

ROCK CLIMBING ROUTES AT MANOUTSA



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Preface

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

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

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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 left to right when facing the cliffs.

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. The grades for the older routes 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 more recent routes have been graded using the numeric system from the outset.

MANOUTSA: List of Climbs

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
ITS A KINDA TRAGIC	23	*****	84
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HALLUCINATING HILLBILLIES	22	*****	25
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FLIGHT OF THE ALBATROSS	21,A0	***	44
MEMORIES	21	***	77
PAEDOPHILE POLICE	21	***	29
C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT	20	*****	60
DIE HARD	20	*****	94
MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR	20	*****	83
PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME	20	*****	95
BLOOD AND GUTS	20	****	35
TRAGICALLY HIP	20	****	43
WISH YOU WERE HERE	20	****	54
200 KPH	20	***	86
C'EST LA VIE	20	***	53
COMFORTABLY NUMB	20	***	52
GREYSTOKE	20	***	82
HOT DOG GRAMMIE	20	***	33
QUEST FOR THE HOLY EASTER	20	***	11

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
EGG			
RIDERS ON THE STORM	20	***	61
TURNING POINT	20	***	80
WAITING FOR THE BUS	20	***	113
WHO DARES WINS	20	***	121
THE BAPTISM OF HULK	20	**	18
THE MARK OF ZORO	20	**	101
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OUR TAIL BETWEEN OUR LEGS	19,A1		94
CHARGE OF THE ANTELOPE	18	****	57
WILLIAM OF CAMELOT	18	****	59

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
EDITOR'S DECISION	18	***	46
JA OOM	18	***	87
LARGE RINGING BELLS	18	***	58
LORD OF THE FLIES	18	***	115
MABALENG	18	***	120
NEETPIK	18	***	37
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QUIVERING APPRENTICE	18	***	42
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THE FOUR MUSKETEERS	18	***	64
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OVER SHOULDER BOULDER HOLDER	18	*	23
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DOUBLE GREEN	17	****	110
MAPLE LEAF	17	****	96
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ANDREW'S FALSE REBIRTH	17	***	87
IFIDI ICE	17	***	117
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UNION OF LOST SOLES AND HORSE PIGS	17	***	126
WHITE ROUTE	17	***	103
DRIZZEL AND DRIP	17	**	127
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SIXTEEN MY BUM	17	**	75
WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD	17	**	14

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
WOLF			
OATSO EASY	17	*	92
BOWLED FOR A DUCK	17		93
KANOUTSA	17		77
TENDEKA	17		71
THE OXWAGON ADVENTURE	17		125
GAS GUZZELER	16	***	86
ONE OF THE LADS	16	***	118
STOLICHNAYA	16	***	91
FOUR MINUS TWO	16	**	5
GREEN NUMBER	16	**	38
LITTLE RED DEVIL	16	**	115
VROU KOOK HOND	15	****	106
BRANDY	15	***	90
THE THREE SHORVANISTS AND THE LADY	15	***	39
AN ALIEN PAINTED MY BRAKE	15	**	98
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AND COKE	15	**	90
G&T	15	**	89
RATBAG	14	***	109
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MANOUTSA

General

Manoutsa or Strijdom Tunnel is a good traditional climbing area in Mpumalanga. The area was first 'climbed' back in 1975 and slowly more and more routes have been added. The climbing is generally very good with superb views of the lowveld.

The routes are all natural mostly 5 to 7 pitches long.

The rock varies from one climb to another, but is normally excellent. It tends to be rather featured making apparently blank faces quite climbable, while providing excellent gear in both vertical cracks and on the faces themselves.

Getting There

From the N4 travelling towards Waterval Boven take the road to Lydenburg just after the Machadadorp Toll Plaza. After about 15km, turn left onto the R36 towards Lydenburg. Continue along the R36 through Lydenburg and Ohrigstad and down the Abel Erasmus pass to the tunnel. The climbing area is just upstream of the JG Strijdom tunnel on both sides of the road. This road leads down the escarpment on the Abel Erasmus pass towards Tzaneen.

Manoutsa is broken down into a number of climbing areas, each with their own parking, approach and descent. They are thus described in more detail in these sections.

Water

Unfortunately no water is available and the Olifants river is infested with Bilharzia - that means don't drink, swim or even

touch the water or you can risk Bilharzia which is a serious disease that often cannot be cured. It can get rather hot in summer so bring lots of water with you.

Camping

The Restaurant is about 1.5 hours away. Alternatively, continue to the Manoutsa Campsite a few kilometres beyond the tunnel. Chalets and camping are available.

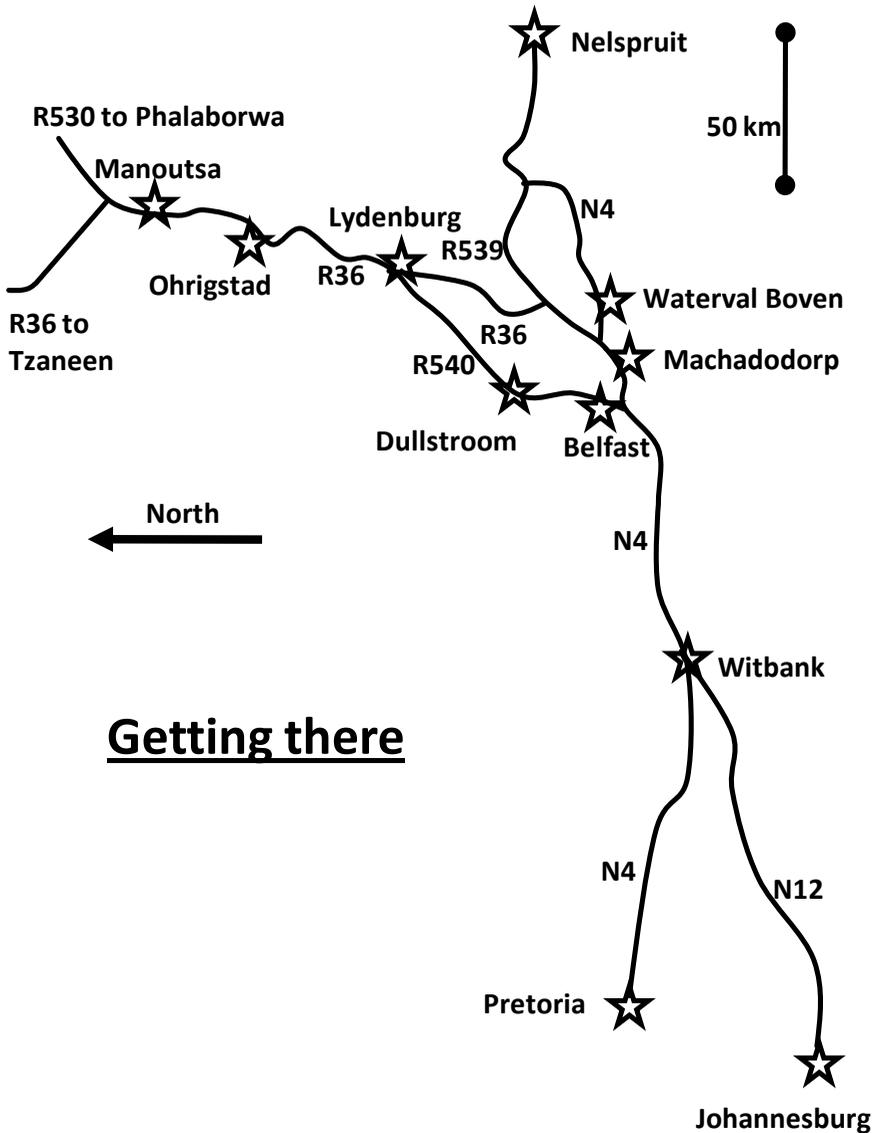
First Aid

The area is very remote and there is no first-aid dump or stretcher nearby. Call Metro on (011) 315-0203 in case of any climbing accident where assistance is required.

Aspect

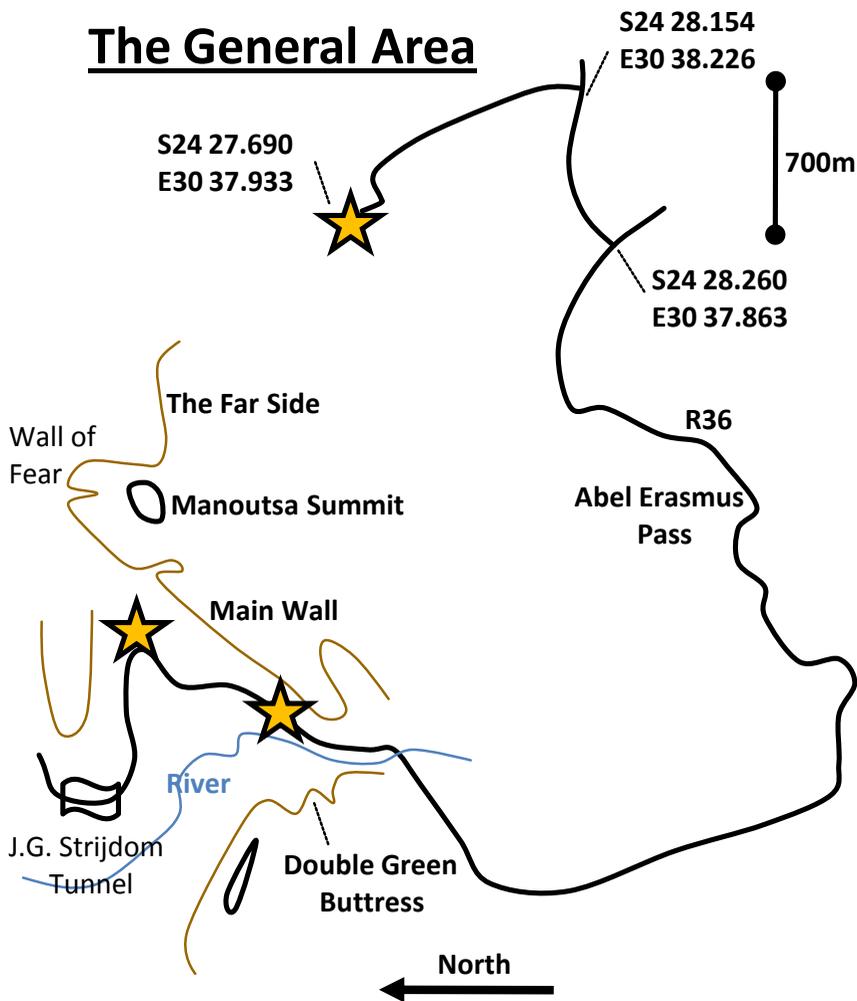
The cliffs tend to be north facing and as such will be very hot in summer. The best time to climb will be winter, although spring and autumn will not be too bad. There are a lot of black-jacks present in the early winter which will make the descents a little less fun.

Take plenty of water, and allow for a 2 hour descent back to the car.

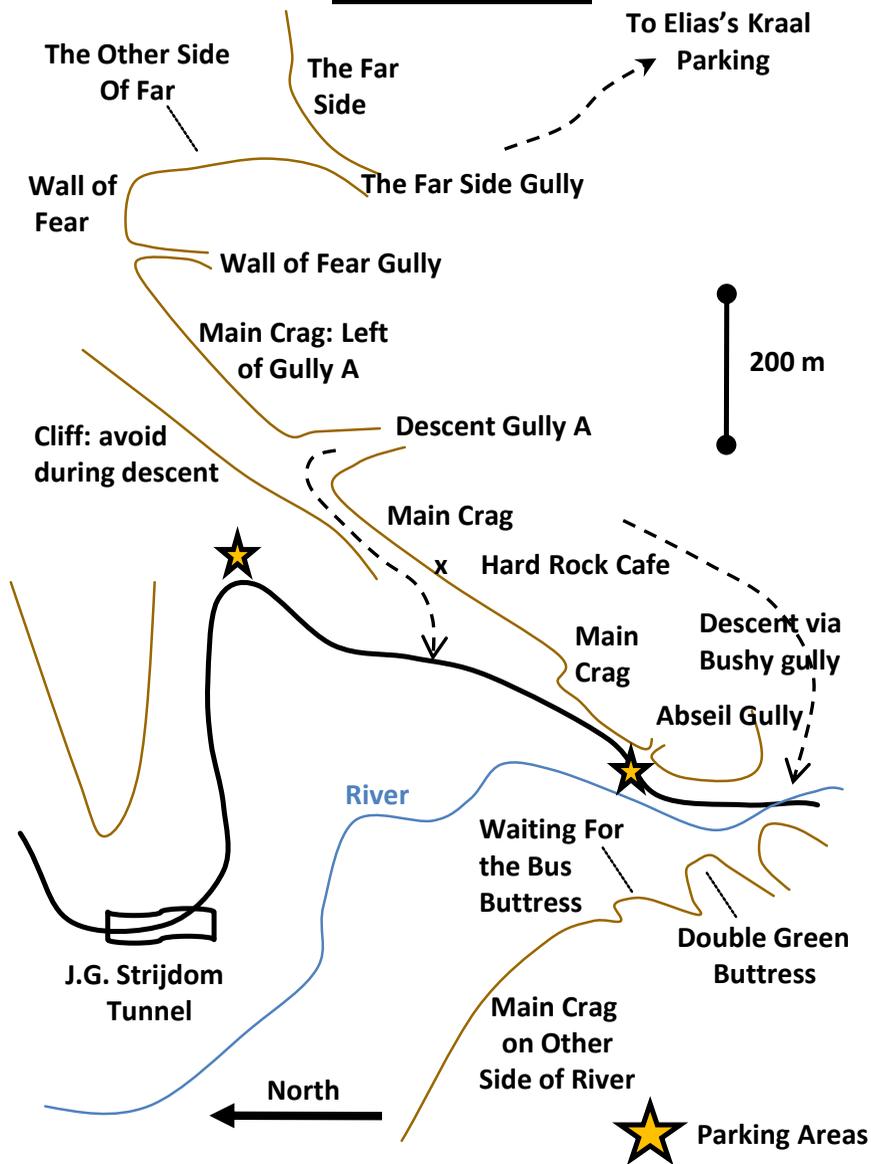


Getting there

The General Area



Crag Layout



The Far Side

This climbing area is to the left of the normal climbing at Srijdom Tunnel (when looking up). One can approach this area by walking along the base of the crag from HARD ROCK CAFE, but this is very long and not recommended. An easier access is via the back of the mountain.

To access this area take the dirt road to the right (when travelling from Ohrigstad) at the top of the pass just before you start descending the very steep, windy part of the road down to Srijdom Tunnel (California sign, since removed). The start of is dirt road has GPS co-ordinates S24 28.260 E30 37.863 (datum WGS 84), and it leads into a rural village. Follow the dirt road until the second large turning to the left (GPS Co-ordinates S24 28.154 E30 38.226). Cross a bridge and continue through the rural township with a shop on the right and further on past a school on the left. When one reaches a soccer field, take the left fork to skirt the soccer field on a smaller dirt track. Follow this until you can turn right to head towards a large house. Take the first gate to the left. Continue along the road toward another house. Park at a convenient place outside the house - Elias' kraal. (GPS co-ordinates S24 27.690 E30 37.933)

Arrange with the owners to look after the car and pay the required price (R20 at time of publication) when you return after the climb.

Follow a footpath below the house and walk across the courtyard of a second house, past a cattle pen, through a gate on the right, and onto a path. Follow this path with a fence on the left. After a short distance take a right fork up a hill and down to a gate at the entrance to a large cattle pen. Walk through the cattle gate past the pen to start ascending the

main hill. This is part of the main Manoutsa hill. At first walk up the hill then move diagonally rightward (path is vague) walk up to the top of a gully ("The Far Side Gully"). This gully descends between the main Manoutsa mountain (highest point in this area) on the left and top of "The Far Side" when looking down.

Follow the strong path down the gully which peters out after about three-quarters of the way down. Short bush walking takes one to the base of either "The Far Side" or "The Other Side of Far", "The Far Side" on the right and "Other Side of Far" on the left looking down.

Routes appear in this guide from left to right, as if looking up at the cliff from below.

To descent from these routes, scramble up to the top of the crag and down the other side. Follow the footpath which you used on the approach.

OFF TO THE LEFT BOET

19 ***

This route climbs up to the base of the obvious crack system on the extreme left-hand side of the crag.

1. 30m 19 From directly below the obvious crack system walk left into the next gully. Move up the gully a short distance then start climbing here. Move right onto the slab and traverse right into the crack system (this avoids the direct start up the crack). Continue up the crack to the obvious traverse line.

Traverse right to a good stance below the off-width crack.

2. 15m 16 Traverse left on the obvious traverse line to a good stance.

3. 30m 15 Climb the buttress above the stance to a good belay in a cave on the right.

4. 50m 18 Climb the face to the left of the cave. (This pitch can be split into two).

Scramble to the top.

Variation:

1. 25m 20 Climb the crack line to the left of off-width directly (instead of traversing in from the right as in opening ascent). (Nov 1998 K. Thrash, S. Broccardo and D. Margetts)

First ascent: Sep 1988 K. Thrash, D. Margetts, T. Willmot and M. Phillips.

DELICATE GORILLA

19 ***

Located on the FAR SIDE buttress to the right of OFF TO THE LEFT BOET looking up.

1. 50m 13 Scramble / climb up the short buttress onto the slab. Climb the slab at first on the left and after a few meters move right and continue up the arête to the trees. Climb up the bushy gully tending left up to the chimney. Climb the chimney exiting left. Continue up past a tree to belay just above a scoop.

2. 32m 19 Climb up the grey face just to the right of the chimney. Move left and up to crack. Follow the crack to the layback section. Continue up, moving left onto the steep face. Climb the face to belay below an overhang.

3. 32m 18 Move right around the corner from the overhang. Climb the face, tending leftward past a recess to a large flat ledge with a steep chimney above. Traverse horizontally leftwards around the arête. Then climb up to below a recess on the left. Climb the recess at first then move left slightly onto a face and continue up to a crack below an overhang. Climb up to roof and rail left and up to a blocky ledge.

4. 35m 19 Climb thin crack above the ledge moving right higher onto the face. Climb the face to the right of the crack up to a flake. Continue up to a block on a ledge. Traverse right around the nose into a steep open book with a crack. Climb up the corner then higher move left onto the nose. Climb the short face to under a blocky recess with a large overhang on the left. Climb up the blocky recess to the large ledge.

5. 20m 10 Climb up a short buttress then continue up the scramble to the top.

Note:

Sustained, relentless climb.

First ascent: 2 Jul 2005 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

FOUR MINUS TWO

16 **

Looking up from the campsite, the route is on the eastern-most buttress of the Manoutsa complex. In the middle of the face, about two-thirds of the way up, is some white vulture shit. The route starts just to the right of the vulture shit and generally follows the right arête of the huge left-facing open book feature that is visible from the campsite. Scramble up some blocks, in a very grassy corner, moving over sloping slabs to avoid the choss where possible, to a narrow ledge with a small tree at about 25 metres (opening party used ropes).

1. 25m 13 Move off the left edge of the ledge into a chossy gully. Climb the chimney feature on the left to a tree. Traverse right across a slab for about 5 metres to a long comfortable ledge with a tree. Take a belay.

2. 25m 16 Move up a steep hand crack behind the middle of the ledge into a shallow open book (crux is the first 5 metres). Climb the book to a narrow ledge. Traverse right on the ledge, across a tree and then climb up the face to a comfortable ledge with a steep, small left-leaning ramplet behind it.

3. 40m 15 Traverse right onto the arête for some thin, exposed climbing. Follow the arête to a narrow ledge with a finger crack system behind it.

4. 40m 15 Climb the steep finger crack system behind the ledge, then up some blocks to re-join the main face. Traverse left across some blocks on the face onto an exposed arête. Climb up some vertical blocks to a stance in the bottom of a short open book. Be careful of some loose blocks here and there.

5. 20m 15 Climb the right-hand face of the short open book (to avoid choss), and up to more blocks. Scramble to the top.

Notes:

1. A good route in the middle grades. Pitch 3 is superb.

2. Protection is adequate throughout.
3. Four hours for first ascent.
4. For Pitch 5, a more pleasing variation can be done by climbing the nose to the left of the variation described above.

Variation to Pitch 4 and 5:

4. **45m 14** From the ledge move up and after 5 metres traverse right across the recess. Climb the recess above past a tree to exit the recess onto a large ledge above.
5. **50m 12** Climb the broken face above. Scramble to top. (D. Margetts, G. Devine and C. Devine)

First ascent: 29 Aug 1998 A. Lombard and G. Devine.

