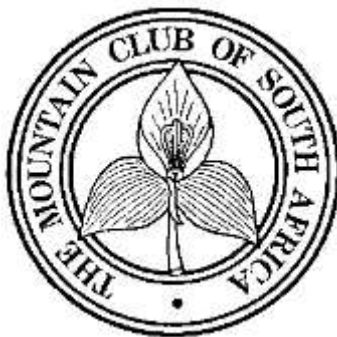


**ROCK CLIMBING ROUTES
ON
THE MAGALIESBERG
ESCARPMENT
PART 1: COMMANDO NEK,
EUREKA DOME,
REMHOOGTE**



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Preface

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

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

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

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The routes in this guide are arranged from right to left when facing the cliffs. i.e. From East to West.

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

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

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

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

None of the climbing areas in this guide have water, so bring plenty with you.

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

Please note that bolting is not allowed in the Magaliesberg.

COMMANDO NEK

This area can probably be reached quicker than any other from Johannesburg or Pretoria.

The walk-in access is short and easy. The climbing area overlooks Hartebeestpoort Dam, but unfortunately also overlooks unsightly quarrying on the opposite krantz. It is inclined to be noisy at weekends, as the road over the nek is frequented by motorcyclists.

There are two main buttresses. The meet point is one third of the way along the Main (East) Buttress near the foot of RIPPER. The climbs on the East Buttress are clean and the rock is generally good. Climbs on the West Buttress are more vegetated, particularly higher up. The few climbs to the right of the meet point are short (+/- 35m) but those to the left average 80m. The same pertains to the West Buttress, being shorter to the right but longer from the middle to the western end.

The main Descent Gully and the extreme western Descent Gully present no problems, but the gully adjacent to the meet point requires some scrambling so it requires caution with inexperienced parties.

No water is available.

There is a first aid dump locked in the office of the Sapper's Rus Club. The turn off is 3km beyond the Skeerpoort bridge and 4km before the Impala Brickworks.

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NETTLE RASH

17,A2

Start 5m right of RESTORATION - small tree at start.

1. 20m 17, A2 Climb the steep broken rock above a small tree to below small recessed corner with a sloping overhang. Climb out diagonally left (A2). Continue up the face and exit onto a ledge.

2. 18m 13 Continue up a crack in a face above to easier ground.

First ascent: Jan 1974 E. Druschke and C. Ward.

RESTORATION

13 ***

3m right of the grey slab of ONE-EYED JACK is a buttress.

1. 35m 13 Climb up a break 2m left of the edge of the buttress (at approximately 8m is the crux.) Straddle up and move diagonally right crossing a shallow recess. Continue across sloping rock. Move up and left around a corner to a recess then up easy ground to top.

Note:

Sparsely protected.

First ascent: Feb 1973 H. Goynes and C. Ward.

EASTER BUNNY

11 *

Starts on right-hand side of a grey slab in a recess, right of ONE-EYED JACK.

1. 15m 10 Climb right-hand side of grey slab to ledge. Belay in corner as for ONE-EYED JACK

2. 20m 11 Traverse right across a face to a recess and a crack system (two small trees). Climb the right-hand crack and face to the top.

First ascent: Apr 1972 H. Goynes and C. Ward.

ONE-EYED JACK

15 *

Start in the centre of the grey slab mentioned in RUDOLPH.

- 1. 18m 10** Climb the centre of the grey slab, moving diagonally right to a ledge belay in right-hand corner.
- 2. 25m 15** Continue up the crack in the corner to top and easy rock.

First ascent: Aug 1973 E. Druschke and C. Ward.

RUDOLPH

13

Start 15m right of OPUNTIA on a grey slab.

- 1. 23m 13** Climb the left-hand side of the slab to a ledge. Move left and climb up to the base of a short crack in a corner with a tree at the top.
- 2. 20m 13** Continue up the crack passing the tree and on to a system of cracks above. Continue to easy ground.

First ascent: Dec 1973 E. Druschke and C. Ward.

OPUNTIA

15

Situated 35m to the right of the meeting place (at descent gully).

- 1. 25m 15** Start at the base of the first buttress. The first 3m is the crux. Move up onto the face and semi-mantleshelf moving to the right. Continue diagonally left and up the arete. Climb moving right and then up to a good ledge and tree. (An alternative start can be made by climbing a recess to left and slightly higher - 10)
- 2. 20m 10** Traverse left for 4m and up to a recess with a tree projecting out. Continue up the recess to the top.

First ascent: Feb 1972 H. Goynes and C. Ward.

RIPPER

11

Start climb at high point 30m left of meeting place at an obvious black chimney with prominent small tree 10m up.

1. 35m 11 Ascend 10m to tree, then climb over bulge. Traverse left for 6m then move straight small corner to stance.

2. 30m 9 Climb up vertical wall above on good holds.

Note: This climb is believed to have been climbed previously.

First ascent: 24 Jul 1977 C.A. Baker and E. Wood.

IRON JAWS

13

This climb ascends a recess / crack to the right of PENNY'S ERROR.

1. 15m 13 Climb the recess to a ledge.

2. 15m 11 Climb non-descript rock to top of crag.

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

PENNY'S ERROR

9

Goes up prominent corner recess to left of a cave 30m east of CAVE CRAG. Follows recess to two-thirds of height, crosses to face on right then straight upward.

First ascent: 26 Jun 1949 S. Penny, E. Lude, J. Nunn and H.O. Weiss.

CAVE CRAG

11 **

The start of this climb may be located by reference to three caves near the base of the rook and spaced about 30m apart. The route commences about 9m to the left of the most westerly of these three caves, in a small recess, and is marked by a beacon at ground level. The starting point is actually on a broad grass ledge which is reached by clambering over a rocky slope at the bottom of the krantz. Between the starting point and the cave on the right there is a natural feature on the rock having the appearance of an inverted broad arrow chiselled into the rock. This is greenish-yellow in colour.

1. 18m 9 From the beacon work up in the recess towards the left then traverse right over the top of the recess, thence upwards to the right towards the crack immediately above the cave. This crack is covered with aloes and a stance on a small ledge is found on the edge of these aloes almost in the crack.

2. 18m 11 From the stance in the crack step to left thence vertically upwards over good sound rock to a large sloping ledge.

3. 18m 8 This section is obvious and a number of easy alternatives present themselves. The most vertical is the best.

4. 25m 8 Work up to the final rock slope on the right or left of an overhanging rock immediately above the 'cave crack'.

Note:

The rock is sound and holds good. The first stance can accommodate two people only with comfort. Top section is disappointing after the first two pitches.

First ascent: 1938

P. Houmoller.

CARMEN CRAG

13 **

Starts about 9m to left of CAVE CRAG and just on right of a small ridge below slightly overhanging rocks.

1. 34m 13 Move 5m up on very firm, smooth rock to a slight overhang. Traverse a short but difficult section 2 ½ m to the right to avoid the overhang then up 2m. Traverse to the left to a point immediately above the start of the climb then straight up for about 15m to an impassable zone of smooth rock. At this point, traverse right for 5m to a clearly visible stance made by a boulder (slightly loose) sticking out of the main body of the krantz. A better and wider stance is found 3m further up.

