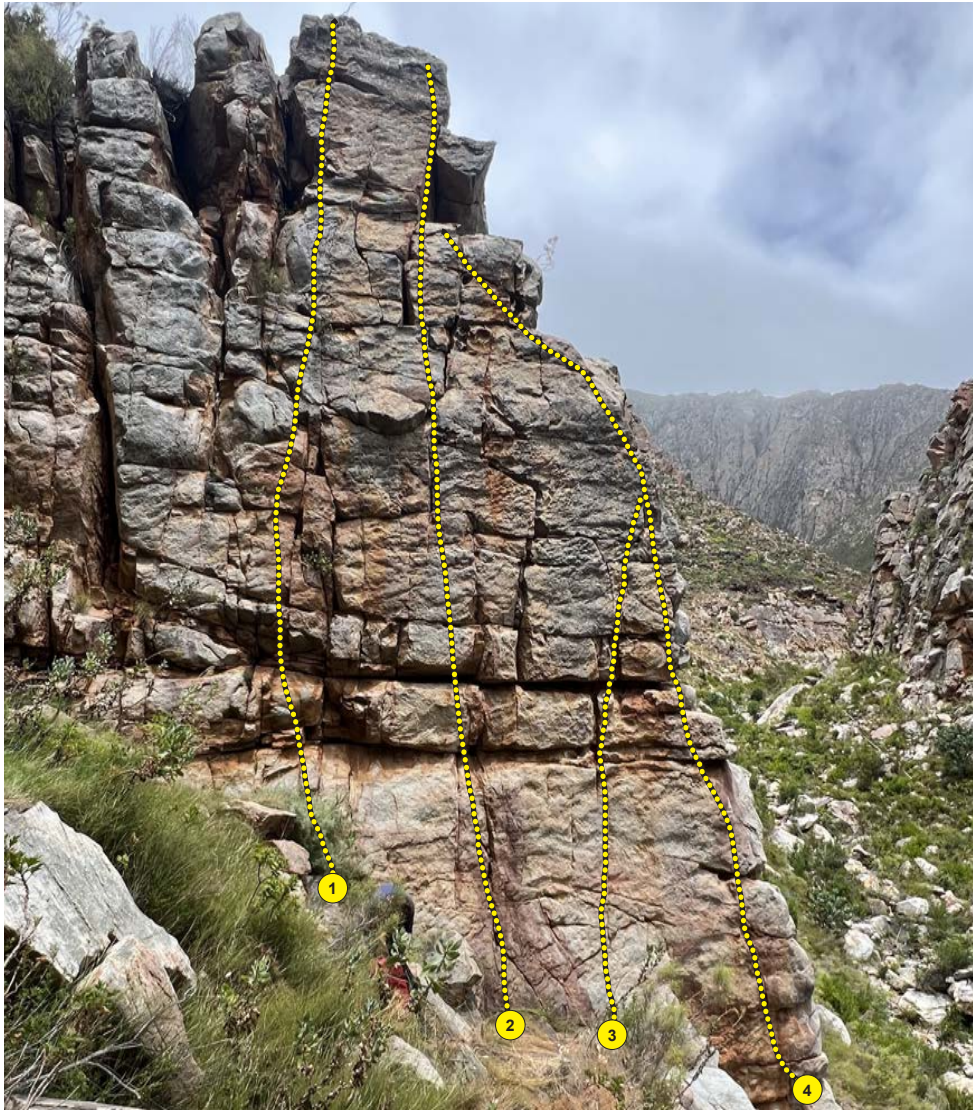


A short wall with some easier routes

Approach

Carry on up the kloof, passing Metal Gully. Boulder hop up the river bed, then up the slope on the left to reach the wall.

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| 1. Supersonic *** | 16/5b | [8B,C] | <i>M. Beaumont April 2024</i> |
| 2. Tangerine *** | 18/6a | [7B,C] | <i>C. Hovy Nov 2023</i> |
| 3. Gas Panic *** | 20/6b | [4B,C] | <i>G. Jacobs April 2024</i> |
| 4. Standing on the Shoulders of Giants *** | 15/5a | [6B,C] | <i>M. Beaumont April 2024</i> |



Yes Buttress



20 min



10 mins



A steep slab a little further up the kloof

Approach

As for Wonder Wall, but continue below that crag, across the slope and up to the crag.