AND THEN THERE WERE FIVE

17 *****

This climb is situated approximately 15 metres to the left of NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR. It starts in a large prominent open book which is capped by a small roof approximately 5 metres up.

1. **30m 15** Climb the open book and pull through the small roof, continue up the broken face above until you get to a large ledge with an overhanging crack behind it.
2. **45m 17** Traverse off the ledge to the left till a large tree, at this point climb up the small open book behind the tree. Pull through the bulge at the top of the open book and continue straight up until a small roof. There is a small break in the roof to the right - use this break to get through the roof and onto the easier ground above to a large ledge.
3. **45m 13** Move up the ramp which passes between the lower roofs on either side. Once level with the roof on the right move onto the slab which trends up to the left. Take a small stance on the slab.
4. **10m 12** Continue up the slab to the left under the roof to a ledge.

5. 35m 16 Using the blocks on the belay stance step out onto the nose on the roof above the slab you just came up and directly below the V-shaped crack in the roof above. Move up the face tending towards the right to avoid the roof until below an off-width crack. Climb this off-width to gain a small ledge above, traverse left along the ledge and up over some blocks till below a small chimney. Climb the chimney to the large ledge above.

6. 45m 14 Start directly above the exit from the chimney, continue up the broken face above till it is safe to scramble off.

Notes:

- 1.** This climb offers some great, clean and exposed climbing, with nice large ledges.
- 2.** It is preferable to use 60m ropes as then pitches 3 and 4 can be combined into one.
- 3.** Protection is adequate throughout.
- 4.** To descend, walk up to the top of the crag and down the other side to the footpath which you followed in.

First ascent: 31 Oct 1998 K. Thrash, N. Samuels, K. Binedell, G. Devine and N. Griffin.

NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR

18 ***

This climb follows the face as one turns right at the base of the gully, there are large overhangs about 80m above.

1. 45m 17 Start at an obvious short crack, climb up the crack and exit to a small grassy ledge, move left to a short crack. Climb the crack and then traverse 3m left until able to climb directly up to a tree, pass the tree on the right and move up to a smooth slab. Gain the slab by using the layback on the right, use the feint crack to climb up the slab and exit to the right. Continue climbing up tending left to a small 2level belay.

2. 35m 15 From the stance climb right and diagonally upwards to below a small tree. Move slightly right-wards then diagonally left to a second tree, continue traversing left-wards below the tree and pass a third tree to gain a crack. Climb the crack to the slab above. Continue up the slab to a block belay on the right. You are now below the big overhangs.

3. 10m 15 From the stance move down 2m, then traverse right for 5m. Then move up the face and right-wards to exit onto a large ledge.

4. 30m 18 Climb the face to the left of the gully for 6m, traverse right into the gully and use the tree to gain the crack above. Climb the crack and exit out left-wards onto the buttress, climb this buttress up to a rail below the roof. Rail right-wards until able to exit the rail past the roof and continue up to a ledge past a tree in the gully.

5. 50m 16 Climb up the right-hand side of the gully (about 3m) until able to exit left-wards to gain the face, climb the face to gain the slab above. Climb the slab and continue up over nondescript rock in a roughly straight line to a crack which leads up to a roof. Climb this crack and rail out right below the roof and continue up past a bushy ledge to a very large ledge and your rope runs out. Use the large tree as your belay. Be careful not to use too much rope on the belay below and

use good rope work to avoid rope drag, or else take a stance on the bushy ledge.

6. 30m 17 Climb the crack to the right of the big tree, continue upwards tending slightly left-wards, passing another crack and pulling through a small roof/bulge to exit on top of the crag.

Note:

This is a sustained route.

First ascent: 18 Oct 1998 D. Margetts, K. Thrash, N. Samuels and K. Binedell.

THUNDERSTRUCK

19 ***

This climb is situated at the bottom right-hand side of the gully going down to "The Far Side" area and takes the very large break/gully just before NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR and the large red roof at about 80m up.

1. 40m 17 Start midway between the 2 large breaks (the one on the right being the very large break/gully which goes all the way to the top of the crag). Climb up diagonally left to the arête, climb up the arête tending to the right (poor protected) till you almost reach the large break/gully (you can place gear in the break). Continue up the face to the left of the break/gully up to a tree. Continue up past the tree on the right until able to traverse to the right, at this point you should be at the same level as the roof about 10m to your left and where the 2 breaks become one. Traverse right into the break/gully and take a small stance in the break/gully behind some trees.

2. 35m 19 Cross over onto the right side of the break/gully and traverse about 3m across the face to gain the crack system which leads up the face. Climb this crack system which is then joined by another crack system about half-way up the face. Using both cracks climb to below the small roof above. Pull through the small roof on the left by using a chock stone, which

protrudes out of the off-width above. Gain the off-width by using the layback crack on the left, then climb the off-width and exit out right onto the stance, to avoid the large roof above the layback crack.

3. 35m 18 From the stance climb up about 1,5m to a small bulge, using the under-clings traverse out left till the end of the bulge. Pull, strenuously, around the end of the bulge and continue up the break above past a bush till below a roof. Finger rail, on good holds, about 2m to the left under the roof to gain the break/gully and continue climbing up the break/gully till you get to the same stance as NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR.

4. 50m 16 The same pitch as Pitch 5 of NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR. The plan was to traverse out to the right and up the right-hand side of the break/gully but due to bad weather and lots of thunder we took the easy way out.

5. 30m 16 From the large ledge with the tree belay, use the same start as for NOT EVERYTHING ONE COULD WISH FOR but after about 2m traverse to the right to gain the arête. Climb the arête to the top of the crag on Cape-style jugs.

Notes:

- 1.** The first 3 pitches are sustained with good protection on all pitches except pitch 1.
- 2.** Pitch 4 spoils the climb as it is a shared pitch and the climbing is not of good quality.

First ascent: 6 Mar 1999 K. Thrash, D. Margetts and G. Frost.

QUEST FOR THE HOLY EASTER EGG

20 ***

This climb starts 5m to the right of THUNDERSTRUCK in a recess with 2 cracks and a bush about 8m up.

1. 30m 15 Climb the left-hand crack moving left onto the face just below the tree. Climb past the tree and continue diagonally right up to a ledge below the obvious large corner.

2. 40m 20 Climb diagonally right up to the base of the corner. Climb the corner past the small tree and move left across the face to avoid the grass in the large corner. Climb the shallow corner, with difficulty at first, and continuing up to join the large corner again. Climb up the face to a small roof exiting out right onto a small ledge. Climb the recess above to a large ledge.

3. 45m 18 Climb the obvious recess above the belay stance to below the roof. Traverse right to the arête, climb the arête, moving left-wards into the recess. Climb the recess, past a tree on the right and continue up the right-hand side wall of the recess which turns into a crack. Exit onto a large ledge and continue up to a higher ledge.

4. 40m 13 Climb diagonally left-wards up to an overhang, pull through to a large ledge (an easier route may be taken). Scramble up past a tree to a ledge below a large buttress.

5. 40m 17 Climb up an obvious layback, using the layback climb to a ledge. Continue up to an overhang and move left and up past a bush into a recess. Climb the recess diagonally right to a large ledge. Walk to the obvious buttress split by a crack. Climb this wide crack up to where it narrows, follow this to the top of the buttress.

First ascent: 3 Apr 1999 K. Thrash, D. Margetts, G. Frost and Adam Lightly.

The Other Side Of Far

This area comprises the left-hand side of "The Far Side" descent gully (looking down the gully). It is best to access the area from Elias's Kraal as described for the "Far Side".

This wall is characterized by a large buttress on the second tier of the crag, that looks like the head of a North American Indian, hence it is also called the "Red Indian Buttress".

Because of its large overhangs and steep lower sections, when looked at it from "The Far Side", this wall was previously called "The Wall Of Fear". After opening the first route here it was not as intimidating as the name suggested. Gary Larson then intervened and the name changed to its present "The Other Side of Far".

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BETWEEN A CABBAGE AND A HARD PLACE **21 ******

Descend "The Far Side Gully" and keep left. Further down on the true left a two-tiered corner is seen with a clean crack. Start at the base of the corner.

1. 28m 19 Climb the corner to a sloping ledge and belay below the next corner.

2. 27m 21 Climb the steep corner to a ledge. Continue up the vague recess directly above the corner. Climb up a blocky face to a small ledge and chock belay.

3. 35m 21 Move a few metres right of the stance until directly below a series of open books above. Climb the face to the base of the first, shorter open book. Climb the corner to a sloping ledge below the next, longer open book. Climb the corner moving right to avoid an overhang. Continue up the corner then exit right from the open book and pull through an overhang to gain a large ledge above.

4. 30m 21 Stand on the block above the belay that will enable you to gain access to a break leading up to a corner below a large chock overhang. Climb the break and corner then pull through the overhang. Continue up to a large, sloping grass ledge.

Notes:

- 1.** Protection is poor at the start of this pitch.
- 2.** Scramble down the ledge to the gully.

First ascent: 10 Feb 2001 G. Frost and H. Pringle.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF

17 **

When descending the gully close to the left-hand side, an obvious off-width open book is found. This is slightly higher up from where the gully opens into a less bush area strewn with large boulders and from where the "Red Indian Buttress" can be seen on the rock band above.

The off-width is not the start but descent 20 - 30m and a recess with a tree 10m up is found. Start here.

1. 25m 15 Climb up the recess past the tree. Continue up moving left onto a slab higher. Continue up non-descript rock to a large ledge. (This ledge forms the base and inside corner of the "Red Indian Buttress" higher up). This pitch can be missed if the ledge is gained from the gully descent (see THE LONELY PANGA approach).

2. 25m 14 Scramble right, up the ledge (10m) to the base of a left-leaning recess. Climb up the recess past a tree. Continue up the blocky recess and move left to a ledge. Belay here.

3. 25m 14 Climb the corner on the left of the ledge. Continue up moving left past a bush to a ledge. Climb a short face then traverse right (5m) and climb onto the large sloping ledge. Belay below a step on the right.

4. 45m 16 Ascend the short step to the right then walk towards the wall. Climb up (3m) then traverse left (5m). Climb up the recess tending right up to a ledge. From the ledge, step right onto the wall. Climb up the face to the large ledge below the overhang.

5. 30m 17 Move left down the ledge to where it pinches off. Climb the break in the small roof. Continue up a recess moving left onto a nose higher. Continue up the face to a tree. Climb the short steep wall just below the ledge (1 move 18). Scramble (30m) right, up the ledge, passing under the overhanging wall above to find an obvious recess with a large tree at the bottom.

6. 30m 17 Climb the recess passing an overhang about half-way up. Continue to a comfortable belay near the top of the crag.

Scramble to the top.

Note:

Pitches 4 and 5 are each 3 stars.

First ascent: 29 Jan 2000 G. Frost, D. Margetts and N. McKenzie.

THE SPECULATORS

19 ****

This climb starts about half-way along the ramp which is ascended to bypass the lower section of the crag (this is climbed on the first pitch of WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF). In order to obtain the ramp, hug the left wall of the descent gully passing a distinctive two-tiered corner. The climb ascends a face 50m left of the obvious corner on "Red Indian Buttress" which is climbed in THE LONELY PANGA.

1. 25m 17 Start up a groove slightly left of an overhang with a small chock wedged below the overhang. Climb the face left of the overhang (5m) until a small sloping foot ledge. Traverse left (2m), avoiding the open book above, then climb up a groove line left of the open book to a small ledge (10m). Continue straight up to a higher ledge below a steep face.

2. 30m 19 Climb the groove to the right of an obvious recess above. Traverse left to a small ledge at the base of the recess (first stance for opening party). Continue up the recess to place gear 1m below the overhang. Move down and then traverse right to gain the arête (crux). Move diagonally right to a tree. Traverse right (2 - 3m) to a steep face (recess above the tree avoided due to possible loose blocks). Climb the face to a large grassy ledge.

Scramble (20m) right, up the ledge to an obvious break with an overhang 5m above.

3. 30m 16 Climb past the overhang. Continue up the groove moving left to pass a small tree higher. At a small ledge, traverse right around the arête (4m) to gain easier ground (avoiding steep open book). Climb the face directly, following the easiest line until a 1m wide sloping ledge is obtained.

4. 30m 15 Move left along the ledge past a tricky move where a chock is wedged under the overhang. Climb the easy face diagonally left-wards and then directly up through an obvious break. Continue up the small buttress to a large grass ledge. Belay (6m) up the ledge at a large tree.

Scramble up the ledge (10m) to an obvious recess with a tree at the base. This is the start of the final pitch of WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF.

5. 30m 18 Climb up the recess behind the tree to gain a small ledge (4m). Traverse right (2 - 3m) to gain a sloping ledge. Climb up to a small overhang, pull through and continue up a corner to a larger ledge. Continue up the buttress until a comfortable belay is reached.

Scramble (50m) to easier ground.

First ascent: 29 Apr 2000 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

AN ACT OF DEFIANCE

19 ****

This climb starts about half-way along the ramp which is ascended to by-pass the lower section of the crag (this is climbed on the first pitch of WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF). In order to obtain the ramp, hug the left wall of the descent gully passing a distinctive two-tiered corner. The climb ascends a face 50m left of the obvious corner on "Red Indian Buttress" which is climbed in THE LONELY PANGA.

1. 30m 16 The start is shared with the first pitch of THE SPECULATORS but belays in a different spot. Start up a groove slightly left of an overhang with a small chock wedged below the overhang. Climb the face left of the overhang (5m) until a small sloping foot ledge. Traverse left (2m), avoiding the open book above, then climb up a groove line left of the open book to a small ledge (10m). Move right to where a boulder is climbed and continue right to a belay in a corner behind some bushes below a right-tending ramp.

2. 25m 17 Climb the corner above the stance tending right to the base of a groove with a steep right-ward leaning ramp above it. Move into the corner and then step left onto the face and climb the crack line to a belay on the large ledge above.

3. 35m 18 Directly above the stance on the large ledge a line can be spotted that is characterized by a large open book capped by a small overhang. Just to the left and below the open book a broken face can be seen extending down to the ledge. Climb this break straight up and then move right into the open book. Climb up and pull through the roof. Continue straight up to the small ledge above.

4. 25m 19 Climb up the open book directly above the stance and pull up right onto the top of the arête. Traverse right along a small foot ledge until the ledge peters out. Climb the exposed face diagonally right-wards following the feint crack line to the large ledge above.

5. 30m 17 This pitch is shared with pitch 5 of THE SPECULATORS. Climb up the recess behind the tree to gain a small ledge (4m). Traverse right (2 - 3m) to gain a sloping ledge. Climb up to a small overhang, pull through and continue up a corner to a larger ledge. Continue up the buttress until a comfortable belay is reached. Scramble up diagonally left on easier ground and descend.

First ascent: 16 Jul 2000 G. Frost, S. Newman and N. McKenzie.

THE BAPTISM OF HULK

20 **

Follow the same approach as for AN ACT OF DEFIANCE down the gully onto the ledge on the left. Continue past the start of AN ACT OF DEFIANCE towards the big corner. Before the corner is reached a break can be seen in the face above which leads to a steep open book. A series of 4 similar looking open books can be seen on the face above and a right-ward tending line follows beneath these, heading for the big corner. Start at the bush below a short right-facing corner just above the ledge.

1. 45m 20 Climb the open book described in the approach. Climb up and right to a narrow foot ledge. Move diagonally right along the ledge then climb up the face to a grassy ledge. Traverse right along the grassy ledge to where it peters out, then pull up onto the face and gain another sloping ledge. Traverse right below two steep open books, around the corner to a steep right-facing corner with a sloping face on the right. Climb up the corner with difficulty then move left and up to a ledge, and belay.

2. 20m 15 Climb directly up from the ledge following the recess in the face, past a small bushy ledge, over a step to a large grassy ledge.

Scramble for a long way up the large ledge (\pm 80m) over some steps to where the grey pillar climbed in THE LONELY PANGA

can be seen. To the right of this pillar a break in the overhangs leading up to a ledge with a tree below a recessed corner is seen.

3. 30m 15 Climb the face to the right of a left-facing corner with an overhang above. Tending right, climb up the juggy face past a small ledge with a small tree then continue up to a good ledge in a corner with a large tree above.

4. 30m 15 Climb up from the ledge to the tree and traverse left under the roofs to an open book with an easy-angled face on the left. Climb up the open book and continue up over blocky terrain to a belay above.

Descend left down the steep hill to the top of the gully.

First ascent: 19 Aug 2000 G. Frost, H. Pringle, D. Chesney, D. Margetts and P. Fourie.

THE LONELY PANGA

19 ***

The climb starts in the obvious corner between the thin face and "Red Indian Buttress" on the ramp which is ascended to by-pass the lower section of the crag (this is climbed on the first pitch of WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF). In order to obtain the ramp, hug the left wall of the descent gully, passing a distinctive two-tiered corner.

1. 25m 16 Climb the corner past a tree at the belay, keeping left to avoid bad rock. Continue up past a short chimney to the belay stance below an overhanging corner above.

2. 35m 19 Climb the crack in the arête to the left of the stance. Move diagonally left past a tree that is below the main open book above. Climb up the open book to the top where a tree blocks the exit directly above. A tricky move left past the tree is made to a belay above on a large grass ledge.

Scramble right, up the grass ledge for 70m to where the overhangs taper out. Here a buttress with a pedestal above it can be seen.

3. 46m 18 Start this pitch slightly right of a large tree below the buttress. Climb the buttress directly up to a ledge beneath the pedestal. Climb the pedestal on good rock to the top where the pedestal is not attached to the main wall and is below a small overhang 4m above. Climb up into a corner beneath the overhang (the left wall is steep and thin). Move right, through the overhang to gain the arête (crux). Move diagonally right (2m) to a steep face. Ascend the face to a small tree below a grassy recess. Climb the recess directly up until a ledge is gained below an overhang. An excellent pitch.

4. 35m 15 Traverse left (3 - 4m) along the ledge until a break can be seen in the overhang above. Climb up the break, moving left onto the nose and then right through the next break in the overhang. Continue directly up an easy ground to a comfortable belay.
Scramble up (20m).

First ascent: 25 Mar 2000 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

The Far Side Of Far

This wall is around the corner and more north facing than "The Other Side Of Far" wall. Access is the same as for "The Far Side" and "The Other Side Of Far" in that the same descent gully is used. Continue down the gully, turn left and go past the start of "The Other Side of Far" routes and follow the base of the wall up the ramp for about 150m. Pass the intimidating steep walls and huge roofs. The climbs on this section start where these roofs peter out and easier lines can be seen.

Routes appear in this guide from left to right as if the cliff was looked up at from below.

HOW BIZARRE

18 **

The start of this route is at a large boulder with smaller boulders on top and below a recess with a wide chimney on the right. Scramble up past the right of the boulder to the base of the recess.

- 1. 32m 18** Climb the corner on the left then move right and continue up to the left past a tricky finger layback into the recess above. Move right into an overhanging recess with loose rocks wedged between two inward-facing flakes. Climb up this feature to a small ledge then continue up right into the off-width. Climb the off-width to a comfortable belay in a niche.
- 2. 28m 16** From the belay, traverse right along a ledge into a corner. Climb the corner past a tricky section where a block is wedged in the corner. Continue up taking the left crack then traverse right with difficulty to a large ledge system.
- 3. 45m 16** Climb up a short corner on the right-hand edge of the ledge to a tree. Move left onto the yellow face. Climb this pleasant face for \pm 6m then traverse right into a recess. Climb the recess, up a short chimney to a ledge then traverse

right and climb the vegetated face up to a belay on a ledge below a roof (small cave).

4. 40m 16 Climb the corner on the left-hand side of the roof moving up and right to a slabby corner above. Climb up the corner then move left on a ledge bypassing a large boulder with a difficult corner on its right. Climb up right, past a bush to the top of the boulder and into a chimney, which is ascended to a belay on a sloping ledge in a cave.

5. 40m 18 From the ledge traverse left and climb up to below a small overhang. Pull through the overhang and move left on a ledge into a wooded gully. Escape from the gully after a short scramble, onto a steep face on the right with a twin crack system above. Climb the face up to a small ledge with a tree. Traverse right to a short recess and climb up to a belay on a ledge.

6. 55m 8 Scramble the easiest line to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 29 Jul 2000 G. Frost, L. Laubscher, D. Chesney and D. Margetts.

OVER SHOULDER BOULDER HOLDER

18 *

This climb ascends the skyline of the "Wall Of Fear" when looking from the area known as "The Far Side". From the base of the gully ("The Far Side Gully") follow the base of the cliff up to the highest point. Scramble up to a small recess. The climb starts to the left of the recess up a crack system.

