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Introduction

Montagu is a town of immeasurable beauty and character, situated about 180 km from Cape Town, on the border of the Breede River Valley and the Klein Karoo, surrounded by impressive mountains.

It is the crucible of sport climbing in the Western Cape and one of the premier climbing areas in the country. It also boasts a huge amount of excellent and varied trad climbs, from single pitch to long multi-pitch routes up to eight pitches long.

Just recently, in the last few years, Montagu climbing went through a renaissance of sorts, after a new kloof was discovered at Guano Caves Resort a few kilometres out of town. Since 2023, Rock n Roll Kloof (as it has been called), has seen an inordinate amount of development by several active bolters, resulting in well over 100 sport routes been opened and also 30 to 40 trad routes. The rock and the climbing is of an excellent quality and the fact that the crags and buttresses face in all directions, makes it climbable at any time of day and any time of year. In fact RnR (as it has become known), has become arguably the most popular climbing venue in the Western Cape (if not the country) over the last few years. Most weekends you will find 30 to 40 climbers enjoying the wonderful climbing on offer there.

Besides all the new shenanigans going on in Rock n Roll Kloof, over the past four years other areas and crags have also had some new developments. And these have also been included in this PDF guide.

Why a PDF guide? Well, new route development is still unfolding at an alarming rate and although I realised that an updated guide was sorely necessary, I also knew that as soon as it was printed, it would be out of date. With the PDF version, I can keep the guide up to date with new developments, and all you need to do is download the updates PDF from time to time.

To help me keep the guide current at all times, please send in your new route info (preferably with a topo pic with line drawn on) to tony@samountain.co.za

Besides the climbing and lekker vibe, the town boasts a range of incredible coffee shops, eateries, art galleries, museums, gardens and even its own Odeon movie house. And of course, there is an abundance of beautiful wine farms scattered right across the famous and scenic Route 62 on all sides of Montagu, ready and waiting, with delicious lunch menus and award winning wines.

Either way, if you are looking for a place with great climbing, excellent country-town living, scrumptious food, outstanding wines, friendly people and beautiful vistas in every direction, then you simply have to put Montagu on your destination list. And do not plan a one or two day stay! You will be sorely disappointed. Plan for a week or longer. You will not regret it.

But be warned, Montagu loves to take prisoners. It can capture your heart very easily and quite often never lets go. Many people have come to Montagu for a holiday and have ended up living there. I know, my wife and I are two such inmates. And we are definitely not planning on escaping . . . ever!

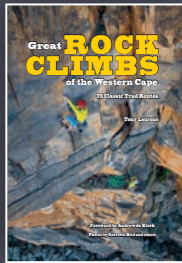
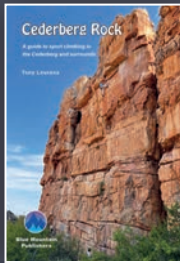
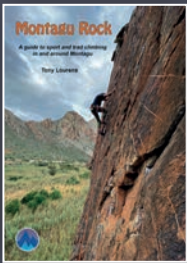
About this guide

Please note: This updated guidebook does NOT replace the original Montagu Rock guidebook published in 2022, but is rather a supplemental update. A guide to all the new stuff. In fact you will still need the current guidebook for all relevant information regarding access, navigation around the crags and climbing areas of Montagu, reference the symbols, all lots of other info.

As with Montagu Rock, lines in yellow depict sport routes and ones in red depict trad climbs.



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The Farm on R62

Originally discovered by Hermie Venter, this great set of crags and walls has loads of potential for single- and multi-pitch routes (sport and trad) across a large grade spectrum. Owned by climbers, this is a very friendly venue that has some excellent sport routes, as well as a handful of good trad climbs. Already one of the better venues for moderate grade climbing, the addition of the wooden platforms beneath the Black Slab Sector, has made this area even more family friendly, and with a little more development this venue could well become one of Montagu's more popular climbing areas.

Access

Privately owned by climbers, Jason Hayden and Jennifer Hsieh, who very kindly allow climbing on their land. But before you go climb there please email thefarmroute62@gmail.com. You will get an automatic reply with the combination to the gate before the cottages, and it also helps them keep track of who and how many people are climbing on their land.

Please keep the waterways and surrounding areas clean, as the land owners get their drinking water from the kloof. There are toilets at the white cottages, as you arrive, so please use these before going up to the crag. For more info go to www.thefarmroute62.co.za.

Bolting

Please check with the owners before bolting anything. There are also many trad routes at this venue, so check and double check that you are not drilling someone's trad line.

How to get there • Park

From the corner of Cross and Long Street on the outskirts of town on the Barrydale side of Montagu, follow the R62 for 6 kilometres to reach Guano Caves on the right. Another 1.4 kilometres further you will come to a gate on your right with a sign saying 'The Farm R62'. Enter the gate, turn left immediately (do NOT go straight) and follow the rough road around, veering right, until you reach a gate (with combination lock). Once through the gate, carry on past some small cottages, and continue along, passing the huge stone house, to reach a small parking area at the end of the road.

Approach

From the car park follow the path parallel to the fence, through an open roped gateway and continue along, through a dry riverbed. Carry on with the path that veers up to the left, up the gradual slope to an elevated plastic water tank. The Farm Crag is directly in front of you, a little higher up the slope. For further approach information from the water tank, see topo on opposite page and check under individual crags.





16/5b



17/5c

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Black Slab Sector



25 min



NE facing

A great introduction to some excellent slab climbing. And the addition of the wooden platforms at the base of the crag, makes this a very popular venue.

Approach

From The Farm Crag, walk right, along the base of the rock, to reach the platforms and the crag.

1. Swart Spotted Gecko ***	16/5b	[4B,C]	<i>R. Marshall Oct 2025</i>
2. Black Widow ***	17/5c	[6B,C]	<i>T. Lourens Oct 2025</i>
3. Black Little Sheep ***	16/5c	[6B,C]	<i>R. Marshall Oct 2025</i>
4. Cafe Nero ***	15/5a	[8B,C]	<i>T. Lourens Oct 2025</i>
5. Pink is the New Black ***	16/5b	[8B,C]	<i>H. Venter 2014</i>
6. Black Sparrow ***	15/5a	[9B,C]	<i>H. Venter 2014</i>
7. Black Pearl ***	16/5b	[8B,C]	<i>H. Venter 2014</i>
8. The Flying Dutchmen ***	16/5b	[8B,C]	<i>J. Hayden 2014</i>
9. Lekker soos 'n Cracker ***	17/5c	[B,C]	<i>H. Venter 2014</i>
P1. 25m 17/5c [10B,C]; P2. 28m 16/5b [11B,C]			
10. Black Flags in The Sunset ***	19/6a+	[8B,C]	<i>J. Hayden 2014</i>
11. Black Magic Woman ***	20/6b	[11B,C]	<i>T. Lourens 2016</i>

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35 min

NE facing

A huge pile of stepped slabs, which yields far better climbing than what one would expect from first impressions. Pitch 2 of *Trinity* is particularly fine.

Approach

From the water tank, walk up to the The Farm Crag, then head left, along a sometimes vague path, and then up the kloof for a few minutes, until it becomes apparent where one can leave the path and cross the riverbed to gain the slopes beneath the slabs. Scramble up for a little while till you see the bolts of the first pitch of *Trinity*.

1. Reeperbahn **** 22/6c [14B,C] J. Lawson 2019 (NB >30m)

Climb the first pitch of *Trinity* to gain the ledge. Follow the ledge to the left, past *Trinity*'s second pitch, then scramble further up to the start of the route.

2. Trinity **** 21/6b+ [B,C] H. Venter May 2016

A great multi-pitch route. Pitch 2 is superb.

P1. 25m 18/6a [11B,C]; P2. 25m 20/6b [12B,C]; P3. 20m 21/6b+ [11B,C]

Descent: Abseil straight down the route

3. Ascension **** 19 [Trad] I. Janez, W Boshoff July 2016

Start: Beneath *Trinity*'s first pitch

1. 25m (18/6a) [11B,C]: Climb the first pitch of *Trinity* to gain the ledge.

2. 32m (19): Five metres to the right of *Trinity*'s second pitch is a diagonal crack with a large tuft of grass growing at its top. Climb the crack, and two metres from the top, step left into the pod and pull into a crack going diagonally right at its top. Climb the crack and thin face from the top of the crack up to an open book stance.

Note: Small cams and nuts are needed on the face, but you can escape left onto *Trinity* if necessary.

3. 15m (18): Climb the open book, then step right and go up to the top of the blocks.

Note: Difficult to build a good stance here. Rather place a directional and walk across to the top anchors of *Trinity*.

Decent: Abseil down *Trinity*

4. Legless Bird **** 22/6c [B,C] H. Venter 2024

Start: as for *Trinity*

P1. 25m 18/6a [11B,C] This is the first pitch of *Trinity*; P2. 25m 21/6b+ [12B,C]; P3. 20m 22/6c [11B,C]

Descent: Abseil straight down the route

TOPO LINE ON PHOTO STILL TO COME



35 min



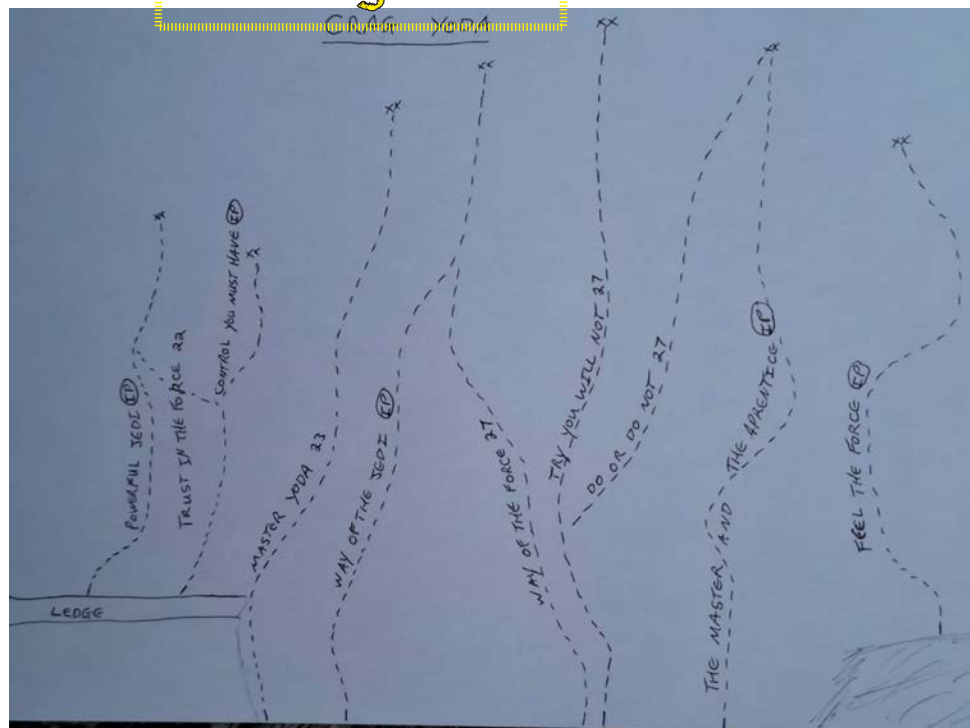
A short steep wall near the top of the kloof, high up on the left

Approach

At the very top of the kloof?

1. Powerful Jedi ***	26/7b	[6B,C]	Justin Arendse 2025
2. Trust in the Force ***	22/6c	[5B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes 2025
3. Control You Must ***	IP	[?B,C]	Closed
4. Master Yoda ***	23/6c+	[?B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes 20?
5. Way of the Jedi ***	IP	[?B,C]	C. Patience closed
6. Way of the Force ***	27/7b+	[?B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes 2004
7. Try You Will Not ***	27/7b+	[?B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes 2004
8. Do or Do Not ***	27/7b+	[?B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes 2004
9. The Master and the Apprentice ***	IP	[?B,C]	Closed
10. Feel the Force ***	IP	[?B,C]	Closed

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Whisper Wall

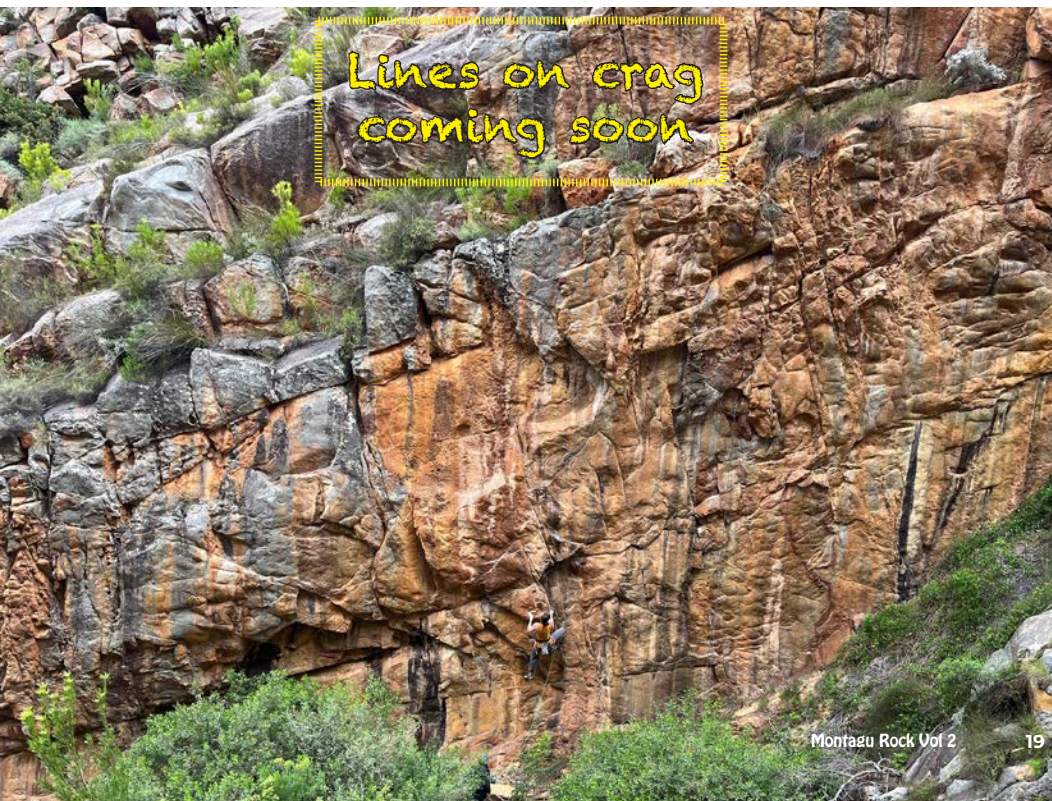


A short steep wall right up past the end of the kloof

Approach

At the very top of the kloof, past the Awestruck Sectors, follow the kloof around to the left. After a short while the crag will be on your left.

1. Cartwheels in Paradise ****	26/7b	[5B,C]	H. Venter 2024
2. The Naked Bushman ****	24/7a	[6B,C]	H. Venter 2023
3. Boerkini Lounge ****	25/7a+	[7B,C]	H. Venter 2023





Guano Caves Resort

Introduction

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 and bar, great for after climbing snacks and beer, etc. Please support them! It also has some of the best climbing in the whole of the Montagu area and indeed the Western Cape.

Behind the resort lie the mountains which make up the long Sarahrivier Ridge, and cut into these mountains are a series of deep rocky kloofs (valleys). Two of these kloofs are on the property of Guano Caves and contain an inordinate amount of beautiful hard sandstone, sculptured for rock climbing.

The left-hand kloof (Guano Cave Kloof) has had some trad climbing development on the Main Wall going back about 15 years, and more recently a few sport routes were added to a smaller crag closer to the parking and even more recently more trad routes were added.

The right-hand kloof (Rock n Roll Kloof) was only developed recently, but has proved to be a real gem with regards to the quality of the rock, the routes and the excellent diversity of the crags and the climbing.

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. For more information and to book accommodation please visit www.montaguguanocave.co.za or call 023 100 2972. Please read the Code of Conduct, as prescribed by the owners.

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

Bolting

See under individual kloofs for specific information

How to get there • Park

From the corner of Cross and Long Street on the outskirts of town on the Barrydale side of Montagu, follow the R62 for 6 kilometres to reach Guano Caves Resort on the right. At the entrance gate, pay and sign an indemnity. Refer to the individual kloofs for directions to the parking.



Roland Graf on the classic *Welcome to the Machine* (20/6b). Photo: Tony Lourens.

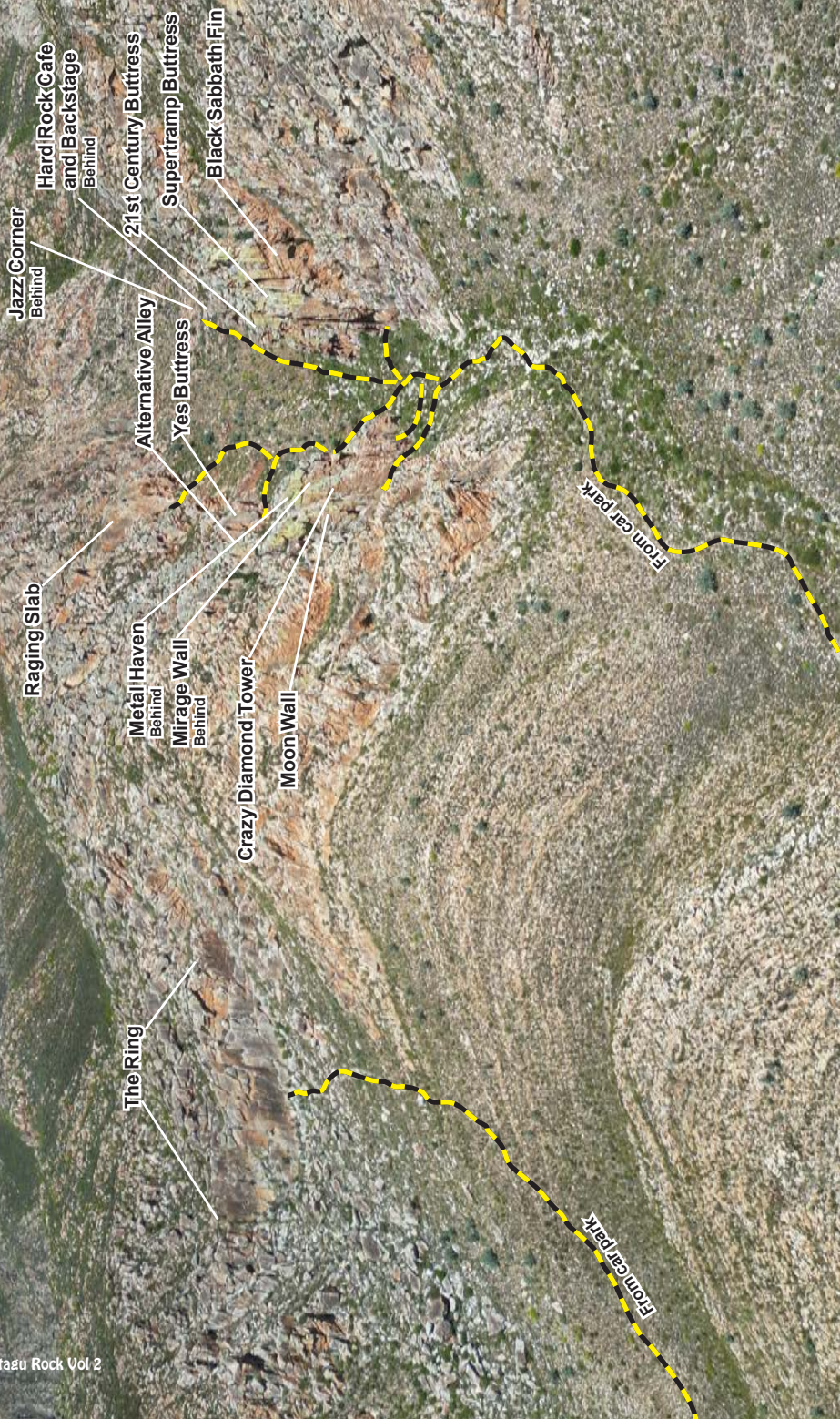
Guano Caves Rock Climbing

Code of Conduct

We welcome rock climbing in the Guano Caves Resort, but there are just a few simple rules that need to be adhered to

1. Entrance fee - R50: This is a special discounted rock climbing day pass rate, that entitles you to climb on the property, but NOT to the swimming facilities. If you want to swim, please go to the restaurant reception and pay a nominal fee.
2. Complimentary pass holders must ensure that all passengers in their cars pay the allocated entrance fee.
3. Strictly NO DOGS or other pets allowed to be brought on the property.
4. Leave all gates as you find them.
5. No open fires.
6. Please ablute sensibly and take out all toilet paper.
7. Remove all litter (including finger tape, etc).
8. Please keep to the designated access roads and parking areas.
9. For Guano Caves original kloof, please DO NOT use the tractor road, but rather the designated road and parking space for that area.
10. NO BOLTING on the Main Wall. This is historically a trad wall and due to the heritage status of the cave, it has been decided to keep that wall as such. Bolting on other walls is all good.
11. NO CLIMBING at all within 10 metres either side of the Cave.
12. Please DO NOT approach or enter the cave for any reason. Entrance is only allowed with the on site heritage guide.