2. 30m 9 From upper stance traverse a few metres left to a rock ridge which is followed to summit.

First ascent: 12 Sep 1948 F. Villa and W. Pollitzer.

AUTOMOBILE WOMEN

15 **

Start about 10m left of CARMEN and about 3m to the right of a prominent recess.

1. 25m 15 Climb face and move through overhanging bulge to face above. Climb diagonally right, surmount the next overhang and then continue to stance on ledge below a prominent slab face.

2. 25m 11 Climb the slab face and then continue to the top along the pleasant arete that extends from the top of the face.

First ascent: 29 Apr 1973 P. Fatti and A. McGarr.

HAMMER ROUTE

13 *

Starts in bush-covered scree opposite a 'Cabbage Tree' on the slope and about 20m to 30m to left of CARMEN CRAG. Start at a flake of rock below a sloping face to left of a crack.

1. 22m 9 Move up 6m on left of crack, traverse right over top of crack to point above aloe. Traverse further right (4 – 6m) around a corner and up a few metres to a stance on a ledge which can hold four people.

2. 15m 11 Straight up recess to a large grassy ledge. Immediately above this ledge on right is a sheer smooth face.

3. 22m 13 Straight up to left of smooth face to a point below an overhanging block. Traverse right below the overhang then step down and across to right in a delicate movement leading to easier rock, round the overhang and back to left to stance above overhang.

4. 22m 7 Straight up to summit ridge.

Variation:

3. 22m 8 Step down from grass ledge and traverse to right to edge of smooth face then up on right of smooth face to easier rock joining up with first route to right of overhang.

First ascent: 6 Jan 1935 D.J. Liebenberg, H.J. Barker and Miss A. Netter.

SICKLE

13 **

Commences some 5m left of the start of HAMMER ROUTE at base of sloping slabs.

1. 20m 13 Climb easily up slabs to corner crack where wall steepens. Semi-layback up crack past aloe to belay on large dirty ledge.

2. 25m 13 Climb up in corner to overhang, then diagonally right following overhang. Traverse right 3m then up steep wall to small ledge. Cross aloes on right and climb easily to ledge. Chock belay low in horizontal crack.

3. 35m 9 Ascend easily up small arete then more easily to top of krantz.

First ascent: 18 Mar 1973 J.W. Outhwaite, P.J. Goodridge and D.G. Hughes.

HANGING BOULDER

8 *

This route commences in a cleft directly below the right-hand edge of the overhang forming the frame. It is easily identified by the hanging boulder, a feature about half way up the krantz in the form of a prominent projecting boulder, apparently in a delicately balanced position. The usual route goes to the right of the boulder then straight up to the summit. A number of alternatives are possible.

Note:

Care is needed to avoid loose rock just below the boulder and for this reason it is not recommended as a route for novices.

First ascent: 15 Mar 1936 J. Langmore, H. Barker and Miss A. Netter.

PICTURESQUE

19

This rock problem breaks through the prominent roof of FRAME ROUTE.

1. 40m 8 Climb clean broken rock to obvious break in roof.

2. 10m 19 Climb awkwardly up left into flared open book below second overhang. Move up to overhang then traverse delicately right until roof ends and climb up right to ledge.

First ascent: 20 Jun 1982 T. White and S. Morkel.

DAMOCLES

13

The route starts up the ridge below the eye-catching hanging boulder which marks the climb of that name.

1. **40m 11** Ascend the ridge to the hanging boulder.
2. **20m 13** Move up about 6m just left of the aloe-filled gully above the hanging boulder. Traverse left 5m to ridge, and ascend this to summit.

First ascent: 28 Aug 1984 T. Snijders, A. Killick and M. Prior.

FRAME ROUTE

11 **

Start on the sloping wall about 5m to the left of HANGING BOULDER.

1. **25m 10** Ascend bearing slightly right, parallel with a groove, to a small ledge that is actually the top of a large flake in the ridge overlooking the HANGING BOULDER gully (small stance).
2. **15m 11** From the top of the flake ascend vertically keeping slightly to the left to a large ledge.
3. **12m 8** Ascend vertically to the big ledge with boulder and thus immediately beneath the overhang that forms the top of the 'frame'.
4. **12m 8** Descend 6m to a ledge and traverse to the right along a narrow extension of this into the top right-hand corner of the frame. Traverse along a ledge around the corner and up to the final stance.

First ascent: 8 Mar 1936 H. Biesheuvel, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hutchinson.

SUNNY RIDGE

9

Follows the ridge on the left-hand side of the FRAME, i.e. up the left edge below the overhang from which the FRAME derives its name. The climb has four pitches all of which are grade 8 except for the beginning of the third which is grade 9.

First ascent: 12 Sep 1948 F. Potousis.

LONG TOM SILVER

17,A1

Start midway between DREI STEIN MANDERL and SUNNY RIDGE.

1. 25m 11 Climb up to small tree on easy sloping rock keeping in a crack. Traverse diagonally right underneath a huge roof. Belay in corner.

2. 25m 17, A1 Traverse left onto exposed nose on good foot- and hand-holds. Climb straight up to reach the left-hand side of the roof described above. Place piton in horizontal crack. Climb up 2m and traverse 2m diagonally right up face (artificial) into recess. Climb easily straight up for 15m to belay.

3. 25m 8 Scramble to the top.

First ascent: Nov 1978 P. Knoethe and E. Muller.

DREI STEIN MANDERL

8

An easy route up the buttress on the left of a prominent cleft in the krantz some 45m west of FRAME.

First ascent: 18 Sep 1932 A.J. Kennedy, H.T. Brook, W. Wagner, R. J. Matthews and C. Hutchinson.

ZIG ZAG

11

The start is easily located by reference to a prominent crack leading up to overhanging rocks, which are split and appear to be blocked by aloes. The climb follows the crack in two 9 pitches to a point just below the overhanging rock on the right, then traverses outward, and down to a point about 10m to the right of the crack. From here the route goes vertically upwards. An alternative route opened by T. Louw and W. Curle goes straight up the crack through the split overhang. (10)

First ascent: 2 May 1934 D. Wood, A. Cawood, M. Fenger, H. Barker and C. Hutchinson.

PROMETHEUS

11

Not a particularly inviting climb but longer than others in the area. Numerous belays. Starts 5 - 10m left of ZIG ZAG.

1. 15m 9 Choose a route up the buttress to a large rock split off the corner.

2. 22m 10 Diagonally up to the right inside the frame to a recess above some aloes 12m, then 9m up.

3. 12m 11 Traverse left onto the nose and up to a large tree which marks the junction of to route with RACK ROUTE.

4. 22m 9 Up the chimney for 3m onto a chockstone. Traverse right onto the face or into next gully. Climb 12m up until a small overhang is reached. A scramble takes one off the climb.

