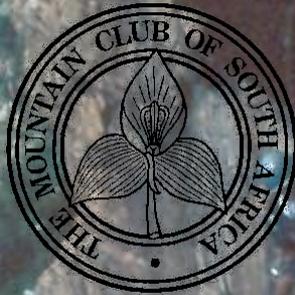


**ROCK CLIMBING ROUTES ON  
THE MAGALIESBERG ESCAPRMENT  
PART 2: DOME, FOUNTAIN GULLY**



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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](http://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 arranged from right to left when facing the cliffs. i.e. From East to West.

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.

The Magaliesberg escarpment is south facing. This means that the climbing areas covered in this guide tend to be rather cold in winter.

These cliffs are not owned by the MCSA, so please check the latest access arrangements with the MCSA beforehand.

Please note that bolting is not allowed in the Magaliesberg.

# **DOME**

## **General**

This is the only area of the Magaliesberg in this guide that exists on the escarpment, rather than in a kloof. Dome offers by far the best escarpment climbing in the Magaliesberg – the rock is of excellent quality, and is relatively free of vegetation.

The climbing here will generally offer greater exposure than the kloofs and will give you a chance to feel the wind blowing through your helmet. Expect a slightly more adventurous feel to the climbing.

The views down onto the Hekpoort valley below are worth the steep hike up the hill.

If you are coming from Johannesburg, this is your nearest climbing venue.

The climbs here are listed from right to left as you face towards the base of the cliffs.

There is no water available at the climbing area.

## **Access**

The Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) has recently arranged access to Dome after an absence of several years. Please call the MCSA for the latest access conditions and directions.

## **Safety**

The first aid dump is currently missing. Try not to hurt yourself.

## **Aspect**

The escarpment faces mainly south. As such, it will be shady in the day, and would probably be best suited for summer climbing. The main cliff receives morning sun.

It would be best to leave this for a day with low winds.

## **Descents**

The main gully to the right (facing upwards) of the climbs provides the easiest descent for most of the routes in this guide. It is the gully you will walk up as you approach the climbs. Immediately uphill of the fence is a small cave on the left (facing up) amongst the trees. This is a useful place to leave your bag while climbing.

On the left side of Dome itself, between climbs SUNDOWNER CRACK and CHATTER FACE, you will find NATTER GULLY which provides a descent for climbs further to the left. This gully is easy to find from the top.

## **Conservation**

Please do not climb either TWILIGHT ARETE or REVLOVER between April and October (inclusive) to allow for nesting black eagles.

## **Camping**

No camping is found nearby the climbing. A reasonable option though is to approach from the northern side, and to camp at the awesome Dome Pools. These are a long hike from the climbing itself, but the pools make a worthwhile destination by themselves.

## Finding Routes

The easiest climb to find is MUFFIN, which is the obvious, clean corner half way up the cliff containing a finger sized crack. It is about 200m after crossing the fence. The corner is right angled and faces left. Both walls of the corner are smooth and slabby. The climbs in this part of the wall all start on a ledge system about 30m up – easy scrambles lead up to it.

To find climbs west of NATTER GULLY, walk about 150m from the gully itself. About 30m above, you will see a large, red nose sticking out with grey slabs on either side of it. CHATTER FACE climbs the face to the right of the nose (looking up), and FALLEN ANGEL is on the slab to the left of the nose.

Dome Near East has short and fairly clean climbs, mostly of a high standard. Access is simple.

Dome East is best approached along the foot of the Dome Near East krantz. The climbs are of medium length. Some tend to be vegetated. Descent from Near East is a scramble via LIGHTNING RAVINE (on the western side), NEEDLE GULLY or off the various scrambles at the eastern end of the buttress.

## DOME: List of Climbs

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<b>Climb Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Stars</b>	<b>Pg</b>
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## **GREENSLEEVES**

**10**

Start 10m right of MOUNTAIN BREW.

**1. 18m 9** Climb the crack-cum-chimney to a ledge on the right at 16m. Either wriggle through thin black chimney or fight the aloes to a stance and tree belay.

**2. 25m 8** Continue up the fault until the angle eases. Bear left to the foot of a lichen-covered grey slab which leans back at 15° off vertical.

**3. 10m 8** Climb the slab or scramble off in the gully to the right.

*First ascent: 17 Jun 1979 Miss C. Chester and R. Fox.*

## **MOUNTAIN BREW**

**13**

Start in a recess in the right-hand section of the buttress approximately 40m right of PEDESTAL FACE and 10m left of GREENSLEEVES.

**1. 25m 13** Climb the left-hand side of the recess approximately 10m. Move right and continue up a steep slab. Move over left to wide crack on a wall which leans out slightly. Climb up the wall into a cubbyhole.

**2. 25m 10** Continue up above the belay moving over the left into a recess. Climb to the top.

*First ascent: 17 Jun 1979 Dan Scott and Clive Ward.*

## PEDESTAL FACE

8

The start of this climb is about 185m East of LIGHTNING RAVINE and 30m to the right of PINNACLE GULLY where a distinct pedestal of rock about 10m high sits out from the base of the krantz.

- 1. 10m 8** Straight up the front of the pedestal.
- 2. 25m 8** Start at the foot of a small open chimney leading from the top of the pedestal. A long face is then climbed from the top of the chimney bearing gradually to the right through two cracks, the first being climbed on the outside, the second, near the top of the face, on the inside. The second crack, or chimney, on this pitch is formed by slabs leaning against the face. A stance may be used near its top but a short face after it leads to a good ledge. The top of the face is very exposed and the last chimney somewhat bulging.
- 3. 14m 8** 6m of broken rock leads to the top of the gully coming in from the right. The gully is climbed for 3m where a step out round the corner of a slab leads on to a face where a further 4m leads to a comfortable ledge.
- 4. 24m ?** Climb 6m straight up to top of climb and a further 18m of slope to summit beacon.

### **Note:**

The rock is generally sound and belays plentiful.

*First ascent: 19 Apr 1936 J. Langmore, G. Potter, H. Biesheuvel, O. Bell, Misses D. Purdham, E. List, M. Hudson and Mrs. O. Bell.*

## **PINNACLE CORNER**

**15**

About 30m to the left of PEDESTAL FACE is a prominent pinnacle about 16m high leaning up against the krantz but detached from it only for about 3m near the top.

Commencing with a difficult arm pull the climb starts towards the right of the pinnacle and then goes straight up.

From the top of the pinnacle the route verges into PINNACLE GULLY for 3m then traverses right around the corner to a bush at a slightly lower level. It then follows up a V recess until near the top when it traverses left for about 3m then up 3m to two 1m high loose blocks. From here a traverse to the right leads to a difficult and vertical face where a good belay can be reached by the leader as a safeguard over the ensuing 3m to a safe stance.

Thereafter the route of least resistance may be followed to the summit.

*First ascent: 26 Apr 1936 J. Langmore, G. Potter, H. Biesheuvel and P. Houmoller.*

## **PINNACLE GULLY**

**7**

The start of the climb is marked by the same pinnacle referred to under PINNACLE CORNER. The pinnacle is about 15m high and gullies lead up the back of it at either side to form a little neck about 2m below the summit and a gap of about 3m between the top of the pinnacle and the rock face.

Start on the left of the pinnacle and climb to the neck below its summit against the main face. A small 3m face then leads to a gully which runs up diagonally to the left for 30m. Follow this gully to the foot of a chimney which is climbed for 8m to a stance on the right wall 3m above a tree. Crossing to the left side 9m of climbing leads round the corner up a subsidiary recess to the foot of a tree, whence easy rocks lead to the top.

*First ascent: 19 Apr 1936 J. Langmore and H. Biesheuvel.*

## **PINNACLE WALL**

**15 \***

Commences on the wall or face immediately to the left of the pinnacle.

**1. 18m 15** From a point about 5m to left of pinnacle climb straight up on small holds for 3m over awkward stretch leading to a position very close to the gully on left of pinnacle. Thence straight up and bearing to left to a small ledge with tree for belay.

**2. 12m 10** From here traverse left then up face for 9m to a second stance.

**3. 20m 13** Final pitch is on a nose to the right of a prominent recess extending the full height of the kranz. (A further 18m of scrambling reaches the top of the escarpment.)

*First ascent: 19 Jun 1938 J. Langmore, H. Barker, C. Nicholls and W. Mathias.*

## **SUMMER'S DAWN**

**15**

Located 8m right of the WINTERS END buttress (cairn) and 50m left of PINNACLE WALL.

**1. 45m 15** Climb the grey face bearing slightly left to a small ledge. Continue up a detached rib to a ledge and recess. Climb the recess for 5m. Move over to the left edge and continue up to easy ground. (This pitch can be broken in two.)

**2. 15m 11** Bear left and up to a small face. Climb diagonally left up to the top.

*First ascent: 2 Nov 1975 Herman Vogl and Clive Ward.*

## WINTER'S END

15

The start is 10m right of BOULDER BUTTRESS.

**1. 45m 15** Climb on broken rock at the left-hand side of a small buttress (cairn) with a platform on the top. From the platform climb straight up the middle of a grey face to an overhang. Traverse right into a recess and crack system. Continue up to a grassy ledge at the base of a short bush-filled gully. (This pitch can be broken in two.)

**2. 10m 10** Climb the wall and crack on the right hand side of the gully.

*First ascent: 2 Nov 1975 Herman Vogl and Clive Ward.*

## BOULDER BUTTRESS

11

**1. 40m 11** Climb the tight-hand side of a prominent buttress 50m right of SENTINEL TRAVERSE with last 20m a scramble.

**2. 28m 11** Traverse right on a short wall into the bottom of a shallow chimney. Pleasant climbing to the top.

*First ascent: Oct 1975 Herman Vogl and Clive Ward.*

## SENTINEL TRAVERSE

7

An easy rock climb about 100m to left of PINNACLE WALL. Commences on left of a huge "Sentinel" then a long traverse to the right follows after which the route of least resistance is taken up a bushy gully. Permits much variation in the upper sections.

A grade 8 variation of this climb may be made by keeping to the face on the right after the traverse. Difficulty can be further increased if so desired.

*First ascent: 19 Nov 1936 J. Langmore, B. Malan, Mr. & Mrs. H. Biesheuvel and Miss M. Hudson.*

## NEEDLE CRAG

**15 or 11**

This climb is situated on the highest point of the krantz to the east of LIGHTNING RAVINE. It is easily identified by a long rib or needle of rock about 30m high which sticks out from the krantz at this point. 20m left of SENTINEL TRAVERSE.

- 1. 18m 10** Straight up the rib or needle to a platform.
- 2. 12m 15 or 8** Traverse to either side to back of the needle which here forms a window against the main wall. From here three courses are possible. Once up the chimney up the right side of the window (eye of needle) between the needle and the main krantz. The second from the same start up the side of the needle working gradually towards the front. The latter is of 15 standard for the first 6m. The third alternative is to move into a crack to the left and up (15). A good ledge is reached at the top of this pitch.
- 3. 15m 7** Climb to the foot of a chimney vertically above the left-hand edge of the needle.
- 4. 30m 11** Climb the chimney for 6m to above a tree and then traverse to the left onto the nose or edge of chimney. This nose is climbed for a further 12m to a ledge. From the last ledge a grey rib of rock about 3m wide leads up vertically for 9m. This small face is very sheer but plentifully supplied with holds. The left corner is climbed for 4m, traverse to right corner and thence straight up. A further 30m of scrambling leading to the final beacon on the summit.

*First ascent: 12 Apr 1936 J. Langmore, J. Oates and H. Biesheuvel*

## NEEDLE GULLY

**7**

An obvious gully 18m to the left of NEEDLE CRAG and ascending diagonally.

*First ascent: 12 Apr 1936 J. Langman, J. Oates and H. Biesheuvel.*

## THE RAMP

17

Located approximately 100m right of LIGHTNING RAVINE.

**1. 40m 17** The pitch takes a line in the form of a steep ramp which curves left over the top of a deep cave - the last 4m diagonally left form the crux.

**2. 13m 13** From the ramp exit climb straight up a crack to the top.

*First ascent: Oct 1975 Herman Vogl and Clive Ward.*

## WARFARE

11

Located in the middle of a grey amphitheatre overlooking the scree in LIGHTNING RAVINE. Scramble up the bush covered subsidiary buttress abutting the main wall to a dark recess.

**1. 20m 10** Climb the recess for 5m and move right on to the face when progress is blocked. Rejoin the recess higher up and continue to stance.

**2. 20m 11** Continue up the fault to the summit.

*First ascent: 17 Jun 1979 Miss C. Chester and R. Fox.*

## LIGHTNING RAVINE

7

On descending bear to the extreme right, beyond a small rock ridge halfway down. A tree marks the start of the descent.

*First ascent: 19 Apr 1937 H. Biesheuvel and J. Langmore.*

## ALOE SPECIAL

15

Located 5m right of ROCK DANCE.

- 1. 40m 13** Climb up an obvious crack until a ledge underneath a large overhang is reached. Traverse right passing two trees. Continue around corner and climb up a crack passing the first aloes a ledge and traverse right for 7m into a corner.
- 2. 30m 15** Climb up in the corner through an aloe patch using thin grips. Move right onto an obvious large ledge.
- 3. 5m 13** Move right and up. Continue to easy ground.

*First ascent: 1976*

*P. Knothe and E. Muller.*

## ROCK DANCE

17 \*\*\*

Start approximately 35m right of INVOLVEMENT, approximately 6m right of THE GREAT TRUNDLE and approximately 4m left of an edge at the beginning of a large patch of bush. (This should confuse most climbers).

- 1. 20m 15** Climb into a shallow grey recess. Move over to a crack on the lefthand side and climb up to a good ledge.
- 2. 25m 17,A0** Continue up a wall and into a V-recess above utilising a slab and the left wall until below an overhang. Move up and left (crux move - body momentum essential). A piton was used to exit left. Continue up to a small bushy tree.
- 3. 20m 9** Climb up slightly right on easy ground.

*First ascent: 16 Sep 1978 Erwin Muller and Clive Ward.*

## THE GREAT THUNDLE

16 \*\*

The climb is situated approximately 6m left of ROCK DANCE and approximately 30m right of INVOLVEMENT (cairn).

**1. 20m 15** Climb the crack and grey wall to a recess with marks of a fresh rock fall at the top. Straddle the recess and exit left to a cubbyhole belay.

**2. 27m 16** The top grey wall is fairly serious. Continue climbing up and diagonally left to a corner with a small overhang. Traverse right across the face from the corner to a broken ledge. Climb up on to the ledge and continue up a grey face immediately above to a gully which is slightly over to the left. Move right at the top of the gully to belay.

*First ascent: 10 Oct 1978 Colin Baker and Clive Ward.*

## INVOLVEMENT

17 \*\*

To the extreme right of THIN WALL SPECIAL there is a giant flake of rock which extends two-thirds of the way up the face. The climb follows a slanting crack approximately 20m right of this feature (cairn).

**1. 40m 17** Scramble up to the base of a recess with a defined crack running up the back. The climb takes this fault line to the top of the krantz on excellent rock. (The interesting part is moving out left from the top of the recess without getting ones head wedged). The remainder of the climb is 15 standard. It provides excellent climbing on good rock with ample protection.

*First ascent: 27 Aug 1978 Herbert Seuring and Clive Ward.*

## **WOUNDED TOE**

**17 \*\***

20m right of THIN WALL SPECIAL is a corner and roof about 15m high forming an inverted L shape.

**1. 45m 17** Scramble up easy rocks to base of corner. Climb corner until it is possible to step right around loose looking block (seems OK) Continue climbing up face bearing slightly left until one encounters blank looking section. Traverse 3m right then up face to small recess (delicate). Continue up to the top.

*First ascent: Apr 1982 A. Wood and C. Ward.*

## **THIN WALL SPECIAL**

**17 \*\*\***

Start at a very large cairn below an impressive wall approximately 80m right of BAKER'S DOZEN.

**1. 27m 13** Climb up a rib of grey rock to the left of slanting brown overhangs above. This misses out grass and vegetation on the right. Climb up the left wall and traverse left around an edge passing a detached block, into a groove. Pass a small overhang at the top of the groove on your left. Continue up diagonally left to below some brown overhangs and move left to below a short corner. Belay on small ledges.

**2. 20m 17** Climb up to the right of the corner (awkward) and move diagonally right (crux) to a good ledge above the brown overhangs. Continue up to below a bulge (3m) and then move across left (4m) below the bulge. Climb up and diagonally right on good holds and continue pleasantly to the top. On pitch 2 there is a lack of natural protection. At the crux a tied off piton has been used by parties in the past.

*First ascent: Jun 1968 A.D. Barley and M. White.*

## SUNBURNT PORKIE

15 \*\*

Some 6m left of THIN WALL SPECIAL there is a small corner which is more prominent high up on the face. The climb starts below this corner.

**1. 25m 15** Climb up easy rock until below the start of the corner. Continue up the left face of the corner to a ledge and straight up the crack above (crux) to a small overhang. Move right and up to a ledge. Belay on two large blocks.

**2. 18m 13** From the above mentioned blocks move slightly right and climb up the right hand edge of a short wall. Traverse diagonally left moving over to a short face left of a grassy gully. This finishes the climb on pleasant rock to the top.