1. Into the Lens ****

18/6a

[12B,C]

G. Jacobs, T. Lourens Jan 2024

2. Mirror to the Sky ****

24/7a

[15B,C]

J. Swinney 2024 (BB. C. Edelstein)



Raging Slab



20 min



20 mins



A steep impressive slab high up on the left of the kloof, giving good crack climbing

Approach

From Yes Buttress continue up the slopes diagonally right, until able to go up the the base of the slab.

1. Don't Dog Me **** 23? [Trad,C]

FA: Richard Halsey, Tony Lourens Feb 2024

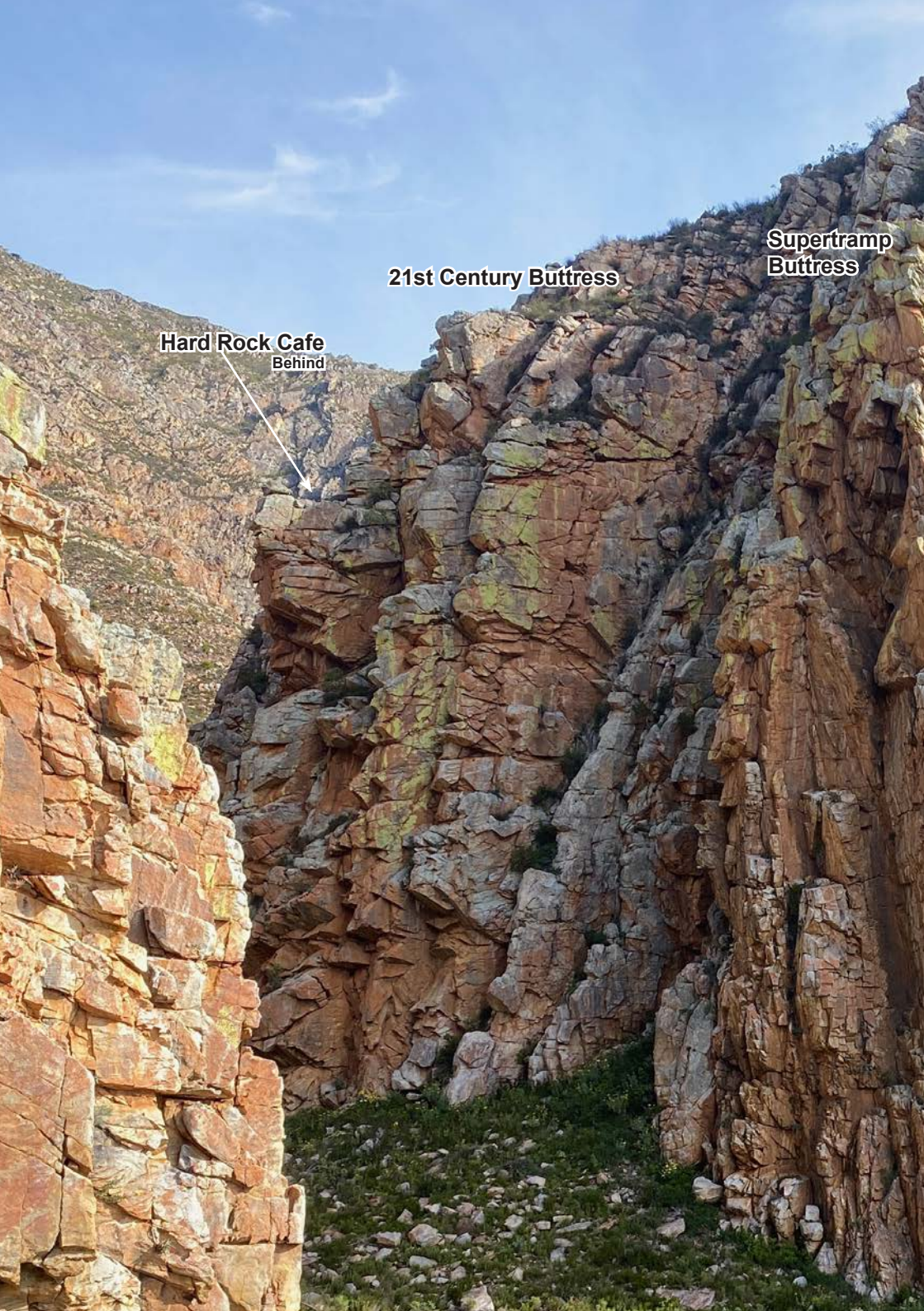
An excellent discontinued crack line with good gear. Harder than it looks.