Rock'n Roll Kloof – overall view



Rock n Roll Kloof

Rock n Roll Kloof was 'discovered' by Tony and Patsy Lourens one day about 5 years ago, while exploring some local kloofs for future potential. It was put on the back burner for a few years, until Tony, Richard Halsey and Rachel Strate went back and opened *Crime of the Century*, on the magnificent Supertramp Buttreass in May 2023. Since then lots of development, by several protagonists, has taken place on the various crags and walls and Rock n Roll has evolved very quickly into Montagu's premier climbing area, sporting over a 100 bolted routes from grade 16/5b to 29/7c+ and over 30 trad routes up to four pitches long from grade 17 to 24. Almost all the routes are of a high quality and well worth doing.

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Please read the Code of Conduct, as prescribed by the owners.

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

From the entrance gate 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.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL GATES AS YOU FIND THEM.

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 and into the kloof.

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 in the vicinity of The Crazy Diamond Tower. For Metal Haven and Mirage Wall continue a little further up then go left up Metal Gully. The huge Supertramp Buttreass is directly opposite on the right side of the kloof. Hard Rock Cafe is just beyond that on the right

Note

Please send all new route info to tony@samountain.co.za. This will help me keep the topo up to date.

Rock n Roll Kloof – left side





Alternative Alley

Raging Slab

Yes Buttress

Wonder Wall
Behind

Weezers Sector



1. The Vibe Never Dies ***

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[Trad]

FA: C. Edelstein and E. February 2026

The route climbs the tower directly opposite the Floyd Sector, to the left of *Dope Nose*.

1. **15m 14:** Climb the short crack, traverse slightly right, then continue up to belay at the base of the prominent corner.

2. **18m 17:** Climb the corner, then trend left into the next corner to a belay.

3. **18m 14:** Scramble up before traversing left to a recess. Follow this to the top of the tower

Descent: Abseil from a bolt to the ground. Double ropes necessary.

2. Dope Nose ***

22/6c

[9B,C]

G. Jacobs Aug 2024

Floyd Sector – Moon Prow



20 min



3. Not now John ****

21/6b+

[17B,C]

J. Alexander, T. Lourens May 2025 [trad], (BB J. Alexander)

4. Careful With That Axe Eugene ****

21/6b+

[9B,C]

T. Lourens May 2025





Moon Wall

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Crazy Diamond Tower

Floyd Sector – Moon Wall



20 min



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| 1. Obscured by Clouds **** | 20/6b | [11B,C] | T. Lourens Aug 2023 |
| 2. Any Colour You Like **** | 21/6b+ | [16B,C] | G. Jacobs June 2025 |
| 3. Comfortably Numb **** | 19/6a+ | [9B,C] | T. Lourens Aug 2023 |
| 4. Dark Side of the Moon ***** | 22/6c | [9B,C] | T. Lourens Nov 2023 |

Some faith needed to stay on.

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| 5. Pulse **** | 25/7a+ | [8B,C] | Hans n Hans Dec 2023 |
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Right variation is 25/7a+. Left variation is harder (open project)

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| 6. Space Cadet *** | 17/5c | [4B,C] | J. Alexander May 2025 |
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| 7. Mother **** | 21 | [Trad,C] | |
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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!

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| 8. Fearless **** | 24/7a | [16B,C] | G. Jacobs Aug 2023 |
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Starts from the wooden platform. **NB: 35m (70m rope)**

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| 9. Stay *** | 24/7a | [14B,C] | G. Jacobs Aug 2023 |
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Starts on the right edge of the wooden platform. **NB: 35m (70m rope)**

Floyd Sector – Crazy Diamond Tower



20 min



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| 1. Echoes ***** | 21/6b+ | [9B,C] | T. Lourens July 2023 |
| 2. Point Me to the Sky **** | 20/6b | [11B,C] | R. Marshall May 2025 |
| 3. Goodbye Blue Sky *** | 18/6a | [10B,C] | T. Lourens July 2023 |
| 4. Saucerful of Secrets **** | 20/6b | [13B,C] | T. Lourens July 2023 |
| 5. Welcome to the Machine ***** | 20/6b | [20B,C] | T. Lourens July 2023 |
| NB: 35m (70m rope) | | | |
| 6. Wish You Were Here **** | 21/6b+ | [20B,C] | T. Lourens Aug 2023 |
| NB: 35m (70m rope) | | | |
| 7. Have a Cigar *** | 19/6a+ | [10B,C] | T. Lourens Sept 2023 |

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| 8. Another Brick in the Wall *** | 17 | [Trad,C] | |
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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.

2. 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.

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| 9. Breathe **** | 22 | [Trad no anchors] | |
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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.

Descent: Abseil down *Another Brick in the Wall*

Crazy Diamond Tower

Shine On Prow – left





Caro Dent tip toeing up
Dark Side of the Moon (22/6c).
Photo: Tony Lourens.



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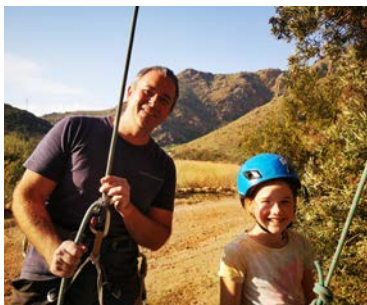
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20 min



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

1. The Endless River ***

17

[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

9. Leah ***

23/6c+

[7B, C]

D. van Zyl Sept 2024

Crazy Diamond Tower – right edge

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Behind tower

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Shine On Prow – left

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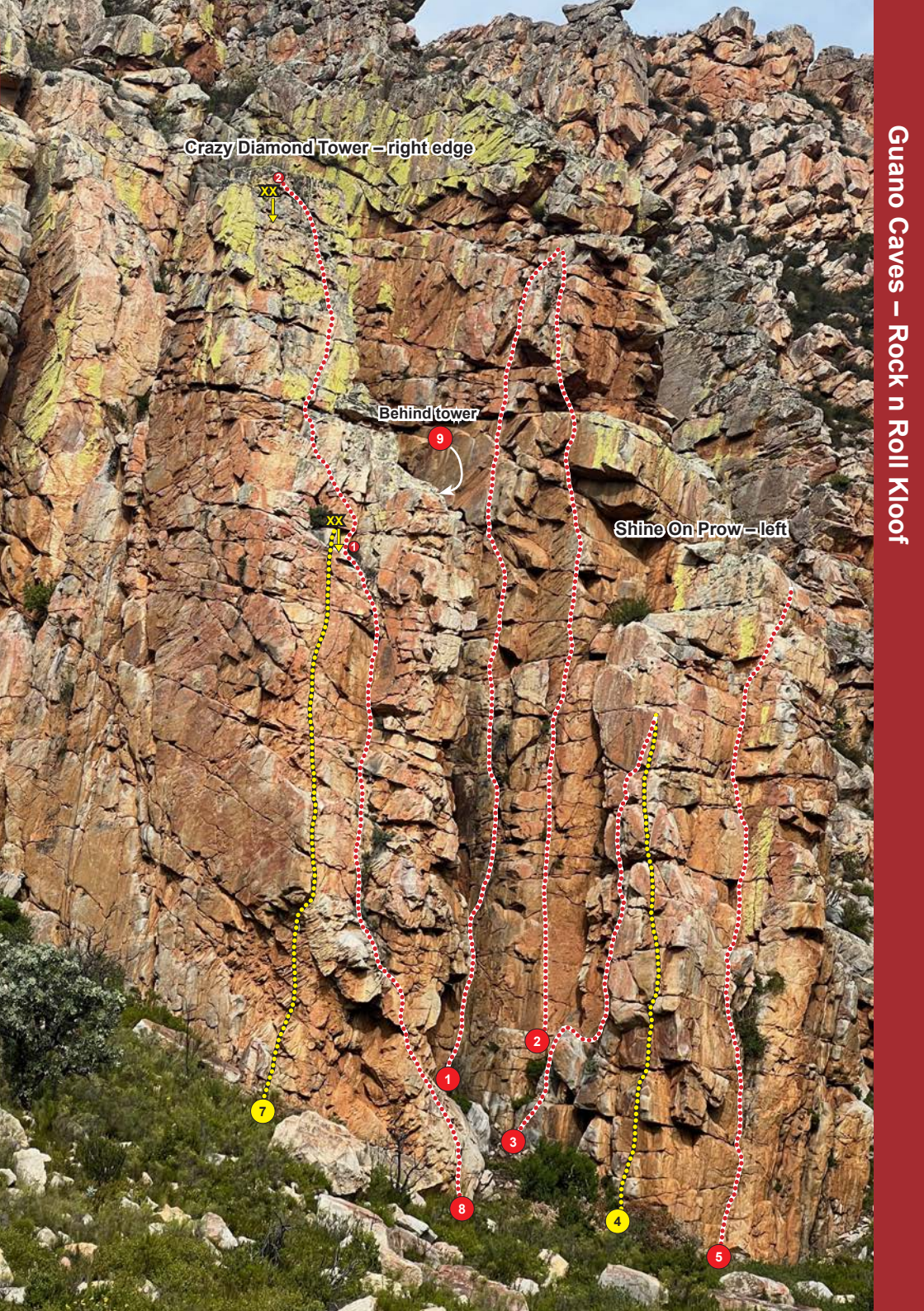
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Shine On Prow – Front





Tony Lourens on the first ascent of *Super Twister* (22/6c). Photo: Patsy Lourens.

Mirage Wall



20 min



5 mins



Summer



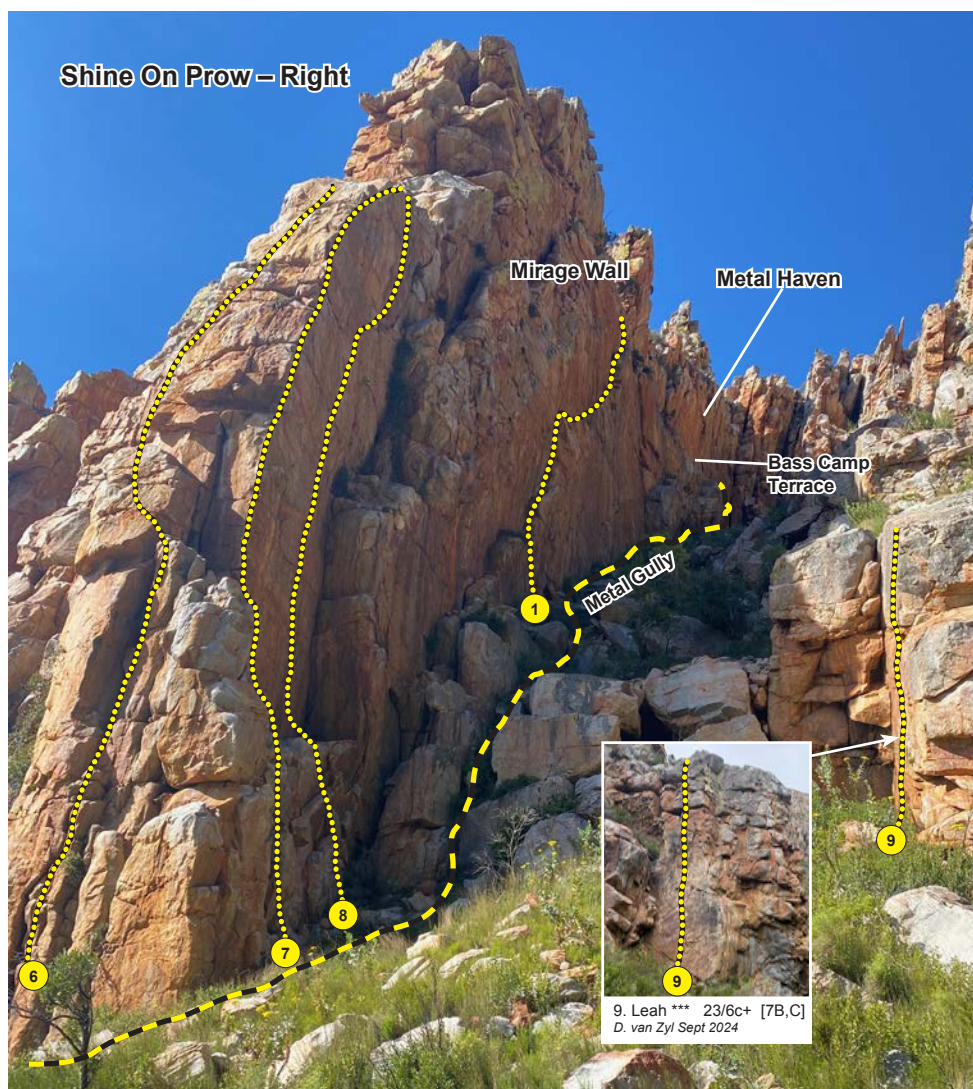
Winter

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]	T. Lourens Jan 2024
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]	E. Pelsier July 2024
3. Mystic Queen ***	28/7c	[7B,C]	M. van Dorssen 2024
4. Buffalo Wings ****	25/7a+	[5B,C]	J. Temple Forbes May 2025
5. Finger Tips ****	25/7a+	[8B,C]	G. Jacobs May 2024
6. Free Fall *****	26/7b	[8B,C]	G. Jacobs June 2024
7. Rain Dancers ****	21/6b+	[7B,C]	T. Lourens June 2024





Bass Camp Terrace



20 min



10 mins



Summer



Winter

A short, steep crag just left and below the Metal Haven Wall, at the top of Metal Gully. Makes for 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!

Metal Gully is steep and loose in places. Care should be taken when scrambling up the gully.

Bass Camp Terrace

1a. Kiss the Dirt ***	??	[5B,C]	Closed project J. Temple-Forbes
1. Blind Faith ***	22/6c	[5B,C]	J. Temple-Forbes June 2024
2. Come Out and Play ***	23/6c+	[5B,C]	E. Pelser March 2024
3. Thunderstruck ***	23/6c+	[4B,C]	E. Pelser March 2024
4. Metalito ***	23/6c+	[6B,C]	M. Acosta June 2024 (BB. B. Theron)
5. Crack Cocaine ***	21/6b+	[7B,C]	E. Pelser June 2024
6. Enter Sandman ***	22/6c	[6B,C]	B. Marx Nov 2023
7. Nitro ***	21/6b+	[7B,C]	E. Pelser May 2024
Shares first two bolts of Sandman			
8. Paradise City ***	23/6c+	[9B,C]	E. Pelser May 2024
Splits off the 6th bolt of Nitro			
9. Base Vocals (finish on Nitro) **	22/6c	[7B,C]	R. Terblanche Sept 2025
10. Base Guitar (finish on Paradise) ****	24/7a	[9B,C]	R. Terblanche Sept 2025





Dave Webster on *Stairway to Heaven* (25/7a+). Photo: Craig Turvey.



20 min



10 mins



Summer



Winter

A beautiful steep wall at the top of Metal Gully. Above and to the right of Bass Camp Terrace.

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.

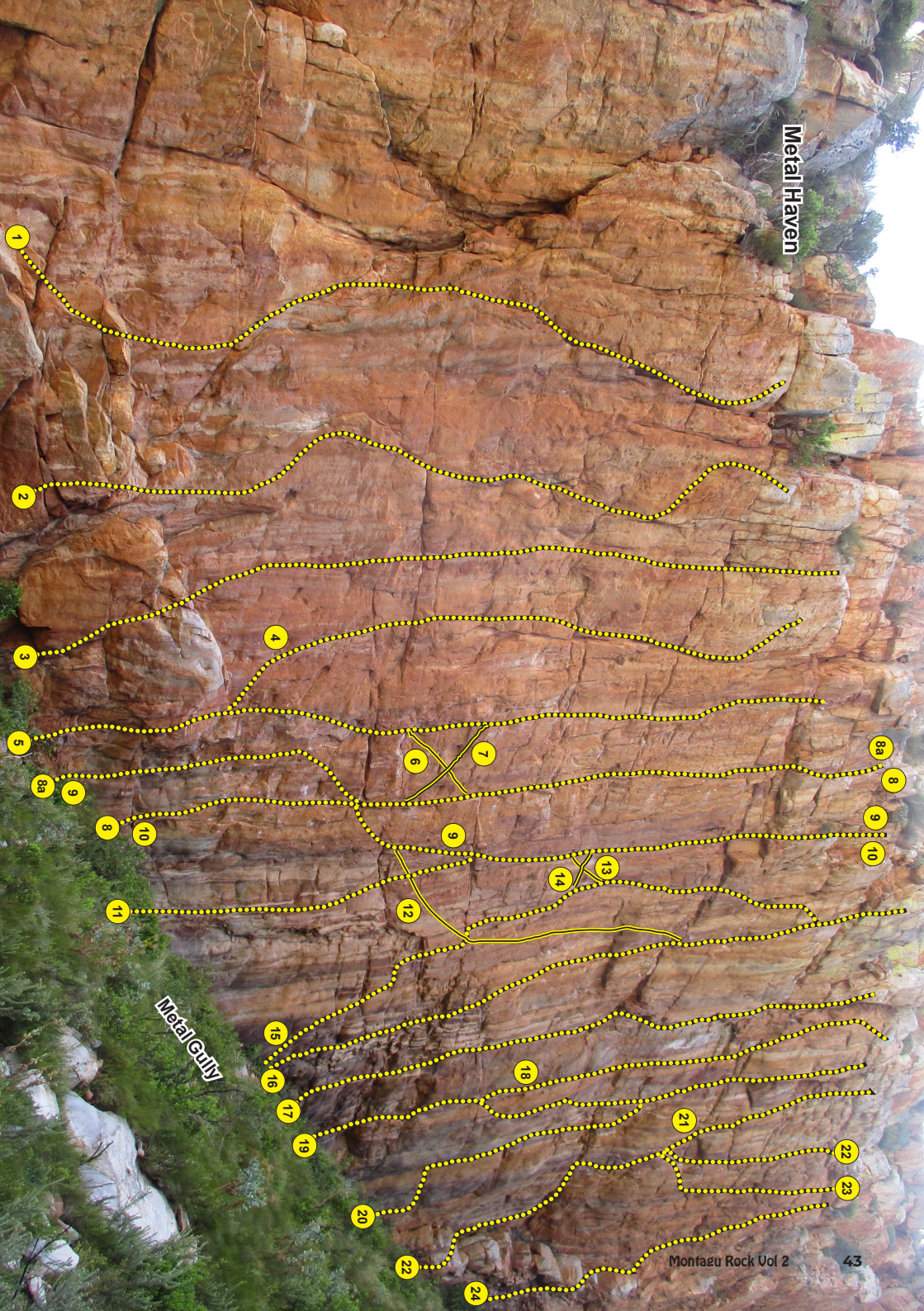
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Metal Haven