### Note:

The climb is on sound rock throughout.

*First ascent: 7 Jan 1979 Colin Baker and Clive Ward.*

## MAGGIE'S TRIUMPH

17

Start 10m left of SUNBURNT PORKIE (cairn).

**1. 25m 17** Start on easy rock below a steep wall. Climb up to a long narrow ledge (small tree). Move slightly left to a crack and climb up for 2m. Traverse right for 3½ m. Mantle up and then climb diagonally up left. The last 5m to a grass ledge is unprotected.

**2. 15m 13** Climb the corner behind the ledge to top.

*First ascent: 20 Jun 1982 A. Wood, C. Ward and N. Cleaver.*

## **A BAKER'S DOZEN**

**13**

Located 15m right of CARIBBEAN MIXTURE and 6m right of NONENTITY EDGE. In the area of a 2m high pinnacle of rock.

**1. 18m 13** Climb the right-hand corner to a small tree and ledge.

**2. 20m 13** Traverse right and move around to a face, continue up, on the edge to easy ground.

*First ascent: 13 Aug 1978 Erwin Muller and Clive Ward.*

## **NONENTITY EDGE**

**13**

Located 15m right of CARIBBEAN MIXTURE and 6m left of a BAKERS DOZEN. There is a 2m high pinnacle of rock below the start.

**1. 35m 13** Climb the crack a few metres right of the edge. Continue to the top.

*First ascent: 1977 Peter Knothe and Erwin Muller.*

## **CARIBBEAN MIXTURE**

**13**

Located 40m right of LION COUNTRY (cairn) on an edge.

**1. 35m 13** Start 4m left and away from a small cave with a tree. Climb straight up and move slightly right and continue up the natural recessed break above. Move left to the edge at about 25m. Step around left and continue up easy ground.

*First ascent: 24 Sep 1978 Mike Fagan and Clive Ward.*

## CHIPS CRISP AND BROWN

13 \*\*

Located 5m right of EGG'S SUNNY SIDE UP and 5m higher on a ledge. (cairn)

**1. 40m 13** Zig-zag up the edge utilising good handholds on blocks and good hand jams. At one point move right on a slab and continue up to the top.

*First ascent: Jul 1975 Jerry Linke and Clive Ward.*

## EGG'S SUNNY SIDE UP

13 \*\*

Start 10m right of LION COUNTRY and 5m left of CHIPS CRISP AND BROWN. (Cairn)

**1. 15m 10** Climb up to some blocks below a crack system on the face.

**2. 40m 13** Climb straight up the cracks and then bear diagonally left up a natural break to the top.

*First ascent: Jul 1975 Jerry Linke and Clive Ward.*

## LION COUNTRY

17 \*

Located approximately 20m right of THERMOMETER as for WHERE THE LION FEEDS. (cairn).

**1. 30m 17** Climb 3m left of a dead tree which hopefully will still be there for a few years. Climb onto a short wall and move into a shallow gully. Continue to the base of a natural break of steep slabs. Peg in place. Climb up diagonally left to a good ledge a few metres up.

**2. 20m 11** Move up and diagonally right across a short wall to a ledge. Move left into an obvious recess and continue to easy ground.

*First ascent: 24 Sep 1978 Mike Fagan and Clive Ward.*

## WHERE THE LION FEEDS

17 \*\*\*

The start of the climb is virtually as for LION COUNTRY.

**1. 22m 17** Climb the short wall bearing left to a shallow recess. Continue in the recess and move right just before a small overhang. Continue up for 2m and traverse left (awkward) across a small ledge using a low horizontal crack. Move over to below a small corner (good chock in a crack). Climb straight up and move left up onto a good ledge. (Beware of loose flakes when moving up and left to this ledge. Do not try to pull them off - you may want to stand on them later). Continue up using small holds stepping onto the top loose flake that you wanted to throw off earlier (which incidentally seems to be locked in). Move up using technique until it is possible to move left to a ledge chest high. Continue up and traverse right to a ledge. Belay.

**2. 26m 15** Continue up immediately above the belay until the rock overhangs slightly. Traverse left until able to continue up. Climb diagonally left to a crack just before a grassy gully. Climb the crack (more pleasant than the gully) on good holds and move up bearing slightly right to a ledge and tree. Belay.

*First ascent: 4 Nov 1978 Mark Boekstein, Eckhart Haber and Clive Ward.*

## THERMOMETER

15

Located about 35m right of ENIGMA FACE (cairn) on a flat buttress against the rockface, in the middle of which is a crack. The lower  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the climb follows this crack.

**1. 10m 10** Climb a steep recess diagonally up to the left to a stance with a bush.

**2. 35m 15** Climb the smooth crack awkwardly for 1m. Swing out left and pull up to a good grip above. Continue up to a stance with a bush.

**3. 40m 15** Climb diagonally up left to an open book. Move up the face on the left at first and then into the open book. Continue up on tiny holds finishing up on a face to the top.

*First ascent: 27 Jul 1978 H. Zangerl and E. Haber.*

## MYSTIQUE

19 \*\*

The climb starts 2m to the right of the tree and free-standing block mentioned in the ENIGMA FACE description.

**1. 24m 19** Follow the fault line up to the small triangular overhang. Step left, move 2m and then move back right, into the break. Climb up break to overhang. Traverse right 1m below overhang until it is possible to move diagonally right (crux) up to the arete.

**2. 20m 8** Climb arete to top.

*First ascent: 7 Sep 1982 T. White and S. Morkel.*

## ENIGMA FACE

17 \*\*\*

Start 20m right of DAY TRIPPERS and approximately 35m left of THERMOMETER where there is a fairly large grey face. At the base there is an isolated flake of rock standing about 2m high.

**1. 30m 17** Climb 1m left of the flake bearing slightly left up a fault line to a small overhang. Traverse right 2m and continue up for a while until it is possible to move right to a 2½ m high flake (loose) stuck to the wall. Climb the flake to its top. Traverse left across a thin wall for 2m and up to a small ledge (crux moves). Move left along the ledge for a suitable belay. (This pitch is exposed and on excellent rock with good runners.)

**2. 28m 13** Move slightly left along the ledge to an obvious break in the face and climb up diagonally left to an overhang. Surmount this and continue to a small tree. Move left at this level to a short slab with a small flake. Climb up and right. Continue up on the left of a small recess/gully avoiding small amounts of vegetation. Keep left of the recess to the top.

*First ascent: 7 Oct 1978 G. Moseley and C. Ward.*

## HIGH NOON

13

Starts in the corner to right of SUNDAY TRIPPERS, just right of a thin wall of rock.

**1. 23m 13** Start at the highest point of the grass slope, in the corner. Climb the wall to the right of the vegetated gully for 23m avoiding the gully. Trend right at the top and then back left to belay ledge. Belay high up (3m) in crack on the right of belay stance. Belay next to small bush.

**2. 30m 13** Traverse left from belay stance, along grassy ledge, to tree. From right of tree climb for 4m to join crack on the left. Follow this crack up to the top of the smooth slab. Beware of loose rock on this pitch.

*First ascent: 21 Nov 1982 P. Wallek, R. Dodding and G. Wilkie.*

## SUNDAY TRIPPERS

11

There is a small buttress approximately 20m left of ENIGMA FACE. The route takes a line in a recess left of this buttress. This provides better climbing than that on the right-hand side.

**1. 20m 11** Climb a crack in the recess and move over right onto a short wall. Climb this and proceed over broken rock moving slightly right then left to a tree.

**2a. 20m 11** Continue up a recess taking in the left wall first and then right across the recess to the right ridge to the top. (The top portion of this pitch is on unstable rock. The first party cleared much of this away.)

**2b. 20m 8** Continue for about a metre up the left wall of the recess and step around left to easy ground. Climb diagonally left and up to the top.

*First ascent: 10 Oct 1978 Colin Baker and Clive Ward.*

## EASY GLIDER

15

**1. 15m 15** Climbs the first buttress as you approach the MUFFIN DIRECT area from the meet spot.

*First ascent: Date unknown A. Mercer and A. Maddison.*

## QUICKLY

14 \*\*

As one walks from the meet site down rightwards towards the MUFFIN DIRECT area, a short buttress is encountered. A little further is a second buttress. EASY GLIDER climbs the first buttress. QUICKLY takes the second.

**1. 20m 14** Climb the face and crack system to top of buttress.

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

## **BIRTHDAY BOY**

**14 \*\***

**1. 20m 14** Climb the recess / crack system to left of QUICKLY.

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

## **RUPERT'S REQUEST**

**15**

The route takes a second open book 10m to the right of TIME LIMIT. A lower pitch of grade 9 may be added.

**1. 35m 15** Ascend the slightly overhanging open book to top then move left up easier rock.

*First ascent: 20 May 1984 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer.*

## **TIME LIMIT**

**18 \*\*\***

Scramble about 30m up to the ledge at the base of the MUFFIN DIRECT corner. Start about 50m to the right of the start of the MUFFIN DIRECT corner below a prominent steep left facing and leaning recess with a crack of very uniform width (No 1 to 1.5 "Friends") running up its entire height.

**1. 25m 18** Climb easily up to a tree in the crack and climb awkwardly through it. Continue up the layback crack to the top of the recess (crux towards the top).

**2. 15m 8** Climb easily to the top.

### **Note:**

The name of the route derives from the fact that because of a lift arrangement at the car park the opening party had 40 minutes in which to climb it.

*First ascent: 22 Jan 1984 L.P. Fatti and G. Erens.*

## YOUNG BLOOD

14\*\*

This climb starts to the left of the climb TIME LIMIT below a face.

- 1. 40m 14** Climb the easiest line up the face to a good ledge.
- 2. 40m 11** Climb the non-descript rock to a ledge. Scramble to the top.

*First ascent: 1985 D. Margetts, A. Kiefer, M. Kiefer and A. Durrant.*

## NEFFIE NOSE

11

About 12m towards lunch cave from MUFFIN is a prominent nose. Start directly beneath it.

- 1. 15m 10** Climb face to large ledge below nose.
- 2. 25m 11** Ascend crack between smooth little face and nose for 9m. Move right for 3m onto nose and then straight up to top.

*First ascent: 8 Feb 1971 M. Prior, J. Sorour and C. Sorour.*

## CHANGED PLAN

11 \*

The route takes the front face of the buttress immediately right of DOME GULLY providing pleasant face climbing. Scramble 18m up to bottom of the buttress and start 3m right of the gully.

- 1. 20m 11** Move up onto a pinnacle (3m) and continue directly up the wall above to tree belay. Deviations may be necessary for protection.
- 2. 27m 11** Move a few metres right and climb a shallow groove for 15m. This brings you to a platform where there is a tree on the left. Use tree as sling point. Move back right into fault and carry on straight to top.

*First ascent: Mar 1966 J.E. Stapley, S. Rademeyer and Mrs. R.L. Stapley.*

## **DOME GULLY**

**6**

Towards the right-hand edge of the Dome a patch of trees and bush is concentrated at the top of the slope, leading up to broken rocks and boulders.

Approximately from the middle of this patch of bush DOME GULLY shows up as a clearly defined feature leading up through broken rock and inclining slightly to the left.

*First ascent: 15 Aug 1936 P. Houmoller.*

## **TIGERS DON'T CRY**

**22 \*\*\***

**1. 20m 22** Climb the arête / face to the right of the MUFFIN DIRECT first pitch. Abseil off tree or do second pitch of MUFFIN DIRECT.

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

## **MUFFIN'S ROUTE**

**15 \*\***

**1. 20m 15** Climb up face starting at centre and bearing left higher up to stance on small platform with blocks and trees.

**2. 18m 11** Step down to left and climb steep corner for 4m from which point several routes to top are possible.

### **Variation:**

**1. 15m 8** Start about 12 m right of the start of TWILIGHT ARETE. A face is climbed to the level at which the original first pitch starts but about 9m left. (One can walk the 9m along a ledge at this level around a ridge to the original start.)

*First ascent: 1949 D. Mitchell, R. Davies and R. Dreyer.*

## MUFFIN DIRECT

19 \*\*\*\*

This climbs a striking smooth walled open book, located about 200m from the fence. The angle of this open book is not steep but the walls are very smooth for part of their length. Scramble 30m up to a ledge at the start of the corner.

**1. 15m 18** Climb the corner using a narrow finger crack in the corner. Stance at some blocks.

**2. 18m 19** Move directly above the stance onto the wall above. Climb 3m up and bear slightly left. Continue up a break on the wall to the top of the original pitch.

*First ascent: Unknown*

## MAGIC DRAGON

17 \*\*\*\*

The smooth left hand side of the MUFFIN DIRECT open book is bounded on its left by an obvious break. Scramble 30m up to the ledge, and start about 5m left of the MUFFIN DIRECT corner.

**1. 30m 17** Move up to and climb narrow dihedral. Step right beneath overhang and continue up the break, moving left onto easier rock to avoid an aloe.

*First ascent: 17 Feb 1985 K.M. Smith and M. Haffner.*

## TWILIGHT ARETE

10 \*\*\*\*

The route follows the prominent arete on the eastern end of the Dome. On the left of this arete or ridge is a clearly cut recess extending the full height of the rock.

1. **24m 9** Start on ridge at base to right of recess and climb to broken ledge for good stance.
2. **18m 9** Continue straight up on ridge to second belay point.
3. **15m 10** From here an alternative route is to traverse right for about 6m then up recess at the top of which the route works left again to join the ridge 15m further up. The conventional route is straight up the ridge leading to a ledge in broken rock.
4. **18m 8** Easier rocks to the summit.

### **Note:**

Please do not climb this route between April and October (inclusive) due to nesting of black eagles.

*First ascent: 28 May 1936 C.E. St. J. Hutchinson, H. Biesheuvel, Mrs. St. J. Hutchinson and Miss Hudson.*

## **TWILIGHT RECESS**

**11 \*\***

The upper portions follow the recess to the left of TWILIGHT ARETE.

**1. 22m 11** Commence in the left hand of two small chimneys which merge into one about 10m up. Follow the main chimney or crack from this point on for a further 6m. Step over to right to avoid an overhang and return to chimney. Thence bear to left face of chimney and up to large ledge.

**2. 18m 10** Traverse to right along ledge to start of recess where a traverse of 3m leads to an inside corner thence to easier climbing over a "staircase" for about 6m thence over a face to second belay point on ledge.

**3. 24m 10** Continue up recess keeping to left-hand corner joining TWILIGHT ARETE at the top of recess.

### **Note:**

Please do not climb this route between April and October (inclusive) due to nesting of black eagles.

### **Variation:**

The climb can be done straight through in the recess from the bottom instead of starting the first pitch to the left of the recess as described.

*First ascent: 14 Jun 1938 J. Langmore and J. Oates.*

## REVOLVER

19 \*\*\*\*

The route takes the same initial buttress as TWILIGHT RECESS to the large ledge at 25m and then the steep red groove to the overhang immediately left of the recess. It continues up the exposed slab to the top. Start 3m left of TWILIGHT RECESS.

**1. 15m 15** Climb a short steep crack for 3m then move up rightwards to an awkward move into a shallow niche. Move left to a ledge and up a pleasant slab to a ledge and chock belay.

**2. 12m 13** Move over blocks to the groove and ascend the right wall to the large ledge. Belay at the right end.

**3. 15m 19** Traverse a few metres right and make some strenuous moves over the bulge up to the base of the steep red groove (4m). Continue up the groove for 8m (sustained), avoiding the loose crack in the right wall, then move diagonally right across the shattered face onto a ledge and peg belay on the right arete.

**4. 12m 17** Immediately behind is a shallow groove which is ascended with difficulty to the overhang. Traverse easily left to a large ledge.

**5. 27m 17** Move up and traverse a few metres on good foot rail at the base of the slab. Climb up 3m and traverse right to a thin crack (peg runner) and continue up rightwards to the right arete. (sustained). Move a few metres up the arete and step left back onto the slab and follow the crack line to the top.

### Notes:

**1.** A very fine route with a superb climax on the exposed top pitch.

**2.** Please do not climb this route between April and October (inclusive) due to nesting of black eagles.

*First ascent: May 1968 A.D. Barley, M. White and Miss M. van Steenderen.*

## CASCARA FACE

15 \*

Starts at the same point and has the same first pitch as TWILIGHT RECESS.

- 1. 12m 15** Walk along ledge to left for 3m then up overhang by a strenuous move leading on to face and easier rock to a belay point on a ledge 12m up.
- 2. 15m 11** Bear diagonally up to left for 9m reaching edge of a buttress looking down on TWILIGHT RECESS. Climb up edge of this buttress for 6m reaching a large ledge immediately below a large face to left of TWILIGHT RECESS. Stance in inverted V recess.
- 3. 18m 10** Traverse to left along ledge then up in crack through bush for 9m reaching upper left edge of large face which edge is climbed 9m to the top ledge.
- 4. 15m 8** Scramble to top.

### Note:

Please do not climb this route between April and October (inclusive) due to nesting of black eagles.

### Variations:

The second and third pitches as described can be combined into one. Fourth pitch may commence with a traverse left for 9m then up through red rock.