Start: Takes the left break in the centre of the slab

1. 25m 23?: Step into the wide crack and climb the zig zag crack to reach a flared diagonal groove. Pull awkwardly into this and, once established, continue up the sustained finger crack to reach a big sloper. Make some awkward moves diagonally right to reach easier ground. Climb the edge of the flake above to the anchors on the wall on the right.

2. Project (Garvin Jacobs & Tony Lourens)





Hard Rock Cafe
Behind

21st Century Buttress

Supertramp
Buttress

Black Sabbath Fin



21st Century Buttress



20 min



5 mins



This buttress is the 50-metres-high bastion just to the left of the huge Supertramp Buttress.

1. Moonchild **** 19 [B,C]

FA: Garvin Jacobs, Tony Lourens, 29 March 2024

An excellent route with varied climbing.

Start: Just left of a long thin grey rib on the right-hand side of the buttress is a ramp system with a series of roofs, left of a narrow bushy gully. Start up the brown ramp just left of this ramp system.

P1: 22m 18 [9B,C], P2: 22m 19 [9B,C]

2. The Devil's Triangle *** 17 [Trad,C]

FA: Tony Lourens, Garvin Jacobs, 29 March 2024

A good route, worth doing. Offers some very interesting climbing. Pitch 2 is much better than it looks from the stance.

Start: On the left side of the grey ramp just right of *Moonchild*.

1. 20m 17: Step up in the crack, and follow the crack straight up the left side of the ramp and through a series of roofs. Traverse out left below the top roof and climb the wide crack/gully to gain the bolted stance at the top of a large grey flake. **Note:** The thick balancing flake on the right of the main flake wobbles a bit.

2. 25m 17: Step to the right and climb the chimney/gully by stemming and various other means, until you are high enough to step across onto the face. Move left and climb up past rails, using the last two bolts on *Moonchild*, to reach the bolted anchor.

Descent

Lower off the top pitch, then abseil the first pitch

3. Schizoid Man *** 21 [Trad,C]

FA: Garvin Jacobs, Tony Lourens, 3 March 2024

A committing route with some tricky climbing, dishing out sustained climbing on the headwall of pitch 2

Start: As for *The Devil's Triangle*.

1. 25m 21: Step up in the crack, then climb diagonally right over some slabs to the right edge of the ramp. Climb up through some small overlaps to reach a relatively comfortable standing place beneath the short 45 degree overhanging wall on the right of a roof. Arrange good gear here, then pull through awkwardly and strenuously to gain the short corner above the short wall. Step right to stand more easily. Move left, around the corner, then climb up, then right and up to a good stance with bolted anchors.

2. 25m 21: Climb the corner crack and lay away through the rooflets above. Staying left (to avoid some hollow flakes), climb up to below a small roof, then move hard right (awkward) to below the roof break. Pull though to gain the head wall and climb this (sustained and tricky), weaving around a bit to gain the bolted anchors at the top of the wall.

Note: Care should be taken in one or two places on pitch 2 in terms of the rock.

Descent

Lower off the top pitch, then abseil the first pitch

21st Century Buttress



Hollow flakes



Supertramp Buttress



20 min



5 mins



1. Crisis What Crisis **** 22/6c? [B,C]

FA: Tony Lourens, Garvin Jacobs Jan 2024

A striking route up the centre of the pillar, with pitch 2 pulling some nice roofof stuff.

Shares the start with *Breakfast in America*. Can be done in one long pitch, then lower off in two.

1. 25m 19/6a+ [12B,C]

2. 15m 22/6c? [7B,C]

2. Breakfast in America *** 18 [Trad,C]

FA: Tony Lourens, Garvin Jacobs 4 Nov 2023

A short pleasant route giving two pitches of good crack and corner climbing.

Start: About 20 metres up the slope, left of *Crime of the Century*

1. **20m 16:** Step off the boulder and climb fairly easily up and slightly right to the base of an inverted V break (very visible from the ground). Move up into the inverted V, then climb out on the right and continue to a small ledge. Move around the corner to the right and climb the break to another ledge, then move up to a bolted stance on a square platform.

2. **20m 18:** Climb the corner crack straight above the stance to a small ledge. Continue straight up the corner to below a sizable roof, then do some awkward shenanigans to gain the sloping ledge to the left. Pull up and right onto the undercut face, then climb straight up to anchors on the left.

Note: If you want to add a third pitch, then finish upon the final pitch of *Crime of the Century*.