1. The Beautiful People *** 23/6c+ [8B,C] *R. Halsey Dec 2023*
 2. Invincible *** 25/7a+ [10B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
 3. Flying Whales **** 26/7b [8B,C] *D. Coetzee Aug 2004 (BB. B. Theron)*
 4. Shadowkings *** 23/6c+ [8B,C] *R. Halsey Jan 2024*
 5. Last Ride of the Day **** 23/6c+ [9B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
 6. Yukon *** 23/6c+ [11B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
- Link-up from *Last Ride of the Day* into *Awake*, extra bolt indicates where to move right.
7. Digital Bath *** 28/7c [10B,C] *R. Halsey Dec 2023*
- Link-up from *Awake* into *Last Ride of the Day*, extra bolt indicates where to move left.
- 8a. The Awakening *** 25/7a+ [11B,C]
- Easier version of *Awake*: includes the left crack at the start and uses the new left bolt at the third clip.
8. Awake *** 28/7c [10B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
- Independent from *Last Ride of the Day*. Does not include the left crack, third clip directly above sloper.
9. Honking Antelope *** 26/7b [10B,C] *B. Theron May 2024*
- Follow the first three bolts of *The Awakening*, then climb right onto a pumpy stretch before a rest and the burly top crux.
10. Superbeast **** 28/7c [10B,C]
- Link up from *Awake* to *Honking Antelope*
11. Raise Your Horns **** 28/7c [10B,C] *E. Harvey 2025*
- Direct start to *Honking Antelope*
12. Addicted to Chaos **** 26/7/7b/+ [13B,C] *J. Temple-Forbes June 2024*
- 5 bolt link-up between *Antelope* and *Roam*.
13. Fear of the Dark *** 25/7a+ [12B,C]
- Link-up (no extra bolts) from *Honking Antelope*, till about halfway, then move right to finish on *Take a Look Around*.
14. Rollin' *** 25/7a+ [12B,C]
- Link-up (no extra bolts) from *Take a Look Around*, till bolt 7, then hard left into *Honking Antelope*.
15. Take a Look Around **** 23/6c+ [11B,C] *R. Halsey Jan 2024*
- Arcs across the face and up to join *Wherever I May Roam* at its last bolt.
16. Wherever I May Roam ***** 28/7c [10B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
- Superb seam, gets progressively harder.
17. Got the Life **** 24/7a [12B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
 18. Digital Divide ***** 29/7c+ [9B,C] *J. Temple-Forbes 2024*
 19. The Hunt **** 27/7b+ [12B,C] *R. Halsey Dec 2023*
 20. Nice Boys Don't Play Rock n Roll *** 26/7b [11B,C] *D. Moolman June 2024*
- Climb the flaring crack to join *The Hunt* at bolt 5. Stick clip second bolt advised.
21. Ghost River **** 27/7b+ [11B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
- Slightly easier companion to *Devil's Dance*.
22. Devil's Dance ***** 28/7c [10B,C] *R. Halsey Nov 2023*
- Brilliant! Needs brains and biceps. Scramble up two bolts (long slings advised) to the traverse start
23. All Within My Hands ***** 28/7c [12B,C] *J. Temple-Forbes March 2024*
- Climb *Devil's Dance* till the 7th bolt. Don't clip this bolt but the next bolt to the right.
24. Black Hole Sun *** 26/7b [10B,C] *E. Pelser March 2025*

Metal Haven



Metal Gully

Metal Haven – left



Metal Haven – right





Right at the top of Metal Gully on the walls to the right of the sport crag. Some really good crack routes.

Approach

As for Metal Haven.

25. Down with the Sickness **** 19 [Trad]

R. Halsey & G. Wright June 2024

At the very top of Metal Gully is a steep orange corner with a fairly wide crack, opposite the Symphony of Sickness wall.

1. **20m 19:** Climb the corner crack and exit left. Tat anchor to the right, near a tree.

26. 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.

2. **20m 24:** Start slightly left, curving right to the small roof, then follow the crack to a small ledge. Scramble off the back.



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

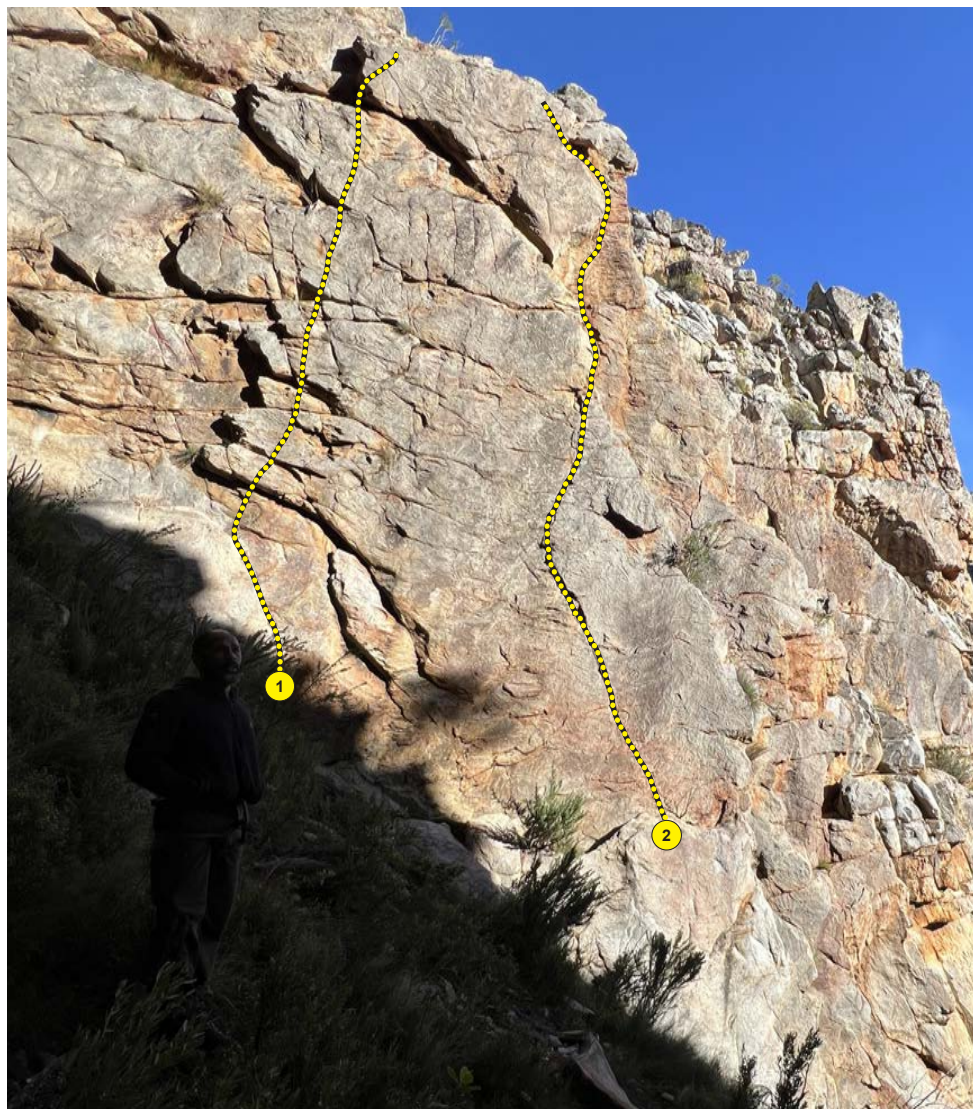
2. Stranglers ****

20/6b

[8B,C]

T. Lourens June 2024

Beautiful climbing, following the thin seam. Can feel hard for the grade if you're a gumbly





20 min



10 mins



Right at the top of Metal Gully on the walls to the right of the sport crag. Some really good crack routes.

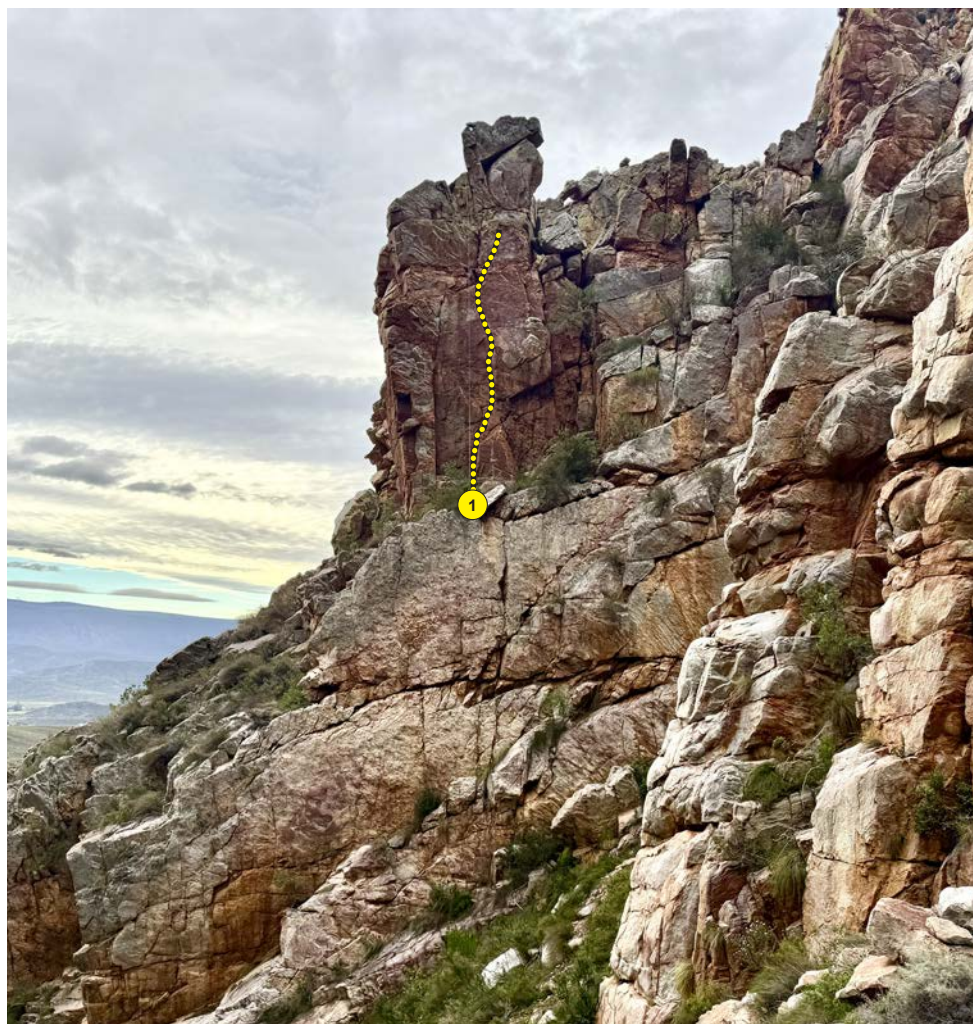
Approach

As for Metal Haven. From the base of Mirage Wall walk sharp right, over the shoulder and around the corner of the obvious square block buttress.

1. Cast No Shadow ***

25/7a+ [6B,C]

J. Temple-Forbes May 2026



Wonder Wall



20 min



5 mins

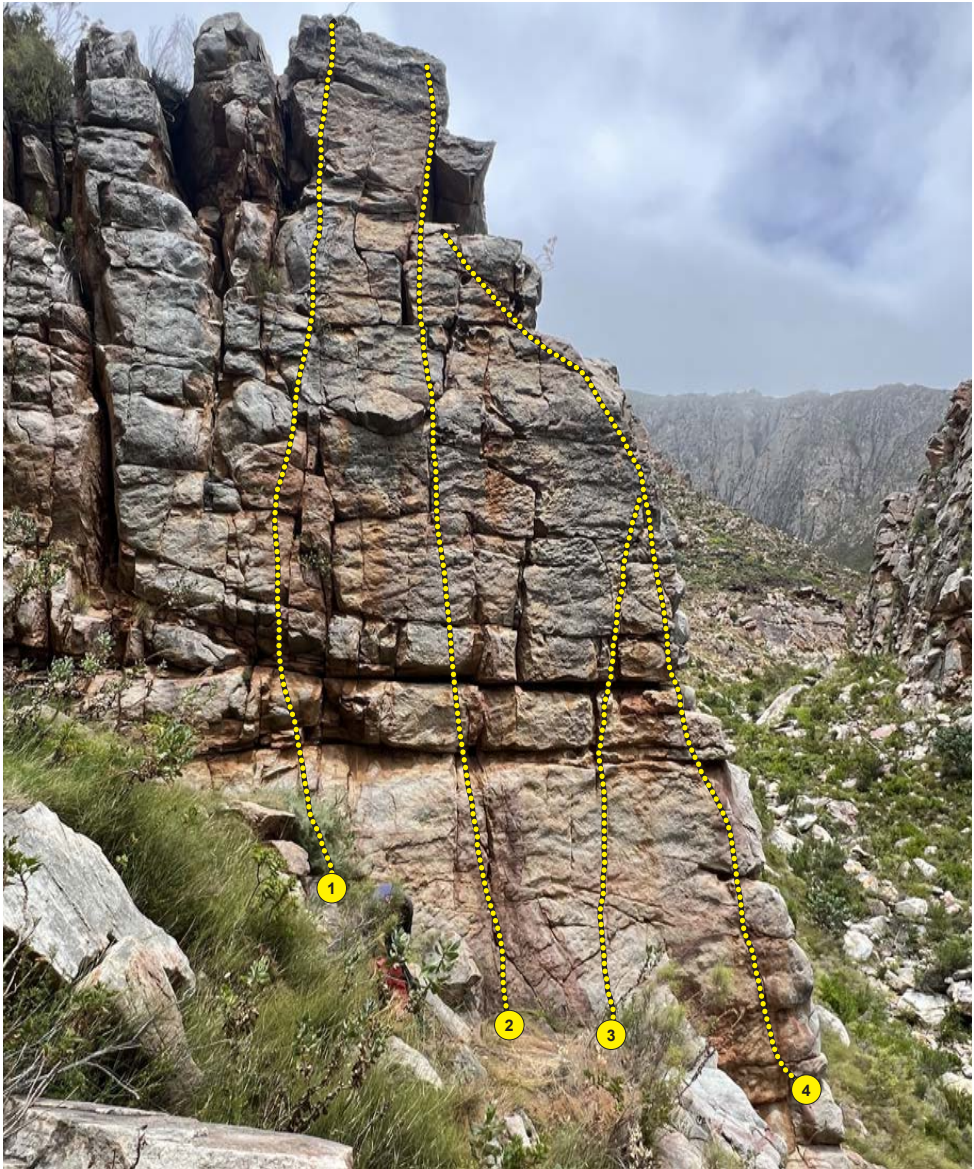


A short wall with some easier routes

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.

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



Alternative Alley



20 min



10 mins



Summer



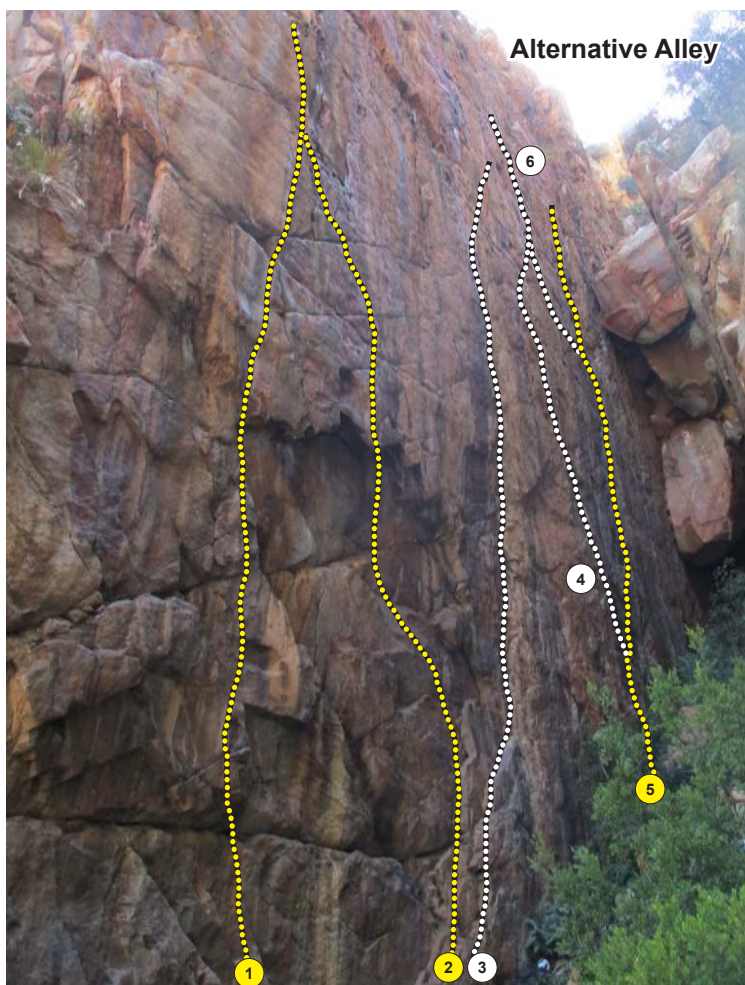
Winter

A steep wall with hard routes

Approach

As for Wonder Wall and Yes Buttress. Scramble up to the base of Yes Buttress then, go left, up the slope, to enter a narrow slot. Fixed rope on very short scramble. Take care moving around the base – there are some loose rocks.

1. Hitchin' a Ride ***	24/7a	[7B, C]	R. Halsey Mar 2024
2. New Dilemma ***	25/7a+	[5B, C]	D. Miles Aug 2024
3. Closed project			D. Miles
4. Closed project			J. Temple-Forbes
5. Gotta Get Away ****	29/7c+	[8B, C]	R. Halsey July 2024
6. Closed project			R. Halsey



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. Changes ***	21	[Trad]	C. Edelstein 2024
2. Tempus Fugit ***	19	[Trad]	C. Edelstein 2024
3. Into the Lens ****	18/6a	[12B,C]	T. Lourens, G. Jacobs Jan 2024
4. Mirror to the Sky ****	24/7a	[15B,C]	J. Swinney 2024 (BB. C. Edelstein)
5. Hold On ***	20	[Trad]	C. Edelstein 2024





20 min



20 mins



A steep impressive slab high up on the left of the kloof, giving good crack climbing and some excellent thin face and arête routes.

Approach

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

1. Don't Dog Me **** 22/3 [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 22/3: 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. Low Key **** 22 [Trad,C]

FA: Garvin Jacobs, Tony Lourens April 2026

Another excellent and sustained crack line with good gear.

Start: At the base of the Keyhole.

1. 25m 22: Climb straight up and through the keyhole, then move left and follow the crack/break diagonally left to reach a diagonal peapod groove. Climb into and along the peapod (awkward) to gain the hole at the end. Continue left to join *Don't Dog Me*, then continue up cracks, diagonally right, to a ledge. Climb the edge of the flake above to the anchors on the wall on the right.

3. Doors of Perception ***** 22/6c [13B,C]

FA: Tony Lourens May 2026

Thin, technical climbing and some nice crack moves, followed by an arête finish.

4. Keyhole Surgery ***** 23/6c+ [11B,C]

FA: Tony Lourens May 2026

An elegant arête with sustained thin, technical climbing on the last half.