1. 40m 18 Start at the base of the crack. Climb the crack (crux in the first 5m) until grade eases off on a bushy slope. Move left and up through an overhang. Follow a wide crack to a large belay ledge.

2. 30m 16 Traverse right below the overhangs for about 5m. Move right-ward and diagonally up to a gully. Climb this moving left to exit onto the belay ledge.

3. 30m 14 Traverse left around a bulge, continue left-wards to a break. Climb the break tending right-wards to a stance. Scramble to top of crag.

4. 100m? Scramble up 100m to top of crag in several pitches.

Note:

To descend, walk to top of mountain and continue down the other side back towards the top of 'The Far Side' gully. Follow the path you came in on back to the car.

First ascent: 16 Jan 1999 K. Thrash, D. Margetts, G. Devine and T. Willmot.

THE PRETENDER

19,A1*

Start about 100m to the right (down slope) of the start of OSHB. Start at the left hand side of a large recess below a short bushy recess.

1. 30m 19,A1 Climb up the bushy recess until forced to traverse left horizontally. Traverse left and up with one point of aid to a comfortable ledge to belay.

2. 30m 18 Traverse left (scramble) to a ledge below an attractive face with an overhang above. Climb up a crack to the overhang, bypass this on the right and continue up face to a ledge.

3. 50m 15 Climb the blocky face to where the angle eases. Scramble 100m to top of crag.

Note:

To descend, climb over top crag past beacon to descend to Far Side Gully.

First ascent: 2002
Margetts.

G. Frost, H. Pringle and D.

Wall Of Fear

To access the "Wall Of Fear", take the normal route from Elias' kraal to "The Far Side" gully. From the top of "The Far Side Gully", contour leftwards around the top of the large Manoutsa buttress to the next gully along (the "Wall Of Fear Gully") - one has to ascend to gain the top of this gully, as well as skirt the buttress as the top of this gully is much higher than "The Far Side Gully". This gully is heavily vegetated and requires two abseils.

When looking up at the cliffs from the campsite, the "Wall of Fear Gully" is the steep, narrow gully just right of the main Manoutsa buttress.

Descend for these routes by scrambling back over the top of the mountain to find the same path as that used for the walk-in.

HALLUCINATING HILLBILLIES

22 *****

After reaching the base of the cliff via the "Wall of Fear" gully, traverse left-wards to past a protruding buttress with a prominent gully on the left.

- 1. 30m 9** Scramble up diagonally from the left until the rock steepens at a small ledge.
- 2. 30m 14** Climb the easy face above, then move left where it steepens. Continue up to the ledge with a tree at the base of the steep corner.
- 3. 30m 22** Climb the steep break on the left of the recess above to gain the prominent crack. Climb the crack until forced right-wards onto a short face. Climb the face until forced to traverse left-wards on ledges to cross over a short gully. Climb the buttress on the left to a sloping ledge.

4. 55m 19 Climb the short crack above to the base of the finger crack. Avoid the prominent off-width on the left. Climb the crack past the grass then left to a small ledge. Move slightly left and up, then move back right-wards to the recess behind some trees. Climb on the right-hand side of the recess to a grassy groove below an obvious layback crack above. Climb up then move right to below an off-width. Climb up, continuing to a stance with a tree.

5. 20m 18 Climb the crack above. Continuing up to a gnarly face above to where it steepens below an overhang. Climb to the overhang and traverse right-wards to the large ledge.

6. 40m 16 Starting to the right of the tree on the face above, climb the short crack then move diagonally left-wards to the tree. Climb past the tree and move left-wards to below the face above. Continue up the blocky face to the large vegetated ledge, and belay.

7. 35m 15 Climb up the middle of the slab above. Move diagonally left-wards to the crack on the left-hand side of the overhang. Climb the blocky recess, continuing up to a convenient belay.

Notes:

Pitch 4 can be split in two.

First ascent: 4 Jun 2002 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

19 ***

Descend the "Wall Of Fear Gully" until just past the first compulsory abseil. The climb starts on the true right about 10m down from the bottom of the abseil.

1. 10m 14 First step down to the traverse line. Traverse left along until one is forced to climb up and around to a comfortable ledge.

2. 20m 18,A1 The "Wall of Fear" traverse!

Move left from the ledge and climb the crack above the tree to a ledge on the right. Climb up and left to the start of the traverse under the roof. Traverse along the crack below the roof, using aid where necessary. Belay at the end of the traverse on a small stance.

3. 50m 19 From the small ledge move up and traverse left past the crack leading to a vegetated corner. Continue traversing left below a small overhang until slab below is encountered. Continue traversing until able to break through the overhang to a crack system above. Follow the break upwards, slightly right-wards to an overlap. Break through on the left of the overlap and move right-wards to the corner. Climb up to a good ledge.

4. 35m 19 From the ledge climb the crack on the left up to a sloping ledge. Move left to a good jam crack which is followed to overhangs. Break through the overhangs and move left to the gully. Climb up the rock to the right of the gully to a wooded stance. Continue past the stance to the crack on the left. Climb this crack up to the overhang. Pull through the overhang, moving left, to a ledge.

5. 45m 18 Climb the shallow break directly above the stance. Continue up to a short open book. Move up to a large flake, moving right to the arête. Follow the arête up to the overhangs. Pull through the overhangs and climb diagonally left to some shattered blocks. Proceed cautiously past

shattered blocks to below a short open book. Climb up open book above to blocky ledge.

Scramble up to large tree then move right to grassy ramp.

Follow this to top of crag.

First ascent: 6 Jul 2005 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

16 YEAR OLD BOOBIES

21 ***

Start is the same as ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST and PAEDOPHILE POLICE in the "Wall of Fear Gully".

1. 10m 14 (Shared with ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST and PAEDOPHILE POLICE.) Step down to the traverse line. Traverse left along until one is forced to climb up and around to a comfortable ledge.

2. 25m 21 (Shared with PAEDOPHILE POLICE.) Climb directly above the stance on the left to the top of the block. Move rightwards to a shallow open book. Climb this and move right to a steep crack in the face. Follow the crack to move left at top of crack. Continue up to small stance.

3. 20m 14 Climb directly up to a big grass ledge.

4. 15m 9 Traverse left along ledge to skyline. Stance on end of ledge.

5. 20m 12 Step left around the corner along blocky ground. Climb diagonally left to below overhang with jam crack on left and a big thorn bush on the right. Stance.

6. 30m 18 Pull through the overhang on the left using the crack. Head up and a little right to a large ledge.

7. 25m 17 Climb the face behind the ledge, heading for a break in the overhangs towards the right. Pull through the break and head slightly left towards a ledge.

8. ?m ? Take incipient line to top.

First ascent: 25 Oct 2003 Ian Kotze and Jaco Jansen van Ryssen.

PAEDOPHILE POLICE

21 ***

Starts at the same place as ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST.

1. **10m 14** Shared with ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST.
2. **25m 21** Climb directly above the stance on the left to the top of the block. Move right-wards to a shallow open book. Climb this and move right to steep crack in the face. Follow the crack to move left at top of crack. Continue up to small stance.
3. **20m 14** Climb directly up to a big grass ledge.
4. **30m 18** Move right on the grass ledge below a face. Climb up the blocky face, keeping to right of large corner. Below a small overhang, move left then up and right again. Continue up a short chimney then move right onto face. Climb face, moving slightly left to counteract the right-leaning face, up to a tree belay on large ledge.
5. **30m ?** Climb up blocky face to easier ground. Scramble to top.

First ascent: 25 Oct 2003 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

Main Crag – Left of Descent Gully A

The main crag is to your right as you approach the tunnel.

Park just upstream of the tunnel at the fruit stall under the main cliff where the road moves through a right angle. In return for a few Rand the proprietor will keep an eye on your vehicle all day (in 2008, R20). If you intend to climb on the main cliff (HARD ROCK CAFE) or either side of this you park at the fruit stall and walk upstream, up the road, to the first vague gully. There is a faint path up the gully and scree slope above which clears the lower rock band at its right extremity. Go straight up a challenging scree slope to reach the base of the main cliff at the start of the route HARD ROCK CAFE. Move left along the cliff base, and continue past the Tea Rock at the base of Descent Gully A.

To descend from the top of these routes, use the descent gully immediately to the left of the route TWO BY FOUR. (Gully A.) This gully will be to the right of each of these routes looking up at the cliff. Move left at the base of the gully to avoid the rock band.

WAKE-UP CALL

11 ****

The route takes the areté at the extreme left of the main wall just before the huge gully visible from the campsite and about 30 meters left of RASTUS. The climb ascends a crack system near the left hand edge of the huge easy angled slab extending right to the top of the crag.

- 1. 49m 8** From the large boulder at the foot of the slab traverse out left for about 15m to a large crack system near the edge of the slab. Climb the easy angled slab to one of several possible stances.
- 2. 48m 10** Continue up the slab keeping to within a couple of metres of the edge of the areté.
- 3. 45m 11** Climb up bearing slightly right to a short vertical section. (This was climbed by the leader at grade 15.) Traverse right to bypass this and then back left.
- 4. 45m 10** Take the easiest line to the top of the crag.

Notes:

1. A superb easy route on excellent quality clean rock.
2. Stances are large enough for big parties.
3. Quite an airy route with great views over the bushveld.

First ascent: Sep 1997 G. Devine and N. Griffin.

LIES AND RECONCILIATION

13 ****

The route ascends an arbitrary line up the huge slab which has at its left extremity the route WAKE-UP CALL. Start at the same point as WAKE-UP CALL just under the chock boulder next to the huge boulder just right of the intersection of the scree slope and the left most gully of the cliff.

- 1. 25m 8** Move up diagonally leftwards making for the cubby-hole stance shared with WAKE-UP CALL.
- 2. 45m 10** Climb diagonally rightwards making for the line left of the big roofs above. Stop when you get to a narrow ledge with a chossy groove at its right extremity (Bollie ledge).
- 3. 45m 13** Take off from the middle of the ledge and climb straight up the now vertical wall to reach a small ledge with a bit of a roof above it.
- 4. 15m 10** Climb straight up from the ledge via the good crack system to reach the comfortable belay ledge on top.

Note:

An excellent easy grade route with palpable exposure and a stupendous view across the Lowveld.

First ascent: Dec 1997 G. Devine, D. Margetts, T.P. Willmot, A.J. Laas and A. Lombard.

HOT DOG GRAMMIE

20 ***

This route ascends the outside of a huge boulder to reach the arbitrary stuff behind and has as objective the groove just left of the huge roofs high up. Start on the roadside of the boulder mentioned in LIES AND RECONCILIATION.

1. 40m 8 Climb the steep slab to reach the sharp crest on top of boulder. Belay here. Descend to the back of the boulder to where it leans against the main face and stance.

2. 45m 8 Take an arbitrary line up and diagonally to the right making for the groove to the left of the big roof(s). Take a cramped stance on a series of narrow ledges below and to the left of the groove.

3. 25m 10 move up and rightwards to gain the base of the groove. Climb this to reach the comfortable large ledge below the twin cracks behind.

4. 25m 20 Climb the left of the two cracks to the roof about halfway up. Circumvent this on the left (difficult) and climb the thin open book above to exit to the narrow ledge on the left at the top of the open book.

5. 25m 7 Move straight up the nose above the ledge, through thorny choss behind. Climb the groove behind and stance on top.

Notes:

- 1.** The hard pitch is really superb.
- 2.** Protection is adequate.

First ascent: 16 May 1998 U. Kiefer, G. Devine, T.P. Willmot, M. Byrd and H. Pienaar.

RASTUS

19 ***

This route takes the break on the far left hand side of the crag (looking up from the road). It takes a right slanting break with a large corner to the right.

1. 30m 15 Climb the crack to a small ledge. Continue up a corner past a bulge to a comfortable stance with a tree.

2. 30m 19 Climb the break above the tree. Crux after about 5 m. Continue up to a small stance behind a tree. Continue up leftwards to a comfortable sloping stance.

3. 40m 15 Traverse left and down from the stance to ascend easy rock up an arété. Move diagonally rightwards but keeping the vegetated break to the right. Continue up the crack line to exit right below a series of overlaps to a comfortable stance on the right.

4. 45m 17 On the right of the stance, climb up a ramp to a small overhang. Pull through this onto a thin face. Climb the crack line moving diagonally right into a large break. Climb this break to a large ledge. Climb up the face on the left of the ledge to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Nov 1995 D. Margetts, G. Devine and N. McQueen.

BLOOD AND GUTS

20 ****

The route commences approximately 125 meters to the left of the regular descent gully-"A" / tea spot. Look for the immaculate hand crack that splits a 20 meter high right facing dihedral.

- 1. 35m 20** Climb easily to the platform below the crack. Gain the crack with difficulty and cruise to a ledge.
- 2. 15m 15** Climb up to the tree on the face. Traverse left above tree and round the corner to a ledge / platform.
- 3. 35m 15** Follow the obvious left slanting break around the corner. Climb up and left past tree and aloe to cubby-hole stance.
- 4. 40m 18** Climb up and left. Head towards obvious gully / chimney on the skyline.
- 5. 30m 15** Slash and Burn your way to the base of the chimney.
- 6. 20m 15** Climb the chimney exiting on the right.

First ascent: Dec 1997 I. McMaster and C. Loubser.

WHITE LIGHTNING

22 *****

This climb ascends the wall to the left (about \pm 100m to left looking up) of the descent gully A. The first pitch starts in a crack system just left of the huge roof at about 40m up. Just left one can see a very obvious overhanging red face.

- 1. 30m 19** Climb the crack system to a narrow ledge, traverse easily to the right along this ledge to a tree, then ascend the crack to the left of a rib. At the top of the crack traverse right to a large ledge directly below the very large roof.
- 2. 25m 20** Climb the narrow chimney at the right-hand end of the large ledge. Pass a tree and continue up a wide crack to a ledge.

3. 30m 18 From the upper ledge walk right-wards to below the lowest roof. Climb up to the sloping rail below the roof and move left and pull through the roof easily on big jugs. Move slightly left and pull through the bulge onto the face above. Continue up the face to a large sloping ledge.

4. 30m 22 Move left up the sloping ledge to the obvious crack, below the right end of the roof. Ascend the crack, moving right and up to the arête to avoid the large roof on the left. Once above the roof, move left into a crack system and ascend this crack system all the way to a ledge.

5. 30m 17 Walk right along the ledge and ascend the ramp past a tree, moving left-wards into an open book with a steep layback crack on the right-hand wall. Ascend this crack and then move out right to the face, climb this face to a ledge.

6. 30m 16 From the ledge move up diagonally left-wards over a number of blocks. Climb directly up a face towards a roof, moving right to avoid the roof and continue up until it is possible to scramble off.

Notes:

1. This is a sustained and exposed climb which is well protected and has good belay ledges.

2. A brilliant experience on rock.

First ascent: 19 Jun 1999 K. Thrash, I. MacMaster and D. Margetts.

NEETPIK

18 ***

This climb starts just left of the large roofs about 10m up and about 100m left of descent gully A.

1. 15m 18 About 5m left of the end of the roof at about 10m up there is a double crack system. Ascend this crack with difficulty until it is possible to traverse right along a small ledge. Traverse right along the ledge until above the large roof and take a stance on the arête where the ledge gets bigger.

2. 30m 18 Traverse along the ledge to the right using the good hand rail until a vertical crack is reached. Ascend this to a small chimney. Ascend this chimney and exit out right onto the face above. Climb the face to a ledge.

3. 30m 18 Climb the crack behind the ledge which goes diagonally right to join a narrow open book. Ascend this open book past a tree on the left. Once above the tree, traverse left 1.5m to gain another crack system which trends up and rightwards. At the top of the crack, pull through the steep face on the left. Continue up face to a ledge and belay stance. Walk/scramble up across the scree to where the cliff face starts again.

4. 30m 8 Climb easily up the face to a large ledge with scree. Cross the scree keeping left to the obvious crack up the next band of rock.

5. 30m 18 Ascend the obvious crack to a small ledge. At this point there is a sloping ledge to your left and the crack continues up and rightwards. Continue up this crack pulling through a small roof and small ledge (belay) Climb the right hand face above the ledge towards a tree and then move up leftwards on easy rock to the top.

First ascent: 31 Jul 1999 Ken Thrash, Ian McMaster and Conrad Loubsher.

GREEN NUMBER

16 **

This climb starts about 50m from the base of Gully A on the left looking up. Scramble up the short gully. The climb starts on the left hand side of the gully with large flake in it.

- 1. 25m 13** Climb up the face moving left then up to a good ledge. Climb up a wide crack to belay on a ledge to the left.
- 2. 30m 13** Move above the ledge traverse first left then up and traverse right and up to belay at a tree.
- 3. 50m 13** Traverse left around a buttress then continue up to a large bushy ledge.
- 4. 50m 16** Move left along the ledge until a obvious break through an overhang is reached. Climb up past the overhang. Traverse right and steeply up to twin cracks. Climb right hand crack then move left and continue up to top of crag.

First ascent: Aug 1996 U. Kiefer, D. Margetts, G. Devine, T.P. Willmot and P. McCann.

EASY DAY FOR A CHANGE

10

This climb starts at the base of descent gully A on the true right hand side.

- 1. 30m 10** Climb the easy ramp which steepens slightly.
- 2. 30m 10** Traverse right onto the buttress climb. Climb this buttress to a ledge.
- 3. 30m 10** Traverse left then climb up to a large ledge. Cross this and continue up a ramp to a large grassy ledge.
- 4. 30m 10** Move right along the grassy ledge. Climb up to a large block. Move between the block and crag traversing right to a ledge. The opening party also did another finish leftwards at grade 16 - this was not in keeping with the nature of the climb.

First ascent: Oct 1996 D. Margetts, G. Devine, T.P. Willmot.

Climbs in Descent Gully 'A'

Park just upstream of the tunnel at the fruit stall under the main cliff where the road moves through a right angle. In return for a few Rand the proprietor will keep an eye on your vehicle all day (in 2008, R20). If you intend to climb on the main cliff (HARD ROCK CAFE) or either side of this you park at the fruit stall and walk upstream, up the road, to the first vague gully. There is a faint path up the gully and scree slope above which clears the lower rock band at its right extremity. Go straight up a challenging scree slope to reach the base of the main cliff at the start of the route HARD ROCK CAFE. Move left along the cliff base, and continue to the Tea Spot at the base of Descent Gully A.

To descend from the top of these routes, use the descent gully immediately to the left of the route TWO BY FOUR. (Gully A.) i.e. the same gully these climbs are found in. Move right at the base of the gully to avoid the rock band.

THE THREE SHORVANISTS AND THE LADY **15 *****

This route ascends the true left-hand wall of descent Gully A. The start is approximately 10m up the gully from the start of FISTICUFFS. Start in the well-defined open book which starts about 1,5m above the ground and leads up to a low roof about 10m up.

1. 30m 15 Climb the open book until below the roof. Traverse to the right for 5m, you can take a stance here or else continue traversing right by going down across and up again to the same level as before. Continue to traverse right until you get to the corner (around the corner there is a slab which trends up to the left).

2. 30m 13 Move around the corner and start in the open book below the tree, moving out to the left onto the slab when possible after about 5m. Climb up the slab tending to the left through a small overhang, until you reach a large ledge.

3. 40m 12 At the back of the large ledge there is another slab, climb to the left of the bushy gully. Climb the slab till a small tree in the middle of the slab. At this point move off to the left and up to the arête. Once on the arête move up tending slightly to the left till another large ledge, with a very large loose looking block at the back of the ledge.

4. 30m 14 Start behind the large loose looking block and next to a tree. Climb up and to the left of the small roof directly above the tree. Climb directly up the face to the open book above. Climb this open book to below the large roof. Move out right to avoid the roof and climb the face to the top.

Notes:

1. This easy grade climbing offers some really good exposure at the top.

2. Protection is adequate throughout.

First ascent: 22 Aug 1999 D. Margetts, K. Thrash, G. Devine and S. den Hollander.

FISTICUFFS

22 ***

This ascends the true left-hand wall of descent. The start is approximately 50m up the gully from the start of the climbs, QUIVERING APPRENTICE and TRAGICALLY HIP . Start in a corner with a tree about 10m up and an off-width crack above this.

1. 40m 19 Climb the corner to the tree. Traverse right for 5m to next recess. Climb this until forced right onto a sloping ledge. Traverse right 3m avoiding the first recess and climb the steep face with the crack system. Belay on large ledge with chimney at back.