*First ascent: Circa 1938 P. Houmoller.*

## PATHFINDER

17

Starts on the buttress just left of CASCARA.

- 1. 20m 13** Climb 3m up thin face, move right 2m in awkward book and climb to large ledge.
- 2. 10m 15** Climb thin open book to ledge, just to right of a large cave and below a bottomless open book.
- 3. 20m 17** Move up into open book and ascend 6m to easier rock. Climb face to ledge just left of very noticeable smooth face. (This pitch is technical and strenuous, sticky boots advisable.)
- 4. 30m 10** Ascend face to top.

*First ascent: 8 Feb 1971 M. Prior, R. Green and B. Shuttleworth.*

## BONNIE SCOTLAND

17 \*

Starts up ridge 8m left of large gully to left of CASCARA.

- 1. 25m 11** Climb ridge 6m to ledge and then up some large blocks to a nose. Traverse left 3m, climb nose and continue up 12m to ledge.
- 2. 30m 17** Climb 4m to overhang. Move right and up 2m to footrail and traverse 3m right around the arete. Climb 6m to the top of an open book, continue up 2m using a hand-swing and straddle, then up 3m of steep rock on good holds to a ledge. Climb 8m up easy face to stance on small pinnacle.
- 3. 20m 11** Continue up steep face to top. (grade 10 variation to left).

*First ascent: 7 Mar 1971 M. Prior and R. Green.*

## **BITTER ALOES**

**19 \***

This climb is just to right of INDEPENDENCE.

- 1. 30m 15** Climb the ridge using the crack between the two variations of INDEPENDENCE to big ledge.
- 2. 15m 19** Ascend an open book just to the right of INDEPENDENCE for 4m, traverse around nose to the right for about 3m into an open book breaking through the overhang. Ascend the open book using small face on right to avoid large aloe and continue 6m to ledge.
- 3. 25m 13** Ascend to top.

*First ascent: 1972 M. Prior and P. Fatti.*

## **INDEPENDENCE**

**15 \*\***

Start between CLOCKWORK and BITTER ALOES.

- 1. 25m 13** Up left side of buttress to a large stance. (Right side of buttress is grade 10).
- 2. 28m 15** Traverse to left 6m around small corner to block where it is advisable to put in a piton for running belay. Continue up 4m to overhang. Traverse left across face - beware loose rock. 6m delicate climbing to a small corner thence straight up to ledge which is the main ledge of SLOUGH RIDGE.
- 3. 30m 8** A number of routes can be picked out to the summit.

### **Variation:**

- 1. 15** Climb the shallow recess which is almost halfway between the buttress of the first pitch and the buttress of SLOUGH RIDGE. A convenient stance is at a piton belay a short way up the second pitch.

*First ascent: 10 Oct 1953 R. Charlton, H. Rolfes and D. Fourie.*

## CLOCKWORK

15 \*\*\*

The climb follows a line between INDEPENDENCE and SLOUGH RIDGE and breaks through the upper section three meters to the left of the overhang on INDEPENDENCE.

- 1. 15m 15** Start in corner and climb face for 10m to deep righthand recess and stance with chock belay.
- 2. 21m 15** Traverse left for 3m to a crack and up to small ledge. Climb steep face for 5m then diagonally right and straight up to large ledge.
- 3. 25m 13** Climb crack to left of 2 deep recesses to top of block. Ascend face above.

*First ascent: 12 Dec 1976 E. Druschke and R. Stapley.*

## SLOUGH RIDGE

15 \*\*\*\*

Situated approximately in centre of Dome. On the slope below the start of the route is a twin-trunked tree growing out of the uphill side of a large boulder partly covered by a leafy bush.

- 1. 9m 13** Up main ridge to a small ledge about 1m square somewhat to left of ridge. A larger ledge of about the same size projects about 1½ m above the first. This second ledge or projecting rock is split down its centre for 3 to 4m forming a crack about 2m wide. This crack and projecting rock form the belay.
- 2. 13m 15** Immediately above the first pitch ledge is a face about 4m high. The route proceeds about 1m up on the extreme right of this face and thence as a horizontal hand-traverse of about 4m across the face to the extreme left of the face to reach an adequate foothold. At this point the climber is about 3m below an overhanging rock which is negotiated with the help of a crack at head level and a long step over to the right. This leads back to the main ridge up which the route proceeds about 9m to a ledge where two rock belays are available.

**3. 25m 15** Vertically up in crack for 6m then as a short traverse to right to the main ridge and thereafter straight up over good sound rock for a further 18m. This leads to a small ledge 3m wide about 4m above which is a second larger ledge carrying small bush used as belay. 3m further above this is a third larger grass covered ledge with small trees growing out on each side.

**4. 18m 10** The route goes straight up from this pail up a crack in a prominent face, to a beacon on the summit. The face on left of crack half way up is easier.

*First ascent: 11 Jun 1939 C. Nicholls, B. Harris and A. Hamer.*

## **TRAPEZE CRAG (MAJOR)**

**17 \*\*\***

Commences on the left edge of recess about 16m to left of SLOUGH RIDGE and works up to a red face below a large overhanging buttress. The commencement of the climb is roughly in line with the right-hand edge of this overhang.

**1. 18m 13** Straight up to a belay point about 6m below and in line with right edge of overhang.

**2. 12m 17** Traverse to left and upwards on delicate face below overhang. The traverse finishes very close to overhang and reaches a good belay on rock flake.

**3. 6m 8** Round the left of overhang to easier rock and tree belay

**4. 14m 9** 3m up on edge of buttress then traverse right to centre of face and up face to belay point on ledge.

**5. 18m 9** Over broken rock and on to grey sloping face which may be climbed up centre or on left edge.

### **Note:**

On this climb, only the leader completed the second pitch and the second man swung on the belay rope while attempting a hand traverse on a fixed horizontal rope which became

detached when he was half way from recess to face. Hence the name TRAPEZE CRAG.

**Variation:**

**5. 20m 11** Ascend right angled corner and continue straight up onto face above. Ascend face diagonally right until halfway up, then back leftwards. Very exposed.

*First ascent: 20 Nov 1938 C. Nicholls and C. Gebhardt.*

**TRAPEZE CRAG (MINOR)**

**11 \*\*\***

The last three pitches of this climb are the same as for TRAPEZE CRAG (MAJOR). The delicate traverse under the overhang on the Major climb is obviated by starting the climb on the ridge immediately below the left hand edge of the overhang.

It is advisable to make at least two pitches for this which are of grade 11 before linking with the Major route at the left edge of the overhang.

**Variation:**

**1. 10** Instead of climbing the ridge of the first pitch, follow the recess immediately to the left of the ridge.

*First ascent: 27 Nov 1938 C. Nicholls, D. Abercrombie and H. Howard.*

**ROSH HOSHANAH**

**13 \*\***

**1. 25m 10** Climb the face to left of TRAPEZE CRAG.

**2. 18m 11** Traverse right to corner then up to good stance.

**3. 9m 10** Climb up face to the left to a stance.

**4. 30m 13** Up long exposed face with a smooth orange face in the middle.

*First ascent: 1953 R. Charlton, H. Rolfes and S. Perry.*

## **HALLELUJIA FACE**

**10 \***

Start about 15m to left of TRAPEZE CRAG (MINOR) on the right edge of a column or buttress inclining upwards to the left.

**1. 18m 10** Follow the right hand edge of buttress to ledge at top.

**2. 20m 9** Traverse left 4m then diagonally up to left for 6m to a point vertically above a deeply cut recess on left going down to base of krantz. Thence upwards to right to a stance below a broken face.

**3. 20m 9** Vertically up over broken face to bushy stance below grey face.

**4. 20m 10** Either continue straight up in crack through centre of grey face above or incline right to bypass face and ascend in recess on right of face.

*First ascent: 4 May 1936 P. Houmoller, H. Biesheuvel, H.J. Baker, H. Wilson, H. Cornish and C.E. St. John Hutchinson.*

## **DOME FACE**

**13 \*\*\***

About 15m to the left of TRAPEZE CRAG MINOR is a deep recess extending upwards about 25m and 6m to 9m wide at base. A clump of trees grows immediately opposite this recess on the slope 15m further to the left.

From this clump of trees a series of broken and slightly overhanging faces join the grassy slope. The climb starts on these broken faces 15m to the left of a huge boulder with a tree growing out on its left-hand side.

- 1. 18m 13** Ascend the face to the right-hand edge of a projecting flake of rock about 4m high. Muscle up over this flake and then traverse left 3m and ascend to a stance with a tree belay in a recessed overhang.
- 2. 15m 13** Follow the line of a wide crack up to overhang formed by a chockstone with a sharp nose on right.
- 3. 12m 10** Muscle up over overhang and climb straight up line of cracks in adjacent buttresses to wide stance on top of block. This brings the climber halfway up the kranz and several routes from here may be picked out.
- 4. 25m 9** Traverse right to edge of grey-green face, and up right-hand edge of face - alternatively up recess on left of face for 6m then traverse diagonally across face to top corner.
- 5. ?m 6** Scramble over summit slopes.

*First ascent: 30 Aug 1936 J. Langmore, J. Oates and K. Ruhle.*

## **DOME CORNER**

**10 \*\***

About 20m left of DOME FACE. Starts in recess to the left of an overhanging block.

- 1. 25m 10** Climb straight up to stance above blocks.
- 2. 20m 10** Upwards to right across left face of a column to join top of third pitch of DOME FACE.
- 3. 20m 9** Climb up in corner to left of grey face. i.e. Face of DOME FACE.

*First ascent: 11 Oct 1936 G. von Grunewoldt, H. Ulsch and J. Langmore.*

## **DOME SANDWICH**

**13**

This climb starts between DOME CORNER and DOME FACE on a small reddish buttress just to the right of a crack with a tree about 6m off the ground.

- 1. 40m 13** Ascend the centre of the above mentioned buttress to the tree. Traverse left about 4m and then straight up to large stance, with a tree belay. (At this point the route crosses DOME CORNER)
- 2. 18m 11** From the tree ascend to about 3m below red overhang. Traverse left to a steep crack. Ascend crack to large ledge.
- 3. 25m 8** Continue up buttress to the right. (This is final pitch of CHOCKSTONE PINNACLE, but an independent last pitch can be made further right.)

*First ascent: Jun 1960 T.J. Kerrich, T. Wilson, P. Anderson, G. Daniels and M. Brett.*

## CHOCKSTONE PINNACLE

10

20m to left of DOME CORNER. Starts on a vertical rectangular buttress clearly defined by two vertical cracks going up about 12m and about 9m apart. A secondary buttress slightly lower and about 4m wide projects out from the main one.

1. **12m 10** Climb up centre of secondary buttress or pinnacle, to right of overhanging block (or to left of block) to a ledge on top of buttress.
2. **15m 10** Traverse left 3m and ascend to left of recess with block wedged in.
3. **15m 9** Follow line of ridge slightly to left and ascend over broken blocks to large ledge.
4. **12m 5** Traverse 12m right along base of face.
5. **17m 9** Up recess on left of overhanging column for 6m then traverse right to ridge of column and ascend to final stance on slopes.

*First ascent: 15 Feb 1936 P. Houmoller, G. Potter and J. Langmore.*

## **MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN**

**15 \*\***

On the left hand side of Dome beyond the main climbing area there is a slab of rock high on the krantz, undercut on the left side, forming a large recess.

**1. 20m 11** Start below the overhangs on the right-hand side of a large recess. Climb bearing to the right, first over easy ground, the last 6m more difficult leading to a good ledge with a bush.

**2. 25m 15** Move up a grassy gully for a few metres and traverse left for approximately 8m to the foot of the slab pitch. Climb the centre of the slab for about 6m. Move diagonally left passing hard tufts of grass. Move back right onto the slab or continue up an arete to a good belay. (A serious pitch, delicate, exposed and sparsely protected).

*First ascent: Sep 1976 Alvin Wood, John Gregory and Clive Ward.*

## **LADYBIRD CORNER**

**7**

This is one of the several easy routes on the western end of the Dome where the rock is broken and lies back at an easier angle.

*First ascent: 11 May 1936 Mr. & Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Messrs. S. & H. Biesheuvel.*

## **SUNDOWNER CRACK**

**15 \*\*\***

Start on the extreme left-hand side of Dome in NATTER GULLY about 30m up on the right-hand side. The climb follows a vertical crack running from the top to the bottom.

**1. 35m 15** Start from a large ledge. Climb up a short crack and wall at the base of the main crack. Move left into a corner and climb straight up to a block on the right. Continue up the crack until it is possible to move out right. Climb the wall to a good ledge. To make an interesting finish, continue up the slightly overhanging crack and wall above to a good belay.

*First ascent: 12 Dec 1976 E. Druschke and R. Stapley.*

## **WOBBIN**

**15 \*\***

Start at large ledge on the left hand side of NATTER GULLY directly below a feature on the wall resembling a staircase.

**1. 40m 15** Climb the wall directly below the right-hand end of the "staircase" to a large flake with a narrow chimney behind it. Climb into the bottom of the chimney and then make a rising traverse left for 6m along the "staircase" and up onto a large dubious block. Traverse right for 5m to an open book and ascend this to top.

*First ascent: 21 Jan 1984 P.A. Wallek, R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.*

## GRANDSTAND

8

About 30m west of NATTER GULLY is a broken buttress inclining upwards to the right. This buttress can be identified by a V-recess on its left, which, in turn is about 10m east of CHATTER FACE.

The route follows the buttress to the top and may be divided into two or three pitches.

*First ascent: 1949 J. de Villiers Graaff.*

## TECHNIQUE

15

Start as for CHATTER FACE, in crack.

**1. 30m 13** Ascend directly for 9m and then traverse right at this level across a face to a tree in recess. (It is possible to avoid this pitch by ascending this gully/recess directly from below).

**2. 15m 15** Move back slightly on the corner (i.e. to left), climb up a few metres and mantle shelf on to a smallish ledge. Swing across right into open book recess so that your feet find purchase on a foothold at the level of a downward growing aloe. Ascend the recess to a tree (3 man stance).

**3. 20m 13** Continue up open book for 15m to the foot of a layback crack. Traverse right with feet at level where grey rock meets the red overhanging rock to rocks on corner. Continue to the top.

### Variation:

**2. 13** Instead of swinging across as mentioned before one can climb a little higher until one's feet are at the level of the handholds for the swing across - and then traverse right into the open book using very fine handholds.

*First ascent: 5 Oct 1963 J. Anderson, Miss J. Galvin and Miss G. Waldman.*

## CHATTER FACE

15 \*\*\*\*

Approximately 150m west of NATTER GULLY is a large red nose about 30m up on the krantz and protruding about 8m from flat grey faces on either side of it. The climb is on the face to the right of the nose. Scramble up easy rock to the base of the face at the bottom of a slit which runs up the centre of the face for its full length.

**1. 30m 15** Ascend diagonally leftwards across the face to a cave like recess in the corner between face and nose halfway up the nose. The face is exposed and delicate. Stance at a 1m x 1m ledge at the base of the shallow cave.

**2. 9m 10** Traverse right and ascend about 3m to a small stance in the slit. Belay to piton and blocks.

**3. 30m 13** Ascend for 3m just to right of slit and then traverse into slit. Continue up slit to top or traverse out on to face about 6m from top and continue from there to top.

### **Variation:**

Instead of pitches 2 and 3 climb up from the cave and out left on to nose. Follow nose to top (15).

*First ascent: 1937 R. Barry (Solo)*

## RELUCTANCE

17 \*\*\*

The route generally follows the crack which is to the left of CHATTER FACE and thus immediately right of the nose. At the level of the nose, the crack itself is somewhat overhanging. Near the top the crack again overhangs.

**1. 12m 11** Climb up the crack and over a small tree. Continue in the crack to a stance below the point where it starts to overhang.

**2. 30m 17** Continue up the crack for 1½ m. Move on to left-hand wall and go up the wall until the crack is regained. Move out from under the overhang to the right and move up the crack to a good stance below the top overhang. (This is a common stance with CHATTER FACE).

**3. 25m 13, A2** Make two artificial moves (A2) up the wall on the left and then continue directly upwards to the top. Alternatively climb variation of CHATTER FACE, which is to climb over the overhang in the crack, then climb diagonally left to the top.

*First ascent: 3 Jul 1964 T. Chinery, C. Cowley and B. Honey.*

## BEELZEBUB

17,A1 \*\*

**1. 23m 13** Climb in the same recess forming the start of RELUCTANCE. Traverse left as soon as possible. Continue traversing diagonally left below slab and climb the cracks immediately left of the slab to the top of a block below the first small overhang left of the nose.

**2. 35m 17,A1** Step up and traverse right under a series of small overhangs to the left-hand side of the nose. Climb a thin crack (A1, 3 points of aid) until it is possible to step out right just below the top of the nose tip (loose block). Step around and climb straight up the bridge of the nose.

*First ascent: Sep 1976 Alvin Wood and Clive Ward.*

## **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**

**21 \*\*\***

Climbs directly up the centre of the FALLEN ANGEL slab – a harder companion to that route. Start at the same point as the main pitch of FALLEN ANGEL.