Rock n Roll Kloof – right side

21st Century Buttress

Supertramp
Buttress

Hard Rock Cafe
and Backstage
Behind

Jazz Corner
Behind

Black Sabbath Fin



**Rock n Roll Kloof – right side
looking down**

21st Century Buttress

**Supertramp
Buttress**

Backstage

Hard Rock Cafe

Jazz Corner



A collection of ribs, slabs and cracks, with some overlaps and bulges thrown into the mix. Gets the sun from early morning to about mid day in summer. So, best in the afternoon shade.

Approach

Carry on past the turn-off to Hard Rock Cafe for about 50 metres. You will see the crag on your right.

1. Take Five ****	19/6a+	[11B,C]	J. Alexander Dec 2025
2. G-sharp **	19/6a+	[6B,C]	G. Jacobs Feb 2026
3. Rhapsody in stone ***	19/6a+	[5B,C]	T. Lourens Feb 2026
4. Jumpin Jive ***	16/5b	[7B,C]	T. Lourens Feb 2026
5. Electric Rendezvous ****	19/6a+	[14B,C]	T. Lourens Jan 2026
6. Stolen Moments ***	18/6a	[15B,C]	J. Alexander Jan 2026





20 min



10 mins



A steep wall with an interesting approach. The crag is all day shade, so the rock can be a little damp in the very early morning. There may be some seepage after heavy rain. The base has several stone and wooden steps to assist with stability, but move around with care as there is still some loose soil and rock between the steps. A 60m rope is good for all routes.

Approach

From the turn-off to Metal Haven, follow the path next to the water pipe up the kloof past the Supertramp Buttress on the right. After a few minutes you will see a stone staircase on the right in a narrow gully. Follow the gully, via staples and rope, up to base of crag.

Getting off the crag

Reverse the scramble.

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|---|--------|----------|
| 1a. Paschendale *** | 18/6a | [5,C] |
| <i>B. Theron March 2026</i> | | |
| 1. Illusie van Veiligheid ***** | 28/7c | [18B,C] |
| <i>D. Miles Jan 2026 (BB: B. Theron, A. Ramwell)</i> | | |
| 2. Highway to Hell ***** | 27/7b+ | [16B,C] |
| <i>R. Halsey March 2024</i> | | |
| King line of the crag: a consistently engaging pumpfest. | | |
| 3. Learn to Fly **** | 26/7b | [14B,C] |
| <i>R. Halsey March 2024</i> | | |
| Link up from <i>Highway</i> to anchors on <i>Stairway</i> . | | |
| 4. Stairway to Heaven **** | 25/7a+ | [13B,C] |
| <i>R. Halsey March 2024</i> | | |
| 5. Road to Nowhere *** | 23/6c+ | [8B,C] |
| 6. Too Old to Rock n Roll **** | 23/6c+ | |
| Clip first bolt of <i>Highway to Hell</i> then head rightwards. | | |
| 7. Ozzy (finish on <i>Too Old</i>) **** | 24/7a | [10B,C] |
| 8. Ozzmosis (finish on <i>Jungle</i>) **** | 25/7a+ | [10B,C] |
| 9. Click Click Boom *** | 26/7b | [12B,C] |
| 10. Welcome to the Jungle *** | 26/7b | [11B,C] |
| Hard, puzzling start with scorpion finish | | |
| 11. Kiss the Machine **** | 26/7b | [13B, C] |
| Coolest crux move on the wall. | | |
| 12. Travellers *** | 26/7b | [9B, C] |
| 13. Bubblegum on My Boots **** | 24/7a | [9B, C] |
| 14. Here Come the Ruts **** | 23/6c+ | [9B,C] |

This route is on the wall below the abseil

15. Black Dog *** 20 [Trad]

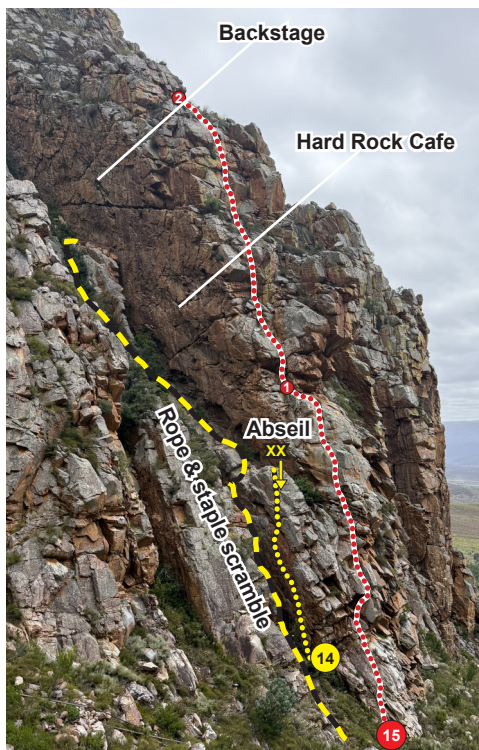
C. Edelstein, B. Russell April 2024

The route climbs the front of the Hard Rock Cafe buttress in two pitches.

1. 30m 20: Climb the ridge, wandering past the overhangs to the short steep crux up a thin crack. The huge block on the right pinnacle wobbles a little - scary! Stance on the next ledge.

2. 45m 18: Continue up the crack system to finish at a tat and maillon lower off where the angle eases.

Descent: Abseil off the rope tat, past the sport routes of Hard Rock Cafe and then carefully, as far as the rope allows. Take cover when pulling down the rope as loose rocks may come down with it.



R. Halsey March 2024

[10B,C]

Closed project (T. Lourens)

J. Temple-Forbes 2025

J. Temple-Forbes 2025

R. Halsey April 2024

R. Halsey April 2024

R. Halsey Sept 2024

R. Halsey April 2024

R. Halsey April 2024

J. Temple-Forbes 2025

Hard Rock Cafe

Route goes behind,
inside chimney

The image shows a large, craggy rock face under an overcast sky. Multiple climbing routes are indicated by dotted lines and numbered circles.
 - A red dotted line runs vertically along the right edge of the rock face, starting from a red circle labeled '2' near the top and ending at a red circle labeled '15' near the bottom.
 - Several yellow dotted lines branch out across the central and left portions of the rock face. These routes are marked with yellow circles containing numbers: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 1a.
 - A short section of a route is marked with white dotted lines and a white circle labeled '9'.
 - A white arrow points from the text 'Route goes behind, inside chimney' to a specific location on the left side of the rock face.

Hard Rock Cafe

Route goes behind,
inside chimney

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

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20 min



15 mins



Another helping of Hard Rock Cafe. Also steep and pumpy

Approach

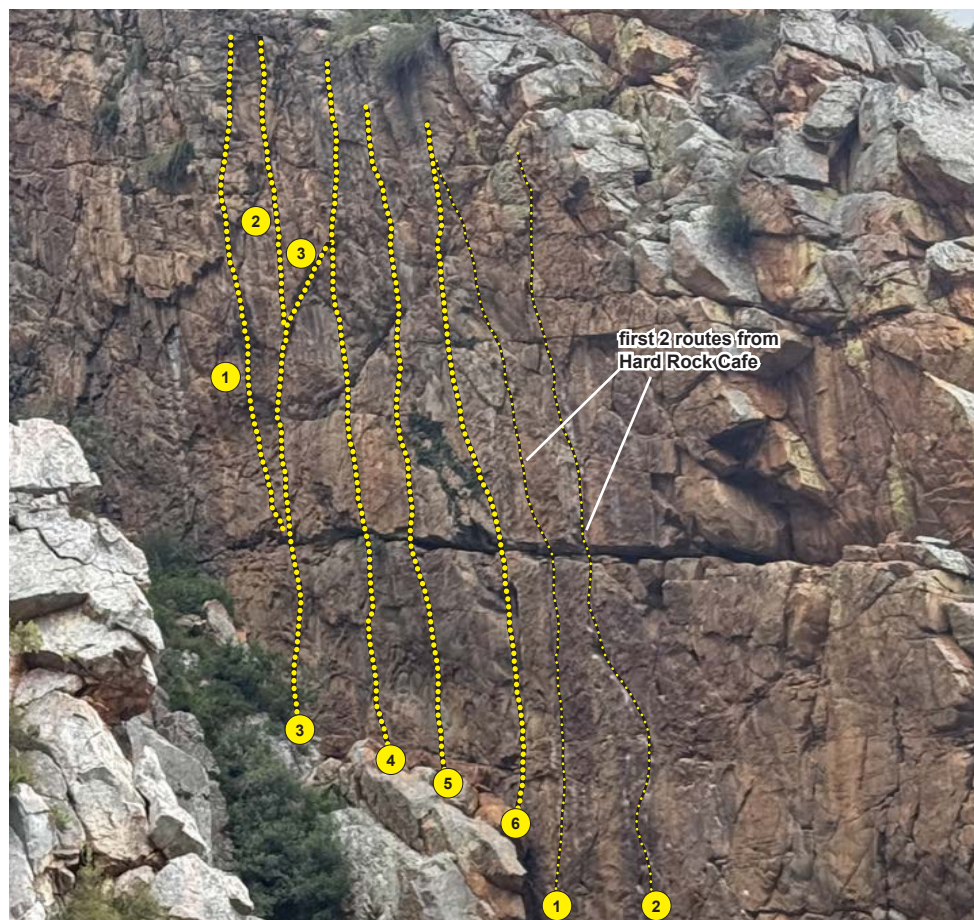
As for Hard Rock Cafe, then continue scrambling up to a higher level, via more staples and rope.

Getting off the crag

Reverse the scramble.

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|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. Standing Ovation **** | 28/7c | [?B,C] |
| 2. Paparazzi **** | 27/7b+ | [?B,C] |
| 3. Opening Act **** | 26/7b | [?B,C] |
| 4. Lights, Camera, Action **** | 26/7b | [?B,C] |
| 5. Spotlight Jitters **** | 25/7a+ | [?B,C] |
| 6. DJ Scooby Roo *** | 23/6c+ | [?B,C] |

J. Temple-Forbes 2025
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 M. Acosta Sept 2025
 R. de Clercq Sept 2025 (BB: B. Theron)





Johannes Terblanche on *Illusie van Veiligheid* (28/7c). Photo: Rolien Terblanche



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, 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

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Hollow flakes



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 rooey 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 Pelser 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. Take the Long Way Home **** 21 [Trad,C]

Richard Halsey, Greg Wright 6 July 2023

Great airy top pitch, which is easier than it looks from the ground. Second pitch could be bypassed by using the *Crime of the Century* corner on the right to keep the grade at 19.

Start: The corner left of *Crime of the Century*.

1. 15m 14: Climb the easy corner to a ledge on the left with a corner at the back.

2. 20m 21: Climb the face above, using the left crack system for gear. Near where it ends, step right to some lovely laybacks and finger cracks that lead directly to the bolted anchor.

3. 50m 19: Climb straight up from stance to some cracks, then step right around the corner. Ooze through the bottomless chimney to an easy shoot and continue up through steep 3D features tending slightly left, until forced out left under a small roof. Easy ground leads to the bolted anchor.

Descent

Abseils straight down the route.

5. 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 to 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.

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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.

6. 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

7. 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]

3. 20m 18/6a [8B,C]

8. Child of Vision ** 22/6c [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 22/6c [8B,C]

9. Cés Le Bon * 22 [Trad,C]**

FA: Charles Edelstein 2024

Takes the corner and crack system right of *Dreamer*

Start: Just right of *Dreamer*

1. 28m 20: Climb the corner and cracks to the anchor at the end of the first pitch of *Dreamer*.

2. 28m 22: Climb up on the (clipping the first two bolts of *Child of Vision*). Then traverse right for three metres to a crack system. Continue to a ledge and then up the crack to a bolted anchor.

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Tony Lourens on pitch 2 of *Crime of the Century* (19),
the very first route in Rock n Roll Kloof. Photo: Rachel Strate.



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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, on mostly excellent rock and bomber protection. It rises over 100 metres at its highest point and is very trad friendly. The routes are 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,
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. War Pigs ***** 21 [Trad,C]

C. Edelstein, B. Russell 2024

Start: As for *Into the Void*

1. 25m 21: Climb up then continue up the crack system to share a stance with *Iron Man*.

2. 35m 21: Move right, around the corner, using underclings, to a jam crack. Climb the crack until it eases, then continue up the thin crack system to a ledge in common with *Iron Man* and climb up to the anchors on the arête, to the right on *Iron Man* and to the left of *Into the Void*'s off-width.

Abseil from here, or finish up the last pitch of *Iron Man* (20m 19).

3. Into the Void ***** 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 an interesting and problem-solving off-width.

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. 30m 18: Climb the heavenly stacks of cracks by following the easiest line, gradually diagonally up and right to gain the red dihedral. Stance here 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.



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4. Hand of Doom ** 22 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein, B. Russell 2024

Has an intimidating, but well protected first pitch

Start: As for *Into the Void* or scramble up the first 10 metres.

1. 20m 22: Climb up on unlikely looking rock into the base of the left-facing corner. Continue up to a stance.

2. 35m 21: Climb round the corner and continue up the airy arête that brings you to a point above the abseil anchors.

3. 20m 19: Finish up the pinnacle as for *Iron Man*

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

FA: Charles Edelstein, Mark Straughan March 2024

Start: From *Into the Void*, 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 onto 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 a stance at the base of a crack.

2. 15m 17: 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 the left version to the top of the pinnacle.

6. Psycho Man *** 21 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein, B. Russell 2024

1. 30m 21: Climb up the corner and exit left at the roof on steep rock to reach a stance.

2. 30m 21: Climb the face directly to a ledge system. Climb up directly on blocks to ascend the right side of a green lichen-covered face.

7. Master of Reality ** 22 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein 2024

1. 25m 22: Climb the crack system between *Psycho Man* and *Master of Insanity* and pull strenuously through the roof on jams and continue to a stance.

2. 30m 22: Climb the chimney/crack system and then either finish up the pinnacle as for *Psycho Man*, or climb on to the green lichenous face starting at the left (tricky).

8. Master of Insanity ** 21 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein, D. Edelstein 2024

Much better than it looks and one does not get involved with the delightful creeper to the right.

1. 25m 21: Climb the crack system to a ledge.

2. 25m 19: Step right, across the gap and continue up the arête to the right of the chimney/crack of *Master of Reality*, to a large ledge system at the base of the pinnacle. Continue to the summit up the juggy blocky crack systems on the right.

9. Changes * 21 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein, B. Russell 2024

1. 30m 21: Climb the crack system to an abseil point.

10. Supernaut * 22 [Trad,C]**

C. Edelstein 2024

1. 30m 22: Climb the crack system to an abseil point.

On the small slab and rib on the opposite side of Black Sabbath Fin are two routes

11. Never Say Die * 13 [Trad] C. Edelstein 2024**

12. The Wizard * 21/6a+ [B, C] C. Edelstein 2024**



Black Sabbath Fin

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Ozzy's Corner

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The Ring



20 mins

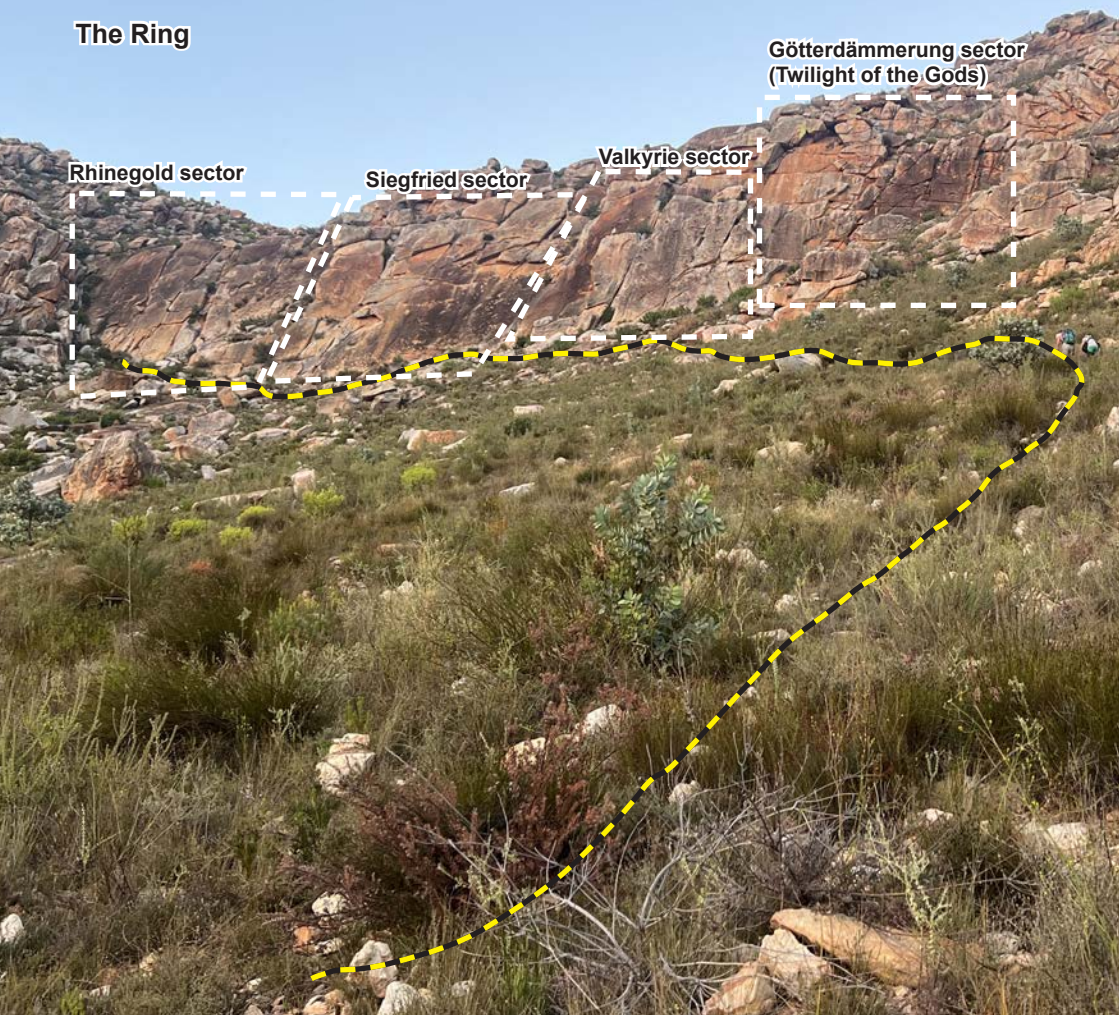


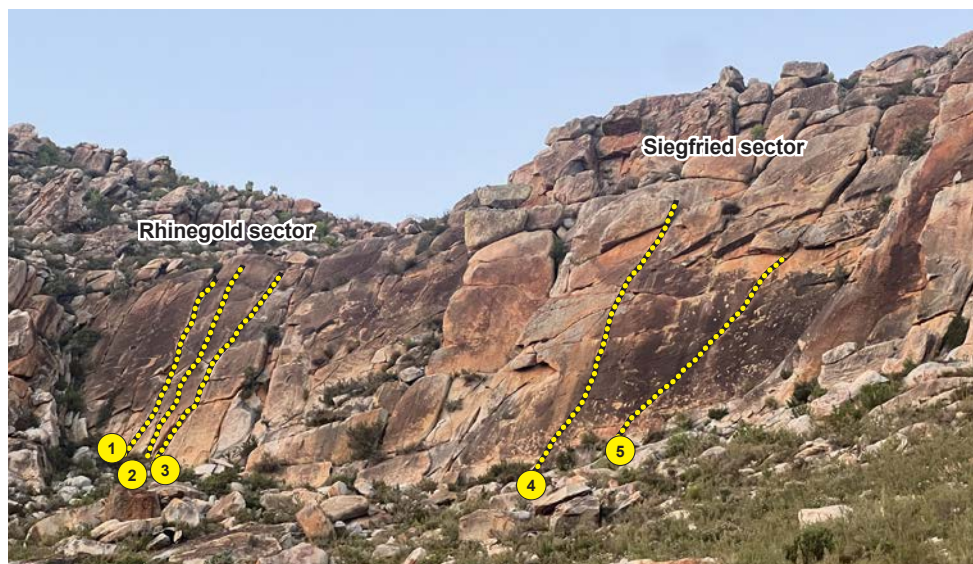
The Ring, named after Wagner's 15-hour musical drama, *Der Ring Des Nibelungen*, is the series of steep dark slabs/faces directly above the car park. Has a slew of remarkably good routes, developed mainly by Hans-Peter Bakker. Gets the sun most of the day, so not ideal for summer, except for late in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