Descent

Abseil back down the route (2 abseils) OR Abseil down *Crisis What Crisis* (2 x 20m abseils)

3. Asylum ** 18 [Trad,C]

FA: Richard Halsey, Elle Pelsler 2Jan 2024

Start: Between *Breakfast in America* and *Crime of the Century*

1. **25m 18:** From the top of blocks, follow the crack (sometimes forced a bit to the left) to a ledge. Step to the left and use the short corner crack to gain next ledge. Abseil from the bolts on right.

4. Crime of the Century **** 19 [Trad,C]

FA: Tony Lourens, Richard Halsey, Rachel Strate 24 May 2023

The very first route in Rock n Roll Kloof. Takes a striking line up a series of corners up the middle of the first towering buttress on the right side of the kloof. Great corner and crack climbing with good gear.

Start: At a cairn below the cleanest corner leading to the big ledge above

1. **15m 16:** Climb the corner making an awkward move near the top the gain the ledge. Move to the highest part of the ledge directly below where it steepens at the foot of the next big corner.

2. **25m 18:** Stem, jam and layback up the corner for about 20 metres to below a nasty-looking dark off width crack up to the right. Step left onto a friendly slab and move up and to the left to a rock platform stance with bolted anchors.

3. **20m 19:** From the left side of the platform, climb the steep corner, via more stemming, jamming and laybacking to reach an obvious bulge at about 15 metres. Move left and up to a ledge with bolted anchors.

4. **30m 16:** Climb up the rampy boulder, then the corner on the left and continue to the base of a clean short recessed corner. Climb this to a bouldery ledge, then move left and up to the top of a huge boulder. Climb the next huge boulder to the ledge above with bolted anchors.

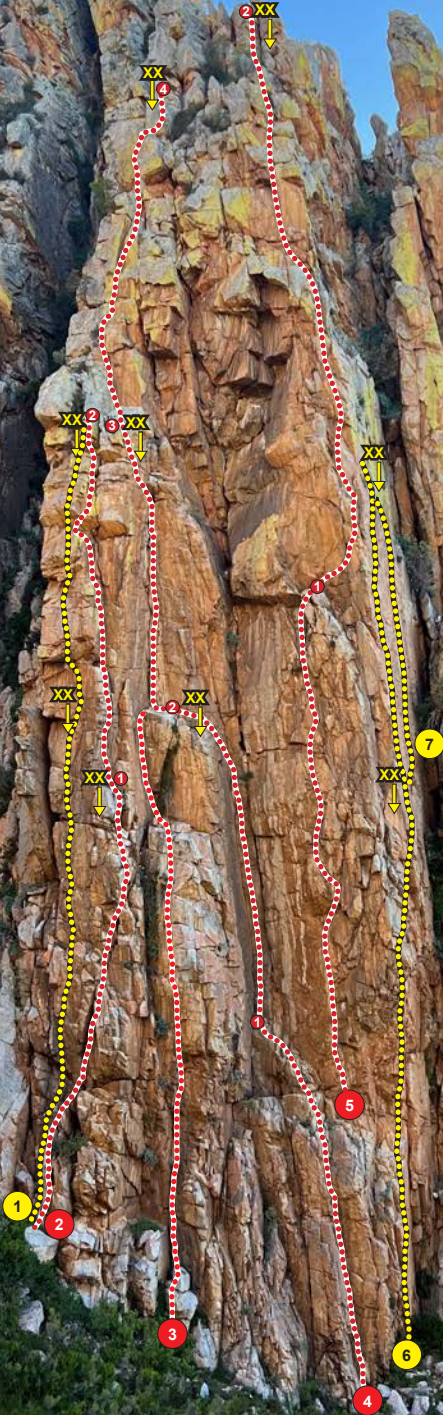
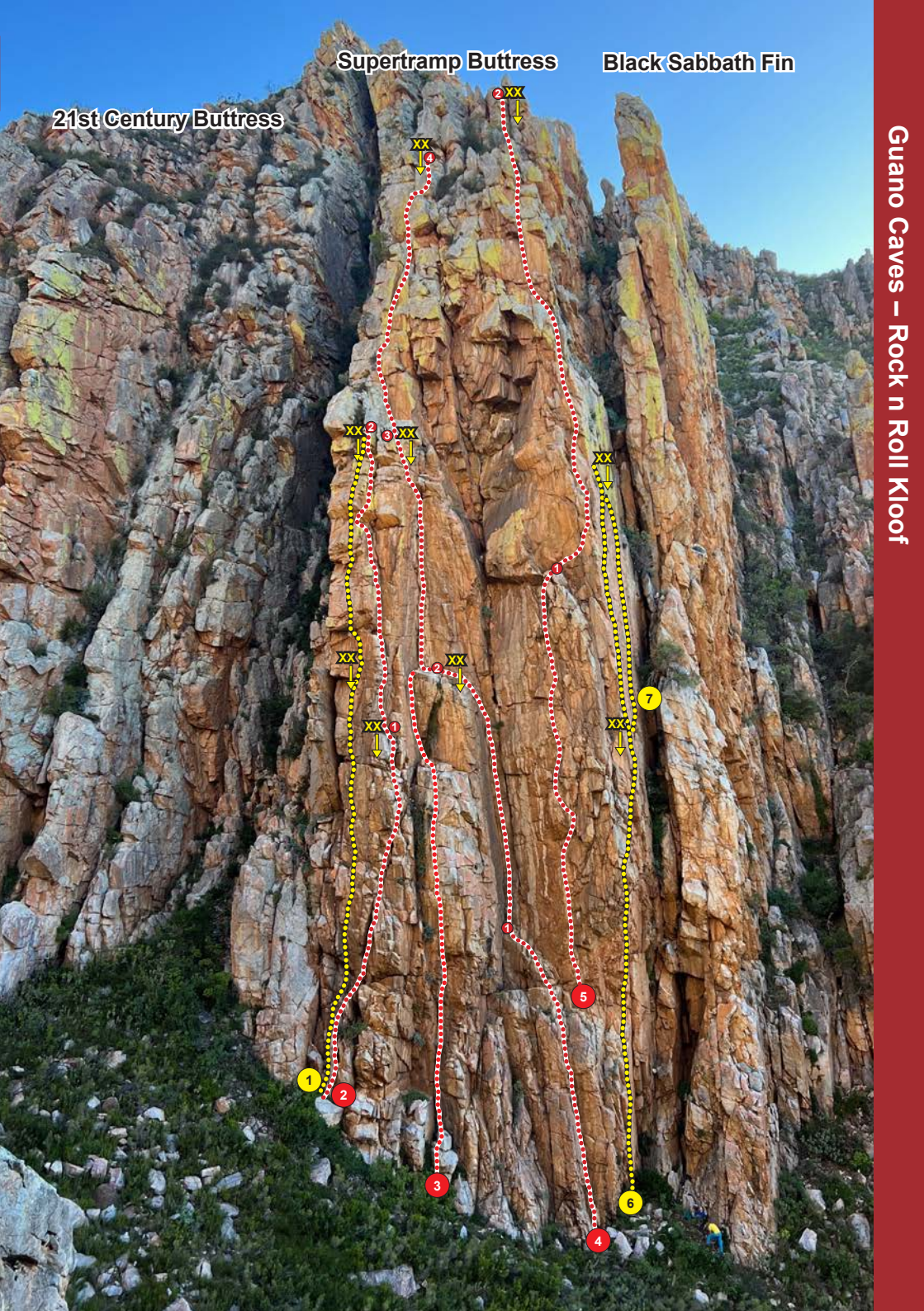
Descent