**1. 40m 21** Ascend the slab, following the line of 4 bolts, with difficult moves above bolt number 4. Near the top, ascend cracks to a rail, move 1½ m right and follow the right hand crack to a ledge. A brilliant pitch.

*First ascent: Nov 1988 R. Dodding and B. Marcus. (Bolts placed by D. Margetts.)*

## **FALLEN ANGEL**

**20 \*\*\*\***

The route is situated on an obvious green-grey smooth slab to the left of the nose mentioned in CHATTER FACE.

**1. 30m 13** Scramble up through vegetation to centre of slab. Traverse right to big ledge in corner or belay from small stance at the bottom of the slab (pegs).

**2. 45m 20** Climb crack with two old pegs at the top then up onto slab for 10m (2 bolts in position for protection) until one can traverse left 3m into second crack system. Climb this for 20m with hard sections at mid-height. Step out right at top to good ledge. A sustained pitch.

**3. 6m 15** Step back left onto wall and up.

*First ascent: Feb 1983 A. Wood and C. Ward.*

To the left of the BEELZEBUB 'nose' is a grey green smooth face bounded on its left by a reddish ridge. The climb starts below the centre of the face and continues to the left, partly on the ridge and partly in the crack between ridge and face.

**1. 20m 10** Start below centre of face and ascend in more or less a straight line on nondescript rock to a large boulder with bushes on its left-hand side. Good belay.

**2. 12m 15** From the belay step out on the face to the right and ascend diagonally in the same direction for approximately 9m until a small grass ledge on the right-hand side of the main face is reached (small tree to the right). A pull up on grass affords access to this ledge. Traverse 4m to the left until a very evident crack in the middle of the face is reached, ascend to the top of this (4m) where an excellent piton is in place, descend 3m to the level of a few tufts of grass embedded in the face, then traverse to the left horizontally to a tiny cubbyhole in the crack between the main face and the face of the lefthand ridge. (It is possible to climb more directly on this pitch – delicate, thus avoiding section to the right.)

**3. 25m 17** From here on handholds and footholds can be found on the face of this ridge which is perpendicular to the main face. Ascend on this face for 13 - 15m, leaving the crack a few metres on your right, past a large aloe embedded in the crack until a small tree is reached in the crack. From here ascend a further 3 - 4m and then traverse to the left across the ridge face till the ridge proper is reached. Here a good ledge gives an adequate belay.

**Notes:**

**1.** The second pitch is delicate. The third pitch is strenuous and sustained.

**2.** In 1937 R. Barry and J. Langmore did a climb graded 19 on a route embracing both the face and ridge on this feature. Their route was not recorded in detail, nor was it named,

though it is probable that their climb followed very closely the route repeated as ADVANCED HIGHWAY.

**Variation:**

Variation from the cubby hole:

From the cubby hole follow the crack for 1½ m. From there up to the small tree, (except for a few places) one can climb with part of the body on the face of the ridge and the other part using the crack, in a sort of straddle position. From the small tree, step out to the left and ascend directly to the stance.

**4. 10m 8** Follow easy rock to summit.

*First ascent: 1 Feb 1953 D. Bell, A. Bell and F. Villa.*

**FRESH AIR**

**17 \*\***

The climb is situated between ADVANCED HIGHWAY and BEATLE BROW, following a prominent ridge.

**1. 25m 10** Ascend the face below the ridge.

**2. 35m 17** Climb the left face of the ridge. Move to the right (awkward) from the face to the ridge, just below a vertical wall. Continue up on slightly overhanging rock on the ridge. Move up easier ground to the top. (This pitch has thin grips and later becomes strenuous but has good protection on good rock.)

*First ascent: 1965 H. Vogl and G. Engelhardt.*

## **BEETLE BROW**

**15,A0 \*\*\***

The climb commences immediately below a very prominent square overhang. The bottom of the first pitch is reached by climbing up about 9m of easy rock to below the west edge of the overhang.

**1. 30m 15** Move diagonally up across the face below the overhang to a vertical aloe filled crack. Then follow the crack to a one man stance immediately under the right hand edge of the overhang. Piton belay.

**2. 12m 15,A0** Ascend the crack for about 6m and when possible move out by stepping on a peg to the nose above the overhang. Climb about 3m up the recess on the nose to a small one man stance. Piton belay.

**3. 25m 11** Descend 4m and traverse 4m on to the open face. Climb up the face to a tree belay above preceding stance.

*First ascent: Jan 1964 C. Cowley and B. Honey.*

## WAGES OF SIN

19

The route takes the obvious slab above the prominent square overhang mentioned in BEATLE BROW.

Start at the base of the ridge, directly below the left hand side of the overhang (cairn).

**1. 30m 15** Make a rising traverse leftwards over blocks to enter the recess/chimney system adjacent to a small tree.

Climb recess over easy ground to good belay with tree.

**2. 20m 13** Continue up the crack system in the right hand side of the recess to a tree belay below a large chockstone.

Poor protection.

**3. 35m 19** From the belay, traverse to the edge of the slab and continue right for 4m until it is possible to climb up to gain a "sentry box". From the "sentry box" climb straight up the centre of the slab trending slightly right and back left to avoid the vegetation on the left. Continue to the top of the slab and a large block belay. An impressive pitch.

*First ascent: 18 Nov 1984 P. Wallek and R. Dodding.*

## SHORT WALL SPECIAL

17

Situated 40m left of BEATLE BROW on a short steep brown face.

**1. 20m 17** Climb the crack in the middle of the face to some small overhangs. Traverse right and up to a ledge on the edge of the face.

**2. 25m 11** Move up left through some friendly aloes and continue up the broken rock to the top.

*First ascent: Jun 1976 Alvin Wood, Garry Glitter and Clive Ward.*

## PICTURE BOOK

17 \*\*\*

Location - an obvious open book 100m left of BEATLE BROW.

- 1. 15m 11** Climb a short slab on the left up a corner to a ledge and tree belay.
- 2. 25m 15** Climb the crack in the crease of the open book. Just before the crack bulges step over to the left page. Continue until level with a small ledge on the right page. Step over to the right. Belay.
- 3. 35m 17** Traverse right until below a small flake higher up on the wall. Move up and straddle past the flake. Traverse right around a corner. Continue right across a small slab to a crack on the right hand side. Climb the crack and recess to the top.

### Note:

The climb is serious and exposed.

### Variation:

For a direct finish:

- 3. 35m 13,A1** Climb the left face for 4m then continue up the smooth crack to a roof. Move left on two pitons around a corner where the smooth crack continues. Finish diagonally left across a vertical wall. (16 Apr 1972 G. Moseley and A. Dick)

*First ascent: 13 Jun 1971 Eckhard Druschke and Clive Ward.*

## THE MISSION

26/27

Climbs the center of the wall to the left of PICTURE BOOK (about 80m left of FALLEN ANGEL).

Scramble up to the base of the wall next to a tree.

- 1. 35m 26/27** Climb straight up the slab past a peg and 2 bolts to where it eases. Move up and left and climb the steep crack with a tricky move onto the arête. Scramble up 10m to a ledge and rap point.

*First ascent: Feb 1992 Stewart Middlemiss.*

## **ALOECAUST**

**20**

Climbs some cracks up an arête about 12m left of THE MISSION.

**1. 20m 20** Climb the arête and a small awkward open book past a small overlap to a ledge. Rap point on the right.

*First ascent: Feb 1992 Stewart Middlemiss, Mike Loewe and Wendy Jenkin.*

## **STEPGAP**

**13 \*\***

The route follows an arete 35m left of PICTURE BOOK. Scramble up to the base of a recess splitting the lower part of the arete.

**1. 20m 13** Start in the recess and after 2m traverse left into the base of another shallow recess. Climb this to the top and continue up and right to a small stance on a ledge on the edge of the first recess.

**2. 35m 13** From the right-hand end of the ledge step across the recess and climb up the right-hand side to a ledge. Move up on the left, traverse 5m right and climb up 3m. Step back left and climb up on steep rock to where the angle eases. Continue diagonally right to a stance in a shallow recess.

**3. 25m 9** Climb up the recess and continue to the top.

*First ascent: 13 Jun 1978 P. Fatti, A. Jaquet, H. Seuring and P. Roussouw.*

## **HOT SUNDAY**

**17 \*\***

Situated 60m left of PICTURE BOOK and 25m left of STEPGAP. To avoid a loose soil gully climb up a small buttress to the left (10) to a large ledge below two parallel crack lines. The right being more of a recess, the left a defined crack line.

**1. 20m 17** Climb the left crack to a 3m block with a small tree on top and overhang above. Stance at base.

**2. 25m 13** Step out left from top of the block and climb the wall above to a tree stance.

**3. 10m 9** To avoid vegetation, climb short wall and scramble to top.

*First ascent: 11 Dec 1977 Greg Moseley and Clive Ward.*

## **BLOW FLY**

**15**

Start 4m right of EASY DAY FOR A LADY, in a recess.

**1. 20m 15** Climb the recess to a small tree. Move on to a broken face. Three fault lines down. Climb the middle one to a small ledge. Step left to a defined Vee-shaped recess. Climb up to a small ledge with a Bonsai tree.

**2. 25m 15** Climb the short wall above the belay and traverse left to a corner and crack. Climb up a few metres to a ledge and step over right on to wall. Move up diagonally right. Climb a slab a metre or two right of a vegetation-filled crack to the top.

*First ascent: 11 Nov 1979 Alvin Wood, Alan Lambert and Clive Ward.*

## **EASY DAY FOR A LADY**

**15**

Located 10m left of HOT SUNDAY at the base of a broken crack system that runs diagonally left.

**1. 20m 15** Climb the crack for approximately 15m and branch left out of the main crack taking in a small overhang with a shallow recess on its right. Climb over the overhanging rock to a ledge and stance. Block belay.

**2. 30m 13** Step up and left to a small ledge and short face. Climb this moving left and then straight up. Continue up until a small grassy ramp leads left. Follow this until you reach the left hand side of a face. This is right of a shallow recess and overhanging gully. Climb up the edge of this face to the top.

*First ascent: 30 Apr 1978 David Hughes, Felicity Eggleston and Clive Hard.*

## **LOST ARROW**

**19**

Located 50m up CHAPEL GULLY at a recess on the left.

**1. 20m 19** Climb up into the recess until a small overhang is reached. Climb the overhang, using a long stretch to small holds to gain a good ledge (crux). Continue up the crack to a "Lost Arrow" piton. (Just below this is an easy way off). Continue for about 4m to a stance.

**2. 18m 11** Traverse left along a fault on good holds until a corner is reached. Climb around corner and up until rock runs out.

*First ascent: 27 Jun 1971 Eckhardt Druschke and Clive Ward.*

## CHAPEL BUTTRESS

15

When viewed from the east there are two prominent trees on the buttress, one at a third height and the other at two thirds, the lower tree being slightly left of the upper. Below and to the right of the lower tree are three vertical grooves starting at a ledge 9m up.

Walk out along the starting ledge from CHAPEL GULLY to a tree belay just before the first groove.

**1. 25m 15** Traverse left to the first groove and move up 4m to where a swing left is made into the next groove (15). Move up this for a few metres and swing left again to a short awkward crack leading to the lower tree. Ascend the crack to the tree (15) and move up left to a large stance. (Instead of ascending the first groove one can traverse to the second groove - easier.)

**2. 25m 13** Move diagonally right under a small overhang to a ledge 9m, then ascend the narrow recess above the tree to the top.

*First ascent: 1938*

*C. Nicholls and D. Abercrombie.*

## CHAPEL CORNER

11

In the description of CHAPEL BUTTRESS two prominent trees are mentioned, one two thirds up and one a third up and slightly to the left. There is a grey ridge immediately left of the lower tree. The ridge is undercut and red for the first 6m from the ground. The top of the ridge is about halfway up the face. The route goes up the left side of the ridge to its top, thence up the recessed face above.

**1. 18m 10** Scramble 4m and start in corner at narrow crack formed by the ridge and main face. Ascend 1½ m and move right 1m. A section past a loose flake and aloes brings one to the base of a 15cm wide crack up the flank of the ridge. (This point can also be reached by traversing from the first pitch of CHAPEL BUTTRESS, from the foot of the crack just

below the lower tree. This is a pleasanter alternative being cleaner). Move left into the corner formed by the ridge and the main face, and continue to the top of the ridge (8).

**2. 25m 11** The crack directly above which is divided for part of its length by a rib is now climbed. The right branch is marked by a (loose) chockstone. Avoid the chockstone by climbing on the face to the right, re-entering the crack above the chockstone. Continue to the top. The rock is pleasant and steep.

### **Variations:**

**1. 13** Instead of moving left at the 15cm crack in pitch 1, ascend the crack. An awkward portion in the crack can be more easily climbed by using a couple of foot grips out to the left.

**2. 13** Instead of the 2nd pitch ascend to the left, start in a V shaped recess to the left of the crack. Then ascend to the left of a smooth steep slab to a small ledge. From this point which is below a small overhang, move right and up across the top of the smooth slab, thus bypassing the overhang and entering a shallow crack. Follow this crack on easier rock to the top. This pitch is equally pleasant.

*First ascent: 14 Jul 1965 M. Prior, R.F. Davies, I. Cohen and R. Green.*

## **CHAPEL CLEFT**

**15, A1**

The climb is located one third way up CHAPEL GULLY on the left. It passes to the left of a prominent wide overhang. The climb starts at a gnarled tree about 6m high. Between the tree and the face is a large 3m high block.

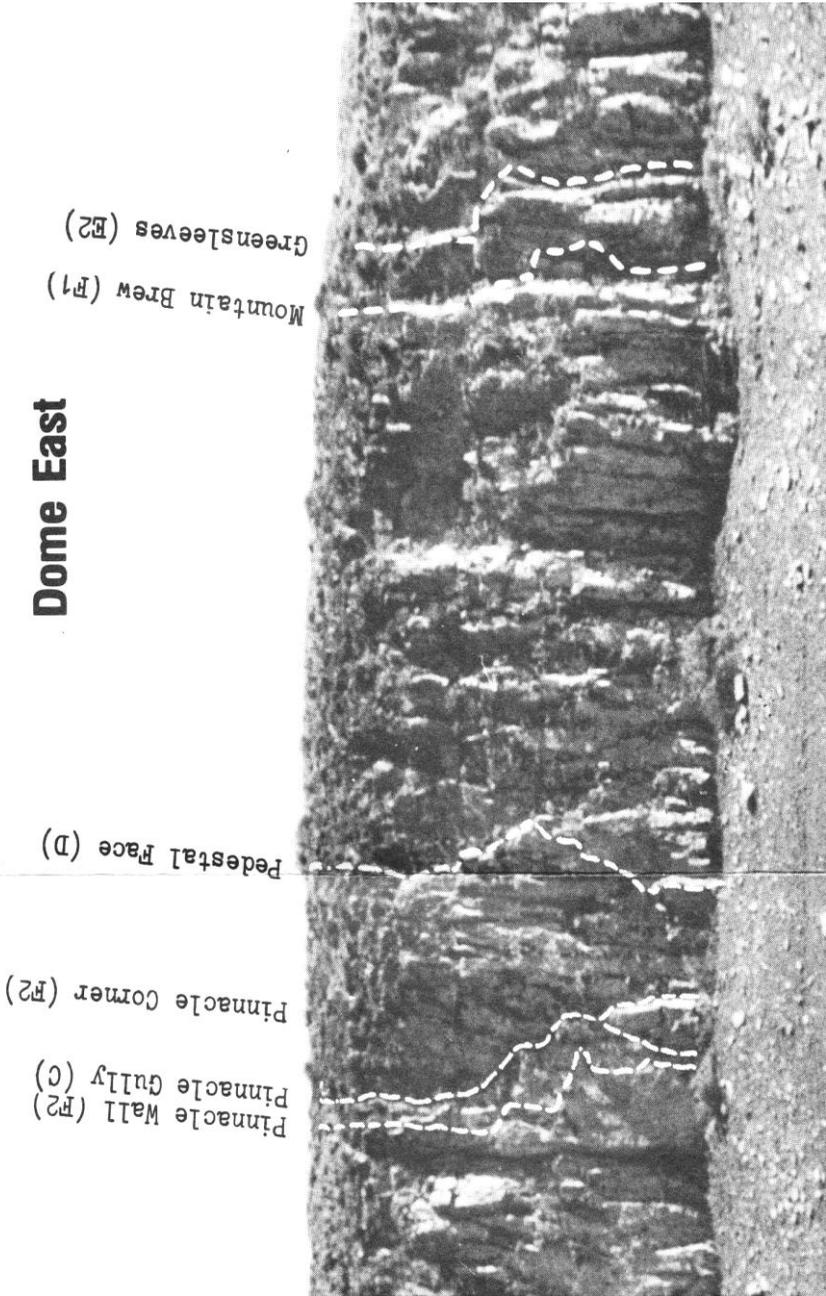
**1. 18m 15** Ascend the recess on dark coloured rock to a comfortable stance below a small overhang.