2. 20m 22 Avoid the chimney and climb the steep face 5m right of the chimney, following the crack system. At the top of the face climb a short bulge to a small ledge.

3. 15m 13 Move right along the ledge, climb the recess into a chimney. Climb up to a big block and traverse left into gully. Belay here.

4. 30m 12 Climb the left side of the gully up a face to top of crag.

First ascent: 9 Aug1998 K. Thrash and D. Margetts.

QUIVERING APPRENTICE

18 ***

This starts as for TRAGICALLY HIP. As one ascends descent gully A, the climb starts on the true left about 100m up the gully. The start is at the base of a corner with a slab on the left and a small overhand 8m up.

1. 30m 17 Shared with TRAGICALLY HIP. Climb up the slab for 5m till the ledge with a large block. Continue up the crack till the roof and traverse out left to avoid the roof, and climb onto the ledge. Climb the open book crack system till the obvious traverse line across the right-hand face, continue up another metre and to the left to a belay.

2. 30m 16 Continue up the face towards the overhang above. As the face starts to steepen, traverse left past a tree. Traverse left for 10m around a nose to belay on a ledge.

3. 30m 15 Climb the recess above the stance to a traverse line. Traverse right for 15m - 20m to a stance with a small cave and tree.

4. 20m 18 Shared with TRAGICALLY HIP. Climb up the open book crack system until the roof and traverse out left and up the face, trending back to the right till a very large ledge.

5. 20m 13 Walk along the large ledge to the right to gain the arête (50m). Climb the arête to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Apr 1998 D. Margetts, M. Philipps and R. Stark.

TRAGICALLY HIP

20 ****

This climb starts as QUIVERING APPRENTICE then traverses to the right to continue up the impressive face and roofs above.

1. 30m 17 Start as per QUIVERING APPRENTICE. Climb up the slab for 5m until the ledge with a large block. Continue up the crack until the roof and traverse out left to avoid the roof, and climb onto the ledge. Climb the open book crack system until the obvious traverse line across the right-hand face, continue up another metre and to the left to a belay.

2. 15m 15 Climb down a metre and traverse out right along the obvious traverse line (normally has grass and an aloe). After about 3m climb up the first vertical break for 12m until one gets to a ledge which is in line with the roof on the left arête.

3. 30m 19 Traverse directly left off the ledge to the crack system. Climb the crack up the face until the roof and move out left to the arête and onto a large free-standing block below a small roof. Pull through the roof, using both sides of the arête, continue up the face to a small cave and a tree.

4. 20m 18 Climb up the open book crack system until the roof and traverse out left and up the face, trending back to the right until a very large ledge.

5. 25m 20 From the back of the ledge there is a left trending crack which leads up to the roof. Climb this crack and face until a double crack system is reached. Using both the cracks climb up to below the roof, ending up in the right-hand crack. Traverse delicately under the roof and across the left-hand crack to the face on the left to avoid the roof. Continue up the face using the crack to a small ledge. Continue up the small arête to another double crack system, using both cracks. Continue to the top.

First ascent: 2 May 1998 K. Thrash, D. Margetts and M. Philipps.

FLIGHT OF THE ALBATROSS

21,A0 ***

This climb ascends the ramp starting just around the arête on the right hand side looking up. Ascend the gully for about 20m. Start the climb at the base of the ramp opposite a large boulder and tree.

1. 50m 17 Ascend the ramp starting on the right and moving left higher. Climb face to a small ledge, move right into corner. Climb the corner past two bulges to a good belay ledge.

2. 25m 15 Start left of the ledge in a shallow corner. Climb the corner to an overhang. Move right to place gear in the crack below the overhang. Traverse left past the overhang. Climb the face to the left of the overhang to a good ledge.

3. 20m 21,A0 Climb through the small overhang onto the steep face. Continue up to the overhang. Rail left around the corner to a recess. Ascend this until able to traverse rightwards to a ledge. The opening party took a rest at the top of the recess.

4. 15m 11 Move right from ledge. Climb up a short step to a corner. Move up the corner and right onto a face. Continue up to a large sloping ledge. Walk up the ledge and over a boulder to a good ledge with tree and small cave.

5. 40m 16 Move right from ledge up some boulders to below a corner. Move up the corner to the overhang on the right. Rail rightwards to the arête and up to a small ledge. Pull through the small overhang onto the face. Continue up face to a ledge. Move rightwards onto a buttress which is climbed to another ledge. Climb a bush corner to exit leftwards onto a prow to belay.

Note:

- 1.** Smaller digits are useful on the crux.
- 2.** The climb is mostly in the shade.

First ascent: 5 Nov 2005 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

Main Crag – Right of Descent Gully A

Park just upstream of the tunnel at the fruit stall under the main cliff where the road moves through a right angle. In return for a few Rand the proprietor will keep an eye on your vehicle all day (in 2008, R20). If you intend to climb on the main cliff (HARD ROCK CAFE) or either side of this you park at the fruit stall and walk upstream, up the road, to the first vague gully. There is a faint path up the gully and scree slope above which clears the lower rock band at its right extremity. Go straight up a challenging scree slope to reach the base of the main cliff at the start of the route HARD ROCK CAFE. Move left or right along the cliff base.

To descend from the top of the routes to the left of HARD ROCK CAFE, move leftwards from the top of the route to reach the descent gully immediately to the left of the route TWO BY FOUR. (Gully A.) Move right at the base of this gully to avoid the rock band.

To descend from the top of routes like GOOD VIBRATIONS, or SCALLYWAG (i.e. right of HARD ROCK CAFE) move right down the crest of the mountain to the right to the point that a cliff high left slanting feature appears opposite you (on the same side of the road). At this point scramble carefully down the scree slope to the floor of the gully behind the mountain, turn right and make your way down to the road.

Alternatively use the abseil gully that the route MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR climbs. Two abseils are required.

TWO BY FOUR

17 ****

This climb ascends the right hand edge of the left hand descent gully (Gully A) when looking up. Scramble up on top of a large boulder at the base of the crag (Tea Spot). Then scramble up a short gully and move left to a ledge below a short smooth face with a small tree growing out of it.

1. 45m 16 Climb up the smooth face for 3m then step left 2m into a crack system. Follow the crack system up an easy angled slab to a ledge at 45m.

2. 45m 16 Climb the crack systems making for the chimney above. Climb the chimney to belay on the buttress.

3. 45m 17 Climb the crack above the ledge. After 8m traverse right and continue up to another traverse at about 20 m. Traverse right 4-5m then continue up making for the ledge with a tree.

4. 20m 13 Climb the buttress above to the top of the crag (this could be avoided on the right).

First ascent: May 1996 D. Margetts, N. McQueen, G. Devine and E. Istead.

EDITOR'S DECISION

18 ***

This climb ascends the break between TWO BY FOUR and TRIPPLE BYPASS. No description at present.

First ascent: 1987 Neil Griffin and Greg Devine.

TRIPLE BYPASS

18 ***

Starts about 15m right of the route TWO BY FOUR, about 2m left of a staunch, white tree growing against the face. (This is the site of the so-called tea spot, just above the boulder scramble and cave).

- 1. 35m 15** Climb straight up and then diagonally right to enter a chossy corner. Climb the corner for 20 meters to a stance on a ledge/block on the left.
- 2. 30m 16** From the ledge climb diagonally up and right over a bulge. Enter a clean corner at this point. Climb the corner, bypassing the first small roof on the right. Traverse right under the second roof to a narrow ledge under huge roof. Make a stance.
- 3. 40m 18** Traverse along the ledge for about 8 meters. Climb up and right. Bypass the huge roof at its rightmost extremity to enter a narrow, bushy corner. Follow the corner and it's continuation recess to a ledge with a tree up and left of the overhanging rock.
- 4. ?m 11** Scramble out!

Note:

Protection is adequate.

First ascent: May 1997 I. McMaster and C. Loubser.

FOUR BY FOUR

19 ***

Ascends the fine crack line some 20 meters to the right of the route TWO BY FOUR.

Start at the bottom of the slab immediately above the Tea Spot on top of the cluster of boulders to the right of the pillar which marks the start of the route TWO BY FOUR.

- 1. 48m 19** Ascend the slab for approximately 8m to where it is possible to traverse right to clear the chossy groove. Move delicately right to reach the clean vertical crack line. Move up the crack line (excellent climbing) until forced rightwards by the

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roof. Gain the base of the hidden open book (facing Ohrigstad) (crux) and then move delicately upwards to clear. Move up the broken wall directly above to reach the suspect flake. Pull up leftwards of this. Tip toe back right and move up the fault line to reach the stance comprising two separate little 2 man stances (one above the other).

2. 30m 18 Move up the vertical wall behind the stances (There are no overriding features) to reach the long narrow ledge below the huge roof. This route joins the route TRIPLE BYPASS at this point.

3. 40m 18 From the right extremity of the long ledge move up the thin vertical wall behind. Move up diagonally rightwards to clear the rooflet above (on the right). Move immediately back leftwards to reach the base of the clean crisp open book above. Move up this open book and clear at the top to a large belay ledge on the left.

4. 45m 13 From the stance follow the obvious line up the gully. Clear a short bulge just above the stance and move up the choss to reach a large ledge. Walk across the ledge and climb any good looking line to the top.

Note:

The first and third pitches have some really superlative climbing though at times the run outs can be fierce and some of the rock is suspect (Top of first pitch).

First ascent: Aug 1997 C. Nicole, G. Devine, D. Margetts and T.P. Willmot.

WELL OILED MACHINE

17 *****

Starts in the same place as FOUR BY FOUR below a large Paperbark tree. This is 20m to the right of TWO BY FOUR.

1. 30m 16 Climb the short face to the left of the tree. Traverse right and move down after 8m. Continue to the large corner. Cross the corner and climb the crack on the right wall. Continue up the crack system. Climb up to a blocky ledge slightly right past some tat. Move up and right-wards around the corner to a blocky ledge.

2. 20m 15 Climb up a short face then traverse right-wards to below a crack system. Climb the crack to belay off a small ledge to the right.

3. 20m 16 Traverse right-wards for 5m then move down to below a steep face with a finger crack in the corner. Climb the crack and face to long and narrow belay stance to the right.

4. 15m 13 Move right along the ledge (2m) and climb the break on easy jugs to below an overhang. Surmount the overhang on the right moving left-wards to a large ledge with a recess above.

5. 35m 17 Climb the recess above the ledge. Traverse 2m slightly right and continue up the recess using bridging moves higher up to a small ledge. Move right-wards to a short face below an overhang. Climb this face to a good ledge with a tree below the upper overhang. This pitch can be split into 2 pitches at the small ledge.

6. 15m 15 Surmount the overhang at the right-hand side and continue up the easy face to exit onto the large wooded ledge via a groove and small overhang. An easier variation to the start of this pitch can be found on the right.

7. 20m 10 Walk along and up the large wooded ledge for ± 100m until the way is blocked by a pillar. Climb the face to the right of the pillar to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 14 Dec 2002 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

GREESE MONKEY

19 *****

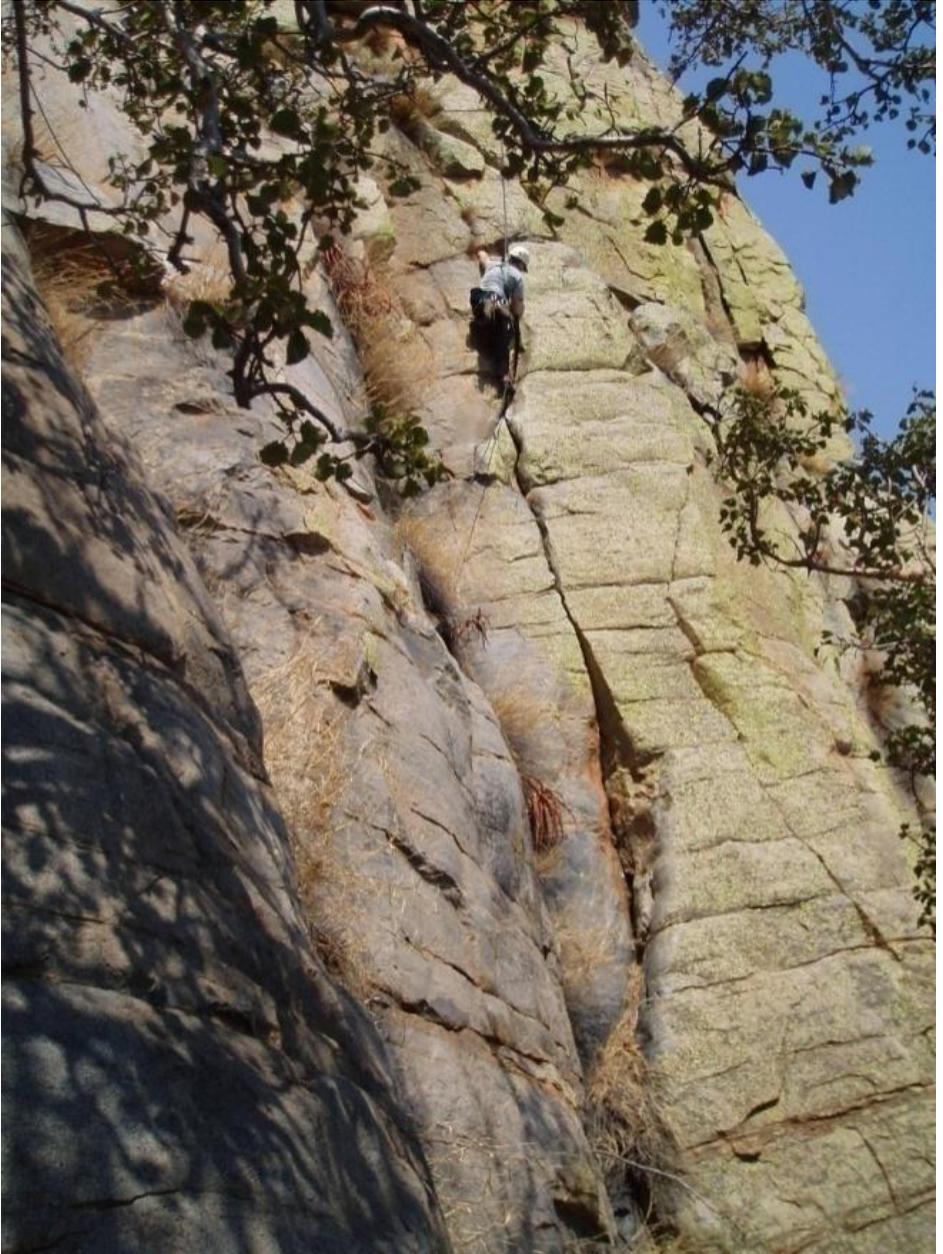
4. 20m 16 Climb up to left of start of pitch 4 of WELL OILED MACHINE. Move left and up, finally climbing up to a stance on the nose 20m to left of the stance of WELL OILED MACHINE.

5. 40m 19 Move left and climb recess above with double crack system.

Note:

This is a variation to WELL OILED MACHINE. Pitches 1 – 3 and pitches 6 -7 are common with that route.

First ascent: Mar 2003 G. Frost and D. Margetts.



*The first pitch of WELL OILED MACHINE.
Photo by D. Margetts*

COMFORTABLY NUMB

20 ***

The route starts at the obvious crack line, approximately 50m, to the right of the left hand descent gully, before moving right onto the face at the end of pitch 2 and finally traversing between the two overhangs above the large fig tree on pitch 4.

1. 35m 20 Climb between the two trees on the left crack. Climb the crack with increasing difficulty until forced onto the left wall. Make thin moves to a rail below the overhang (crux), move right to reach the right hand crack, which now opens into a narrow groove. Enter groove, move left and climb to a tree. Belay here or on the right.

2. 15m 17 Climb the groove above the tree (10 m) to a foot and hand rail on the right. Traverse right, Mantle shelf on to a large ledge below a tree.

3. 25m 19 Climb up to and follow the crack through the tree to easier ground. Climb the right hand crack to a small ledge. Move left and ascend the face to ledges above.

4. 25m 14 Climb the crack above to a corner. Climb the corner to a large fig tree. Continue up the ramp on the right to a large ledge below overhangs.

5. 50m 14 Move up and left on to a ramp, 3m below the overhangs, which is followed to the arété/skyline (large thread/flake runner). Climb straight up to left of overhang and pull onto face above. Move right and climb face to a large ledge (possible belay). Climb the easy rightward rising diagonal off width crack and continue up easy ground to top.

First ascent: Oct 1995 D.T.J. Mortimer and D. Margetts.

C'EST LA VIE

20 ***

This shares the same first pitch as HARD ROCK CAFE.

- 1. 35m 17** Climb up to the base of the open book. Climb this and traverse right to ascend the slab to the right. Climb to a long ledge.
- 2. 40m 15** Climb the bushy corner above the left hand end of the ledge. Traverse left across the face to the left of the overhang. Ascend the face to a ledge (large).
- 3. 30m 18** From the top of pitch 2 move left along the ledge to start the next pitch at a tree on the left hand extremity. Traverse left around the buttress then climb up to a tree. From the tree continue traversing left, after 5m move up past a small tree to another traverse line. Traverse left to below an obvious crack line, climb this to belay on a ledge to the left.
- 4. 20m 12** Climb nondescript rock and bush to ledge below steep recess.
- 5. 40m 20** Climb the left hand recess up to an off width crack. Climb to the top of the off width. At this point traverse left across a slab. Continue left to a recess which is ascended to a ledge.
- 6. 25m 13** Move left along the ledge around a buttress. Ascend a crack system on the left of the buttress and continue up to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Nov 1996 C. Nicole, D. Margetts, U. Kiefer, G. Devine and T.P. Willmot.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

20 ****

This climb starts in the same place as HARD ROCK CAFÉ.

- 1. 35m 17** Climb the first pitch of HARD ROCK CAFÉ. Take a stance in the corner on the left.
- 2. 40m 18** Climb the slab above directly, moving up to a small ledge with a tree, make a tricky move leftward then continue up moving slightly leftwards to a tree and stance.
- 3. 30m 20** Move leftwards and up onto the lichen covered face. Climb directly up moving slightly left when it gets tricky. Continue up to a long narrow blocky ledge.
- 4. 40m 18** Move rightwards and up from the stance to a recess. Climb up the recess to a wide crack with a steep face on the left. Climb up the crack until able to climb the face on the left. Climb the face to a rail, move left then up to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Apr 1997 C. Nicole, D. Margetts, G. Devine and A. McCann.

HARD ROCK CAFE

19 *****

The route takes the groove system which culminates in the very obvious diagonally left leaning woody gully in the upper wall (between the routes COMFORTABLY NUMB and YEBO GOGO). The route is immediately above the right extremity of the lower rock band - cairn.

- 1. 35m 17** Scramble up behind the tree to reach the base of the intimidating looking left leaning open book above.. Stem up this and clear to the right at the natural traverse line just prior to the top of the book. Climb up to reach the ledge at the tree above. At this point traverse right across the width of the gully to reach the big ledge at the base of the two crack lines above (one short and a larger one that moves up to the tree).
- 2. 40m 17** Climb the crack until forced out right at the tree. Ascend the face and then rejoin the line above the tree.

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Move up the very steep face above with the two faint crack lines to reach the large comfortable belay ledge. Exit onto the ledge via the left edge.

3. 30m 17 Step down off the right hand edge of the ledge and fall across to the main wall. Pull up steeply via a long reach and move up diagonally rightwards around the areté to reach the short open book around the corner. Climb the open book and move up diagonally rightwards to reach the large very sloping ledge above.

4. 35m 19 Move off the ledge at its left extremity and gain the broken crack above with difficulty. Climb this to the roof above with the fist width crack through it. Move through the roof by means of jamming and laybacking and climb the wall above via the fine chicken heads to reach the tree above with the large ledge system a small distance above.

5. 40m 12 Climb the buttress above to the left of the vegetated gully and take a comfortable stance at a ledge with tree.

Notes:

- 1.** All belay ledges are large and clean.
- 2.** The grading for pitches 1 and 3 favours average sized climbers. Taller persons may find the grade a tad easier
- 3.** An excellent sustained climb - technically pleasing.
- 4.** From the top of the fifth pitch move up the left leaning woody gully in the upper wall which exits naturally into the left most descent gully off the cliff (Gully A).

First ascent: Jun 1996 D. Margetts, G. Devine, T.P. Willmot and M. Phillips.

HOME ALONE

21 *****

This climb starts about 30m right of the start for HARD ROCK CAFÉ. Walk along the base of the crag from the start of HARD ROCK CAFÉ to the right past a recess to a steep face with an overhang above and crack recess up to the left and a tree above this.

