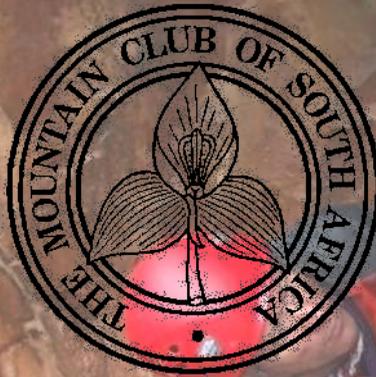


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CEDARBERG KLOOF, BOULDER KLOOF AND
LOWER TONQUANI**



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Preface

This guide is basically a reprint of the previous update to the route book. A number of new routes have been included and in a few cases, existing routes have been described differently, in an attempt to make it easier to find/follow a route. As far as possible the volume is complete. If however, any routes are missing or incompletely described, this is unintentional.

The intention behind the publication is to provide frequent issues of the route guide each containing the latest set of route updates. Feedback regarding any errors, omissions or additions is most welcome. Please submit all feedback to ClimbZA (www.climb.co.za), the MCSA or the author.

This route book is the collective work of many people and I would like to thank all those who helped in any way. Mention must be made of the contributing authors of routes, without whom there would be no route book.

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Conventions Used

The true right of a gully is defined as the side of the gully on the right hand side of an observer who is facing downstream. Similarly, the true left of a gully is defined as the side of the gully on the left hand side of an observer who is facing downstream.

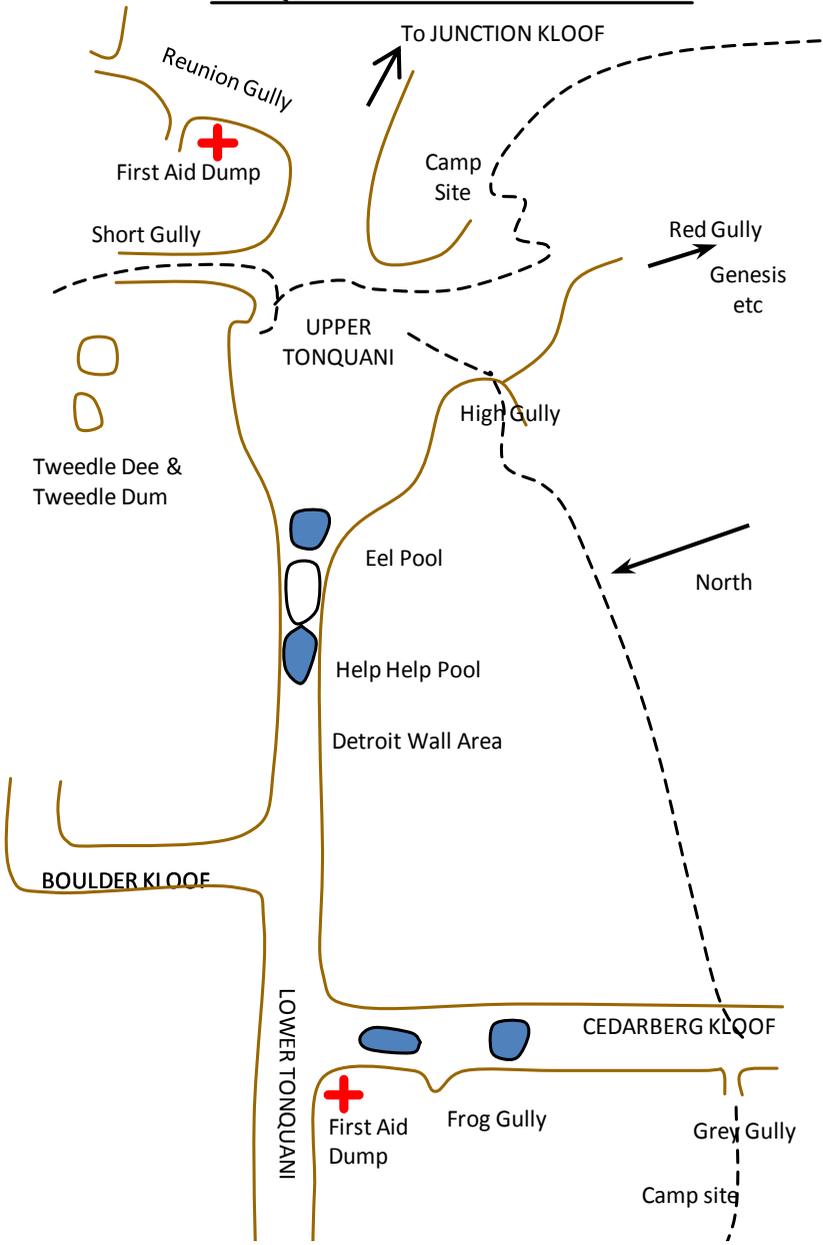
The routes in this guide are listed on the true right hand side of the kloof followed by the true left side of the kloof. In each case, the routes are listed from the upstream end working downstream.

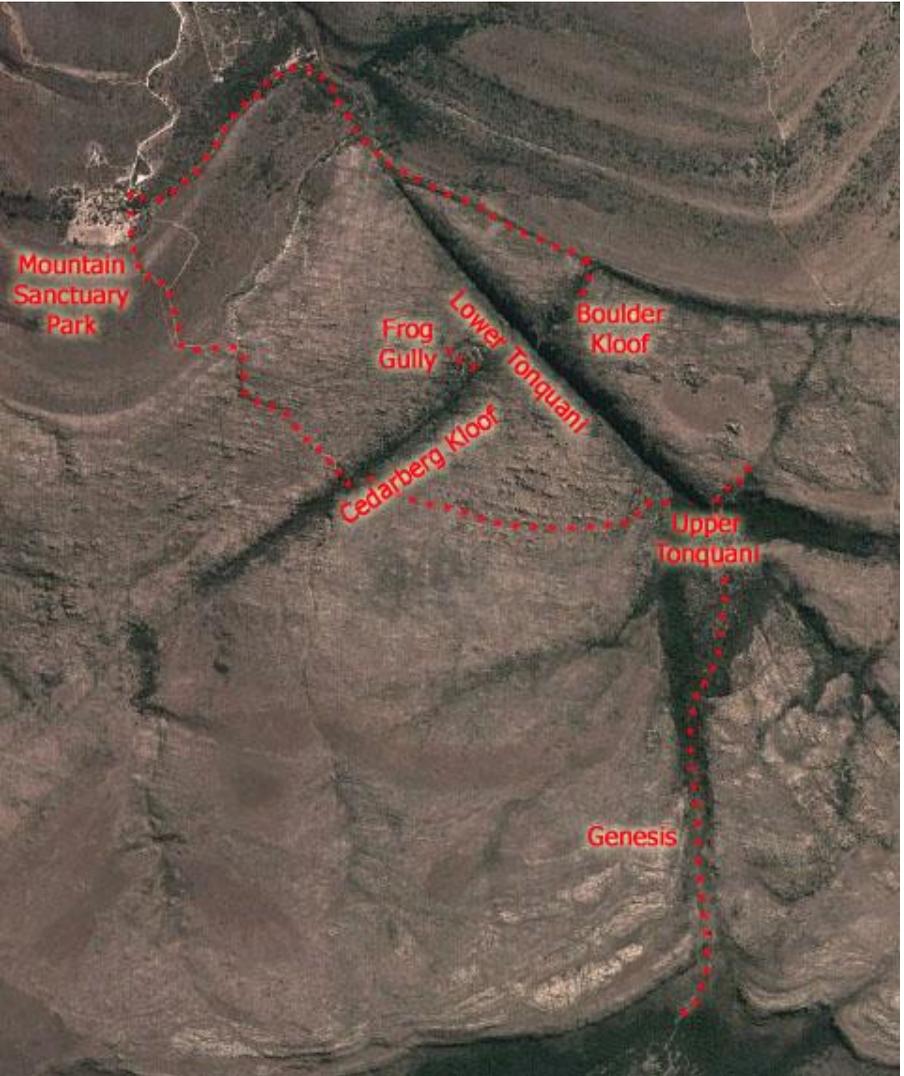
The star rating of the individual climb is a guide to the quality of the route. In general the following applies:

- No stars No rating has yet been given. Climb the route if it looks like fun, or give it a skip.
- * A route of little merit
- ** A mediocre route
- *** A good route
- **** An excellent route
- ***** One of the finest. Exceptional.

For grading, the newer numeric system is used. Grades have been converted from the old alphanumeric system, using the convention as per the article "Grade Comparison Guide" by Clive Curson, p118 of the MCSA Journal #98 of 1995. This is a guide only so some of the grades may be out by a grade or two.

TONQUANI COMPLEX MASTER





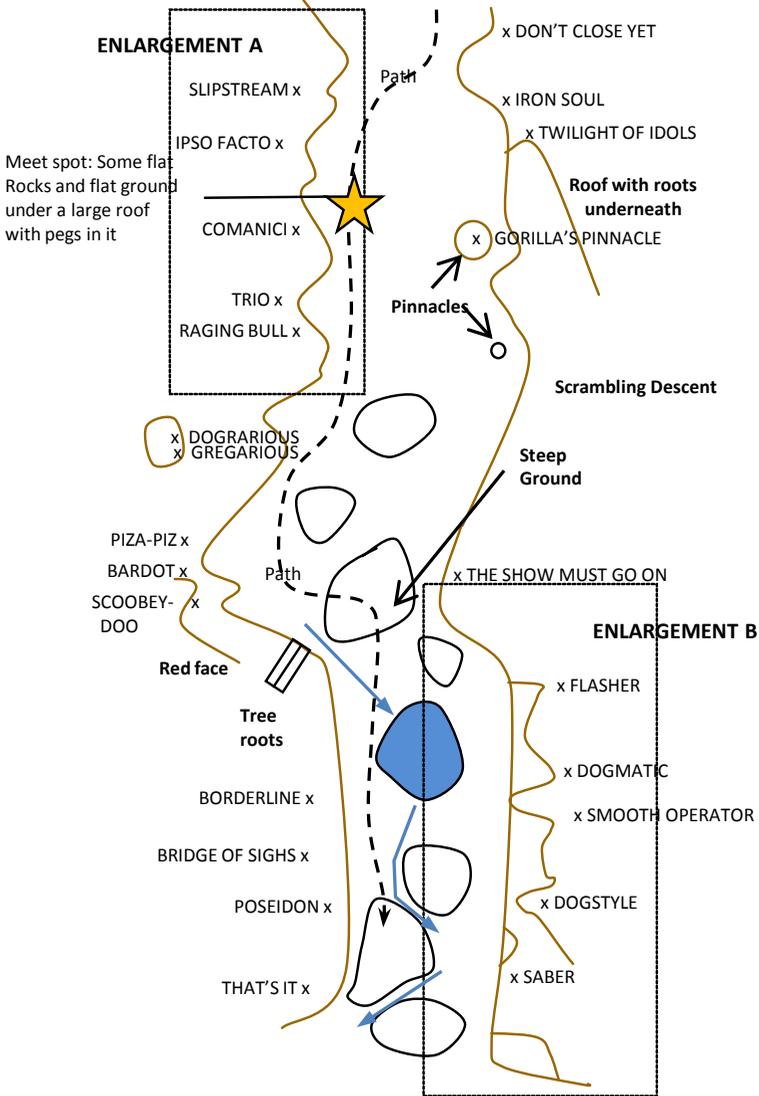
Google Earth image of The Tonquani Complex, with the access paths shown.

BOULDER KLOOF: List of Climbs

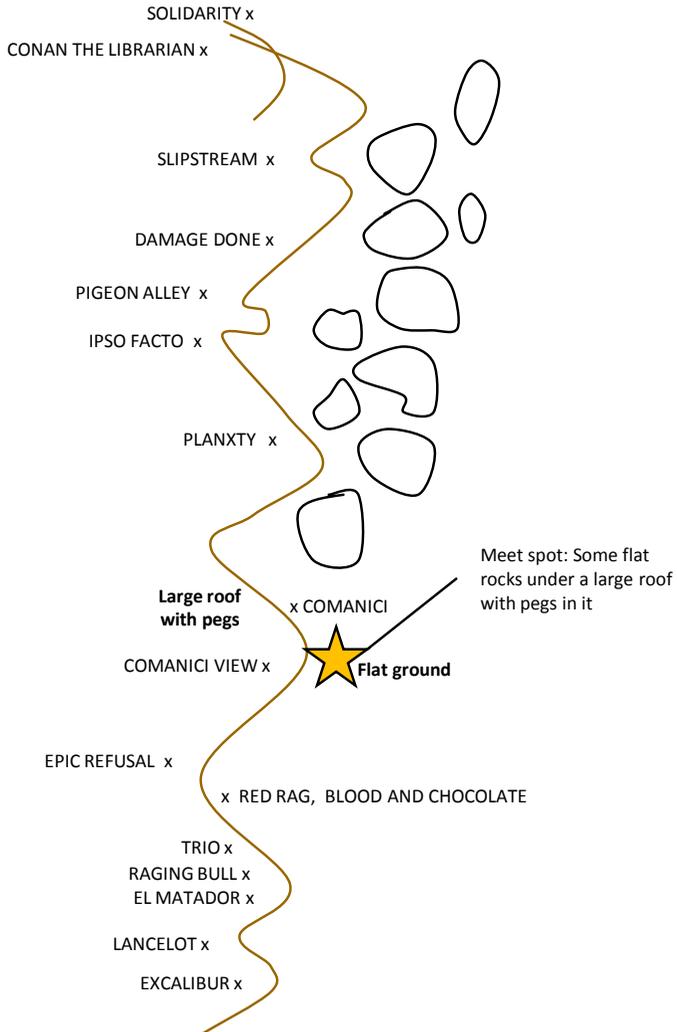
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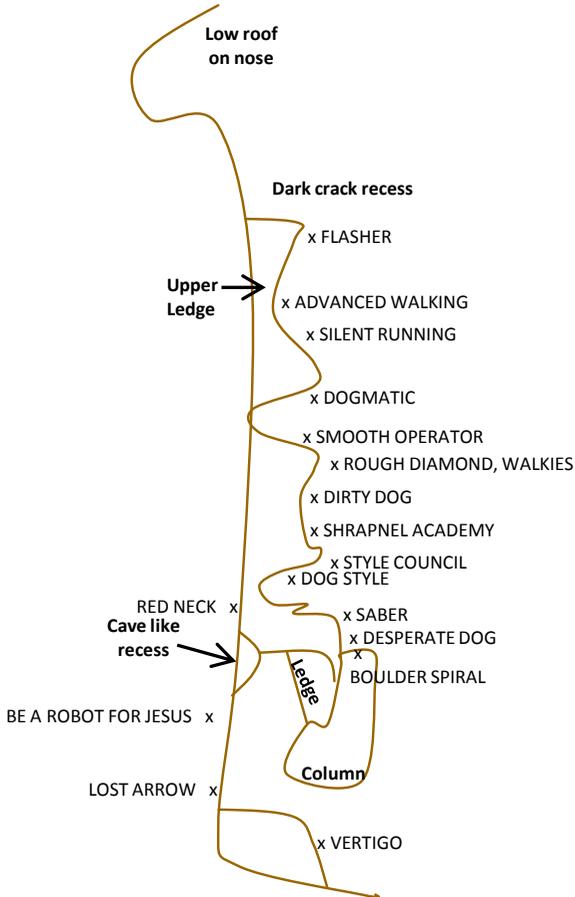
BOULDER KLOOF MASTER



BOULDER KLOOF ENLARGMENT A



BOULDER KLOOF ENLARGMENT B



BOULDER KLOOF

General

Boulder Kloof is a small kloof with a few good routes. The climbs at the top end of the kloof are generally a single pitch, while those lower down offer a single pitch of good climbing above a pitch of vegetated scrambling. Very few good routes of easy grade exist in Boulder Kloof.

Water is only available in the lowest reaches of Boulder Kloof.

Boulder Kloof, Cedarberg Kloof and Lower Tonquani are all with a few minutes walk of each other, so it is easy to move from one kloof to another to allow for a better selection of climbs for the day.

Access

The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) owns Boulder Kloof. Access to non-members is restricted by permits issued either by the Johannesburg section of the MCSA, or at Mountain Sanctuary Park.

The shortest approach to Boulder Kloof is to hike from Mountain Sanctuary Park to the lower end of Lower Tonquani. From here, get onto the slopes on the true right of the Lower Tonquani kloof and hike up these to get to the descent at the upper end of Boulder Kloof at the point where it makes a right angle bend.

Alternatively, hike from Mountain Sanctuary Park to the top of Frog Gully in Cedarberg Kloof. Descend this and move down Cedarberg kloof to the Lower Tonquani junction. Turn right (upstream) in Lower Tonquani for 50m and then left into Boulder Kloof.

Safety

The first aid dump is found at the junction of Cedarberg and Lower Tonquani Kloofs. It is on a ledge on the true left of both kloofs. It is about 6m above the stream beds. To get there from Boulder Kloof, make your way to the bottom end of Boulder Kloof, where it merges with Lower Tonquani. Turn right (downstream) and go about 50m until a kloof merges from the left – this is Cedarberg Kloof.

Aspect

Cedarberg, Lower Tonquani and Boulder Kloof are generally deep, narrow kloofs. In the early morning and late afternoon, they tend to be well shaded and will always be several degrees cooler than the surrounds. It is possible to climb all year round if you choose the sun/shade to suit your preferences, but the kloofs tend to be chilly in winter.

Boulder Kloof gets shade on the true left in morning and shade on the true right in the afternoon.

Cedarberg Kloof runs mainly south-north. Thus, the true right is in shade in the morning and the true left is in shade in the afternoon.

The true left of Lower Tonquani will generally receive morning sun and afternoon shade, while the opposite is true for the true right.

Descents

The easiest way to descend most routes in Boulder Kloof is to walk to the upper end of the kloof, to where it makes a right angle bend. Easy descents exist on both sides of the kloof

here, and this is sometimes also the easiest descent available for a route on the true right of Lower Tonquani as well.

With a bit of scrambling, it is also possible to descend on the true left hand side of the kloof immediately upstream of THE SHOW MUST GO ON.

Camping

If you want to camp near Boulder Kloof, the best option is probably the TWEEDLE-DEE TWEEDLE-DUM campsite. This is located near 2 obvious sandstone pinnacles as you walk from the upper end of Boulder Kloof towards the top of Short Gully (Upper Tonquani). This is far from water, but is a pleasant spot.

For Cedarberg Kloof, a lovely campsite exists near the upper end of the kloof. As you approach from Mountain Sanctuary Park, it will be on your left just before you drop into the kloof. A monkey cage is located near the largest group of sandstone boulders. Put your food in here to protect it from the monkeys and baboons that know how to get into your pack for a tasty treat.

Go car camping at Mountain Sanctuary Park. This is a little pricey and you need to book in advance, but the luxury of having your car right next to the tent is sometimes worth it. This is the only campsite at which you may make a fire.

Finding Routes

If this is your first trip to Boulder Kloof, put in some effort to find SLIPSTREAM, RAGING BULL and DOGSTYLE.

SLIPSTREAM is on the first decent looking rock you encounter as you walk down Boulder Kloof from its upper end. If you are

coming downstream, you will have to scramble down (easily) amongst a few large boulders just before you reach SLIPSTREAM itself.

If you continue downstream, about 100m later, you will see a prominent face on the right hand side of the kloof, just downstream of a chossy grey slab. The prominent face is home to TRIO and RAGING BULL.

While eyeing out these 2 climbs, look downstream on the true left of the kloof. An obvious face with a crack running up its center will be seen a further 100m downstream. This is DOGSTYLE.

Climbs on the true right

SUNDAY STROLLER

11 ***

This climb ascends a prominent arete 300m upstream from the upper descent gully into Boulder Kloof. The route is situated just downstream of a deep pool. A small free standing pinnacle lies just downstream of the start. Scramble up to the start.

1. 25m 11 Climb the arete passing a small overhang about two thirds up.

First ascent: Mar 1988 A. Mercer, D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

THE PSYCHE FACTOR

17 *

The climb ascends the face downstream of SUNDAY STROLLER. A prominent off-width crack marks the upper section of the climb.

1. 20m 17 Climb the face up to an overhang. Move right to below an off-width crack. Ascend the crack and continue on easier rock to top of crag.

First ascent: Mar 1988 M. Seegers, D. Margetts and A. Mercer.

PLUTO

20 ***

This climb ascends the thin face 1m right of ALABASTER

1. 23m 20 Climb the thin face 1m right of ALABASTER.

First ascent: Mar 1988 D. Margetts, A. Mercer, M. Seegers, T. Holt and D. Hartley.

ALABASTER

19 ***

Situated 2m right of STYX.

1. 23m 19 Climb the overhang and continue up the face to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Mar 1988 D. Margetts, A. Mercer and M. Seegers.

STYX

18 ***

This climb is situated about 100m upstream of the upper descent gully into Boulder Kloof. It is characterized by a smooth sloping slab with an overhang halfway up the slab and a crack running up the top section.

1. 23m 18 Climb directly up the thin face on the left of the corner, towards the overhang. Break through the overhang to below a crack. Ascend the crack above the overhang to the top of the crag.

Note:

Thin climbing with adequate protection using small wires.

First ascent: Mar 1988 M. Seegers, T. Truter, D. Margetts and A. Mercer.

SOLIDARITY

17

To the right of the SLIPSTREAM / EASY LIVING buttress there is a gully which can be used as a descent (short abseil). On the right of this gully is a buttress and right again is broken ground. Start at the lowest point of the buttress next to a short crack leading to a short wall.

1. 35m 17 Climb crack, step left, climb wall by recess (thin), past sapling to a large ledge with a large block (possible stance). From the top of the block continue upwards on front of buttress to hand jam crack splitting a bulge. Pull over rightward to reach a small ledge, and climb onto large flat topped block. Step up onto wall behind block, moving left into overhanging crack and exit to belay ledge by an unusual move.

First ascent: Aug 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

CONAN, THE LIBRARIAN

18 **

Just upstream of the SLIPSTREAM buttress is an abseil descent gully. 9m upstream of this, the cliff turns back towards the stream bed. The route ascends the open book so formed and has as objective, the clean, crisp, open book visible high up.

1. 23m 14 Climb the groove pulling over the large chockstone. Amble up the gully and pull over the second block to a large comfortable ledge at the base of the clean steep open book with finger crack in corner.

2. 16m 18 Take off with difficulty and layback, stem, jam up the crack and through the bulge above. Exit right at top of book.

Notes:

Steep in places. Protection is good. The second pitch, although short, is excellent clean climbing.

First ascent: Aug 1992 T.P. Willmot and P.J. Duggan.

EASY LIVING

15

Starts 4m upstream and around corner to SLIPSTREAM, at a crack in wall leading to perched block.

1. 37m 15 Climb crack past block, move diagonally left to SLIPSTREAM. Almost immediately traverse right onto nose of buttress by a sharp foot rail. Up wall to loose blocks, step right and climb up to overhangs (junction with SLIPSTREAM). Step right, pull over overhang onto slab with good holds, continue to second overhang. Step left and climb the break to top of pinnacle.

First ascent: Aug 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

SLIPSTREAM

18 ****

Start at the base of the overhanging red buttress about 15m upstream of the meetspot. If approaching from the top end of the kloof, this is the first climbable rock to reach the streambed on the true right hand side. The route follows the corner just to the right of a thin arete.

1. 35m 18 Ascend in corner on right hand side of prominent rib for 5m until forced out right by overhang (2m 18). Stand on narrow rail on right and bridge up until able to swing right into resting place (5m 17). Climb up to layback crack and either layback (3m) to ledge or layback until able to move right and then up to ledge. From ledge swing left and then mantleshef. Follow crack on good holds to summit.

Note:

Has a variety of technical moves on good rock and is well protected.

Variation:

Starting off the block 3 meters right of the original, corner start to SLIPSTREAM, below the blunt arete.

1. 8m 18 Using the lay-away crack to the right of the arete, get established on the arete. Then proceed on the left-

hand side of the arete, to join the original line on the blocky ledge. Good gear in rails. Fun. (1 April 2001 Russ Dodding and Heather Murch.)

First ascent: Jun 1978 J. Brown, P. Dawson and M. Fagan.

BARBARA STREISSAND

23 ***

This route is a SLIPSTREAM eliminate.

1. 30m 23 Starts as for SLIPSTREAM. Through the crux of SLIPSTREAM and where SLIPSTREAM moves right, climb the awkward corner as for RHYTHM OF YOUTH. Reach up and clip the pegs above the bridge of the "nose" (hence the name). Surmount the nose (crux) and climb directly up the steep wall exiting slightly left and onto the ledge.

Note:

Although only the second part of the route is new, the new section offers powerful moves in a fairly "airy" position on excellent rock.

First ascent: Jul 1989 P. Lazarus.

RHYTHM OF YOUTH

27 *****

Starts up SLIPSTREAM.

1. 35m 27 Just after the crux of SLIPSTREAM, SLIPSTREAM avoids the awkward corner and moves right. RHYTHM OF YOUTH moves into this corner and up to the roof. Traverse left to the arete and then diagonally up left to a ledge. From the ledge move diagonally up right and up to a steep but fairly easy crack to another ledge. Traverse left 3m to the very steep white crack (noticeable from the ground). Climb the crack and make hard moves through the roof and onto the short wall above. Climb this and exit onto the ledge with rap tree.

Note:

Wild climbing on superb rock, with truck catching runners. Two friend 1.5's will make the crux more appealing.

First ascent: Mar 1989 P. Lazarus.

THE DAMAGE DONE

20 ***

The climb takes the arete leading to the top of the overhanging red buttress about 15m upstream of the Boulder Kloof meet point. Start midway between IPSO FACTO and SLIPSTREAM.

1. 30m 20 Climb the recess and, before reaching the birdshit streaked rock, traverse right across a slab to the base of the final orange arete. Climb steeply to the top.

Note:

For more exciting climbing, follow the arete from ground level i.e. start 1m to the left of SLIPSTREAM.

First ascent: Mar 1984 K.M. Smith and M. Smith.

PIGEON ALLEY

19 **

The route is situated on a very impressive buttress about 20m upstream of COMANICI. It follows a corner, then chimney between IPSO FACTO and THE DAMAGE DONE.

1. 30m 19 Climb the corner to a roof, move 1m right and enter the chimney above. Climb up to huge chockstone before exiting on the left.

First ascent: Nov 1984 G. Mallory and C. Lesley-Smith.

IPSO FACTO

16 *

Follows the recess running the height of the cliff between the sloping grey arete and the overhanging red buttress upstream of the Boulder Kloof campsite. Start about 3m to the right of PLANXTY.

1. 30m 15 Climb the recess for about 15m, step right, and continue up the right hand, narrow, open book. Pull through onto a blocky ledge and climb the final corner to the top.

First ascent: Mar 1984 K.M. Smith and M. Smith.

PLANXTY

19 ***

Start at base of wall forming right hand side of the prominent grey arete a few metres upstream of the Boulder Kloof Campsite.

1. 35m 19 Climb centre of wall to reach arete just below small overhang (existing bolt runner). Continue up arete and slab until possible to move left to good resting ledge. Better holds lead to second overhang. Move awkwardly left around this and right around final overhang and up short wall to large platform. Scramble up easy rock to top.

First ascent: May 1981 P. Douglas and N. Cleaver.

ENEMY WITHIN

21 ***

Takes the roof that PLANXTY circumnavigates and the slab above.

1. 35m 21 Start at the right hand side of the PLANXTY slab 1m left of IPSO FACTO. Climb up to roof via subsidiary corner, pull through and trend left to join PLANXTY as it enters final roofs. Finish as for PLANXTY.

Note:

This route was initially done by M. Townsend during 1988, but was never written up.

First ascent: Jan 1990 S. Kelsey, M. Loewe and S. Marsland.

PSYCHODELIRIUM

20 **

This route is a significant variation to FREE WORLD. It starts 4m upstream of COMANICI.

- 1. 25m 20** Climb up a crack behind a tree to a roof. Traverse right 2m then pull through a V in the roof to stance.
- 2. 15m 13** Scramble uncomfortably up to easy ground.

Note:

The start is common to FREE WORLD.

First ascent: Dec 1983 S. Mallory and G. Mallory.

FREE WORLD

19

4m right of COMANICI in a prominent V-groove in the overhangs. Start at the crack in the lower slabs behind the tree.

1. 22m 19 Climb crack and V-groove until stopped by the overhang. Hand-traverse left (peg runner) to small foothold by aloe. Pull into groove and continue for a few metres until a step right gives a good stance.

2. 15m 9 Climb groove and then the broken ground above.

First ascent: Aug 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

COMANICI

15,A2 ***

The climb is situated approximately 150-200m up Boulder Kloof, directly above the Boulder Kloof meet spot. The feature is a prominent 3m roof situated about 15m up, above steep slabs.

1. 20m 15,A2 Climb directly up to the corner beneath the roof where there is a foothold stance (15). Reach far over to the right to the first fixed piton. A simple series of about 8 aid moves on fixed pitons leads around the overhang to a small stance.

2. 15m 8 Follow the obvious line to the top of the cliff.

Note:

1. All aid used to be in place and consists of short pins placed into pre-drilled holes.

2. One of the pins has fallen out – take a cheat stick if you are short.

First ascent: 1976 Unknown German climber.

COMANICI VIEW

7 *

Situated 10m downstream of COMANICI a direct clean route is available, avoiding grade 5 vegetated rock on the left and, higher up, on the right.

1. 44m 7 Climb straight up face (or on corner) for full rope length.

2. 8m 7 Scramble out straight up (5) or more enjoyably, walk 20m right behind a stubby pinnacle and climb short chimney.

Note:

The climb provides a pleasant beginners route on clean rock with reasonable exposure for the grade of climbing. Spectacular views of the A2 section of COMANICI can be obtained from the final pitch, so take your camera.

First ascent: Jul 1984 A. Heher, B. Riley and W. Gousen.

EPIC REFUSAL

8

Start 40m downstream of the Boulder Kloof meet spot. Start below a prominent right-angled open book with a tree in it about 15m above the start.

1. 30m 8 Start at tree on right below an easy face on left. Ascend 2m up face, traverse left and up recess and crack to tree with exposed roots.

Note:

To right of route is a white grassy slab of approximately grade 5 extending to top. This provides an easy ascent or descent route out of the kloof.

First ascent: Jun 1978 M. Fagan and P. Dawson.

RED RAG

19 **

Takes the obvious crack and clean steep wall right of TRIO.

1. 45m 19 Follow crack easily until it trends to the right. Move up and slightly left to reach large white hand-hold under overhang. From here bridge across to reach grip on left edge of overhang and make a difficult swing to reach tree in gully. Continue up slab on right of gully to ledge. Move right to base of crack in upper face. Climb this and wall above on progressively better holds direct to top.

First ascent: Jul 1981 P. Douglas and M. Brunke.

BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE

18 ****

Start under the big roof immediately to the right of TRIO.

1. 20m 18 Climb up the crack in the corner to the base of the roof. Move out under the roof to the right and pull through the roof on good holds onto the headwall. Climb up to the big ledge shared with TRIO. Finish as for TRIO.

First ascent: 1988 P. Lazarus.

TRIO

10 ***

Situated in Boulder Kloof, about 150m upstream from the Lower Tonquani junction, there is a large open book which continues to the top of the cliff. The right hand side of the open book offers an unattractive overgrown grey face but the left hand side offers a clean red face diagonally cut from left to right by a slanting chimney-like crack.

1. 25m 10 Up this crack via short chimney to tree belay.

2. 25m 10 From tree traverse left for 6m on to exposed face. Up face 9m bearing left, then on easier rock to top.

First ascent: Mar 1965 R. Reid, T. Malleson and Miss E. Storrar.

RAGING BULL

20 ****

A bold sustained route on excellent rock taking the centre of the steep clean red face left of TRIO.

1. 45m 20 Start left of the TRIO chimney below small overhang. Climb up to overhang and traverse right towards chimney. Ascend wall just left of chimney passing small tree on its left to where chimney goes diagonally right (5m). Traverse 2m left to below smooth steep part of face with thin finger layaway on left. Climb this tending slightly right to reach good horizontal break (crux) then strenuously to top on increasingly larger holds.

First ascent: Jun 1981 P. Douglas and N. Cleaver.

EL MATADOR

21 ***

Climbs the arete to the left of RAGING BULL.

1. 40m 21 Climb straight up the arete past a peg and then to the top.

Note:

The route as climbed and graded never moves more than 1m from the arete.

First ascent: Jan 1990 S. Middlemiss, W. Jenkins and R. Dodding.

LANCELOT

17 ***

Downstream and on the same side as the aid roof (COMANICI) is a prominent face (RAGING BULL). To the left of the arete are two open books, a long on the right and a short one on the left.

1. 40m 17 Climb to the base of the long open book. Climb it and exit to the left after 15m.

First ascent: Oct 1981 J. Cheesemond and M. Brunke.

EXCALIBUR

17 **

Climbs the short open book left of LANCELOT.

1. 40m 17 Climb up to the base of the short (left hand) open book. Climb it for 3m and then swing out left. Continue to top.

First ascent: Oct 1981 J. Cheesemond and M. Brunke.

DOGRARIOUS

17 ***

The climb follows an obvious curving crack 1,5m to the right of GREGARIOUS.

1. 20m 17 From the same start as GREGARIOUS, trend right to the base of the steep crack, which is followed as it veers right to a tree.

First ascent: Apr 1984 K. Kruger and C. Edelstein.

GRANGARIOUS

17 *

1. 20m 17 From the stance common with DOGRARIOUS and GREGARIOUS ascent broken corner on the left and follow open book above to top.

First ascent: circa 1988 U. Kiefer and H. Vogl.