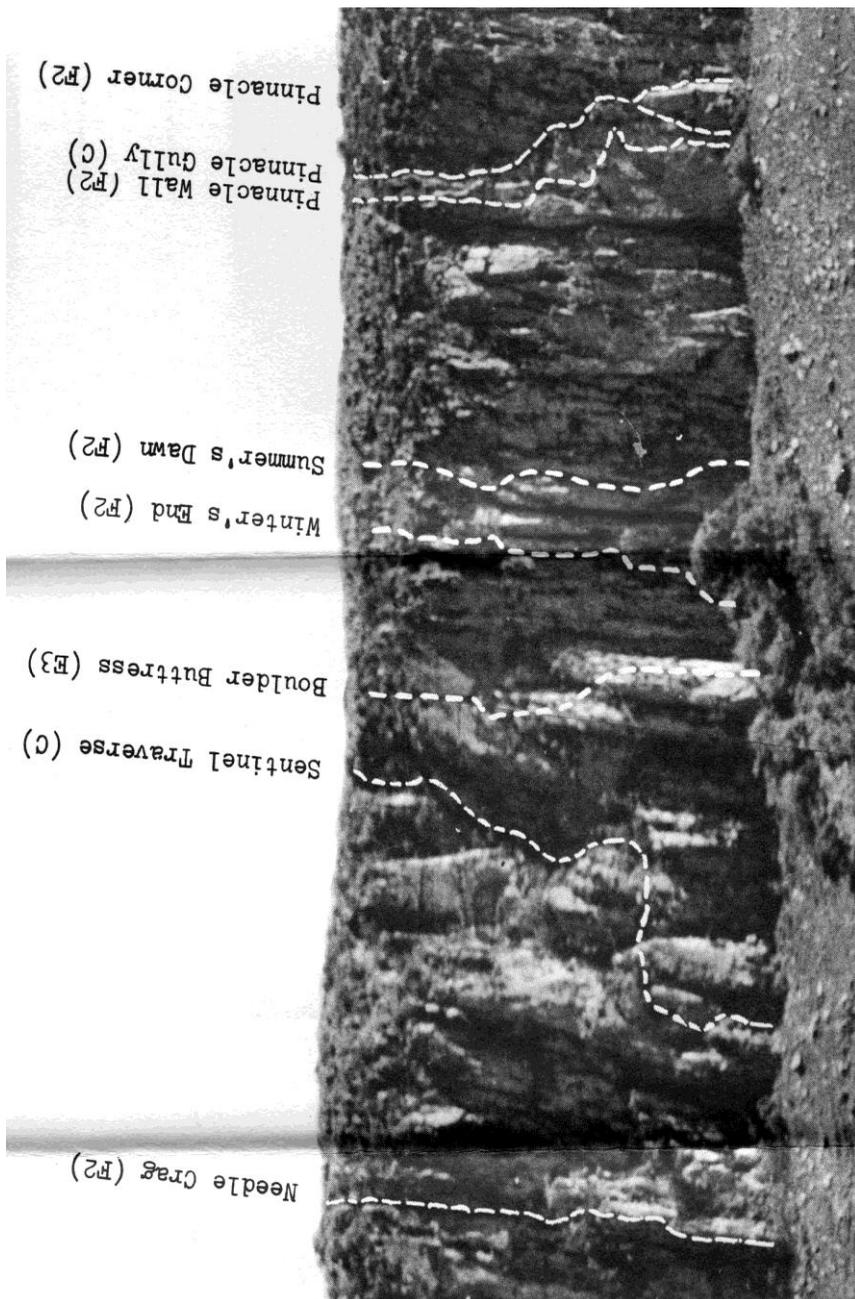
**2. 6m 15,A1** Climb the overhang. (Piton belay.)

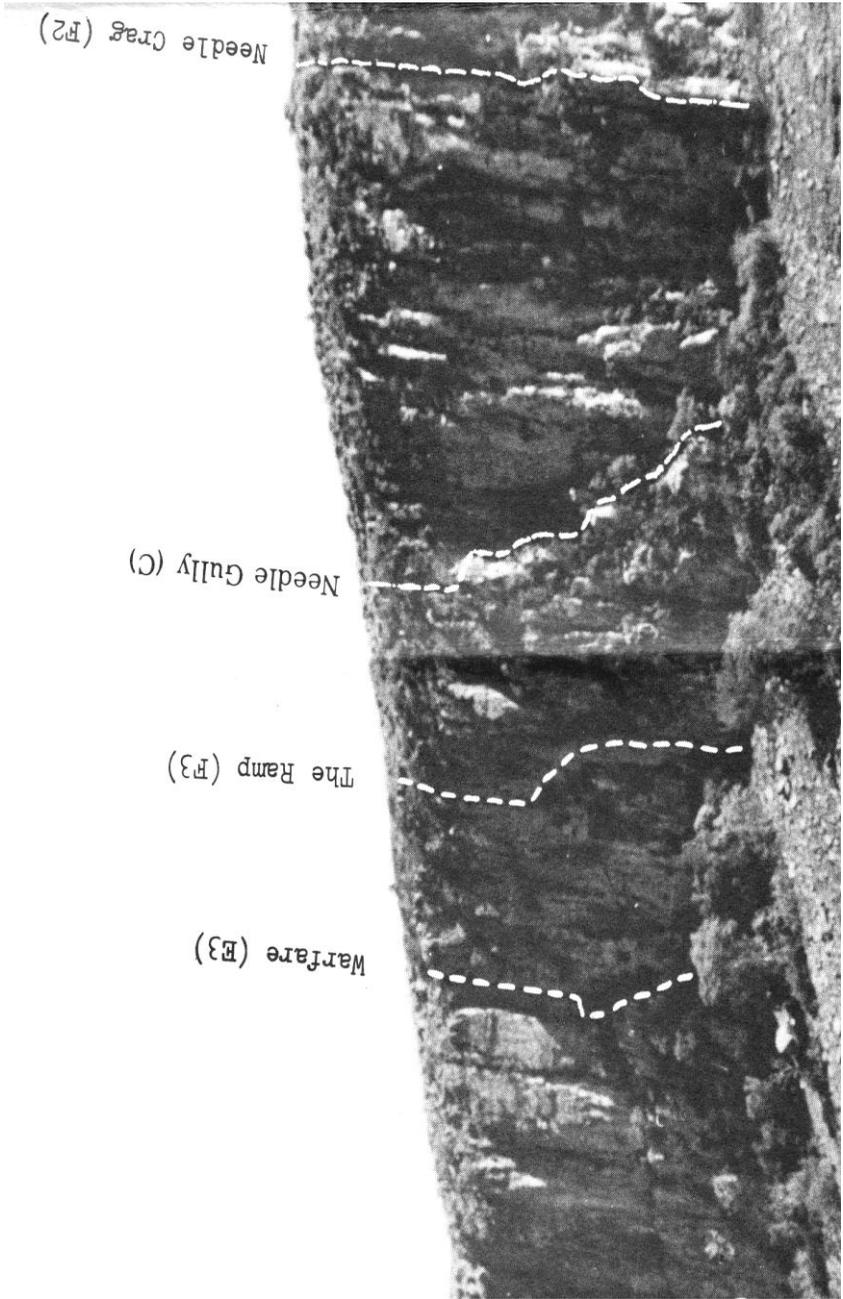
**3. 12m 10** Continue up the recess until a second overhang is reached. Move out right at this point and then ascend.

*First ascent: Feb 1964 C. Cowley and B. Honey.*

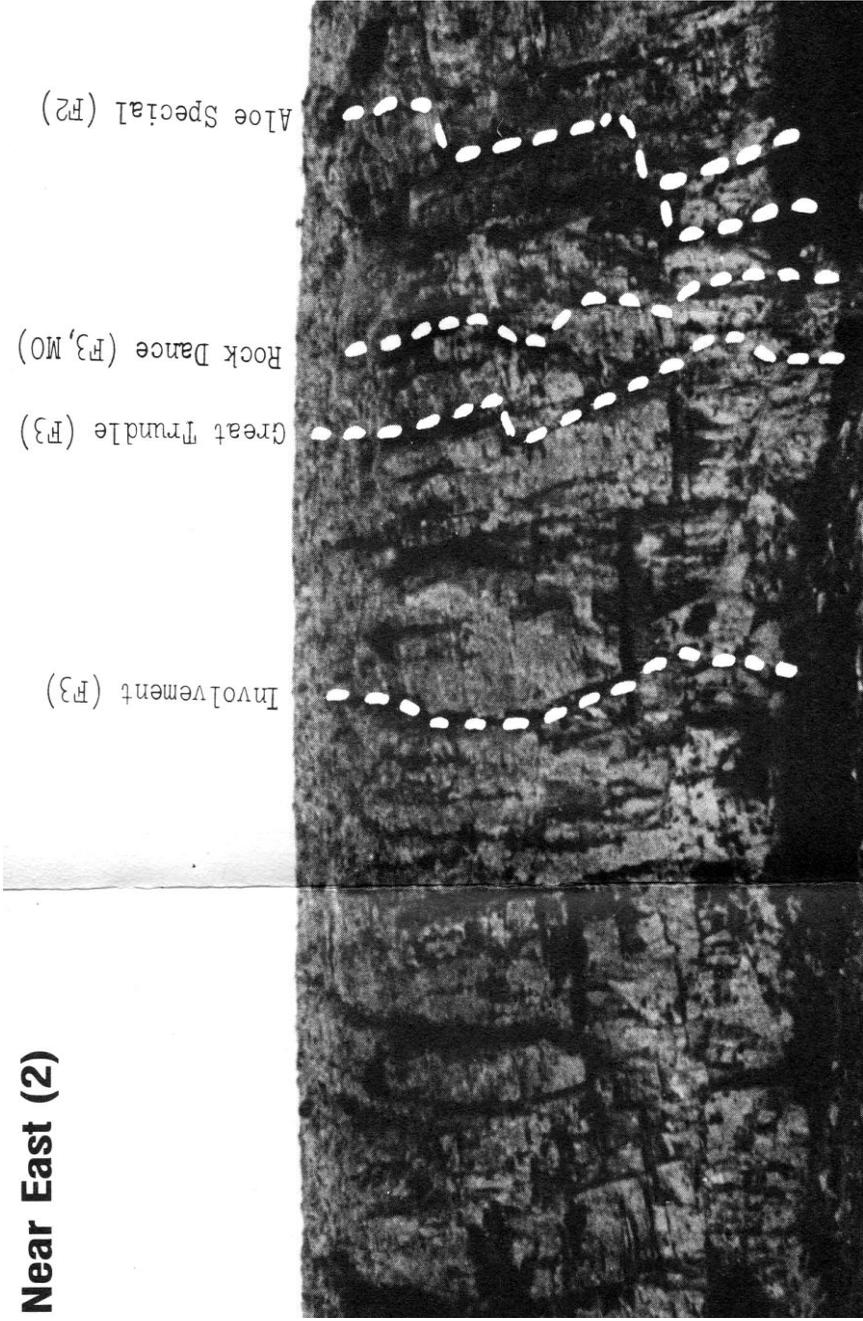
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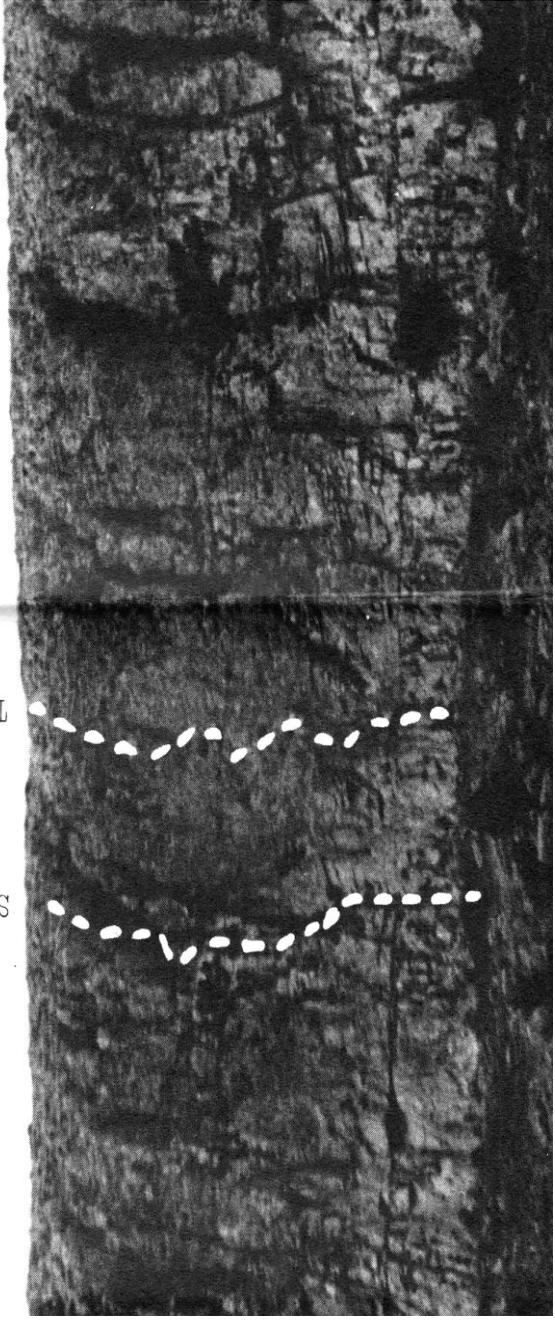
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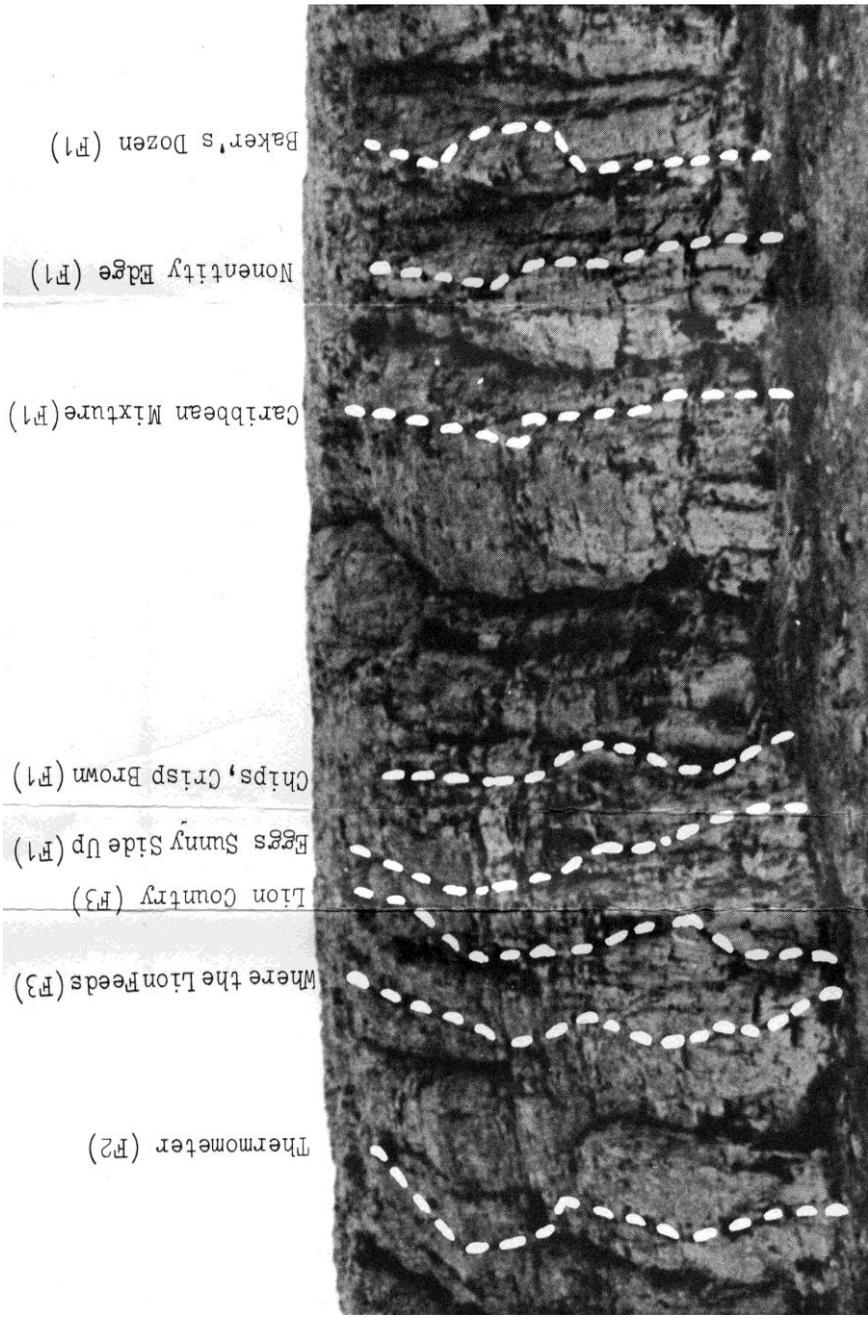