First ascent: 7 Aug 1949 N. Morrison, R. Walker and D. Gilham.

RACK ROUTE

10

May commence at the same point as PROMETHEUS but a point 10m up a slope to the left marks the usual start.

- 1. 15m 9** Up in the recess on left of sloping face.
- 2. 12m 10** Traverse right to a point directly above the start of PROMETHEUS.
- 3. 25m 10** Up 9m and traverse left to edge of crack then vertically up to large tree which is point of junction with PROMETHEUS.
- 4. 22m 9** Work over to left below overhang then up to easier rock to summit.

First ascent: 8 Jul 1934 C. Hutchinson, H. de Beer, D. Wood, A. Cawood, M. Fenger and Miss F. Wallis.

PROGNOSTICATION

13

Start on the rib 2m left of the start of RACK ROUTE, 4m to right of a prominent right-angled corner.

- 1. 15m 9** Climb the rib to a projecting narrow block to the right of the rib.
- 2. 15m 13** Climb above the block for 2m then move back onto the rib. Continue up on sparse small holds (crux) for 10m, until the angle eases on passing a group of aloes. Belay at a small tree 5m below a split overhang with a light brown stripe on its underside.
- 3. 30m 8** Climb the gully to the left of the overhang and on up grassy rock to the top.

First ascent: 1 Apr 1978 R. Fox, Miss C. Chester and D. Scott.

RENOVATION

13

At the top of the face is a large overhang with a white patch on the lip. On the left edge of the face below this overhang is a shallow recess or corner. This is the start of RACK ROUTE. 5m left is a grassy gully, sloping up left and ending 10m up at the base of an obtuse-angled corner. There is a sloping smooth slab on the right.

- 1. 15m 11** Traverse left 3m onto the slab which is stepped out on the left. Ascend a steep lichen covered recess for 15m to a stance on a small platform.
- 2. 15m 13** Diagonally right and up about 10m to grassy area. The crux is the first 5m. The stance is on a big ledge.
- 3. 15m 8** Up crack or gully above and slightly to the left.

First ascent: 29 Jun 1968 R.F. Davies and H. Graafland.

SUBSTITUTE

17

Start up the face immediately to the right of the prominent cleft of OTHER KINGDOM.

- 1. 18m 17** Climb up easy rock for 5m to where the face steepens. Move diagonally up leftward 3m, and then ascend steep face above (common with OTHER KINGDOM) to a small ledge.
- 2. 40m 10** Climb 8m up sloping wall to large ledge, then traverse 6m up to right of gully past aloes. Climb 3m up slightly overhanging chimney to right of aloes, and traverse 9m round to left. Scramble up 6m to grassy ledge and walk 8m to small tree belay on right.
- 3. 28m 9** Scramble 15m up steep grassy gully and ascend 13m steep slab to summit.

First ascent: Jan 1974 R.R. Slatem, H. Winder and I.C. Slatem.

OTHER KINGDOM

13 *

The route starts to the right of TWEEDLEDUM in a prominent but shallow cleft about 3m wide in the rock distinguished by a black streak running up its inside.

1. 12m 13 Vertically up the cleft below a slight overhang then at 4m up traverse left 3m. Work straight up the ridge for a further 5m to a ledge 60cm wide. Traverse right 5m to ledge. (This ledge is 6m to the right of the start of the climb.)

2. 9m 10 Straight up, to the left of a clump of aloes vertically above and to the right of a larger clump of aloes (5m x 2m). About 8m up is a small sloping ledge just above the larger clump of aloes, and 1 ½ m further up to the right is a flat-topped projecting rock providing the second stance.

3. 12m 8 Traverse right beneath an overhanging rock, then proceed up a ridge slightly inclined to the right and facing the ridge immediately above the overhang. The next belay position is on a sloping ledge immediately below a jagged series of overhangs interspersed with aloes.

4. 30m 8 Scramble through grass-tufted ledges.

First ascent: 23 Apr 1939 M. Burton, G. Strachan, Miss M. Lear and B. Harris.

TWEEDLEDUM

10

Starts a few metres to left of OTHER KINGDOM on the ridge instead of recess and overlaps part of the first pitch of that climb. The route goes straight up from that point passing to the left of the large clump of aloes referred to in the second pitch of OTHER KINGDOM. The first two pitches are of 10 standard and face climbing is the main feature.

First ascent: 12 Dec 1937 J. Langmore and D. Abercrombie.

TWEEDLEDEE

13

A route parallel to TWEEDLEDUM starting about 6m to the left thereof.

- 1. 12m 13** Starting at beacon 9m to right of smooth hopeless looking groove up, proceed straight up to small ledge.
- 2. 18m 10** Straight up to a further ledge approached from the right. This ledge has ample room for three to four people.
- 3. 15m 9** Leads to a large platform which also marks the finish of the parallel climb TWEEDLEDUM.

First ascent: 12 Dec 1937 R. Barry and C. Gebhardt.

GOON SHOW

19 ***

To the left of TWEEDLEDEE is a prominent slanting corner capped by a large overhang on SINISTER (see the photograph). To the right of this corner are three grooves, the first two leading to a slab and the third one continues up the face. Start directly below the third groove.

1. 18m 19 Gain the base of the groove with a difficult move and up it for 2½ m (poor peg runner). Make difficult lay-away moves up rightwards to the right arete, where good holds lead up to a small stance and good nut belay below a small overhang.

2. 9m 15 Descend 1½ m and traverse left into the groove then across the left wall to a large block stance and peg belay.

3. 28m 15 Gain the shallow groove directly above the stance and from the bulge (9m) move diagonally up right towards the top of the original groove. Move as high as possible then step down across the groove and continue up the groove to a move right below a nose. Up the recess on the right to a peg belay on top of the nose. A very enjoyable pitch.

4. 30m 8 Scramble to the top.

First ascent: Mar 1969 R.P. Barley, A.D. Barley and D. White.

KINGDOM COME

17 ***

Start directly below the second groove to the right of the slanting corner. (Refer to description for GOON SHOW)

1. 17m 17 Move up 3m then diagonally right into a shallow groove in the right wall. Ascend this, past a bulge then traverse right to a large block stance and peg belay. (As for Pitch 2 stance on GOON SHOW.)

2. 44m 13 Ascend up left wards to where the slab steepens (narrow ledge at 15m) then across right onto the blunt arete (directly above the stance). Continue directly up and follow a rock rib above to chock belay below a small overhang. Scramble off rightwards.

Note:

Protection is poor.

First ascent: Mar 1969 A.D. Barley, A.C. Carmen, E. Barnard and R.P. Barley.

SINISTER

15 ****

Start below the first square overhang in the prominent slanting corner (Refer to description for GOON SHOW.)

1. 22m 13 Ascend to the overhang, step right and follow the slanting corner crack up rightwards to a peg belay below a small triangular overhang.

2. 15m 15 Layback up left wards 1½ m then step across onto slab. Alternatively, traverse at level of the stance and move up some way across the slab (5m 15) Move left to the edge of the slab. Then step down onto a flake or block on the corner. Traverse across recess. Ascend the left wall, working up to the left to a block stance and peg belay. (3m 15)

3. 15m 6 Up grassy face.