GREGARIOUS

18 ***

After walking up Boulder Kloof for about 100m, the foot of the rock cuts back on the left. Set back above the lower cliffs is a prominent red pinnacle/buttness, with an appealing crack in its centre.

- 1. ?m 13** Scramble up clean grade 8 gully on the right, to the base of the red buttness, or find the motivation to climb through steep rock on the left (13).
- 2. 20m 18** Climb the crack (moving left if necessary halfway up) to the summit.

First ascent: May 1979 G. Lacey and K.M. Smith.

GREGARIOUS VARIATION

19

About 10m downstream of the spectacular GREGARIOUS crack is an overhanging brown wall. This provides a suitable first pitch to the route. Start in a square corner that faces upstream.

- 1. 35m 19** Climb the corner for about 4m then move diagonally right until able to ascend using wide straddles up steep rock. About 4m above the chimney, traverse left to a ramp and then back diagonally right. From the top of the pitch scramble right 10m to the base of the GREGARIOUS crack pitch.

First ascent: Dec 1983 G. Mallory and S. Mallory.

WEEKEND DISASTER

13

Starts 5m upstream of BARDOT in a small rocky bay capped by an overhang.

- 1. 38m 13** Climb the crack to the left of the crack leading to the overhang, stepping left to a ledge at 7m. Go up a few meters and climb the left wall of the corner by some cracks for 5m until a step back into corner can be made. Follow the corner to the top with steps onto the left wall to avoid vegetation.

First ascent: Jun 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

CROSSROADS

17 *

Takes the steep slab 2m left of WEEKEND DISASTER.

1. 15m 17 Climb up the middle of the slab to gain a ledge. Traverse left to a convenient abseil tree or continue up on easy rock to the top of the crag.

Note:

One can escape onto easier ground by traversing left or right.

First ascent: Sep 1989 D. Margetts, A. Mercer and M. Seegers.

BARDOT

13

About 100m up Boulder Kloof from its junction with Tonquani Kloof, the river bed rises considerably. On the left hand side facing upstream, a dark 6m chimney is found in a corner where the line of the river scree meeting the rock face levels off. The climb is situated 20m to the right of this, just to the right of a tangle of roots on the face.

1. 22m 13 Climb a chimney which has smooth parallel sides to a small ledge with tree belay.

2. 9m 11 Climb the 3m open book above, and then either traverse off left onto loose scree, or continue up a corner with a good crack in it a further 6m.

First ascent: Jul 1971 N.N. Heidstra and R.D. Hoare.

SCOOBIEY-DOO

19 **

The route starts 4m left of BARDOT in an obvious corner, with a large ledge 4m up on the left. The route ascends the groove on the right wall, immediately above the corner.

1. 35m 19 Ascend to the large ledge, enter the groove and follow it past the tree to the second overhang. The crux is getting through the first overhang/bulge. At the second overhang traverse right onto the arete, and then up to a tree belay.

Note:

Protection is sometimes hard to find.

First ascent: Jul 1986 P.S. Greenfield, R. Dodding and T. Willmot.

CATCH THAT TURD

17

Starts 10m downstream of BARDOT in deep chimney where crag forms major open book, before descending tree lined face to stream bed.

1. 25m 17 Ascend chimney until large ledge is reached, Look left into large square recess. Ascend recess by straddling to resting place (crux). Climb indifferent right tending off-width crack to ledge with tree belay.

First ascent: Jul 1986 T.P. Willmot, P.S. Greenfield and R. Dodding.

PISA-PIZ

17 *

3m right of BARDOT are twin parallel off-widths. Start at the base of these.

1. 40m 17 Climb the off-widths and continue up the small corner formed by the slab on the left and several, leaning loose-sounding blocks on the right. At the top of the corner and on reaching a little loose rock move 1m right directly up the wall for 10m. Belay on a tree.

First ascent: Jul 1986 R. Dodding, P. Greenfield and T. Willmot.

FAME, FORTUNE AND GLORY

27 *****

Starts opposite DOGMATIC. Scramble up a gully to reach the base of steep red wall.

1. 10m 27 Start at the poor peg. Up to a rail and then to a 2nd and 3rd rail passing two bolts. Rail left and finish up a vague crack.

Note:

Fully retrobolted in 2005

First ascent: Nov 1988 R. Natrass.

BORDERLINE

18 **

This climb ascends the short steep buttress on the right as one descends the scree ramp in Boulder Kloof just below BARDOT.

1. 10m 18 Climb directly up the face and pull through the overhang.

2. 20m 16 Climb up the easy face above to a ledge below a steeper face. Climb this face to a ledge with tree on the right.

Note:

It is easy to scramble off to the right after the first pitch.

First ascent: Sep 1989 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and A. Mercer.

BRIDGE OF SIGHS

18 **

The route starts 5m upstream of POSEIDON, at the base of a rightward slanting ramp, and follows this line to a large ledge and broken ground.

1. 30m 18 Climb the rightward slanting ramp to its end, then bearing slightly right continue up to the ledge, and belay point.

Note:

The ground above the first pitch is broken and did not appear to offer good climbing. The opening party traversed off to the right. Alternatively, there are plenty of abseil points.

First ascent: July 1986 P.S. Greenfield, T.P. Willmot and R. Dodding.

POSEIDON

17 **

Start approximately 30m up from the junction of Lower Tonquani, on the opposite side from VERTIGO and SABER.

1. 20m 15 Step up from the stream onto a short wall (3m). Climb to a ledge with a small tree and recess behind. Climb diagonally right, up two ramps to a large recess and ledge. Swing around left and traverse left to a broken crack, up 3m and move over left to a small ledge.

2. 15m 17 From a poorly protected stance, move back right and climb crack running up a slab to just below an overhang. Move right onto an overhanging wall. Climb straight up to a large ledge. Either belay near the exit or traverse left to a tree sticking out.

3. 30m 13 From the tree sticking horizontally out, move slightly left and up a short step, onto the left hand side of the buttress above. Climb the well-weathered face moving over to left, up an arete to a ledge and tree belay. Continue to top in an easy cleft.

First ascent: Jul 1980 A. Wood, D. Hunter and C. Ward.

THAT'S IT

13

Start directly opposite VERTIGO in Boulder Kloof.

- 1. 45m 6** Scramble up a small gully to base of recess with a small tree.
- 2. 23m 13** From tree (possibly with aid of small tree) angle left to slightly overhanging crack. Ascend crack onto ledge then ascend overhanging bulge to further ledge. Walk left to corner to belay point.
- 3. 18m 11** Ascend recess to large tree.
- 4. 30m 8** Continue up recess past tree then up on left face or keep right and scramble to the top.

First ascent: Sep 1974 G. Langmore, D. Anderson and G. Baldwin

Climbs on the true left

DON'T CLOSE YET

17 ***

Situated just upstream of the IRON SOUL buttress opposite SLIPSTREAM in an alcove. Three short cracks are visible on the left hand side of the alcove. The route follows the left hand one up a very smooth half closed open book.

- 1. 10m 17** Climb the open book using the hand jam crack (awkward) to top.

First ascent: Sep 1985 I. Guest and T. Hoole.

IRON SOUL

20 *

Opposite SLIPSTREAM and PLANXTY. To the left of the big double roots is a steep buttress (Zeus Buttress), split by a buttress higher up.

1. 30m 20 Climb the fingertip crack/groove to below the bulge, traverse left to the arete (platform) and climb diagonally right on white rock. Continue up easily and climb the right hand edge of the face above.

Note:

First free ascent in Nov 1984 by G. Mallory.

Variation:

1. 30m 21 Climb straight through the overhanging section. (28 Apr 1985 K.M. Smith and G. Mallory)

First ascent: 23 Jan 1982 M. Brunke, P. Douglas

TWILIGHT OF IDOLS

22,A1

Opposite SLIPSTREAM, and further upstream, is a rock buttress with two large, triangular roofs. IRON SOUL climbs a steep buttress to the left of these roofs. TWILIGHT OF IDOLS climbs a roof with a jam-crack between the steep buttress and the twin roofs.

1. 35m 22,A1 Climb up a short corner directly below the jam crack in the roof and traverse right for 2m. Continue up the recess above (there is a tree root growing diagonally right across the face) and climb through the 2m roof. Continue to top.

Note:

Opened using one rest above the overhang.

First ascent: Dec 1984 M. and O. Brunke.

GORILLA'S PINNACLE

17

In Boulder Kloof there is a pinnacle with a mushroom head on the right hand side as you go up, just before the campsite.

1. 12m 17 You may choose your own route - the only existing one for a normal human is a crack (small recess - very small) which is really an indentation on the side of the mushroom. Last move is 17.

First ascent: 1972 P. Dawson and T. Hoy.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

16 ***

Located just before the kloof starts dropping steeply. Slightly downstream of and opposite of RAGING BULL is a downstream facing, clean looking open book about a third of the height of the kloof with an obvious large chockstone about two thirds of the way up the book. Climb this.

1. 23m 16 Start at the base of the open book. Move up a tricky bit to reach the tree at 3m. Pass this and stem up the open book to reach the chockstone. Clear this on the left and climb up, more easily, to reach the tree belay on the big ledge above.

2. 24m 8 Stand on the block above the belay ledge and move up diagonally rightwards to reach the large ledge above.

First ascent: 4 Sep 1994 T.P. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

FLASHER

10

Opposite BARDOT and diagonally upstream from the long roots descending into the kloof is an easy-looking fault running to the top of the krantz. Start on a shelf in grey rock (beacon).

1. 25m 8 Climb diagonally right at first to a tree and then up, passing a cave-like recess and on to a still bigger cave/recess.

2. 25m 10 Climb the chimney above. The top half requires bridging as the holds are rounded.

Note:

Short persons may find the grade harder.

First ascent: May 1983 D. Scott and R. Fox.

ADVANCED WALKING

20 **

The route starts approximately 50m upstream of DOGSTYLE on the true left hand side of the kloof. The opposite side of the kloof has a smooth grey slab festooned with roots. The first stance is 3m above the stream bed and is at the base of a deep recess. There is an obvious layback/flake crack halfway up the face above.

1. 30m 20 Climb onto the face 2m right of the belay tree. Continue straight up to under a small roof. Climb the crack above, moving 1m right where it end, Move more easily up to the top.

Notes:

1. Opening party used one rest.
2. First free ascent by K. Smith (onsight)

First ascent: Nov 1984 G. Mallory and S. Isabeck.

SILENT RUNNING

18 ***

Start as for ADVANCED WALKING.

1. 35m 18 Climb up diagonally right over unprotected slab to the groove between ADVANCED WALKING and DOGMATIC. Climb groove and juggy wall above.

Note:

Opened in Jan 1986 as Return Of The Demon King (17) by S. Middlemiss and M. Cartwright. (A large root that was in the groove then is now gone).

First ascent: Jun 1986 M. Haffner, G. Mallory and S. Mallory.

DOGMATIC

22 ***

Approximately 50m upstream from DOGSTYLE, on the same side of the kloof, an open book may be seen above a large grassy ledge. The route follows the open book and layback crack above to a ledge, then ascends a second open book to top.

1. 22m 22 Scramble/traverse to grassy ledge 10m above stream level. From the grassy ledge chimney or straddle up open book, passing a small bulge, to reach more positive holds above. Ascend crack to ledge with a small tree belay.

2. 40m 11 From the ledge ascend easy rock to a second ledge then traverse light for 4m to the base of a second open book. Ascend open book to top. A pleasant pitch.

First ascent: May 1985 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer.

SMOOTH OPERATOR

23 ***

Starts 4m left (upstream) of ROUGH DIAMOND from the same ledge (cairn).

1. 20m 23 Take off up the steep wall leading vaguely left until you can move onto the slab to the left of the thin crack. Climb straight up past the bolt runner to easier ground, which is followed to a ledge with abseil tree.

First ascent: Sep 1988 S. Middlemiss.

WALKIES

23 ****

Immediately downstream of DOGMATIC is an overhanging open book. The route follows this. Scramble up to the large ledge below the overhang to start.

1. 25m 23 Ascend open book to the easier wall above. Three points of aid were used to pass the section where the open book peters out (opening ascent). Stance as for DOGMATIC.

2. 40m 11 Finish as for DOGMATIC. From the ledge ascend easy rock to a second ledge then traverse light for 4m to the base of a second open book. Ascend open book to top. A pleasant pitch.

Note:

First free ascent in Nov 1985 by K.M. Smith and C. Edelstein.

First ascent: Jun 1985 A.M. Maddison, A.J. Mercer and R. Brand.

DIRTY DOG

19 ***

This route starts from the same ledge as DOGSTYLE, about 20m upstream.

1. 30m 19 Climb the obvious broken recess tending diagonally up and right near the top to reach good jugs.

Note:

Sustained mild face climbing.

First ascent: Dec 1983 C. Edelstein, A. Lambert and A.J. Smith.

THE SHRAPNEL ACADEMY

24 ***

1. 15m 24 Climb up the wall past two bolts

First ascent: 1989 R. Natrass.

STYLE COUNCIL

22

Climbs the corner 5m upstream from DOGSTYLE.

1. 30m 22 Climb the corner.

First ascent: Nov 1988 S. Middlemiss, R. Natrass and M. Cartwright.

DOGSTYLE

23 *****

This route starts on a yellow buttress 50m upstream of SABER on the same side of the kloof. It takes the obvious bottomless crack on the yellow face. The crack thins out after about 4m and the route then continues up the faint line to the top of the buttress. A peg is placed about 10m up. Scramble up to the base of the route in a shallow cave.

1. 40m 23 Climb 4m up to the bottomless crack. Climb the crack to where it thins and then make hard moves to a finger-lock hole. Another hard move to the peg and then the crux move past the peg. From here move up tending left on good but tiring holds to a rest off a hand-jam. Then back diagonally up right to the large flake and a hands-off (almost) rest. Move right onto the flake and easily (all things being relative) to the top.

Note:

The leader in the opening party used 3 rests but the route was followed with 2 rests on nuts. Climbed without rests by S. Bradshaw and A. Jardin in July 1994.

First ascent: Sep 1983 A. Lambert and C. Edelstein.

RED NECK

14 ***

Start 30m left of SABER below series of large ledges.

1. 25m 8 Ascend ledges tending diagonally right to reach platform below arete, level with start of SABER crack. (This is the scramble used to reach DOGSTYLE) Move right around arete to reach recess and tree belay.

2. 15m 14 Follow obvious crack in corner at back of recess to top.

Note:

Pitch 2 was first climbed as a variation to SABER in Jun 1980 by C.Wood and C. Ward.

First ascent: May 1981 P. Douglas and N. Cleaver.

YELLOW BELLY

17 ****

Start at tree growing in sandy area 3m left of the start for SABRE. This is below a buttress with a tree 12m up, and topped by a series of deep overhangs.

1. 35m 17 Climb the face of the buttress, keeping in line with the tree. Skirt the tree on the right, and then follow the crack line to the left hand side of the overhangs. Move through the first overhang by getting up under the roof, and traversing right for 3m, and the second by climbing the ramp. Easy ground follows. Belay on ledge on the left - same as for RED NECK.

2. 36m 12 Climb the obvious v-shaped groove immediately left of the corner/recess that RED NECK takes.

Notes:

1. There is no protection on the initial 15m of the first pitch. Thereafter protection is good.

2. Pitch 2 was first climbed as a variation to SABER in Jun 1980 by C.Wood and C. Ward.

First ascent: May 1987 P.S. Greenfield, T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

SABER

19 ****

Start approximately 30m up on the right hand side from the Tonquani junction.

- 1. 25m 13** Climb a slab in a recess to about 3m below some overhangs. Traverse right across a wall to easy ground. Climb a short corner to a large ledge. Either continue up an edge left of some tree roots or move to another corner and up and back on ledge of jumbled blocks below a crack sweeping up red-brown wall.
- 2. 20m 19** Climb up the crack until it opens into a shallow recess situated 3m below the belay stance. Move over left and up. Belay. Excellent jam crack climbing.
- 3. 15m 13** To add good climbing, move right under the overhang above the stance and climb up through a V-slot. Traverse slightly left to a nose. Swing up over the nose and continue to some large blocks.

First ascent: Apr 1980 D. Hunter and C. Ward.

BE A ROBOT FOR JESUS

19 ****

Takes a direct line some 3 metres to the right of the start of SABER. Scramble up from stream bed to base of short A-shaped book with smooth slab to left and capped by bulge (large tree peeled away from face at base of book).

- 1. 35m 17** Climb up the A-shaped book as far as possible. Step onto smooth slab on left and follow the line of the bulge around until the base of a short open book can be reached. Ascend this and then the face above to the large ledge below the overhangs. Move up short thin wall above to gain the jam-crack through the roof on the downstream side of the protruding nose. Pull through to gain the large detached block above. Stance at the same level as RED NECK.
- 2. 36m 19** Climb the crack immediately above the stance. This ascends the right hand wall of the deep book, the root of which forms RED NECK. Gain the cubbyhole below the roof with

difficulty. Break left under the roof to gain the chicken-head face on the left. Follow the shallow groove above to the abseil tree at the top of RED NECK.

Notes:

1. The leader took a rest on the second pitch on the opening ascent.
2. Superb climbing on a good line.

First ascent: May 1987 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

BOULDER SPIRAL

13 ***

Situated in Boulder Kloof on the left hand side going down and starting about 25m from the junction with Tonquani Kloof. A large network of monkey rope which has fallen from the face identifies the start of the climb. The climb veers towards the right and ends on the corner formed by Tonquani and Boulder Kloof. Scramble over the monkey rope to a wide ledge.

1. 28m 13 Ascend for about 18m to the left of a ridge of rock which slopes up to the left. At the level of a chockstone in the corner formed by the ridge traverse right on to the face above the ridge. Work diagonally up to the right (two or three good moves) to a ledge below a large overhang. This is the crux pitch of the climb.

2. 18m 10 Commence at the right hand edge of a ledge above a series of blocks which consist of a short bottomless chimney ending on a platform.

3. 12m 10 A V-shaped recess of about 12m immediately above the platform. Large tree juts out from top of this pitch - past which the route passes on to a ledge below a further chimney. Alternatively, climb the face on right.

4. 15m 10 From here, two routes are possible: a) The first continues up the recess to a bush about 8m above the platform, at which point the climber steps out to the right and pivots on his left foot around the nose of a face on the right, whence 3m of climbing brings one to the large ledge. b)

Alternatively, start from the platform and immediately get on to the rather exposed face on the right of the platform from which point 12 to 15m of steep climbing brings one past the pivot to the same platform as terminates the first alternative.

Note:

The first pitch may be wet in summer - grading may increase.

First ascent: Circa 1939 T. Bright and C. Nicholls.

LOST ARROW

20

Climbs the slabs just below SABER (to the right of BOULDER SPIRAL). Scramble 5m to a ledge,

1. 20m 20 From ledge move up to some blocks, traverse 3m right to below thin crack with small roof at 5m. Climb the crack to the top.

First ascent: May 1989 C. Curzon, S. Middlemiss and M. Gowans.

DESPERATE DOG

21 ***

Scramble to the large ledge at the base of SABER'S final 19 crack.

1. 25m 21 Traverse about 5m right to beneath the obvious left-leaning dihedral. Climb up the dihedral until a move to the right can be made. Continue straight up the steep rock just to the left of the arete.

Note:

The piton protecting the crux was placed on abseil. The pitch is harder for shorter persons.

First ascent: Nov 1984 K.M. Smith and C. Edelstein.

VERTIGO

17 *

Walk 5m up Boulder Kloof then scramble up 6m to grassy platform on right. About 18m up on the left a big overhang will be seen. From grassy platform scramble 6m up to rock platform.

1. 28m 17 From platform climb up right-angled crack well beneath small overhang. Exit left on to red-grey face. Ascend face (steep but with good grips) bearing left. When angle eases move diagonally up right to large stance common to BOULDER SPIRAL route.

2. 11m 10 Climb slightly overhanging ramp to the left of BOULDER SPIRAL to next ledge.

3. 28m 11 Ascend straight up for 8m to two loose slabs near each other. Traverse left and climb up ramp first to the right of shallow recess. Move into recess and ascend it for about 6m before traversing out right again. (Tree above.) Ascend ramp to stance below huge weathered boulder.

First ascent: Mar 1963 T. Kerrich and L. Klingman.

BOULDER HELIX

17 **

Walk 5m up Boulder Kloof from its junction with Tonquani and scramble 5m up to a grassy ledge on the right (as for VERTIGO). A slab capped by a large overhang 15m up lies to the left.

1. 25m 17 Climb diagonally left up the slab to the left end of the large overhang. Move left onto the face and climb up to a ledge (crux). Continue up a few metres to the large ledge shared with BOULDER SPIRAL.

2. 15m 17 From the left end of the large ledge a short undercut ramp leading up to the right allows one to turn the band of overhangs and gain a recess above. Continue up the recess to a good ledge and tree belay. The top pitch of REDNECK goes up the corner behind the tree.

3. 35m 11 A few metres to the left of the tree belay there is a steep chimney. Climb this on good grips to the top.

Note:

A pleasant climb with short, well protected cruxes.

First ascent: 4 Dec 1988 D. Peters and M. Arsenijevic.

CEDARBERG KLOOF: List of Climbs

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TERMINATOR	30	****	62
TWILIGHT FLOOZY	30		68
CLIMBING IN BED WITH MADONNA	27	****	90
LIFE AFTER ENLIGHTENMENT	27	***	64
TWIST AND SHOUT	27	***	72
ELIMINATOR	27		61
THE CANINE ABYSS	26	****	95
CARRION COMFORT	26	***	68
BLACK KARMA	25	***	64
RIDERS ON THE STORM	25	***	66
ENCHANTERS END GAME	25	**	95
DOGGLE	25		84
PROJECT 22	25		87
AGONISING HANDS	24	****	84
SUICIDE	24	****	89
AFTERBURNER	23	***	99
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DOGSPYDER	23	**	90
THE FAST LANE	23	**	100
THE FINGERTIP FANDANGO	23	**	96
MONTEZUMA'S REVENGE	23		96
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THE THIN WHITE DUKE	23		74
ZIGGY STARDUST	23		74
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HORSE LATITUDES	22	***	65
SKELDA	22	***	62
SUNDAY DRIVER	22	***	99
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PREDATOR	22		97
THE CRACK	22		112
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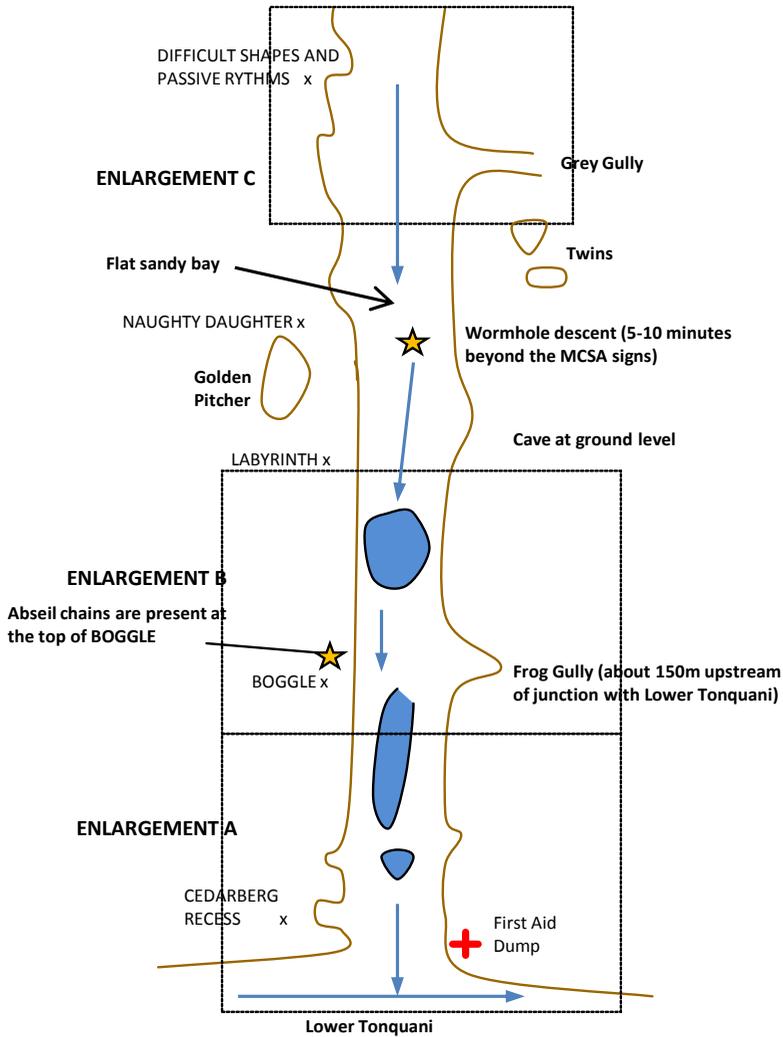
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AUSPICE	20	**	83
CEDARBERG CRESCENT	20	**	95
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DO YOU FEEL LIKE WE DO	20	*	94
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SIDEWALK	20	*	128
BALANCE OF OPINION	20		138
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BOGGLE	19	*****	91
ADRENALIN	19	****	82
APPERTURE	19	****	128
CEDARBERG RECESS	19	***	98
DEATH TO DOGS	19	***	135
PRECIOUS MOMENTS	19	***	63
SOLIDARITY CRACK	19	***	68
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AERODYNAMICS	19	**	118
FASCIST GROOVE THANG	19	**	119
ASTROGUAVA	19	*	74
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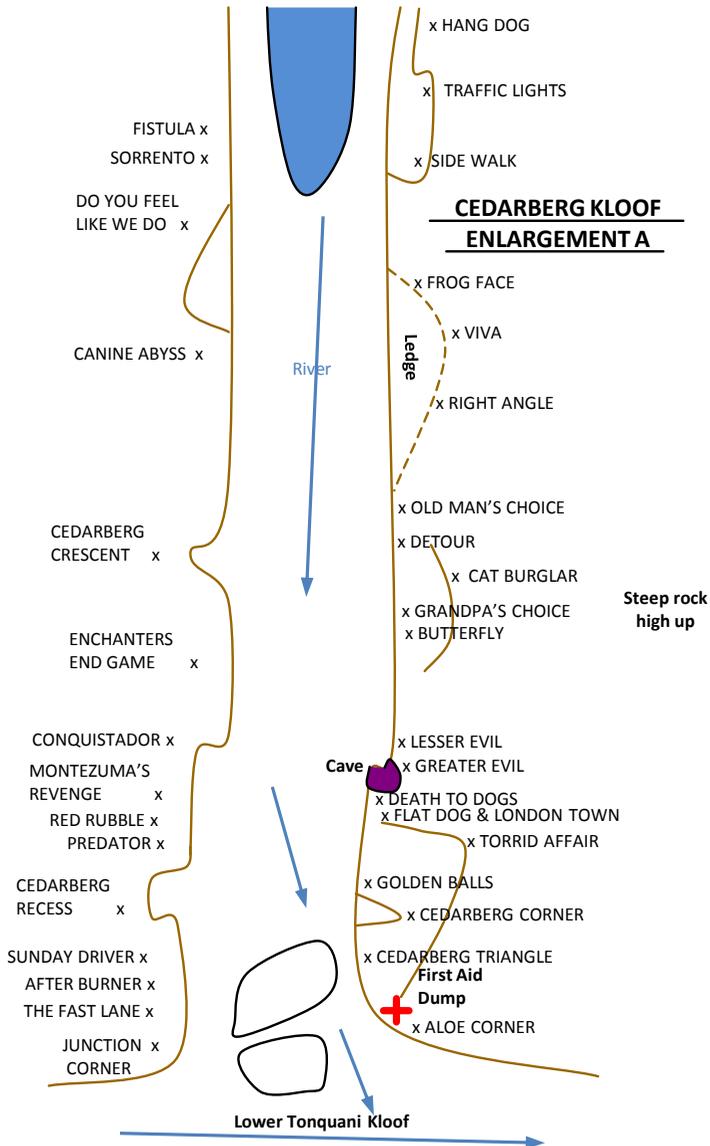
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TIGATRIX	18	*****	123
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RUMPLESTILTSKIN	18	***	110
THE UNDER TOAD	18	***	125
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ARABELLA-MELLA	18		124
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TRIVIAL PURSUIT	18		66
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CEDARBERG TRAVERSE	17	**	85
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THE PUNTER'S GROOVE	17	**	120
FISTULA	17	*	93
JUNCTION CORNER	17	*	100
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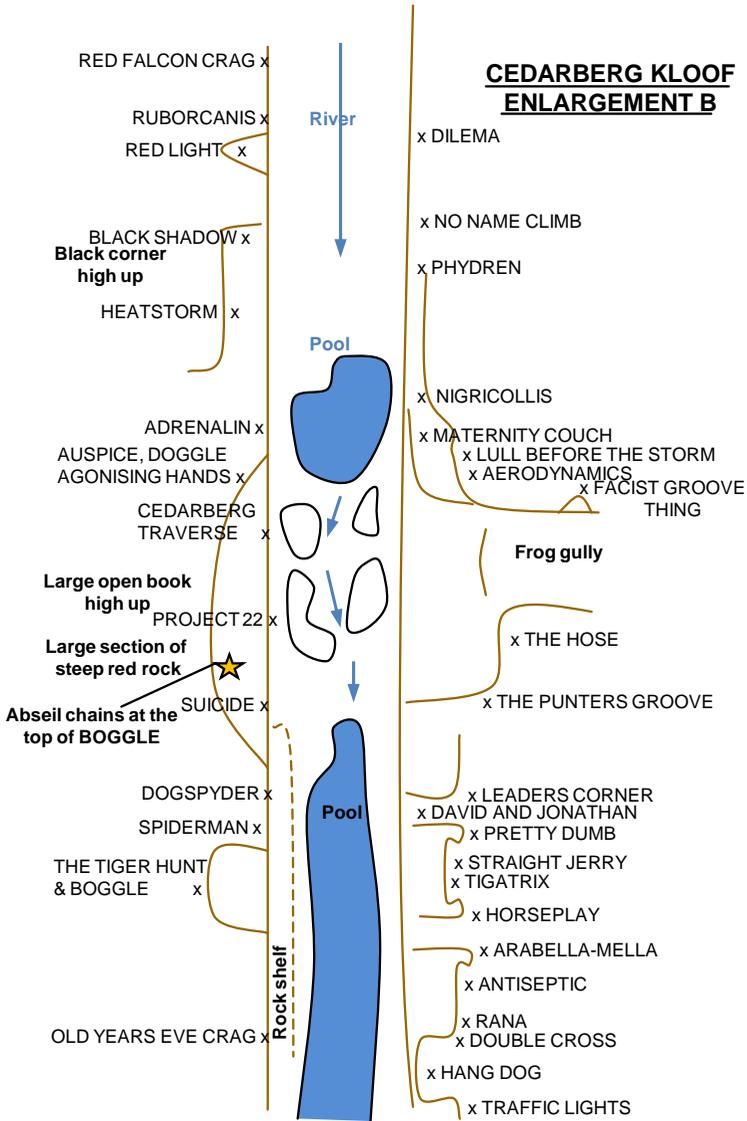
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2 BIG WIMPS	15	**	119
CALLISTO CRACK	15	**	60
NAUGHTY DAUGHTER	15	**	71
STRAIGHT JERRY	15	**	123
THE HOSE	15	**	120
GOLDEN PITCHER FRONTAL	15, A1	*	73
20TH CENTURY YOUTH	15		70
CUZCO	15		75
DOUBLE CROSS	15		126
GROTTO GROOVE	15		139
HIGH JINKS	15		106
OLD YEAR'S EVE CRAG	15		92
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CEDARBERG KLOOF MASTER







CEDARBERG KLOOF

General

The kloof name derives from the unusual rock formations in the area which are reminiscent of those found in the Cape Cedarberg.

This is a large kloof with over 120 climbs. The rock is good and is cleanest at the lower end of the kloof. The longest climbs (approximately 80m) are near the Tonquani junction. Those on the true right tend to be the most sustained.

Water is always available.

The meet spot is usually below the first swimming pool encountered when walking down the kloof. This point is below the top pitch of BOGGLE, and about 150m upstream of the Cedarberg/Tonquani junction. It is just downstream of FROG GULLY.

Boulder Kloof, Cedarberg Kloof and Lower Tonquani are all with a few minutes walk of each other, so it is easy to move from one kloof to another to allow for a better selection of climbs for the day.

Access

The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) owns Cedarberg Kloof. Access to non-members is restricted by permits issued by either the Johannesburg section of the MCSA or at Mountain Sanctuary Park.

Frog Gully provides a rapid approach from Mountain Sanctuary Park.

Alternatively, enter the kloof at its upper end by the campsite.

Safety

The first aid dump is found at the junction of Cedarberg and Lower Tonquani Kloofs. This is at the bottom end of Cedarberg kloof. It is on a ledge on the true left of both kloofs. It is about 6m above the stream beds.

Aspect

Cedarberg, Lower Tonquani and Boulder Kloof are generally deep, narrow kloofs. In the early morning and late afternoon, then tend to be well shaded and will always be several degrees cooler than the surrounds. It is possible to climb all year round if you choose the sun/shade to suit your preferences, but the kloofs tend to be chilly in winter.

Cedarberg Kloof runs mainly south-north. Thus, the true right is in shade in the morning and the true left is in shade in the afternoon. The opposite is true for Boulder Kloof, which gets shade on the true left in morning and shade on the true right in the afternoon.

The true left of Lower Tonquani will generally receive morning sun and afternoon shade, while the opposite is true for the true right.

Descents

On the true left, either descend via FROG GULLY which is very steep and can be rather dangerous, especially if wet, or at the upper end near the campsite.