3 abseils on a single 60 m rope. Pitch 1 and 2 abseiled in one 30m abseil.

Supertramp Buttress

Black Sabbath Fin

21st Century Buttress



5. Babaji * 21 [Trad,C]**

FA: Charles Edelstein, David Webster March 2024

FFA: Charles Edelstein March 2024

The route takes the steep wall to the right of *Crime's* corner system

Start: as for *Crime of the Century*

1. 15m 16: Climb the corner making an awkward move near the top the gain the ledge – first pitch of *Crime of the Century*.

2. 35m 21: Step down to the right and climb the crack system for 35 m to stance on white blocks (no bolted anchor). The holds seem dodgy in places but the gear is excellent.

Note: Make sure nobody is below you at ground level in case you pull off a hold.

3. 25m 19: Move to the arête and climb this for about 20 metres, until above the lower overhangs, then head left to do a crank through the final overhang to a bolted anchor.

Descent

One long rap with double 60 m ropes gets you to a short scramble to ground level

6. Dreamer ** 22/6c [B,C]**

FA: Bernie Theron Jan 2024

A nice adventure route, with a runout top pitch. Can be done in one long pitch with an 80m rope, or lower off in two with a shorter rope.

1. 30m 22/6c [12B,C]

2. 18m 19/6a+ [6B,C]

7. Child of Vision ** 23/6c+ [B,C]**

FA: Bernie Theron March 2024

A wild and delicate journey. Best done in one long pitch with an 80m rope, or lower off in two with a shorter rope.