First ascent: Sep 1966 J. Anderson, P. Fatti and H. Graafland.

TECHNICIAN'S ROUTE

8

Left of SINISTER a route is picked out inclining to the right above and to left of reddish overhanging rock.

First ascent: 1948 J. Thorp.

STRAIGHT UP

11

Start in main descent gully to the right of large cave seen 10m above.

1. 40m 11 Climb straight up the arete to the top (A difficult move at the start, a grade 15 bulging crack, can be avoided if desired - 11).

First ascent: Nov 1978 P. Knoethe and E. Muller.

DASSIES PLUMBSKLOSETT

15

Situated 30m left of gully between Commando Nek Buttress and Commando Nek West. Start in large corner with large crack below tree about 10m up with much evidence of dassie occupation.

1. 40m 15 Climb up crack past tree (slightly overhanging) to easier sloping rock. Belay at tree on ledge.

2. 40m 4 Traverse right along ledge until a very small cave is reached situated on left side of gully.

3. 25m 15 From small cave climb straight up to ledge. Continue up, traverse left to a small tree then diagonally right along edge to top.

First ascent: Nov 1978 P. Knoethe and E. Muller.

WILD ROVER

17 *

Start 40m down from the right-hand extremity of the Commando Nek West Buttress, 6m left of a tree at the lowest point of the buttress.

- 1. 19m 17** Climb the wall into the open book above, and at the top move right out of the open book to a stance.
- 2. 8m 13** Move right traversing under overhangs along a handrail to a stance.
- 3. 29m 11** Climb the crack behind the stance, move out right at an overhang and continue straight up to a tree. Belay near the top.

First ascent: 7 Nov 1976 J. Gregory and C. Ward.

STORMY WEATHER

15 **

Start at base of a crack in a recess 3m left of WILD ROVER.

- 1. 18m 13** Climb the crack to an overhang, step right to a tree and stance. (15 if you are short)
- 2. 28m 15** Climb straight up the undercut wall behind the stance and continue up easy rock. Scramble to top.

First ascent: 1 Nov 1976 J. Gregory and C. Ward.

PIG AND WHISTLE

15 **

Situated 18m left of STORMY WEATHER. Start left of a rock rib in a recess.

1. 35m 15 Climb the recess just left of a rock rib and right of a tree a little way up on the rock. Move up to the top of the recess and step over right. Move right for 2m. Continue up a wall to a ledge. Climb up the rock above (small overhang) to a short wall. Move slightly left and up and move right to a ledge. To the right there is sloping rock which ends in a wall and overhangs. To the left is a thin crack line running up a wall. Climb this to sloping rock. Move slightly left and then step right. Continue up to a rib of rock and a tree at the top. Belay.

2. 25m 8 Continue to the left up easy rock.

Note:

The 1st pitch is on excellent rock.

First ascent: Nov 1978 H. Zangerl and C. Ward.

MAD HAMMERING ENGLISHMAN

15

Situated 25m right of ACE OF DIAMONDS. Start on large ledge 10m up, or traverse from left-hand side underneath obvious recess.

1. 30m 15 Climb up recess to point below overhang, then left through opening in overhang, passing a broken piton, to next overhang, taking care (loose block). Traverse left up to belay above aloes.

2. 40m 11 Traverse left 2m and climb up to ledge above belay. Continue straight up until easier ground is reached.

First ascent: Nov 1978 P. Knoethe, C. Ward and E. Muller.

ACE OF DIAMONDS

17 ***

The climb is situated 3m right of JACK 0' SPADES. (Cairn).

1. 25m 17 Climb the crack system to a small tree. Continue up above the tree. Just left is a small block which appears to be stuck on the face above together with a loose jutting plate of rock (which has a strange metallic sound). Move up and try standing on the block which appears to be stuck on. Move slightly left and up 1 ½ m and traverse right across a very exposed face to an edge. Cross over a shallow recess to a ledge.

2. 40m 13 Move slightly right from the belay. Climb up and diagonally left up a face to the left of a recess with aloes and grass. Move up virtually in a straight line following the clear rock, keeping right of a tree, to the top of the krantz. Belay.

First ascent: 12 Nov 1978 E. Nienaber, E. Haber and C. Ward.

JACK 0' SPADES

17 ****

The climb takes the line of a great fault which splits the krantz virtually from top to bottom.

1. 20m 15 From the base of the fault climb up into a short chimney and straddle past the crux of this pitch to a cubby hole. Move out right, across and under a tree and up to a ledge. Belay. (This pitch is a 'technical' 15.)

2. 25m 17 Climb up an awkward corner and continue up, straddling the crack. A neat move partially using the left wall and the edge of the crack can be made to gain a small ledge below a shallow chimney. Bridge this until able to pull over left to a wall. Climb up using good holds to the top of a block. Belay

3. 15m 10 Continue up a shallow V-shaped recess above (instead of moving left into a bushy gully) to easy rock.

Note:

A high quality climb on excellent rock.

First ascent: 22 Oct 1978 M. Fagan, C. Baker and C. Ward.

NO HIGHWAY

15 ***

About 50m to the right of TOWER OF PISA there is a prominent ridge undercut by a large overhang. Start at the right-hand side of the ridge and to the right of KEG AND TANKARD.

- 1. 15m 10** Move up and left under the overhang and continue up a groove to a stance level with the lip of the overhang.
- 2. 23m 15** Above the stance is a subsidiary rib to the left of the main ridge and separated from it by a groove. Continue up the rib until a small tree is reached in the groove. Make a blind move right across the wall to reach the main ridge. From here climb up the crest of the ridge for 6m to reach a stance and good belay.
- 3. 30m 8** Follow the ridge veering leftwards to the top.

Note:

By only gaining the ridge at half height, the main challenge is avoided.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1975 A. Firth and D. Hughes.

KEG AND TANKARD

11

45m right of TOWER OF PISA and 4-5m left of NO HIGHWAY.

- 1. 35m 11** Climb diagonally left from some large blocks to a defined recess. Continue up the recess for 25m to a small overhang, step over right and up to a ledge. Traverse right for 3-4m and up to next ledge below a wall.
- 2. 25m 11** Step up and traverse diagonally right across the wall to the edge and arete. Continue up the arete keeping left and aiming for some blocks on top.

Note:

A very pleasant climb on good rock.

First ascent: Nov 1978 H. Zangerl and C. Ward.

MONA LISA

15 **

Situated 10m right of TOWER OF PISA (cairn).

1. 30m 13 Climb up a broken ramp for 4m. Move diagonally right across a wall above some overhangs for 8m and straight up through a break in some small overhangs. Move over right to a rib, continue up and traverse left along a slanting ledge. Belay just before a small corner.

2. 30m 15 Climb the corner and crack above to a point below a big overhang. Step out right and continue up to a shallow recess to the top

First ascent: 29 Jan 1979 B. Schumacher, C. Baker and C. Ward.