If you want to descend into the kloof from the true right, either hike back up to the top of the kloof, or abseil off some chains at the top of BOGGLE.

Numerous abseil options exist, but expect a lot of scrambling about on ledge systems to get to a suitable tree, or back down to the streambed.

Camping

For Cedarberg Kloof, a lovely campsite exists near the upper end of the kloof. As you approach from Mountain Sanctuary Park, it will be on your left just before you drop into the kloof. A monkey cage is located near the largest group of sandstone boulders. Put your food in here to protect it from the monkeys and baboons that know how to get into your pack for a tasty treat.

Go car camping at Mountain Sanctuary Park. This is a little pricey and you need to book in advance, but the luxury of having your car right next to the tent is sometimes worth it. This is the only campsite at which you may make a fire.

Finding Routes

The easiest approach may be to first find the MCSA signpost within the kloof itself, in a clearing at the upper end. MERCERS LAYBACK is located around the arete, immediately downstream of this sign.

Head about 50m upstream from the sign, and you will see a partially hidden path heading out the kloof to the right. This takes you to the campsite, and another MCSA sign is found just as you exit the kloof. (You may have entered the kloof here)

From this point, DIFFICULT SHAPES is about 100m upstream, and a short distance away from the river itself. A good looking buttress will be found. DIFFICULT SHAPES takes the clean face on the upstream side of the buttress. If confused, walk about 30m downstream from this face – you will see a clean, overhanging wall with bolts on it (TERMINATOR, 30).

FROG GULLY is hard to find from above. To find it, head downstream in the kloof itself. After a good 15 minutes or more, you will encounter a pool that almost crosses the kloof. It is easiest to pass the pool on the left (looking down) via some tree roots. To your left, you will see FROG GULLY, and to your right, and above is the steepest rock in the kloof.

BOGGLE's final pitch climbs through this section of steep rock.

Climbs on the true right

OLD DOGS OUTING

22

1. 15m 22 Climb the arete 3m to the right of DIFFICULT SHAPES AND PASSIVE RYTHYMS. A bouldery & poorly protected start leads to easier climbing up to a roof which is passed on the right. Sneaky types may contrive to preplace some gear from the tree to protect the start.

First ascent: Feb 2000 Stewart Middlemiss & Charles Edelstein

DIFFICULT SHAPES AND PASSIVE RHYTHMS 21 ****

About 100m upstream of the easy descent gully at the upper campsite is a rock outcrop. The climb starts almost from stream level but about 30m away from the water on the true right of the kloof. The objective is a 25m face brushed by a tree at about 15m.

1. 25m 21 Start in the middle and climb diagonally left until the friend rail at 12m (18). Move right, and then continue straight up the face (reachy).

Variation:

Chicken out onto the arete (20) at 17m and doddle on up.

First ascent: Mar 1987 M. Cartwright and The Hackers, but not the belayer (thanks Grant).

CALLISTO CRACK

15 **

This climb starts upstream of the descent gully near the upper campsite, on the true right of the kloof. It starts in the recess 8m downstream of DIFFICULT SHAPES AND PASSIVE RHYTHMS.

1. 22m 15 Climb the recess/chimney. Finish through the crack on the left.

First ascent: Mar 1987 G. Murray and H. Peter-Dummer.

PERFIDIOUS PURPLE

19

This route takes the arete between DOMS PARTY and CALISTO CRACK.

1. 35m 19 Start as for CALISTO CRACK, but when possible make a tricky step left to a small ledge. Move up to the base of a small cubby hole below the roof. A long move right brings one to the arete, the right hand face of which is easily followed to the same stance as DOMS PARTY.

Note:

Gear is adequate and the route may be a bit reachy for shorter climbers.

First ascent: Date Unknown Cathy O'Dowd. (Described by Dylan Morgan.)

DOM'S PARTY

16 ****

The downstream facing open book to right of recess about 10m downstream of CALLISTO CRACK.

1. 35m 16 Climb the open book moving through bulge at top.

Variation:

1. 35m 16 Climb the open book until about 2/3 of the way to the top> Traverse right on rail and top out in the groove close to the arete. (Nov 2012 Dickie Talma, PW Nel, Wesley Black)

First ascent: Mar 1987 D. Venter and N. Rinder-Pest.

ELIMINATOR

27

Up the arete to the right of TERMINATOR.

1. 18m 27 Climb up to start easy section to ledge. Clip bolt and climb up arete past peg to roof. Pull through roof and top out. The peg can be backed up with a #00 technical friend.

First ascent: 1990 S. Middlemiss.

TERMINATOR

30 **** [4B,N]

On the steep wall about 50m upstream of the access gully from Mountain Sanctuary.

1. 18m 30 Start left and climb past 4 bolts into the groove. Exit right.

Note:

Initially opened at 28, but since then, a hold has broken off making the crux move harder. Bolts inspected in 2005

First ascent: 1990 M. Cartwright.

HOEK VAN BUFOON

17

The corner crack left of TERMINATOR. Has also been called LOWLIFE.

First ascent: 1990 Mike Loewe, Ian Schwartz, Wendy Jenkin.

LUNCH

11 **

This climb ascends the easy face to the left of TERMINATOR.

1. 20m 11 Take the easiest way up the face.

Note:

Two routes could be made up this face.

First ascent: 1991 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

SKELDA

22 ***

As one descends into Cedarberg kloof from the normal campsite a short face is visible slightly upstream on the opposite side of the kloof.

1. 20m 22 Climb the break on the right hand side. Climb up a break to a roof, pull through the roof and finish on a sloping mantle.

First ascent: 1993 D. Margetts and G. Devine.

WAITING FOR THE SUN

19 ***

This climbs the break 2-3m left of SKELDA. Route is about 20m high.

First ascent: 1992 M. Seegers and D. Margetts.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS

19 ***

1. 20m 19 Climb the break 5m left of WAITING FOR THE SUN, move right near the top to exit.

First ascent: 1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

SCOTSMAN'S SAFARI

9

20m upstream from the MCSA post, the buttress on the true right is split by a low-angle recess filled with tree routes. Ascend this recess to 4m, and traverse left on a ledge. From the end of the ledge, step left and up onto another ledge and follow the recess to the top, stepping right at the end.

First ascent: Apr 2004 Dylan Morgan and Dave Bailey.

KULU

15 ***

1. 20m 15 Ascend the crack and face on the right hand side of the buttress with the MCSA signboard below the crag at the top of Cedarberg. Climb a short crack system. Move right onto a ledge. Pull through the steep face above.

First ascent: 1992 C. Murch, D. Margetts, M. Seegers and others.

UNNAMED

20

Climb the overhanging crack a few meters left of KULU.

First ascent: Unknown S. Middlemiss.

BLACK KARMA

25 ***

1. 15m 25 Just right of LIFE AFTER ENLIGHTENMENT there is a right-facing, black-streaked dihedral, with a roof and an old peg. The route goes straight up the dihedral and through the roof, onto a ledge. From this ledge, climb SCOTSMAN'S SAFARI (9) to top out.

Note:

Gear was placed on lead.

First ascent: 4 Oct 2008 Heinrich Kahl.

LIFE AFTER ENLIGHTENMENT

27 ***

Just right of STRANGE DAYS, this is an extension to Shaun Harris' boulder problem GREEN BEETLE (7A+), found just left of the right-facing, black-streaked dihedral.

1. 15m 27 Climb GREEN BEETLE, and then continue straight up. The route is naturally divided into three sections, followed by a top-out scramble. The middle section is the redpoint crux, with a very reachy move to a good rail (between the all three sections are good rails - the only places on the route to get in gear). Luckily the gear between section one and two is bomber, but the problem here is that you are well above your gear (small cam and a nut) when you go for the second rail, and the first gear rail is only 3.5m above deck. The second half of the route is super easy and also well protected. Sling the tree before the run-out scramble and finish the route.

Notes:

- 1.** The line is very intimidating, as the gear placements are few and far between, with a possible deck fall if you miss the rail after the redpoint crux.
- 2.** The route was top-roped before being led.
- 3.** Gear was placed on lead, except one piece, to protect the second section, to prevent the possible deck mentioned.

First ascent: 28 Mar 2009 Heinrich Kahl.

STRANGE DAYS

20 **

There is a buttress on the true right of the MCSA sign. In the middle of the buttress there is a recess/corner. The climb takes the left hand corner in the recess.

- 1. 10m 20** Climb the left hand corner with the crux just off the ground and continue up to a ledge and tree belay.
- 2. 10m 17** Move up the middle of the face behind the ledge, pulling through a small overhang at the top.

First ascent: 1992 *D. Margetts, M. Seegers and T. Truter.*

THE SOFT PARADE

15

The meeting place at the upper end of Cedarberg is an alcove formed by two rock walls meeting at a right-angle.

- 1. 10m 10** Starts on the extreme left (downstream) corner of the left hand wall, and follow the easy scramble usually ascended to place top-ropes on other routes, stancing on the half-height ledge at the top of RIDERS ON THE STORM.
- 2. 10m 15** Moves right onto the on-angle face left of the second pitch of STRANGE DAYS, and follow the polished, right-leaning water-groove to the top. The second pitch requires contortion and supplety unusual for the grade.

First ascent: 7 Jan 2001 *M. Pienaar and D. Morgan.*

HORSE LATITUDES

22 ***

Climbs the face with 1 bolt 5-10m left of STRANGE DAYS.

Note:

Bolt replaced in 2005

First ascent: 1992 *M. Seegers and D. Margetts.*

RIDERS ON THE STORM

25 ***

Climb the crack line 3m left of HORSE LATITUDE.

Note:

Bolt replaced in 2005

First ascent: 1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

18

On small crag close to the upper campsite. Route follows right facing dihedral capped by overhang, about 20 meters from the campsite on the true right hand side of the river. Walk around corner to base of route.

1. 20m 18 Gain dihedral (and crack just to the right of it) by a tricky move, and continue to overhang. Through overhang on left to ledge, and up easy hand crack above.

First ascent: Nov 1985 A.J. Smith, C. Cairns and D. Young.

THE CITIZEN

14 ***

This climb starts 2m right of MERCERS LAYBACK.

1. 20m 14 Climb diagonally right upwards. Move right into the break and follow this to the top.

Note:

This climb shares the top part of TRIVIAL PURSUIT.

First ascent: 1994 G. Devine and D. Margetts.

MERCERS LAYBACK

16 ***

About 10m left of RIDERS IN THE STORM a break can be seen with an obvious layback about 10m up.

1. 20m 16 Climb the break to the top of the crack.

First ascent: 1991 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and A. Mercer.

EASY MEAT

12 **

About 10m left of MERCERS LAYBACK is an obvious buttress, separated from the main buttress.

1. 20m 12 Climb the crack system up the upstream side of the buttress.

First ascent: 1994 D. Margetts and G. Devine.

GORILLAS IN THE MIST

12 **

Climb the arete and face left of EASY MEAT.

First ascent: 1994 G. Devine and D. Margetts.

JAM AND TOAST

14

Near the upper meeting place, left of MERCERS LAYBACK the descent gully is formed by the main side of the kloof, and a broken buttress. Start on the stream-ward (down-hill) face of the buttress.

1. 15m 14 Take the left-most hand crack (i.e. just left of GORILLAS IN THE MIST). On the ledge at half-height, move right, and ascend the narrowing off-width.

First ascent: 2000 D. Morgan and M. Pienaar.

BURP

20 *

Starts 70m downstream of easy descent gully from Twins campsite. A large sandy bay is evident at the right hand side where camping and fires have taken place. A steep arete and crack to the right can be seen at the front of the buttress (cairn).

1. 25m 20 Scramble up roots to ledge (4m). Climb easy slab above and awkward move onto block on left. Climb overhanging arete/crack to rest point and move up to the left past bollard on rounded rock to top.

First ascent: Mar 1987 S. Middlemiss and D. Venter.

CARRION COMFORT

26 * [4B,N]**

About 100m downstream of the MCSA signpost there is a buttress. There is a crack on the downstream side, climb the steep face 5m right of this crack.

1. 10m 26 Climb the face using 4 bolts.

Note:

Bolts replaced in 2005

First ascent: 1992 M. Seegers and D. Margetts.

SOLIDARITY CRACK

19 ***

The climb starts 5m left of CARRION COMFORT up the crack on the downstream side of the buttress.

1. 10m 19 Follow the crack line.

First ascent: 1991 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

TWILIGHT FLOOZY

30 [2B,N]

The line is just upstream of the worm hole descent. Climb above the huge fallen tree past two bolts over a bulge to the top.

First ascent: 1992 R. Lord.

CLINKER CRACK

17

A good short pitch to finish the day with. Opposite the Jubilee camp site is a descent path. Whilst descending this path a narrow chimney topped by an overhanging bulge is seen to the right. Next to this is a little wall split by a 1,3m crack. Inside the crack on the left hand side is a little flake at 3m.

1. 13m 17 Climb the crack to the ledge above, move right past gap until the top of the chimney is reached. Climb the bulge using jamming and bridging, then move up on the left wall to the top.

First ascent: July 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

TORCH ROUTE

5

Comprises the lowest easy point of access on the right at the top end of the kloof. Commences about 20m downstream of GREY GULLY. The Twins provide an easy landmark for its location.

First ascent: 1938 M. Burton.

SWEATY CHICKEN

15 ***

The climb starts approximately 20m downstream of TORCH ROUTE, in a 90° corner directly opposite the large waterfall below GREY GULLY.

1. 10m 15 Commence in a corner (beacon) with a narrow chimney wedged with large chockstones. Climb 5m to surmount the chockstones and then move left and climb the short sloping right hand face to the belay ledge (crux).

2. 18m 15 Facing downstream, climb 1m on the right hand face to a triangular ledge using a one-finger pull-up (crux) then climb the sloping overhanging corner crack (crux) to a cubby-hole. From the back of the cubby-hole climb the crack to the right of a large tree branch, which touches the face, to a 1m wide ledge.

3. 12m 15 From the right hand side of the ledge climb the slight recess for 4m, move left and climb the left hand corner of the free standing buttress to the top, exiting at the left (crux - no holds).

Note:

A good climb with adequate protection. (Previous editors note: It sounds a bit desperate for 15.)

First ascent: May 1988 R.G. Gunn, J.G. Gunn, J. Ferrington and L. Ferrington.

20TH CENTURY YOUTH

15

Start well upstream of NAUGHTY DAUGHTER opposite sandy clearing at foot of waterfall. Cairn.

- 1. 30m 15** Climb obvious right slanting groove then trend up and left on good holds to large platform and tree belay.
- 2. 8m 11** Exit via groove on right hand side of ledge.

First ascent: July 1981 P. Douglas, M. Brunke and J. Cheesemond.

COMING OF AGE

17

A route at the top of Cedarberg 15m down from 20TH CENTURY YOUTH.

- 1. 15m 17** Climb a short step into a recess with a slab. Move up the left hand crack on the slabs, moving out left onto a good ledge.
- 2. 45m 15** Step over to the right (over the recess you have just climbed). Climb a short wall to a large ledge. Continue up a series of short walls maintaining the right hand end of each. Near the top move left and over onto the top boulders.

First ascent: Oct 1983 D. Bristow and C. Ward.

WICKED WENCH

21 ***

Start at the same point as NAUGHTY DAUGHTER.

1. 20m 21 Follow NAUGHTY DAUGHTER up to the start of the hand-traverse rail; from here follow the natural continuation of the corner crack by laybacking up to the overlap. (Crux). Pull through the overlap by using the crack on the right of the block. Continue up a pleasant face on the right to a ledge with good rap tree.

Notes:

Technically pleasing on the crux sequence.

First ascent: Feb 1995 R. Dodding and P. Fatti.

NAUGHTY DAUGHTER

15 **

Start upstream from TWIST AND SHOUT, immediately above the worm-hole descent.

1. 20m 15 Climb the right hand crack topped by an overhang, hand-traverse left from under overhang to a ledge. Straight up a crack to easy ground and tree belay. Scramble up to next rock band.

2. 20m 13 Climb a chimney which slants left. Then climb through an obvious recess.

First ascent: Aug 1975 C. Ward.

WICKED MAMMA

21

Starts just downstream of NAUGHTY DAUGHTER.

1. 30m 21 Climb shallow corner and arete just left of NAUGHTY DAUGHTER. When possible, move left onto wall above roof and follow thin curving crack to ledge.

First ascent: 1990 Stewart Middlemiss and Richard Lord.

TWIST AND SHOUT

27 ***

Just downstream of the wormhole descent, on the right side of the kloof, there is a 12m high conical buttress with some detached blocks on top of it. A continuous crack leads from it, bearing slightly left, up a steep smooth face for 9m and then continues through a 3m roof.

1. 30m 27 Use roots to climb the left side of the cone. Climb the continuation crack which overhangs to begin with before tackling the roof crack. Gain slab above roof, and hence onto ledge on the right and then up to a large ledge.

2. 18m 15 To the right an impressive smooth corner slopes up left. Belay near its foot. Climb up to the sloping corner and follow it to the top.

Variation:

2. 18m 13 For a direct finish, belay at the foot of the obvious corner on the left (tree belay). Climb directly up the face for 3m to corner, continue up corner to tree on ledge. From the back of the ledge take a steep chimney in the corner which ends 3m from top, where two parallel cracks continue up. Ascend right crack to top. (Mar 1974 J. Linke and T. Hoy)

Note:

Originally opened as LONGDROP at 17,A2 in Mar 1974 by D. Peters and L. Mallen.

First ascent: 1990

Richard Lord?

GOLDEN PITCHER FRONTAL

15,A1 *

Starts some 10-12m upstream of GOLDEN PITCHER CRAG and finishes up the Golden Pitcher.

- 1. 14m 13** Climb diagonally left 5m up slight recess to ledge. Climb face above to ledge.
- 2. 12m 15** About 3m up crack just to right of trees, 3m layback to cubby hole, 3m up overhanging rock using good grips. Move 0,5m left to seat below broad overhang. Traverse right to broad ledge using small tree as handhold, followed by a dassie traverse.
- 3. 9m 5** Climb on to large block. Traverse right 6m to stance at bottom of cubby hole.
- 4. 9m 15** Ascend overhanging crack to leave cubby hole, using small holds on left hand side. Tree belay. Scramble 6m to base of "pitcher".
- 5. 12m 7** Climb open book to broad ledge below "pitcher".
- 6. 9m 15,A1A** shoulder or aid enables leader to reach small tree in crack. Make for second tree in cleft in centre of "pitcher".
- 7. 12m 7** Ascend to top of "pitcher" from far side. The descent to the base of the "pitcher" on this side involves further grade 7 climbing.

Variation:

- 1. 15m 15** Start some 9m to right of normal start. Move diagonally left 5m up easy rock to ledge below overhanging mantleshelf. Using small finger holds and a layback, mount mantleshelf. Move diagonally up left across fluted face to stance mentioned above.

Other variations consist of a grade 10 route which makes use of a root to the left of the original 15 route, or a direct ascent of a tree.

First ascent: 1958

W. Weider and P.J. Urban.

ZIGGY STARDUST

23

Start from the same ledge as THE THIN WHITE DUKE.

- 1. 20m 23** Climb diagonally left up undercut face and then up and leftwards past a bolt and continue to a ledge. Gear a little sparse on this pitch.
- 2. 15m 21** Continue up and through the roof and follow the thin crack up the face above.

*First ascent: 1990 Stewart Middlemiss, Russ Dodding
(Pitch 1 not followed)*

THE THIN WHITE DUKE

23

Starts from a wet sloping ledge below an undercut face approximately 10m to the left of TWIST AND SHOUT.

- 1. 20m 23** Start up undercut face from wet ledge and follow discontinuous crack line above past a peg up to a ledge.
- 2. 20m 23** Climb the interesting crack/groove through the overhang above and continue to a ledge.

*First ascent: 1989 Stewart Middlemiss, Mike Hislop
(Pitch 2 not followed)*

ASTROGUAVA

19 *

Start on true right hand side of kloof about 15m downstream of TWIST AND SHOUT. Shin diagonally up roots for 5m to a ledge beneath the obvious break.

- 1. 25m 19** Climb the recess for 8m to a ledge below a steep, smooth groove. Opt out and traverse 7m left around the corner to a large white tree at the base of second smooth steep recess. Climb this to top.

First ascent: Feb 1982 K. Smith and R. van Dijk.

CUZCO

15

About 15m upstream from CHURCH WINDOW is an easily seen small cave about 10m above the stream. To the right of it and slightly lower is another cave. The climb starts on the right side of this.

1. 18m 15 After a slightly overhanging takeoff, move 2m left to a fault. Climb this, then step left into an open book and after an awkward move, ascend it to a ledge with a large block leaning against the face.

2. 22m 15 Starting just left of the leaning block, climb on slightly loose holds up to a small overhang about 7m up. Move 2m left on an excellent handrail across a gap to easier rock. Ascend 4m then move left onto a flat face with good holds. Climb this to ledge.

3. 12m 11 Take obvious route up rough face with rounded holds to the top.

First ascent: Mar 1987 M. Prior, D. Peters and R. Green.

MORNING OVERHANG

23

1. ?m 23 Starts at the same place as CHURCH WINDOW and moves up the CHURCH WINDOW open book for 6m before moving right onto the right hand face. Follow the vertical crack on the face for 2m until just under a 3/4m roof. Crank the roof off of a good undercling onto tiny finger grips in the open book above. Continue up for the next 10-15m until a tree.

First ascent: Unknown M. Murison.

CHURCH WINDOW

8 ***

Situated on the line of a deep recess about 110m below a broken bay and almost immediately opposite a small cave on the left of the kloof at ground level. The climb is on the immediate upstream side of a definite rock ridge projecting into the kloof.

1. 23m 6 A 2m climb from stream level into niche below overhang. Upwards, bearing to left into depths of recess where crack leads to belay behind tree.

2. 20m 8 From first stance ease left to outside edge of recess then upwards on ridge to small band thence to right in exposed position on good flat stance.

3. 37m 8 On red rock immediately above bushes behind second stance. A grade 13 variation is possible.

First ascent: Unknown K. Ruhle.

GERMAN TETRIS

19

1. ?m 19 Climb the overhanging face to the left of CHURCH WINDOW for 15m before linking with CHURCH WINDOW. Gear good even though it looks quite bad.

First ascent: Unknown M. Murison.

KNEES

10 **

The climb starts 4m downstream of CHURCH WINDOW, at the foot of the rock ridge mentioned under that climb.

1. 15m 10 Ascend until an overhang forces one to traverse left around the ridge into a corner where there is a small stance.

2. 15m 7 Ascend corner 2m. Traverse left 3m, then ascend about 12m and traverse back into corner for stance and belay.

3. 15m 7 The route continues up the right hand side and on the outside of a vertical crack. It ends at a wide ledge, where the climb may be ended.

4. 18m 7 About 12m left of end of last pitch, there is a red face at right-angles to the kloof. Ascend middle of this face.

First ascent: 1955

J. Humphreys, J. Clayton, M. van

Zyl and P. Pienaar.

LABYRINTH

10 ****

Starts in a recess about 180m upstream of the main swimming pool under the steep rock of BOGGLE. Two large trees locate the start of the climb.

1. 12m 6 From behind the upper of the two trees ascend into a flat-roofed overhang. Climb diagonally to right for 10m, then left over sloping rock on small holds to a stance - or 4m higher and on "handrails" to same point.

2. 9m 10 In a crack about 5m, then left of it to a niche covered by a chockstone. Climb over this chockstone and a few metres higher over easy rock to a big ledge.

3. 22m 7 On the left a deep chimney leads to the last ledges. The route goes halfway up the chimney and then left through a narrow curved tunnel-crack to a platform vertically above the stream.

4. 12m 7 Another crack cuts the rock on right of platform into half for about 25m up. 1m from edge of platform a deep square-cut hole 60cm x 3m in section goes down about 22m. The route proceeds on right 5m followed by a step over and 6m up to top.

Variation:

3. 25m 8 Instead of following curved chimney to left proceed straight up to right of cracks with chockstones. Belay at prominent ledge. Climbing crack itself is an easy scramble.

4. 12m 8 Slightly to right up to red face and left past grass patches to top of krantz. (1976 S. van Rensburg (Jnr), P. van Rensburg, D. Van Rensburg and C. Rice)

First ascent: Mar 1943 K. Ruhle, E. Ruhle and R. Glass.

RED FALCON CRAG

16 ****

Commences on the ridge immediately downstream of LABYRINTH recess. An inverted V ending in a very narrow crack like an inverted funnel - to the right of the prominent red overhangs and about 25m above stream - forms a very good landmark. Two large trees locate the bottom pitch.

1. 25m 13 Starting a few metres to the left of the lower tree, the route ascends diagonally upwards to the left over a series of steps to about 8m above the stream. Thence upwards to a few metres below the sloping face forming the inverted V. Then traverse to the right to a small stance on the corner about 2m below the right edge of the inverted V. The belay is through an eye through the rock on the corner. The right hand edge of the eye is a "loosish" rock but the belay is good.

2. 15m 16 Commence by climbing the right hand edge of inverted V as close to overhang as possible, for 5m then traverse to left hand side of V. The ascent continues up the left hand red face to the top of the inverted V. Up to this point the climbing is delicate. Care is necessary to avoid loose rock. Good belay available on ledge on left at top of inverted V.

3. 22m 11 Straight up face to immediately left of chimney leading up from stance. Good typical Cedarberg holds.

4. 25m 6 The final pitch is mild and many routes may be chosen.

Note:

From third stance a series of fascinating tunnels will be seen. One of these forms a gash parallel to the face just climbed. It is possible to chimney down this tunnel to the bottom 9m below. A second tunnel curves down towards the right and may be descended to join Labyrinth route. It is possible to girdle the crag by means of a traverse across the face and ascend at corner.

First ascent: Apr 1939

C. Nicholls, D. Abercrombie and

B.I. Harris.

RED LIGHT

17 ***

The route ascends the steep red face immediately downstream of RED FALCON CRAG. Start 9m downstream of the tree which marks the start of RED FALCON CRAG. Scramble 3m to a ledge.

1. 9m 10 Ascend diagonally left over ledges and reach up to a small tree then move left to two large trees and belay in broken corner.

2. 18m 17 Move back right to the small trees and up right into a shallow scoop in the whitish face (immediately above the start). Ascend to a small overhang and traverse right under the nose then up 3m to a sitting stance in the upstream facing corner. Belays on a block on the nose and peg.

3. 12m 17 Move up onto the nose and diagonally left to a square ledge. Ascend the steep face above strenuously then move right to a tree belay.

4. 28m 15 Traverse 6m back left and up left onto a block. Ascend steeply up left on good holds towards the arete. Continue up about 3m right of the arete to a tree belay. A delightful pitch with good protection and incut holds.

First ascent: May 1969 A.D. Barley and M. White.

RUBORCANIS

17 **

The objective is the crack directly above the apex of the "inverted V" of RED FALCON CRAG. Start about 8m downstream of the tree marking the start of RED FALCON CRAG.

1. 30m 17 Climb the recess/crack system leading up to the short pillar at the base of the left hand side of the "inverted V". Continue directly up to the apex of the "V", and step left to a ledge (stance shared WITH RED FALCON CRAG).

2. 15m 17 Step back right and climb the final crack.

First ascent: Nov 1984 K.M. Smith, C. Edelstein and R. van Dijk.

BLACK SHADOW

20 ***

Between DECEPTION and RED FALCON CRAG is "overhanging rock". A buttress starts from wide ledges about 18m above the kloof bed. On the right hand side of the buttress is a prominent steep black groove. BLACK SHADOW gains this using a large flake on the left to avoid the initial overhanging section. On the left side of the buttress is a shallow groove leading onto a slanting slab and this is the line of HEATSTORM.

Scramble to the large ledges at base of the buttress and block belay near the start of the obvious flake crack.

1. 18m 15 Climb the flake crack for 5m to where it steepens. Traverse right (awkward) to a good ledge, move up and walk right on top of the flake into the black groove. Move up to a tree belay in a cave.

2. 15m 20 Ascend the groove by laybacking and bridging.

First ascent: Oct 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

HEATSTORM

20 *

(See comment in BLACK SHADOW)

Scramble to the large ledges at the base of the buttress and tree belay just to the left of the short steep wall below the shallow groove.

1. 18m 18 Ascend a short overhanging wall and continue directly up the shallow groove to a small stance and peg belay on the left, below the slanting wall.

2. 30m 20 Move right, gain the slanting slab and follow it right. On reaching the top right extremity of the slab, step down below a small overhang and gain the undercut slab on the right, moving past a peg (in place). Cross this using flakes in the roof, reach up to a block and swing round into a recess and a good resting place. Move up to the overhang, step left onto protruding blocks and surmount the overhang to a large flake. A short groove leads to scrambling to the top. A serious pitch due to dubious rock and considerable exposure.

Note:

Pitch 2 opened with one aid point.

First ascent: Oct 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

DECEPTION**11 ****

Situated in a gap between the two series of red overhangs about 75m above lower swimming pool. Climb starts to right of lower series of overhangs.

- 1. 25m 8** Straight up to grassy ledge and up corner to deep crack or cave.
- 2. 15m 11** Chimney up to underneath overhang. Very thin traverse 5m to right, then up crack in rock to good belay.
- 3. 22m 7** Easy climb straight up, although more difficult route possible by bearing left.

First ascent: Dec 1946 T. Louw and L. Lincoln.

ADRENALIN**19 ******

The start is just to the left of DECEPTION.

- 1. 25m 11** Climb up to tree and continue upwards behind tree to a high level traverse to the left. Traverse left around corner and continue to small stance in niche below main overhang.
- 2. 17m 19** Move up to overhang and layback into groove above. Climb straight up to large niche. Climb high up the niche then step left onto overhanging face. Climb short face to good hand knobs above and then with hand jam and fancy footwork traverse out left and gain a good stance on an arete.
- 3. 34m 13** A delicate step left into recessed ramp, climb diagonally up and right for a few metres then follow main depression bearing slightly left to tree 15m up. Continue upwards bearing slightly left then back right into corner which is followed to the top.

Note: Pitch two opened with aid - now normally freed.

Variation:

On a subsequent occasion a more direct first pitch was opened, which, owing to dampness, was avoided by opening party.

1. 22m 19 About 25m upstream of swimming pool is a wet vegetated groove. Start 3m left of the wet groove and move up to a nose, then traverse left across a slab to the bottom of a short corner. Move up this awkwardly to a large ledge which is traversed right for 8m to the steep crack above the wet groove. Move up and using a flake on the right wall, make a difficult move past the overhanging block to a niche. Continue up a steep funnel to another niche and peg belay below the main overhang. (A.D. Barley and M. White)

First ascent: Jun 1967 P. Fatti and J.H. Graafland.

AUSPICE

20 **

This route starts between CEDARBERG TRAVERSE and ADRENALIN. About 10m left of ADRENALIN there is a short recess, usually a bit damp, with an old peg visible about 4m above ground level. The first pitch has obviously been climbed before but is not written up.

1. 30m 19 Climb the recess to a good ledge. Walk right about 5m to another break and climb this to a small ledge on the right where another old peg is to be found. A difficult move up and left brings you onto easier rock. Climb upwards and tending left to ledge which is at the same level as CEDARBERG TRAVERSE. Dassie-crawl right along the ledge to a large ledge which is about 10m to the right of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE.

2. 45m 20 Above is an impressive corner. Climb up 15m to a small overhang (15). A difficult move right, around the corner, brings you into a small recess. Continue with difficulty horizontally right into a further recess. Up slightly and then traverse onto a stance common with ADRENALIN. Continue up easy rock to the top.

First ascent: Jun 1983 C. Edelstein and A. Smith.

AGONISING HANDS

24 ****

Start at the gray end of the face 7m upstream of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE (the tree roots a few meters from the swimming pool).

1. 20m 17 From directly below the face climb up onto ledge (3m). Climb the roots and then move diagonally right into recess. Traverse 2m right and then up for 3m to awkward ledge. Move back 3m to good stance.

2. 20m 24 Start 3m right of AUSPICE. Climb steep root into left facing open book. Continue up greasy corner to small overlap. Move right round corner and up to another small overhang. Make short move left and up to join the final right traverse of AUSPICE (good jams). Make tricky moves up right to stance in the base of the left facing corner.

3. 25m 23 Continue up pink corner and then straight up orange rock for 5m to a good rail. Move left to good jams and good gear. Finish off up "V" at left end of rail.

First ascent: 1988

C. Edelstein and P. Carter.

DOGGLE

25

Essentially a variation to the last pitch of AGONISING HANDS.

1. 25m 25 Follow the line of 2 pegs to the left of the last pitch of AGONISING HANDS and then go up the "V" groove above.

First ascent: Unknown

C. Edelstein.

CEDARBERG TRAVERSE

17 **

Opposite FROG GULLY is a whitish face which is topped by a prominent overhang over 100m long. Broadly the route ascends this face a bit to the right of its centre, up to the overhang, makes a long traverse left to the end of the overhang, ascends vertically and then diagonally right above the latter overhang, and finally reaches the top through a gap in a second minor overhang.

1. 18m 8 The start is a few metres from the lower swimming pool, where a number of roots are festooned on the face. Climb to a stork's nest. Traverse right below nest and ascend to a ledge (9) or ascend and traverse right above nest to same ledge (7). A chock stone in a crack which slopes up to the right is the belay point.

2. 24m 15 (Six meters vertically, 18m to left.) Ascend 3m and traverse to left around bulge. Continue traversing left at same level on steep delicate face, or ascend 2m and then traverse left on less steep but equally difficult rock. Ascend about 1-2m to immediately under overhang, and traverse around nose to small stance with eye hole belay.