Approach

From the Rock n Roll car park, walk up the dead end road heading toward the slabs. From near 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



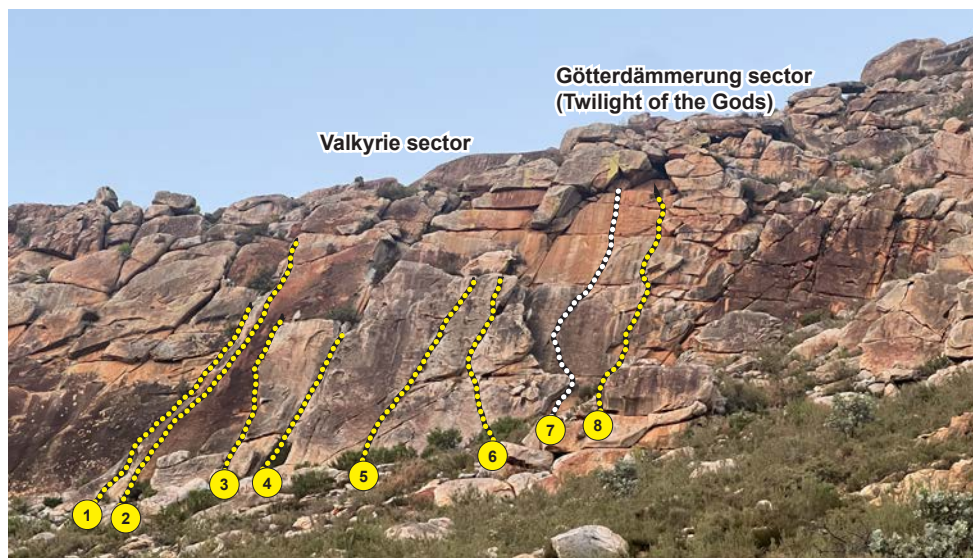


Rhinegold sector

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| 1. Fasolt **** | 19/6a+ | [10B,C] | HP. Bakker 2024 |
| 2. Freia **** | 20/6b | [11B,C] | HP. Bakker 2024 |
- Awkward start leads to excellent face climbing.
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| 3. Fafner **** | 18/6a | [11B,C] | HP. Bakker 2024 |
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Siegfried sector

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| 4. Dragon Blood ***** | 20/6b | [14B,C] | HP. Bakker 2024 |
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- Bouldery start. Excellent climbing throughout.
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| 5. Ring of Power ***** | 21/6b+ | [10B,C] | T. Lourens Aug 2024 |
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- Takes the stunning seam. Delicate finger and footwork needed for this one.



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 **** | 20/6b | [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> |
| Short crux low down, otherwise very moderate climbing. | | | |



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Guano Cave Kloof

This is the left-hand kloof, which has had some trad climbing development going back about 15 years on the Main Wall, and more recently a few sport routes were added to a smaller crag closer to the parking.

Even more recently, a few more trad routes were added and also a long sport route up the right-hand arête of the Main Wall. Some easy ridge routes were also added over the last few years.

This kloof is also where the actual Guano Cave (aka Montagu Cave) is situated. It is a deep cave, housing thousands of bats, with bushman paintings at the mouth of the Cave. It is also a heritage site, so no access is allowed in or near it without a qualified on site cultural guide. So please stay well away from the Cave and the immediate vicinity.

The walls to the right of the cave are about 80 to 100 metres high and what is known as Main Crag. This is where all the trad routes are situated. Please do not climb close to the Cave area.

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. For more information and to book accommodation please visit www.montaguguanocave.co.za or call 023 100 2972.

Please read the Code of Conduct, as prescribed by the owners.

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

In Guano Cave Kloof, bolting is not allowed anywhere on the Main Crag, which is the big wall to the right of Montagu Cave itself, except for top anchors on trad pitches. The bolted arête on the right side of the wall was bolted before the bolting ban was implemented and has been allowed to stay. Bolting is allowed on other walls and crags. If in doubt, please drop me (Tony) a text or email.

How to get there • Park

From the corner of Cross and Long Street on the outskirts of town on the Barrydale side of Montagu, follow the R62 for 6 kilometres to reach Guano Caves on the right. At the entrance gate, pay, sign an indemnity, then drive to the 'Pools Area' and park there.

Please note: Better parking is being arranged closer to the climbing area, but until that happens do NOT drive up to the crag and park there. The resort uses this road to take visitors to the Cave by tractor and parking there will block the road and prevent the tractor from been able to turn around. Once parking and better access has been sorted this PDF guide will be updated.

Left: Jan Fischer sticking the sloper on *Batman* (28/7c), Bat Wall. Photo: Philip Olivier



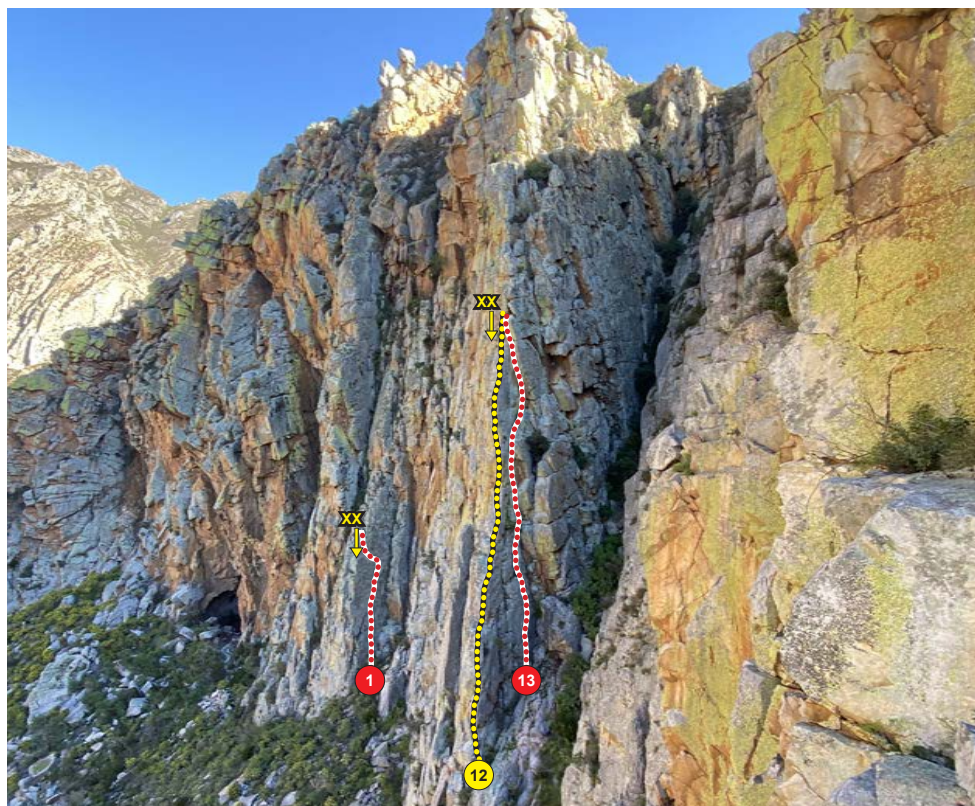




Approach

From the 'Pools Area' walk across the road and follow the road from the traffic circle until you reach a road heading to the right (through a gate). Follow this to its end, then follow the obvious path till you reach the rock. Leave the path and scramble across to the right to the base of the routes.

1. Bat Flight is Unique **	16	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
2. Broken Bat ***	19	[Trad,C]	E. February, HP. Bakker 2024
3. Flittermouse ***	20	[Trad,C]	HP. Bakker, E. February 2024
4. Bat Diseases Can be Nasty ***	19	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
5. Batty Flying ***	18	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
6. Batshit Fertiliser is Great ***	18	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
7. Brutal Bar Brawling Bats ***	21	[Trad,C]	G. Jacobs, E. February 2024
8. Love Bats ***	19	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
9. Bat Echolocation Won't Help ****	23	[Trad,1B,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
10. Chiroptera Habitat *****	22	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
11a. Bats Don't Jam (P1) ***	19	[Trad,C]	E. February, J. Lawson 2010
11b. Bats Don't Jam (P2) ***	20	[Trad,C]	G. Jacobs, E. February 2024
12. Robin's Revenge ***	20/6b	[17B,C]	T. Lourens 2024 (BB: T. Lourens and G. Jacobs)
13. Batnik Surprise ***	17	[Trad,C]	T. Lourens, G. Jacobs 2024



The Fort

The Fort consists of two crags, one on the Robertson side of the rock tunnel and one on the Montagu side. Both are rarely visited

How to get there • Parking

Drive out of Montagu and park in the big lay-by on the Montagu side of the rock tunnel.
Two testy routes on the higher wall and some easier mediocre routes on the lower wall.

Wall of Confusion



5 min

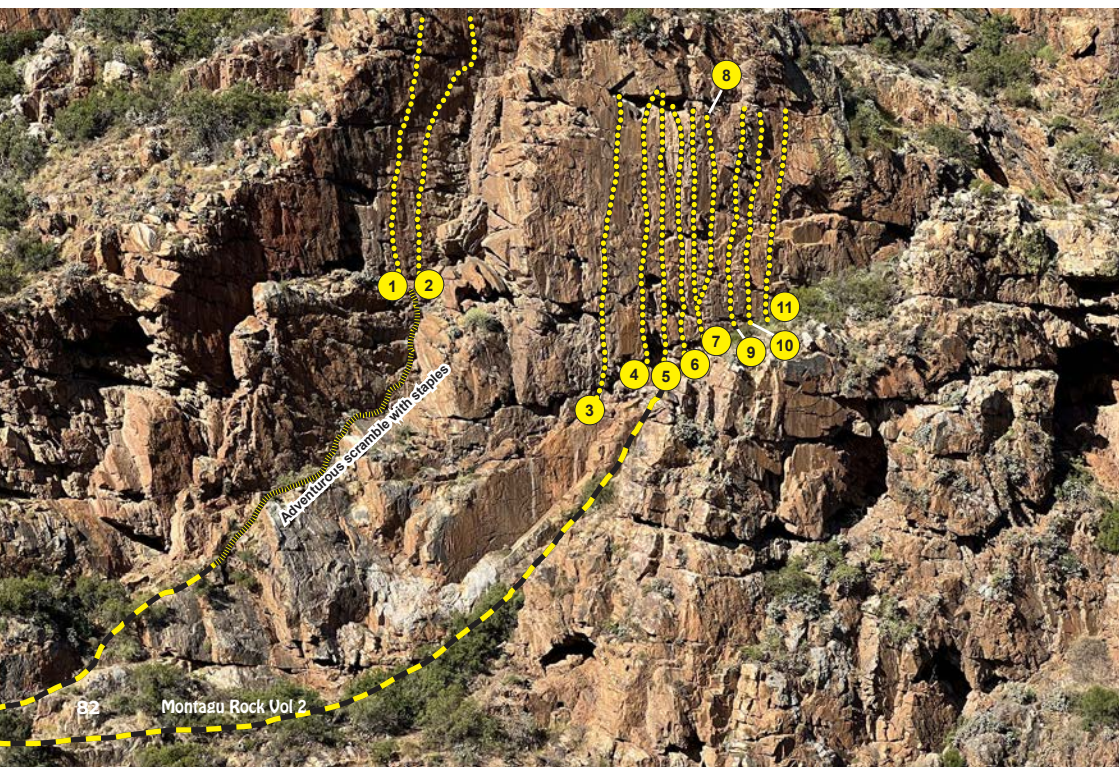


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Approach

From the Ashton side of the tunnel, follow the dirt track along the bottom of the cliff for a minute or two, then scramble up to the lower wall. For the top wall, follow a higher level and do some adventurous scrambling using a number of metal staples.

1. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome ***	29/7c+	[7B,C]	C. Martinengo 2015 (BB J. Samson)
2. Dupuytren's Contracture Syndrome ***	29/7c+	[7B,C]	C. Martinengo April 2022
3. Schizophrenia ***	23/6c+	[10B,C]	E. Pelser June 2022
4. Chaos ***	21/6b+	[8B,C]	C. Curson 1996
5. WoC My Way ***	22/6c	[8B,C]	E. Pelser June 2022
6. Almost Anarchy **	19/6a+	[8B,C]	C. Curson 1996
7. Decepticon **	19/6a+	[6B,C]	E. Pelser April 2022
8. Zoe Kravitz ***	23/6c+	[7B,C]	E. Pelser May 2022
9. Noodle swimming ***	23/6c+	[7B,C]	E. Pelser Sept 2022
10. Infinite Improbability Drive ***	22/6c	[7B,C]	E. Pelser Sept 2022
11. Dr. Strange **	23/6c+	[6B,C]	E. Pelser Sept 2022





The main climbing area at Kalkoennes is the huge alcove of rock walls of varying height and steepness. From 20-metre crags to 60-metre walls, from slabs to vertical (and steeper) faces, corners and arêtes. This privately owned area had been long looked at by climbers, and eventually, local climber, Sakkie van Rensburg cleared it with the owner and, together with his two sons, went in and bolted a clutch of fine routes, with the long and intimidating *Just Wing It*, which takes a beautiful line up the huge obvious arête on the prominent tower, being particularly fine. Since then other climbers have developed other routes and although some of the proudest and more obvious lines have been taken, there is still scope for lots more in most grades and even for some double pitch stuff.

On the opposite side of the huge bowl that forms the whole of Kalkoennes, lies a series of impressive ribs and faces up to about 250 metres high. Only one route exists here – a trad route that climbs the most impressive rib in the whole collection.

Aspect

This is predominantly a winter crag. Being an alcove, different walls get shade at different times, but generally, the best time to get good shade would be mid to late afternoon.

The opposite side would get good shade in winter. A few months either side of mid winter would probably be best.

Access

Since the whole earea was left ravaged by the 2023 floods and subsequently by fires and mindless vandalism, what once was the beautiful and peaceful little enclave that is Kalkoennes is now in a sorry state and not open to accommodation as in the past.

Climbing is still allowed, but only by pre arrangement.

No bolting is allowed on the Ribs Sector

How to get there • Parking

From town drive out towards Robertson. Immediately after you have passed over the bridge after the rock tunnel, turn right onto a gravel road, where there is a gate. Pass through the gate (if you have permission and the key to the lock) and follow the road for a short while to a fork. Take the left fork and continue till able to park beneath the trees.

Approach

Since the 2023 floods the approach may be a tad different.

Walk over the bridge, to the house. Go left, across the lawns, to the base of the rock to reach the various crags.

Broiekas Sector



E facing

5. Crimping Turkeys ***

18/6a

[8B,C]

T. Lourens 2022

6. Die Broeikas **

16/5b

[8B,C]

Sakkie van Rensburg 2019

7. Gereeld vir Kers Ete ****

18/6a

[11B,C]

Sakkie van Rensburg 2019





Richard Halsey on *Wherever / May Roam* (28/7c). Photo: Elle Pelser.



1. Hold Off the Earth **** 20 [Trad]

FA: B. Russell, R. de Decker, A. Wood Sept 2020

A classic route with an alpine feel, following the obvious sweeping and aesthetic grey rib for about 300m. Even though the approach is short, the outing should not be underestimated and expect to take a good 8 hours car to car for a party of two. Best time for the route, to get the most shade, would be between April and September.

Gear tips: Double ropes and standard rack with some longer slings. Some tat is needed for the short abseil after pitch 3.

Bolting is NOT allowed on the Ribs Sector

Approach – 30 min

Cross the foot-bridge and continue past the house to the right. Cross the river and follow the bushy bank of the river until you come to a small dilapidated pump house. This is the base of the buttress.

Note: Things may have changed somewhat since the 2023 floods.

Start: About 15 metres further to the right of the buttress there is a cairn.

1. 35m 18: Climp up left on fractured rock to a crack that has some loose blocks in it. Pull through to the right, onto the arête, and follow it, across a vegetated ledge, to belay at the base of an orange wall.

2. 35m 15: Head up right, along a ramp, up the side of the gendarme and belay on the ridge.

3. 20m 15: Continue up the arête, past an obvious pinnacle, where the only way to continue is to abseil. Use tat around a bollard and abseil 10m into the notch.

4. 35m 17: Climb delicately up the slab, using two good micro nuts, and then continue up the arête to belay just before a notch.

5. 40m 17: Climb down into the notch, stretch across (short climbers may have some trouble here) and climb the sharp arête. Continue awkwardly up the right of the gendarme, then up a corner/crack system to belay at the base of the obvious crux hand crack. (this pitch needs to be straightened, there is an unprotected bulge on the arête that we bypassed)

6. 45m 20: Climb the superb hand crack for 30m, then continue up to two cracks splitting the slanting roof. Place bomber gear, then pull through the left crack (crux) and stance on a small ledge on the left.

7. 40m 18: Climb the corner/crack above the stance and continue up the arête to stance on a ledge below some orange rock.

8. 40m 15: Climb the orange rock on cracks and continue on the arête.

9. 40m 12: Continue up the arête to the top of the pinnacle.

Descent – 1 hr

Head to the top of the peak for some spectacular views and then continue SW, down steep slopes, past a pinnacle, towards a nek just above Kalkoenness. Follow the vague path down the gully and return to your car.



The Lineup



15 min



20 min



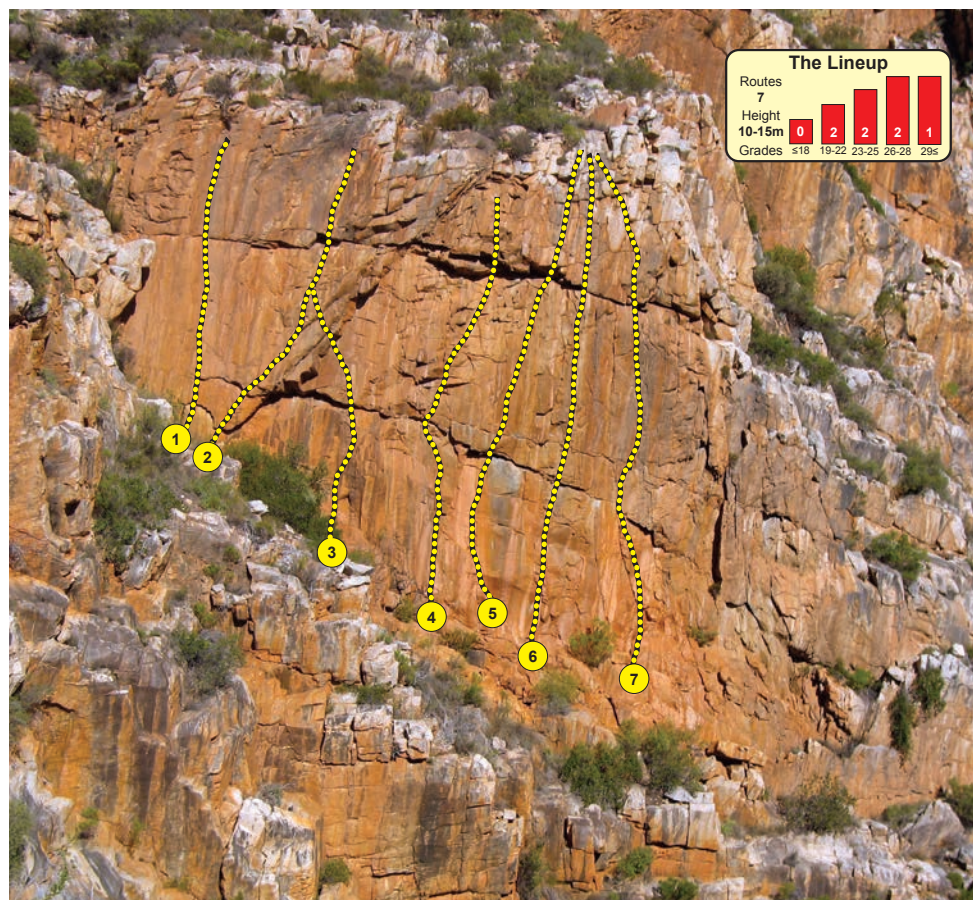
NE facing

Routes on the left are vertical and technical, and routes on the right are sustained and steep.