RENAISSANCE

17

Situated 4m right of TOWER OF PISA.

1. 25m 17 Start in an obvious corner, move slightly left and back right from a big block (common to TOWER OF PISA) into the corner. Climb the left face. Step over right to a ledge below a small tree. Climb up and step left into a shallow corner with two cracks running up on the left face. Straddle up the corner to a narrow ledge approximately 10cm wide which runs left below a blackish face. Traverse left at this level for 4m to the edge.

2. 18m 9 Move around left onto a broken face and straight up keeping on the arete to the top.

First ascent: 11 Feb 1979 B. Schumacher, C. Baker, A. Lambert and C. Ward.

TOWER OF PISA

15

From the descent gully follow the foot of the krantz until the first steep obvious ridge is reached. At this point the trees start to get more numerous.

1. 15m 11 On the right of the ridge is an obvious recess. Climb up the recess until it is possible to move out left to a detached block on the ridge. Move back a few metres to the right behind a large tree and climb straight up to a good ledge and belay.

2. 45m 15 Above, the ridge is steep and uncompromising. Move round to the right and climb a corner formed by a pillar leaning against the main face. At 15m it is necessary to move left to gain a subsidiary ramp (peg for protection). This is followed for a few metres until it is possible to swing out left onto the ridge. Thence easily to top.

Variation:

1. 18m 15 Direct Start: Start about 3m to the left of the ridge and move up and slightly right to gain a shallow groove. Climb strenuously up the groove passing a detached block on the ridge. Climb directly over the overhang above just to the left of the ridge to reach a good ledge and belay. (16 Mar 1975 A. Firth and D. Hughes)

First ascent: 2 Mar 1975 D. Hughes, G. Young and P. Goodridge.

ROMAN CANDLE

17 **

The climb starts 4 – 5m left of the direct start to TOWER OF PISA. Cairn at base.

1. 20m 17 Climb a shallow recess up to an overhang. Move right onto a wall below a small, well defined recess with a crack. Continue up until it is possible to move right onto a wall (missing out a bunch of aloes above in the name of conservation). Climb the wall and continue moving slightly left to a ledge.

2. 23m 17 Continue up the recess above the stance, which in turn forms an open book, topped by an overhang. Climb until it is possible to traverse left to a rib. As a guide, there is a large spike of rock stuck to the crease of the open book. Traverse well below this to the rib. Continue up to a broken wall and climb to a shelf below a small brown overhang. (Protection very good. The next moves are very awkward and possibly 19 grade for short people.) Climb up and hand-traverse over right to a foothold on the corner. Continue up to a large ledge with a tree.

3. 15m 10 Continue climbing above the stance on easy rock to a convenient belay.

First ascent: 5 Nov 1978 M. Bookstein, E. Haber and C. Ward.

ANNO DOMINI'78

13

Situated 4 - 5m left of ROMAN CANDLE.

1. 20m 10 Climb up the easy rock spur until able to traverse right across a wall and up to first tree on a ledge.

2. 20m 13 (At this point it is easy to traverse right to the top of the first pitch of ROMAN CANDLE.) Continue above the tree belay stance onto left wall of a small recess. Move up and left, out, the recess onto a wall. Climb up to a small cubby hole, and a tree.

3. 20m 11 Continue up obvious breaks in the rock to top.

First ascent: 12 Nov 1978 E. Haber and C. Ward.

WHAT THE DEVIL?

10

The climb takes a route up a giant V-shaped recess 18m left of TOWER OF PISA.

1. **40m 9** Climb straight up recess.
2. **25m 10** Move left and up a step as for the chimney. Traverse left to another step. Continue traversing left to an edge. Continue moving left across small open books to easy ground. Advisable to belay here.
3. **?m 8** Continue to climb up diagonally left to top.

Variation:

2. **25m 13** Continue up the chimney above unstable rock to a ledge. Traverse, left for 5m and continue up the ledge on loose rock. (This pitch is not recommended.)

First ascent: 22 Oct 1978 C. Baker, M. Fagan and C. Ward.

BURR RABBIT

13

Start on a buttress about 150m to the right of the left-hand descent gully. Just to the right of this buttress are two bushes about 3m apart. About 5m up is a crack in a corner.

1. **33m 13** Scramble about 5m to base of crack and climb crack to grassy platform. Above the platform is another crack in a V-shaped groove. Climb this for about 5m to a tree belay.
2. **25m 11** Climb the chimney above, exit left at the top, then move back right and up arete to the top.

First ascent: 15 Oct 1978 C.A. Baker and D. Hughes.

GERIATRIC

10

Starts at the foot of the ridge at the lowest point to the east of the western descent gully.

1. 30m 10 Start from the obvious tree and climb up slightly left of the ridge. At 25m move left and mantleshelf onto a sloping ledge. Continue up the wall to belay.

2. 25m 9 Step right and climb directly to the top over a series of large steps.

Note:

The party was feeling its age.

First ascent: 12 Nov 1978 D. Hughes and C.A. Barker.

WEST GULLY GROOVES

13

Just to the east of the western descent gully is a compact grey face, split at half height by a ledge. The route goes up the centre of the wall and then moves to the left edge to avoid the line of overhangs stretching across the face. Start at the left side of a small pillar approximately in the centre of the face. Cairn.

1. 35m 13 Climb up on small holds for 3m until a series of layback holds enables a tree to be reached. Continue up 10m to the obvious tree on the ledge at half-height. Climb the wall behind the tree for about 4m until it is possible to traverse to another tree on the left edge (4m) overlooking the descent gully. Belay at the foot of a steep holdless groove.

2. 15m 10 Traverse below the holdless groove to a second groove, which is followed to the top.

First ascent: 12 Nov 1978 D.O. Hughes and C.A. Barker.

Commando Nek (East Section)