3. 30m 17 Descend for 2,5m traverse across sloping slab, then traverse around a spectacular corner (slight descent while making this move) to easier rock. Continue traversing to end of overhang which has stepped down nearer floor of kloof over this section.

4. 9m 8 Ascend to ledge where there is a large block belay. The first section of the climb ends at this point. An easy way out may be climbed diagonally left.

5. 25m 15 Climb up the "tiled" slab which slopes up and to the right. Bear right to avoid a small overhang and then continue up a recess until an eye-hole is reached in the right hand wall of the recess. Squeeze through eye-hole. This point is approximately 30m above the start of pitch 3, but separated from it by the large overhang.

6. 9m 18 After straightforward climbing up a slab a small overhang is overcome by making a short but difficult move through a gap. The climb ends on the ledge above.

Notes:

- 1.** The climb can be harder to second than lead. The climb is long and of sustained difficulty.
- 2.** R. Davies and F. Villa made the first ascent of the lower section. The upper section was first climbed in May 1952 by D. Bell and D. Gillham.

Variations:

An alternative start to the route begins 40m upstream.

Scramble 10m up to a ledge and tree belay.

- 1. 18m 10** Climb up rib of rock on the left to the traverse line at 7m. Traverse left just below the overhang, with an awkward final move to a small ledge and peg belay. (As for pitch 1 belay on ADRENALIN.)
- 2. 22m 15** Continue the traverse at the same level below the overhang. Difficulty relents after 7m. Belay at the top of the original pitch 1. Continue as for the original route.
- 6. 15** Traverse right across slab and then ascend overhang by means of strenuous pull-ups on good holds. Spectacular, but easier than the original final pitch.

First ascent: Feb 1950 R. Davies and F. Villa.

PROJECT 22

25 ****

Start directly opposite FROG GULLY on the true right-hand side of the kloof, below a huge open book in the overhangs in the upper part of the kloof.

1. 35m 22 Scramble up the vertical grass (often wet) to the tree. Step 1m right and climb up 3m before pulling left into the thin groove. Climb up strenuously to a resting place below the overhang. Stretch across and clip a thin wire (in place). Using this for aid, step right and up into the base of the steep, broken crack. Climb the crack for about 15m to where the angle eases at the level of the CEDARBERG TRAVERSE. Follow this route up and left around the corner and then back down to a stance just to the left of the crack which leads up to the big dihedral above.

2. 25m 25 Climb back up the crack to the small overhang. Pull through this and continue for about 1m from where it is possible to pull left to the prominent flake and crack. Steep jamming and laybacking leads to a resting position on top of the broken flake. A further 3m leads up to the first major roof in the dihedral from where the aid climbing starts. Aid through this roof and continue up into the dihedral above. Climb this past some guano and continue to where the dihedral runs into the final, huge overhang. Traverse right (on aid) to the end of the overhang, step right and up onto a good stance.

3. 10m 12 Step right into the groove, climb this and continue to top.

Notes:

1. Pitch 1 and first part of pitch 2 were first climbed in 1976 by Paul Fatti and Art McGarr. Russ Dodding participated in the intervening attempts.

2. The first free ascent was in June 2003 by Rory Lowther.

*First ascent: 24 Oct 1998 Dylan Morgan and Paul Fatti.
(with aid)*



Rory Lowther pulling the crux roof on the first free ascent of PROJECT 22. Photo by Andrew Porter.

SUICIDE

24 ****

Takes the continuously overhanging section of the buttress 15m downstream of the swimming pool. Starts 12m downstream of the pool from a sloping shelf where a corner slants up to the overhangs at 12m.

1. 25m 24 Follow the corner until one can move right to a narrow ledge below the overhangs. Traverse left below the overhang, round a rib to a thin crack 6m. Ascend the overhang using 3 nuts in this crack until it is peters out. Move left onto a slab around the corner, then back right into the corner and up to a tiny stance below a small overhang (peg belay).

2. 25m 19 Gain the ledge on the left and onto a pinnacle flake. Ascend the crack above to the horizontal break below the overhangs (CEDARBERG TRAVERSE) and move directly up to handrail. Swing right and up a slanting crack to a peg belay on a superb protruding perch under the overhanging wall. Make a very exposed traverse left on good holds and layback up to a peg (in place) and make a "Western Roll" onto the ledge on the left. Easily up to the large ledge and peg belay. (Top of BOGGLE, pitch 2.)

3. 25m 21 Climb the steep hand jam crack above the stance using 2 nuts for aid. Continue up the very steep wall to a spike then up left on good holds to a small stance. It has been climbed free up the right hand crack. Move up right on the slab and up to an overhanging chimney through the final overhang (as for CEDARBERG TRAVERSE).

Notes:

1. Originally climbed in 6 pitches.
2. The first free ascent was in Oct 1985 by K.M. Smith and M. Brunke.

Variation:

The original route avoids the grade 24 pitch by using CEDARBERG TRAVERSE pitches 1 and 2 and from here:

3. 18m 17 Gain the sloping slab below an overlap (5m right of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE crux) and surmount it to a

narrow ledge containing a large flake. Make a semi-hand traverse left for 5m to the perch under the overhanging wall.

First ascent: Dec 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

CLIMBING IN BED WITH MADONNA **27 **** [B]**

This is a fully bolted sport climb. Start at the first bolt which is more a few meters downstream and opposite FROG GULLY. The bolt is a few meters downstream of a prominent upstream facing openbook (SUICIDE) at river level.

1. 35m 27 Foreplay: Step off ledge above river to clip bolt. Move diagonally right past next bolt and climb crack above to cubby hole. Up steep bulge and onto easier ground. Move diagonally right about 5m into corner below roof. Pull through roof at corner on right and up into leftwards trending crack system. Exit onto ledge system at same level as end of the BOGGLE first pitch.

2. 10m 27 The bit in the middle: Climb through the roof above sharing the stance with pitch 2 of BOGGLE. There are chains here.

3. 20m 27 Afterglow: Climb the bolted line on the wall above.

Note:

Fully rebolted in 2005

First ascent: 1991 P.J. Lazarus.

DOGSPYDER **23 ****

Effectively a direct version of SPIDERMAN. Start about 5m to the right of BOGGLE/SPIDERMAN.

1. 40m 23 Up very steep broken crack tending diagonally right towards ledges at 10m. Climb diagonally up left to join SPIDERMAN at 25m. Up crack/recess to ledge.

First ascent: Aug 1989 C. Edelstein and S. Middlemiss.

SPIDERMAN

20 **

Start 5m upstream of the first pitch of BOGGLE (a tree-filled corner 18m downstream of the swimming pool).

- 1. 25m 20** Climb right then up to gain a crack leading to ledges beneath a white face.
- 2. 45m 18** Climb up the left side of the white face (BOGGLE's 2nd pitch traverses right across the face). Traverse left beneath the penultimate roof, climb 5m up the wall above, move right around a long overhang and continue directly to the summit.

*First ascent: Jan 1985 K.M. Smith and A. de Klerk.
(accompanied by C. Edelstein and G. Mallory on first pitch).*

BOGGLE

19 *****

The route takes an impressive line up the steep buttress 15m downstream of the swimming pool and finishes up the slanting chimney crack which can be seen from FROG GULLY. Start 18m downstream of the swimming pool below a tree-filled corner immediately left of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE buttress.

- 1. 25m 15** Ascend the corner to trees in a recess (6m) and continue up to a large ledge and belay (as for pitch 3 belay of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE).
- 2. 18m 16** Traverse right (CEDARBERG TRAVERSE in reverse) until one can move up to gain a white slab above. Move right and up to the top right hand corner of the slab whence an exhilarating swing right is made. Continue more easily up to a large ledge and belay.
- 3. 18m 19** Move to the extreme right end of the ledge and up the initial overhang in the slanting chimney-crack. Gain the crack with difficulty and continue to the top with two good resting ledges. A fine, impressive pitch in a superb position.

Note:

This is one of the best routes in the Magaliesberg – climb it.

First ascent: Aug 1968 I. McLaghlan and M. Makowski.

THE TIGER HUNT

20 ***

Located on the buttress immediately downstream and back from the buttress on which the top pitches of BOGGLE are situated.

- 1. 25m 15** As per the first pitch of BOGGLE.
- 2. 15m 11** Climb up the gully over mixed ground to the base of an obvious open book which has an off-width crack in its' corner.
- 3. 20m 20** Ascend the face to the right of the open book to a cave which has a dead tree rooted in it. Move across to the small recess on the right of the cave. Climb through the small roof capping the recess and continue up the face above to easier ground. A bollard belay can be taken at the top.

Note:

Protection on the crux of pitch 3 is good.

First ascent: Nov 1986 P.S. Greenfield, T.P. Willmot and R. Dodding.

OLD YEAR'S EVE CRAG

15

About 80m downstream from STRAIGHT JERRY. Starts at downstream end of a long shelf of rock about 2m above water level immediately adjacent to a long narrow pool.

- 1. 14m 10** Climb up a recessed corner to a small ledge.
- 2. 22m 15** Climb a few metres up on the left to a smooth sloping slab from which the left end of a ledge can be reached. This ledge is then followed to the right. (Alternatively, from top of first pitch climb diagonally to the right over alternating smooth slabs and low overhangs to the same spot.)
- 3. 18m 6** Various routes to the top are possible.

First ascent: 1938 M. Gaze and K. Ruhle.

FISTULA

17 *

The general line of the route is opposite FROG FACE.

- 1. 9m 11** Ascend diagonally to right up ramp, then diagonally left to ledge (eye belay) directly below crack through overhang.
- 2. 9m 17** Ascend 3m to right end of overhang, then traverse left under overhang into crack. Continue up crack.
- 3. 16m 6** Up easy rock to top.

First ascent: 1949 D. Gillham, R. Davies and I. Keith.

SORRENTO

19 *

Start about 9m left of FISTULA and immediately opposite start of FROG FACE and large trees in centre of kloof.

- 1. 9m 15** Mantleshelf onto ledge, then ascend on right to corner 3m below ledge forming first stance of FISTULA. Traverse 6m onto large ledge. Move up right hand corner onto the FISTULA ledge.
- 2. 3m 19** Ascend overhanging recess to ledge. Stance common with second stance of FISTULA.
- 3. 30m 15** From extreme left of stance, ascend 12m to piton point and up right to slab below overhanging face with crack in centre. Proceed up crack and move left between two trees. Ascend 9m up large steps and onto large ledge.
- 4. 30m 7** Ascend 30m over clean face to ledge below overhanging red face.
- 5. 15m 15** Ascend to right onto large block to right of face. Move up to corner and summit.

First ascent: Apr 1963 M. Makowski and M. Cramphorn.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE WE DO

20 *

Start as for SORRENTO.

1. 10m 13 Mantleshelf onto ledge, climb up in corner and traverse left to a large flat (and wet) ledge. Belay on right hand side.

2. 12m 20 Slide over to the left hand side of the ledge and climb up left to a ledge beneath the overhanging wall (piton in place). Climb the wall from the right hand end of the ledge, using 2 or 3 nuts for aid, to a grassy ledge.

3. 20m 13 Traverse left along the ledge, and climb up to a broken open book recess, which is ascended to a large slabby ledge.

4. 25m 17 Climb up the steep wall to the left of the white root (strenuous), and up over easier pleasant rock to stance at base of slightly overhanging wall.

5. 25m 15 Move around the right hand end of the wall and climb up a short way in the corner. Move out left and around onto a ledge above the wall, which is traversed left to a V-shaped chimney capped by an overhang. Climb this to reach the top.

Note:

The first two pitches can be combined. From the top of pitch 2 one can climb up right in a large recess (8), then scramble up to the top. One can also scramble off from the top of the following pitches, but then, if you feel like we do, you'll climb. Pitch 2 may go free, especially now that some of the vegetation has been cleared.

Variation:

5. 14m 21 Instead of moving right, continue straight up the overhanging wall utilising the obvious cracks (strenuous). Continue up to the base of the V-shaped chimney mentioned in pitch 5. Climb the chimney to the top.

First ascent: Nov 1978 K.M. Smith and D. Luyt. (Initially led with aid)

THE CANINE ABYSS

26 ****

Climbs the very steep wall about 25m upstream of CEDARBERG CRESCENT (i.e. 10m to the left OF DO YOU FEEL LIKE WE DO). Start near tree fern.

1. 20m 26 Up the recess to the rail. Straight up face past bolt to bucket. Move right and finish up vague notch/groove.

First ascent: Dec 1989 S. Middlemiss.

CEDARBERG CRESCENT

20 **

Starts in an overhanging recess opposite GRANDPA'S CHOICE, about 18m upstream from CEDARBERG CORNER.

1. 9m 20 Climb to top of overhanging recess, move out 2m to left and ascend to stance above overhang in crack.

2. 14m 10 Follow crack to ledge with large tree. Traverse right about 30m.

3. 9m 12 Ascend open book to summit.

Note:

Crux poorly protected by peg. A choice of several routes is possible for the last pitch.

First ascent: Oct 1962 M. Prior and O. Oppler.

ENCHANTERS END GAME

25 **

Starts as for the FINGERTIP FANDANGO.

1. 10m 25 Up the FINGERTIP FANDANGO but move right where the FINGERTIP FANDANGO goes left. Finish straight up from the small cubbyhole.

First ascent: Jan 1988 R. Natrass.

THE FINGERTIP FANDANGO

23 **

Start about 15m downstream from CEDARBERG CRESCENT on same side of kloof at steep face with undercut base.

1. 15m 23 Up face slightly right of arete, back slightly left where angle eases. Up thin rail, left and directly up to ledge with small tree.

Note:

Upper portion of wall protected with two pre-placed wires on first ascent.

First ascent: Nov 1985 A.J. Smith and B. O'Meara.

CONQUISTADOR

23 **

A shallow corner crack immediately left of a tree next to the face is situated 10m upstream of CEDARBERG RECESS.

1. 8m 21 Climb the crack to a ledge.

2. 20m 23 Climb the crack above to where it thins (fixed piton). A tricky move right leads to a narrow ledge on the face. Continue up from the left side of the face.

First ascent: Jan 1986 K.M. Smith.

MONTEZUMA'S REVENGE

23

Scramble up RED RUBBLE to CONQUISTADOR's belay.

1. 20m 23 From the ledge, move up through steep rock to rail. Rail left and lurch up wall past peg to the top.

First ascent: Mar 1990 S. Middlemiss, C. Edelstein and C. Curzon.

RED RUBBLE

10

Commences on the right hand edge of CEDARBERG RECESS cave. At this point an obvious ledge starting 4m above stream level extends upwards to the right.

1. 15m 10 Ascending to ledge provides the only difficulty. Then move along the ledge passing a number of insecure looking blocks. Stance is at base of overhanging crack, which takes off from the ledge.

2. 18m 10 Follow the ledge to extreme end where it leads into a chimney. Ascend chimney for about 5m then diagonally up left to wide ledge.

3. 15m 7 Continue up bearing somewhat left, to a wide ledge beneath a red buttress. To the right is a recess which can be climbed as a variation to the final pitch.

4. 9m 8 Ascend the clean, red buttress.

First ascent: Oct 1939 C. Nicholls, M. Burton and B.I. Harris.

PREDATOR

22

Turns the roof right of CEDARBERG RECESS.

1. 20m 22 Starting right of CEDARBERG RECESS's start, climb the face immediately left of the right arete. From a ledge about 2m below the roof traverse around to the right. Move up to the obvious rail, and rail left to the prow. Pull up past rails to easier rock which is followed to a stance.

First ascent: Nov 1988 K.M. Smith.

CEDARBERG RECESS

19 ***

Starts on right side of large recess about 20m upstream from the junction with LOWER TONQUANI

- 1. 21m 19** Climb face on right side of recess to platform. Ascend 3m to piton point. Traverse left 2m into corner with vertical crack. Move 2,5m up and then semi-hand traverse left 2,5m to possible stance. Diagonally up and right for about 2,5m into crack which cuts overhang. Climb crack for 5m to stance.
- 2. 20m 16** Continue 6m up recess to overhang and move across to good holds on right. Ascend 5m and turn second overhang to right. Ascend face to tree belay.

Variation:

- 1. 15m 18** Start in the same place as the first pitch. Instead of moving right, climb straight up the crack. Step to the left to rejoin the original route. (This pitch is well protected.)
(Jan 1990 A. Margetts and P. McCann)

First ascent: Jan 1959 W. Wieder, B. Magg and R. Kinsley.

THE PROBLEM WITH COMPETITION

19

Climbs the vague arete between SUNDAY DRIVER and CEDARBERG RECESS.

- 1. 15m 19** Move up and left beneath a small roof to gain a layback crack which is followed to large holds. Continue to a ledge.

First ascent: Dec 1985 K.M. Smith, P. Lazarus and A.J. Smith.

SUNDAY DRIVER

22 ***

Start 6m left of CEDARBERG RECESS.

1. 20m 22 Ascend a short steep crack to a niche below the overhang (3m). Pull around this, and continue up the crack above (strenuous) to a block, which is surmounted (strenuous). Traverse left 3m and up to a niche (alternatively climb straight up from block). Hand-traverse right, mantleshelf, and climb the crack above (CEDARBERG RECESS 15 variation) to a large ledge and belay.

2. 25m 17 Move left and up 3m then swing up onto the arete using sharp hold and into the base of a groove. Ascend the groove and then an awkward move out left below the overhang, then up a bulge and right to the top.

Note:

The first free ascent was in 1980 by J. Cheesmond.

First ascent: Nov 1967 M. Makowski, A.D. Barley and M. White.

AFTERBURNER

23 ***

Start as for SUNDAY DRIVER.

1. 20m 23 Start as for SUNDAY DRIVER up to the first ledge, then slightly left and up past pegs to a diagonal rail. Move slightly right to a crack and up this to a small ledge and an old peg under an overlap. Continue up the left tending break above to a ledge and a fixed rap point.

First ascent: Apr 1989 M. Hislop and A. Hislop.

THE FAST LANE

23 **

Climbs the wall downstream of SUNDAY DRIVER. The key feature is a shallow upward-pointing triangular recess. Start a couple of metres left of SUNDAY DRIVER's initial crack.

1. 18m 23 Gain a rail at 3m after a tricky start. Traverse left to a flake/block feature and move slightly left up this. Climb diagonally right past a bolt and into the triangular recess. Move up to just below the apex of the recess and rail left across the face to the base of a short hand crack on the right side of a block. Climb the crack to a ledge.

First ascent: May 1987 K. Smith.

JUNCTION CORNER

17 *

The climb is situated on the corner of Tonquani and Cedarberg, opposite ALOE CORNER.

1. 15m 17 Climb the recess for 6m to a small platform. Move around the bulge to the left to the foot of a steep face. Climb the face to the overhang, where a nut can be placed in a crack. Traverse to the right and move around the corner (crux). Climb up 3m to a large platform.

2. 37m 8 Follow the obvious route for about 37m.

3. 22m 6 Scramble to the top.

First ascent: May 1965 A. Carmen and D. Lubbe.

Climbs on the true left

FRAGILE FORTRESS

16

About 50m down-stream from the upper meeting spot, the true left wall of the kloof comes down to the stream, forming a large, broken buttress. On the upstream face of this buttress, near the up-hill end, there is a shallow crack with rounded lips – it is on the left end of the grey face to the left of OBELIX.

1. 20m 16 Climb this on small gear until the crack terminates, then step right onto a ledge, before scrambling up the final summit block.

First ascent: Early 1999 D. Morgan and S. Newman.

OBELIX

11 *

Approximately 50m downstream of the Cedarberg meet spot is a large recess on the left. At the time of writing this up (2007) there was a small growth of what looks like prickly pear nearby. The route is on right-hand side of the upstream-side face, in a recess at the bottom of which is a 3m high rock obelisk (no too secure). A well protected route.

1. 20m 11 Climb the recess with the two cracks behind the obelisk until an overhang is reached (16m). The overhang can either be obviated by a short traverse right and continuing the ascent, or it may be tackled head-on.

First ascent: 9 Jun 2007 Rob Thomas and Warren Krynie.

GREY GULLY

5

An easy gully leading to the bed of the kloof. A prominent landmark at the top of this gully consists of two rock columns or undercut pinnacles (The Twins).

First ascent: Unknown Party Unknown.

HERO ROCKRABBIT

14 **

On the left side of the square-cut recess 5m left (uphill) of FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER. There is an oval "alien face" mark in the rock at waist level.

1. 15m 14 Climb a thin crack, with a small tree some 6m off the ground, leading to a thought-provoking but technically easy chimney. Stance as for FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER.

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

THE KNELL

13 *

5m left (uphill) of FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER is a shallow square-cut recess. On the right side are two parallel cracks on either side of a hollow-sounding pillar about a foot thick.

1. 15m 13 Climb the cracks and the corner to the right, to reach the same stance as FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER. The capping chock-stone is best turned on the right. Though hollow-sounding, the rock did not appear to be loose.

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER

10

About 50m down-stream from the sandy "lunch-spot" 100m down from the easy descent gully near the campsite, there is a buttress on the true left, visible from the main path – this is climbed by FRAGILE FORTRESS. A further 50m-70m down-stream there is a second clearly visible buttress. FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER takes the up-stream face of the buttress at its nearest point to the river.

1. 20m 10 Start from the lowest boulders to gain the ledges below a short face with a prominent crack. Proceed upwards and gradually left, with the angle and grade gradually dropping, until the highest boulders are reached.

Note:

Descend by walking upstream at the same level as the belay to reach an easy scramble down a gully 30m upstream of the start. Gear is plentiful and the rock sound.

Variation:

BABY STEPS - Start as for THE KNELL, ascend 2m to the ledge then traverse right for 3m. Ascend the obvious line to the top. (21 Jul 2007 Claire Othenin-Girard, Malcolm Dunkeld, Warren Krynie and Rob Thomas)

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

PERSEVERANCE PAYS

21 **

An extremely short but pleasant route near the Upper Cedarberg campsite. Approximately 30m downstream of the campsite on the true left is a 1m roof with a finger crack in it. The route takes this line about 5m right of FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER.

1. 6m 21 Start on a triangular block, pull through the roof and continue up the layback crack.

First ascent: Nov 1985 G. Mallory, A. Smith, B. O'Meara, D. Young and Jarru.

FAITH'S CRACK

9

The chimney on the upstream side of the LEAP OF FAITH buttress.

1. 25m 9 Start awkwardly over the first boulder, or burrow under the tree, before employing classic chimney techniques to ascend. Good fun.

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

LEAP OF FAITH

13

50-80m below the FUNKY CHEMICAL CORNER buttress, there is a prominent 3m high, 6m long boulder just to the right of the path; on the opposite side of the stream is a clearly visible orange overhang. On the upstream face of this buttress there is a deep, easy-angled chimney (FAITH'S CRACK).

1. 30m 13 Start at the bottom of this chimney, and step right onto a rock nose (you are now 3m off the ground.) Sling the tree for psychological protection, and make a leap of faith to the right (actually a short step) onto the next triangular ledge (you are now 6m off the ground, but at the same height as your starting point!) Mantle up and walk up the ledges before climbing the main arête above, first on the right then on the left. Stance just below the top. Descend by scrambling over piles of boulders then down the up-stream side of the buttress (tricky at the bottom). Good moves, views and rock, but a little shy on gear.

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

GLOBAL WARMING

13

1. 30m 13 Start up ONE FOR MOM. Just before the chimney starts in earnest, pull up to the rail just below the over-hang on the face to the left, and use it to quickly swing left to reach a twisted and worryingly hollow-sounding horn. Step up thought the overhang on tenuous holds, before easily wandering up the slabs to the prominent corner above. Bomber gear protects the move over the large chockstone. Move up and right, to stance on the very highest point of the buttress.

Note:

There are some awkward moves that are poorly protected – this adds to the experience if you're game, though!

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

POST PRANDIAL LETHARGY

11

Above 50m downstream from the LEAP OF FAITH buttress, the kloof floor begins to drop away rapidly. Half way down this decline, and just above the ever-fun slide down the boulder, there is a sandy lunch spot on the true left, with a small cave. This is some 80m above the worm-hole descent. Just downstream from this cave, there is a recess of rounded steps, reaching up to the canopy. Start 5m right of the cave, where tree roots skirt the face.

1. 35m 11 Climb straight up to enter the recess, before moving up and right to exit the canopy on the right hand edge of the recess. Carry on out into the open, and over a 2m rock band, before reaching a grove of small trees, which form the best belay available. Descend by thrashing upstream through bushes (easiest near the upper cliffs) until a small gully is found to scramble down, arriving at the top of the small waterfall just above the sanding lunchspot. There is gear just before moving onto the arête, but nowhere else.

First ascent: 28 Nov 2003 Dylan Morgan and Warren Krynie.

OSSO BLUES

16

Start about 10m downstream of GREY GULLY (Times Gully) where there is a mostly detached column of rock on the front left of the buttress. There is an obvious crack/recess on the downstream side of the column between the column and the main face.

1. 30m 16 Start at a shallow overhang (1.5m high) to the left of the main crack. Climb through the overhang on short but sharp holds to a ledge with scallops (4m 16). Move right and ascend the crack to the top of the column (Grade eases to 10). Climb the overhang on massive holds and move right and up to a very large ledge (exit left of Twins Gully).

Note:

It is very probable that the main crack between the column and the buttress has been climbed before as it is very obvious.

First ascent: Oct 1987 S. Kellet and J. Peirson.

HIGH JINKS

15

Start about 25m upstream of the main water-fall, opposite smaller waterfall (detached column of rock on front-left of buttress).

1. 45m 15 Climb a shallow recess on right side of buttress. Climb diagonally in the recess and crack to some overhangs. Move slightly right and up a crack to a large ledge. Climb up right on arete to top blocks.

First ascent: Oct 1983 C. Ward.

TRIPPA A LA MAMA

16 *

Starts about 20m downstream of GREY GULLY (Times Gully) and 10m downstream of a detached column of rock on the front left of the buttress. There is a pronounced recess/chimney which slopes slightly to the right and starts on a 2m wide ledge which is reached by scrambling up 5m to the right.

1. 15m 14 Start immediately to the right of the tree (on the left of the same tree is HIGH JINKS). Ascend the crack into the recess and climb up the right corner of the recess until blocked by large chockstones. Move right by using small but rough footholds on the face and up and around to the ledge.

2. 30m 16 Grovel and grot for 12m to the bottom of a corner to the right side of the arete in HIGH JINKS. Hand jam up the crack 2m to the right of the corner. After 3m move left into the corner and then up on good holds until a prominent nose is reached. Move left and onto the nose and then up easy rock on the left of the arete to the top blocks.

First ascent: Oct 1987 J. Peirson and S. Kellet.

LAST TOUCH

17

The route starts at a large tree at the base of the rock about 20m downstream of the ADAM AND EVE gully. It is possible that a further pitch may be added to it by starting at the top of the small waterfall a few metres downstream. The first few metres may be bypassed, if desired, by scrambling to the right of the start for a few metres to the base of a narrow, smooth chimney which marks the start of the serious climbing.

1. 25m 16 After an awkward take-off, climb chimney to the roof which is turned to the right. Tree belay.

2. 27m 17 Scramble diagonally right for 10m to the base of a crack in steep, smooth orange face. Climb the crack for about 4m to a ledge and foot rail. (At this point, one has the option of an easier alternative route using a large flake to layback) Move left to a steep crack and corner. It is possible

to get a large nut into the crack, high up, by throwing it in. Move 3m, then left to a crack below a large, overhanging block. Ascend, strenuously, to a seat on the block. Climb easy ridge to top.

Note:

For fans of NAUGHTY DAUGHTER, this climb is closer, longer and possibly more exciting.

First ascent: Early 2002 M. Prior, R. Lowther and G. Lowther.

BLOOD PRESSURE

17

Starts upstream of the cataract where the earth floor is sloping. At this point the kloof wall is characterised by a short corner (wet at bottom) and a large ledge at 8m capped by an overhang. Downstream from the corner there is a crack at 0,5m, a crack topped by a bulge at 2,5m and a right sloping groove at 8m. Start below the crack topped by bulge, marked BP (scratched on rock).

1. 8m 15 Climb the crack by jamming and bridging until a move left can be made to reach the large ledge above the bulge. Tree belays.

2. 20m 17 From the upstream end of the ledge climb a fist-jam crack in a steep ramp, swing right to foothold and pull up to ledge. Climb crack and steep left face on good holds to ledge above. Move left of the undercut rock into a little square-cut bay, up 2m to ledge and nut belays.

3. 16m 17 Climb the crack above belay, Move right onto good ledge. A step left on a sloping foothold enables a slanting V-crack to be gained. Climb up this to ledge. Move right and climb the crack to the top.

First ascent: Jul 1981 N. Cleaver and R. Cleaver.

THE MAMMOTH HUNTERS

16

On the true left about 100m downstream of the illegal campsite in the kloof, near the easy descent gully. The route avoids a very obvious roof with a crack/flake going through it at about 10m. This part of the kloof is still flat but from here on downstream it starts to get steep.

1. 25m 16 Climb the corner until under the roof. Traverse out on good jams in the ceiling and sneak around the corner onto mega-jugs. (Good large friend placements.) Doodle on up until you think the climbing has stopped.

First ascent: Mar 1987 M. Cartwright, G. Murray and A. Margetts.

TOADSTOOL

13 *

On the left side of the kloof just above the wormhole in the floor of the kloof above GOLDEN PITCHER there is a cave about 7m above the stream. Start from the cave.

1. 25m 13 Traverse horizontally right out of the cave underneath the overhangs to just around the corner. Ascend the shallow recess in the steep face above. Move left onto the exposed nose with slab on left where the recess steepens. Ascend the nose and move left to tree belay.

2. 18m 11 Ascend recess to overhangs. Traverse horizontally right round bulge. Ascend slab/corner a few metres, step left and move up short steep face.

3. 20m 10 A large buttress will be seen up to the left. Start in the centre of the buttress (cairn). Pleasant climbing up steep rock on jugs leads to a shallow recess which bears left and leads to the top of the buttress.

Note:

To the left of the finish of the climb there is a "toadstool" which can be climbed on good holds on its downstream side (15).

First ascent: Feb 1974 D. Peters and L. Mallen.

PITCHER PICTURE

10 *

This route takes a direct line up the buttress directly opposite the Golden Pitcher and immediately upstream of GOLDEN PITCHER CRAG. Scramble up a short corner then traverse right on grass and belay at the first tree. This is down and left of a deep cave.

- 1. 8m 10** Move left and up a short groove to a tree belay in a cave.
- 2. 15m 10** Move left and ascend the rib to a short crack above the cave. Climb this on good holds and up a recess to a stance on the left and belay on rock knobs.
- 3. 8m 7** Ascend the rock knobs directly to a large ledge and tree belay.
- 4. 22m 7** Move right and follow the ramp to its top to a block belay.
- 5. 12m 8** Traverse 3m left and ascend the face on good holds to the top. Belay on block at the back.

First ascent: Aug 1969 M. Prior and party.

RUMPLESTILTSKIN

18 ***

Opposite the Golden Pitcher there is a large cave situated 15m above the stream. Start on the left side of the cave directly below its top.

- 1. 20m 17** Climb up 3m until opposite a block-like projection. Move left onto the block and continue up via difficult moves until it is possible to hand-traverse on rounded holds to a ledge. Climb up the face until level with the top of the cave, traverse right and move up to the gully.
- 2. 15m 18** On the face to the left of the gully there is an obvious steep crack slanting right. Climb up the gully until a traverse left to the base of the crack can be made. Climb the crack until just above the bulge, then traverse 2m left to a block on the face. Continue up 3m to a ledge on the arete.

3. 30m 13 Climb diagonally right for 6m to the crack of pitch 2, then continue straight up for 25m.

Note:

Pitch 3 was first climbed in 1970 by A. McGarr and A. Lane.

First ascent: Nov 1969 A. Goyus, E. Ellis and D. Peters.

GOLDEN PITCHER CRAG

10 ***

Starts 9 - 12m downstream of GOLDEN PITCHER FRONTAL. Scramble 18m to foot of a 5m broad grey face immediately to right of large deep cave. Start from tree at bottom right hand corner of face.

1. 15m 10 Climb up face for 9m, then move diagonally left to stance in large recess.

2. 18m 6 Climb up recess to stance at tree.

3. 22m 8 Climb up a few metres then traverse left across steep exposed face to opposite side, then move to top. (A lower traverse of grade 13 can be made.)

First ascent: 1938 Mr and Mrs M. Burton and Mr H. Barker.

CROCODILE

11

Start from same tree at bottom right hand corner of GOLDEN PITCHER CRAG face.

1. 25m 10 Follow thin indentation diagonally up right to ledge. Traverse around nose into open book, then climb right hand side of open book to large stance 6m up.

2. 15m 8 Follow chimney diagonally left to 2 small trees, then traverse right onto nose. Climb a few metres on nose then traverse back into crack. Ascend brown rock to tree belay.

3. 8m 11 A scramble up gap to right side of tree leads to slab which is climbed on right hand side.

First ascent: 1956 E. Wood, H. Fors, F. Maree and E. Wood.

THE CRACK

22

Climbs the diagonally right trending crack-line/seam out of the cave.

First ascent: 1980s Tarquin Holt.

FOOTLOOSE

18 **

The route takes the open book which forms the back of the deep recess opposite RED FALCON CRAG. The objective is the clean slab high above the book.

1. 35m 15,R1 Climb up under the roof capping the cave at the back of the gully. A lot of broken loose rock. Use the tree root to avoid the loose stuff and break out right under the roof to gain the book above. Ascend the book to the grassy stone with large detached blocks at the base of the ramp.