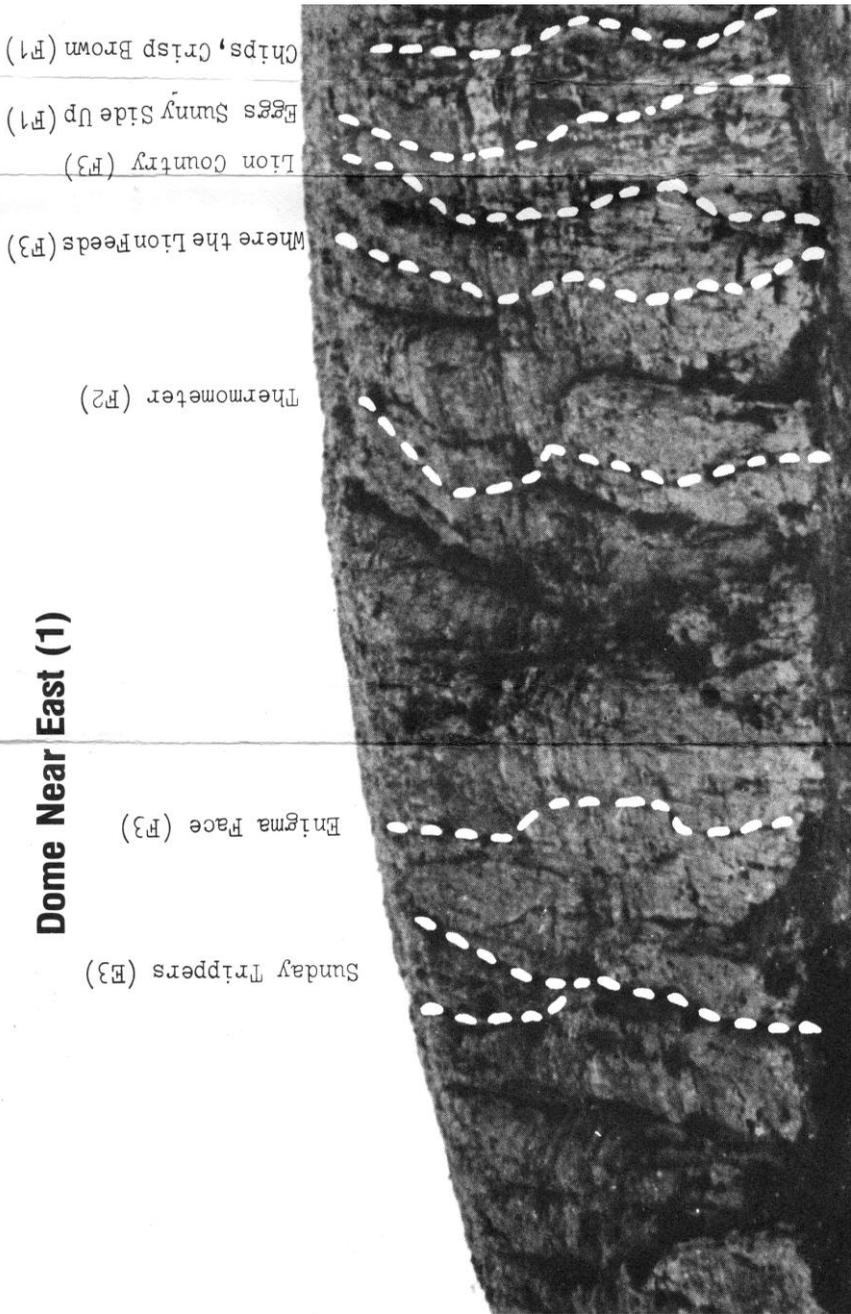
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Thinwall Special (F3)

Sunburnt Forkie (H2)

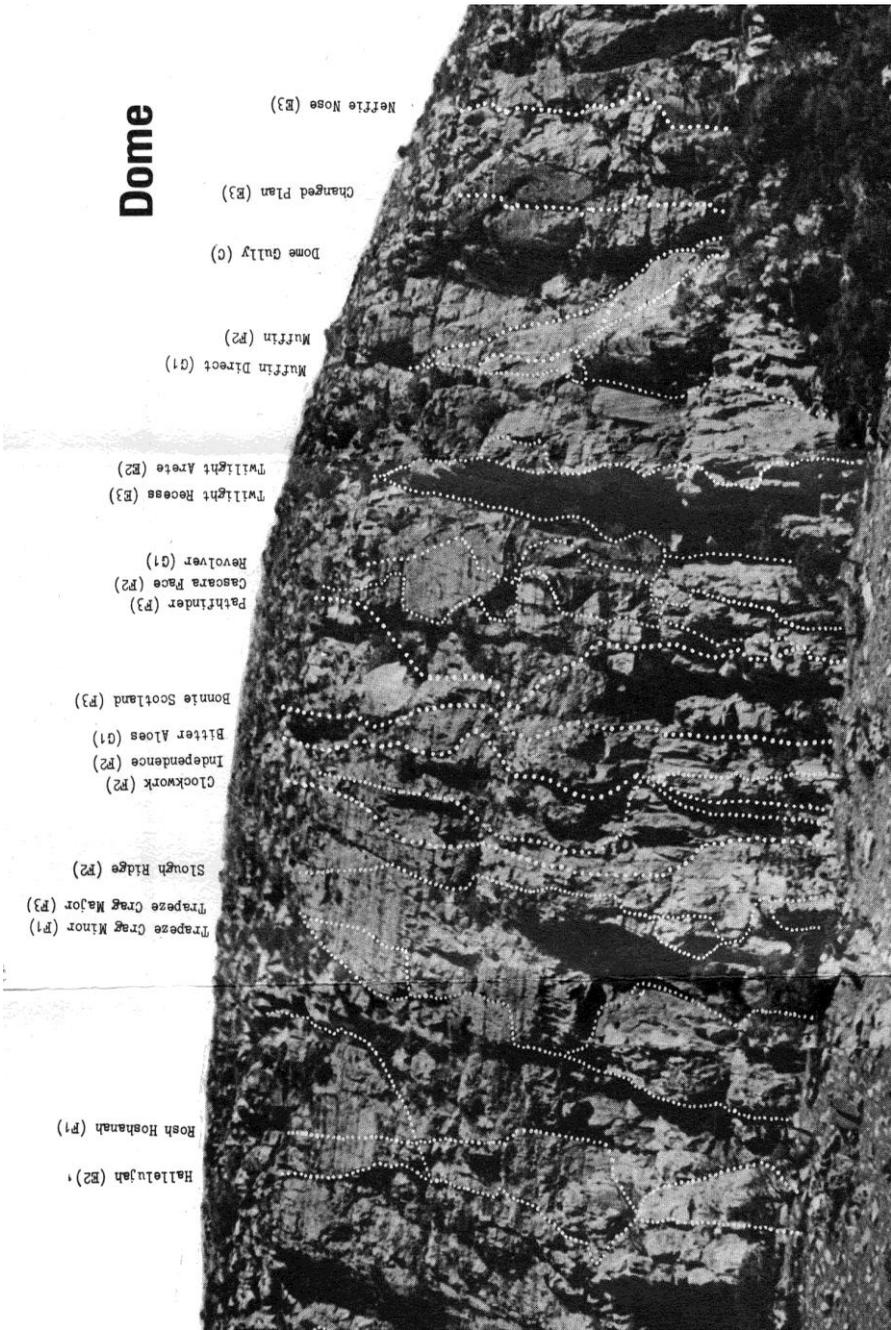


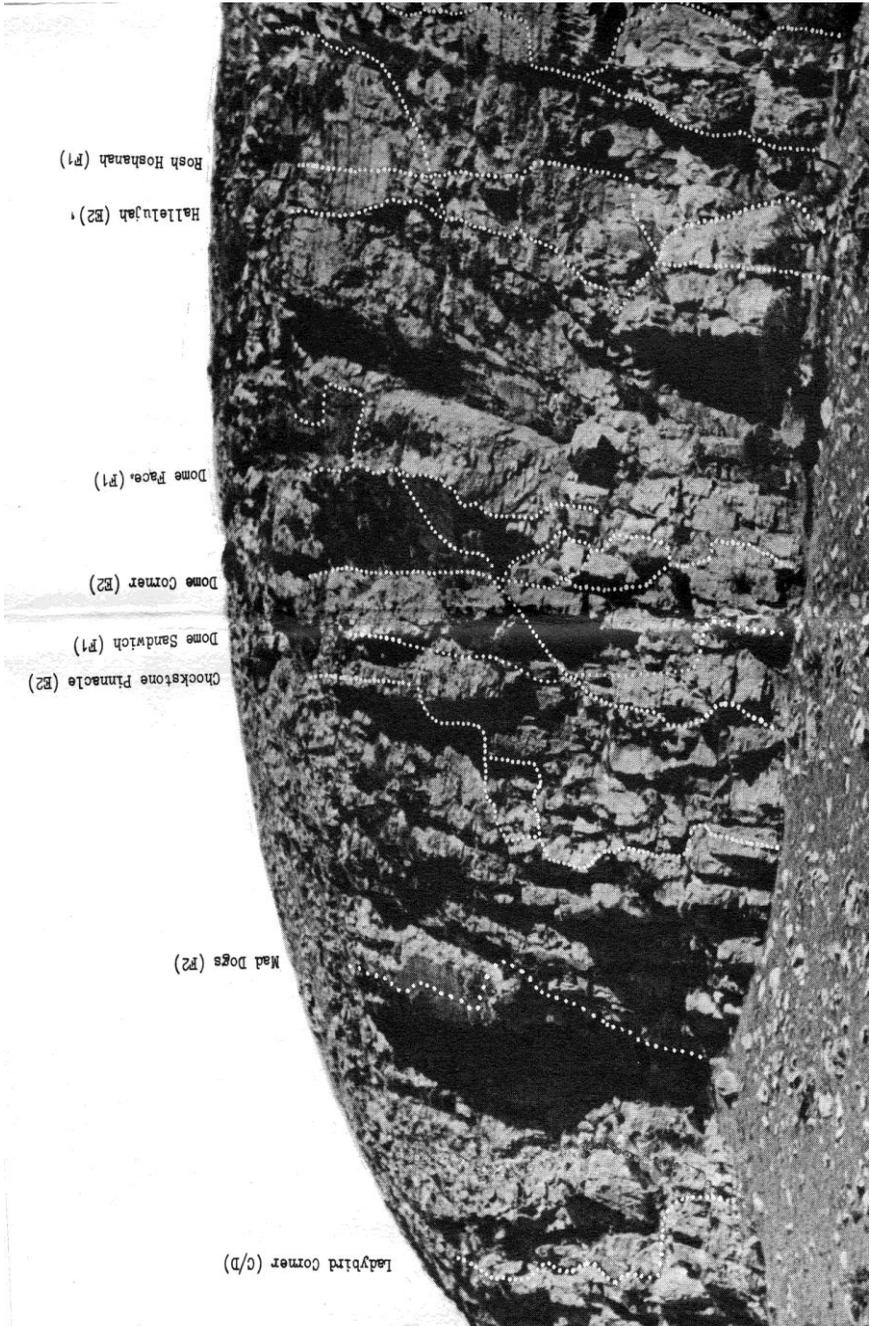


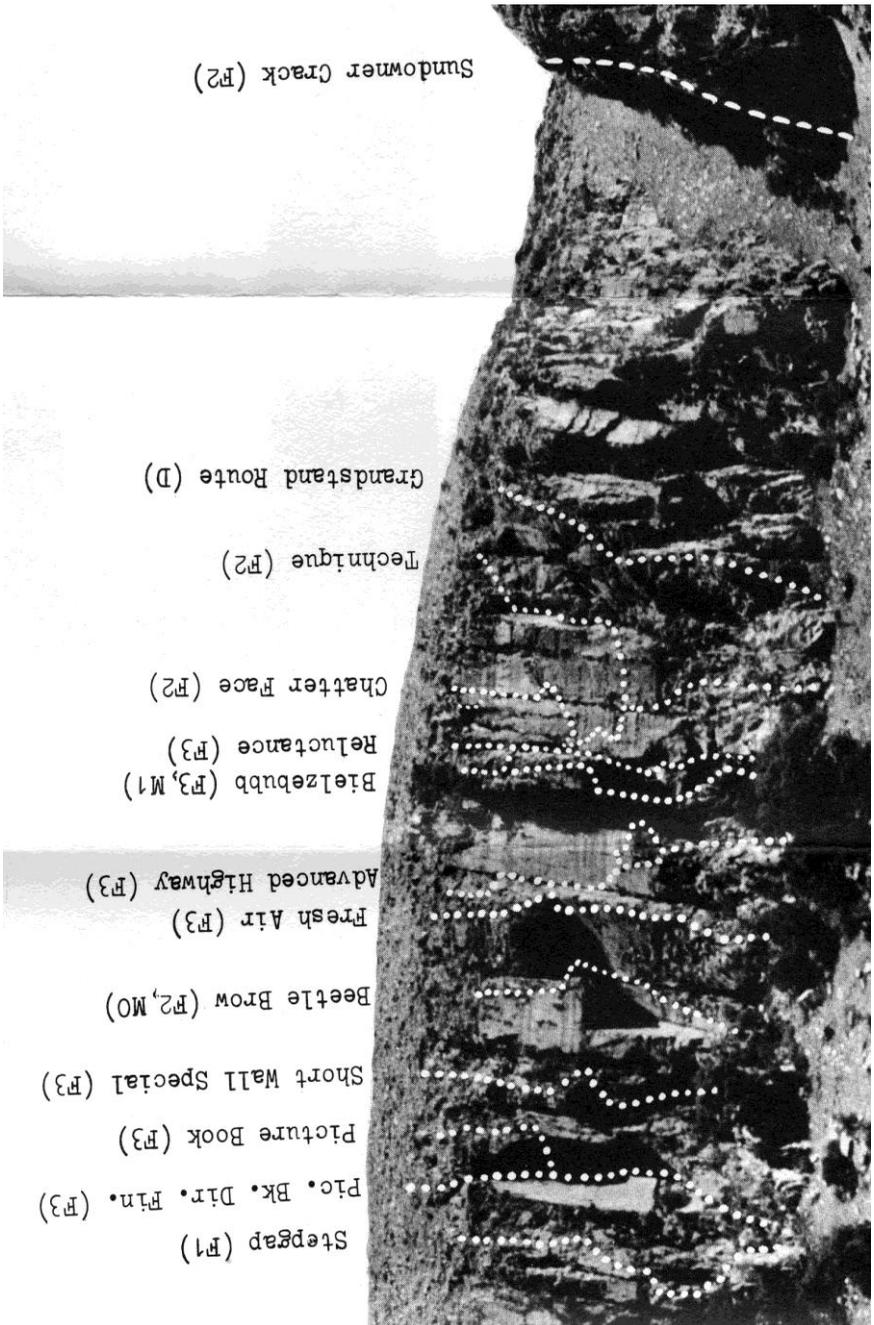


**Dome Near East (1)**

# Dome







Sundowner Crack (F2)

Grandstand Route (D)

Technique (F2)

Chatter Face (F2)

Bielzebubb (F3, M1)  
Reluctance (F3)

Advanced Highway (F3)

Fresh Air (F3)

Beetle Brow (F2, MO)

Short Wall Special (F3)

Picture Book (F3)

Pic. Bk. Dir. Flin. (F3)

Stepgap (F1)



Hot Sunday (F3)  
Blowfly (F2)  
Easy Day (F2)

Chapel Gleft (F2, M1)  
Chapel Corner (F3)  
Chapel Buttress (F2)  
Lost Arrow (G1)

## **FOUNTAIN GULLY**

Fountain Gully is one of the more attractive of the south facing climbing areas. The meet point is at prominent cave near the top of the gully on the east side. It is screened by trees, faces west and receives sun in the late afternoon.

The name derives from the small spring which rises the top of the gully and is the highest source of perennial water in the Magaliesberg. Even in the dry years it has never been known to fail.

On the approach slope it is advisable not to climb straight up to the gully as this is very bushy. Rather traverse diagonally right to the boundary fence and follow an incipient path up the hill. Just below the rock face move back left into the gully and up to the cave.

There are three buttresses: West, East and Far East. Far East climbs are best approached by climbing over the top of the East Buttress and descending a B/C ramp on the western edge of the Far East Buttress.

The climbs tend to be short (about 50m) but the rock good. The older climbs on the West Buttress tend to be vegetated but those on the East Buttress are much cleaner. The best climbs are on the Far East Buttress e.g. FLUTED FACE. The best routes for medium grade climbers are MULTITUDE, THE SYNDICATE, MYOPIA, HOLD FAST and GRINGO FACE.

It is not easy to find some of the starts of the routes on the East Buttress. Where the bush is thickest at base of the East Buttress cliff, a ledge (the lunch ledge) outs across the face about 1m above the slope. A number of routes, namely CADENZA, SWORD OF DAMOCLES, MYOPIA, PERSUASION, THE SYNDICATE and CROSSROADS start from this ledge. LAST TANGO starts on the extreme of the cliff, while MEAT PIE,

BACON AND EGG PIE and NEPOTISM lie on the steep wall right of HOAX CRACK.

### **Note**

The west (left-hand) section of the East Buttress is not shown on the photograph. (This includes the usual meet point, which lies just right, the gully shown in the photograph illustrating the West Buttress.)

### **Safety**

There is a large group of trees on the corner 90m below the meeting place at the cave. The dump is 9m up from the base of the large tree, under a large chockstone which forms a roof over the narrow gully between a huge buttress and the main rock face.