1. 30m 18 Climb up the face to below the overhang. Move leftwards and up to a wide crack. Make a difficult move up and rightwards to a tree. Climb up past the tree then climb up leftwards to a cubby-hole and stance.

2. 40m 18 Traverse right then up to a shallow open book. Continue up to the slab above. Climb up the slab above to a large ledge.

3. 30m 16 Climb up a recess on the left of the ledge, continue up to a short crack. Climb this then move slightly right then left again to exit up the final steep face to the ledge.

4. 30m 21 Start as for HARD ROCK CAFÉ but instead of going leftwards to the overhang with a crack through it go rightwards to the steep open book. Climb this and traverse leftwards at the top of the open book. Continue up to good ledge.

5. 30m 13 Climb the recess crack above the stance to the top of the crag.

First ascent: Aug 1997 C. Nicole and D. Margetts.

CHARGE OF THE ANTELOPE

18 ****

This climb starts 10m to the right of HOME ALONE in an obvious recess.

1. 35m 18 Climb up the recess until it steepens. Pull through the overhang then move left across the slab and up to a small stance and tree, with overhang above. Shared with HOME ALONE.

2. 45m 16 Move up to overhang. Rail out left and move up the slab above. Follow the slab above to exit onto a good ledge (an easier exit is found if you move to left arête). Last part of this pitch is shared with 2nd pitch of HARD ROCK CAFE.

3. 30m 18 From the large ledge (shared with HARD ROCK CAFE) move left and traverse across to the left-hand crack line/recess. Climb up this crack line until the going gets tough then place gear high. Descend and move right across the slab to the right-hand recess. Climb up past the overhangs to a good stance (left-hand end of HARD ROCK CAFE ledge 3).

4. 30m 18 Climb the crack above past the tree. Continue up past two bulges then move right and finish up the last face of HARD ROCK CAFE. Belay at large fig tree as for HARD ROCK CAFE).

5. 30m 12 Shared with HARD ROCK CAFE.

First ascent: 2003 G. Frost, Alan Lloyd and D. Margetts.

LARGE RINGING BELLS

18 ***

This route is about 40m right of HARD ROCK CAFE. It starts to the right of a bush below an obvious corner leading to a big roof 20m above.

1. 40m 18 Climb a recess into a corner leading up to a large roof. Traverse left 4m pulling through the left edge of the roof into a crack. Strenuous moves up the crack lead to a recess with a tree. Climb past the tree up to a red face where a belay is taken amongst some red blocks.

2. 25m 10 Traverse left towards a sloping ledge. This ledge is shared with the belay for pitch 3 of HARD ROCK CAFE.

3. 35m 18 Step to the left edge of the ledge and tending left pull awkwardly over a bulge with a tree. Climb up to the red face and place gear as high as possible before traversing right towards a gray slab. Climb diagonally right up to some broken rocks where a belay is taken. (same as for THE CHARGE OF THE ANTELOPE)

4. 30m 17 Climb the recess above the ledge and continue steeply on good rock to a ledge and tree. This ledge is shared with the last pitch of HARD ROCK CAFE. (same as for THE CHARGE OF THE ANTELOPE)

5. 40m 17 Climb the face above to a large ledge then continue up a bending chimney to a ledge and belay. (As for HARD ROCK CAFÉ)

Notes:

1. A good climb where pitches 1 and 2 can be used as a variation approach to pitch 4 of HARD ROCK CAFE.

2. Pitch 3 is rather serious.

First ascent: 5 Apr 1998 L. Laubscher and N. Samuels.

WILLIAM OF CAMELOT

18 ****

This climb \pm 50m right of the start of HARD ROCK CAFE, as the cliff line makes short turn inwards at the same spot as C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT .

1. 35m 18 Starting on the arête climb diagonally left over the face to a crack. Climb the crack up to a small overhang. Climb this and move left-wards to a small ledge below a crack (a step down may be necessary to gain this ledge). Climb up a ramp right-wards to below a crack system on the arête. Climb this crack to large Paperbark tree belay station.

2. 20m 15 Climb onto the slab on the right of the belay up the slab to a ledge (1st belay stance of C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT. Move left to a short face. Ascend this, move left and up the ramp to a comfortable ledge.

3. 30m 17 Start in the same groove as HARD ROCK CAFE 3rd pitch. Climb the initial groove for 5m then move left 2 - 3m and climb directly up the face to a short overhanging corner. Move left below the corner and climb up. Move diagonally left-wards to the ledge. Walk left-wards to below and just beyond the large tree.

4. 50m 18 Move left of the overhang. Climb up the ramp and up to the overhang. Traverse left onto the arête. Move across the face to the left arête. Climb up to a chimney. Climb the chimney to overhanging groove. Bridge up the groove, exiting left onto a ledge (4th stance of C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT). A stance could be taken here! Climb up the face on the left to a good rail instead of moving right as in C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT. Move left into a recess with small bush. Surmount the recess past the bush and immediately move right along a small exposed ledge to another recess. Climb this crack system to belay stance.

5. 30m 14 Move right-wards and climb the recess to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 19 Oct 2002 G. Frost and D. Margetts. (William took part for the first 3 pitches)

C-MON DAD GIMME THE CAR TONIGHT 20 *****

This climb starts at the same place as the climb RIDERS ON THE STORM. The climb ascends the steep crack up the right-facing wall.

1. 45m 20 Climb up the short buttress which forms the base of the ramp which continues up to a tree (RIDERS ON THE STORM). At the start of the ramp move left onto the steep face. Follow the crack system up the face, moving right higher up to a sloping ledge with a tree. Move right and ascend a large block, move left to ascend a short face to a good ledge.

2. 25m 12 Move left along the ledge onto the arête. Climb the short face up to a ledge, continue up another short face to a large ledge (same ledge as RIDERS ON THE STORM).

3. 30m 17 Climb the short corner (5m) to a small ledge. Traverse left along this ledge to another corner. Climb this and move right again and then climb up diagonally left-ward to exit onto the HARD ROCK CAFE third ledge (pitch partly shared with HARD ROCK CAFE).

4. 10m 10 Traverse left-wards along the ledge past a tree to belay below a blocky recess.

5. 30m 19 Climb up the overhang slot moving left after 5m to the top of the block. Continue up the blocky recess, past two overhangs to a short off-width. Continue up to a large overhang. Traverse left on a good rail just below the overhang to a comfortable ledge on the left.

6. 40m 18 Pull up in the left-hand corner to rail right below the overhang to exit onto a small ledge. Continue up

recess to an off-width. Climb the off-width to a large sloping ledge. Climb the crack on the face to the left with a short traverse left-wards. Continue up the recess to the top (partly shared with WISH YOU WERE HERE).

Note:

Sustained, exposed and well protected.

First ascent: 30 Apr 2002 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

RIDERS ON THE STORM

20 ***

The route takes the cliff high left leaning break which starts some 30m right of HARD ROCK CAFÉ. Start at the foot of a rising ramp to the right behind a huge boulder detached from the face - cairn.

1. 25m 17 Move up the short ramp to the right to reach the vertical well defined crack behind. Climb this to reach the base of the crack out of which is growing a large paperbark tree. Climb up to the left of the tree and move up slightly right to reach the base of the off width crack above. Gain this with some difficulty. There is a loose horizontal blocklet upon which it is possible to stand. On the under right hand side of the jammed chockstone above is a lay away hold which it is possible to employ to lean out and friction up to reach the ledge above through the woody choss.

2. 25m 15 Climb the deep open book above the stance and move up over some blocks to reach a groove which is bound on the left by some thorny choss. Move up into the thorns to reach some thin holds and then power up rightwards via some huge jugs to reach the large ledge above below the striking open book

3. 27m 15 Climb the open book to reach the rising ledge to the right. Move up this and climb up to reach the large tree above. Traverse delicately left to reach the root of the open

book in a deep cubby-hole at the right extremity of the HARD ROCK CAFÉ dinner plate ledge. Take a belay.

4. 40m 20 Of the two cracks above the stance, climb the right hand one. Take off from the cubby-hole delicately and move up to the first roof above. Pass this on the right and climb to the second roof just above. Move past this extremely delicately and climb up to the deep tree choked ledge above,. Climb up the open book at the back of the ledge making thankful use of the chockstone half way up. Climb up to the ledge above. From the ledge climb the steep open book above moving left at the top to break through the notch by using the ramp on the left. Climb the slab on the left to reach the spacious belay ledge.

5. 25m 12 Climb to the left above the stance to reach the off width crack above. Climb this and pull up the areté on the left to reach the comfortable belay stance on top.

Note:

Superb climbing.

First ascent: Jan 1998 K. Thrash, T.P. Willmot, G. Devine, A. Lombard and D. Margetts.

YEBO-GOGO

14 **

The route starts about 3/4 of the way along the main crag in the vicinity of three large boulders which are situated in a clump. The route begins about 30m left of the start of FOUR MUSKETEERS.

- 1. 50m 13** Scramble up a short distance to the base of a groove with a tree in it. Scramble up the ramp to the base of 2 cracks. Climb the right hand crack past a bush at the top. Continue up easy ground to a big stance below an overhanging corner.
- 2. 15m 14** Climb the face on the left of the corner, first leftwards then straight up to a cubby hole below another corner.
- 3. 40m 14** Climb the corner moving rightwards to a ledge. Move right onto the face and climb up the face to a comfortable stance.
- 4. 40m 13** Step off the ledge on the left and climb non descript rock to a large bushy ledge. (This pitch is shared with FOUR MUSKETEERS.)
- 5. 25m 13** Move up and traverse leftwards to an areté. Climb the areté to an overhang, moving past the overhang on the left and up to a large ledge.

First ascent: Sep 1995 D. Margetts, G. Devine and A. Lynch.

THE FOUR MUSKETEERS

18 ***

The route starts just left of the large corner running above three large boulders about 3/4 of the way along the crag base from the right. The route starts by stepping off the top of the highest boulder.

1. 45m 18 Climb up the face to the right of a shallow finger crack with roots in it to a tree. Pass the tree on the right and continue up the crack past a bush (crux) to reach the ledge. Avoid moving left but move up a right hand crack system to a large ledge.

2. 25m 12 Climb broken rock tending right around corner into a recess. Climb the recess past bush until ledge beneath obvious overhanging break.

3. 35m 17 Climb break through overhang. Follow crack system up to where the crack fades, step right and climb face to a ledge on left.

4. 40m 13 Step off the ledge on the left and follow non-descript rock to a large bushy ledge.

5. 20m 14 Climb short face to overhang. Break through overhang at tree and continue to a large ledge. Scramble to the top of the crag.

Note:

5 hours for first ascent.

First ascent: Nov 1993 N. Margetts, D. Margetts, H. Spencer-Wilson and B. Schumacher.

KING P

19 **

The route takes a line up the centre of the wall between ANJIN SAN and THE FOUR MUSKETEERS. The objective is the smooth looking red head wall to the right of and below a huge out jutting phallic symbol.

Start behind the immense detached block at the foot of a vegetated groove with a big gendarme to the right.

1. 25m 12 Climb the chossy groove to the top of the gendarme. Take a stance at the large Paperbark tree on top of the gendarme.

2. 45m 17 From the top of the gendarme climb the vegetated looking crack up the main wall to reach the large ledge above. From the right extremity of the ledge clear the roof above on the right up the thin head wall to reach the large horizontal Paperbark tree. Take a belay.

3. 25m 15 Climb the clean crack system immediately above the Paperbark tree. Thrutch (if you are wearing a pack) through the wormhole/chimney above and move on up to the sloping ledge on the left with the final open book up and on the right. Take a stance.

4. 10m 15 Move left from the stance around the corner and take off from the hidden foothold at about knee height. Climb up diagonally leftwards to reach the large ledge above.

5. 20m 19 Climb up the faint crack system sticking to the right. Move up to the roof, traverse to the left and exit via the notch to reach the comfortable belay ledge on the left. The opening leader traversed at a lower level across the wall at which point the grade is 19. If one moves higher and traverses under the roof as one of the seconds did, the grade drops to 16. (Make sure that you have a Camelot 5 for protection)

6. 40m 17 Take off from the stance and climb up the open book under the huge roof above. There are three traverse lines across the right hand wall. Move up to the top one under the roof and move right. In the middle of the traverse is a long step

to the right (crux) to clear the roof. Watch out for the loose shit along the rail. At the end of the traverse reach up and pull through into the bushy groove. Ascend this to the comfortable ledge on the left.

7. 25m 16 Step to the right and pull up the steep knife blades above to reach the tree choked ledge in the little amphitheatre at the top of a woody gully. These knife blades pass the huge phallic symbol on the right.

8. 20m 15 Move to the back of the amphitheatre and take the clean narrow crack line on the right. Climb the crack to exit to the comfortable belay block on top.

Note:

Loose and dangerous in parts.

First ascent: Feb 1998 K. Thrash, G. Devine, D. Margetts, T.P. Willmot and N. Samuels (first 4 pitches)

ANJIN SAN

19 ***

The route starts on the bottom right hand side of the wall left of the major buttress containing the climb TENDEKA and has, as objective, the exit crack/open book high up on the left extremity of the wall. Start at the second small pinnacle out from the route TENDEKA (on the tunnel side). There is a cairn at head height on a small ledge.

1. 40m 18 Climb a small corner in the pinnacle until forced out left to the arété. Climb this to the tree belay on a ledge on the left. Pro here and there.

2. 25m 15 Start in crack 2m left of tree. Move up and diagonally leftwards over a couple of shallow arétés until a hanging belay can be taken in an incipient corner below the steep wall above. A horizontal break/rail disappears leftwards into the haze at about the level of the hanging belay.

3. 48m 18 Move left from the hanging belay (about 2 m) until a vertical line can be seen. Ascend this moving to the right of a small roof in the process. (Just below the roof a 150 mm wide ledge disappears leftwards). Continue up the steep break until a substantial ledge (about 300 mm wide) is reached. Mantle shelf onto the ledge and move left until the next vertical break is reached. Follow this steep mother tending slightly leftwards until a comfortable belay ledge with tree can be reached. Rope at full stretch.

4. 30m 18 This is choss deluxe. Move up and left from belay stance to reach ledge choked with thorny bushes. Fight through this lot to a narrow finger crack open book at end of ledge. Ascend this (crux) to pile of blocks at top and take a belay.

5. 48m 18 From the pile of blocks move slightly left until a vertical break is reached (steep). Ascend this until it is possible to move up diagonally leftwards. At the next good rail traverse left for $\pm 10\text{m}$ making for the base of the open book above.

Move up this for about 5m until a small ledge is reached on the right. Take a belay.

6. 40m 19 Ascend the open book using all available protuberances. Stem, layback and thrutch your way up until the grade eases just below a tree belay on the long ledge.

7. 35m 11 Take whatever easy line is available to top out.

Notes:

1. Use 50m ropes otherwise you will not make some of the belay stances.

2. If you are carrying a small day pack it would be better to haul it up pitch 6.

3. All in all an excellent route on some very steep thin rock. Pitches 1, 3, 5 and 6 are superb.

First ascent: Apr 1993 U. Kiefer and T.P. Willmot.

RELAX MCSAK

19 ***

This climb starts about 200m to the left of the first picnic site. Walk along the road past a very prominent buttress. Pass the steep recess (KANOUTSA), up a short talus slope to a break with a blank section to the left. The start of the climb is an off-width crack, about 8m high, with another recess about 1m to the right.

1. 35m 17 Climb the off-width crack using a layback. Move right into another recess and continue up for a few metres.

Move left and continue to a tree. Climb up to and through an overhang to a good, large, flat ledge below a large fig tree.

2. 35m 19 Climb past the fig tree and then move diagonally right to the base of an open book. Climb this to a ledge with a small tree. The crux is a third of the way up the open book.

3. 10m 10 Traverse left from the stance to a cubby-hole and small tree.

4. 45m 17 Climb the recess above to a steep crack. Climb halfway up the crack and step left into a recess. Climb the recess to the base of a short chimney. Climb the chimney up to a narrow belay ledge with a tree on the right.

5. 40m 16 Climb the recess above for 5m. Traverse left onto the arété and climb up the face on the left for 3m, in order to avoid the overhang. Step right, into the recess, and continue up to the final overhang. Climb up the right-hand face of the recess on large jugs to the large bushy ledge.

First ascent: Dec 1988 M.J. Seegers and D. Margetts.

CRY FREEDOM

22 *****

The route moves up the centre of a cone shaped buttress which is left of the TENDEKA recess and right of the large blank face. It takes a prominent left facing open book with white rock to its left.

1. **25m 17** Climb the break to a small stance with some grass.
2. **35m 22** Moving left, climb a short face above the stance and then traverse left to a crack line. Ascend the crack using 1 point of aid. Continue up open book capped by large roofs. About 5m below the roof, traverse 3m left. Ascend a crack on the left to overhang. (Alternatively, continue up crack in open book all the way to the roof, then move left) At the overhang move left to the skyline. Belay here or make one move right and up for 3m to a larger ledge above the roof.
3. **35m 16** Climb above the stance for a few meters and then traverse right over the roof of pitch 2 (much like JACOB'S LADDER). At the edge, move around and up the easy face above. Climb the face and up to a large ledge below red face.
4. **40m 14** Climb diagonally right up a gully behind a small pinnacle. Climb the face and up to a large ledge below red face.
5. **20m 19** Climb the finger crack in the middle of the face, breaking right at the top and up to the top of the crag.

Note:

First free climbed by K. Trash and I. McMaster.

First ascent: Jun 1995 D. Margetts, G. Devine, N. McQueen and M. Phillips.

TENDEKA

17

About halfway between the little bridge and the 62km stone there is an impressive recess with a crack that leans over to the left. Near the bottom two roots can be seen growing into the crack. The climb starts at a tree on the face, just to the left of the lower root.

1. 30m 17 From the tree, climb up to the right into the crack, make a strenuous pull-up and continue up to an overhang. Hand swing/straddle over to the left onto a ridge. Climb the ridge, then climb past a large chockstone to reach a cave.

2. 30m 10 From the right-hand side of the cave, climb through a hole under a flake. Continue up a crack to reach a smooth 'open-book' chimney.

3. 30m 10 Climb the 'open-book' chimney, then up to an overhang. Traverse to the left, over a thick white tree that grows immediately under the overhang, to a bushy stance.

4. 45m 14 Climb up diagonally to the left to the ridge of the buttress. Above, a little overhang made by a block can be seen. Pull up to the left of the block and continue to the top.

First ascent: Feb 1975 P. Bridgman, J. Zietsman and E. Haber.

SULTANS OF SWING

22 ****

The route takes the obvious open book up the right side of the major buttress (at the left extremity of this buttress is the route TENDEKA).

1. 25m 16 Climb smooth grey rock and make for the large ledge below the obvious left leaning open book above.

2. 25m 19 Gain the base of the left leaning open book and move up with difficulty to reach the large blocks below the final crack under the roof. There is a fair amount of old "ab cord" at this point.

3. 25m 22 Step right off a small rock projection. Traverse right with difficulty at first then move up a faint crack to place protection high. Descend then to the same level as the ledge. Continue traversing with difficulty to the arété. Climb up the relatively easy rock to reach the very airy two man ledgelet on the arété.

4. 15m 17 Leave the small 2 man ledge at its left extremity and climb up the thin face and to the left to reach a large pair of ledges above. Due to the smallness of the previous stance the opening party (5 persons) combined pitches 3 and 4.

5. 45m 18 Move left of the belay stance and layback up the 4m long off-width crack to reach easier ground above. Climb up this to reach the obvious deep roof just right of the easy stepped gully. Pull through the roof awkwardly (crux) and move up the easier ground above to take a belay amongst the blocks on the long ledge above.

Notes:

1. An excellent, scary route and except for the bat shit here and there, technically pleasing.

2. Protection is reasonable.

Variation:

3. 22 Climb directly up the break above the stance.
(M. Seuring and A. Hufner)

First ascent: Mar 1996 N. McQueen, D. Margetts, T.P. Willmot, S. Norman and G. Devine.

GOOD VIBRATIONS

19 ***

At the tunnel end of the wall to the left of KANOUTSA is a prominent low buttress below a fault line which goes all the way to the top (the lowest approach of the cliff to the road). The route starts at the right most open book (facing the road) on this buttress - some 160 paces from the Picnic table closest to the tunnel (in that direction), moves up the broken ground above, climbs a pronounced chimney, makes for the huge roof above and then breaks right to take a deep groove to reach the large grassy ledge below the upper walls.