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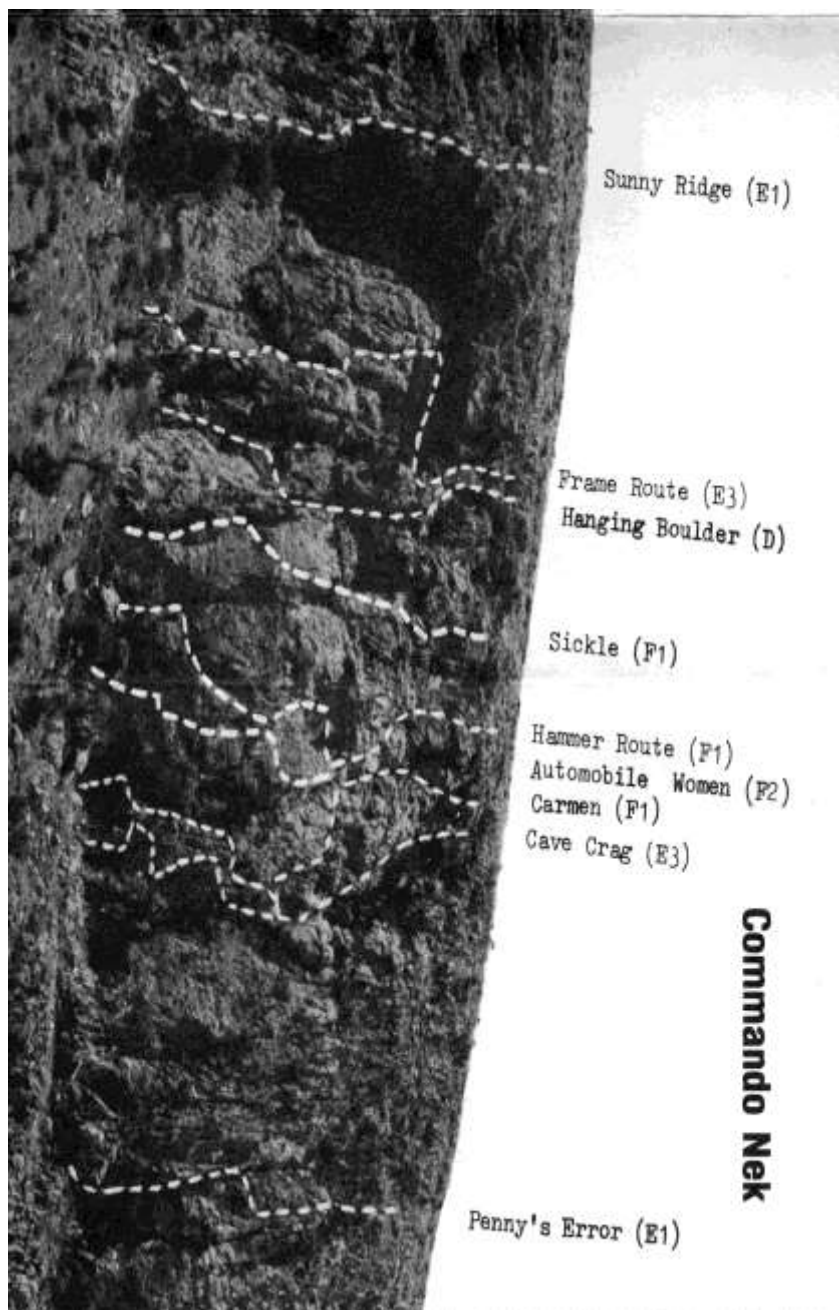
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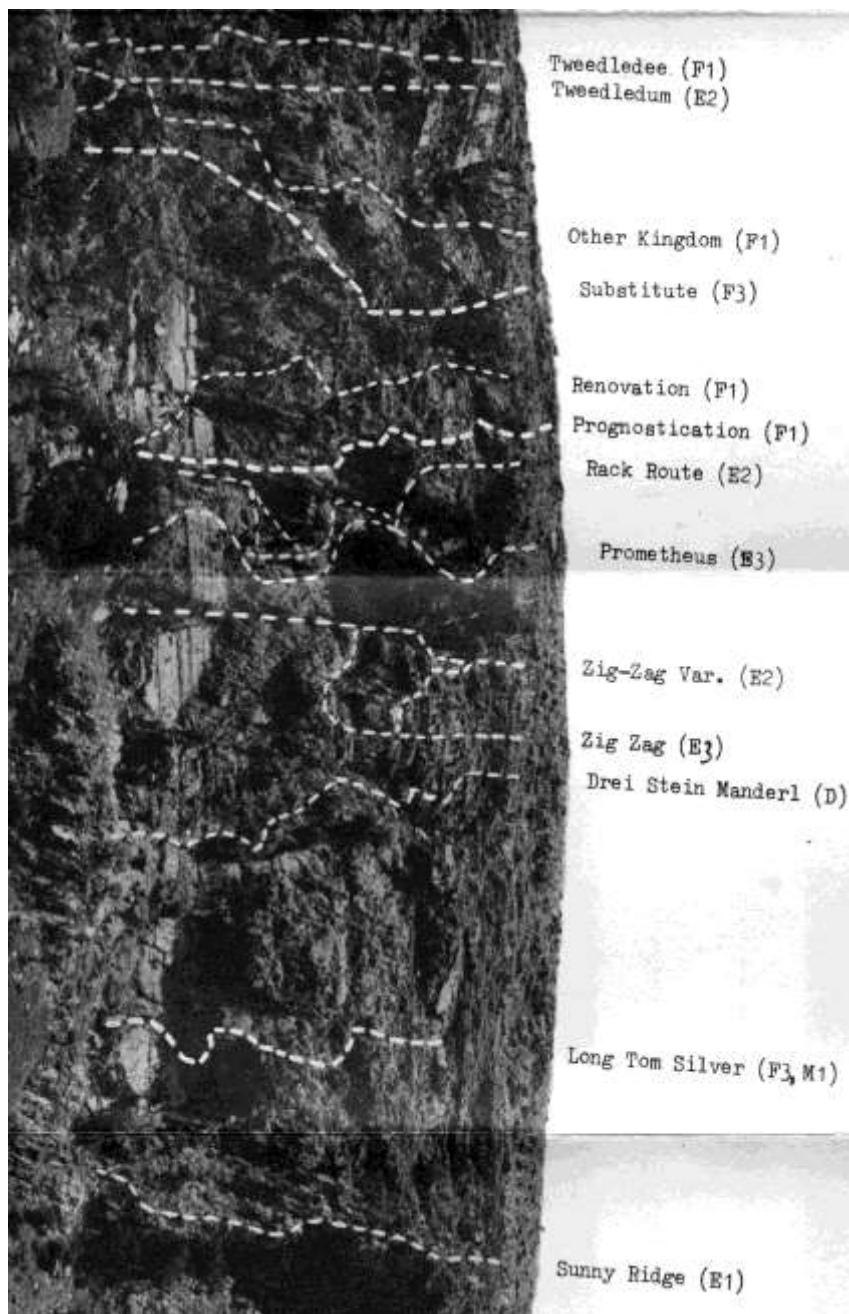
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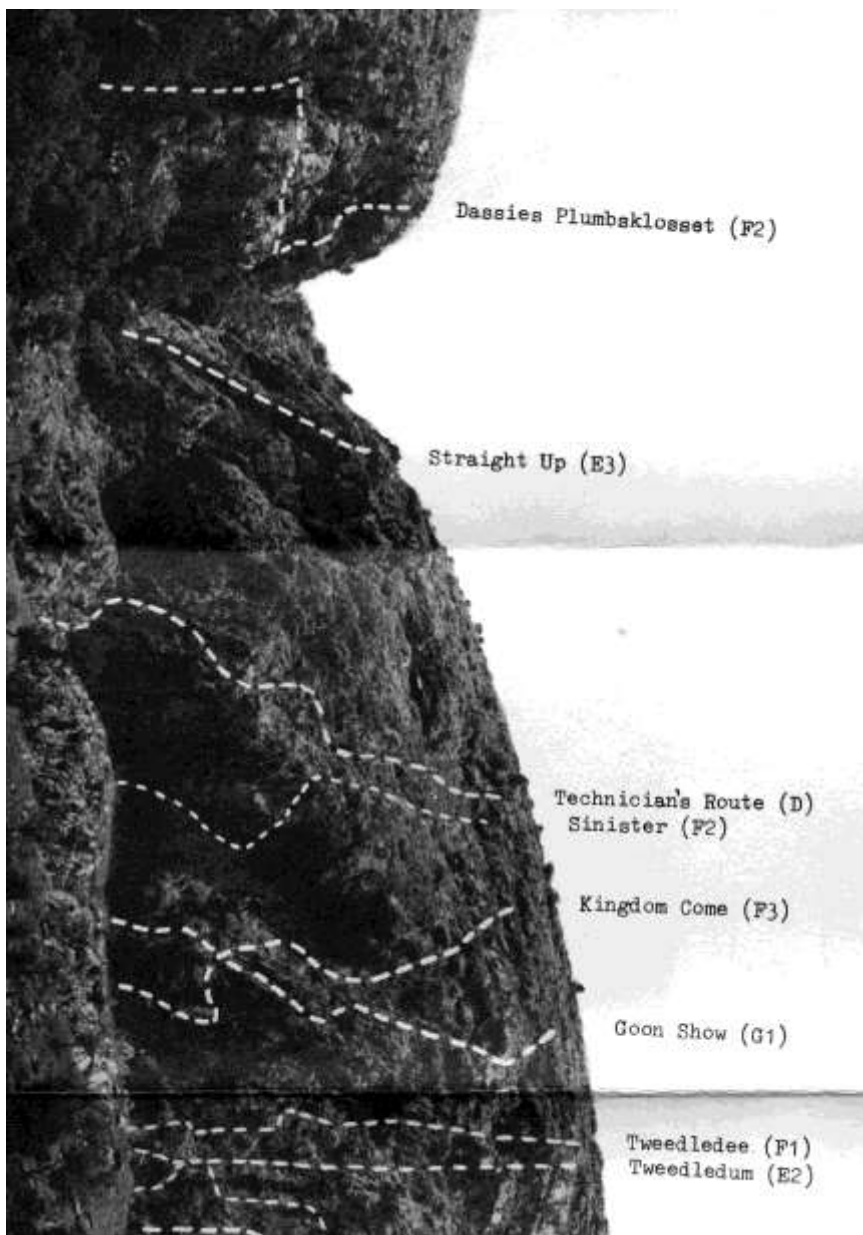
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Nettle Rash (F3,M2)