## FOUNTAIN GULLY: List of Climbs

<b>Climb Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Stars</b>	<b>Pg</b>
WALK ON THE WIDE SIDE	19	****	88
NEPOTISM	19	**	79
FALKLAND FRENZY	17	***	93
BACON & EGG PIE	17	**	79
GRIT	17	**	77
THE LUG	17	**	76
THE SHIELD	17	**	86
RAINMAKER	17	*	92
CROSSROADS	16	****	82
THE FLUTED FACE	16	**	77
SWORD OF DAMOCLES	15	****	85
DEGRADATION	15	**	92
LIGHTNING BOLT	15	**	87
MEATPIE	15	**	80
LAST TANGO	15	*	86
PERSUASION	15	*	83
THE SYNDICATE	15	*	82
BUMBLE BEE	15		76
BONZO	13	***	89
HOAX CRACK (VARIATION)	13	**	81
MULTITUDE	13	**	78
CADENZA	13	*	85
MYOPIA	13	*	84
HOAX CRACK	13		81
PARAPLEGIC	13		96
PHYDEAUX	13		88
HOLDFAST	11	*	91
GAPER	11		76
PEEK-A-BOO TRAIL	11		89
PINOCCHIO	11		87
GRINGO FACE	10	***	93
POSTBOX	10	*	94
INNOMINATO	10		95

<b>Climb Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Stars</b>	<b>Pg</b>
SERENDIPITY	10		96
ALOE ALLEY	9		90
STRAIGHT JACKET	9		78
THE WILDERNESS	8		95

## GAPER

11

Start at base of wide crack with chockstone cap 20m to the right of THE LUG.

1. **15m 10** Climb crack breaking right of chockstone cap at top to good large sloping ledge.
2. **20m 11** Climb crack straddling to the top.
3. **30m 8** Climb up ridge on right of crack (now very open and bushy) and continue up over sloping bulging rock to top.

*First ascent: 20 Jul 1983 R. Dodding and S. Middlemiss.*

## BUMBLE BEE

15

The climb follows the grey arete about 10m to the right of THE LUG.

1. **32m 13** Climb on right side of arete to top of large block (loose). Traverse (long stretch) 2m left and up to small ledge and piton belay.
2. **35m 15** Climb crack on left face of arete for 15m. Traverse right onto arete proper and up to ledge. Climb via left hand recess straight up to top.

*First ascent: 1 Nov 1976 E. Druschke, J. Linke and Mrs. R. Stapley.*

## THE LUG

17 \*\*

The climb is situated to the right of THE FLUTED FACE.

1. **20m 17** Climb crack 4m to the right of start of THE FLUTED FACE. Climb diagonally right for 5m into a shallow yellow recess. Climb recess (lay-back) to small stance.
2. **30m 13** Follow the natural break of recess to second ledge. Traverse left to a crack. Climb crack and up to nose. Chock belay (under red overhangs)
3. **20m 11** Up to overhangs, traverse right around corner and climb face to top.

*First ascent: Oct 1974 E. Druschke and C. Ward.*

## THE FLUTED FACE

16 \*\*

The climb is about 110m past the next walking gully to the east of the cave/fountain gully. At this point there is a section of red face which stands out from afar. Start at the base of a right-angled recess which runs up the full height of the face, with a step to the left about halfway up at a 1m square overhang.

**1. 22m 15** Ascend 6m in recess. Traverse 3m right into another recess which is steeper but more broken. Ascend 8m and then move 1½ m out to right over a bulge. Continue up 3m, traverse left 1½ m and then ascend 3½ m to small piton stance.

**2. 11m 16** Traverse 2m left then up on edge and around into the original recess just below the 1m square overhang. Move up just left of the overhang to a stance in a cubby-hole.

**3. 18m 9** Continue up recess climbing mainly on the right-hand wall. When overhang is reached traverse left 5m to ledge.

**4. 12m 8** Walk 6m left, climb pleasant broken rock to top. End 2m right of MULTITUDE.

### Note:

This climb is on clean rock throughout.

*First ascent: Dec 1965 R.F. Davies, R.W. Charlton and P. Scott.*

## GRIT

17 \*\*

The climb is situated 5m left of THE FLUTED FACE.

**1. 15m 17** Climb shallow recess (first shallow recess left of grey face.)

**2. 40m 13** Climb crack behind stance and follow natural breaks to top.

*First ascent: 5 Jan 1975 E. Druschke and C. Ward.*

## MULTITUDE

13 \*\*

The climb starts about 90m to the right of the gully mentioned under THE FLUTED FACE and about 9m to the left of that climb.

- 1. 9m 10** Ascend shallow crack for 6m then traverse 6m right into bottom of chimney.
- 2. 12m 13** Chimney to small cubby hole about 6m below an overhang which blocks the crack.
- 3. 22m 9** Traverse left 9m out from under the overhang and ascend. Traverse back right over the top of the overhang to a small tree belay.
- 4. 15m 9** Traverse 5m right and chimney out (or climb in crack, or to right (8) on face and then into crack).

*First ascent: 30 Apr 1950 T.J. Louw and others.*

## STRAIGHT JACKET

9

This climb is situated near the east end of the face which runs eastward from Fountain Gully. It commences at the only big tree in this vicinity, left of a big block.

- 1. 6m 8** From tree up onto block, then bearing slightly right to ledge.
- 2. 18m 9** Traverse left to base of recess with crack. Climb up 11m into chimney (the "Straight Jacket") and up to big cubby hole.
- 3. 12m 8** Climb out left and then to top.

*First ascent: 1 May 1946 E. Ruhle and K. Ruhle.*

## NEPOTISM

19 \*\*

To the right of HOAX CRACK there is a smooth face. In the centre of this face there is a thin crack, the start of which is marked by a short chimney with a tree at the top. The route follows the line of the crack. Start by scrambling to the foot of the chimney.

**1. 35m 19** Climb the chimney for 3m to the tree. Above, the chimney narrows. Move up to a small alcove from where it is possible to reach a ledge high on the left wall. Gain the ledge with difficulty. Continue straight up the crack until the wall starts to steepen, when it is possible to move right to a tree belay.

**2. 15m 8** Scramble up behind the belay to the top.

*First ascent: Mar 1974 A. Firth, Mrs. F. Eggleston and D. Hughes.*

## BACON & EGG PIE

17 \*\*

Mid-way between MEAT PIE and NEPOTISM is an aloe-filled groove which runs almost the full height of the cliff being blocked at the top by a line of overhangs. This climb follows the line of the groove and moves left at the top to break through the overhangs. The climbing is elegant and follows a bold line. Start from the same ledge as for MEAT PIE and NEPOTISM a few metres right of a small tree growing horizontally from under an overhang and immediately left of the groove. At 9m the groove is blocked by a small over and a prominent aloe.

**1. 9m 17** Make an extremely awkward lay-back move surmount the initial overhang and continue with difficulty until the groove widens and it is possible to rest. The groove above is blocked by an overhang, so traverse out right and move up and around a corner to a good ledge. Peg belay.

**2. 23m 15** From the stance move up diagonally left to gain a sloping ledge immediately left of the original groove which is blocked at this point between two large aloes. Climb straight up

the wall until possible to move back in to the groove above the aloes. Continue up the groove which steepens and step out right at the top. Move up the broken wall above to a good ledge with a small tree. Peg belay.

**3. 18m 13** The overhangs above look most uncompromising. However, move up to the left where there is a large pocket in the lower lip of the overhang. A stretch brings good holds within reach and a bold pull up is followed by easy climbing to the top.

*First ascent: 21 Jul 1974 A. Firth and A. Wood.*

## **MEATPIE**

**15 \*\***

There is an obvious crack to the right of the recess of HOAX CRACK. Start on the broad ledge at a corner beneath the crack.

**1. 16m 15** Follow the line of the corner trending to the left. This becomes increasingly difficult and the last moves leading to the foot of the crack proper are awkward. It is possible to avoid these difficulties by approaching the crack from the left. Climb the crack to a good ledge and thread belay. Strenuous.

**2. 22m 13** From the ledge traverse right at the same level for 7m then climb up for 3m. Traverse diagonally left until it is possible to exit through a small overhang.

*First ascent: 21 Jul 1974 J. Outhwaite and P. Goodridge.*

## HOAX CRACK

13

- 1. 15m 10** Ascend shallow recess for 6m, then diagonally right for 6m into the bottom of a conspicuous bushy recess. Ascend about 3m in the recess.
- 2. 18m 10** A chimney which faces east lies up the left-hand containing wall of the recess. Ascend this chimney until a small stance with an eyehole belay on the edge of the left-hand wall is reached.
- 3. 15m 13** Continue in the chimney for about 3m until forced out right by closing in of the chimney. Ascend grey face on right of chimney. This leads into an aloe-filled crack which is followed to the top.

*First ascent: Dec 1965 I. Cohen and R.F. Davies.*

## HOAX CRACK (VARIATION)

13 \*\*

Although following the same general line as the original route, this variation is on good clean rock throughout.

- 1. 22m 13** Climb the front of the buttress immediately right of the vegetated recess taken by the original route. Follow the buttress trending left until a good ledge is reached at the bottom of the obvious recess.
- 2. 22m 13** Traverse left into the obvious chimney which faces east. Climb the chimney for 8m past the eye mentioned in the original description. Continue right up to the overhang until it is possible to swing left onto the arete. Follow this to the top of the crag. A steep enjoyable pitch.

*First ascent: 17 Nov 1974 D. Hughes and P. Goodridge.*

## CROSSROADS

16 \*\*\*\*

Start the climb at the same spot as HOAX CRACK. This is below a long slotted very prominent cubby hole (centre section of face).

**1. 30m 16** Climb crack 2m to the right below cubby hole. Traverse diagonally left into recess and climb to roof of cubby hole. Climb out left across flake into another smaller cubby hole. Chock stone belay.

**2. 25m 13** Climb face diagonally right to red overhangs. Traverse left below overhangs. Up and over to block belay.

*First ascent: Oct 1974 E. Druschke, J. Linke and C. Ward.*

## THE SYNDICATE

15 \*

The obvious feature of the route is a red pillar of rock in the centre of the face, to the left of HOAX CRACK. Start in a groove to the left of this pillar beneath a prominent overhang.

**1. 15m 10** Climb rib to ledge and then broken rock for 5m and then take the right or left hand crack leading to a ledge below the overhang.

**2. 30m 15** Ascend crack above the stance to edge of overhang. Move delicately right across wall to corner formed by large flake. Ascend steeply up the flake and step into base of chimney crack. Climb the crack to a ceiling and move up and out right onto the wall above. Traverse right almost to the edge and climb the arete directly to the top.

*First ascent: 22 Oct 1972 J. Outhwaite, P. Goodridge and D. Hughes.*

## PERSUASION

15 \*

On the other side of the vegetated section, right of MYOPIA, is a steep, prominent groove capped by an overhang. About 5m right of this groove is a second groove. Start up the wall immediately right of this groove.

- 1. 15m 11** From the ledge climb up the wall until it is possible to step into the groove. Continue until just below the overhang where there is a belay in a cubby hole.
- 2. 8m 15** Traverse left delicately beneath the overhang to reach a small stance on a ledge.
- 3. 15m 11** Climb the corner crack on the right.
- 4. 15m 11** Continue up bearing right to short wall beneath overhangs and climb out left to top.

*First ascent: 12 Nov 1972 D. Hughes, P. Goodridge and J. Outhwaite.*

## MYOPIA

13 \*

About midway along the ledge the cliff lies back and is bushy and vegetated. About 5m left of this section is a steep aloe-filled groove.

- 1. 15m 13** Climb the groove for about 3m until it is possible to step right onto an arete. Follow the arete to a good ledge and belay in a corner.
- 2. 15m 13** Step left and move up to a good ledge beneath a wall. Climb the wall moving out right when it steepens to gain a good ledge. Traverse a few metres right to a belay in a cave-like recess.
- 3. 18m 11** Climb the left wall of the recess and then move up diagonally left to the top.

### Variation:

- 3. 25m 13** Follow the original second pitch until the move right. Instead of moving right, go through gap in overhang, then climb up on small holds to small overhang at top which is surmounted. (14 Mar 1982 S. Middlemiss and N. Christian)

*First ascent: 15 Oct 1972 J. Outhwaite, P. Goodridge and J. Hofer.*

## **SWORD OF DAMOCLES**

**15 \*\*\*\***

The main feature of the cliff above the luncheon ledge is a steep groove blocked by two overhangs.

- 1. 20m 15** Climb up the groove. At 7m there is an awkward move to reach a flake jammed in the back of the crack. Move onto the right wall and move up until directly under the first overhang. Move out right underneath a block (the Sword of Damocles) and up to gain a ledge. Chockstone belay.
- 2. 25m 13** Continue steeply up the groove to the second overhang. Turn the overhang on the right using good holds and proceed to the top.

*First ascent: 25 Apr 1976 J. Millar, P. Goodridge and K. Brown.*

## **CADENZA**

**13 \***

To the left of the obvious groove marking the line of the SWORD OF DAMOCLES is a steep buttress. The climb ascends the buttress for about two-thirds of the height and then finishes to the left.

- 1. 12m 10** Climb a shallow recess bearing slightly right to a stance on a small ledge.
- 2. 12m 13** Ascend the face directly above the stance on small holds to a small ledge with a belay in a cubby hole. The stance is small and uncomfortable.
- 3. 20m 11** Climb the left wall of the cubby hole. Traverse left across vegetated ledge to corner and then move left to the top.

*First ascent: 22 Oct 1972 J. Outhwaite, P. Goodridge and D. Hughes.*

## LAST TANGO

15 \*

In the centre of the buttress is a prominent arete flanked on either side near the top by two small overhangs and undercut at the bottom by a prominent overhang. Start in a corner to the right of the bottom overhang.

**1. 13m 13** Climb the corner for 7m to a small tree. Move right onto the arete and climb up two successive recesses to gain a good ledge. Above is the right-hand of the upper overhangs.

**2. 23m 15** Move diagonally left for 7m to gain a good ledge. Climb steeply up a groove until it is blocked by the overhang. Be careful of a detached block. Move delicately left to the arete and climb this to gain the steep wall above. Move right to a recess and follow this to the top.

*First ascent: 11 Mar 1973 J. Outhwaite, P. Goodridge and D. Hughes.*

## THE SHIELD

17 \*\*

Climb the left-hand side of the prominent arete referred to in the description of LAST TANGO, and move to the left round the upper overhang. Start on the left of the arete.

**1. 13m 9** Move up the corner to an obvious bush belay.

**2. 23m 17** Climb the corner above the bush until it is possible to move out left to a ledge beneath the overhang. Above is an obvious shield shaped flake. Using the left-hand edge of the flake move up (sling used for aid on first ascent - freed by second) and then step left with difficulty to reach the corner of the overhang. Move round the corner and so move easily to the top.

*First ascent: Jun 1978 C. Baker and D. Hughes.*

## **PINOCCHIO**

**11**

Start 50m west of fence from a point just right of block against the face.

**1. 34m 8** Up slightly overhanging bottomless recess for 4m then right 12m to tree and from tree diagonally left to big ledge.

**2. 28m 11** Start 3m left of two huge blocks one on top of the other. Up crack for 12m then left to tree. From tree up a few metres and then further left for 6m to stance next to tree.

**3. 30m 9** Straight up from tree and then bear left following the line of least resistance to the top.

*First ascent: 18 Nov 1965 J.H. Graafland and J.J. du Plessis.*

## **LIGHTNING BOLT**

**15 \*\***

To the left of the second pitch of PINOCCHIO is a steep face.

**1. 15m 15** Climb the face and crack system up this face.

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

## WALK ON THE WIDE SIDE

19 \*\*\*\*

From the meet site (cave), walk leftwards to the steep buttress about 50m west of the fence. The climb starts 10m to the left of PINOCCHIO.

- 1. 20m 19** Climb up the break in the middle of the face. Where the crack steepens, swing left and continue up to a ledge.
- 2. 10m 13** From the right hand side of the ledge, fight your way through the bush to a large ledge.
- 3. 20m 17** Move leftwards on the ledge to below an obvious recess crack. Climb this to a good ledge on the right with a crack and overhang above.
- 4. 10m 18** Climb the steep crack and overhang above.

### Note:

Superb route with good protection.

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

## PHYDEAUX

13

Start left of PINOCCHIO just short of the first steep narrow grassy gully approximately 80 normal paces from the fence which abuts the crags.

- 1. 18m 10** 3m right of the above grassy gully, climb the grey face for 8m and enter an undercut recess. Climb up to the broad grassy shelf. Walk 10m left to a pillar with bushes at its foot (crossing BONZO en route).
- 2. 18m 9** Climb crack to right of pillar to a stance alongside a pile of precariously poised blocks on top of pillar.
- 3. 12m 13** Climb 2m to brown overhangs above and make an airy move left to an eroded incut ledge. Traverse left for 4m and climb overhanging short fault to the top (crux).