2. 35m 18 Start under the prominent crack system bisecting the slab. Move diagonally up left to a good handrail (and some gear). Rail right to gain the base of the crack system. Climb up the crack until it peters out, thrutching through a small tree in the process. Rail right to gain a small open book, the right wall of which faces upstream. Gain the book, with some difficulty and climb up to the sloping stance at the top with a small tree and chicken head.

Note:

The R1 means "liberal use of root". The second pitch is good slab climbing. The rails are foot holdless.

First ascent: Apr 1987 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

BUFFALO PINNACLE

10

Start at the corner 10m downstream of the cave opposite KNEES and CHURCH WINDOW. The climb is the prominent pinnacle visible from the stream.

- 1. 20m 8** Up vertical face with good holds to small ledge. Keep slightly to right.
- 2. 13m 7** Straight up to wide ledge and tree belay.
- 3. 13m 6** Traverse to right to base of corner below pinnacle.
- 4. 13m 7** Climb corner to base of pinnacle.
- 5. 13m 10** Climb the crack on the north-west side of the pinnacle.

Variations:

- 4. 14m 13** Climb the face to the left of the corner.
- 5. 15m 8** Traverse around the base and climb the crack on the east side to the top.

First ascent: Sep 1976 S. van Rensburg Jnr, P. van Rensburg, D. van Rensburg and C. Rice.

DILEMMA

10

The climb is directly opposite LABYRINTH.

- 1. 9m 6** Scramble up to big ledge on roots.
- 2. 30m 10** Traverse left 9m to break in overhang. Go straight up to ledge.
- 3. 30m 10** Start on red nose to left of ledge. Go straight up to pinnacle visible against skyline. Climb stays roughly on corner of pinnacle.
- 4. 12m 8** Scramble up about 5m. Carry on up crack between pinnacle leaning against main face and face itself.

Variations:

- 1. 12m 7** Scramble up gully then left around corner to tree on large platform below crack in recess.

2. 22m 13 Ascend awkward corner on left and then climb directly up to awkward crack topped by small overhang. This is negotiated by turning it to the left.

3. 15m 7 An easy face is ascended to the bottom of main face and crack. (1969 A. Burger, R. Slatem and H. Liebsch)

First ascent: Date unknown J. Stapley, Mrs R.L. Stapley, A. Freeman and P. Finsen.

NO NAME CLIMB

17

Start directly opposite RED FALCON CRAG where there is a prominent tree-filled recess. Scramble up this for 13m to the base of a steep, slightly overhanging chimney crack in the left hand wall of the recess.

1. 30m 17 Climb the crack (good nut runners) for 18m to where the angle eases. Continue up over easier broken rock to a large ledge and tree belay.

2. 20m 11 Climb the face at the back of the ledge, between two prominent recesses to a ledge at 10m. Continue diagonally up right to a stance on a pinnacle on top of the right hand recess.

3. 25m 10 Climb the smooth face above on good holds tending left towards the arete after 10m. Follow the arete easily to the top.

Variation:

2. 20m 13 From right hand edge of ledge step right onto buttress and climb up exposed face and continue up open book recess to the stance. (M.A. Prior and L.P. Fatti)

First ascent: Jul 1976 A. McGarr and L.P. Fatti.

NIGRICOLLIS

13

Climb starts 15m above the roots marking the start of CEDARBERG TRAVERSE, on the opposite side of the kloof. There is a cave about the same distance upstream from the climb.

1. 35m 13 Scramble 15m up grassy bank to start. Ascend a noticeable flat ramp for 5m then move left onto thin face. Move up 3m then slightly left before continuing up to grassy ledge.

2. 20m 13 Scramble up grassy ledge to steep broken face. The "maternity" move on MATERNITY COUCH is about 9m to the right of this. Climb 9m up steep face, on excellent holds, to ledge. Move 2m right into recess with smooth flat ramp on the right hand side. Climb 6m up ramp to ceiling, then move out to the right under aloe onto grassy ledge.

3. 15m 13 Walk up ledge to gully, directly on line of climb. Ascend smooth chimney to top of small pinnacle and fall across to wall of larger pinnacle, then move left into crack. Climb crack and wall to top of pinnacle.

First ascent: Feb 1973 M. Prior and I. Cohen.

PHYDREN

15

Start opposite the wet, vegetated groove of ADRENALIN, 25m upstream of the swimming pool. Scramble up to a tree-filled ledge at 3m.

1. 18m 7 Ascend a large corner on the left for 5m, then traverse right to second tree (or ascend directly to this tree via a shallow groove at 13) Ascend to below the overhang then traverse right 11m to a large tree belay at the right end of a wide ledge.

2. 15m 12 Move back left then traverse 6m left above the overhang to the base of a shallow groove. Ascend the groove to a peg belay in the horizontal break.

3. 12m 12 Pull over the bulge strenuously and then up rightwards into a corner (to the right of the V-groove) and up this to a tree at the top. Scramble up to a large ledge and tree belay. (Or ascend the V-groove and the crack in the right wall at 13)

4. 22m 15 Under the large overhang is a red projecting block and this is used to pass the overhang (right-hand side used on MATERNITY COUCH). Move up a few metres then traverse left and up to the top of an obvious nose. Up rightwards and past a sapling (Ed Note: That was in 1967!) to belay on the right.

5. 30m 12 Move across right, across the chimney of MATERNITY COUCH and the face then continue up the rib, and directly up the pinnacle front on huge jugs.

First ascent: Dec 1967 A.D. Barley and M. White.

MATERNITY COUCH

11 ***

Commences about 5m above the big tree opposite the lower swimming pool.

1. 25m 11 Straight up the crack starting immediately above the tree to a wide tree-grown ledge. Intermediate belays are possible in this crack.

2. 18m 11 Follow the 3m wide ledge to the left for about 11m to a point underneath a reddish coloured rock face, the upper portions of which overhang. Beneath this overhang is a ledge with a tree and about 2m below this again is the "couch" - a horizontal slit in the rock, deep, broad and level, but barely 15cm high. The pitch from the wide ledge proceeds straight up into the right hand side of the "couch" wherein the body lies prostrate and is then contorted to the left side, and out again to the face which is climbed to the ledge above, where a good belay is obtained on the tree.

3. 25m 10 From the last ledge one can climb out either right or left.

First ascent: 1938 A. Hooper.

OPEN OFFER

11

Halfway up FROG GULLY there is a large grass ledge. The route follows the obvious corner crack opposite the top of the first pitch of MATERNITY COUCH (cairn).

1. 40m 11 Climb crack in corner, over blocks, until crack widens to chimney. Climb from top of chimney left up into gully. Block belays. From here scramble 10m to top of gully.

First ascent: Oct 1984 D. Quaife and J. de Groot.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM

15 ***

Starts from the broad ledge on true right hand side, halfway down FROG GULLY (i.e. the ledge from which the main pitch of MATERNITY COUCH starts). Start adjacent to tree (cairn).

1. 20m 15 Ascend red rock, with loose-looking flakes, to tree. Step right and continue up to small roof. Make a long stride left under roof onto slab and ascend obvious corner to broad ledge with small tree.

2. 30m 11 Follow obvious recess above, past a pillar on the left, to a smooth scoop. Step out right, gain top of large detached flake on the left and so to the top.

A good "end-of-the-day" route.

First ascent: Oct 1984 R. Dodding, S. Middlemiss, J. Graafland and L. Gardiner.

AERODYNAMICS

19 **

Halfway down FROG GULLY there is a broad ledge on the true right hand side of the gully. The route starts 3m to the right of a tree at a point where the branches touch the rock (cairn).

1. 22m 19 Pull onto face, 1m right of its undercut base and ascend directly to large block on the left. Make a rising traverse right to gain the finger-jam crack at the base of the open groove containing a tree. Ascend the groove to a good ledge.

2. 25m 15 From stance make rising traverse right for about 4m to gain a series of large knobbls and then ascend the thin crack above. Pull over the bulge above, step left and continue directly up the pillar above. Finish up the flake-crack on the left.

First ascent: Date unknown R. Dodding, A. Maddison, H. Gill, S. Middlemiss and D. Quaife.

FASCIST GROOVE THANG

19 **

Starts in FROG GULLY 7m to the right of AERODYNAMICS.

Scramble up 5m to large cubbyhole at base of route (cairn).

1. 15m 19 Climb up steep grooves on back of cubbyhole-recess until they close up necessitating wide bridging to reach tree.

2. 20m 15 Straddle up to base of chimney and wriggle to top (strenuous).

First ascent: Mar 1985 S. Middlemiss and P. Greenfield.

2 BIG WIMPS

15 **

Starts on the true right of FROG GULLY just above the scramble. At this height, a large ledge extends to the left (looking down).

1. 25m 15 Climb easily up slab to reach 2 holes through the rock. A tricky move above this gains access to the top of the pinnacle. Step left over chimney onto steep, undercut face with mega jugs. Climb upwards. Either step left into chimney (opening party) or venture onto thin face above.

First ascent: 19 Dec 2008 A.Porter and J. Baylis.

FROG GULLY

6

An easy gully just below MATERNITY COUCH. Comprises the farthest downstream point of access to the kloof on left hand side. Not to be taken lightly, particularly when wet.

First ascent: Unknown Party Unknown.

THE HOSE

15 **

On the right side of FROG GULLY (facing up) and approximately 6m to the left of the cave (with old stretcher) can be seen an open book running the height of the cliffs. The open book starts approximately 5m up.

1. 25m 15 Climb the open book using crack in back to second large tree.

2. 20m 11 Follow the continuation crack/groove to top.

First ascent: 23 Mar 1985 S. Middlemiss and P. Greenfield.

THE PUNTER'S GROOVE

17 **

The route goes up 5m to the right of THE HOSE i.e. 5m to the left of LEADER'S CORNER. It follows the recess above the cave with the old stretcher on the true left of FROG GULLY. Start at tree to right of cave mouth (cairn).

1. 18m 17 Climb up arete on right until level with top of cave and good hand/arm rail. Traverse 2m left into crack and ascend 10m to ledge on right.

2. 30m 13 Climb up crack until small tree is reached. Above tree move right onto steep wall with good holds and Rhino horn feature. Climb up past tree with convoluted trunk to top.

First ascent: May 1985 S. Middlemiss and M. Turnbull.

LEADERS CORNER

18 ***

The climb is situated just downstream of FROG GULLY and can be seen from the swimming pool. It starts up the grey buttress to the right of the gully and makes for a vertical, upstream facing, right-angled red open book.

1. 25m 7 Climb the buttress, bearing in towards the base of the right-angled open book recess.

2. 14m 18 Climb left hand face of open book recess for 6m. About halfway up, move right 30cm or so into corner. Ascend in crack 3m. Move out right and up 3m to cubby hole. Move right and up to stance 1,5m.

3. 12m 7 Climb to right of tree to top.

Variation: (**)**

To the left of pitch 3, the main buttress continues for a further 12m.

3. 12m 17 Step back left over the main corner pitch, gain the groove above and follow the continuation crack for a further 6m. Move left for 2m and continue to the top. (Apr 1990 R. Dodding and P. Fatti)

First ascent: Feb 1950 D. Bell, A. Bell and F. Villa.

DAVID AND JONATHAN

13

The climb starts 20m downstream of FROG GULLY on the left side of the stream. Climb up to a ledge about 5m above the stream. Move downstream to the end of the ledge. Start behind some bushes in a recess.

1. 22m 13 Climb in recess for 2,5m, move 1m right and ascend 2m. Traverse left into open book. Ascend open book for 9m to ledge.

2. 30m 10 Ascend overhanging section for 9m. Move 1m left and continue up face to a tree (12m). Move 1m right, thence 6m to the top.

Note:

Clean climb. Overhangs on the second pitch can be avoided by moving 3m to the right on the first stance and thence up.

First ascent: Jun 1969 E. Ellis and A. Glanvill.

PRETTY DUMB

17 **

The climb starts from the same recess as STRAIGHT JERRY.

1. 12m 13 Climb the steep face on the left hand side of the recess for 5m. Traverse left 2,5m to face at easier angle. Ascend to good block stance.

2. 12m 17 Ascend diagonally left to overhang. Climb overhang. Move up a few metres then traverse left 3m on thin holds (crux). Move up to good stance. (Common with second stance of LEADERS CORNER.)

3. 15m 8 Move out to the right and ascend face to top.

Note:

Pitch 1 was first climbed in 1965 by P. Fatti, M. Makowski, A. Barker and J. Anderson.

First ascent: 1964? J. Anderson and A. Carmen.

STRAIGHT JERRY

15 **

About 30m downstream from the main swimming pool there is a shallow cave about 25m above the stream bed partially hidden by much foliage. Scramble to the cave - the crack directly below provides the best climbing (20m).

1. 20m 11 Start in the cave and climb up to a small triangular ledge 5m from the cave floor near the outer edge of the downstream wall of the cave and thence over a chockstone to a belay on the ledge above it. This is a variation to the original route (THE JERRY) which goes around the corner of the downstream wall of the cave and up the face to the same ledge.

2. 15m 15 Climb recess and overhang to ledge above.

3. 25m 6 From this point it is possible to scramble out to the top or alternatively climb out on various variations on the big arete on the left.

First ascent: Circa 1942 H. Wong and J. Botha.

TIGATRIX

18 ****

About 25m below the main swimming pool, a large roof can be seen high up with an obvious jam crack cutting through it. Scramble to the base of the face below this roof.

1. 30m 18 Follow the faint crack in the centre of the face (fixed piton protecting crux), moving left higher up to gain the ledge above. Climb the short face (old piton), using arete on left to ledge, and continue steeply to good tree.

2. 15m 17 Swing right (yalpesroH) to beneath the roof and its crack, and thus gain the belay ledge above.

Note:

On pitch 1, it is possible to continue straight up the crack instead of moving left at grade 22.

First ascent: May 1979 K.M. Smith, G. Lacey and C. Rotteglia.

HORSEPLAY

17 **

Immediately downstream of STRAIGHT JERRY is a buttress split by a groove starting at 15m and capped by a large overhang. Scramble 15m to the base of the recess.

- 1. 12m 15** Ascend the steep recess by bridging or chimneying until the angle relents. Continue up to a stance on the left.
- 2. 12m 13** Step back into the groove and ascend to detached blocks on the right to belay below the large overhangs.
- 3. 11m 17** Move up a short steep groove above the detached blocks until a good handrail is reached. Swing left and make an awkward move to gain the broad ledge further left. (This ledge is on a nose halfway through the overhangs.) Continue at this level and descend to a tree belay around the corner.

Alternatively, once on the broad ledge, move up to a large block under the overhang and ascend directly from this with strenuous moves (19). Continue directly up the face above the overhang and continue to the top.

- 4. 18m 13** From the tree belay ascend the wall above to a good handrail. Traverse right onto the front face above the overhang and continue to the top.

Note:

Generally on sound, clean rock. Pitches 3 and 4 provide exposed climbing.

First ascent: May 1968 I. McLaghan, M. Makowski, J. Anderson and A. Carmen.

ARABELLA-MELLA

18

3m to the right of HORSEPLAY.

- 1. 25m 18** Climb the open book and continue up to a stance common with HORSEPLAY.

First ascent: Mar 1984 C. Edelstein and M. Milne.

THE UNDER TOAD

18 ***

This route starts from the same shelf as TIGATRIX and ARRABELLA-MELLA. Scramble up on to the shelf from just downstream of FROG GULLY. Walk downstream along the shelf. 10m right of ARRABELLA-MELLA is an upstream facing corner, at the point where the shelf finishes. 1m left of the corner is a crack which runs up to a small roof at 6m. Start at the base of this crack.

1. 20m 18 Climb the crack and gain the shelf below the small roof with difficulty. Move 1m left and hence gain the continuation crack in the small corner. Follow this to easier ground above and hence a stout tree. Rap off this, back to the shelf.

"Beware ... the Under Toad."

First ascent: Nov 1998 Russ Dodding and Heather Murch.

ANTISEPTIC

11

The start is situated directly beneath STRAIGHT JERRY.

1. 9m 10 Up recess on right wall 2,5m. Traverse right around corner 2m to position directly below tree. Climb through roots to ledge.

2. 6m 10 Traverse right onto sloping slab and onto stance.

3. 12m 11 Ascend bottomless open book 12m to overhang. Scramble to top.

First ascent: 1966 B. Fletcher and R.W. Charlton.

RANA

10 **

Start 30m downstream from STRAIGHT JERRY from square block 1,5m high against wall.

- 1. 18m 10** Scramble 9m to overhang. Move around right hand end of overhang to large bushy tree on large ledge.
- 2. 11m 10** Move diagonally up right to base of chimney between the large red and block buttress and the grey face.
- 3. 30m 8** Ascend face to left of chimney and move left to tree, then ascend face on right until overhang is reached. Traverse right round corner and ascend 6m face to stance.

Variation:

- 3. 25m 11** Continue up chimney to roof for 7m and climb out on left using good holds. Running belay on fixed piton. Continue up corner further 18m to a good stance on right with tree belay. Scramble to top. (Sep 1975 S. van Rensburg)

First ascent: 1960 M. Prior, Diane Shackleton and D. Shackleton.

DOUBLE CROSS

15

Starts 9m downstream from the big block which marks the start of RANA, on the left-hand side facing downstream. The route goes up into a large obvious rock arch.

- 1. 23m 12** Ascend series of short ramps on face 15m to a large ledge. Traverse left up to a large tree belay for 8m. Traverse right into corner.
- 2. 25m 10** Continue up face for 15m. Traverse right 9m into an open book. This stance is on SIDEWALK.
- 3. 14m 15** Move around the corner using small handhold on corner. Traverse 6m to the right then ascend double crack for 8m using partial layback and moving slightly to the left.
- 4. 15m 10** Traverse 3m left, then move up through the overhangs on large jug handles to the summit of small pinnacle.

First ascent: Apr 1970 M. Prior and R. Green.

HANG DOG

21 ****

This route goes up the line in the middle of the left pillar supporting the "arch" which is above the lower swimming pool. Scramble up to the base of the pillar about 40m above the stream.

1. 40m 21 Start directly below the break with a hard move through the small overhang. Climb the crack up and diagonally right to below a small overhang. Excellent finger-locks take you up to a small ledge and tree. Continue up easy rock to the top.

First ascent: Dec 1983 C. Edelstein, A. Lambert and T. Holt.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

19, A1

Starts under the huge overhanging amphitheatre of SIDEWALK. The route climbs the easy wall directly into the amphitheatre, then avoids the roof by a traverse to the left. Start directly below the left hand corner of the amphitheatre.

1. 35m 10 Ascend the wall directly to the corner in the left of the huge amphitheatre and belay at base of corner.

2. 20m 19,A1 Climb up the corner crack until a step left can be made onto the steep slab near the top of corner crack. Follow traverse line across slab until tricky move up enables one to gain the crack. Climb this until a step left around the corner can be made to reach another crack. Up this using 2 aid points before long reach enables one to swing left and up to a good ledge.

3. 25m 10 Step right onto the arete and follow this to top.

First ascent: Aug 1982 A. Wood and N. Cleaver.

SIDEWALK

20 *

Between FROG FACE and RANA is a huge overhanging amphitheatre at 45m. This route climbs the easy wall direct into the amphitheatre, then avoids the huge roof by an exhilarating traverse right immediately below the roof. Start directly below the right hand corner.

- 1. 40m 10** Ascend the wall directly to the corner in the right of the huge amphitheatre. Climb the corner to a block belay 6m below the roof.
- 2. 25m 20** Climb the very steep corner up to the huge roof. Climb the steep corner up to the huge roof. Hand-traverse out right on good holds to a very exposed ledge on the arete. A few metres of overhanging rock leads to easy ground above.

Note:

The first free ascent was in Apr 1984 by K. Kruger and C. Edelstein.

First ascent: Oct 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

APPERTURE

19 ****

Downstream from TIGATRIX there is a large arch on the true left. HANGDOG climbs the centre of the left pillar of the arch. SIDEWALK climbs the inside (upstream) corner of the right pillar, then rails right. This route takes the front of the right hand pillar, then the shallow open book and crack on the left arête of the right hand pillar. Start from the large flat-topped boulder just above the lower swimming pool. This is directly below HANGDOG. Scramble up to a grassy ledge, scramble/traverse right to a corner and scramble/climb up to a good platform below the right hand pillar. It might be a good idea to use a rope for this scramble.

- 1. 30m 19** Climb the face on the front of the pillar to below the big roof. Rail left to the arête and pull around the overhang to get into the base of the shallow open book. Step right to a foot ledge and climb the thin crack until able to step

back left into the shallow open book. Climb to the rail and rail right to the arête (shared with SIDEWALK). Step right onto the front of the pillar and climb jugs to the top.

Notes:

1. Small cams and wires are useful.
2. The route was cleaned of loose rock before being led.

First ascent: Nov 2008 Hector Pringle and Rushad Nanavatt.

FROG FACE

7 **

Starts opposite a large tree in centre of kloof, and just about exactly opposite the start of SORRENTO.

1. **9m 7** Ascend slight recess to left side of extensive grassy ledge with tree belays.
2. **28m 7** Ascend left hand ridge of very large square-backed recess, to large ledge. (Several variations possible.)
3. **9m 7** Move to left hand end of ledge and ascend broken face to top.

First ascent: Apr 1939 M. Burton, M. Gaze and B. Harris.

VIVA

21 ***

Scramble up to back of very large square-backed recess/ gully mentioned in FROG FACE, RIGHT ANGLE and OLD MAN'S CHOICE. The first pitch follows part of RIGHT ANGLE. Start behind a large right-leaning tree.

1. **20m 11** Scramble up the centre of the very clean pleasant face to small ledge below steep pink corner.
2. **10m 21** Pull through the bulge into the corner and move up to rounded rail on left. Move left to loose-looking flake and pull around corner to left moving up to semi-hanging belay under roof.
3. **18m 19** Drop down 2m and traverse left across slab to below break in wall above. Follow right hand side of break to

under roof. Jam through the 2m roof and up juggy wall above to top.

Note:

Pitches 2 & 3 were done separately to avoid excessive rope drag due to the zig-zag nature of the route.

First ascent: Apr 1987 P. Lazarus and S. Middlemiss.

RIGHT ANGLE

11

The first pitch goes up the centre of the slab forming the square back of the very large recess to the right of FROG FACE. Traverse left under overhang then up face just to right of final pitch of FROG FACE.

First ascent: Jan 1962 R.W. Charlton, M. Urban, and C. Thurston.

OLD MAN'S CHOICE

7

Scramble 18m up right side of gully to point where grey slab (forming the square back of the large recess referred to in FROG FACE and RIGHT ANGLE) meets the right hand ridge of the recess.

- 1. 30m 7** Ascend corner between back face and right hand ridge to tree belays below overhang.
- 2. 18m 7** Climb right hand face to top.

First ascent: Jan 1946 C. Nicholls.

DETOUR

11

Starts 13m downstream of FROG FACE (i.e. 5m downstream of OLD MAN'S CHOICE). Start inside a short deep gully directly beneath the "butterfly".

- 1. 30m 11** Follow diagonally left up grey ridge for 9m. Then break through slight overhang. Ascend diagonally right

across grey face below the "butterfly" and move right to stance below edge of right "wing".

2. 15m 10 Climb face to edge of "wing" and move slightly right. Ascend open book to good stance. Tree and block belays.

3. 15m 11 Move 5m left onto buttress (right "wing" of BUTTERFLY) and ascend steeply to summit.

First ascent: Feb 1963 M. Prior and O. Oppler.

GRANDPA'S CHOICE

8

Starts directly opposite CEDARBERG CRESCENT.

1. 34m 8 Ascend sloping grey face immediately to right of a large tree and deep crack to foot of dirty gully section. Scramble up gully to top.

First ascent: Date unknown Party unknown.

CAT BURGLAR

22 ****

The obvious crack up the left wall of BUTTERFLY. Scramble up to a stance at the base of a short recess a few metres below and to the right of the crack.

1. 25m 22 Climb up a few metres and traverse left into the base of the crack. Climb the crack and exit right near the top. From the ledge (on BUTTERFLY), traverse left across the face to the arete, and climb this to the summit.

First ascent: Oct 1985 K.M. Smith, M. Brunke and A.J. Smith.

BUTTERFLY

17 ***

Aims for the crack running up the centre of a large butterfly shaped buttress located 50m above the stream bed. Starts 6m upstream from CEDARBERG CORNER.

- 1. 40m 11** Climb and scramble diagonally leftwards to reach the base of the crack in the centre of the "butterfly".
- 2. 15m 17** Ascend crack up centre of large red "butterfly" buttress to large block (crux). Traverse left 2m to left hand crack and continue vertically 6m to top.

First ascent: Oct 1962 M. Prior, E. Adcock and S. Perry.

CEDARBERG CORNER

10 ****

Starts 9m upstream from CEDARBERG RECESS and 30m upstream from Tonquani.

- 1. 11m 7** Start at beacon on ledge 1.5m above the stream. Move diagonally right up crack for 6m. Traverse left for 5m to a small cave.
- 2. 12m 10** Traverse right then up crack 12m to wide sloping grassy ledge below crack with two bushy trees.
- 3. 22m 10** Traverse left for 12m to a tree in the crack formed by a recess in the main gorge face, then straight up crack to twin trunked tree below big block. This block is edge of a ledge below a red face inclining inwards to the gorge at about 45°.
- 4. 18m 8** Proceed straight up and over red rock, 5m up in crack then traverse left 3m to cleft on left. Straight up cleft 9m over small overhanging rock to block ledge 1.5m to right. The cleft leading up to 5th pitch is formed between main gorge ridge and face inclining inwards from gorge.
- 5. 18m 7** Continue up left-hand edge of brown sheet face extending away to right for about 12m then traverse to right under brown overhanging rock. From here the route works itself out to the summit.

Variation:

- 2. 34m 12** Combine pitches 2 and 3 by climbing out of the cave to the left and then continuing up a shallow steep recess above the cave to a big block at top of 3.

First ascent: Apr 1939 J. Langmore and H. Barker.

CEDARBERG TRIANGLE

11 *

Commences about 15m downstream of CEDARBERG CORNER and at the right side of a very large broken, dirty triangular shaped face.

- 1. 20m 5** Start at base of triangle and ascend to about 2m above small tree (Ed Note: In 1939!) on right side of triangle. Traverse horizontally 4m to stance. Rock belay.
- 2. 20m 7** Continue on face towards apex of triangle to about 5m from the apex. Stance on right side of triangle.
- 3. 14m 10** Move on wide ledge to right until tree is reached by a chimney. Step onto chimney and ascend 8m. Move on wide ledge to chimney directly above former chimney and ascend 6m.
- 4. 18m 11** Move to right of red face above the top of the chimney. Ascend the angled recess and move over on left hand face to a small stance. Work to right around overhang and then to the top of it, thereafter following the face straight up. The pitch is perpendicular and exposed but has good holds.

First ascent: Apr 1939 J. Langmore and H. Barker.

LESSER EVIL

20 ***

On left wall of gully leading to cave is open book leading up to roof with jam crack.

- 1. 30m 20** Up corner to roof. Starting at right, pull through and up and easy ground to abseil tree.

First ascent: May 1989 C. Curzon and S. Middlemiss.

GREATER EVIL

16

Opposite and 10m upstream of CEDARBERG CRESCENT is a large cave in a gully.

1. 15m 16 Start on the right wall of the cave, up and left into open and then bridge through the cave and up to right at flakes.

Note:

Very dubious rock.

First ascent: May 1989 C. Curzon and S. Middlemiss.

DEATH TO DOGS

19 ***

Starts 7m upstream and opposite CEDARBERG RECESS.

Scramble up to ledge (10m) approximately 5m to the left of LONDON TOWN and FLAT DOG.

1. 12m 19 Move up recess to roof. Move left around roof (crux) and move up to second roof. Traverse right 2m across slab and pull up onto belay ledge (loose blocks).

2. 25m 17 Climb up open book above (5m) and traverse 4m to the right. Move up steep rock above and traverse to the left under the roof to a tree. Move up through the gap in the roof and up the steep wall above to the top. (A steep and exposed pitch for its grade.)

First ascent: Sep 1986 S. Middlemiss and D. Margetts.

LONDON TOWN

18

Start in very slight recess 6m upstream of start of CEDARBERG CORNER.

1. 9m 7 Move diagonally right up slight recess 5m then diagonally up left to ledge 3m below the left hand end of 6m x 1,5m long rectangular overhang. Tree belay. (This pitch is common with the first pitch of BUTTERFLY.)

2. 30m 18 Move across right to slit at right end of overhang. Move up through slit (a piton and tension on the

back rope used on opening ascent). Climb diagonally up to right to small tree sling point and exit through overhanging recess above.

Note:

The first free ascent was in Mar 1986 by S. Middlemiss and M. Cartwright.

First ascent: Sep 1966 A. Carmen and G. Erens.

FLAT DOG

18 ***

Starts directly under roof mentioned in LONDON TOWN, 10m upstream and on the opposite side of the kloof to CEDARBERG RECESS. Scramble up to a small U shaped corner and then up to the left to the ledge at the end of pitch 1 of LONDON TOWN. This ledge is 3m below and 4m to the left of the slit in the overhang. The first pitch is part of LONDON TOWN's second pitch free and the second goes up the buttress above (to the left of LONDON TOWN and GOLDEN BALLS).

1. 15m 18 Move diagonally up right until under slit at right of overhang (old aid pegs in place) and pull through using distant holds. Follow groove above to stance on very sloping ledge just above a tree.

2. 20m 17 Move left from stance (approx 3m) and up onto a sloping ledge with a tree. Follow the recess above, taking the left fork at 15m to a belay with tree. From here one can abseil, or scramble to top.

First ascent: Mar 1986 S. Middlemiss and M. Cartwright.

GOLDEN BALLS

15 ****

The climb begins about 15m upstream from the junction with Tonquani and about 5m upstream of CEDARBERG RECESS.

1. 42m 10 From the flat ledge 1,5m above stream level (mentioned in CEDARBERG CORNER), ascend easy rock (slightly vegetated) tending slightly right passing a large nettle tree to reach a large ledge. From the ledge climb the face on the left to gain a second ledge and small tree belay.

2. 35m 15 Ascend open book (above right hand cairn) using a series of narrow ledges. From top of open book move right and mantleshelf onto a narrow ledge to gain the base of the groove. Pull up into groove and continue past a large flake, scaling a short open book to reach a ledge and tree belay.

Variation:

2. 30m 13 As for the first part of the original pitch, but instead of climbing the flake/groove, move right 5m to below a good crack. Climb the crack. (1990 M. Seegers and D. Margetts)

First ascent: May 1985 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer.

TORRID AFFAIR

20 ****

A higher-quality alternative top pitch to GOLDEN BALLS. Start at the small tree belay.

1. 30m 20 Ascend the easy crack 3m left of the GOLDEN BALLS corner crack for 10m to a ledge. A diagonal break tends right across the wall above. Climb the break, with the crux low down, and continue directly up the wall to a blocky ledge. Step 2m left and follow an easy corner to a tree belay.

Note:

Excellent climbing. The first 5m of the diagonal break is not over-protected.

First ascent: May 1987 R. Dodding and P. Greenfield.

ALOE CORNER

6

A climb on the corner of Cedarberg and Tonquani. A number of grade 6 routes can be picked out on this section following the line of least resistance to the top. Useful descent route.

First ascent: Unknown Party Unknown.

The Grotto

The Grotto, is located at the top of Weikloof (see map available from Mountain Sanctuary Park office), and is actually on Mountain Sanctuary Land.

In addition to these routes, there are several top-rope lines on the same face worth mentioning. On the extreme right there is a soil-choked recess, and a thin seam which go at 14. 3m left of GROTTO GROOVE, there is a series of discontinuous cracks and features, going around 18. On the extreme left there is a left-facing flake line of grade 14; please take care - this is extremely hollow, and may fall one day - under no circumstance attempt to lead this!!

BALANCE OF OPINION

20

On the true right wall of The Grotto (left as you enter), there is a 1.5m high boulder with a narrow walk-way between it and the wall (4m right of GROTTO GROOVE, 4m from the left end of the face). Start from the top of this boulder. Moderate climbing leads to a committing, balancy top-out crux.

Note:

This route had previously been top-roped, but had not been lead.

First ascent: 7 December 2003 Dylan Morgan and party.

GROTTO GROOVE

15

Near the middle of the true right wall of The Grotto (left as you enter), there is a prominent groove above a small over-hang at 4m.

Climb this to reach a tight squeeze chimney, or an exposed mantle to top out.

First ascent: 7 December 2003 Dylan Morgan and party.

LOWER TONQUANI

General

The access traverse above the pools between Upper and Lower Tonquani is over polished rock and is hazardous to inexperienced parties.

The meet point is about 20m below the Cedarberg / Tonquani junction where some sloping slabs rise above the water level on the true right of the kloof.

The longest climbs are in the area of the Cedarberg junction with climbs of up to 90m. The rock is generally excellent and water is always available. The monkeys like human food, so it would be a good idea to stash it under some rocks while out climbing.

Access

The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) wholly owns Lower Tonquani Kloof. Access to non-members is restricted by permits issued either by the Johannesburg section of the MCSA, or by Mountain Sanctuary Park.

Use FROG GULLY to enter Cedarberg kloof and descent that until you enter Lower Tonquani. It is good fun to exit Lower Tonquani by walking out downstream. Plenty of wading through pools is required, so do this on a warm day.

Safety

The first aid dump is found at the junction of Cedarberg and Lower Tonquani Kloofs. It is on a ledge on the true left of both kloofs. It is about 6m above the stream beds.

Aspect

The kloof is orientated in such a way that the true left receives sunshine in the morning, with the true right being sunny in the afternoon. It is thus possible to find a pleasant climb any time of the year or day.