1. **15m 19** Climb the smooth slab (not much gear) to the left of the root of the book until a diagonally rising crack to the left can be reached. Move up this, dodging tree roots and branches in the process. Take a stance on the ledge amongst the roots,
2. **15m 10** Ascend the blocks in the broken groove until the base of a wall on the left is reached (tree belay).
3. **15m 13** Climb the deep fist crack at the right extremity of the wall above moving up diagonally leftwards until a ledge (large) is reached below a steep wall on the left and a well defined chimney at the back of the recess.
4. **20m 15** Thrutch up the admittedly good chimney to the stance above - good stuff.
5. **10m 19** Take the well defined crack line through the steep wall above to reach the sharp Texas flake below the huge roof high up.
6. **5m 15** Move to the right via a small nose on the arété and step across a bottomless groove to reach the base of a classical open book with a fist crack in the root of the corner (airy though not technically too difficult).
7. **15m 19** Climb the superb book by means of stemming and fist jamming until the right tending rail is reached. Move right to the arété (to miss the roof) and then up to the small

ledge above. Mantle onto the very airy sloping stance above (Camp 4).

8. 30m 15 Bring second up and allow to climb across to base of chossy looking groove to the right. Get second to belay leader on fixed nut and krab (above stance) whilst a down climb to the ledge below chossy groove is embarked upon. Climb the groove through some real grot to the large grassy ledge at top (move slightly left at top of groove up well defined crack system).

Notes:

- 1.** A worthwhile route especially in the mid reaches where the rock is crisp, clean and sharp.
- 2.** Although the first 4 pitches are very similar to SCALLYWAG, this route was opened independently.

First ascent: May 1990 T.P. Willmot and F. Greig.

SCALLYWAG

18 ***

This climb starts about 100m to the left of the first picnic site. The climb takes the obvious large break to the right of a prominent buttress. The climb starts in the rightmost open book.

- 1. 45m 14** Climb the short open book to a tree. Continue up the recess to a small ledge below a large ramp. Climb up the ramp to a small ledge below a prominent recess.
- 2. 15m 12** Climb the blocky recess to a large ledge.
- 3. 30m 14** Climb the recess above into a chimney. Climb the chimney to a good ledge. Move 1m to the right and climb past a tree to a good ledge below a steep corner with a hand sized crack.
- 4. 20m 18** Climb the corner to a good ledge with a tree.
- 5. 30m 16** Climb the recess to the large bushy ledge.

Notes:

- 1.** Pitch 4 is 5 star – awesome stuff

2. Pitch 5 is one of the worst around due to the jungles. For better climbing, brave the unclimbed rock to the left of the recess.

3. To descend, 2 abseils off trees in the gully immediately right of TURNING POINT can be used.

First ascent: Dec 1988 D. Margetts, M.J. Seegers, A. Margetts and T. Truter.

SIXTEEN MY BUM

17 **

Around the buttress to the right of the start of SCALLYWAG a crack system in the face going up to a tree below a ramp can be seen. Further to the right of the crack is an open book that goes up directly to the top of the ramp. Start below the crack.

1. 40m 17 Climb the crack up to a ledge with a tree. Climb the ramp on the right hand edge up to some large blocks at the top of the ramp. From the top of the blocks an awkward move up gains the face. Traverse rightwards around the arete to easier ground and to where a break gives access to a grassy ledge and belay.

2. 25m 15 Climb the wide crack above the stance to a tree. Climb the face behind the tree to a good belay ledge with a tree.

3. 12m 13 From the stance move up to a traverse line which is followed leftwards and slightly downwards at a point to a broken recess below a ledge system. Climb up the recess to the ledges and belay at a tree (shared with the stance of SCALLYWAG prior to the 18 open book pitch).

4. 35m 17 On the left hand edge of the stance a large corner goes up to a roof. Climb the corner then traverse leftwards, about 2m below the roof, to a ledge a belay on the left hand arete.

5. 30m 15 Follow the break up from the stance to exit rightwards onto blocky ledges and a belay.

6. ?m ? Scramble up from the stance through a bushy section to join up with the ramp that is taken to the left and decent route.

Variation:

Around the buttress to the right of the start of SCALLYWAG and past the crack at the start of SIXTEEN MY BUM, a grassy ramp in the corner between the buttress and the impending red walls can be seen. Start at the base of the ramp.

1. 35m 14 Climb the ramp following the cleanest line to where the ramp steepens in the corner and a series of ledges appear on the left making a traverse line towards the arete. Belay on a small ledge just to the left of the corner.

2. 15m 16 Traverse leftwards and slightly upwards following a series of cracks and ledges in the broken face to a grassy ledge and belay below a wide crack (shared with the first stance of SIXTEEN MY BUM).

Continue with the rest of SIXTEEN MY BUM.
(2004 D. Margetts and G. Frost)

First ascent: 2000
McKenzie.

S. Newman, G. Frost and N.

MEMORIES

21 ***

This route starts about 50m to the right of the start of SCALLYWAG. Climbs the obvious open book about 2/3 up the crag.

1. 10m 13 Scramble up to a small ledge. Traverse right to the base of a corner. Climb the corner to belay on top of a large block.

2. 25m 21 Climb the face above the ledge, move left after 5 m. Continue up the face above to the ledge below an overhang.

3. 25m 15 Traverse left into the break, continue up the break past a bushy stance to a ledge below the prominent open book.

4. 20m 17 Climb the right hand open book. Exit left to a tree belay.

5. 30m 6 Scramble up the recess traversing right higher up to escape the jungle.

Notes:

1. To descend, walk right (facing the crag) to a large broken pillar of quartzite. A small easy gully starts just below this. Scramble down into the larger gully which leads back to the road (bushy). Alternatively, 2 abseils off trees in the gully immediately right of TURNING POINT can be used.

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

KANOUTSA

17

From the last table, to the left of the picnic site just downstream of the bridge over the road, walk diagonally to the left up to the face. The climb starts in a corner a few metres to the right of a prominent thick tree root, growing down the face, which can also be seen from the road below. The route goes up the recess just to the left of a greenish buttress.

- 1. 15m 14** Climb a crack in the corner to the top. Move to the right, straddle, and pull up over a boulder to reach a good stance at the level of a horizontal crack.
- 2. 40m 15** Move down a bit, then using the horizontal crack as a handrail, traverse to the left to the thick tree root. Continue diagonally up to the right over some big blocks to a large vertical crack. Climb the crack.
- 3. 35m 15** Walk to the right, climb diagonally up to a bushy ledge, then walk to the right again, to the bottom of a smooth, wide crack between the buttress and the main face. Climb up to a chock-stone, mantle shelf out to the right and continue up to the top of a few big blocks. Climb up one metre, then move diagonally to the left, doing a delicate mantle shelf to reach a small stance.
- 4. 38m 17** From the left-hand side of the stance, climb down two metres and traverse to the left into a crack. Ascend the crack and, reaching a chockstone, step to the left onto a sloping ledge. Move up (delicate) on the face, then move back into the vertical crack. Continue up by a strenuous layback and straddling to the start of another crack, which is climbed by means of hand-jamming. Traverse to the right, around a tricky bulge, and climb up to a big chockstone.
- 5. 40m 10** Continue up to the right over large chockstones to the neck between the buttress and the main face. Climb left over two big chockstones and up the main face to the top.

Notes:

- 1.** Descent: Walk 100m to the right into a gully which requires two abseils.

First ascent: Jan 1975 P. Bridgman and E. Haber.

RAINY DAY WOMAN

21 ****

This route takes the line that KANOUTSA should have taken but did not. Start as for KANOUTSA. From the last table (in the tunnel direction) of the picnic site just downstream of the bridge over the road walk diagonally to the left up to the face. The route starts in a corner a few metres to the right of a prominent thick tree root growing down the face. The route climbs "direttissima" to the top.

1. 20m 15 Climb the crack until it fades. Move slightly left, climb to the top of a small block and traverse right awkwardly under the roof to reach the large ledge at the back of which is a pronounced crack system.

2. 25m 17 Climb the vertical crack which then changes into a steep thin slab. Move up this until a Y-shaped feature is reached comprising two chimneys. Climb the right of the two chimneys to reach the large ledge above. At the back of the ledge is a faint line with a small roof above. There is a pocked face to the left of the roof. At the right extremity of the ledge is a large gendarmé with an off width crack to its left between the gendarmé and the buttress.

3. 45m 21 Climb the faint crack moving left under the roof to reach the pocked face. Move up (crux) to reach the ledge above the roof. Above the ledge is a pronounced overhanging crack system. Climb this moving left at the top of the crack at which point the base of a thin steep slab is reached. Climb this to a small resting ledge with tree. Climb yet another thin steep slab above the ledge to reach the base of a vertical thin wall above which has a pronounced crack system bisecting it. Climb the crack to reach the large ledge above. Move delicately right and gain the steep thin slab above with difficulty. Climb this to the spacious ledge above. Take a belay.

4. 30m 10 Climb the choss feature between the buttress and the main face. Move onto the main face and climb this to a

belay ledge. Scramble off. This last pitch is common with that of KANOUTSA.

Notes:

- 1.** Protection is excellent.
- 2.** If it was not for the last pitch this route would have five stars. Magnificent climbing. This is real stalky stuff.

First ascent: Jan 1988 D. Margetts, K. Thrash, T.P. Willmot and T. Walker.

TURNING POINT

20 ***

This climb is situated directly above the first picnic site. An obvious chimney/recess, which curves rightwards when viewed from the road, marks the first pitch of the climb.

- 1. 35m 15** Climb on to a ledge and then ascend a short corner to a higher ledge (tricky). Walk along the ledge past a tree to below a chimney. Climb the chimney moving right near the top to a good stance.
- 2. 35m 15** Move right along the ledge and climb the recess to a ledge. Climb up a further recess onto another ledge. Continue up a corner to a good ledge. Traverse left across an easy face towards a recess and make a difficult move into a gully with a tree. Continue up a few metres higher to a good ledge below a steep face.
- 3. 12m 20** Climb up the initial step onto a good ledge. Starting at the tree stump climb the steep crack, in the shallow corner, to a good ledge.
- 4. 20m 18** Move left along the ledge to the base of an attractive corner with a 'fist' sized crack. Climb the corner until it widens to off-width and then hand traverse right to another ledge. Climb the short left-facing corner to a good ledge.
- 5. 10m 8** Scramble up the gully past an initial tricky section. The gully splits into two and the climb follows the right-hand recess.

6. 50m 12 Climb the recess moving right at the overhang. Continue straight up the face (easy 'D' climbing) past a broad ledge up to a wide bushy ledge.

7. 40m 12 This pitch ascends the final section of the crag and a small overhang marks the start. Climb the buttress, starting at the undercut section. Step up and left onto a nose and continue up the steep, juggy face to the top of the crag.

Variation:

4. 30m 18 From the ledge below the attractive fist sized crack, move left onto the steep face. Climb the face up to a ledge and tree. Abseil back to ledge below second pitch. Traverse right to a convenient tree for another abseil or continue to top of crag. (2004 G. Frost, D. Margetts and Kaffie)

First ascent: Sep 1988 D. Margetts and M.J. Seegers.

GREYSTOKE

20 ***

Right of the climb TURNING POINT and directly above the arts/crafts stall a cave-like feature with a large roof $\pm 5\text{m}$ above can be seen. On the left wall of this feature, a crack system leads up and past the left corner of the roof. The climb starts in this crack.

1. 18m 17 Ascend the crack up to the roof, pulling past the left corner where a chock stone is wedged with a tree above. Climb past the tree and scramble up into a chimney. Climb the chimney up to where a sloping ledge with a rail at the back is found. Move left to a tree on the right hand edge of a ledge system. Belay on this ledge.

2. 33m 17 Move to the left edge of the ledge below a crack in the face. Climb the steep crack moving left, avoiding the overhang, to a small ledge. Climb diagonally left over some blocks to a corner. Climb up the corner then move left along a small ledge to the base of a sharp arete with a crack in it. Climb the arete to a large ledge with a tree belay.

3. 45m 20 Looking up from the stance a large roof, with three cracks below, can be seen on the left. The right most crack forms a steep open-book which bypasses the roof on the right. Climb the open-book to a ledge. Continue up a crack to a sloping ledge with a large boulder on the left. Climb up the gnarly face to a comfortable stance.

First ascent: 13 Aug 2000 G. Frost and A. Koch.

Main Manoutsa Right Wall

To climb in this area, walk up the road from the fruit stall parking area and scramble up behind the stalls selling curios just before where the river goes under the road.

To decent these routes, use a tree to abseil down the gully climbed by MAGICAL MYSTICAL TOUR.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

20 *****

The route takes the crack line/open book down which the traditional abseil route moves. Start in the deep wide chimney immediately above the first major picnic site below the river/bridge. Start up the 100mm wide left leaning crack in the right containing wall of the chimney - cairn.

1. 25m 19 Climb up the crack to about halfway and then move right to the arété. Move right and then up to gain the good jam crack on the right. Move up this (on occasion in friction) to reach the large tree at the left extremity of the ledge above.

2. 25m 20 Walk to the right extremity of the ledge and climb the broken groove above to reach the tree below the roof in the groove. Move up the groove and traverse right under the roof to gain the base of the steep looking open book above with a tree at its base (tricky). Climb the steep open book (strenuous and sustained) to the ledge at the top. Take a comfortable belay.

Notes:

- 1.** Protection is excellent.
- 2.** A superb, technically pleasing, sustained route on crisp clean sharp rock.

First ascent: Mar 1996 S. Norman, G. Devine, D. Margetts, T.P. Willmot and N. McQueen.

ITS A KINDA TRAGIC

23 *****

This climb ascends the short buttress to the right of the right hand descent gully. The start is below the smooth slab and aims for the left hand open book on the second pitch. The climb **MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR** ascends the right hand open book.

1. 25m 19 Climb the slab, starting slightly right making for the small overlap with a crack through it. Once on the upper headwall traverse 3m left (crux) and ascend to the long ledge with a tree.

2. 25m 23 Climb the same open book as **MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR** but do not traverse right at the first overhang but continue up and make a traverse right 2m at the larger overhang above. You are now directly below the left hand open book. Climb this. The crux is to gain the base of the open book.

First ascent: May 1996 N. McQueen, D. Margetts, G. Devine and E. Istead.

ON THE EDGE

17 **

This climb begins 30m to the right of the first picnic site. The start is found at the base of a sloping ramp with a large fig tree about 20m up.

- 1. 25m 12** Climb an initial easy ramp moving diagonally left to a small ledge about 5m directly below the fig tree. Traverse left into a small corner and climb this until you are at the same level as the fig tree. Climb the short face and then traverse right and take a stance below a small chimney directly above the fig tree.
- 2. 20m 15** Climb the short chimney between the two large boulders to a ledge. Traverse right to the base of an attractive, steep corner with a tree in it. Climb the corner and exit to the right above.
- 3. 40m 8** Climb the nondescript rock to the base of the next band of rock where an attractive open book can be seen.
- 4. 30m 17** Climb the obvious corner to a ledge on the top of a pillar. Move rightwards onto the steep face and climb to the top.
- 5. 30m 13** Scramble up to the twin recesses. Climb up the right hand recess, through the slight overhang, to the large bushy ledge.

First ascent: Oct 1988 D. Margetts and M.J. Seegers.

DANS TRANSAM

18 **

Start 10m right of ON THE EDGE.

1. 30m 18 Climb up the broken rock to overhang above. Pull through overhang where it is slightly recessed. Continue up to a large ledge.

2. 20m 16 Scramble up the base of a slab on the left. Climb this to a ledge above.

3. 15m 15 Scramble up to the next slab and follow this to the top.

Abseil down from a convenient tree to the left (looking up).

First ascent: 2001 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

200 KPH

20 ***

One pitch climbs the top slab to the right of the last pitch of DANS TRANSAM.

1. 20m 20 Climb up the crack at first, then move left onto the slab above to exit onto a good ledge.

2. 20m 14 Move right into a recess/crack. Follow this to top of crag.

Abseil off the same tree as for DANS TRANSAM.

First ascent: 2001 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

GAS GUZZELER

16 ***

Climbs the crack 2m right of 200 KPH.

1. 20m 16 Climb the crack to good ledge.

2. 20m 14 Shared with 200 KPH.

First ascent: 2001 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

JA OOM

18 ***

From the left hand side of the upper car park, scramble up about 20m to the point where you can gain access to the start of the vertical rock on the right. The route starts about 10m right of a recess on a pleasant face with a vertical crack running up. A loose looking jug sticks out about 5m up. (It is the left crack of the two cracks about 2/3 metres apart.)

1. 25m 18 Climb the crack past the jug to beneath a bulge. Move slightly right to pass the bulge and continue up the line above for about 15m. until reaching a ledge, above which the angle eases off considerably.

2. 20m 13 Make your way up the easy rock above to an open book. Climb up the open book to the top, or pass it on the left.

First ascent: Dec 1996 Roland Magg and Stephen Norman.

ANDREW'S FALSE REBIRTH

17 ***

Starts on second crack (right hand crack) 2-3m right of start of JA OOM.

1. 25m 17 Climb the crack (crux at start). Climb the face above to ledge.

2. 30m 15 Climb the face and crack system to the top.

Note:

To descend, abseil off climb on left, looking at crag.

First ascent: 2000 D. Margetts, G. Devine, C. Devine and A. Lynch.

ROCK ROBBERS

20

This climb is found above the graffiti wall near the bridge over the river just up the road from the crafts stall. The route ascends the buttress directly above the left hand gully of the graffiti wall. Start below a crack in the face between two cornel's to the right of a large roof with an obvious break.

1. 25m 20 Climb the crack to the overhang. Step rightwards to the base of a large chock stone. Pull up and onto the chock stone to below an overhang. Climb the left crack in the overhang onto a pillar then step rightwards around the pillar and continue up to a good ledge below an open book.

2. 18 17 Climb up the corner system, passing a small ledge half way up to the top of the buttress.

Note:

To descend, an abseil can be made from the trees near the top.

First ascent: 1 Apr 2002 G. Frost and A. Grant.

LUCKY BREAK

19 ***

This climb ascends the short buttress directly above the parking area with graffiti on the cliffs next to the road. Scramble up the first band of rocks to the right. Start below a obvious open book with an overhang higher.

1. 25m 19 Climb the open book to a ledge. Move left to below the overhang with a crack line up to it. Climb up past the overhang and continue to a good ledge.

2. 25m 18 Move left 1-2m to ascend a crack line to a rail. Rail right and move to below the obvious off width. Ascend this to the top of the crag.

Note:

To descend, abseil off a tree, or descend gully behind the crag.

First ascent: Dec 1996 D. Margetts, G. Devine, C. Nicole, R. Magg and S. Norman.

SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS

19 ****

Immediately above the bridge across the stream on the right hand side moving down towards the tunnel is a small gully. Gain this gully by scrambling up the face above the first picnic spot after the bridge and traversing diagonally up rightwards. Move up the gully to the last obvious line on the true right of the gully. The line has, as objective, the steeply overhanging fist wide crack high up - cairn.

1. 28m 19 Climb the open book to the small roof above. Break through this on the right (The walls below and above the roof are smooth) by means of tricky climbing. Move up the crack and pass the nettle tree on the left. Climb up the open book to reach the overhanging off width crack above. Move up this, with caution, to reach the comfortable ledge on top.

Notes:

1. A 19 route with attitude - steep and sustained. A superlative technical climb.
2. Descend by moving slightly upstream and scrambling down. One short abseil.

First ascent: Mar 1997 S. Broccardo, T.P. Willmot and L. Costa.

G&T

15 **

The route takes a break up the buttress on the right hand of the small gully leading up to SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS.

1. **15m 13** Climb the easy rock up to a small ledge. Move left and continue up to a larger ledge.
2. **15m 15** Climb the break above the ledge past the tree to the top of the pinnacle.

First ascent: 18 Dec 1999 G.M. Devine, D.L. Margetts and T.P. Willmot.

BRANDY

15 ***

Round the front of BOOZERS buttress is an obvious fist width crack up a slab feature.

1. 20m 15 Climb the slab to reach the crack higher up starting on the right. Climb the crack breaking through the rootlet halfway up to reach the top of the pinnacle.

Note:

Descend as for G&T.

First ascent: 18 Dec 1999 T.P. Willmot, D.L. Margetts and G.M. Devine.

AND COKE

15 **

Takes the slab to the left of the BRANDY crack.

1. 20m 15 Climb the face to the left of the crack moving leftwards higher up to avoid a small overhang. Continue to top of the pinnacle.

Note:

Descend as for G&T.

First ascent: 18 Dec 1999 D.L. Margetts, G.M. Devine and T.P. Willmot.