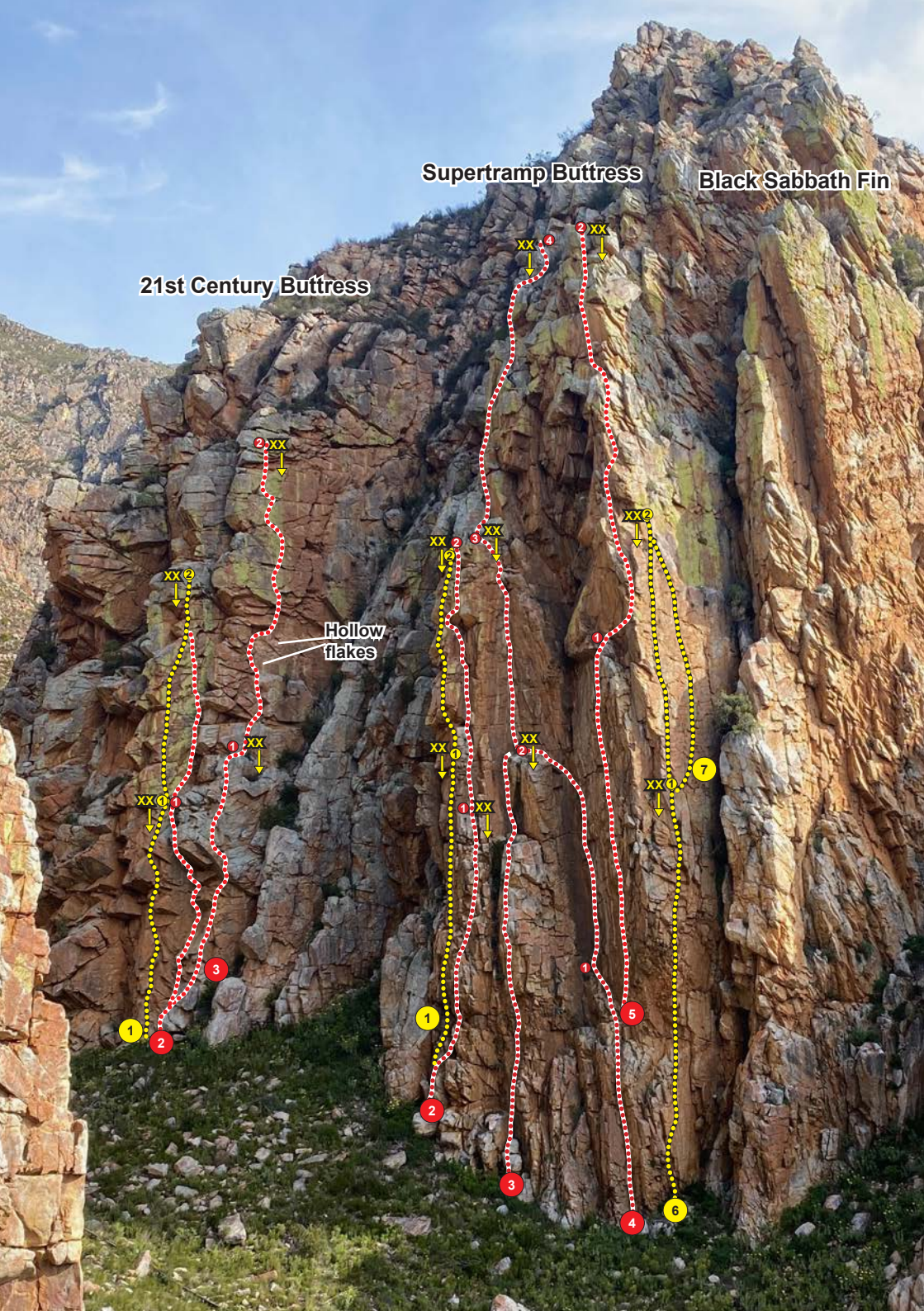
1. 30m 22/6c [12B,C] First pitch of *Dreamer*.

2. 18m 23/6c+ [8B,C]

Supertramp Buttress

Black Sabbath Fin

21st Century Buttress



Hollow flakes



Black Sabbath Fin



20 min



5 mins



The Black Sabbath fin is a remarkable rock buttress just to the right of the Supertramp buttress. Remarkable because of the stellar trad routes it has delivered with unmatched variety, on mostly excellent rock and bomber protection. It rises over 100 metres at its highest point and is very trad friendly. The routes are super steep and can be done in 3 or 4 pitches with just two abseils required to descend, or one if you forfeit the last pitch to the top of the pinnacle.