Descents

There are no convenient descents into Lower Tonquani. Either use the descent routes into Boulder Kloof, Frog Gully in Cedarberg Kloof, the abseil off BOGGLE in Cedarberg Kloof, or find a suitable abseil tree.

Camping

For Cedarberg Kloof, a lovely campsite exists near the upper end of the kloof. As you approach from Mountain Sanctuary Park, it will be on your left just before you drop into the kloof. A monkey cage is located near the largest group of sandstone boulders. Put your food in here to protect it from the monkeys and baboons that know how to get into your pack for a tasty treat.

Go car camping at Mountain Sanctuary Park. This is a little pricey and you need to book in advance, but the luxury of having your car right next to the tent is sometimes worth it. This is the only campsite at which you may make a fire.

Finding Routes

About 50m upstream of the point where Boulder Kloof intersects Lower Tonquani, on the true right of the kloof is a prominent red coloured pinnacle of rock. This is where RED COLUMN is located. A short scramble up vegetated rock on the

downstream side of the pinnacle brings you to the base of the climb proper.

About 50m downstream of where Cedarberg Kloof enters Lower Tonquani, you will see a large gully on the true left. Scramble up this to get about 5m above the stream bed, and follow a ledge system upstream to the base of an obvious, clean and smooth open book that faces upstream. This is DOPPLER EFFECT.

To find HOURGLASS, walk downstream until you reach a pool with a compulsory wade. 15m downstream of this, on the true right you will see clean slabs 25m above the streambed. HOURGLASS takes the obvious hourglass shaped recess system breaking through these slabs.

LOWER TONQUANI: List of Climbs

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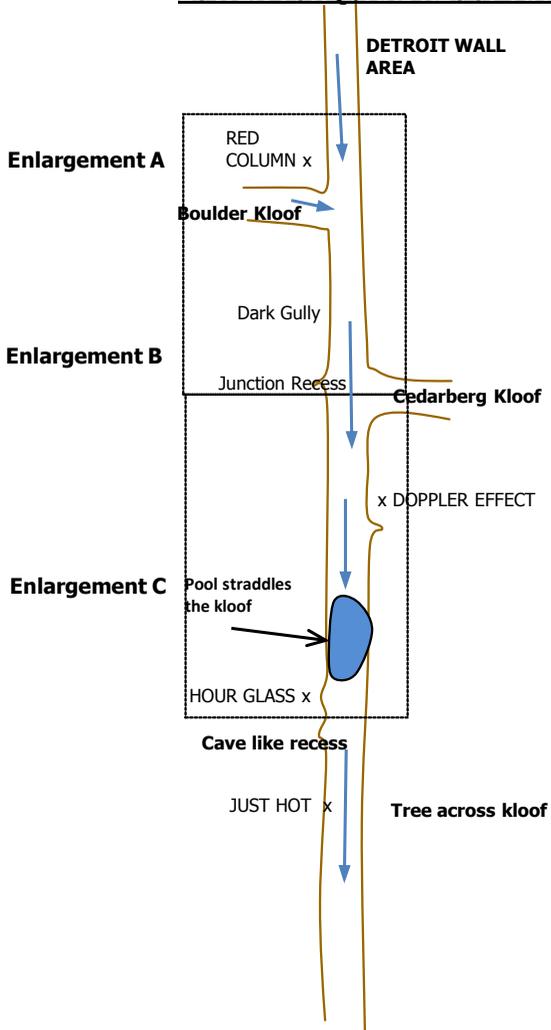
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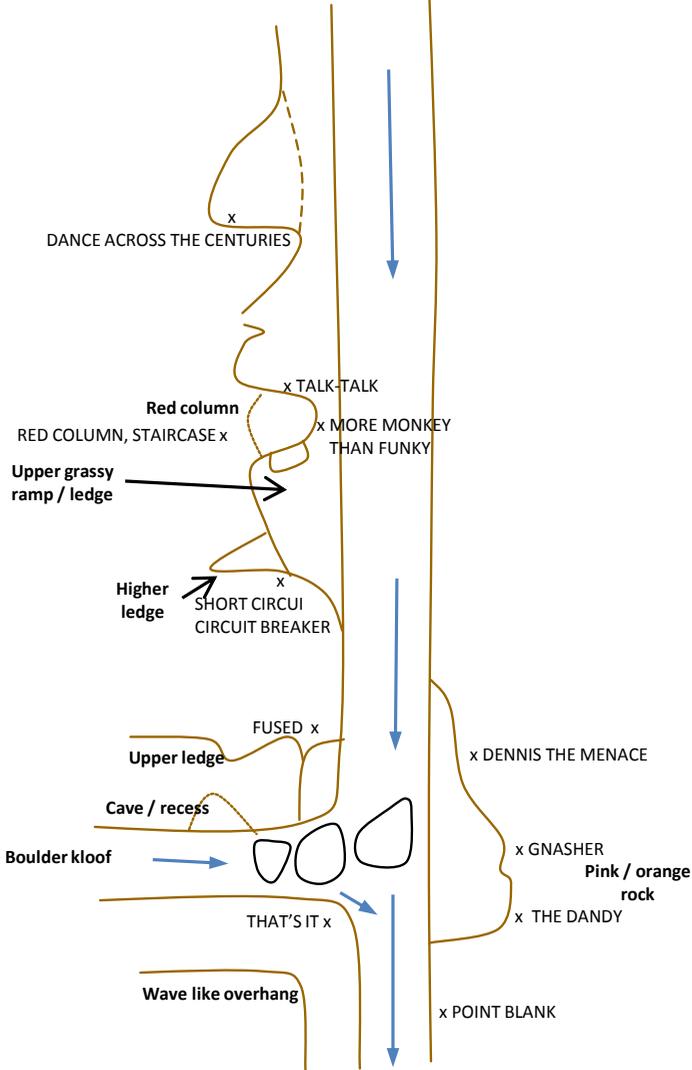
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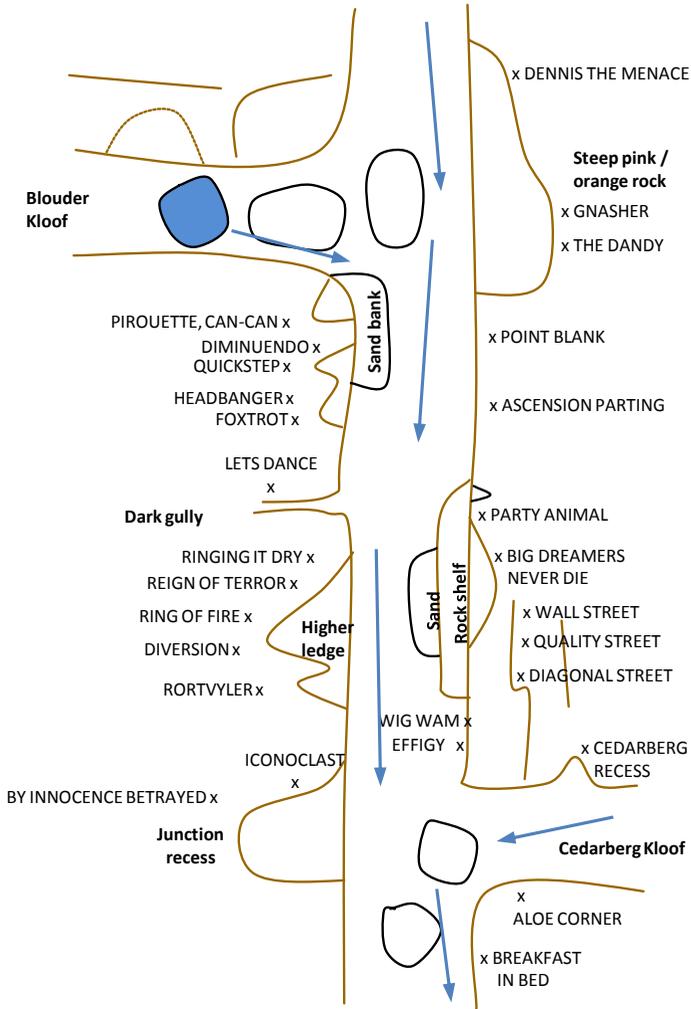
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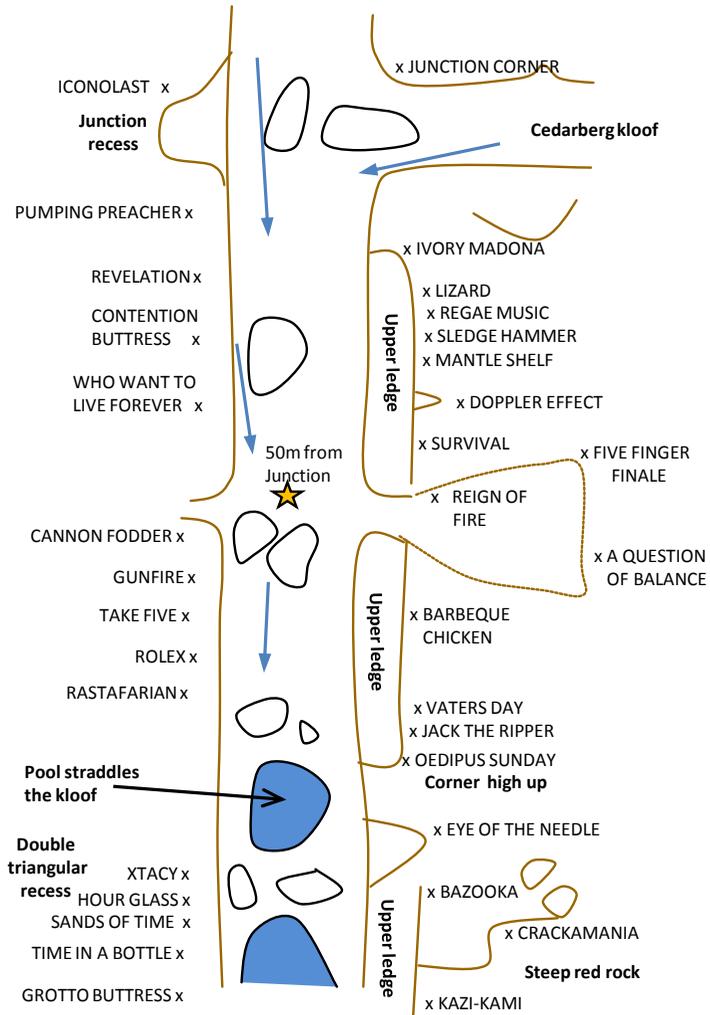
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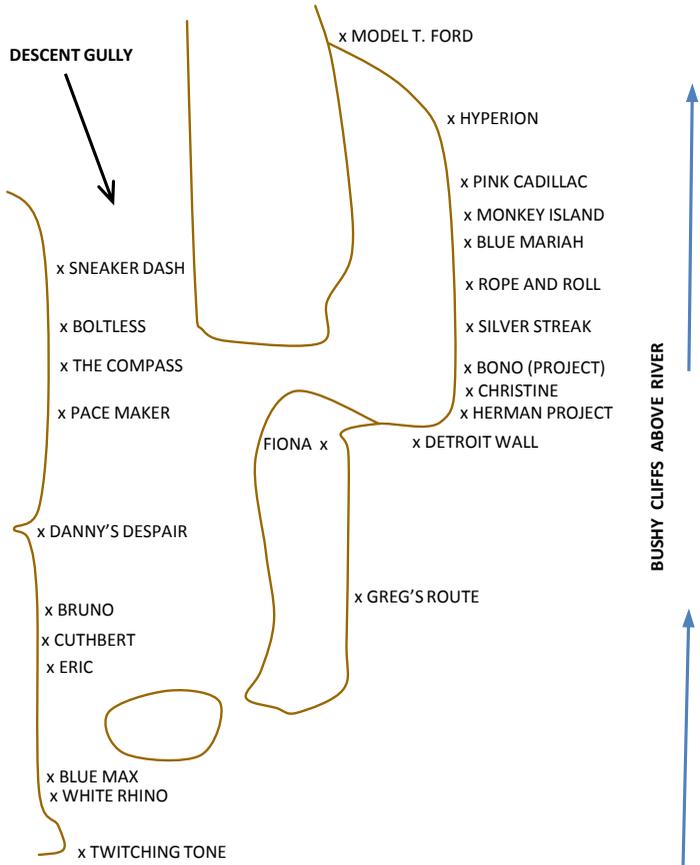
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LOWER TONQUANI KLOOF ENLARGEMENT C



DETROIT WALL AREA



Main Lower Tonquani Kloof

Climbs on the True Right

MAIDEN OVER **15**

Located about 75m downstream of the Help-help pool, in an open book with a crack facing upstream.

Climb the crack and veer off to the right when about 9m below the top. Generally grade 10 with about 6m of grade 15.

First ascent: 1957 M. Prior, P. Bloomfield and Miss J. Hodges.

THE VISION **18**

Takes a line up the cliffs opposite and slightly downstream from the Detroit Wall area.

First ascent: Unknown D. Margetts.

THE FIRST AND THE LAST **15**

The climb is situated 400 to 500m upstream of the Boulder Kloof / Lower Tonquani junction, 10m upstream of a sandy bank on the right hand side (looking upstream). The climb ascends a smooth grey face on the left wall (looking upstream). The face is terminated on the right by a vertical corner.

1. 20m 15 Start the pitch 2m up from the stream bed and climb the face at the corner to a tree belay on the right.

2. 40m 8 Climb 4m right up an easy grey face and then to the top of an easy grey ramp to the foot of a vertical red face.

3. 40m 15 Move 5m to the right. The pitch starts from a ledge with a block on the right. Start left of the stance and climb the juggy vertical face directly to the top to a tree belay.

Note:

The first and the last pitches are most enjoyable. The first requiring a fine sense of balance and the last is beautiful because of it's straightness, length and the juggy quality of the rock. This climb may have been done before as an old peg was found at the foot of the last pitch.

Variation:

1. 20m 20 From the same start climb the thin crack line 2m left of the corner to the tree belay.

First ascent: May 1988 T. Rogers, D. Rogers and G. Earle.

MASTER BLASTER**27**

Located on the same wall as DANCE ACROSS THE CENTURIES.

1. 35m 27 Climb the bolted line on the right of the wall.

First ascent: 1990/1 R. Natrass.

DANCE ACROSS THE CENTURIES**25 *******

Approximately 100m upstream from RED COLUMN there is a very overhanging orange wall which starts about 30m below the top of the kloof. The wall faces slightly upstream, is opposite a dry gully and is split by a left-tending break. The route is best approached from the top.

1. 30m 25 Start just left of the tree and climb the break to the roof. Step left and pull onto the wall. Continue straight up for about 6m then move slightly right to join the left-tending break. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: Aug 1986 S. Bradshaw and D. Neetling (with a rest)

SHOUTING IN A MATCHBOX

25

Climb left break on the wall, kinking to the right briefly at a bolt and then exiting left.

First ascent: 1989

Peter Lazarus.

TALK-TALK

19

This route goes up the south face of RED COLUMN buttress i.e. upstream and around the corner from RED COLUMN FACE.

Scramble up from the stream bed for approximately 40m. The route starts below the only obvious break about 2m right of the arete.

1. 40m 19 Do a difficult move up the break to an awkward resting place. Continue up and then diagonally right to a recess. Climb the recess easily to a point where it is divided into an easy looking left fork and a steeper right fork. Climb the latter to under an overhang. Swing right onto the arete to a resting place round the corner. Climb the grey recess on the right to the top.

First ascent: Early 1984

Charles Edelstein and R. van Dijk.

MORE MONKEY THAN FUNKY

21 ****

The route climbs the frontal arete on RED COLUMN and finishes spectacularly through a two-metre roof (which is prominent on the upper skyline, especially when viewed from downstream). Scramble up grassy slopes to the highest ledge in the large grey open book at the base of RED COLUMN, directly below the final roof.

1. 25m 20 Climb the open book to a large cammed block a few metres beneath its top. Traverse two metres left and make tricky moves to gain a hidden ledge a few metres higher. Pull-up on the right and continue up and slightly right over steep, juggy rock to reach a ledge (stance at top of Pitch 3 of RED COLUMN) about 15m below the final flat roof.

2. 20m 21 Climb the steep orange wall just to the right of the arete to a rest beneath the roof. Engage mind in reverse and pull through the roof using the crack splitting the lip. Stagger up to the summit.

First ascent: Nov 1984 K.M. Smith, S. Isabeck and G. Mallory.

THE SHINING

24 ****

Climbs up the centre of the downstream wall of RED COLUMN, finishing via the obvious fist crack.

Scramble to a ledge and small tree at the base of the wall.

1. 25m 20 Keeping to the left of the right hand arete, climb the face past a block on the right, to a narrow roof. Pull left through roof and continue up the crack to a small tree (final stance on RED COLUMN FACE).

2. 12m 24 Climb the short wall and crack to gain the summit.

Note:

Protection is not everywhere available on the first pitch.

First ascent: Oct 1985 K.M. Smith and M. Brunke.

GERIATRICAL

19

A variation to RED COLUMN.

Scramble up as for RED COLUMN up to a huge block. RED COLUMN goes right around the corner from here.

- 1. 30m 17** Climb straight up the thin crack from the top of the block. Continue left up the ramp and walk left to below big flake.
- 2. 30m 19** Climb up to the top of the flake (13). Climb overhanging crack past root and to the top.

First ascent: Jul 1981 P. Douglas and M. Brunke.

RED COLUMN

15 *****

The Red Column is an outstanding feature on the right hand side of the kloof about 45m upstream from the point of entry of Boulder Kloof into Tonquani Kloof. The climb commences on downstream face of RED COLUMN and starting point is reached by proceeding up the grass slope below then bearing right to the base of the first overhang near the outer edge of the column. Start in dark corner at a medium sized tree.

- 1. 15m 11** Ascend corner for 6m to a grey face sloping at about 65°. Traverse diagonally left to small ledge thence vertically up another 4,5m to a large ledge. Hand-traverse left (strenuous) 2- 3m and walk over to boulder 2,5m high. Hand-traverse can be avoided by climbing down a few metres and traversing at a lower level.
- 2. 9m 15** Short traverse right, taking off from the top of boulder and balancing round corner to small stance, whence the route goes vertically up a shallow steep recess to a ledge with belay.
- 3. 15m 13** Traverse right along easy ledge to outer edge of the column. Ascend into an open book. Climb open book until one can move out to the right on to a narrow ledge and peg belay above.

4. 22m 15 Climb up to right of stance up a 8m sloping grey slab until steep red rock is reached. Traverse 3m right to a horizontal finger of rock where a running belay can be fixed. From here ascend the shallow steep recess above. Halfway up the recess is a difficult move. At the top of the recess traverse 1,5m right and then pass through a break in the overhang to easy rock, which leads to the top.

Note:

The first 2 pitches are the same as those used by the route STAIRCASE.

Variations:

2. 8m 19 Instead of traversing right, climb onto block and follow crack to top. (Is this the first pitch of GERIATRICAL?) (Jun 1986 D. Margetts, G. Margetts and R. Diesel)

3. ?m 19 From tree belay of second pitch of RED COLUMN FACE climb easily up the left wall of gully to reach large ledge below overhanging crack containing two chockstones. Ascend crack awkwardly at first (beware of head jams) moving right at top past tree to belay above gully. (Jul 1981 P. Douglas and M. Brunke) (This is possibly pitch 2 of GERIATRICAL?)

4. 20m 19 From the narrow ledge stance, climb straight up the arête. The last few moves are shared with RED COLUMN FACE. Possibly the best arête pitch in the Magaliesberg! (2 Jan 2013 Andrew Porter and Garreth de Beer)

First ascent: 1950

R.F. Davies and F. Villa.

RED COLUMN FACE

19 *****

The lower part of the route uses parts of the common pitches of STAIRCASE and RED COLUMN.

Start from a large pool under the downstream face of RED COLUMN and scramble up a short wall and across right past a tree and up to belay at the base of two grooves.

1. 12m 15 Ascend the right hand groove a few metres and swing right onto the steep wall (3m below overhang) and ascend on good holds. Continue up the slab to a good ledge and peg belay. (4,5m as for STAIRCASE and RED COLUMN.)

2. 22m 19 Climb the steep crack immediately behind with difficulty and continue up a shallow steep recess (3m) as for STAIRCASE and RED COLUMN. Ascend the corner above to a large ledge and tree belay on the left (STAIRCASE).

3. 18m 19 Climb the wall immediately right of the tree and directly up for 9m then move right along ledges. From the right end of the ledge make strenuous moves up left (4,5m) to peg (in place). From the peg traverse right to a flake below a small tree and up to a small stance.

4. 22m 15 Move up a few metres above the tree and traverse right to blocks on the arete. Move up left onto the slab and up right onto the nose. Continue up the wall above to the top.

Note:

There is fine exposure on the final pitches. Pitch 3 opened using a tension traverse.

First ascent: Sep 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

Climb commences on downstream face of RED COLUMN and starting point is reached by proceeding up the grass slope below then bearing right to the base of the first overhang near the outer edge of the column. Start in dark corner at a medium sized tree.

1. 15m 11 Ascend corner for 6m to a grey face sloping at about 65°. Traverse diagonally left to small ledge thence vertically up another 4,5m to a large ledge. Hand-traverse left (strenuous) 2- 3m and walk over to boulder 2,5m high. Hand-traverse can be avoided by climbing down a few metres and traversing at a lower level.

2. 9m 15 Short traverse right, taking off from the top of boulder and balancing round corner to small stance, whence the route goes vertically up a shallow steep recess to a ledge with belay.

3. 8m 6 Up to a further ledge vertically above.

4. 25m 15 Bear left from last belay point, then past a small cave on the left and up overhanging recess for 15m then bear left over a very exposed face with few holds. This leads to a gully immediately above the series of overhangs on the main kloof wall on the left - and allows the summit to be reached, if desired, without further rock work.

5. 8m 7 Traverse from gully 3m out to right, then diagonally up to outer edge of the Column.

6. 12m 6 Up over a series of pinnacles to the summit of the Column.

Variation to Pitches 4, 5 and 6:

4. 28m 15 Climb the overhanging recess as in Pitch 4, for 11m, then instead of bearing left move about 2m right onto the face and proceed directly to the top of the column on good holds.

First ascent: Jul 1949 R. Charlton, S. Penny and E. Lude.

BOTTOM LIP MOVES

18 **

Scramble up to grassy ledge below SHORT CIRCUIT. Climb follows left-leaning corner 10m to right of SHORT CIRCUIT.

1. 35m 18 Climb left-leaning open book to blocky ledges (15m). Move right onto wall with handrail. Traverse across wall moving up towards end (10m). Climb steep recess (just to left of easy chimney) to belay ledge.

2. 30m 17 Follow open book above (mostly climbing on left face) to ledge above. Carry on up open book as it steepens, squeezing past creeper at top.

Note:

The corner of pitch 1 was first climbed in Dec 1985 by A.J. Smith, B. O'Meara and K.M. Smith as MEGAWHAT.

First ascent: Aug 1987 Stewart Middlemiss and A. Margetts.

SHORT CIRCUIT

16 ****

15m downstream of RED COLUMN is a diminutive triangular undercut buttress, which is bounded on its left by a right-angled corner. This is the main feature of the route. Start from a boulder 5m downstream of the pool below RED COLUMN's downstream face. Scramble up the ramp then up right to the top of the vegetation.

- 1. 12m 10** Climb the straight crack in the left wall to a narrow ledge and belay on the right.
- 2. 14m 10** Climb up right then traverse left below an overhang and continue up to a good tree belay below an impressive right-angled corner.
- 3. 18m 16** Climb the corner on good holds and jams. Step right at the top to good ledge.
- 4. 12m 8** Move a few metres right until it is possible to step back left onto a slab which leads to the top.

Variations:

- 2. 18m 15** From the right hand end of the ledge, climb diagonally right for 6m over overhanging rock, then traverse 9m left under the main overhang.
- 4. ?m 16** Instead of scrambling off to the left, traverse right 3m into corner. Climb corner for 4m. Traverse right 2m into recess (steep and exposed). Pull through overhang. Follow crack line and slab above to top. (13 Apr 2008 Chris Ziranek and Ulrike Kiefer)

First ascent: Oct 1968 A.D. Barley and R.P. Barley.

CIRCUIT-BREAKER

22 *****

Climbs the impressive left wall of the SHORT CIRCUIT corner.
Start 2m left of the start of the corner pitch.

1. 35m 22 Up in a slightly left direction to a small cubby.
Exit right by short hand traverse to base of recess. Up this and
make a difficult move past a peg (placed by another party).
Step left to main crack line and climb this strenuously to break.
Finish up slab on right.

*First ascent: Oct 1986 M. Haffner, George Mallory and
Clive Curson.*

LIGHTNING SEED

22

Climbs the wall to the left of SHORT CIRCUIT / CIRCUIT
BREAKER.

1. 30m 22 Start as for CIRCUIT BREAKER and instead of
traversing right, climb 2m up the crack and continue straight up
the wall about 3m left of CIRCUIT BREAKER.

First ascent: 1992 M. Hislop and C. Lomax.

PHYSICAL GRAFFITI

25 *****

The smooth grey slab above the grassy ramp which leads up to
the base of, and is left of, RED COLUMN.

1. 20m 25 Climb the thin crack up the centre of the slab.

Note:

Small wires are useful as protection.

First ascent: May 1986 K.M. Smith.

SABRE CUT

17 **

Start downstream from RED COLUMN and left of SHORT CIRCUIT, on a near-perpendicular wall.

1. 20m 13 Climb a well defined crack on a grey slab left of SHORT CIRCUIT to a ledge, move left around a block on a grassy ledge. Continue moving left slightly and up to a large ledge with a bushy tree.

2. 20m 17 From the corner on the ledge where the last pitch of SHORT CIRCUIT starts, there is a break to the left up a very steep wall. Climb up to a shallow recess and move slightly left and up to a small cubby hole. Move out and directly up a short wall to another recess, and join the SABRE CUT crack up to a good ledge and block belay.

3. 25m 11 For further pleasant climbing, move right and climb up a rib on good rock to the top of a boulder.

First ascent: May 1980 D. Hunter and C. Ward.

HANGING AROUND

19 *

Climbs the hanging corner left of CIRCUIT BREAKER. Start 10m left of the start of that route at a ledge underneath a small prow of rock.

1. ?m 19 Pass the prow on the right and gain the layback crack (difficult move where the crack runs out). Climb past the tree and then right to finish up the off-width crack.

First ascent: Jan 1987 M. Haffner and B. O'Meara.

FUSED

13

The route ascends the front of the buttress immediately upstream of Boulder Kloof. The start is at the point where the wall of Boulder Kloof swings around into Tonquani. Scramble 6m to a ledge and the start of the cleaner rock of the buttress. Follow a line slanting up left for 4,5m then move diagonally right under overhangs. The initial move is awkward. A grassy ledge is then reached. From here follow the best line to the top.

Note:

Variations are possible most of the way. A nondescript route. Length 75m.

First ascent: Dec 1968 A.D. Barley and Miss van Steenderen.

ZEBOP

18

Situated 5 metres upstream of CAN-CAN. Scramble 5m up to ledge.

- 1. 30m 17** Climb crack up to overhang, move right on to small slabs and up to belay ledge.
- 2. 15m 4** Scramble up to right to below a red corner on right hand side of buttress above.
- 3. 35m 18** Climb corner and face above to top.

First ascent: Dec 1986 Stewart Middlemiss, Russ Dodding and L. Gardiner.

PIROUETTE

18

Start as for CAN-CAN. Scramble up to ledge (5 metres).

1. 35m 18 Climb the first 8 metres of the corner as for CAN-CAN and instead of traversing left, move through the left hand side of the overhang and back right to the crack which is followed to the belay ledge.

2. 35m 16 Climb up the open-book which runs to the top of the cliff for approximately 10 metres. Move right under a flake and up into another narrow open-book, which is followed to top.

First ascent: Dec 1986 S. Middlemiss and B. Slater.

CAN-CAN

17 **

Situated about 35m downstream from Boulder Kloof. The start is marked by a large overhang about 15m above the stream bed. The climb starts on the right of this overhang. Scramble 9m to ledge and walk right past overhang to foot of open book at right side of the square overhang i.e. 4,5m to the right of the start of DIMINUENDO.

1. 9m 17 Ascend the back of the recessed corner, move out left near top onto stance. Chockstone and piton belay. This stance is common with DIMINUENDO.

2. 28m 17 Traverse left 9m then up 3m to small tree. Move right and up around overhang then up 6m (up to here the pitch is common with the second pitch of DIMINUENDO). Traverse left across steep reddish face to corner below small block. Continue up recess 3m, move right onto face and climb up to big ledge.

3. 30m 13 Move up to the right of creepers hanging down broken red face, up to scoop leading through over hangs, then move right and continue to top.

First ascent: Nov 1963 Paul Fatti, M. Makowski, M. Cramphorn, P. Venter and J. Anderson.

DIMINUENDO

17

The climb is located about 40m downstream of Boulder Kloof. The start is marked by a large square overhang about 15m above the stream bed. Scramble 9m to ledge and walk right as far as the recess in line with the left edge of the overhang.

- 1. 8m 17** Layback up recess to overhang then traverse out right mainly on the hands (crux) to stance.
- 2. 30m 13** Traverse left 9m then up 3m to small stamvrug tree on small ledge below minor overhang. Follow general line of slight recess diagonally up right for 18m to extensive ledge. Scramble diagonally right 9m to tree at foot of ridge.
- 3. 25m 8** Ascend pleasant exposed ridge.

First ascent: Sep 1950 E. Scholes and T. Louw.

QUICKSTEP

20 *

Immediately upstream of DARK GULLY is a narrow buttress in the lower tier. This is bound on its right by a steep corner (FOXTROT) and immediately right again is a very sharp V-groove (QUICKSTEP). The latter route follows the continuation groove in the top tier and FOXTROT ascends a short groove in the steep ridge right of DARK GULLY. (Right of TOUCH AND GO.)

- 1. 25m 20** Make a difficult layback move up the steep crack to reach a peg (in place). Leave the peg with another awkward layback into the bottom of the V-groove. Ascend the groove with fine climbing and move out right below the final overhang to belay on large blocks.
- 2. 25m 17** Step left and up the open groove to where it steepens. Step left and ascend the wall immediately left of the blunt arete to the bottom of a steep corner. Make one move up this then mantleshelf up left (TOUCH AND GO gains this shelf from the left then goes back left into the crack). Make another awkward mantleshelf up right, back into the corner crack which is ascended for one move before swinging out right and across

into a short corner on superb holds. Up this to the overhang and step right to a stance and peg belays immediately above the original V-groove.

3. 6m 10 Move right and up a slab to the top.

First ascent: Aug 1969 A.D. Barley and M. White.

HEADBANGER

17 **

Scramble up 15m to a ledge, and start between the first pitches of QUICKSTEP and FOXTROT.

1. 30m 17 Climb the upstream facing chimney, exit left, and continue up over blocky rock to climb the left edge of the slab bounding QUICKSTEP's first pitch.

Scramble up to a stance at the base of a V-shaped cave.

2. 20m 17 Climb up to the level of the cave roof, then traverse airily left to the arete, and climb up and slightly right to the top.

First ascent: Dec 1985 Kevin M. Smith, A.J. Smith and M. Haffner.

FOXTROT

17 **

See description of QUICKSTEP regarding location.

Start below the V-groove and scramble up left to good ledge and tree belay below the steep corner.

1. 18m 15 Ascend the corner to a block belay on the top of the narrow buttress.

2. 12m 10 Ascend left, up a corner, then traverse left to belay on a large ledge in DARK GULLY.

3. 34m 17 From the ledge ascend the steep arete with strenuous moves to start them move right into the steep groove at 8m. Ascend this and continue directly to the top on superb holds. Finish next to a huge block and scramble 6m left to a tree belay.

First ascent: Aug 1969 A.D. Barley and M. White.

METHODS OF DANCE

19

Located between the top pitches of FOXTROT and QUICKSTEP.

1. 35m 19 Climbs the corner and face above between the top pitches of FOXTROT and TOUCH AND GO/QUICKSTEP.

First ascent: Jun 1990 Stewart Middlemiss, Mike Hislop and P. Stoddard.

TOUCH AND GO

17 **

The climb is about 15m upstream from DARK GULLY. A square grey buttress extends from halfway up the krantz. Above this the face is steep and reddish.

1. 22m 10 Scramble up to the left side of the grey buttress, traverse left around corner, continue up line of narrow crack to tree, move left and up, and finally bear right to top of buttress.

2. 12m 6 Ascend grey rock above base of red recess.

3. 22m 17 Up recess to overhang, then move right and up via three narrow off-balance steps. A little higher than the last step move left and up to top via crack. This pitch is steep and sustained.

Variation:

3. 20m 18 Move up recess to overhang. Traverse left thinly to clear roof. Mantle onto hold at base of small open book above. Ascend this to under roof. Step right onto easier ground. Move up open book above to gain large stance. (May 1987 S. Kelsey and Tim P. Willmot)

First ascent: 1952 S. Penny and P. Lathan.

LET'S DANCE

21 *

Climbs the steep wall on the upper LHS of DARK GULLY. i.e Downstream and around the corner from FOXTROT.

1. 20m 21 Tricky take-off and then straight up the wall finishing left.

First ascent: Nov 1988 Kevin M. Smith and Stewart Middlemiss.

DARK GULLY

7

An easy route in the deep gully about 20m upstream of the Cedarberg / Lower Tonquani junction.

First ascent: 1957 E. Scholes.

SPARTAN

17

About 20m downstream of the Boulder Kloof junction, about 30m above river level, is a dihedral with a wall forming the left side and a recessed wall on the right. Scramble onto the high level ledge via a recessed corner just upstream and opposite the Cedarberg junction. This involves some grade 12 climbing. Traverse to the right (upstream) almost as far as you can go. Start at the base of the recess (open book).