STOLICHNAYA

16 ***

Follow the cliff wall upstream from BOOZERS buttress to reach the line of the descent gully. The route takes the last line up the wall before the descent gully. The open book starts at an obvious tree. Higher up the book is another tree.

1. 30m 16 Climb the open book past the tree to the off-width crack. Climb this to a small ledge. Continue up the crack system to the top of the crag.

Notes:

1. Excellent climbing.
2. Descend down the normal gully on the left (looking out).

First ascent: 18 Dec 1999 G.M. Devine, T.P. Willmot and D.L. Margetts.

South West Wall

This is the short crag on the opposite site of the river to the road. It faces the right hand side of the main Manoutsa Wall.

For climbing in this area, walk up the road from the fruit stall parking area and just before the bridge over the stream, scramble down off the road to the right, jump over the stream and follow a pathway through the bush along the base of the cliffs.

To descend from routes near PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME, rap off the tree. Then, scramble up another 8m past the tree and onto the very large ledge above, walk to the right (tunnel side) and around following the cliff edge until it is possible to scramble down.

OATSO EASY

17 *

On the left looking down the road opposite the first parking bay (short steep cliff with graffiti) is a short obvious corner with a crack 1m to the right.

1. 10m 17 Scramble the short ramp up to the base of the corner. Climb the corner and rap off. For further climbing ascend the crack 1m to the right of the corner (21).

First ascent: Mar 1996 D. Margetts and N. McQueen.

BOWLED FOR A DUCK

17

This route starts about 50-100m left of OUR TAIL BETWEEN OUR LEGS.

1. 25m 17 Climb the crack and pull up to a small ledge. Move awkwardly up the off-width above to reach a large ledge. Climb the slab and broken ground above to a belay stance below a roof and chicken head wall to the left.

2. 10m 16 Move up and left to gain the base of the chicken head face. Climb this to a stance on the large ledge above. Scramble over a large chockstone and stance in the gully on the other side below an obvious crack.

3. 30m 17 Climb the crack to reach a tree above. Move rightwards and up an upstream facing openbook, bound on the left by a smooth wall. Follow the recess, avoiding the chockstone by climbing around to the left of it. Stance on the spacious ledge.

4. 10m 14 Climb the layback crack. From the top, move rightwards to reach an adjacent descent gully.

First ascent: 30 May 1998 D. Margetts, A. Margetts, N. Samuels and T. Willmot.

MARK, STEVE AND BOB

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No description known.

First ascent: Date unknown Party unknown.

POO!

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No description known.

First ascent: Date unknown Party unknown.

OUR TAIL BETWEEN OUR LEGS

19,A1

Start just left of DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE.

1. 30m 19,A1 Move up a corner diagonally left and up to a steep corner. Climb up the corner until forced to aid (2-3 points) Continue up the break to a good ledge.

2. 20m 10 Traverse left to belay on the buttress.

3. 40m 15 Move right and up to gain the base of the obvious attractive open book. Climb this to large ledge above.

Note:

To descend, traverse right along ledge to descend beyond DIE HARD in a rocky (editors comment: no pun intended) recess.

First ascent: 2001

G. Frost and D. Margetts.

DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE

19 ****

Start to the left and around the corner from PARADISE IN THE SUMMER TIME in a corner below a roof.

1. 30m 19 Climb up the corner to below the roof. Traverse right to exit the roof moving up to a small ledge. Climb up the face above to a small overlap. Move right and continue up to top of crag.

First ascent: Aug 1999

K. Thrash, I. McMaster and D.

Margetts.

PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME

20 *****

This climb is situated on the DOUBLE GREEN crag side of the road leading down to the fruit stand and can be seen from the road. As one crosses the river, on the way to the DOUBLE GREEN crag, head straight up stream until a short buttress facing downstream, with a large paper bark tree about 25 meters up, is reached.

The climb starts in the wide-open book about 5 meters to the left of the very large detached block (about 5 meters high).

1. 25m 20 Climb the wide open book for about 5m to the small roof, move out to the left to a break through the roof below a small tree. Climb the open book up to the tree at which point move to the right of the tree into the crack leading straight up. Climb this crack till it ends and it is possible to move about 1m to the right to gain a break which leads up to the roof above. Climb this break on thin holds, to below the roof, at which point rail 1m to the left to avoid the roof and to gain the base of a steep crack directly below the large paper bark tree. Climb this steep crack to gain a small ledge with a shallow open book above, climb the open book to the ledge with the large paper bark tree.

Notes:

1. This is a hard and sustained route, which has good protection throughout.
2. The crag is in the shade most of the day.

First ascent: 28 Nov 1999 K. Thrash, D. Margetts, M. Phillips, N. Samules and K. Binedell.

MAPLE LEAF

17 ****

This climb is on the same face as PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME and follows the crack system to the right of it.

1. 25m 17 Start about 1,5 meters to the right of PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME, climb the small crack up the face which trends off to the right until directly below the open book with a large crack which goes straight up. Climb this open book using the crack passed a tree to the top of the open book which is capped by a very large block about 5 meters above the tree. Move out of the open book to the right and move up onto the block. (Alternatively: layback the left of the large block to get on top of it). Above the block there is a cave like feature with a crack directly over head. Climb out onto the right hand face of this cave like feature and up the face till it is possible to move back left to gain the crack system. Climb the crack to the large ledge at the same level as the abseil tree above PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME.

Notes:

1. The protection is adequate throughout.
2. The crag is in the shade most of the day.

First ascent: 28 Nov 1999 N. Samuels, K. Thrash, D. Margetts and K. Binedell.

DIE HARD

20 *****

This climb is on the same face as PARADISE IN SUMMER TIME and MAPLE LEAF and follows the break to the right of MAPLE LEAF which follows the constricting amphitheatre half way up the face.

1. 25m 20 Start about 1 meter to the left of the pinnacle and just right of MAPLE LEAF (you can also climb the first 5 meters of MAPLE LEAF for a better start). Climb up the face till it is possible to step onto the large chock stone between the main face and the pinnacle. Climb straight up to the same point as MAPLE LEAF but now move off to the right. Climb the left corner of the small amphitheatre till the amphitheatre narrows into the off width, make an exposed move from the left side to the right to gain the off width. Follow the off width through the overhanging section and then follow the crack system which trends off to the right, all the way to the ledge at the same level as the abseil tree and large block which sticks over the edge of the ledge. Take a stance at this point and scramble (carefully) across to the abseil tree if you are going to rap off or continue up for another 10 meters on easy big holds to the top of another very large ledge and scramble off from there.

Notes:

- 1.** This is a hard and sustained route, which has good protection throughout.
- 2.** The crag is in the shade most of the day.

First ascent: 23 Jan 1999 K. Thrash and D. Margetts.

AN ALIEN PAINTED MY BRAKE DRUMS PINK **15 ****

The route ascends the crack line in the recess some 20m left of the line taken by PINK POLLYSHORTS. Move to the back of the gully/recess and start up the crack line on the true right (looking out).

1. 25m 15 Climb the crack line awkwardly and move up under the roof. Pull left to reach the traverse ledge under the laid back face above. Traverse left to reach the arété. Climb this to just before the roof above. Place protection to safeguard the very airy traverse. Move left (relatively low) to reach the tree root. Move up this to take a belay hanging from (perched atop) the enormous Paperbark tree.

2. 10m 15 Left of the tree is a very impending crack. Move left of this to reach the chicken head face. Pull up this to reach the sharp nose at the top of the impending crack and pull up to enter the groove above. Climb the groove to reach the party ledge above. Take a belay.

Notes:

- 1.** Good protection.
- 2.** A worthwhile mid range route.
- 3.** An airy traverse at the end of pitch 1. Watch the protection.
- 4.** From the top stance move rightwards along the ledge system to reach the descent gully.

First ascent: Mar 1997 T.P. Willmot, S. Broccardo, D. Margetts and L. Costa.

PORTAPOTTY

13 *

The route ascends the obvious open book to the left of AN ALIEN PAINTED MY BRAKE DRUMS PINK. The route is capped by a large roof.

1. 28m 13 Climb the open book moving right under the roof to clear. Climb up to a comfortable belay stance:

Note:

From the top stance move rightwards along the ledge system to reach the descent gully or abseil off the tree just next to the belay ledge.

First ascent: Apr 1997 L. Costa and T.P. Willmot.

PINK POLLYSHORTS

19 ***

The route ascends the first (low) buttress on the way to BLACK CORNER from the main road. Move down off the road at the concrete steps (downstream from the bridge). Move downstream for about 20m and cross the stream to reach a cleared lane through the bush. A path leads all the way to the crag. Move to the centre of the first buttress and then slightly right to reach the base of the large stepped back slab feature at the right extremity of the buttress. The route ascends the smooth looking groove through the small roof - cairn.

1. 25m 19 Pull up the large detached flake to establish yourself below the roof. Move up through this, awkwardly, to reach the crack above (Tricky climbing). Climb the crack/groove to reach the small ledge at the base of the gearless open book directly above. Climb up and left over the detached block to reach the ledge and tree at the base of the face with Chicken heads.

2. 28m 15 Climb, to the left, up the clean Chicken head face to the small roof. Pull through this and climb up past the large Paperbark tree (on the left) to reach the comfortable ledge on top.

Notes:

1. Superb, clean route - technically demanding.
2. From the top, move rightwards along the ledge system to reach the descent gully.

ALTERNATIVE FOR FIRST PITCH ****

Start approximately 10 metres to the left of the 19 first pitch of the above route, below the faint crack system up the slab.

1. **30m 15** Climb the faint crack system up the slab to reach the ledge and tree at the base of the face with chicken heads.

Notes:

1. Excellent climbing.
2. Makes an excellent 15 four star climb when combined with the second pitch of PINK POLLYSHORTS.
3. Alternative opened by T.P. Willmot, M. Conçalves and M. Byrd in Oct 1997.

First ascent: Mar 1997 S. Broccardo, D. Margetts, T.P. Willmot and L. Costa.

Double Green Buttress

This is the crag on the opposite site of the river to the road. It faces the entrance to the tunnel.

For climbing in this area, park at the fruit stalls near the bridge. Find the concrete steps leading to the river. Follow this, and then the path over the stream and follow a pathway through the bush along the base of the cliffs.

To descend from the top of the routes on this buttress use either of the gullies forming the sides to this buttress (one abseil may be necessary for the right hand gully looking up – this right hand gully is recommended). Avoid the use of the gullies making up the Y-shaped feature in the middle of the cliff when viewed from the tunnel as these gullies are very loose.

THE MARK OF ZORO

20 **

The route is situated on the DOUBLE GREEN buttress and takes a line left of the route of that name.

The route takes the left leg of the prominent Y -feature on the front of the buttress. (The right leg of the Y -feature is taken by WHITE ROUTE).

Start at the base of a short groove on the left hand side of a large gendarme situated a few meters left of the start of the tree root choked crack taken by WHITE ROUTE.

1. 27m 15 Climb (awkwardly to start) the groove and move up the smooth ramp diagonally leftwards making for the small tree above at the left extremity of the obvious traverse line to the right. Take a belay at the tree on a small ledge.

2. 20m 17 Traverse right (stay low) making for the gendarme at the bottom of the left leg of the Y-feature. Use the thin finger crack behind the obvious flake and mantle up awkwardly to easier ground. Belay on large ledge.

3. 30m 20 Climb the deceptively easy looking slab up the left leg of the Y-feature. Protection is sparse and the climbing thin. Ascend initially in the root of the open book and then move left to climb the flaky feature in the centre of the face and then move right again into the open book and make for the large paper bark tree above where protection is gratefully placed. Traverse delicately left to gain easier ground in the centre of the face. Ascend the break to the comfortable stance on the ledge above.

4. 25m 14 Traverse right along the obvious ledge dropping down carefully to meet the line taken by WHITE ROUTE. Follow the traverse around, hug the detached block and ascend the face above past the paper bark tree and fight through the choss to reach the large sloping ledge of the stance in the small amphitheatre above.

5. 25m 15 From the stance one can see a crack leading leftwards and up towards the arete on the left skyline. Step down left off the stance and traverse to the hanging flake (suspect – careful) and loose block with a tree slightly to the left. Climb the hanging flake to clear the tree. Climb the crack above and move left to reach the arete. Move up this to reach the comfortable belay' stance with free.

6. 20m 11 Climb the broken groove above until forced rightwards by the large roof. Break through this where convenient and climb up to take a comfortable stance on top.

Notes:

- 1.** Belay stances good except for the first one.
- 2.** Protection is poor on first and third pitches.
- 3.** Excellent moves on the crux pitch - character building.
- 4.** The last two pitches are shared with the routes BLACK CORNER and WHITE ROUTE.

First ascent: 8 Jul 2000 D.L. Margetts, O.J. Chesney, T.P. Willmot, G. Frost and G.M. Devine.

WHITE ROUTE

17 ***

The route ascends the root choked crack to reach the Y-shaped crack feature just to the left of BLACK CORNER.

The route starts at the base of a white root choked left leaning crack which starts at the left extremity of a large detached block some 30m left of the start of BLACK CORNER - cairn.

1. 21m 17 Climb the face next to the crack containing the profusion of roots. Use the roots for a sling here and there. If the roots were not there, this pitch would be a lot harder.

Follow the crack up to a comfortable ledge.

2. 18m 16 Move left along a bush choked ledge to reach the base of a clean looking flake. Lay back up this and climb the face above to reach the base of the attractive looking left leaning crack. Traverse right to reach the base of the main open book above.

3. 20m 17 Climb the open book carefully to reach the small ledge up and to the left.

4. 25m 16 Traverse right and move up to reach the second open book just above the crux open book of the route BLACK CORNER. Climb the face to the left of this to reach the stance on the very roomy ledge below the large roof above, with the attractive crack leading up to it.

5. 25m 15 From the stance one can see a crack leading leftwards and up towards the areté on the left skyline. Step down left off the stance and traverse to the hanging flake and loose block with a tree slightly to the left. Climb the hanging flake to clear the tree. Climb up the crack above and move left along a handrail to reach the areté. Move up this to reach the comfortable belay stance with tree.

6. 20m 11 Climb the broken groove until forced rightwards by the large roof. Break through this where convenient and climb up to take a comfortable stance on top.

Notes:

1. Good belay ledges.
2. A surprisingly clean route: technically pleasing.
3. Protection is adequate throughout even if root based.
4. The last 3 pitches are common with those of the route BLACK CORNER.

First ascent: Mar 1997 G. Devine, T.P. Willmot and L. Costa.

BLACK CORNER

22 ***

The route ascends the second prominent buttress on the true left when driving down towards the Strijdom Tunnel. One approaches the buttress by moving some 30m towards the tunnel from the bridge and then moving down off the verge to cross the river. Move across the Tuffa plain to reach the second buttress from the road. The route has, as objective, the short black looking open book about half way up in the centre.

The route starts at the right extremity of the buttress at a very large Paperbark tree at the base of an easy angled slab. (Some 4m left of the start of the climb DOUBLE GREEN.)

1. 25m 13 Climb up the centre of the slab moving left just below the top to reach a ledge choked with lots of stinky choss. Protection is not obvious but is adequate.

2. 25m 22 Move up the broken rock above the stance to reach the base of the black slightly left leaning steep open book above. Stem up this to exit at the top in a state of perspiration and move up to the short wall above capped by a small roof on the right. Climb the right hand side of the wall at the crack and exit left to take a stance on the very roomy ledge below the large roof above, with the attractive crack leading up to it.

3. 25m 15 From the stance one can see a crack leading leftwards and up towards the arête on the left skyline. Step down left off the stance and traverse to the hanging flake and

loose block with a tree slightly to the left. Climb the hanging flake to clear the tree. Climb up the crack above and move left to reach the areté. Move up this to reach the comfortable belay stance with tree.

4. 20m 11 Climb the broken groove above until forced rightwards by the large roof. Break through this where convenient and climb up to take a comfortable stance on top.

Notes:

1. Good belay ledges.

2. On the opening ascent the seconds could not manage the 22 pitch due to broken ribs, fright, etc. One opened a variation just prior to the crux by reaching right and pulling up the areté at grade 19 and the others by moving delicately left across the wall just before the crux and pulling up the left areté at grade 19.

3. A superlative clean route, technically pleasing.

First ascent: Jan 1997 C. Nicole, D. Margetts, L. Costa, T.P. Willmot and G. Devine.

VROU KOOK HOND

15 ****

This climb is situated on the DOUBLE GREEN buttress and is a combination of pitches of two other climbs as well as one completely new pitch.

- 1. 25m 15** As for BLACK CORNER and RATBAG.
- 2. 25m 15** Climb the crack on the left side of the ledge and diagonally left to the top of the buttress. Move up and leftwards to a break. Continue up through a small overlap. Continue up to overhang, and pull through on the right to a good ledge. Belay here or move around the corner to the left to belay in a corner with a tree.
- 3. 30m 15** From the corner, move up face directly past a small overlap to a knobbed face. Traverse left to a crack, and follow this past a tree to a smooth face. Climb the face with a crack up to a hand rail. Traverse left to the arête and climb up to easier rock to a stance below a corner and tree. (Shared mostly with WHITE ROUTE)
- 4. 25m 12** Climb the corner (or traverse right and climb the buttress) to below an overhang. Traverse right and climb through the final overhang to top of crag. (Last part shared with WHITE ROUTE).

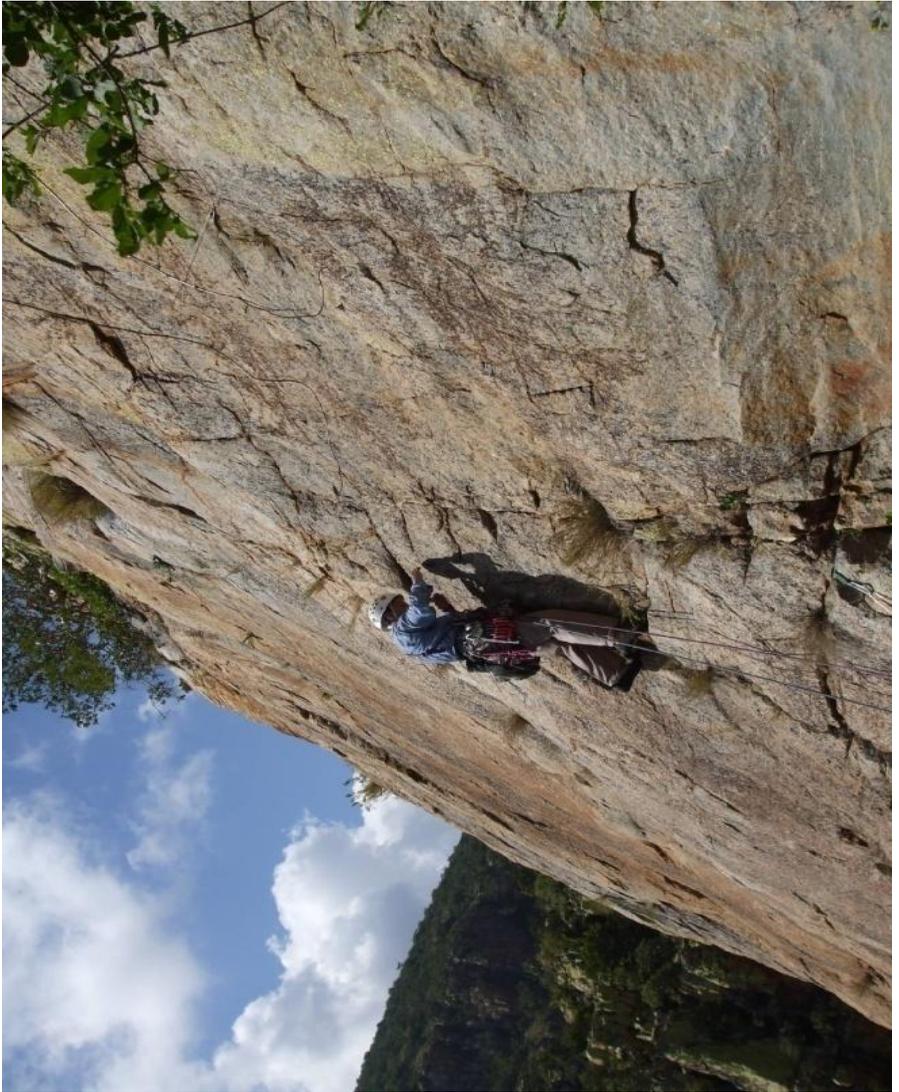
Note:

This is an excellent moderate climb on good rock

First ascent: 2003

D. Margetts, G. Devine, C. Devine

and A. Lynch.