Approach

Approach as for the Rose Bowl, but instead of heading up, continue traversing diagonally across the slope, past a small rock buttress, and follow cairns going off to the left. Just before you reach a shallow ravine, start heading up and right to the obvious flat orange-coloured wall above.

1. Piccadilly Line ***	26/7b	[5B,C]	<i>K. Forbes Oct 2006</i>
2. Feline **	22/6c	[4B,C]	<i>J. Samson Aug 2006</i>
3. Waterline ***	22/6c	[6B,C]	<i>R. Halsey 2023</i>
4. Hotline ****	24/7a	[7B,C]	<i>K. Forbes June 2006</i>
5. The Line of Fire *****	25/7a+	[8B,C]	<i>K. Forbes Aug 2006</i>
6. The Plumblane *****	26/7b	[6B,C]	<i>J. Temple-Forbes, R. McBride July 2006</i>
7. Tourmaline *****	29/7c+	[8B,C]	<i>R. Halsey 2023</i>



The Rose Bowl



15 min



30 min



ENE facing

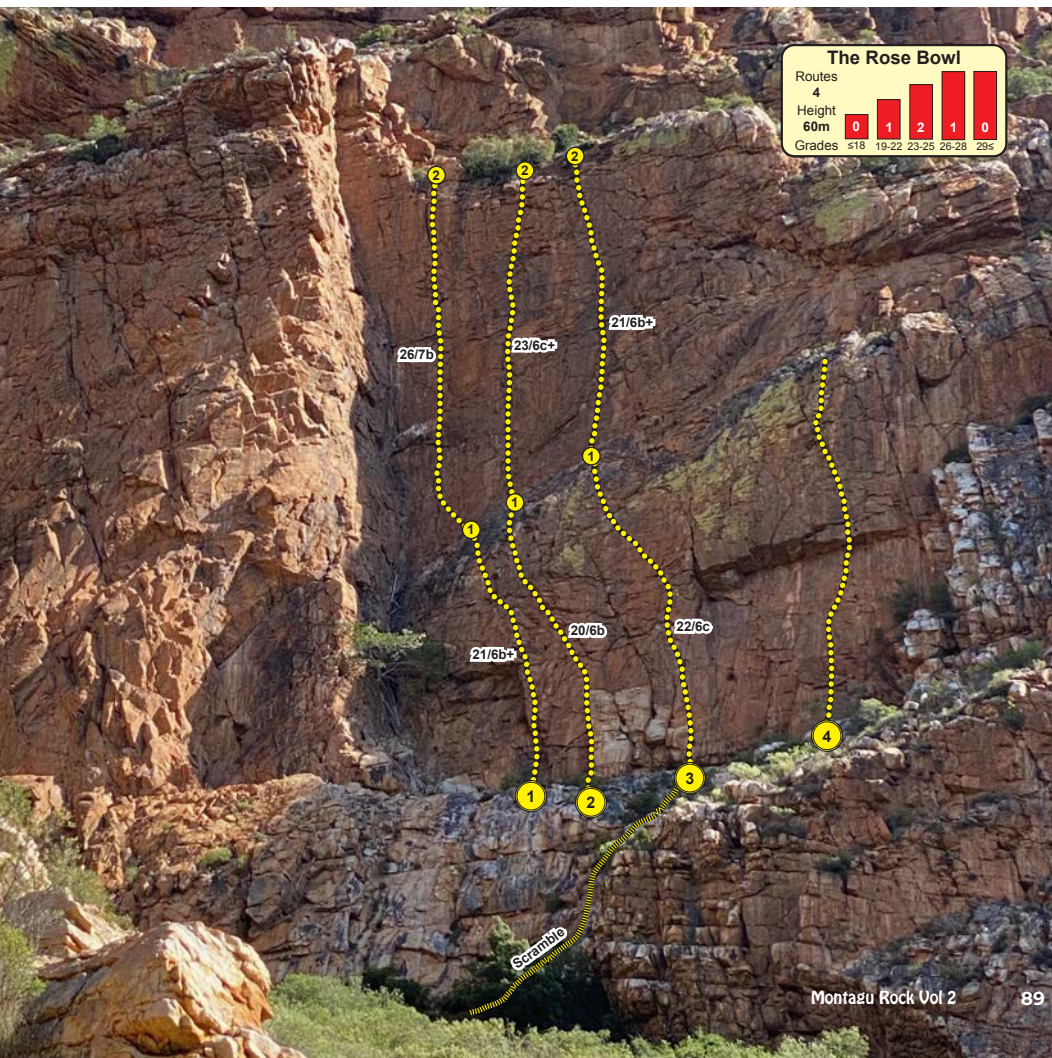


Character building multi-pitch climbing in a wild setting.

Approach

As for Jamaica, but just before you reach Jamaica, follow the cairned route up left, across the slope, to cross a shallow gully. Continue diagonally up, then more directly up to the base of the big wall at the top of the kloof. Scramble up to the base of the routes.

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| 1. Rising Above Bedlam **** | 26/7b [B,C] | <i>T. Versfeld, E. February 1997</i> |
| P1. 21/6b+ [9B,C]; P2. 26/7b [?B,C] | | |
| 2. Heaven Can Wait **** | 23/6c+ [B,C] | <i>T. Versfeld, E. February 1995</i> |
| P1. 20/6b [9B,C]; P2. 23/6c+ [14B,C] | | |
| 3. Line of Duty **** | 22/6c [B,C] | <i>L. Rust, G. Austin 1997</i> |
| P1. 22/6c [10B,C]; P2. 21/6b+ [?B,C] | | |
| 4. War of the Roses **** | 25/7a+ [12B,C] | <i>R. Halsey 2023</i> |



The Rose Bowl					
Routes	4				
Height	60m				
Grades	≤18	19-22	23-25	26-28	29+
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The Entrance



A bunch of short routes with a variety of moves. Bolts mostly sponsored Kevin Lancaster.
All routes bolted by Tony Lourens and opened by Tony and Kevin in March/April 2026.

Approach

Park at the entrance to Keurkloof, then walk up the kloof for 50 metres. The crag is on the right.

The Chocolate Box

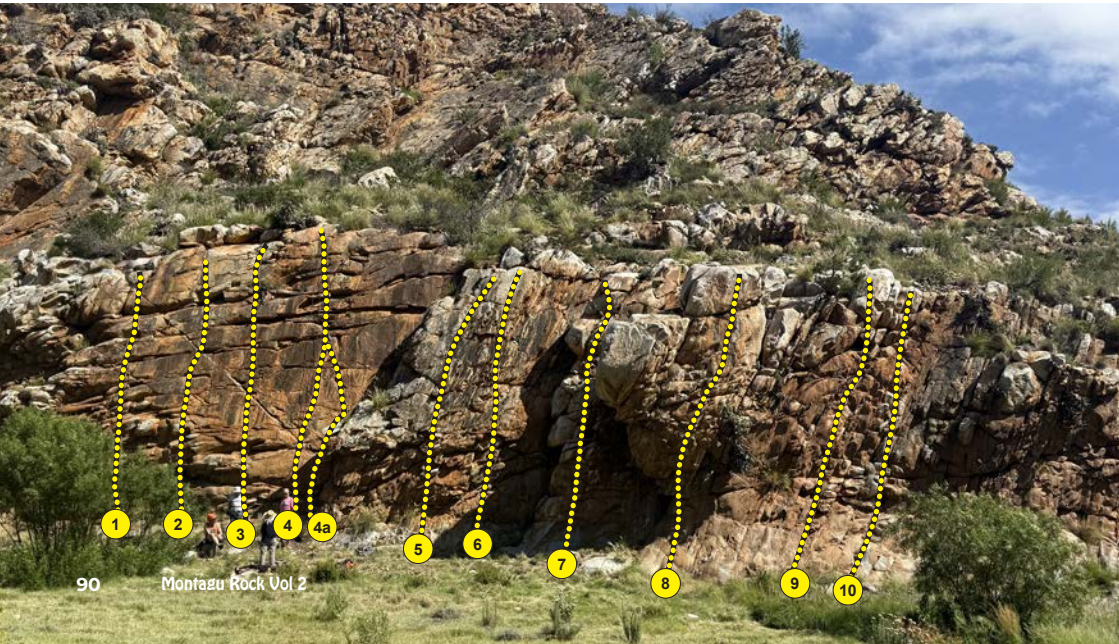
1. Spring Surprise ****	19	[4B,C]
2. Anthrax Ripple ****	18	[4B,C]
3. Crunchy Frog ****	18	[5B,C]
4. Cockroach Cluster ****	17	[5B,C]
4a. Roach escape ***	16	[5B,C]

Use the corner at the start

5. Side Entrance ***	16	[4B,C]
6. Back Entrance ***	18	[4B,C]
7. Emergency Exit **	17	[4B,C]

Easier if you back step at the top

8. Steep step ***	??	[?B,C]	IP
9. Four Step **	15	[4B,C]	
10. Three Step **	14	[3B,C]	



Tony Lourens on the sensational top pitch of
Cresta del Amici (17/5c). Photo: Mandy Ramsden.

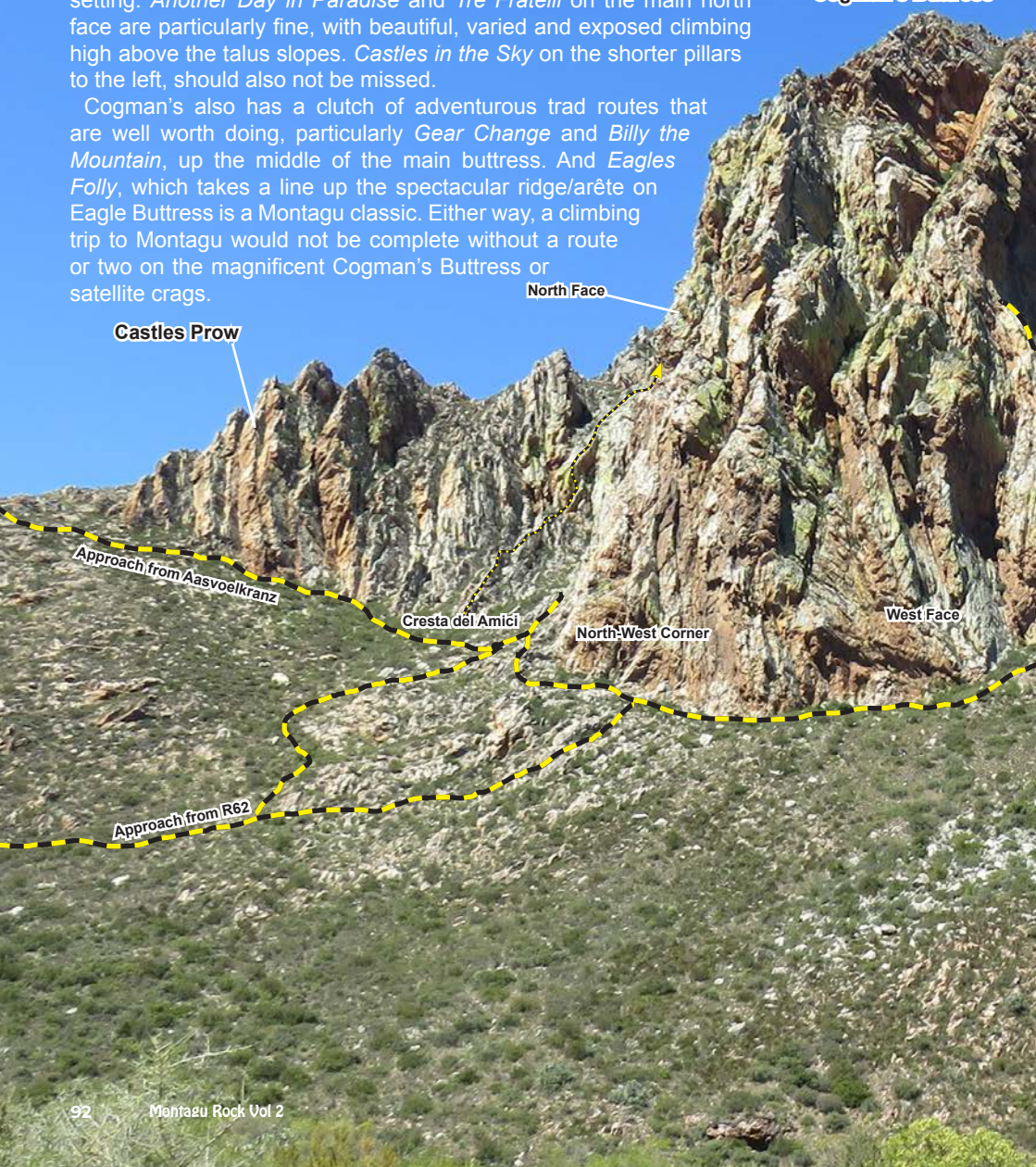


Cogman's Buttress • Eagle Buttress • Castles Prow

Cogman's Buttress is the huge, twisted, orangey-brown peak you see as you exit the rock tunnel, driving towards Montagu. The routes, which lie on the main buttress, and also on the smaller pillars on the left, and the striking Eagles Buttress to the right, are between two and seven pitches long, offering superb multi-pitch climbing in a true mountain setting. *Another Day in Paradise* and *Tre Fratelli* on the main north face are particularly fine, with beautiful, varied and exposed climbing high above the talus slopes. *Castles in the Sky* on the shorter pillars to the left, should also not be missed.

Cogman's also has a clutch of adventurous trad routes that are well worth doing, particularly *Gear Change* and *Billy the Mountain*, up the middle of the main buttress. And *Eagles Folly*, which takes a line up the spectacular ridge/arête on Eagle Buttress is a Montagu classic. Either way, a climbing trip to Montagu would not be complete without a route or two on the magnificent Cogman's Buttress or satellite crags.

Cogman's Buttress





Eagle Butress

Eagle's Arête

Descent from Eagles Folly

Cogman's Amphitheatre

Approach to Frontal

The Flutings

Approach to Eagles Folly

Cresta del Amici

Yellow line denotes the route and stances
Red line denotes abseil route and anchor points

- Gear**
1 x single 60m rope
10 x quickdraws
some long slings for stances, etc



Top section
See next page

Breakfast Ledge

Alternative start

Start with tea table

Cresta del Amici *** 225 m 17/5c

FA: T. Lourens, G. Jacobs 19 April 2023



25 min



Pitch 1-5



Pitch 6-9

Cresta del Amici (The Friends Ridge) is a fun adventure, which takes a weaving line up the extreme left side of the north face of Cogmans Buttress. I was looking for a line that started at the very bottom of the buttress and went all the way to the summit, and one that you could abseil back down, thereby doing away with that horrible walk off the back of the buttress. Also, I wanted it to not exceed grade 15 or 16, as I wanted the route to be accessible to all climbers and to give people a real adventure route to the top of a wonderful mountain. Okay, one pitch is 17, but there was no way around that!

The route involves some very easy scramble pitches (some with very few bolts) and some really nice, exposed pitches that gives good steep climbing (nicely bolted) and a few pitches in between. But rest assured there are bolts where you would want and need them.

All the stances are equipped, either with double lower offs (if they are also used as part of the abseil route), or with two bolts/hangers if only for a stance. These anchors are all on sizable ledges. Sometimes the stance bolts may not be far from the abseil anchors, so take note of that when climbing the route.

The route can be climbed with a single 60m rope (NOT a 50m rope) and a rack of 10 quick draws and some slings (no trad gear necessary). The descent follows a line down 6 abseils. See detailed descent info overleaf.

Approach

As for the routes on the north face.

Start

Standing at the foot of the north face, facing the wall where *Magical Mystery Tour* and the other routes are, do a full 180 degrees and you will see a long rib of rock running down on the left side of the tongue of rocky slope, ending at a much lower level. The route starts at the foot of this rib, next to a little wooden tea platform wedged in a wide crack. You will see two bolts in the clean white rib above and to the left.

The Route

1. 40m 14 [6B]: climb the steep rib, past 2 bolts for some metres, till it ends. Scramble to another steepening and climb the corner past 1 bolt. Continue up the crest of the ridge to where it steepens and climb up, past 2 bolts to gain the crest of the rocky knife edge. Move across, past 1 bolt to the double bolt anchor on a ledge. Not an abseil anchor.

2. 30m easy scramble [1B]: Keeping to the clean rocky crest, scramble along, past 1 bolt and continue along the ridge, up a little rocky step, to where it steepens dramatically beneath green lichen covered rock. Move right to find a double bolt anchor on the right side of a big square block beneath the obvious right tending ramp. Not an abseil anchor.

3. 20m 17 [6B]: climb the ramp easily, till able to step right (bolt) into a wide low-angle crack and climb this, past 1 bolt, to its end just before a corner. Step up and left onto the steep lichen-covered face and climb this diagonally out left (following 3 bolts), till able to do an awkward step up and around onto the rounded arête. Step up, past 1 bolt, to gain the Giant's Armchair stance beneath a long smooth slab at a double bolt abseil anchor. **Note:** although the crux section climbs the crispy green lichen covered face, the hand and foot holds are all on clean rough rock.

4. 20m 12 [2B]: Climb the crack in the ramp, past 1 bolt, over some small ledges and steps, past another bolt, to reach a double bolt abseil anchor.

5. 20m 10 [1B]: Scramble easily up to a vegetated ledge and, keeping right, move up to and climb the short steep crack (bolt) to the huge ledge above with double bolt abseil anchors.

You are now on Breakfast Ledge

Just above and a few metres to the right, you will see a single bolt at the start of a long clean low angle ramp. Move up to this single bolt to belay and for the next pitch. **Note:** Pitches 4 and 5 can (and should) easily be linked.

Note: Breakfast Ledge is a good ledge to stash anything you may not want/need for the last four pitches, as the descent route passes this point. The climbing on the top half of the route is also more demanding than the bottom half, and so are the abseils.

6. 35m 14 [5B]: From the bolt, climb straight up the ramp for about 20 metres, past two bolts, till almost in an alcove. Step up to the right (bolt) to reach the short steep face and climb this on good holds, past 2 bolts, to the big ledge above. Stance at a double bolt anchor in a block below a scooped face leading to the right to the foot of a steep ramp.

Note: you will see a set of abseil anchors a few metres to your right. Take note of this for the descent.

7. 25m 15 [6B]: Step up onto the protruding block, then step across (bolt) to gain the scoop. Climb across to the right, past 2 bolts, and move up to below the ramp. Do a steep, awkward step up and reach move (bolt) to establish yourself on the ramp, then climb up, past a bolt, till able to move across to the right (bolt), then over a small vegetated gully to the other side of a block and into an alcove. Double bolt anchor high above your head. Not an abseil anchor.