1. 20m 17 Climb up the open book until a creeper forces you out onto a foot rail on the left wall. Traverse to the arete and climb this easily to the top of the wall.

First ascent: Mar 1987 Ian Slatem and C. Mitchell.

RINGING IT DRY

17 **

Start about 4m right of REIGN OF TERROR.

1. 25m 17 Follow the crack into the small downstream facing corner. At the top of this, gain the ledge on the right (beware the loose-looking block). Follow the left tending crack / break in the arete to the top.

First ascent: May 1990 Russ Dodding and B. Marcus.

REIGN OF TERROR

20 ****

Takes the steep, clean face about 15m downstream of DARK GULLY in Lower Tonquani, more or less opposite EFFIGY. Start in the middle of the face, from grassy ledge about 15m above stream.

1. 23m 20 Start easily up face, then move right to thin crack system. Follow this up and finish through small overhangs.

First ascent: Mar 1986 A.J. Smith and B. O'Meara.

RING OF FIRE

16 ****

Climbs the crack line left of REIGN OF TERROR.

1. 25m 16 Start as for REIGN OF TERROR but climb up right leaning crack. Move straight up into vertical crack (recess) above and follow to top.

First ascent: Apr 1989 Clive Curzon and Stewart Middlemiss.

DIVERSION

10

The start of the climb is about 10m downstream from DARK GULLY (being the first recess past DARK GULLY) with a large tree growing from its centre about 12m above the ledge.

- 1. 28m 8** Up recess past tree to wide ledge.
- 2. 34m 10** Up 6m then left 9m. Then move diagonally right and up to gain prominent open book. Ascend open book to level 4,5m below overhangs. Traverse left out to corner where two square ledges with bollards form stance.
- 3. 22m 8** Up via right hand face to broad ledge. Cross ledge and move diagonally left up face (6m) to ledge with trees. Cross and ascend behind trees to stance at top.

First ascent: Mar 1963 M. Cramphorn, I. Barrow, R. Blackhurst.

RORTVYLER

15

Scramble up 10m to a grassy ledge at the foot of a V-shaped open book recess about 7m downstream of DIVERSION. (Thus the climb is situated a little way upstream from the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction.)

- 1. 25m 15** Climb up in the recess, the crux being the smooth section at the top (piton in place). Climb up, traversing right below the overhangs above and continue up to a broad grassy ledge, moving left over it to a tree belay at foot of a large slab leaning against the face.
- 2. 33m 11** Climb to top of slab, then straight up through the small overhang and over the steep rock above on excellent holds, to a ledge on the left. Continue slightly right to a large ledge. Scramble to summit.

Note:

The crux section may prove easier for long people or harder for shorties!

First ascent: Nov 1978 Kevin M. Smith and C. Rotteglia.

ICONOCLAST

20 ***

Climb the right wall of JUNCTION RECESS. Scramble up 10m to a large grassy ledge at the base of JUNCTION RECESS proper.

1. 20m 20 Climb the crack system up the steep smooth wall, keeping left of the arete all the way.

First ascent: Dec 1985 M. Haffner and Kevin M. Smith.

BY INNOCENCE BETRAYED

22 ***

1. 20m 22 Start as for ICONOCLAST. Climb to the cubby hole where two parallel cracks run diagonally up left to the top. Climb these.

First ascent: Jul 1989 S. Evans and G. Murray.

JUNCTION RECESS

8

Situated in Tonquani Kloof in the recess directly opposite the entrance of Cedarberg Kloof. Starts on the right hand side of a bushy ledge about 6m above the stream bed.

1. 23m 7 A V-shaped chimney intersected by 3m of vertical rock leads to the first stance under overhanging rock.

2. 14m 6 Continue up on left end of stance - 3m steep, the easier rock.

3. 15m 8 Up a steep slab with a strong tree near its left corner. Some 3m above the tree traverse to left off slab to good rock belay.

4. 18m 8 From left end of stance traverse first diagonally then horizontally on sloping footholds and sparse handholds to a rib about 12m from stance. Climb 3m up on this rib to more sloping rock where rock knobs may be used for belay. This belay is about 14m to left of stance and 6 to 8m higher.

5. 27m 6 Climb over easy rock to a short chimney on the right, thence to final beacon.

Note:

The rock is sound all the way and stances big enough for a party of up to seven.

First ascent: Dec 1939 K. Ruhle, E. Ruhle, M. Barker, H. le Riche, A. Dolalay, S. Stickent and B. Croxford.

JUNCTION ARETE**17**

1. 30m 17 Start as for JUNCTION RECESS. Scramble to base of V shaped chimney. On the right-hand wall is a steep, shallow crack. Climb the crack for 5m to a small cubby-hole. Move right around the corner for 6m and up to the top of a square column.

2. 35m 13 Climb easy rock 10m to overhang below smooth flat face. Traverse right 10m to base of chimney. Ascend chimney to large ledge. (Alternatively climb face - strenuous take-off)

3. 28m 8 Climb steep face on large jugs to top.

First ascent: Jun 1995 M. Prior and C. Epstein.

DAY TRIPPER**17**

Visible from Cedarberg are twin cracks in the right wall of Tonquani. JUNCTION RECESS follows the right one to mid-height then switches to the left one and the left wall. This route ascends the left one and right one in its upper half. Scramble 6m to a large ledge directly opposite Cedarberg entry.

1. 25m 17 3m left of the V-groove (JUNCTION RECESS) is an overhang which is surmounted with the aid of a tree. Step left into the left groove and follow this until one is forced out onto the slab on the left. Continue up the slab past a tree then move right to a large ledge.

2. 12m 10 Follow the right hand crack past a tree to a ledge on the left.

3. 43m 13 Climb the wall from the right end of the ledge until the crack reappears at 6m. Move right below a bush and back left into the crack above it. Continue more easily up the crack and move right to finish up the final block via a steep short crack. (This pitch may be split if required.)

First ascent: May 1968 A.D. Barley and M. White.

PUMPING PREACHER

19 ***

Takes a left slanting fault line across the next buttress upstream from CONTENTION BUTTRESS, i.e. about 20m downstream of Cedarberg-Tonquani junction on the true right hand side. Scramble up to shallow cave and traverse right on large blocks then ascend grassy slope for 30m to large triangular grassy ledge (cairn).

1. 35m 19 Ascend short open book to ledge, climb crack system in face above until able to reach a small tree. Surmount the overhang (crux) to gain the wall immediately to the left. Move diagonally up and left to gain the base of the red groove. Step right and ascend the shallow chimney above, moving left where the chimney peters out to gain a tree belay.

2. 35m 11 From stance move right until above a small triangular-shaped ledge (The Pulpit), ascend groove system on good holds to top. A pleasant pitch.

First ascent: Mar 1985 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer.

ARBATRATOR

20

On the wall directly opposite DOPPLER EFFECT about halfway up, is a set of triangular shaped roofs with a prominent leftwards tending crack system. Scramble up to the left of the crack.

- 1. 30m 20** Move up and diagonally right onto a parallel sided chimney. Once at the top of the chimney traverse around the corner to a corner under a large roof. Follow the crack system through the roof to a good ledge of the left.
- 2. 30m 17** Follow the diagonal crack system for about 3m then move up and right to a set of roofs. Move through the roof to the top of the cliff.

First ascent: Jan 1986 Paul Schlotfeldt, G. Graafland and Chris Lomax.

REVELATION

19

Takes a diagonal left-slanting line across CONTENTION BUTTRESS which is situated 40m downstream of the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction on the true right side, opposite DOPPLER EFFECT. Scramble up 20m to the left, past a large cave, onto a good ledge in the corner.

- 1. 30m 10** Climb up the corner for 4m. Traverse right for 6m. Climb up the ridge to a belay ledge below a reddish wall on the front of the buttress.
- 2. 18m 19** Follow the thin left-slanting crack across the red face exiting left with difficulty to a small ledge and bush. From here either go left and steeply up to a large ledge (15) or climb the overhanging chimney to the right (15) to the same ledge.
- 3. 12m 13** Climb the steep, fist-width crack on the left to a large ledge.
- 4. 30m 15** Climb the wall behind the pinnacle and up through a small wide open book at top left. Cross the ledge and climb the final wall via a corner on the right.

First ascent: Mar 1985 A.M. Maddison and A.J. Mercer.

POLISHED PERFORMANCE

16 ***

The route takes the obvious deep, narrow open book on the upstream side of the column mentioned in WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER.

1. 25m 16 Scramble up the left tending ramp to reach the base of the obvious open book. Climb this and stem out to avoid the roof above. Take a belay on top of the column below the steep red wall above.

2. 25m 14 Move up the short wall downstream of the stance to reach a large ledge. Climb the first obvious break downstream of the wall above the stance. Climb the crack and take a comfortable stance on top.

Note:

Superb route. Protection is adequate.

First ascent: Jul 1995 U. Kiefer and T.P. Willmot.

CONTENTION BUTTRESS

10

When the face is surveyed from just downstream of GUNFIRE, three parallel reddish ridges or buttresses are seen. GUNFIRE follows the left-hand buttress. CONTENTION BUTTRESS follows the centre buttress with an alternative variation up the right hand buttress.

1. ?m 10 The lower sections of CONTENTION BUTTRESS are rather nondescript permitting of much variation. At the level of the start of the (centre) buttress, one can easily traverse to the above mentioned variation on the right hand buttress. This consists of a steep slanting crack initially, followed by a diagonal traverse right above an overhang to the easy final crest of the buttress.

First ascent: 1 Nov 1948 E. Scholes, E. Ruhle and H. Cameron.

NO MAN'S LAND

15 **

About 50m downstream of the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction there is a prominent 20m grey face on the true right hand side, up which runs a slightly irregular crack. Scramble up to belay on a ledge 3m above the river, at the foot of easier rock leading up to the face.

1. 30m 15 Climb easily up to the shallow recess capped by an overhang, at the lower left hand corner of the face. Move through the overhang using a small, hopefully well-jammed, block and continue up, bearing slightly right, to a good stance at the apex of the face. The crack running up the face is necessary only for runners.

2. 40m 11 Climb over/around the huge blocks to a platform 7m above. Climb the small face to gain the easy arete, which leads pleasantly to the top.

First ascent: Feb 1980 Kevin M. Smith, M. Mears and R. van Dijk.

WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER

20 ****

Opposite THE DOPPLER EFFECT is a grey face with a pronounced column in the centre extending to approximately a third of the kloof height. The route takes the groove at the downstream extremity of the column, passes the route on the left, passes the tree, moves up the crack above to reach the top of the column. The route ascends the face immediately above the top of the column and then moves up the buttress above to the top (cairn).

1. 26m 20 Move up diagonally right to reach the base of the downstream facing groove. Climb this moving cautiously as you approach the roof. Break out of the roof to the left and pull up to reach the tree above. Take a belay.

2. 19m 11 Climb the open book above the tree until forced rightwards by the roof above. Break right and move up to take a stance on top of the column.

3. 33m 13 Ascend the vertical face immediately above the stance until it degenerates. Take a stance on top.

Note:

Excellent climbing, technically demanding.

First ascent: 5 Feb 1995 U. Kiefer and T.P. Willmot.

CANNON FODDER

10 ***

The route follows an obvious gently leaning open book, opposite a deep cleft mentioned under GUNFIRE. Start as for BROADSIDE by scrambling up to a platform above the cave.

1. 45m 10 Follow open book to top moving left beneath the overhang. It is generally best to use the large holds on the left wall to begin.

First ascent: Jun 1985 A.J. Mercer and A.M. Mercer.

GUNFIRE

11 *

This climb commences about 50m below the junction of Cedarberg and Tonquani Kloofs. The route ascends the lowermost downstream of three reddish buttresses and is directly opposite a deep cleft on the other side of the kloof. On the left hand side of the buttress a recessed gully leads easily up from stream bed.

Ascending this gully it becomes cavernous and closed in by the right hand wall. After a scramble of about 22m up this gully traverse out right on to buttress (8) and at a small grass ledge climb up 9m to top of buttress. From here ascend diagonally left up towards the left hand flank of buttress (10) and climb obvious recess to top (11).

First ascent: 1952 S. Penny, R. Kinsley, S. Patchitt and F. Petousis.

TAKE FIVE

8 ***

Climbs a very clean, easy-angled recess extending the height of the right hand side of the kloof, about 50m downstream of the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction. Scramble about 30m up from the stream (as for GUNFIRE) to where the gully becomes cavernous. Sneak behind chockstones at the back to emerge at the base of the final recess.

1. 45m 8 Climb up in the corner. Move left beneath the roof at the top and continue up to belay on easy ground.

First ascent: Sep 1986 M. Smith and Kevin M. Smith.

ROLEX

15

Upstream from HOURGLASS is a gully. The route starts up a prominent recess a short distance upstream from the gully.

1. 28m 13 Climb recess to overhang. Gain ledge to right of overhang and up continuation recess to large grassy ledge, just above first wadepool.

2. 25m 15 From behind a tree at the back of the large ledge and slightly to the right of the top of pitch 1, climb a corner to gain a ledge of about 6m and continue up face generally climbing slightly right to ledge.

3. 25m 11 Move up crack slightly left and up easy rock to top.

First ascent: Feb 1975 Paul Fatti and Art McGarr.

BUMPING WEIGHT TOSSER

20 ***

Directly opposite OEDIPUS SUNDAY is an obvious open book capped by an overhang with the open book continuing above.

1. 28m 13 As for pitch 1 of ROLEX to the large grassy ledge, or traverse right from the easy gully on the left.

2. 20m 13 Ascend face directly below open book to ledge.

3. 25m 20 Climb open book to ledge.

4. 25m 13 Traverse left from the ledge for 3m to gain a second ledge, climb pleasantly to top.

Note:

The continuation of the open book above pitch 3 would provide a more athletic finish, but to date remains an interesting problem.

First ascent: Sep 1985 A.M. Maddison, A.J. Mercer and C. Ward.

RASTAFARIAN

19 ***

Immediately downstream of the first wade pool in Lower Tonquani (below Tonquani/Cedarberg junction) scramble up gully on right hand side. Scramble to the right to high ledges (about 45m above stream) at base of wall.

1. 35m 19 Climb easily up to base of obvious steep crack. Climb obvious line through small roof to ledge on right. Climb wall on right to top. (Alternatively, finish up continuation crack (23) C. Edelstein)

First ascent: 1985

Ian Slatem and J. Brown.

DECADENCE

22 **

Situated 8 metres upstream of the first wade pool encountered downstream from the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction. Two thin cracklines a few feet apart run up the centre of a steep smooth slab, at the base of which two large trees are growing.

1. 10m 22 Start next to the upstream tree and climb directly up the slab, following the left crackline.

Note:

The protection is thin.

First ascent: Jun 1987

Kevin M. Smith, George Mallory

and Charles Edelstein.

MUNYE INJA

16 *

Starts above first wade pool going down Tonquani from the Tonquani/Cedarberg junction i.e.30m upstream of THE HOURGLASS on the same side.

- 1. 25m 16** Climb the square cut recess past an overhang and continue up chimney/crack to ledge system, traverse right for 7m. (This is the first pitch of STREAMLINE. Non-plagiarists can choose a variety of less pleasant routes up to this ledge).
- 2. 38m 15** Climb up to the left leaning crack/recess and follow this feature to the top.

First ascent: Jan 1986 Stewart Middlemiss and Mike Cartwright.

STREAMLINE

17

The climb is situated in Lower Tonquani on the true right hand side about 90m downstream from the Cedarberg kloof junction, just next to a pool which is at times awkward to cross. Scramble up a square recess to a big sloping vegetated ledge. At the back of this is a crack.

- 1. 20m 17** Climb the crack past a small roof and continue up the now overhanging crack to a tree belay.
- 2. 40m 7** Continue up the recess to a large ledge and traverse diagonally right (10m) to a gap behind a gendarme. Up this and the recess above to a very bushy stance.
- 3. 12m 7** From the left hand side of the stance climb the face to the top.

First ascent: Jun 1980 S. Akers, M. Brunke and W. Vormbaum.

SWANSONG

15

The route ascends the wall immediately right of THE HOURGLASS. Start below THE HOURGLASS immediately downstream of a pool.

1. 25m 15 Follow a ramp diagonally up right to its top. Traverse diagonally left (6m) and ascend the wall directly below the tree (crux). Move above the tree onto a small stance. Peg belays 2m above.

2. 28m 13 Ascend the wall directly above the stance. Continue up 5m to the left of a groove onto a small column. Step right off the top into the groove and continue up to block belays.
Scramble off.

First ascent: Sep 1969 A.D. Barley, Miss M. van Steenderen, A.C. Cameron and B.F. Honey.

XTACY

17 ****

The climb follows a line 4m to the right of THE HOURGLASS. It has a common stance with THE HOURGLASS in the narrowest section of the 'hourglass' (which can be reached by starting below THE HOURGLASS, following a left tending groove till a large tree (14m 6), then traversing right into the 'hourglass' (6m), to a peg belay).

1. 25m 17 Climb 2m up inside the 'hourglass' until a handrail on the upstream wall of the hourglass is reached. Follow this round the corner, onto the face, for a further 3m. Then trend up and left until level with the top of the 'hourglass'. Traverse 2m left to the base of the crack. This will be directly above the stance. Excellent climbing then follows the crack for about 13m to the top of the face.

First ascent: Apr 1985 K. Kruger and M. Giddy.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

24

The climb takes the slab to the right of THE HOURGLASS.

1. 25m 8 Scramble approximately 25m up to a small triangular overhang and stance on a small ledge on the left-hand side. This is approximately halfway up the second pitch of THE HOURGLASS.

2. 30m 24 Traverse slightly right on to the lip of the overhang and continue up the seam above to a thin rail. An interesting move establishes one in a thin crack which is climbed until a single hook move enables one to reach an excellent rail. Continue up the face and crack to top out just to the right of the overhang above.

Note:

The first free ascent was made by T. Rogers and Jeremy Colenso.

First ascent: Jan 1988 Jeremy Colenso and A. Smith.

THE HOURGLASS

17 ****

Start 15m downstream of the wading pool below Cedarberg-Tonquani junction. About 25m up is a large triangular recess capped by a roof 'the hourglass'. Scramble about 12m up to the platform and tree belays. The large recess of triangular shape lies at the back of the ledge. The climb starts at the base of a crack on the right side of the back wall of the recess.

1. 15m 15 Climb up the crack for about 8m. Traverse left for about 3m. Fall or lean across to opposite wall. Traverse further left for about 2,5m. Climb up about 2m to a comfortable stance in narrowest part of the 'hourglass'. Fixed piton around corner on stream-facing wall. Alternatively, the pitch can be done by climbing the crack for about 11m, straddling across the recess and then traversing left into the constriction.

2. 22m 17 From the stance climb up the small face lying directly under the overhang for 2,5m. Traverse left onto the corner and straight up to level of the overhang. Alternatively

climb up the face to directly under the overhang, then traverse left about 2m. Climb the prominent crack which leads vertically upwards through the face for about 15m to a large tree belay jutting out from stance at the top.

Scramble 30m over broken rock to the top.

Note:

The first pitch was first climbed in Dec 1968 by P. Venter and J. Anderson.

Variation:

A variation pitch to the left of the first pitch was climbed by J. Anderson and P. Venter on 10 Nov 1968.

First ascent: Jan 1969 R.P. Barley and A.D. Barley.

SANDS OF TIME

19 *****

Climbs the slab to the left of top pitch of THE HOURGLASS.

1. 25m 19 Climb straight up the middle of the slab.

First ascent: 1988 A. Smith and B. O' Meara.

TIME IN A BOTTLE

21 **

Start a few metres downstream from THE HOURGLASS.

1. 15m 21 Climb more or less straight up the centre of the slab, stepping left about halfway up. Continue diagonally right to reach a ledge at the top right corner of the slab.

Note:

A good set of small wires will be useful.

First ascent: Apr 1989 M. Smith and Kevin M. Smith.



Rochelle Rehmet approaching the crux of the superb SANDS OF TIME (19). Photo by Andrew Porter. The crack to the left is the second pitch of HOURGLASS (17).

GROTTO BUTTRESS

13

Located about 15m downstream from THE HOURGLASS and just above a second large deep wading pool. The climb is on an obvious ridge, the first below THE HOURGLASS.

1. 12m 8 Scramble 3m to grassy ledge, on left side of which is a right-angled "book". Ascend book and face 9m to very large cave with a vertical rock column on the mouth. Block belay.

2. 12m 13 Ascend blocks on left side of cave mouth for 6m. Continue 4,5m up face, then traverse right 3m and into a chink in the corner of the ridge. Climb through chink to good ledge. Tree belay.

3. 25m 10 Ascend open book 6m to ledge and continue up front of ridge to small pinnacle with large chock stone. Block belay.

4. 22m 10 Climb pinnacle and over chockstone. Continue up ridge to base of smooth chimney. This may be avoided by going up the ridge to the right (10). Alternatively climb the chimney (15).

First ascent: Apr 1970 Merv Prior and R. Green.

WAR OF THE PEOPLE

21

About 300m downstream of Tonquani/Cedarberg junction in Lower Tonquani is a "fall across" tree. 10m upstream of this is a large flat top boulder. On right hand side a steep wall is present. Two cracks run up this wall. Scramble up to base of steep wall.

1. 35m 21 Make a hard move up and right to the base of the right hand crack system. Climb this, with a hard move about 10m up, to under a roof. Climb past roof to easier ground above.

First ascent: 1985 Ian Slatem, J. Brown and Paul Schlotfeldt.

JUST HOT

23 ****

Situated past some wading pools about 60m downstream of HOURGLASS, just before a couple of tree trunks spanning the kloof over a wade pool. Easily recognisable as a smooth face on the right. The climb follows the left fault line on the face.

1. 35m 23 Scramble to the base of the undercut face. Climb to in-situ micro and then climb delicately to obvious jugs following the hairline cracks (23) or step out right, up and left (21). Follow the left hand crack to the bolt and then awkwardly up (22) to jug. Continue strenuously up superb crack with a desperate exit to the right. From here easy climbing leads to a ledge. Scramble out to the right.

First ascent: Nov 1985 D. Neethling, Ian Guest and Tim Hoole.

STEPPING RAZORS

20 **

Just downstream of WAR OF THE PEOPLE a tree lies across the kloof (at a wade pool) against a buttress with gullies up either side. There is a small cave about 8m up on the right. Above this is a wall with a thin crack leading up to a roof about 3m up.

1. 25m 20 Climb up easily to the first roof. Pull through this onto the face. Climb the thin crackline above past two cruxes and then pull fairly strenuously through the middle of the roof above via the small 'recess'. Scramble to the top.

Note:

Pro is excellent. There is a descent down the gully upstream of WAR OF THE PEOPLE or, alternatively, traverse left and scramble down to gully from top of the hard climbing.

First ascent: Mar 1987 Ian Slatem, J. Brown, C. Mitchell and D. Young.

DANGER ZONE

21 *

15 meters downstream of the 'fall across' tree in Lower Tonquani (and therefore about 15 metres upstream of OLD MAN'S EXIT) is a smooth shallow recess on the true right. Scramble up this break which becomes a narrow gully with an overhanging upstream wall. Walk up over blocky debris to where the gully steepens. The route follows the obvious steep recess in the upstream wall, starting next to a small tree.

1. 17m 21 Climb the recess.

Note:

It is advisable for the belayer to creep into the cubbyhole just left of the start, as some of the holds on the pitch sound hollow.

First ascent: May 1987 Kevin M. Smith.

WELCOME TO THE PLEASURE DOME

10 ***

Climbs the obvious break immediately upstream of THE SCREAM OF THE BUTTERFLY, i.e. about 5m downstream of the OLD MAN'S EXIT liana.

1. 35m 11 Climb diagonally right to gain the base of the break. Follow this and the immaculate smooth open-book to reach ledges.

2. 35m 6 Climb easily to the summit.

First ascent: Apr 1989 Kevin Smith and M. Smith.

THE SCREAM OF THE BUTTERFLY

21 *

Climbs the smooth face starting at stream level immediately upstream of the RASTAMAN VIBRATION gully on the true right side of the kloof (i.e. about 8m downstream of the OLD MAN'S EXIT).

1. 15m 21 Climb straight up the middle of the slab to reach a ledge.

First ascent: Apr 1989 Kevin M. Smith and M. Smith.

RASTAMAN VIBRATION

20

Just downstream of the "fallacross" tree in Lower Tonquani is a prominent gully on the right hand side. The route takes the obvious steep left tending crack up the downstream facing wall.

- 1. 25m 20** Climb the crack to a ledge.
- 2. 40m 17** Climb left out of cubbyhole then steeply initially to a large ledge. Walk left, step across a recess to climb the attractive rib above.

First ascent: 1985

J. Brown and Ian Slatem.

ROLLING STONE BUTTRESS

17

Start about 70m below HOURGLASS. An easily recognisable feature is a deep recess, which ends on an overhang.

- 1. 9m 6** Scramble to a ledge backed by a deep cave.
- 2. 12m 17** Ascend chimney in the left corner of the ledge for 4,5m then using layback and handjam technique, continue up narrow crack to the ceiling. (Nut and chockstone belays.)
- 3. 15m 17** Descend 3m then traverse 3,5m past first book recess to the right and into a second (a nut runner may be placed high up in the first). Ascend strenuous 8m through the overhang and continue 6m up face to ledge below smooth open book with 75mm crack in corner. Chockstone belay.
- 4. 25m 17** Ascend crack 4,5m using handjams then move right onto ridge. Continue 15m up face to top.

First ascent: Apr 1970

M. Prior and R. Green.

PROTOBOLT

20

Situated about 300m upstream of the Northern entrance to the kloof. The climb ascends a less than vertical, smooth grey face on the true right of the kloof. The face cannot be missed as two bolts are visible from the stream bed. The pitch is well protected.

1. 25m 20 The climb starts below the bolts and continues directly to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Apr 1988 T. Rogers and D. Rogers.

UNIVERSAL SCALER

16 **

This climb starts in the same gully as WHY BOTHER, but on the right hand side of the gully.

1. 25m 10 Climb the obvious recess on the right side of the gully to a good ledge with tree belay.

2. 30m 16 Climb the prominent pointed face above the ledge i.e. move slightly left and follow the crack system up the face to a flake. Move up past the flake and continue up easier rock to top of pinnacle. Belay on a good ledge to right of top of pinnacle.

Note:

A pleasant exposed climb on good rock. A further pitch may be added by traversing left for 10m, and following the obvious line to the top (9). Alternatively descend into gully by traversing left further, or scramble directly above the ledge to the top of the cliff face.

First ascent: May 1986 Darryl Margetts and R. Brand.

WHY BOTHER !

15

About 150m upstream of the second wade pool that is found when entering from the lower end of Tonquani kloof (i.e. Utopia), a small gully is encountered on the true right. A large tree is found at the entrance of the gully.

1. 20m 10 Climb the short face on the left (Facing inward) of the gully. Continue up easier rock and traverse left to the base of the prominent square buttress.

2. 20m 15 Climb the crack system on the right of the square buttress to a small overhang, pull through the overhang and move right to easier rock. Continue past a good ledge up to a large grassy ledge. Scramble to top.

First ascent: May 1986 R. Brand and Darryl Margetts.

INCONSEQUENTIAL

15

Walking in from Utopia, this climb starts just downstream of the second large wade pool at the lower end of Tonquani kloof. It starts on the face just downstream of the short descent/ascent to bypass the second wade pool, and climbs the prominent buttress to the top of the cliff face.

1. 30m 15 Start just next to tree at base of short downstream decent/ascent to bypass the second wade pool. Climb diagonally left at first, then straight up to base of large square buttress. Ascend buttress moving to left arete at approximately mid-height. Continue to top of buttress.

First ascent: May 1986 Darryl Margetts and R. Brand.

Detroit Wall Area

This is an area on the upper band of rock forming the true left side of Lower Tonquani.

These climbs are best accessed from the top. Cross the upper end of Cedarberg Kloof, and follow the path towards Upper Tonquani. About half way along this path, turn left and head towards the upper end of Lower Tonquani Kloof. A descend gully will be found that leads to a ledge about 50m up from the streambed from which the climbs start. The top of this gully has GPS co-ordinates S25 50.650 E27 29.655 (datum WG 24)

This area has no water. It will likely be warm in summer.

The topo will prove useful in trying to find the climbs.

TWITCHING TONE 18

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and T. Mercer.

WHITE RHINO 15

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and T. Mercer.

BLUE MAX 15

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

ERIC 14

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

CUTHBERT **17**

Starts 2m left of BRUNO. Climbs the face 5m left of the arête. Finish just right of the bush.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

BRUNO **16**

Starts of a ledge just before reaching the bottom of the descent gully.

1. 25m 15 Climb the right hand end of the face to the break in the steep rock near the top. A good jug can be used to pull through the final moves.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and D. Padroa.

DANNY'S DESPAIR **20**

Climbs the obvious downstream facing corner system just before reaching the bottom of the decent gully.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and D. Padroa.

PACEMAKER **19**

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

THE COMPASS **16**

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

BOLTLESS **13**

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

SNEAKER DASH **15**

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

GREG'S ROUTE **13**

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

FIONA **15**

Takes the prominent upstream facing corner.

1. 25m 15 Climb past some blocks to reach the good looking corner above. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

DETROIT WALL **22**

Climbs the smooth face right of FIONA. There is a bolt about 18m up.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

HERMAN PROJECT **?**

Has 4 bolts. Climbs the arête.

First ascent: None yet None yet

CHRISTINE **28**

Climbs the row of 4 bolts about 3m right of the arête, heading for the break above.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

BONO (PROJECT) ?

No bolts yet. Takes the overhanging corner system to the right of CHRISTINE.

First ascent: None None

SILVER STREAK 20

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

ROPE AND ROLL 18

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

BLUE MARIAH 22

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and, M. Seegers.

MONKEY ISLAND 18

Start 3m left of arête at a pillar leading through the roof 5m up.

1. 30m 18 Climb the pillar and follow the left tending break above.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

PINK CADILLAC 22

Climbs the pink face left of HYPERION, starting below the bolt just right of the roof 5m off the ground.

Note: An obvious variation has also been climbed.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers

HYPERION

21

Start just left of the arête.

1. 30m 21 Climb up to the bolt just above the roof 5m up. Continue up the break about 1m left of the arête.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

MODEL T. FORD

16

Starts about 50m right of the bolted routes where the face steps back to provide a downstream facing corner. A 2.5m roof lies right of the corner about 20m up.

2 Pitches.

First ascent: 1991-1992 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

Climbs on the true left

NICE FROM FAR

16 **

Scramble up to the start of GNASHER, and then move about 50m upstream along the ledge. Scramble another 20m up a gully.

1. 30m 16 Climb leftwards to the tree. Sneak past this on the right, then aim diagonally right, crossing the off-width to gain a finger crack. Follow this, stepping right below the flake/pillar. Climb the face right of this for a few metres, then step right onto the pillar. Climb diagonally right, using the hidden hold to sneak onto the little ledge just below the top.

Note:

Loose rock detracts from an otherwise great line.

First ascent: 17 Feb 2013 Andrew Porter and Hector Pringle.

DENNIS THE MENACE

22 *

This route starts about 2m to the left of the start of GNASHER at the obvious crack.

1. 23m 19 Climb the awkward crack moving left at the top to reach the large belay ledge of GNASHER.

2. 20m 22 Above the belay ledge is a vertical wall split by some cracks. Climb the cracks until near the top where a step left can be made to a foot ledge. Pull up on jugs to ledge. A very sustained pitch. Protection is excellent (if you have the strength to put it in).

3. 26m 13 Move right from the ledge onto the arete and climb arete to a scoop near the top. Pull over to belay.

First ascent: Jul 1982 N. Cleaver, A. Wood and P. Leicesz (With resting on pitch 2)

GNASHER

19 ***

Start directly opposite Boulder Kloof on the true left-hand side of Tonquani. Seen from halfway up Boulder Kloof, the route takes a line up a thin crack on a pinkish face. Scramble up a gully from the streambed, then move out left and up easy rock. Traverse back right to a bushy ledge.

1. 15m 15 From the ledge climb a corner until possible to traverse left. Move up to an overhanging wall and continue traversing left to a good ledge.

2. 23m 19 Traverse back right under overhanging wall. Move up through a break in the wall to a small corner. Skip up into the bigger corner above. Step over into a crack running up the face. Zip up this to an easier break and continue up, moving out right near the top to a good ledge.

Notes:

1. A brilliant route, that is made better by using the direct start of DENNIS THE MENACE, which is the crack immediately below the second pitch.

2. Expect to find wasps on this route.

Variation:

For a direct finish, climb pitch 2 for 18m, where it is possible to move 2m right to belay ledge (tree and block).

3. 22m 19 Continue as the normal route but then move left below the large overhang. From a pedestal below the roof climb the roof crack (exposed). (Jul 1982 J. Holding and K. Jones)

First ascent: Jun 1981 A. Lambert, A. Wood and C. Ward.

THE DANDY

19 ***

The climb starts from the broad ledge 15m right of GNASHER and DENNIS THE MENACE, and is directly in line with the lower part of Boulder kloof. The climb (marked by cairn) starts in a vague recess and follows a slanting crack, followed by a series of small step-like ledges which tend right.

1. 20m 19 Straddle up the recess to the base of the slanting crack, move right then up to gain the horizontal break. Traverse left to above the crack and ascend the step-like ledges to top.

First ascent: Sep 1986 P.S. Greenfield, Russ Dodding and Tim P. Willmot.