1. Iron Man **** 21 [Trad,C]

FA: P 1 and 2 Charles Edelstein, Amber De Dekker, P 3 Charles. Edelstein, David Webster,
P 4 Charles. Edelstein March 2024

Climbs the very front of the fin pretty much from ground to the top of the pinnacle.

Start: At the base of the front of the fin

1. 35m 18: Climb the front of the fin and do an airy exit out right where it gets overhanging. Move up left and then back out right on to the arête, then climb to the tree and easily up to a good stance at the base of the crack.

2: 35m 21: Climb the crack, starting with jams, then laybacks and finger locks to where it runs out. Exit left and up to a good ledge below a face covered in green lichen. Balance up on the right arête, then step left onto the face and climb on jugs to a bolted anchor on a good ledge.

3: 20m 19: Walk 10m to the back of the ledge system and climb the layback crack to where it steepens. Head to the right arete on jugs and swing on to it to find yourself in a carpet of green lichen. Move up and back left and then easily to the top of the pinnacle.

Descent

Abseil 20m from the thread tat that may be replaced in due course to the next bolted anchor.

2. Heaven and Hell **** 21 [Trad,C]

FA: P 1 Charles Edelstein, P 2 Charles Edelstein, Willem Le Roux
P 3 left version Charles Edelstein, Mark Straughan March 2024

As for *Iron Man*, this route is ideal practice for crack climbing. Good gear and interesting moves, including one of the most problem solving off-widths you can do.

Start: From the base of the fin walk up the vegetated gully to the right for about 12 metres to where it flattens. Start below the obvious easy recess.

1. 50m 19: Climb the heavenly stacks of cracks by following the easiest line, gradually diagonally up and right to gain the red dihedral. Stance here at 42m or continue further to the offwidth. Traverse left to stance on a ledge below the green lichen-covered face.

2. 10m 21: Book your ticket for the highway to hell and shimmy up the offwidth. It is super funky and not actually strenuous. It takes imagination to move upwards but 2 large cams (# 4 or 5) means you effectively top rope it so not scary at all. The pitch finishes at the bolted anchor on *Iron Man*.

3. 20m 19: Walk 10m to the back of the ledge system and climb the lay back crack to where it steepens. Head to the right arete on jugs and swing on to it to find yourself in a carpet of green lichen. Move up and back left and then easily to the top of the pinnacle. This pitch is shared with *Iron Man*. OR alternatively:

3. 25m 18: Climb the layback crack to the overhang and instead of heading right to the arête, easily walk out left and ascend the flakes all the way to the back of the pinnacle and then to the top. Careful rope management is needed to avoid drag.

3. Paranoid *** 21 [Trad,C]

FA: Charles Edelstein, Mark Straughan March 2024

Start: From *Heaven and Hell*, scramble up another 15 metres to a flattish spot against the face.

1. 45m 21: Climb up to where the angle eases and head for a small white pinnacle against the face to the right of some dodgy looking rock. Step on to the pinnacle, then use the crusty juggy holds carefully to move left and establish yourself on good foot holds at the keyed in flake that has been tested. Do tricky moves up to easier ground, then climb more or less straight up to the base of a crack and stance.

2. 15m 18: Climb up to the left of the crack on crusty juggy rock to stance below the base of the pinnacle.

3. 20-25m 19 or 18: Climb the right (preferably) or left version to the top of the pinnacle.