8. 20m 14 [6B]: From a block, step across onto the wall (bolt) and move up to the long brown overhang. Traverse sensationally out to the right (3 bolts), over some nice exposure, till able to move up on the right side of the overhang to gain a ledge. **Note:** At this stage, look to your right to see a set of abseil anchors. Take note of this for the descent. This is NOT your anchor for the next pitch

From the ledge, move diagonally rightacross some clean slabs (2 bolts), to reach the higher ledge and a single bolt anchor (soon to be 2 bolts) on some blocks.

9. 25m 16 [7B]: This is an excellent pitch! From the stance step awkwardly across the gap (bolt), over a surprising void, looking down practically the whole height of the buttress. Once across, climb the face and corner for some metres (2 bolts), then stay left and climb up steep rock on good sharp holds (2 bolts) to exit the corner on the left. Climb the easy face (bolt) to a ledge then do a last awkward step up (bolt), to belay on top of a huge block/ledge at a single bolt, above and to the right of a set of abseil anchors.

This is the end of the climbing. Don't forget to enter your names into the "Summit Book".

To go to the summit of the buttress, untie and leave all your kit here.

Summit scramble

Clamber up over some boulders, then climb up to the left to enter a chamber formed by a huge leaning boulder. Crawl through the wormhole onto a ledge, then move left (as you exit the wormhole) and climb the featured slab onto the boulder. Scramble up and right (following cairns), until it is easy and obvious to see the way to the summit. Return the same way.

Note: It is possible to skip the first two pitches and start at the top of the bouldery slope below the start of pitch 3. This is where the last abseil touches down. From the top of the slope, scramble up easily for about 10 metres to reach the double bolt anchor below the ramp at the start of pitch 3. But skipping pitch 1 and 2 would be a bit of a cop out!

Abseil descent

1. 25m: From the top of the route, abseil down the lichen covered face past the belay stance on your right. Continue down a few more metres to reach a narrow ledge with double abseil anchors.

2. 28m: Abseil down a big, steep concave brown wall (with some nice potential for single sport routes) to reach a gully/ledge. Step over the gully and continue abseiling over some blocky terrain, tending left, to reach a good standing spot at a double bolt abseil anchor. This is right of the bolted stance at the foot of pitch 7.

3. 30m: abseil down some undercut faces, crossing a gully near the bottom, then down the ramp to the huge Breakfast Ledge between pitch 5 and 6. Move down to the next set of anchors at the edge of the ledge.

4. 20m: Abseil straight down to the next set of anchors.

5. 20m: Abseil straight down to the next set of anchors on the Giant's Armchair.

6. 25m: abseil down the steep lichen covered face, and continue down the side of the rib, until you are on the ground. From here scramble down the bouldery slope to the tea table and your bags.

Note: If you are climbing with a 70m rope, abseils 4 and 5 can be linked with rope stretch and care.



Note: If it is very windy when you reach the top of the route, it may be wise to not abseil (due to the chances of getting your ropes blown into tricky situations) and rather walk off the back of the butress and come around to gain the Breakfast Ledge. Use the old mast as a landmark for the start of the ledge. The bottom 2 or 3 abseils a more protected from the wind.

Optional walk off from the summit to the Breakfast Ledge

From the summit, drop down into the obvious gully directly below. Keeping mainly to the slabby rocky sections, make your way down to a little way above where the gully looks to steepen quite a bit. Do not continue down the gully, but rather traverse across left (facing out) to gain larger, steeper slabs near the edge of the ridge, then down these, till it is obvious where you cross over the ridge, on a shoulder, to the other side. Make your way across and down the steep, rough slopes, to the left, and weave your way down until able to gain the start of Breakfast Ledge at the old mast. Traverse across the ledge to the line of the route and continue down the last 3 abseils.

Patsy Lourens on the knife edge at the end of pitch 1 on Cresta del Amici (17/5c). Photo: Tony Lourens.



Willie Koen finishing off the crux pitch of *Cresta del Amici* (17/5c)
Photo: Tony Lourens.





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35-45 min



W facing

A huge impressive amphitheatre, with two excellent routes through the middle. Definitely worth the effort. The *Original Frontal Route* takes a good line, but unfortunately is not that great a route, but does take you all the way to the summit. The Flutings on the right side of the amphitheatre has one trad route, and offers great potential for new routes.

17. Original Frontal Route ** 15 [Trad]

FA: Greg Moseley, et al, 1971

The first route to tackle the big twisted Cogman's Buttress. An easy, but adventurous route up the middle of the buttress, with a somewhat scary first pitch – exposed and runout on sketchy gear over dubious rock. The rest of the route is bomber and ends on the summit of the buttress.

Note: Climb with all your kit, as the descent is down the back of the buttress far from the start.

Start: From the very top, left side of the ledge.

1. 30m 14R: Step up for a few metres, then, keeping to the lower level, traverse around the exposed corner and step across the gap to gain the base of a featured knobbly slab. Move gingerly up and across the slab to the left, then move around another corner and up into a groove/crack. Step left (and get your first bomber piece of gear) and climb up cracks in a small gully to reach a big vegetated ledge with a cairn. **Note:** Climb lightly on this pitch. The rock is not happy.

2. 25m 15: From the right side of the ledge, climb diagonally right, over some blocks to the base of a ramp. Climb the ramp to the base of a chimney crack and climb this, staying right, to reach a stance on a ledge. Continue straight up to the huge boulder, and move left, around this to gain a ledge with a cairn. beneath steepish rock.

3. 15m 14: Keeping right, climb the brown ramp to a roof, then move up and left, around a bulgy section. Step across a gap and climb the juggy face to a ledge. Scramble straight up for another 15 metres to a ledge below a deep chimney with a huge chockstone a little way up.

4. 20m 13: Climb the orange rock, to the right of the deep chimney to reach a small roof. Pull through on jugs and continue straight up, till able to move off left over easy terrain to gain the big vegetated ledge near the top of the buttress. Scramble up and left to the summit cairn.

Descent

From the summit, drop down into the obvious gully directly below. Keeping mainly to the slabby rocky sections, make your way down to a little way above where the gully looks to steepen quite a bit. Do not continue down the gully, but rather traverse across left (facing out) to gain larger, steeper slabs near the edge of the ridge, then down these, till it is obvious where you cross over the ridge to the other side. Make your way across and down the steep, rough slopes, to the left, and continue weaving and scrambling down until the angle eases somewhat, and the going becomes less rough. From here pick the best line to meet up with the path you see below, near the huge boulder, where the path does an obvious switchback. Continue down the path to the road, and then along the road to your car [1 hr].

18. Electric Burn ***** 23/6c+ [B,C] G. Jacobs, P. Pretorius Jan 2026

A great addition to the main amphitheatre on Cogman's Buttress

Approach pitch. 15m 10/3 [4B,C]; P1. 25m 21/6b+ [9B,C]; P2. 30m 22/6c [14B,C]; P3. 20m 22/6c [7B,C]; P4. 20m 23/6c [10B,C]

18. Burnt By the Sun ***** 23/6c+ [B,C] M. Roberts, P. McCann 2003

A nice adventure on the huge front amphitheatre of Cogman's.

P1. 28m 17/5c [10B,C]; P2. 26m 19/6a+ [10B,C]; P3. 28m 21/6b+ [9B,C]; P4. 30m 23/6c+ [14B,C]

Note: Use long slings to avoid rope drag, especially on pitch 2 and 3.

Descent: Abseil straight down the route.

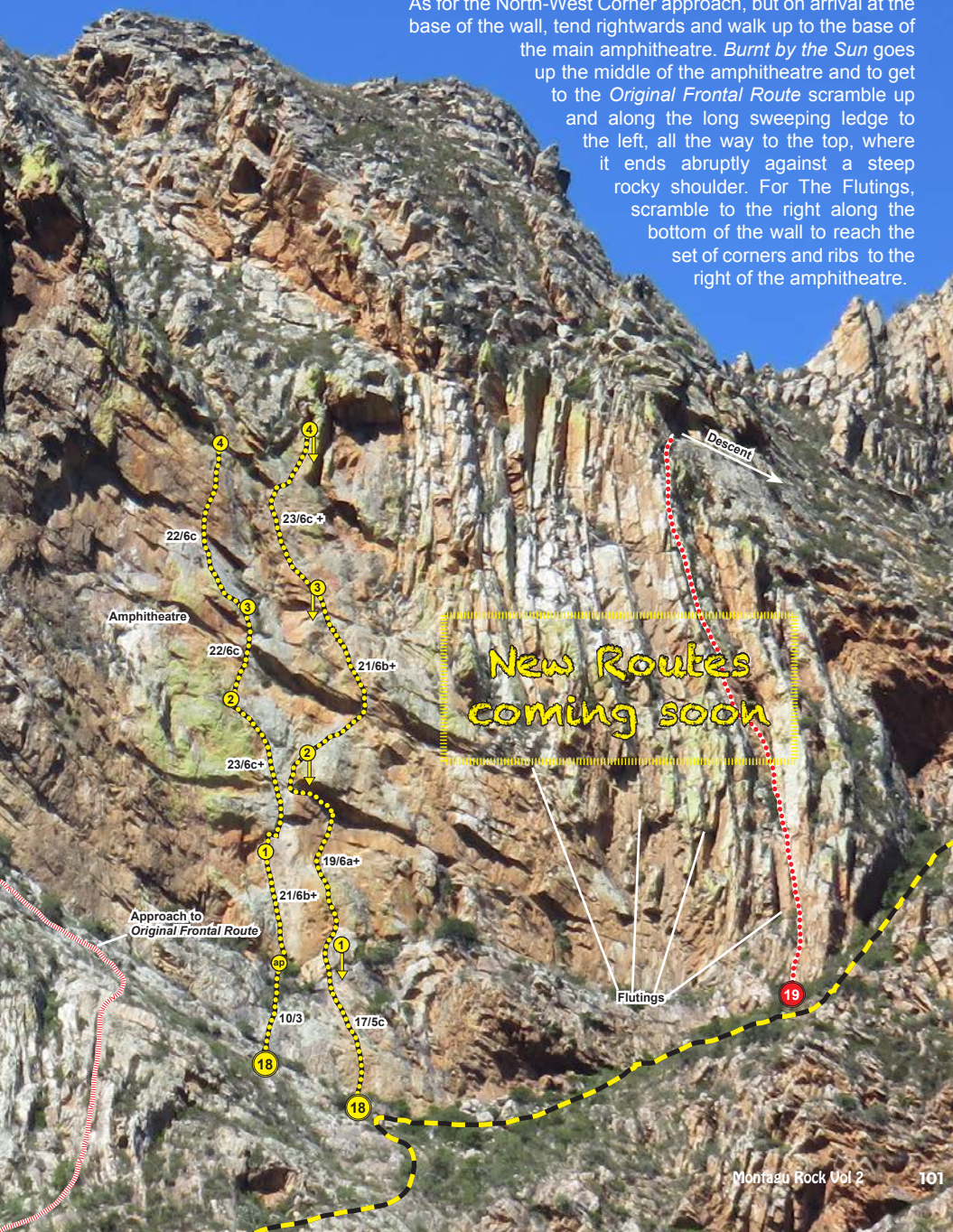
Cogman's – Amphitheatre and Flutings

How to get there • Parking

As for the North Face

Approach

As for the North-West Corner approach, but on arrival at the base of the wall, tend rightwards and walk up to the base of the main amphitheatre. *Burnt by the Sun* goes up the middle of the amphitheatre and to get to the *Original Frontal Route* scramble up and along the long sweeping ledge to the left, all the way to the top, where it ends abruptly against a steep rocky shoulder. For The Flutings, scramble to the right along the bottom of the wall to reach the set of corners and ribs to the right of the amphitheatre.





45 min



W facing

Eagle Buttress is the huge buttress to the right of Cogman's Buttress. The one with the beautiful and prominent 300-metre arête/ridge running straight up the middle. A ridge that has "climb me" written all over it! This is in fact where climbing in Montagu started way back in 1971

How to get there • Parking

Driving out of Montagu towards Robertson, you will cross over a bridge 600 metres after Die Kloof Padstal. Continue for another 2 kilometres to reach a large paved lay-by near the entrance of Keur Kloof and about 400 metres before the rock tunnel. Park here.

Approach

Walk back a few hundred metres until you reach the bottom of the gully that runs down from the base of the *Eagles Folly* ridge. Go past this point for a short distance and find a good spot to leave the road to gain the slope on the left side of the gully. Make your way across the slope and enter the gully after a few hundred metres. Follow the gully and sometimes the slopes to the left or right of the gully, till you reach an obvious rock band which blocks the gully. Go up the slope to the right to get around the rock band and regain the gully above. Continue up to the base of the right side of the ridge, to an alcove next to a short grey slab and an overhang about 5 metres above. This is where *Eagles Folly* starts. For *Eagles Arête*, carry on up the open slopes to the left of the buttress to very close to the top. Then move right to the base of the route (20 min extra).

1. Eagles Arête **** 20 [Trad]

FA: Guy Paterson-Jones, Hilton Davies, 18 August 2013

1. 30m 20: Start up the grey rock on the left to by-pass the low roof. Climb the corner for 3m to the upper roof then head out to the right to gain the face above. Climb the face to reach a ledge near the top, then continue more easily up the arête to the top.

2. Eagles Folly **** 17 [Trad]

FA: G. Moseley, B. de Villiers 1971

A classic route with an alpine feel. Takes the striking crest of the long ridge almost in its entirety, with some very interesting climbing. The route is longer than one expects, so give yourself plenty of time, also for the walk-off, which is rough and tedious. *Eagles Folly* was in fact, the very first rock climb to be opened in the Montagu area.

Start: In the alcove at the base of the grey slab on the left

1. 45m 13: Climb the slab to a ledge, then climb the crack straight above to gain the edge of the arête. Continue fairly obviously, up some steepish slabs, then some steppy slabs to reach a long narrow ledge about 15 metres below the top of the slabs.

2. 40m 14: Climb straight up the cracked slabs for about 20 metres to gain the ledge beneath the steep brown rock. Traverse across the ledge to the left to the base of a short/corner crack and climb this, till able to move left to the shoulder of the ridge (cairn).

3. 50m 17: Climb the easy low-angled slabs to where it starts steepening, then climb the short white corner, left of the bigger corner, to gain the brown knobbly slab beneath the obvious layback corner. Climb the knobbly slab to the base of the corner and climb the crack using jams and layback moves to the top (sustained and strenuous). Climb some low-angled slabs to a stance where it starts to steepen, at the same height as the small prominent gendarme on the ridge.

4. 40m 14: Climb slabs and corners straight up from the stance to the top of another gendarme. Step down the other side and move left to stance on top of an old gnarly tree beneath a corner.

5. 45m 16: Climb the corner/crack above the tree and some slabs above to reach the base of the big square corner. Climb the corner to a chockstone, then move left and up to gain the airy arête. Climb the arête, past the overhang on the right, then up some cracks left of the arête to reach a roof. Step over and to the right of the roof and climb clean slabs to a stance on a rock shelf, below stepped slabs.

6. 40m 15: Climb the white slabs directly above via some cracks to reach a shoulder. Continue up a scrappy gully to stance on a ledge, beside a long prong/block, beneath where the rock steepens.

7. 20m 13: Climb awkwardly up stepped cracks to reach the top of the roped climbing. Scramble left and up to the ridge, then follow the ridge around to the left and up to the top of the buttress.

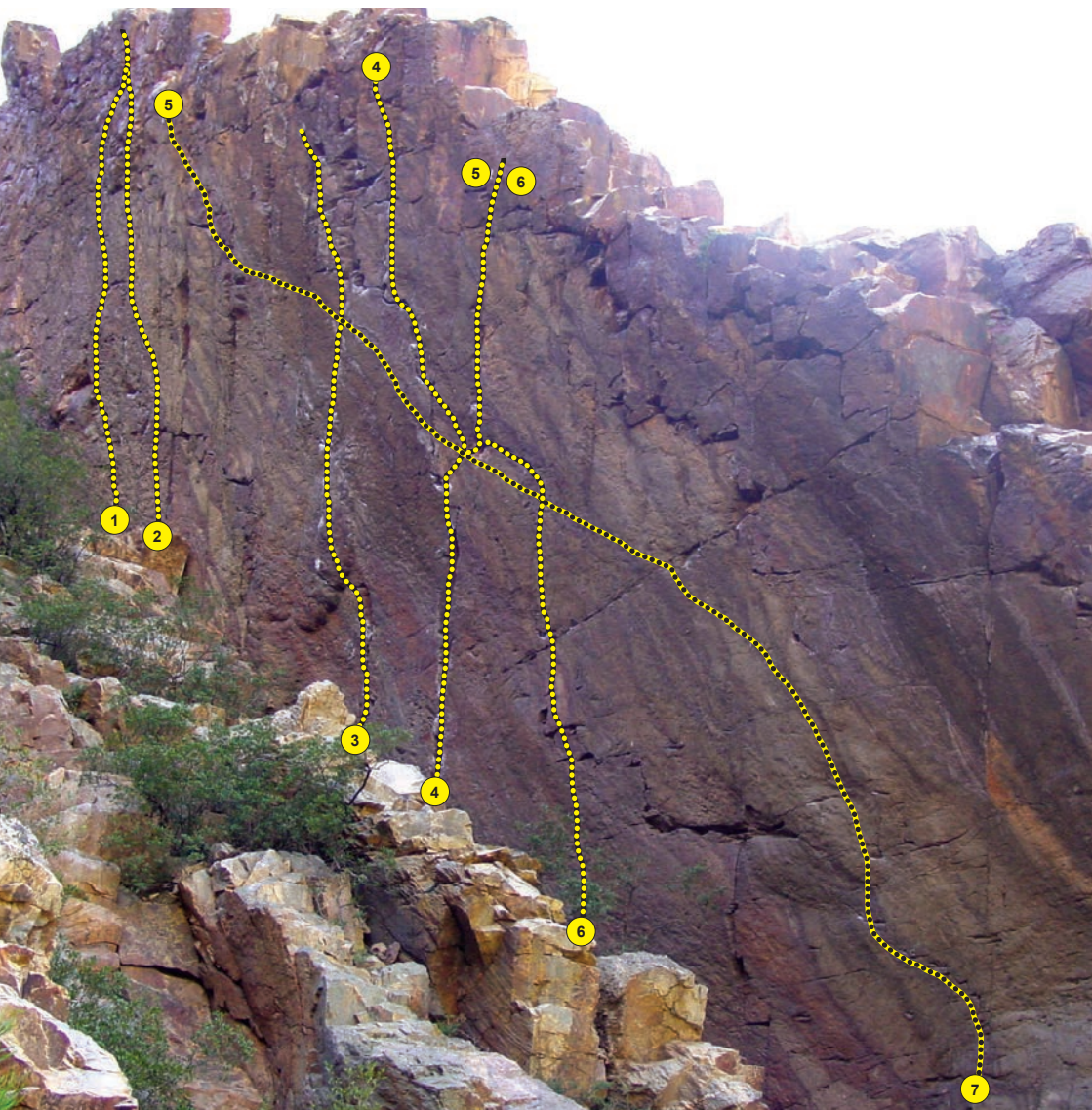
The Steeple – Back



20 min



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|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---|------------------------|
| 1. Losing My Religion ** | 22/6c | [6B,C] | | <i>T. Lourens 2002</i> |
| 2. Midnite Mass ** | 22/6c | [6B,C] | | <i>T. Lourens 2002</i> |
| 3. Holy Moly *** | 26/7b | [7B,C] | 😊 | <i>R. Natrass 1997</i> |
| 4. The Church of Frederico **** | 23/6c+ | [7B,C] | 😊 | <i>R. Natrass 1997</i> |
| 5. Conclave *** | 24/7a | [5B,C] | | <i>B. Marx 2025</i> |
| 6. Hail Mary *** | 27/7b+ | [5B,C] | | <i>B. Marx 2025</i> |
| 7. The Shouting Stage **** | 29/7c+ | [14B,C] | 😊 | <i>R. Natrass 1997</i> |



Dog Bowl



10 mins



25 min



A steep brown wall high up above the river

1. Snort's Route **** 24/7a [11B,C]

C. Edelstein 2005 (BB T. van der Merwe)

2. Dog Bone **** 25/7a+ [12B,C]

C. Edelstein 2005

3. Scooby Doo ***** 23/6c+ [11B,C]

E. Pelser 2022

4. Toto ***** 23/6c+ [13B,C]

E. Pelser 2022

Need a 70m rope for this route,
but there is a lower off at 25m

Approach

As for Slabs of Joy. About 50 metres below the Slabs, leave the stony gully and head diagonally left across the slope to the base of a short gully leading to the top of the ridge (cairns). Follow the broad ridge for a while, until able to move across to the left and up to the base of the wall.