POINT BLANK

18 ***

At the junction of Boulder Kloof and Lower Tonquani is the "lunch rock", 14m downstream of this rock is an obvious diagonal crack splitting the steep wall.

1. 15m 18 Climb the crack to a tree.

First ascent: Jul 1986 Russ Dodding and Tim P. Willmot.

ASCENSION PARTING

8

The climb commences about 30m below Boulder Kloof on the left side.

1. 25m 5 Traverse diagonally up to the right over a series of ledges for 15m and then move about 9m to the left on grassy ledge to a tree just below a broad rock ledge.

2. 20m 7 Climb to this ledge and continue up recessed face to another ledge.

3. 18m 7 Straight up to another broad grassy ledge.

4. 22m 7 Move left to where a huge flake has split away from the face. Up 3m on side of flake and via a traverse climb on to top of flake.

5. 15m 8 From flake move onto main face and continue to top.

First ascent: May 1963 J.P. Heuston, T.E. Thomlinson, H.J. Grissen and K.A. Wright.

ONE PURL, ONE PLAIN

17

Situated about 20 metres upstream of PULLMAN i.e. opposite ZEBOP and CAN CAN. Scramble up gully to ledge with downstream-facing corner on its' left hand end.

1. 30m 17 Climb the corner to easier ground (15 after 20 metres), then move up to the right to a large ledge with trees.

2. 30m 14 Climb body width chimney for 20 metres to top of large buttress. Climb face behind to top. (ASCENSION PARTING takes the front of this buttress.)

First ascent: Dec 1986 B. Slater and Stewart Middlemiss.

PARTY ANIMAL

22 *

Upstream and around the corner from BIG DREAMERS NEVER DIE. Starts at stream level.

1. 15m 22 Climb the crack.

First ascent: Apr 1988 Stewart Middlemiss, Kevin M. Smith and Jeremy Colenso.

BIG DREAMERS NEVER DIE

23

10m upstream of the DIAGONAL STREET wall there is an overhanging buttress split by twin cracks.

1. 25m 23 Start off a detached block, rail slightly left to the arete before climbing the obvious open book to a bus-stop ledge on the right. Continue up the twin cracks to the top.

First ascent: Jan 1988 Jeremy Colenso.

WALL STREET

22 ****

Starts 10m left (upstream) of DIAGONAL STREET. Scramble up 10m as for DIAGONAL STREET, then move left and scramble up onto some blocks below a steep wall with a crack system splitting it.

1. 20m 22 Climb the crack to the top. Belay and abseil off the tree on the ledge.

First ascent: Nov 1987 Stewart Middlemiss.

ICARUS ALLSORTS

19 **

The objective is the headwall which is the stream-facing wall of the PULLMAN nose. Scramble up to start of PULLMAN's third pitch and move to the right below an open book of dark rock.

1. 15m 16 Ascend the open book, passing a small bush near its' base. Make an awkward move left at the top and then follow the cracked ramp right to a tree belay.

2. 35m 19 On the headwall above are two faint cracklines/weaknesses. Step off the block next to the tree and gain the right hand weakness. Ascend slightly right to gain the ledge above. Follow the obvious line of weakness above to a broad ledge and continue to top.

First ascent: Dec 1986 Russ Dodding and Stewart Middlemiss.

PULLMAN

17 *

The climb is located about 50m downstream of the Boulder / Tonquani junction. A feature is a very prominent 25m vertical crack starting 45m above the stream bed and topped by a massive triangular nose pointing up the kloof.

1. 18m 15 Move up right side of recess for about 3m then left into the recess and up to stance at top of crack.

2. 28m 10 Up 9m diagonally right up obvious crack to ledge below main crack.

3. 18m 17 Move up crack by wedging and laybacking. Ascend on to grassy ledge at the level of the afore-mentioned nose.

4. 12m 10 Climb to right until on immediate left of nose, then vertically to large ledge. Continue up corner of large block.

First ascent: Nov 1963 M. Cramphorn and P. Venter.

QUALITY STREET

20 *

The crack left of THORMORTON STREET i.e. to the right of WALL STREET

1. 15m 20 Pull through the roof of the square cave and climb the crack.

First ascent: 1988 C. Edelstein and G. Murray.

THROGMORTON STREET

19 *

Takes the crack to the left of DIAGONAL STREET.

1. 12m 19 Starting as for DIAGONAL STREET, climb the crack.

First ascent: 1988 A. Smith.

DIAGONAL STREET

21 ****

Takes the slab to the left of EFFIGY. Scramble up about 15m.

1. 20m 21 Climb up to the slab and move on to it. Climb up the slab past the bolt.

First ascent: 1986 A. Smith.

WELCOME BACK TO REALITY

23 ***

1. 10m 23 Above the DIAGONAL STREET wall is a short bolted face, climb up the centre.

First ascent: Jun 1988 Jeremy Colenso.

WIG WAM

13

Start just to the left of EFFIGY, at junction of Tonquani and Cedarberg Kloofs.

1. 25m 13 Climb face to tree and from here move up an awkward bulge to another tree below an overhang. Climb up to

overhang and turn to left around tricky corner and on up to tree belay.

2. 30m 10 Move to corner at right and climb first few metres in the corner then move out right and around to easy rock. Continue up easy rock to good stance with tree.

3. 30m 8 Ascend the face directly above to large platform.

4. 14m 11 From this platform move onto the pinnacle which has a lovely face. This gives a very pleasant good clean face pitch. The route follows more or less the centre of the face to the top.

First ascent: Feb 1968 J.E. Stapley, Mrs R.L. Stapley, H. van Peipen and Mrs S. van Peipen.

EFFIGY

18 ***

The start is situated about 8m upstream from where Cedarberg Kloof joins Lower Tonquani.

1. 15m 13 Move diagonally up left over broken face to good ledge with tree. (This involves an awkward mantle shelf move.)

2. 12m 18 From left hand end of ledge move 4,5m up recess to square ceiling. Using fist-jam/layback technique climb up 90° open book to wide ledge. (A great pitch)

3. 30m 11 Scramble up 4,5m then move left around corner. Up 6m of broken portion of steep face to larger ledge. Walk left 4,5m along ledge and climb diagonally right up ramp to top.

First ascent: Oct 1966 Paul Fatti, M. Makowski and J. Anderson.

CONCEPTION

13 *

Start 3m upstream of Cedarberg-Tonquani junction behind a large square block.

1. 15m 11 Move up left 4,5m and up a hand jam crack bearing right to a triangular ledge. Ascend the groove behind to a small overhang, step left into a flake crack which is followed to a large ledge and tree belay.

2. 12m 13 From the right end of the ledge ascend a sharp edged crack. Make an awkward move over a detached block up left to gain a chimney and ledge above. Chockstone belay behind and large block belay.

3. 28m 7 Up left to a large tree then up the rib on the left and over detached blocks. Continue up to a ledge and tree belay. 15m of scramble to the top.

First ascent: 1968 H. Graafland and Mrs G. Graafland.

BREAKFAST IN BED

15 *

The objective is the body width crack running up the cliff a few meters downstream of the Tonquani/Cedarberg junction, on the true left-hand side.

1. 30m 15 From tree on rock slabs at river level, climb crack and follow it to stance on large blocks.

2. ?m ? Scramble or climb to top.

First ascent: 13 May 1979 K.M. Smith, G. Lacey and C. Rotteglia.

MATERIAL GIRL

19 ***

The route takes the overlapped face immediately upstream of IVORY MADONNA starting at the bottom right and finishing at the top left.

1. 40m 19 Start at the stream bed immediately below the start of IVORY MADONNA. Move up to the short very overhanging open book. Power up this to reach the base of the IVORY MADONNA wall at its upstream extremity. Move left and up over the projecting nose to reach the very steep wall above. Engage mind in neutral and climb the wall moving up diagonally leftwards to reach the steep open book above. Layback up the book awkwardly and move more easily to reach a comfortable belay stance above. Scramble to finish.

Notes:

- 1.** An excellent, sustained, steep route for what, at first glance appears to be choss.
- 2.** Protection, though thin, is adequate. The 'scramble' to the top, from the belay stance, may need a rope.

First ascent: Jul 1995 U. Kiefer and Tim P. Willmot.

IVORY MADONNA

25 **

At the same level as the start of DOPPLER EFFECT walk about 30m left along the grass ledge to a large flat good bivi ledge (lizard ledge), to the left of this is a overhanging face with a crack up the centre which fades away after 7m.

1. 15m 25 Climb the crack to its top, and at this level move up to the right arete which is climbed to the top (do not move around the corner i.e. stay on the arete).

Note:

A peg was pre placed near the top of the right arete. Opened with many falls over many days. It was abseil inspected but not top roped prior to first ascent. Second used 2 points of aid.

First ascent: Apr 1986 Neil Margetts and Darryl Margetts.

ONYX MAN

20 **

Climbs the left wall of TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC (i.e. Between the chimney and IVORY MADONNA). Starts off the lizard ledge.

1. 15m 20 Climb straight up the face past the bolt to the peg. Move left onto the arete and continue up to the tree belay. Abseil down.

First ascent: Feb 1989 Darryl Margetts, Martin Seegers, A. Margetts and T. Truter.

TEDDYBEARS PICNIC

18

This climb starts at stream level, about 10m downstream of BREAKFAST IN BED.

1. 20m 11 Scramble up nondescript rock to large flat ledge with steep overhanging face (IVORY MADONNA) on left.

2. 15m 18 Climb chimney/crack to right of steep overhanging face with crack up centre. The crux is near the top.

Note:

Being small may be an advantage, but opening party managed even though they both were taller than 1,92m. i.e. grade is 19 for larger persons and as easy as 16 for smaller persons.

First ascent: Mar 1986 Neil Margetts and Darryl Margetts.

LIZARD

24 ***

Takes the line to the left of VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCE. Starts off the lizard ledge.

1. 20m 24 Climb up to the ledge and then move diagonally right to the flared crack. (Rock 1). Move up to the bolt on the left and make a difficult move to the rail. It is possible to rail left and exit at this stage. Alternatively, (difficult) climb directly up from the rail to gain a small ledge. Scramble off to the left or wander up the unappealing face above.

First ascent: Feb 1990 Martin Seegers and Darryl Margetts.

VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCE

25 ***

Takes a line up the centre of the wall to the left of REGGAE MUSIC. Starts off the lizard ledge.

1. 20m 25 Climb up to the ledge and gain the flared crack on the left side of the scooped face. (Rock 1 or better still a Choinard 3). Up this to a bolt on the right. Continue diagonally right up to a rail. Then up and back left to a groove which is followed up to a ledge on the left.

First ascent: May 1989 Mike Hislop.

REGGAE MUSIC

20 ***

30m downstream from Tonquani/Cedarberg junction on the true left. Scramble up to the lizard ledge 10m above river.

1. 25m 20 Two cracks 1m apart converge higher up into one, forming a small open book. Climb this.

First ascent: 1985 J. Brown and Ian Slatem.

SLEDGEHAMMER

23 **

Climbs the face and overhanging headwall to the right of REGGAE MUSIC. Starts off the lizard ledge.

- 1. 10m 23** Climb the middle of the face avoiding all contact with either arete, to the blocky ledge.
- 2. 15m 23** Climb the overhanging face above to ledge and tree belay.

First ascent: Jan 1988 Darryl Margetts and Martin Seegers.

MANTLESHELF

15 **

This route starts 10m left of GRILL.

- 1. 18m 8** Ascend a vague recess with a series of narrow ledges forcing one diagonally right until a 60 to 90 cm wide ledge below an overhang is reached.
- 2. 15m 15** Ascend the break through the overhang at the left end of the ledge. (GRILL passes through a break to the right.)
- 3. 12m 10** A long walk up and left leads to a red open book. Ascend this feature in the corner.

First ascent: Jun 1960 T. Kerrick and K. Hahlo.

BLACK SURVIVOR

16 *

This climb starts in the steep recess 5m to the left of the start of DOPPLER EFFECT.

- 1. 25m 16** Climb up steep overhanging recess for 5m (crux), continue up and traverse right 5m, then continue up easier stepped face to ledge below overhang.
- 2. 20m 10** Moving right continue up face to left of DOPPLER EFFECT, finish up off-width crack.

Note:

Protection good on crux (pitch 1), but is sparse higher up.

First ascent: Apr 1986 Darryl Margetts and N. Margetts.

GRILL

11

This climb is best located in relation to HOTPLATE. To the left of that climb there is a smooth whitish slab about 30m long. The route initially ascends the more climbable rock on the left of the slab.

- 1. 18m 11** Ascend stepped face which sometimes offers small grips. Stance is on 60cm wide ledge.
- 2. 15m 10** Traverse right to end of ledge. This brings one to the top of the white slab. Ascend recess through the overhang to wide ledge. Tree belay.
- 3. 18m 11** Move right on to ridge. An awkward start leads to a steep section with good grips.

First ascent: Nov 1959 Merv Prior and S. Perry.

RATTLE AND HUM

21 ***

Starts 3m to the left of DOPPLER EFFECT.

- 1. 25m 21** Climb the face up to and directly past the bolt to the small ledge (crux), avoiding the left edge completely. Continue up the arete to the top of the crag, finishing up a short chimney left of the line taken by DOPPLER EFFECT.

Note:

If the climber traverses onto the arete on the left the crux is avoided and the overall grade of the climb drops to 18.

First ascent: Dec 1988 Darryl Margetts and Martin Seegers.

THE DOPPLER EFFECT

21 *****

About 40m below the junction of Tonquani and Cedarberg kloofs on the left hand side one encounters a large overhanging section at the top of the kloof. Below this is an obvious large left tending open book. The route takes the open book which forms the upper two-thirds of the cliff. Scramble 15m up from stream to grassy ramp to foot of open book. Scramble easy rock for 10m, where rock steepens climb right to good stance.

1. 40m 21 From stance climb slightly down left and into open book. Climb open book using thin crack in corner. Where the wall starts to overhang and the crack runs out use strenuous bridging technique to surmount bulge (21). Climb more easily up crack system until forced left by small overhang (19). Traverse a few metres left out of open book and climb more easily to top.

Note:

Technical climbing on excellent rock.

Variation:

2. 15m 20 Climb obvious jam-crack to right of belay, stepping right onto the face where the crack finishes. Climb face to ledge and another short face to gain break. (Oct 1986 C. Lomax, A. Smith and M. Haffner)

First ascent: Feb 1980 M. Fagan, J. Brown, A. Lambert and T. O'Connor.

SURVIVAL

24 ***

Start about 3m right of DOPPLER EFFECT.

- 1. 30m 18** From ledges climb crack in buttress, continue up face to mega ledge below pink stepped overhangs.
- 2. 18m 24** Climb pink stepped overhangs steeply to a rail and peg at the level of small overhang on left. Climb 2m up very steep rock and make wild moves left to a ledge system.
- 3. 15m 19** Climb the steep wall above, initially in the middle, then right to arete and back left to top.

First ascent: 1985 J. Brown and Ian Slatem.

HOTPLATE

15 *

The climb is about 45m downstream of the junction of Cedarberg with Tonquani Kloof, immediately upstream of a deep recess or cleft in the true left wall of the kloof.

- 1. 12m 15** Up a face on the left of some loose-looking blocks for 8m, then left over these blocks to a stance below a large crack.
- 2. 25m 13** Up the chimney for 3m then traverse to right for 3m then up to large blocks.

Variation:

- 2. ?m 15** Continue on up the chimney. When almost at top move out left and make an awkward move over a somewhat bulging face, to reach easier rock and the finish.

First ascent: 1951 S. Penny, D. Penny and E. Rudnick.

REIGN OF FIRE

24 ****

A short finger crack halfway up the left side of the large gully 10m downstream of THE DOPPLER EFFECT.

1. 15m 24 Climb the crack, rail to the arete, and continue up right to a ledge.

First ascent: 15 Dec 1985 K.M. Smith and A.J. Smith (with rests)

POSITIVELY 4TH STREET

18 ***

This climb is situated in the huge chimney recess 50m downstream of the Cedarberg / Tonquani junction, starting about 15m to the right of REIGN OF FIRE.

1. 25m 18 Climb the crack system on the left hand wall of the huge recess/chimney (looking inward) i.e. climb the cracks to the overhang, pull through small overhang, traverse left for about 1m then continue up to ledge just above tree.

2. 25m 13 Move up recess behind stance for 1 to 2m then move right onto exposed nose of buttress. Continue up for about 5m exiting right to tree belay.

Note:

Very pleasant route on good rock, good exposure on second pitch. For descent abseil off good tree at top of second pitch (one 45m abseil sufficient).

First ascent: Oct 1986 Darryl Margetts, N. Antoncich and G. Margetts.

FIVE FINGER FINALE

20 ***

Located in the deep recess just downstream of DOPPLER EFFECT, opposite A QUESTION OF BALANCE and to the right of a bulge in a vague buttress, there being an initial crack system in the lower part of the buttress, a large tree 25m above and it is topped by a large reddish coloured buttress which is undercut on its arete. Also, there are prominent crack systems to the left and right of the climbs' start.

1. 25m 20 Climb the centre of the buttress and the bulge (crux), moving left higher up to seek protection on the ledge/arete. Continue up the buttress to the large tree above and stance.

2. 25m 20 Move left to below the crack system on the reddish coloured face of the buttress that faces the kloof. Climb the crack which is about 2m left of the arete. Where the crack finishes traverse 2m left and ascend to the top over steps and ledges keeping to the left at the very top, where good climbing prevails. Belay on ledge / tree.

First ascent: Jun 1987 P.S. Greenfield and Russ P. Dodding.

A QUESTION OF BALANCE

21 ****

Scramble up the large gully about 10m downstream of THE DOPPLER EFFECT. Start at the base of a dark blocky buttress just left of prominent white roots.

1. 20m 21 Climb the crack up the front of the buttress to a blocky ledge. Move left to the arete, and climb up this until able to climb diagonally right to ledges.

2. 20m 20 Climb up to the right hand side of the long narrow roof above. Undercling to the left end of the roof, pull through, and climb up slightly right to belay.

Note: It can be climbed in 1 pitch.

First ascent: Jan 1986 C.Edelstein and K.M. Smith.

CHEVALIER D'INDUSTRIE

17 ***

The route takes the open book immediately left of THIEVING MAGPIE, then traverses left to gain the crack extending up from the roof of the cavern.

1. 30m 17 Ascend the obvious open book easily at first, increasing in difficulty towards the top. Traverse left 6m to gain a ledge below the main crack with fine views of the cave roof and floor below.

2. 25m 17 Climb chimney until forced out by a narrow section, then straddle and jam up the crack to a good tree belay.

Note:

Good varied climbing on solid rock.

First ascent: Jul 1985 A.M. Maddison and A.J. Mercer.

THIEVING MAGPIE

17 ***

50m downstream from the Cedarberg Tonquani junction is a deep cleft leading up to a large cavern. In the right hand wall of the cavern an obvious open book can be seen, containing a very smooth right hand wall.

1. 20m 13 Ascend open book to stance, passing an old rusty peg of unknown origin.

2. 20m 17 Continue awkwardly up the open book until able to reach more positive holds, and eventually the right hand arete. Ascend arete to stance on narrow ledge beneath an overhang.

3. 20m 15 Climb up to overhang, pass overhang using large holds on the lip, ascend easier rock to top.

Note:

A pleasant route on clean rock.

First ascent: Jun 1985 A.M. Maddison and A.J. Mercer.

CANVAS AND OIL

15 ***

Starts 5m to the left of FINGER PAINTING THE WORLD.

1. 30m 15 Climb up the corner and into the steep recess above. Climb the recess exiting on the right arete onto a large ledge.

First ascent: Jun 1989 Peter Lazarus, Darryl Margetts and Martin Seegers.

SKIRTING THE ISSUE

21 ***

1. 20m 21 Follow FINGER PAINTING THE WORLD to the fifth bolt and then traverse off left and onto the ledge.

First ascent: Jun 1989 Peter Lazarus, Darryl Margetts and Martin Seegers.

FINGER PAINTING THE WORLD

26 ****

50m downstream of the Cedarberg/Tonquani junction on the true left, is a gully. Scramble up the steep section of the gully and exit on the right (downstream) side of the gully onto a large ledge, immediately opposite the steep crack REIGN OF FIRE. The route starts on the right of the ledge. The five mega bolts in a row make it very difficult to find !

1. 20m 26 Join the dots, the crux move being from bolt No. 5 straight up onto the ledge. Exit off to the right and scramble down.

First ascent: Jul 1989 Peter Lazarus.

DREAM OF WHITE LYCRA

16 ***

This climb starts about 20m downstream of DOPPLER EFFECT. Ascend a grassy recess, the climb ascends the true left edge of the buttress which forms the left wall of a deep gully ending in a cave roofed by huge crack system.

- 1. 25m 13** Climb the arete moving past a series of small ledges and a tree. Continue up to a good ledge.
- 2. 25m 15** Climb up past a tree on the arete, move left into the prominent corner. Climb the corner. Finish on easier rock to large ledge. Scramble to base of next buttress.
- 3. 25m 16** Climb up easy rock towards twin crack system. Move up to right hand crack via a short face. Ascend crack (crux) to easier rock and good ledge.

Note:

A short pleasant unsustained route.

First ascent: Jun 1986 Darryl Margetts, G. Margetts, A. Mercer and R. Brand (Pitches 1 and 2).

HAILSTORM

15

Scramble 15m up grass band as for HOTPLATE but deviate right to fallen tree.

- 1. 15m 8** Ascend face in front of tree for 7m then move right along grassy ledge for 18m (bushy belay).
- 2. 20m 15** Ascend corner to right of tree for 3m then enter a cubby hole. Crawl along crack from cubby hole (left) into another cubby hole. Ascend steep face bearing right to a large ledge.
- 3. 30m 13** Ascend corner for 3m then move right around corner continuing up crack leading towards a prominent chimney. Ascend chimney moving out right at the roof.

Note:

Whole climb is on very clean rock.

First ascent: Nov 1976 G. Langmore, D. Prior and M. Scott.

BARBECUED CHICKEN

14 ***

The climb starts about 15m downstream of HOTPLATE.

Scramble up gully (which is 50m downstream of the Cedarberg / Tonquani junction) for 10m then move right onto grassy ledge. Walk right, along ledge, 10m to start of climb (beacon).

1. 28m 13 Start in corner on upstream side of shallow (0.5m) undercut buttress. Climb 6m in corner to top of buttress then slightly right to tree. Continue right on sloping rock into corner then straight up to large ledge.

2. 30m 14 Climb in corner and on the upstream face of the large free-standing buttress. Step across at top of buttress onto face and continue straight up, moving slightly left in shallow crack. Belay on very large ledge.

3. 30m 14 Straight up in shallow corner from middle of ledge directly below prominent 90° open book at top of climb. Climb corner for 6m then walk right on sloping rock and climb face to tree. Behind tree straight up corner to top.

A chickenshit mass ascent.

First ascent: May 1987 Bernard, John, Roger, Julia, Mara, Dave, Ingrid.

THE PUZZLE OF PAIN

16 *

This climb is situated about 50m downstream of DOPPLER EFFECT and starts about 10m downstream of the climb DREAM OF WHITE LYRCA, which climbs up the right hand side of the huge chimney/recess.

- 1. 30m 15** Climb the recess to the tree. Continue up to another ledge. Climb the steep recess with a flake on the right. Continue up easier ground to good ledge and tree belay.
- 2. 30m 16** Climb the recess to the left of the narrow chimney/crack. Continue up a crack before traversing right to the ledge at the top of chimney-crack. Climb recess above this (crux). Continue up steep rock with good holds tending slightly left.
- 3. 20m 13** Climb recess between two faces using a layback move on a large block.

First ascent: Oct 1986 Darryl Margetts, N. Antoncich and G. Margetts.

THEFT FACE

10

This climb is to the right (downstream) of the deep cleft referred to under HOTPLATE.

- 1. 12m 10** Up very steep face, moving to the right of a corner and small platform.
- 2. 18m 8** Ascend the corner, bearing right.
- 3. 15m 7** Up the face which is above pitch 1.

First ascent: 1951 S. Penny, I. Keith and E. Rudnick.

ENGLISH OPIUM EATERS

21 ****

Ascends a steep crack just downstream of A DREAM OF WHITE LYCRA, just before you reach VATERS DAY. Scramble up as for DOPPLER EFFECT but traverse right along the grass ledge for 15m. Scramble up a short recess for 5m and continue traversing to the right until an obvious crack up a steep wall can be seen above.

1. 40m 16 Climb a short corner up to a ledge. Move left to the base of the crack. Make a tricky move up into an alcove and then continue up the crack to a small ledge. Climb the recess above to a ledge.

2. 20m 14 Climb the face above to a ledge. Move right to a left facing corner and climb this to a large ledge with a tree belay.

3. 15m 21 Climb the right facing open book using layback moves near the roof. Once at the roof step left onto the arete and move up to the left of the hanging creeper. Climb the face to the left of the creeper (using the stem) to a good ledge.

Note:

The first 2 pitches were first climbed in May 1989 by Darryl Margetts and A. Mercer.

First ascent: May 1989 Darryl Margetts, A. Margetts and Martin Seegers.

VATERS DAY

15 **

The route follows the obvious open book left of JACK THE RIPPER. Scramble up to the ledge mentioned under OEDIPUS SUNDAY and JACK THE RIPPER.

1. 30m 13 Ascend easy rock to the open book, narrow chimney, climb up to large ledge passing a small overhang near the top. Climb wall above to a large ledge on the front of a pinnacle.

2. 35m 15 Climb to the top of the pinnacle and ascend the wall behind. Mantleshelf onto a ledge to gain the obvious crack lapped by an overhang above, ascend crack/recess passing the overhang on the right.

First ascent: Jun 1985 A.M. Maddison and R. Brand.

JACK THE RIPPER

21 ****

10m left of OEDIPUS SUNDAY a knife of rock (poetic license) may be seen detached from the main face for the majority of its length. The route follows the right hand side of this and then a superb parallel-sided crack above (An uncommon feature in the Magaliesberg).

1. 30m 15 Ascend the open book on the right hand side of the knife until forced left towards the top. Climb easier rock to stance.

2. 20m 21 Scramble up easy rock behind stance to gain the base of an obvious 3m parallel-sided crack (No 11 Hex or 4 Friend handy). Ascend crack to top. Follow up easy rock on left or scramble off.

First ascent: May 1985 A.M. Maddison and A.J. Mercer.

NURSERY CRYMES

20

The route takes the faint crack system midway between the first pitch of JACK THE RIPPER and OEDIPUS SUNDAY.

1. 20m 20 Climb the crack system directly below the black streaked wall and to the right of the knife edged arete of JACK THE RIPPER. Move left to gain the recess above.

Note:

Gear on the crux is scarce.

First ascent: Nov 1988 S. Kelsey and Tim P. Willmot.

OEDIPUS SUNDAY

17 **

From the Tonquani/Cedarberg junction looking downstream, a prominent corner may be seen on the left hand side approximately 150m away, 20m above stream level. Access to the corner may be made via a grassy gully on the left just past DOPPLER EFFECT and an easy traverse on a series of ledges.

1. 20m 17 Ascend the corner using the off-width crack and holds on the faces to a large tree belay.

2. 20m 6 Scramble to top or abseil off.

First ascent: May 1985 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer.

EYE OF THE NEEDLE

17 *

Starts in recess approximately 10m upstream and on the opposite side to HOURGLASS. Scramble up recess until large cave type ledge with a 1,5m tall pillar on right hand side supporting rock above.

1. 25m 17 Climb up very overhanging recess, passing through eye at top to ledge with tree.

2. 25m 13 Move onto right hand wall and follow up to gap between two pinnacles. Climb the gap and pull up onto higher pinnacle.

First ascent: Jan 1986 Stewart Middlemiss and I. Buchel.

BAZOOKA

15

The climb follows the subsidiary buttress just to the left of that of KAMIKAZE and then continues up a prominent red corner to the top.

1. 25m 13 Start up the shallow chimney 3m left of the start of KAMIKAZE, and mentioned as a variation start to the latter climb. From the tree 13m up move diagonally left into a shallow open book and climb this (crux) to a stance in a small cave.

2. 15m 10 Traverse left for 6m to the arete and then climb straight up to a stance on the edge of a large terrace.

3. 20m 15 Walk to the back of the terrace and climb the prominent steep red corner to a ledge.

4. 20m 13 Continue up the corner to the top.

First ascent: Feb 1975 Art McGarr and L.P. Fatti.

JUS IN KYS OF SNYKS

16 ***

Starts 4m to the right of CRACKAMANIA.

1. **15m 16** Follow wide crack system to ledge.
2. **15m 15** Climb flake above into corner, and around small overhang to top.

First ascent: Jan 1986 Stewart Middlemiss and I.Buchel.

CRACKAMANIA

21 ****

Starts in the gully to the left of KAMIKAZE buttress i.e.10m downstream from HOURGLASS on the opposite side. Scramble up to base of gully (approx grade 9) and follow gully to ledges below a white-streaked red wall (50m above stream bed).

1. **18m 20** Two cracks are visible in the wall. The route follows the right hand (right leaning) crack up to a ledge, then moves slightly left into vague cubbyhole below roof. Pull through roof (very strenuous) and climb up to ledge.
2. **20m 21** An immaculate crack up the left hand side of the wall is followed to a groove above, which is followed to the top.

Note:

The crux of the climb is a hornets nest 2m above the start. The inhabitants of the said nest aggressively resisted renovation/removal.

First ascent: Feb 1986 I. Buchel and Stewart Middlemiss.

KAMIKAZE

19 ***

40m below the Wade Pool which is below the Cedarberg-Tonquani junction is a prominent narrow buttress capped by a prow. Gain the vegetated ledge which runs left at 6m. Start 5m left of the centre of the prow buttress.

1. 12m 13 Make an awkward move to surmount two rock steps in a shallow recess and continue to a tree belay on the right, below a large flake crack.

2. 12m 15 Move right and up right to a small ledge on the face of the buttress. Continue directly up the face to a narrow ledge and peg belay near a block at the right end

3. 9m 18 Ascend the right arete a few metres and move strenuously into the groove on the right. (The belay peg was used as a foothold in opening ascent). Continue more easily up to a large ledge and belay.

4. 15m 19 Move up onto a block on the left arete and make a very "long" reach to a good hold. Pull up strenuously and continue up to a belay above the chimney. (The "long" reach was so long that the leader stood on his helmet to gain the height required. Grade 20 without helmet?)

5. 18m 15 Traverse right under the prow (5m) and ascend the chimney-crack to the top.

Note:

An aggressive starling who did not appreciate the presence of the leader had Kamikaze inclinations - hence the name.

Variation:

1. Instead of pitch 1 as described ascend shallow chimney 3m further to the left.

First ascent: Dec 1968 A.D. Barley and A.C. Carmen.

KAZIKAMI

20

Start at base of large narrowing dihedral left of KAMIKAZE. Scramble up about 20m to a ledge and a rather large tree.

1. 20m 19 Climb onto right wall of dihedral and climb cracks and wall past a tree up to right of KAMIKAZE stance with block.

2. 15m 20 Step left into dihedral and layaway up until you can move left onto small ledge. Climb crack to top.

First ascent: Mar 1986 George Mallory, Ian Slatem and Clive Curson.

TONQUANUS

11

The climb as the name implies is at the bottom of Tonquani about 150m downstream of the Cedarberg junction. A few metres past a pool which occupies the kloof from wall to wall one sees a prominent prow of rock near the top of the face. The climb is slightly to the right of this feature, and commences from a wide earthy ledge about 18m above stream bed.

1. 9m 11 Ascend a recess to fairly large tree growing out horizontally. The pitch starts with strenuous arm pulls on a root, and then continues up the left hand wall of the recess via a shallow crack.

2. 18m 10 The recess becomes V-shaped above and slightly overhanging. Therefore, walk out to the right on the horizontal tree and ascend the face diagonally to the right and out of the recess. Once out of the recess, the rock eases to grade 7. A good ledge is reached below some red faces. Traverse left on this ledge to a belay above the previous stance.

3. 15m 11 Mantleshelf into a nook about 3m above the ledge. The left hand side of this nook consists of a large poised flat block. Continue up and to the left where there are two cracks leading to the top. The right hand one is grade 8 and the left hand one is grade 10.

Variation:

2. 15m 19 Instead of pitch 2 continue up the recess. After strenuously working up to the top, one makes a difficult pull-up on to a ledge on the left hand side. The ledge at the top of pitch 2 is reached after ascending about 3m of easy rock. (Mar 1956 R. Davies and R Kinsley)

First ascent: 1952 R. Davies, J. Slinger and E. Lubbart.

OLD MAN'S EXIT

10

Too late to be included in a climbing party I wandered alone down Cedarberg and turned into Tonquani, meaning to walk out near Wei. I was wearing helmet and harness. Becoming bored with solitude and disliking winter wading I decided, though alone, to climb out of the kloof on the true left bank, when I reached the third pool to be waded below the fallen tree which spans the kloof.

1. ?m 7 The route begins where the black trunk of a liana, as thick as a man's wrist, dips its roots in the water of the kloof. It runs parallel to the root for about 6m to a ledge which takes the climber left for approx. 7m.

2. 12m 6 From there, there is approx 12m of rock of easy standard which is followed till one is faced by a chimney.

3. ?m 10 The chimney, of approx. 4m, is too narrow for normal movement and it is blocked by a chock which gives good hand-support when reached.

4. 15m 6 From the top of the chimney there is a further 12 to 15m of grade 6 rock.

5. 15m 5 Finally, the route moves to the right and reaches the top of 12 to 15m of easy grade 5 warm-red rock. "Out of the stony rock, Bethel I raise".

First ascent: Aug 1983 Harry Barker.