The first pitch of VROU KOOK HOND etc. The stance is on a ledge at the height of the tree visible in top of frame. Photo by A. Margetts.



D. Margetts nearing the 3rd stance of VROU KOOK HOND, with a view of the tunnel in the background.

RATBAG

14 ***

The route has, as objective, the steep, jagged looking crack just to the right of BLACK CORNER. Start 2m to the right of BLACK CORNER - cairn.

1. 25m 13 Climb the faint crack up the slab to reach the ledge system below BLACK CORNER. Traverse along this to take a belay on the first stance of BLACK CORNER amongst the stalky choss.

2. 25m 14 Move up the broken rock above the stance to the base of the jagged looking crack some 3m to the right of the black corner. Climb up the steep flake and the easier ground above to take a stance on the ledge next to the huge Paperbark tree.

3. 25m 13 Traverse to the right, over the tree trunk, across a bottomless groove and up over the detached block to reach the base of the chicken head spattered faint groove just shy of the areté. Climb the groove and the face above to reach the humungous ledge..

4. 30m 13 Choose a line up the broken blocks at the back of the ledge. Climb up to take a comfortable stance on top.

Notes:

- 1.** Good belay ledges.
- 2.** Protection is adequate.
- 3.** An excellent route on clean rock, technically pleasing.

First ascent: Apr 1997 L. Costa and T.P. Willmot.

DOUBLE GREEN

17 ****

This climb ascends a prominent buttress on the left hand side of road when going downhill towards Strijdom Tunnel.

Take the path directly down to the river and cross the river.

Continue through bush towards a obvious buttress with a steep bush gully to the right. Climb starts on the smooth slab at the left hand edge of the steep gully and makes for the prominent tree 3/4 of the way up the buttress.

1. 25m 14 Climb the faint crack line up the slab starting at the right hand edge of the buttress moving diagonally left until a good ledge is reached.

2. 25m 17 Climb up a short distance then traverse left to a large block. Climb up above the block. Continue directly up to the ledge below the tree. Climb to the ledge above the tree.

3. 30m 17 From the ledge traverse left to below a obvious crack line. Climb this to a large ledge.

4. 30m 12 Climb the easy rock above tending left.

First ascent: Jul 1996 D. Margetts, G. Devine and C. Nicole.

RAINBOW NATION

17 ***

Start at the same place as DOUBLE GREEN.

1. 25m 16 Start as for DOUBLE GREEN but instead of tending to the left, move straight up tending slightly to the right up to a large ledge.

2. 25m 16 Move up the recess above the ledge. Traverse left above the tree. Move up the short ramp to below the overhanging crack. Climb this then climb to the top of a block. Finally traverse right to take a belay on a block.

3. 25m 17 Traverse right along the broken ledge to below an overhanging recess with a crack on the left. Climb this passing a tree on the left. Continue to a large ledge.

4. 25m 11 Climb the short recess above the ledge. Continue up the right hand edge of the face to the top of the crag (1st part shared with DOUBLE GREEN).

First ascent: Mar 1997 C. Nicole and D. Margetts.

Waiting For The Bus Buttress

This is the crag on the opposite site of the river to the road. It faces the entrance to the tunnel.

For climbing in this area, walk up the road from the fruit stall parking area and just before the bridge over the stream, scramble down off the road to the right, jump over the stream and follow a pathway through the bush along the base of the cliffs. Keep going beneath the DOUBLE GREEN buttress.

To descend from these routes, scramble up, then move right and downwards to reach an obvious descent gully with a short section of down climbing (on left looking down) to the base of the crag.

PSYCHOPATHIC HOUSEWIFE

18

Scramble up the DOUBLE GREEN descent gully, through the worm hole on the left. Just above the worm hole, on the right, looking up, traverse to the climb WAITING FOR THE BUS. The climb PSYCHOPATHIC HOUSEWIFE starts about 10m up the same side of the gully where a crack bisects the face.

1. 25m 15 Climb the crack until forced right to below a recess. Climb the recess past a tree to a ledge.

2. 25m 18 Climb a short face behind the ledge. Move diagonally left to a bushy tree. Ascend above the tree to an overhang. Climb through overhang to a ledge.

3. 20m 12 Climb the recess between main wall and a pinnacle. At this point, the opening party scrambled/abseiled into the gully. Future parties should climb the short, chossy chimney to the top of the buttress.

Notes:

1. A route of little merit – no stars.
2. The opening party tried to continue up the obvious break after pitch 2, but backed off due to poor rock.

First ascent: Dec 1997 K. Thrash, D. Margetts and G. Devine.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

20 ***

Scramble up the gully to the right of the Double Green buttress. Climb through the worm hole on the left. At this point traverse right along a ledge (opening party used ropes) to an obvious open book capped by an overhang.

1. **20m 20** Climb up the corner to the roof. At this point traverse left for 5m then move up to a ledge. Climb up and leftwards to a good ledge with a tree.
2. **15m 18** Climb the wide crack above the ledge to a small stance. Continue up to a sloping stance with a wide crack where the sloping stance meets the face behind.
3. **15m 17** Traverse right up the crack. At this point continue further right and down to a stance.
4. **15m 15** Climb diagonally right up to a root then move right and up to a stance in the recess.
5. **30m 18** Traverse right to the recess with a tree in it. Climb the recess past the tree. Continue up the recess, finishing up a crack system to the top.

First ascent: Oct 1997 D. Margetts, M. Philipps and K. Thrash.

CRACK.EXE

23,A1****

From the base of DOUBLE GREEN traverse across the base of the gully. Continue along the base of the crag to where an obvious open book starts.

- 1. 15m 16** Climb the open book/crack to a good ledge where the off width starts.
- 2. 15m 23** Climb the off width to a good stance on the left.
- 3. 20m 17** Climb the face above to a crack. Climb the crack. Continue up to a good ledge.
- 4. 20m 21** Move right into a corner. Climb up the recess to a traverse line. Traverse right with difficulty at first. Continue right past the first recess to stance at the second recess with the wide crack above.
- 5. 30m 21,A1** Climb easily up to the base of the crack (aid up the crack - large Camelots). Traverse right for 5m, climb up to a good stance.
- 6. 10m 12** Climb easily up to large ledge.

Notes:

- 1.** A good selection of large Camelots (3 of size 4 and 1 of size 5) as well as large friends (size 4) is essential.
- 2.** A sustained exposed route which is waiting to be free.

First ascent: Jul 1997 C. Nicole and D. Margetts.

LORD OF THE FLIES

18 ***

This climb starts on the WAITING FOR THE BUS buttress. Start about 100m right of CRACK.EXE at an obvious break near the bottom of a ramp leading up to the right.

1. 30m 18 Climb the break then up the obvious crack to a large ledge.

2. 45m 15 Follow a break above to a corner. Follow this to top of crag.

Variation:

1. 30m 15 Climb the break 5m left of pitch 1 above to the same large ledge. (1998 T. Wilmot, L. Boyse and N. Griffin)

First ascent: 1998 K. Thrash, D. Margetts and T. Walker.

LITTLE RED DEVIL

16 **

The climb ascends an obvious slab of rock with a large crack up the middle, as seen on the right hand side of road when looking back from the car park before passing through the Strijdom Tunnel.

Take the path directly down to the river and continue past DOUBLE GREEN at a fairly low level until one can see the slab with the crack line up the middle above. Scramble up to the base of the main buttress.

1. 45m 16 Follow the crack line (wide) to the top of the buttress.

2. 25m 13 At the back of the ledge climb a short corner, then traverse left and ascend a break to below the final buttress.

3. 25m 15 Climb the obvious crack line up to an overhang. Move through the overhang and continue to the top.

First ascent: Dec 1996 D. Margetts, G. Devine, I. McMaster and I. Hunter.

Main Wall on Other Side of River

For climbing in this area, walk up the road from the fruit stall parking area and just before the bridge over the stream, scramble down off the road to the right, jump over the stream and follow a pathway through the bush along the base of the cliffs. Keep going beneath the DOUBLE GREEN buttress and past the WAITING FOR THE BUS area.

The best descent route is down the back of the mountain directly down to the valley. Turn left and follow the ox-wagon track to reach the tar road upstream of the bridge or down the descent gully to the right of the DOUBLE GREEN buttress (1 abseil)..

IFIDI ICE

17 ***

IFIDI ICE takes the recess/crack system to the left (looking up) of the climb ONE OF THE LADS. Scramble up as far as you can below ONE OF THE LADS.

1. 25m 15 Climb a short ramp to a tree. Traverse left to a buttress. Make a tricky move left to a recess, climb the recess to the large ledge with an obvious open book / corner.

2. 20m 17 Climb the open book/corner to a ledge on the right.

3. 20m 13 Climb directly up the face to a stance directly below the slot.

4. 25m 17 Climb up the slot/recess making a tricky move leftwards. Continue up the corner to a ramp. Traverse left across the ramp to the exposed areté. Climb this to the large ledge.

Note:

The opening party climbed a further two pitches of nondescript rock and descended as for ONE OF THE LADS, but this is not recommended. An abseil down the gully to the left (looking up) of the climb is recommended.

First ascent: Aug 1997 D. Margetts, G. Devine, K. Thrash and P Carstensen.

ONE OF THE LADS

16 ***

The route MABALENG has, as a salient feature, a large roof low down with a splash of white bird shit below it. To the left of this route is a prominent low buttress. ONE OF THE LADS takes the very marked slightly right leaning (certainly not incipient) groove between the above two features. Start at the right extremity of the prominent low buttress immediately below the groove.

1. **40m 11** Climb up the smooth rock in the gully making for the clean cracks slightly to the right. Move up these until forced left by the containing wall to the right. When level with the Paperbark tree move left and take a stance on the tree.
2. **40m 16** Climb the crack immediately behind the Paperbark tree and move around the tree growing horizontally out of the crack. Climb the chimney above and ascend the knobbed face to the right of the small pinnacle on the left. Take a stance on the ledge at the Maroela tree.
3. **27m 16** Climb the obvious broken looking groove immediately behind the stance and move up the chimney above to just prior to the roof above. At this level break right and around the areté to move up the fine face to reach a sloping ledge with a large rocking block at its back.
4. **40m 16** Climb up behind the rocking block and move right to clear the mild roof above. Move back left and climb up into the open book above. Move up this until it fizzles out and then move right around the areté to reach the steep crisp wall on the right. Move right to the base of the flake system. Climb this moving slightly leftwards to clear the roof on the right. Climb up to the huge ledge above. Take a stance.
5. **28m 11** Above the stance and to the right is a headwall with the beautiful crack taken by MABALENG moving through it. Climb between this wall and the large detached block to the left until able to move right at the top of the wall section. Walk right and climb again the crack/chimney between the wall and

another large detached block. Move up and to the right to take a stance on some sloping blocks at the base of a clean looking pillar.

6. 25m 11 Climb halfway up the pillar and then move right into the main gully. (Do not climb the pillar to the top as it is detached.) Fight through some thorny choss to the right open book. Climb this and then traverse left to take a cramped stance on a small ledge in the middle of the gully face.

7. 40m 11 Take an incipient line to the top.

Notes:

- 1.** An excellent route of middle grade.
- 2.** Protection is adequate throughout.

First ascent: Feb 1997 T.P. Willmot, G. Devine and L. Costa.

MABALENG

18 ***

The climb starts to the left of a large roof 35m up with a white streak below it (Bird shit). Takes the obvious break then left onto face for approximately 40m. From here the route generally follows a direct line to the top.

1. **25m 16** Start at the base of a left slanting bushy recess. Move right at $\pm 10\text{m}$ and ascend till the base of a small pillar. Belay from here.
2. **10m 12** Traverse left for 3m then up and left onto leafy platform.
3. **35m 18** Hand traverse 4m in crack on the left wall and move onto arété. Ascend superb easy rock for 30m. Belay from recess.
4. **35m 14** Climb left face for 25m then move across recess onto right wall and up to a small ledge.
5. **45m 15** Continue up on good rock to a large ledge.
6. **20m 13** Climb directly up onto another ledge and belay from large tree at back of ledge.
7. **20m 16** Climb left for a few meters then up and through the roof to a ledge. Scramble to the top.

Note:

The descent gully can be located by walking eastwards (left looking up) along the edge of the cliff - $\pm 100\text{m}$. Scramble down scree slope and boulders until recess is reached.

First ascent: Feb 1997 I. McMaster and A. Erasmus.

WHO DARES WINS

20 ***

Start approximately 20m right of the prominent white streak which marks the start of MABALENG. The climb generally follows a direct route up superb rock.

- 1. 20m 17** Start at the base of a left slanting recess which terminates after 8m. Climb the recess and break right at 8 m. Traverse left for 6m, then move up via the crack to a ledge.
- 2. 12m 15** Climb left to the base of a short crack. Ascend crack and tend right to a small belay stance at the base of a left facing open book.
- 3. 30m 20,A1** Move awkwardly up to gain the crack. Place gear and aid up the crack, for ± 6 m till possible to move onto ar \acute{e} t \acute{e} on the right. Climb direct for approximately 10m to the base of a small cave on the left. Move up 2m then traverse left and around the corner to a comfortable belay ledge.
- 4. 25m 16** Ascend on good rock and belay at ± 25 m.
- 5. 25m 16** Continue moving up In a direct line to a large ledge.
- 6. 35m 17** Climb for approximately 8m then move awkwardly through a series of small rounded bulges to a ledge.
- 7. 55m 17** Move up on thin but good rock and belay at large ledge. Pitch 7 can be climbed in two pitches if rope is not 60m.
- 8. 15m 10** Climb till gradient eases and scramble to the top.

Notes:

1. Protection is adequate.
2. Descend as for MABALENG.

First ascent: Feb 1997 I. McMaster and A. Erasmus.

ASHEN LIZARD

22 ***

This climb ascends the middle of the SW Manoutsa wall directly opposite the parking lot at the tunnel entrance. Start $\pm 50\text{m}$ to the right of the white streak on the face. About 10m to the right of an obvious corner with a tree at the top scramble up a short slope to the base of an obvious crack with an off width crack above.

1. 40m 21 Climb the crack to a small ledge. Move slightly left then ascend to a small ledge below the off width. Move to the right arété and continue up the face until one can step left across to the nose. Pull onto the nose and continue up easy face to ledge.

2. 40m 13 Climb past the tree on the left face and continue up and traverse left then ascend to gully. Climb up the crack system on the left of the gully. Continue up the arété to the ledge on the left.

3. 25m 22 Climb the crack on the left of the ledge. Continue up to the open book on the right. Traverse left along the rail. Break through the overhang to a small ledge and move up and place protection under the roof on the left. Traverse left then climb up 1m to a small ledge. Climb directly up in a small recess (crux) to a cramped stance.

4. 25m 20 Traverse left and down from the ledge. Climb up the corner moving right at the top then move left to break through the overhang. Continue up recess with difficulty to the ledge on the left.

5. 25m 16 Climb up to the right hand edge of the green face. Move right into the small gully, continue up the face on the right to a large ledge.

6. 25m 17 Climb up the face to a small roof. Pull through the roof to a small crack. Continue up to a large ledge. Scramble up rightwards to the face on the right of the large recess.

7. 30m 18 Climb up the face move slightly rightwards to a small crack. Continue up to a roof which is passed on the right.

Notes:

- 1.** On the 1st pitch the leader climbed the short slab after the initial crack without moving left.
- 2.** Sustained and committing climb.
- 3.** Move left along the top of the crag for \pm 150m until crag dips. Go down obvious gully down climbing on left (facing outwards) then move right (facing outward). Continue down to the base of the crag.

First ascent: Feb 1997 D. Margetts and C. Nicole.

CONQUISTATORS OF THE USELESS

18

This climb is situated at the far end (extreme right hand) of the crag on the other side of the river. Walk along the base of the crag past ASHEN LIZARD and the large chimney crack system to its right to where the crag becomes lower. Scramble up to a higher ledge. The climb starts on top of a short buttress with an overhang above. The climb starts to the left of SCRATCH AND WIN.

- 1. 50m 18** Climb up a short recess. Move left about 5m and pass the overhang to a crack system on face. Climb up diagonally left to another overhang, moving left into a recess. Follow this to a good ledge.
- 2. 35m 15** Climb the face on the left to another ledge.
- 3. 45m ?** Climb non-descript rock to top of crag. Scramble another 50m to top.

First ascent: 2002 G. Frost and D. Margetts.

SCRATCH AND WIN

19 ***

This climb ascends the right hand end of the north-east wall of Manuotsa. The start is found about 100m right of the start of ASHEN LIZARDS. Scramble along the base of the crag past a large chimney system. Continue scrambling up a ramp to an obvious chimney. Start here.

1. 25m 19 Climb the chimney for a few meters. Move right into a recess. Climb past a bush up to a block. After ascending block, traverse easily left to below the corner. Climb this exiting left.

2. 25m 10 Scramble up the gully, moving left onto a short face. Belay at top of face.

3. 30m 16 Traverse left around block. Climb the face above starting slightly left. Move up and right onto the arête. Climb it and continue up to a comfortable ledge below an obvious yellow corner.

4. 40m 16 Climb the corner. Move up and left. Traverse left and climb up a steep bulge. Continue up to a comfortable ledge below a broken face.

5. 50m 13 Climb the easy face and continue up to a small roof. Pull through the roof and climb the recess to a comfortable belay on a large ledge below a small roof.

6. 20m 15 Pull through the roof on the right. Continue up non-descript rock to top of crag.

First ascent: 1 Aug 1998 S. Broccardo, M. Phillips, D. Margetts and R. Stark.

The Ox Wagon Buttress

Walk along the old ox wagon trail (see map) from tar road above where you first approach the crags. Follow the trail to descend down the pass. About 1/3 of the way down move to left hand side of pass onto a knoll. Traverse left around base of large crags to a scree slope. Climb this, moving to right at top of the scree slope to base of cliff.

To descend, from top of buttress (beacon), follow edge of crag down (rightwards when facing crag) to gain a path if lucky. Follow path to river.

THE OXWAGON ADVENTURE

17

Start where a short scramble is barred by the cliff above in a recess.

- 1. 30m 15** Climb on the left side of the recess to gain the left arête. Follow this to a comfortable stance.
- 2. 30m 17** Climb the crack system above to a small ledge.
- 3. 30m 14** Follow obvious break. Scramble to top of crag.

Notes:

- 1.** Possible to approach directly from river up the scree slope.
- 2.** Very long day for opening party.

First ascent: Date unknown G. Frost, Wayne and D. Margetts.

The Long River Walk Crag

SINK THE PINK

?

No description at present.

First ascent: Unknown Party unknown

UNION OF LOST SOLES AND HORSE PIGS

17 ***

This climb is in the middle of the right hand buttress of the new crag upstream (+/- 1km walk from end of road) of the campsites. It is distinguished by the yellow ribs and finishes in a large gully below the top.

1. 55m 15 Start in obvious corner with a tree 15m up.

Climb the corner, moving right past blocks to access another corner. Climb the corner/recess to belay at the wild fig tree.

2. 10m 10 Climb up to the traverse line below the overhang. Traverse left to ledge at tree.

3. 25m 15 Climb the face above into the open book. Move right onto face below overhang. Pull through overhang on large jugs. Continue up face to a large blocky ledge below bushy corner.

4. 55m 17 Move rightwards on a rail to below a small tree. Climb past tree on the left. Continue up face to a corner. Climb this past some loose blocks. Continue up the corner exiting onto a small face on the right. Move up to a grassy ledge passing this to a higher ledge on left.

5. 30m 13 Climb/scramble up to the bushy gully. A good ledge can be found on the left of the gully if one is prepared to do a tricky move to gain it.

6. 40m 10 Scramble up the gully to a large ledge. Scramble up the rest of gully to top of crag.

Notes:

1. Descend down to right (looking into crag) to gain a path if lucky. Follow path to river.
2. On the opening ascent, the climb was seconded in Rockies because the climber lost his climbing shoes.

First ascent: Unknown G. Frost and D. Margetts.

River Crag

DRIZZEL AND DRIP

17 **

This climb ascends the short buttress on the left while driving from the resort towards the tunnel. Park the car in a parking bay above the crag on the left (going up) then descend the road around a buttress. After the steep buttress, cross the bush to climb up to the crag. The climb takes the obvious open book system in about the middle of the buttress.

1. **15m 17** Climb the obvious crack past an overhang to a large ledge.
2. **15m 17** Move right to corner. Climb the open book to top of the crag.

Note:

A good tree (large fig tree) to abseil off is found to the left of the climb looking up.

First ascent: 2001 G. Frost and D. Margetts.