Commando Nek





Dassies Plumbaklosset (F2)

Straight Up (E3)

Technician's Route (D)
Sinister (F2)

Kingdom Come (F3)

Goon Show (G1)

Tweedledee (F1)
Tweedledum (E2)

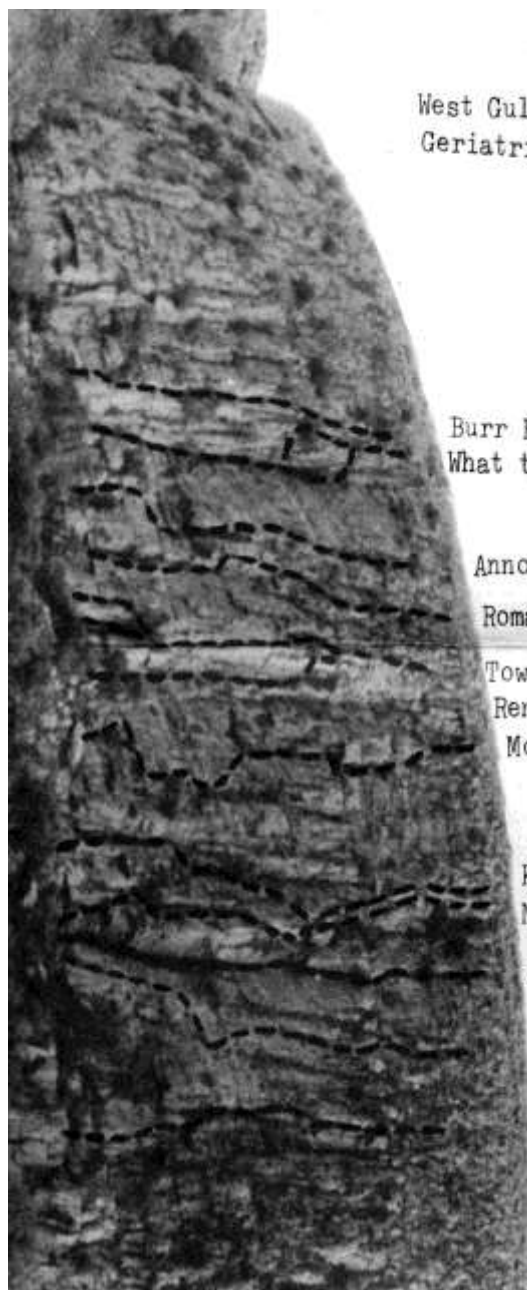


Mad Hammering
Englishman (F2)

Pig 'n Whistle (F2)

Stormy Weather (F2)

Wild Rover (F3)



West Gully Grooves (F1)
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Tower of Pisa (F2)

Renaissance (F3)

Mona Lisa (F2)

Keg 'n Tankard (E3)

No Highway (F2)

Jack O' Spades (F3)

Ace of Diamonds (F3)

Mad Hammering
Englishman (F2)

Commando Nek (West)

SKEERPOORT

The area is long and extends approximately 2 kilometres. It is sometimes referred to as Eureka Dome, but this name applies strictly only to the extreme western buttress.

The Skeerpoort faces probably present the least appealing area to the average cragsman, due to the steep bushy approaches and the lack of easy descent at its eastern end. To those seeking long hard climbs, the converse applies on Eureka Dome where some of the longest climbs in the Magaliesberg may be found, e.g. AFTERMATH (110m), POACHER (120m) and UPTHrust (140m).

Expect a bit of loose rock, an above average amount of grass, and a few committing runouts. The venue will provide an adventure.

There are many vulture nests especially between EUREKA CHIMNEY and EUREKA GULLY.

Descent from the Eastern Buttress is via a scramble down Eureka Gully where a small water drip is usually found. Water may at times also be found high in the descent gully left of Eureka Dome.

There is a first aid dump locked in the office of the Sapper's Rus Club. The turn off is 3km beyond the Skeerpoort bridge and 4km before the Impala Brickworks.

Please note: The Mountain Club has agreed not to climb on the main Skeerpoort cliffs at any time to avoid any possible disturbance of the vulture colony. This means climbing is only permitted on Eureka Dome itself. In addition climbers are asked to avoid climbing at Eureka Dome from April to October since Black Eagles are known to nest in the area most years. Thank You.

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JAKKALS

13

Starts 5 to 10m to right of RHEEBOK CRAG but crosses latter on grass ledge and finishes to left thereof.

The climb follows the line of a crack or recess which is the most important feature to left of RHEEBOK CRAG. The route adheres to this feature in an almost direct line.