Heaven

Black Sabbath Fin

Supertramp Buttress



The Ring



20 mins



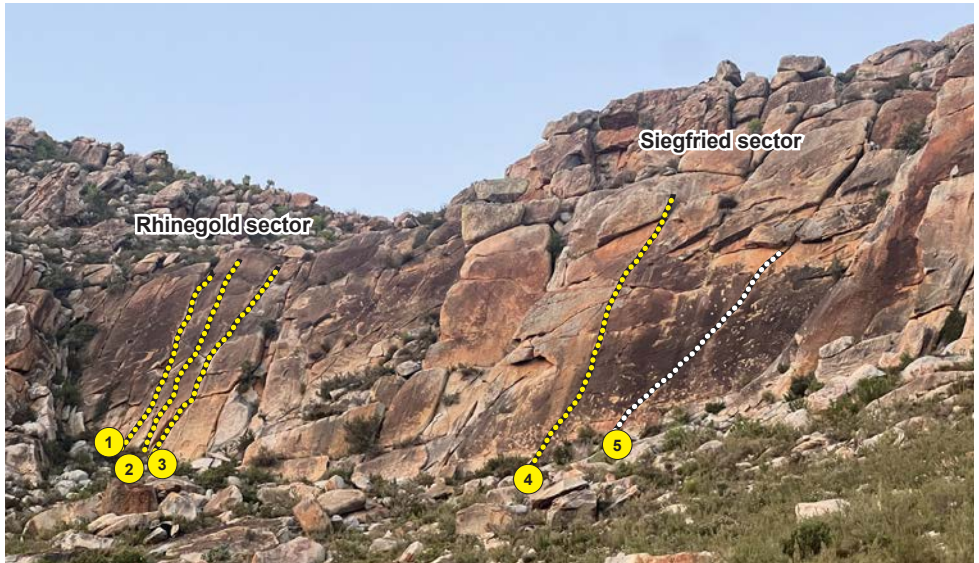
The Ring, named after Wagner's 15-hour musical drama, *Der Ring Des Nibelungen*, is the series of steep dark slabs/faces directly above the car park. Has a slew of good routes, developed mainly by Hans-Peter Bakker. Gets the sun most of the day, so not ideal for summer, except for late in the day, when it goes into the shade. Works during winter, or on heavily overcast days.

Approach

From the car park, walk up the dead end road heading toward the slabs. From the top of the road, pick up cairns on the right and follow the line of cairns (and some path) to the base of the crag.

The Ring



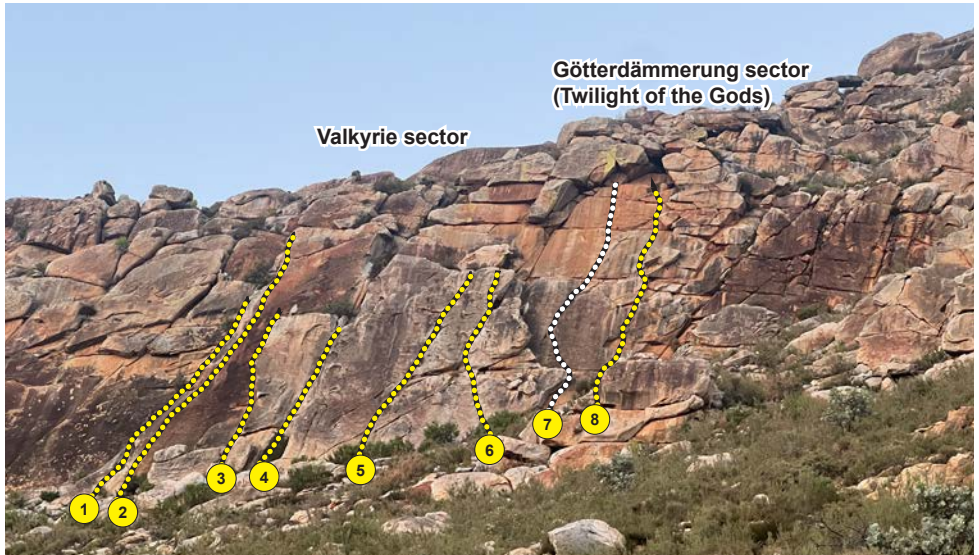


Rhinegold sector

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| 1. Fasolt **** | 19/6a+ | [10B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| 2. Freia **** | 20/6b | [11B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| 3. Fafner **** | 18/6a | [11B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |

Siegfried sector

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| 4. Dragon Blood **** | 20/6b | [14B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| 5. Ring of Power **** (project) | 23/6c+? | [10B,C] | <i>Closed Project (T. Lourens)</i> |



Valkyrie sector

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| 1. The Magic Sword **** | 19/6a+ | [14B,C] | <i>T. Lourens June 2024</i> |
| Get your slab game ready for this one. | | | |
| 2. The Valkyrie **** | 21/6b+ | [14B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| Wonderfully sustained, with some tricky cruxes. A 70-metre rope is advisable. | | | |
| 3. Beef with Wotan **** | 19/6a+ | [8B,C] | <i>F. Bakker 2024</i> |
| 4. Fricka's Surprise **** | 18/6a | [9B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| 5. Rock with Brünnhilde ***** | 21/6b+ | [13B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |
| Excellent and sustained climbing | | | |
| 6. Fingering Loge **** | 22/6c | [12B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |

Götterdämmerung sector

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| 7. Rhinemaiden's Gold (project) | | | <i>Closed project (HP. Bakker)</i> |
| 8. Castle Gibichung **** | 21/6b+ | [12B,C] | <i>HP. Bakker 2024</i> |