*First ascent: 7 Feb 1982 R. Fox, Daphne Matthews and D. Scott.*

## **BONZO**

**13 \*\*\***

Start left of PINOCCHIO at the first steep narrow grassy gully approximately 90 normal paces from the fence which abuts the crags.

- 1. 18m 10** Climb the steep arete just left of the grassy gully. Emerge on a grassy ledge. (At this point the climb crosses PHYDEAUX.)
- 2. 20m 10** Directly above is a whitish face to the right of a rusty patch of rock. Climb the face to a stance just below the row of small overhangs bisecting the buttress.
- 3. 5m 13** To the right are two series of small stepped overhangs, one above and one below, divided by a slab. Climb 2m up a brown crack and swing across the slab on good handholds but poor footholds to a tree on a stance common to PINNOCHIO.
- 4. 20m 9** Climb up and left, avoiding the last pitch of PINNOCHIO (if you want to).

### **Note:**

A clean route, possibly the longest in the area.

*First ascent: 2 May 1982 R. Fox and D. Scott.*

## **PEEK-A-BOO TRAIL**

**11**

The climb starts in a high narrow cave 30 metres short of the first clump of trees on Fountain Gully West. Start right of ALOE ALLEY. The climb crosses ALOE ALLEY at the top of the first pitch.

- 1. 18m 10** Climb 5m to roof of cave and through small opening on to small ledges. Step right on to face and traverse 4m right. Climb into small aloe-filled recess, traverse 2m left to narrow gully. Squeeze through hole to stance on top of buttress.
- 2. 19m 11** Climb 5m up bulging rock face on sloping holds to sloping chimney / recess. Traverse 6m left under overhang past tree to platform. Make strenuous moves 3½ m past aloe

into narrow recess. Climb 5m to stance at blocks in corner with 2 small windows in rock.

**3. 23m 9** Traverse 9m diagonally left round corner. Scramble 9m up gully then 5m up blocks to top.

*First ascent: 23 Aug 1981 G.K. Montgomery and H.M. Winder.*

## **ALOE ALLEY**

**9**

The climb commences at the base of a large grey block jutting from the krantz about 150m left of the foot of Saddle Gully, and generally follows the line of a broken ridge.

**1. 12m 9** Climb on the outside of the block to stance on top of it.

**2. 12m 9** Climb recess behind stance and traverse right below an overhang at the top of the recess on to a bushy stance below an aloe filled recess.

**3. 22m 8** Up recess through a group of aloes bearing left on to crest of ridge, reaching a large stance by an awkward pull-up.

**4. 9m 8** Climb steep recess behind stance.

*First ascent: 13 Mar 1949 E. Scholes, E. Axelson and Mrs. H. Axelson.*

## HOLDFAST

11 \*

Starts on a ridge to left of grass-strewn broken face, at top of krantz and on right of a series of overhanging red faces. This is about 18m to left of ALOE ALLEY.

**1. 18m 9** Up a small gully to base of a face about 5m high, thence up face to grass ledge. From here a longer face immediately above is climbed and a traverse to the left at the top of this leads to a stance enclosed by bushes to right of a red rock ridge.

**2. 18m 9** Through bushes around corner to left of ridge then up to a stance below large.

**3. 22m 11** To left from stance below rock. This leads to a crack or cubby hole up which the climb proceeds to the summit.

### Variation:

**(10)** Ascend the face on the left side of the ridge. When this face becomes steeper about two-thirds way up, traverse right just around the edge of the ridge. The traverse entails a slightly awkward descending move. This brings one to the original route.

*First ascent: 13 Mar 1949 B. Harris, G. Burrow, M. Borkum and D. Clark.*

## RAINMAKER

17 \*

To the right of GRINGO FACE is a red face capped by a large overhang. The route goes up the centre of the face and then traverses to the right edge to avoid the upper overhang. The face above is then climbed to the top of the cliff. Start immediately below the overhang. Scramble up to an alcove in the centre of the face.

**1. 20m 17** Climb 8m up a pillar of perched blocks on the left of the alcove to reach a ledge under a small overhang. Traverse right 12m to the arete on the skyline. Awkward and poorly protected. Climb the arete for a few metres and then move right to a ledge and belay.

**2. 30m 11** Continue diagonally up the left to the top of the cliff.

*First ascent: Feb 1974 A. Firth, P. Goodridge and D. Hughes.*

## DEGRADATION

15 \*\*

Start about 7m to the right of the start of GRINGO FACE beneath the prominent red overhang.

**1. 20m 10** Straight up the wall to belay beneath the overhang.

**2. 35m 15** The overhang above is split on the left by a prominent break. This break is just to the right of the wall pitch of GRINGO FACE. Move across left to gain a steep rib leading to the foot of the break. The rock here requires care. Climb the groove until it is possible to step right onto the face above the overhangs. Climb the face until it is possible to traverse right to reach the ramp of vegetation running down from the summit. The last move is awkward. Scramble up the vegetation and rock to the top.

*First ascent: 22 May 1966 M. Prior and J. Hyslop.*

## GRINGO FACE

10 \*\*

The route starts in a clump of trees, just opposite the first big tree.

- 1. 18m 8** Straight up for 15m, then traverse right to recess with two small chockstones in crack.
- 2. 15m 8** Up a few metres, climb right around a corner, then up over block to recess. Up recess to big stance in cave-like chimney.
- 3. 15m 10** Ascend a few metres in cave and then left out onto exposed face. Move up diagonally left to comfortable stance below recessed chimney which provides a break through the overhangs.
- 4. 18m 9** Up recess for 6m and then, to avoid bush above, step across to the left onto face. Up face to top.

### Variation:

#### To pitches 1-3: \*\*\*

- 1. 30m 11** Start below large whitish face. Ascend right-hand recess and traverse back over left one. Ascend straight up face following slight crack line, moving left at the top to stance at break in overhangs.

*First ascent: 19 Sep 1965 J.H. Graafland, T. Lloyd and M. Steyn.*

## FALKLAND FRENZY

17 \*\*\*

Start approximately 10m left of GRINGO FACE in a well-defined corner.

- 1. 20m 17** Climb the corner to a roof, then climb up diagonally either left or right to a good ledge. The left ascent is far more pleasing (climbing on jugs).
- 2. 20m 13** Move slightly left along ledge and ascend a short steep section of rock. Continue up a ridge to top.

*First ascent: 2 May 1982 N. Cleaver, A. Wood and C. Ward.*

## POSTBOX

10 \*

1. **22m 8** Scramble at first up lower part of recess then climb recess and face on left.
2. **25m 8** Up broken rib to overhangs.
3. **6m 8** Traverse right into a recess with tree below overhang.
4. **25m 10** Ascend recess for 5m to the overhang, then traverse left onto a face and into a slot (the Post Box). Climb through the slit and continue up the face above the slit.

### Variations:

Several variations are possible, e.g.

**1a. 22m 8** Instead of first pitch start to the left of the trees. Climb a crack for 11m until it becomes a chimney. Pass behind chockstone to stance.

**2a. 30m 8** Instead of second and third pitches described above, go first slightly left up recess and then up and slightly right into recess which ends at the tree below the overhang.

**4a. 10** From the tree below the overhang, continue the easy traverse to the right for about 6m. Ascend a break through the overhang, starting with an awkward pull-up to the right. Rather nondescript climbing above this point leads to the top.

*First ascent: 13 Mar 1949 D. Gilham, A. Gordon and Miss P. Lachman.*

## THE WILDERNESS

8

The start is situated about midway between two large patches of trees and bush at the top of the slope. To the left is a series of red overhanging faces.

- 1. 10m 6** Scramble up amongst loose rock and grass to tree at foot of obvious crack.
- 2. ?m 8** Ascend crack and climbing out on left onto slab ending in a recess under small overhang.
- 3. ?m 8** Climb recess ending on top of small pinnacle on right.
- 4. ?m 8** Scramble up large ledge past cave and traverse to the right to a red slab.
- 5. ?m 8** Climb slab, then traverse left to some bushes.
- 6. ?m 8** Climb from bush, then traverse right to short recess leading to the top.

### Note:

Pitches may be combined and variations made. A direct finish may be climbed instead of traversing right.

*First ascent: 13 Mar 1949 R. Charlton.*

## INNOMINATO

10

The climb lies between THE WILDERNESS and SERENDIPITY.

- 1. 18m 8** Ascend on rather loose rock up a vague recess until one can traverse right into crack.
- 2. 18m 10** Climb out to right - a short easy section. Then climb a small steep red face (alternative is to enter gully on right from a lower level 8). Traverse right into the crack or gully referred under alternative. Medium-sized tree belay.
- 3. 15m 9** Climb steep wall on right of gully, then up easy broken rock. Finish on 3m lichen covered face.

*First ascent: 19 Sep 1965 D.M. Smith, R.F. Davies, H.J. Barker, Miss B. Pethick and G. Parkhurst.*

## SERENDIPITY

10

The climb is situated 30m left of the tallest tree in the second clump of bushes to the west of Fountain Gully. The start is marked by a narrow cave at the base of a ridge with a significant bulge about 15m up. The ridge is actually a pinnacle leaning again the face.

- 1. 22m 9** Ascend the left side of the ridge 12m and the remaining 9m on the ridge itself to a good stance on the right side where there is a large hole through the ridge.
- 2. 18m 10** Traverse back onto ridge and continue straight up to a small overhang.
- 3. 25m 10** Climb overhang, moving slightly to the left and continue over easy rock to the top.

### Notes:

- The overhang can be avoided by moving to left or right of direct route. The left route was graded 8.
- 'Serendipity' means finding something different from that being looked for.

*First ascent: 22 May 1966 K. Wright, R. Friede and Mrs. S. de Sersigny.*

## PARAPLEGIC

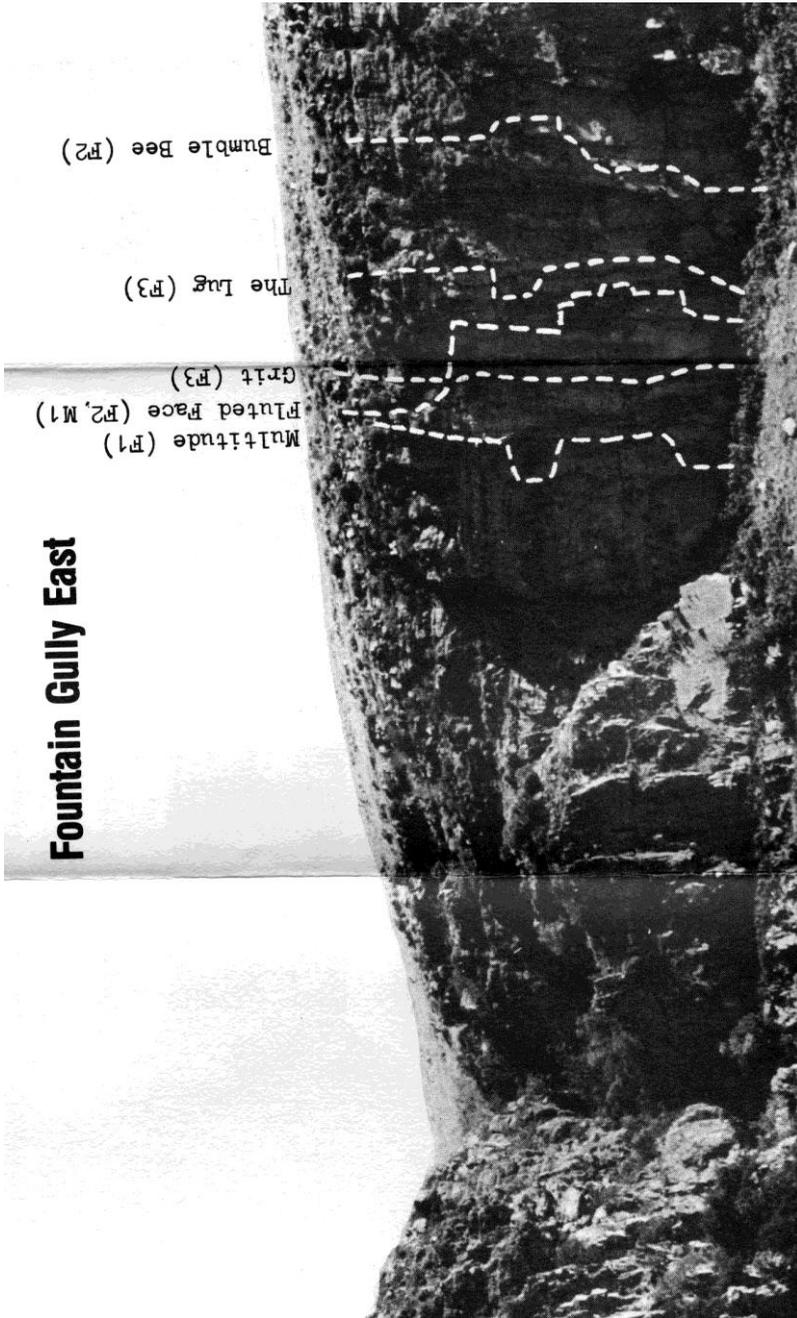
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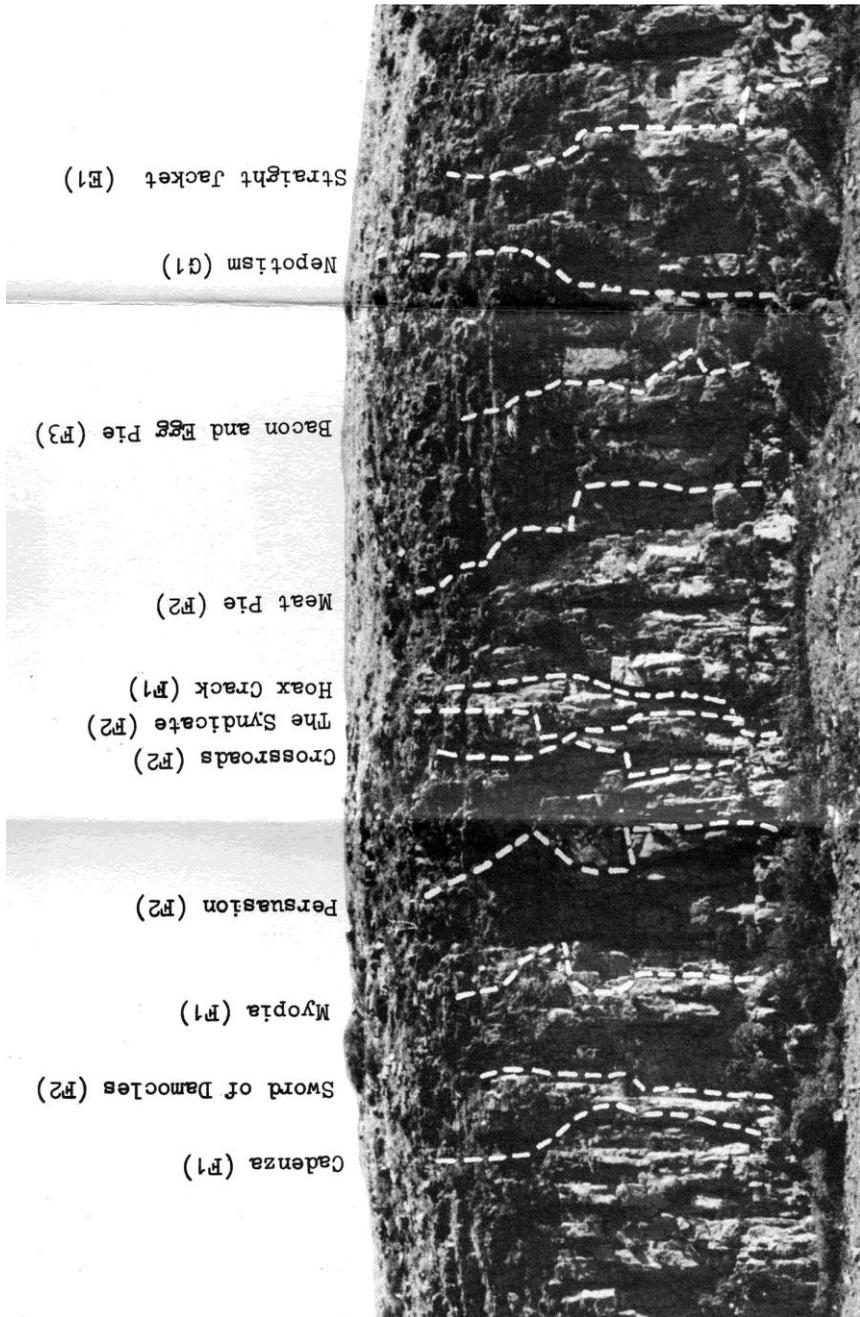
To the left of the usual climbing area there is a very prominent slab half-way up the cliff. The route leads up to the slab, ascends its left hand edge and then finishes up the groove above. Start to the right of the buttress below the slab.

- 1. 15m 13** Climb diagonally up to the left to a large ledge and belay below the slab.
- 2. 15m 13** Climb the slab. Belay at top of slab on chocks.
- 3. 15m 10** From stance move left up to a small cave and then up the groove above.

*First ascent: 3 Nov 1974 G. Young, D. Hughes and P. Goodridge.*

# Fountain Gully East





# Fountain Gully