Brenda Marx piecing together *Hail Mary* (27/7b+) Photo: Toni van Houweninge.





Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg in development mode at Rehab Crag. Photo: Caro Dent.



Routes 19 and 20 start
to the right of route 18



Rehab Crag has immaculate rock and is beautifully overhanging. The base requires a small scramble to get to and is definitely not child friendly. It's the crag that probably every climber has walked past and wondered if there was anything there. Finally, Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg did the legwork and got this crag started. On the 1st January 2023, the first route was opened there called *Back Rehab Feat*, a homage to comebacks. There is plenty of scope for easier lines to the left.

Approach

From the Avalon Springs side of Bad Kloof, as you walk in, look for the sign that points to the right. You will cross the river and go up three flights of steps. Break off to the left and walk along the ledge until the next gully. Head up the gully towards the obvious cave. The last bit is a scramble with staples.

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|---|--------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Relapse *** | 24/7a | [10B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Maillon halfway up to assist with cleaning. | | | |
| 2. Resilience **** | 18/6a | [12B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| Starts up the slab right of <i>Relapse</i> and steps across left onto a stunning headwall. | | | |
| 3. Vertigo **** | 18/6a | [10B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| Be sure to continue to the second set of chains to complete the route. | | | |
| 4. Moonboot ** | 19/6a+ | [12B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| 5. Pins and Needles **** | 19/6a+ | [9B,C] | E. Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| 6. Funny Bone *** | 20/6b | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Start on first 3 draws of <i>Pins and Needles</i> and then continue on <i>Laughter</i> to the chains. A nice variation of both lines. | | | |
| 7. Laughter *** | 22/6c | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| 8. Snake Oil **** | 22/6c | [10B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| 9. Macrophage *** | 23/6c+ | [10B,C] | Sarel Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| 10. Booster Shot **** | 26/7b | [10B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| 11. Back Rehab Feat **** | 25/7a+ | [12B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| 12. Elixer *** | 26/7b | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| 13. Deep Heat **** | 26/7b | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| 14. Ice Man **** | 28/7c | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Variation of <i>Deep Heat</i> . Veers right after bolt 4 and joins back 3 bolts later. | | | |
| 15. Hypnotic **** | 25/7a+ | [11B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| 16. Neurogenesis ***** | 29/7c+ | [9B,C] | O. de Wet 2023 |
| 17. Flex Appeal *** | 28/7c | [7B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Traverse in from <i>Neurogenesis</i> (unclipping <i>Neurogenesis</i> 's quickdraws as you go to prevent rope drag). | | | |
| 18. Getafix *** | 24/7a | [11B,C] | Sakkie Jansen van Rensburg 2023 |
| On the far right in the cave (before you get to the staples). | | | |
| 19. Kinetic *** | 23/6c+ | [9B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Shares 1 bolt with <i>Getafix</i> . | | | |
| 20. Placebo *** | 22/6c | [10B,C] | E. Pelser 2023 |
| Climbs first 5 bolts of <i>Kinetic</i> , splits off for 3 bolts and rejoins for last bolt and chains. | | | |



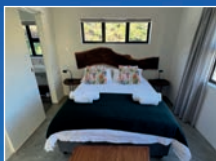


A super-steep crag with some hard, pumpy classics. But also a few easier routes on the left side.

Approach

Continue past Sloth Crag for another minute.

1. Wax my Gun and Have Some Fun **	21/6b+	[4B,C]	<i>T. Hyde 1999</i>
2. The Dumper **	15/5a	[5B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2004</i>
3. Beach Break **	19/6a+	[5B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2004</i>
4. Whoa She Poopie ***	29/7c+	[8B,C]	<i>J. Hawkins 1998</i>
5. Point Break ****	30/8a	[8B,C]	<i>J. Fisher 1991</i>
6. Rad and Bad **	28/7c	[6B,C]	<i>M. Roberts 1991</i>
7. Rad and Whoa ***	28/7c	[7B,C]	<i>P. Olivier July 2023</i>
8. Surf and Turf **	23/6c+	[5B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2005</i>
9. Leap Tide ***	27/7b+	[7B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2004</i>
10. Thruster ****	26/7b	[5B,C]	<i>S. Maasch 1992</i>
11. Triple Stringer ***	26/7b	[5B,C]	<i>S. Maasch 1991</i>
12. J-Bay ***	28/7c	[6B,C]	<i>D. Wiemar 1997</i>
13. Wipe-Out ***	31/8a+	[4B,C]	<i>C. Martinengo 2006</i>
14. Hypoxia ***	29/7c+	[5B,C]	<i>G. Hörhager 1996</i>
15. First Wave **	25/7a+	[4B,C]	<i>J. Ward 1998</i>
16. The Circle of Life *	25/7a+	[6B,C]	<i>J. Marshall 2010</i>



Self catering cottages surrounded by mountains

Walking distance to some of the best climbing in Montagu (Legoland & Boschkloof Crag)





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8 min



Waterworld is one of the best steep crags in Montagu, and includes some moderate routes. The sandy base sometimes gets washed away during a flood and the river needs to be rerouted in order to keep the base useable. Lots of work has been done on the base of this crag to ensure ongoing and uninterrupted climbing, but the base is prone to become damp, muddy and watery, which needs ongoing maintenance to keep it in a usable condition.

Approach

Walk up the path on the right side of the river until you come to the obvious huge, triangular overhanging crag.

1. Monkey See Monkey Do ***	19/6a+	[8B,C]	<i>R. Brown 2009 (BB S. Brown)</i>
2. Arendsig ****	18/6a	[8B,C]	<i>R. Brown 2007 (BB S. Brown)</i>
3. Walk On By ***	22/6c	[8B,C]	<i>R. Brown 2007 (BB S. Brown)</i>
4. Swamp Thing ***	22/6c	[9B,C]	<i>E. Pelser Dec 2021</i>
5. Some Would Say ****	26/7b	[6B,C]	<i>E. Nel 2013 (BB S. Brown)</i>
6. Simply Irresistible ****	27/7b+	[5B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2007</i>
7. The Singularity ****	29/7c+	[5B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2010</i>
8. Firestarter! *****	29/7c+	[9B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2009</i>
9. My Route Down By The River *****	31/8a+	[10B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2009</i>
9a. Water Dragon ****	29/7c+	[11B,C]	<i>E. Pelser March 2025</i>
10. Chongalolo *****	34/8c	[9B,C]	<i>C. Roth 2013 (BB M. Bush)</i>
11. The Italian Job *****	35/8c	[11B,C]	<i>C. Martinego 2018</i>
Link up of <i>Chongalolo</i> and <i>The Legend</i> .			
12. The Legend of the Lost Italian Climber *****	32/8b	[10B,C]	<i>A. Biffi 2017</i>
13. Twist And Crawl **	28/7c	[12 B,C]	<i>C. Van Zyl 2009 (BB S. Brown)</i>
14. The Mission ***	25/7a+	[5 B,C]	<i>E. February 1996</i>
Grade 22 to the first set of anchors.			
15. Sidewinder **	24/7a	[6 B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2009</i>
16. Creepy Crawly **	20/6b	[6 B,C]	<i>S. Brown 2009</i>

Oorlogs Kloof

Oorlogs Kloof lies 18 kilometres out of Montagu along the R318. It is one of those very special places on Earth. It is wild, peaceful and full of the most beautiful rock walls and buttresses. This was where some of the earliest climbing took place in the greater Montagu area and has a selection of excellent routes, including *Wildcard*, one of the best in its grade in the Western Cape, and also the much hallowed *L'Abraxas*, one of the headiest test pieces in Montagu, having seen only one repeat since it was opened over 30 years ago. There are also other climbs of a more moderate grade and plenty of good testy routes, not least of all up on the Seamster Wall. Also much opportunity for developing new routes.

Le Pique-nique Sector



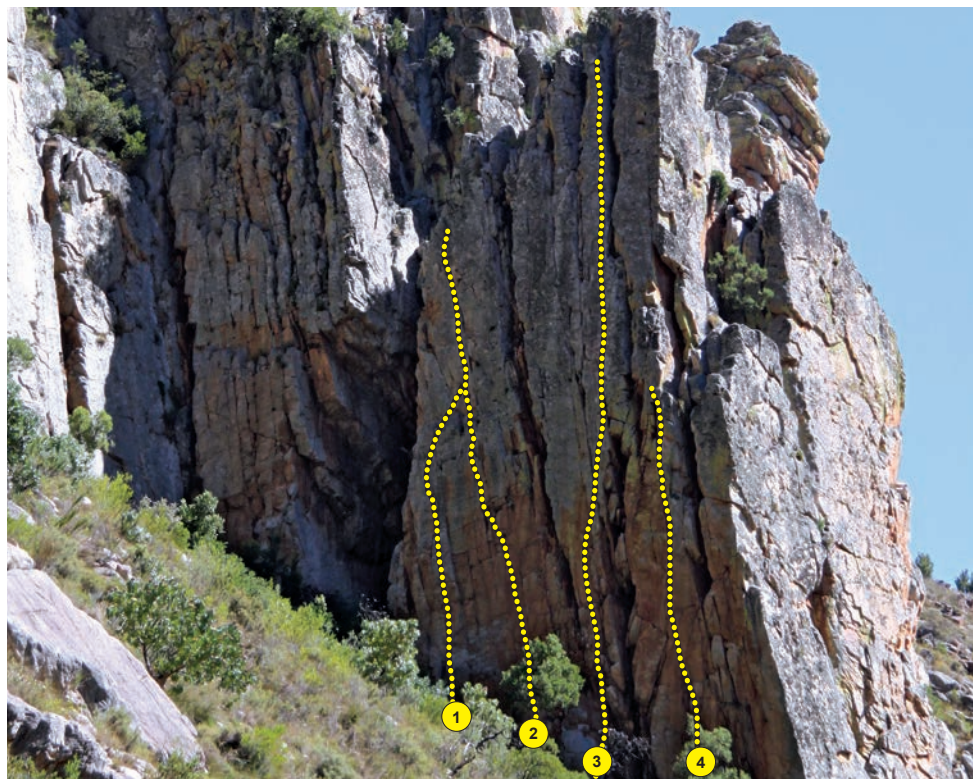
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Le Pique-nique Wall

1. Scarfoot ***	20/6b [10B]	G. Holwill 1990
2. Le Pique-nique ****	21/6b+ [10B]	P. Schlotfeldt 1989
3. Stinky Cheese ***	18/6a [12B]	P. McCann 2003
4. Big Cheese ***	24/7a [10B]	P & A. McCann Oct 2025

Note: More bolts have been added to *Mischief* and *Thuggery*, making it much safer.



Wildcard Buttress



15 min



A beautiful golden crag, with one of the best 24/7a routes in the country. A must-do for anyone climbing this grade. It is also the home to the infamous *L'Abraxas*, with only two ascents in over 30 years.

Approach

Walk into the kloof from the car park, then take the path heading up the slope to Wildcard Buttress.

P. Project (scattered bolts)

[B,C]

Open (BB J. Samson 2004)

1. L'Abraxas ****

31/8a+

[12B,C]

J. Fisher 1991 (RB M. Bush 2011)

2. Wildcard *****

24/7a

[7B,C]

P. Schlotfeldt 1989 (RB T. Lourens 2002)

3. Wild Abraxas ****

25/7a+

[14,C]

R. Halsey July 2025

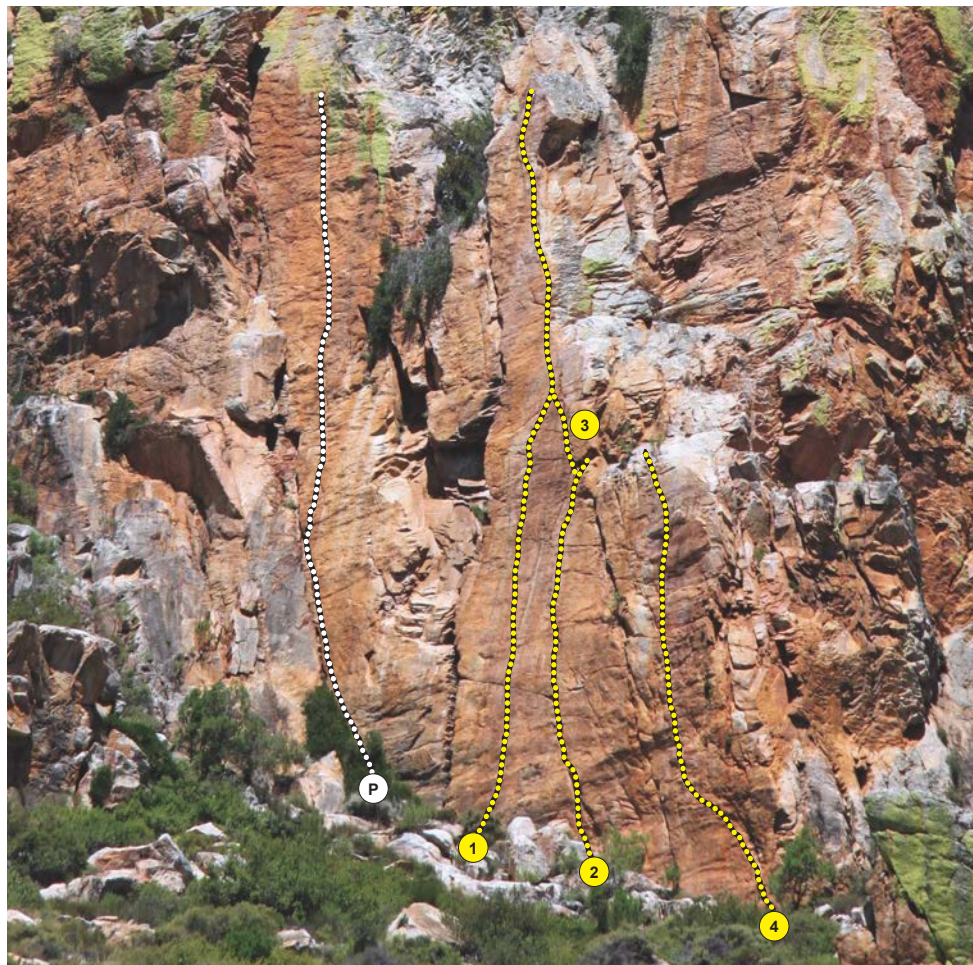
Links the top of *Wild Card* to the topsection of *L'Abraxas*

4. Sticky Seconds ***

26/7b

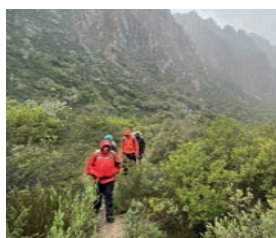
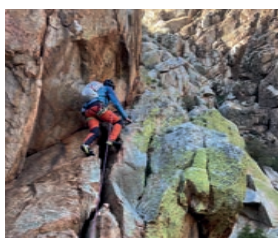
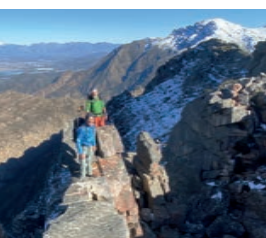
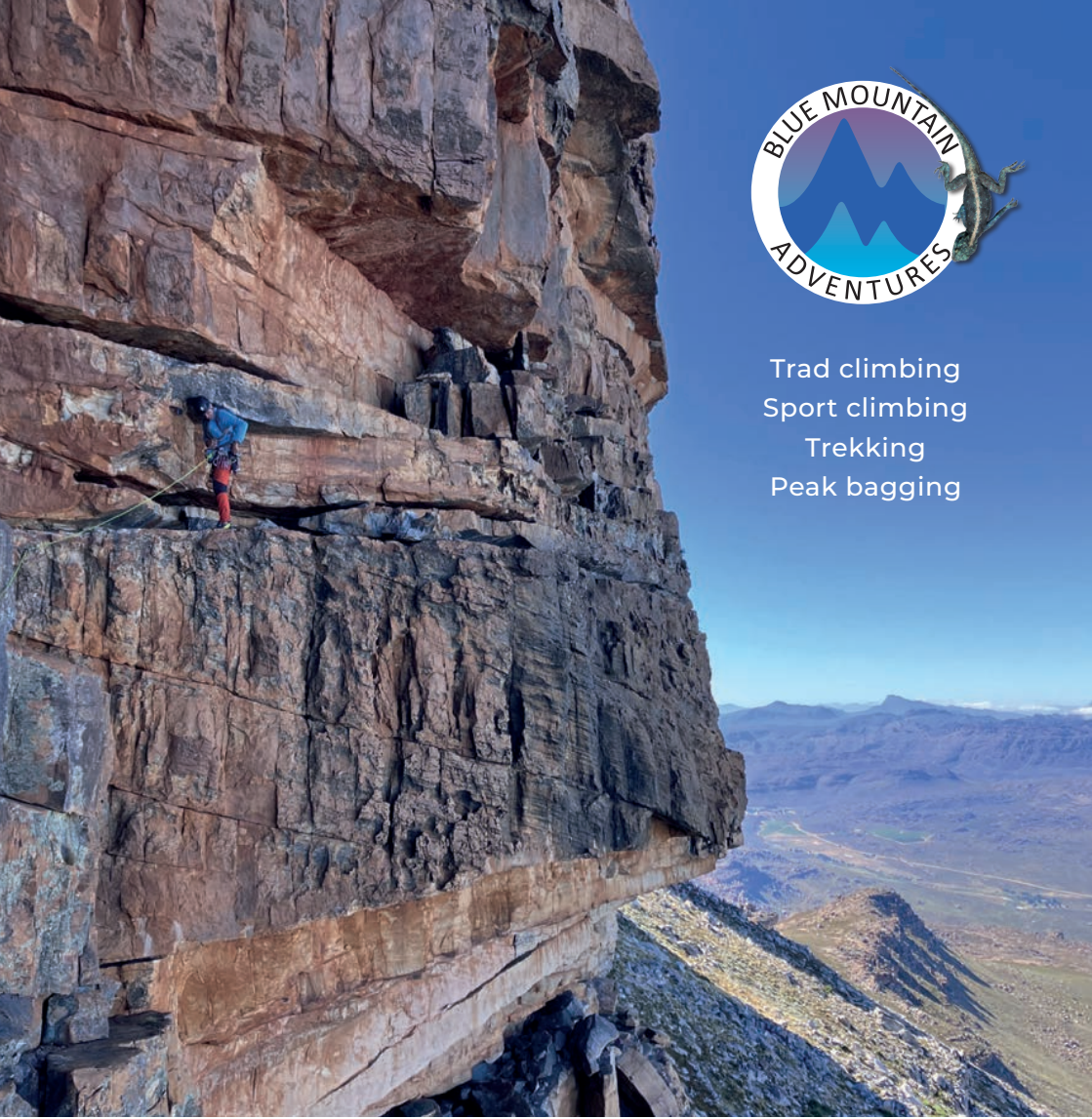
[6B,C]

M. Roberts 1991





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