First ascent: 4 Sep 1949 R. Davies, H. Wong and D. Reid.

RHEEBOK CRAG

10

Starts at top of grass slope about 45m to left of broken, overhanging and cave-ridden blackish rock.

1. 30m 8 From start bear left over rock to prominent grass ledge.

2. 30m 3 Traverse along grass ledge to right 30m to base of ridge forming western bounds of a recess below brownish broken overhangs.

3. 25m 10 Bear over to face on right then work back to left across recess to ridge above starting point.

4. 25m 9 Traverse right across recess and below brown overhangs to crack on right of overhangs.

5. 25m 9 Vertically up 9m then traverse left to top of overhangs.

Note:

Route involves a considerable amount of traversing.

First ascent: 1938 P. Houmoller.

ALOE CLEFT

10

A clearly defined cleft or crack extending the whole height of the krantz and about 45m to left of start of RHEEBOK CRAG. There is a clump of three trees - the only ones in the vicinity - at the top of the slope to the right of the cleft.

- 1. 18m 8** Up ridge to left of recess leading to grass ledge.
- 2. 25m 10** Original route proceeds straight up cleft on right but a more interesting variation is to start on face to left of cleft. The first 5m involves a difficult section thence easing off on a route which bears to right and joins the cleft.
- 3. 18m 9** Climb on left ridge of cleft up to a tree where cleft widens out into a crack forming a sort of cave.
- 4. 18m 8** Chimney work up interior to cleft.

First ascent: 18 Feb 1934 C.E. Hutchinson, H. Orpen, D.P. Liebenberg and H. Barker.

VERDWAAL

10

The first pitch is the same as that for ALOE CLEFT, but when the grass ledge is reached, traverse left to a rock buttress about 6m high.

- 1. 18m 8** As for ALOE CLEFT.
- 2. 25m 10** Up on right of buttress then bear right through a broken overhanging section to easier rock above.
- 3. 22m 9** Bear left to an adequate stance on grassy ledge directly above buttress.
- 4. 25m 8** An obvious route direct to top.

Variation:

An alternative route from the top buttress may be taken for the second pitch. This goes up a face to left of the route described, is grade 9 and joins up at the grass ledge.

First ascent: 4 Sep 1949 B. Harris, H. Barker and M. Borkum.

PARAMOUNT FACE

10

The start of this climb may be recognised by a huge wedge-shaped rook near the top of the krantz which appears to be stuck in a recess formed by a face on its right and an overhanging buttress on its left. This feature is 100 - 150m left of ALOE CLEFT.

- 1. 18m 7** Scramble up easy grey face to grass ledge.
- 2. 28m 10** Ascend grey face to right of buttress immediately below wedge-shaped rook at top of climb. This route goes up just to right of a recess formed between buttress and face.
- 3. 25m 10** Traverse right 12m then up inclining to right making for stance be low crack.
- 4. 12m 9** Up in recess or crack to a stance below overhanging block on right of wedge-shaped rock previously referred to and on the same level as its base.
- 5. 12m 9** To right around block into recess then straight up.

Variations:

These variations are of like standard to the second and final pitches. Instead of the last 2 pitches, climb prominent white ridge to the right.

First ascent: 5 Jun 1932 C. E. Hutchinson, H.T. Brock and Miss G. Williams.

SUICIDE CORNER

15

The route follows the general line of a small buttress immediately to the left of PARAMOUNT FACE.

1. 18m 6 Scramble up an easy grey face to the foot of the buttress and traverse along a grassy ledge as far as a steep grey face to the right of the buttress.

2. 22m 10 Commencing about 5m to the right of the recess between the buttress and the grey face, climb straight up the grey face to a long broad ledge. A tree belay is available by climbing another 5m but the ledge itself is adequate as a stance.

3. 12m 8 Traverse horizontally left to a small stance on the buttress.

4. 22m 11 Ascend the buttress on small holds on the face and climb a crack above the belay point. At the top of the crack traverse 3m left to a small stance below an overhang.

5. 25m 15 Traverse back into the top of the crack and continue traversing to right as high as possible onto, and around, the right-hand corner of the buttress, reaching a small cubbyhole on the corner in an exposed position. To the right of the cubbyhole around a second small corner is a brown face with a crack running in it and a few small sloping footholds. Climb this face for 6m to a ledge with a block on it then traverse to left around the corner to the face of the buttress and ascend this face for 6m to a good stance.

Note:

Small stances. Party should not exceed 4.

First ascent: 9 Jul 1950 E. Scholes, Miss L. Ripley and S. Ripley.

MONA

13 *

Start below first cutback 150 - 200m to right of UPTHURST at a beacon below right hand of two recess.

1. 40m 11 Up 5m to base of recess. Traverse right onto buttress which is climbed for 9m. Then traverse left to gully which is followed to large ledge.

2. 40m 11 Traverse left 6m into base of deep recess. Climb up recess, past steep bulge, for 22m and then diagonally up right to ledge on arete.

3. 30m 13 Up arete bearing slightly right. Move right at 9m across steep face and continue up arete to large ledge. Scramble to top.

First ascent: 21 Oct 1973 D. Peters, P. Fatti and A. McGarr.

CONDUCTOR RIB

17

The climb takes the prominent rib which goes up the highest faces in the Magaliesberg. The rib lies about 200m to the right of Eureka Gully. UPTHURST goes up just to the left of the rib. 50m of grade 7 scrambling (as for UPTHURST) leads to the foot of the rib.

1. 40m 13 Start about 7m to the right of the centre of the rib. Climb the face, which is steep at first for 10m then either continue diagonal left up the groove or traverse right to the corner and ascend it. Protection is scarce. Scramble up the grassy slope to the foot of the corner which runs up the right-hand side of the rib.

2. 43m 17 Climb up the ledges to the left of the corner for 10m then continue up the corner / chimney. Turning the small overhang in the corner / chimney at 25m is the crux. Continue up till it is possible to traverse 5m left to a small very exposed stance on the centre of the rib.

3. 43m 11 From the right side of the stance, climb up 5m then traverse left to the large ledge. Climb the chimney that leads from the back of the ledge to the top.

Note:

The route was completed with pitch 3 on 2 Apr 1981 by P. Fatti and D. Peters.

*First ascent: 1975
(Pitches 1 & 2)*

P. Fatti, A. McGarr and D. Peters.

UPTHRUST**19 *****

About 200m right of Eureka Gully is a prominent sharp arete extending almost the full height of the crag. Immediately left is an obvious corner with a triangular overhang at 2/3 height and on its left is a black wall capped by overhangs. The route follows the corner to the triangular overhang, then traverse left and directly through the top overhang where they funnel up to the high point. (See photograph.)

Scramble up the grass slope to the base of the corner (30m 8). or alternatively climb the rock spur on the left and traverse right to the base of the corner (43m 8). Peg belay.

1. 34m 19 Climb 8m up the corner past a grassy ramp then traverse 8m diagonally left to a grass ledge on the face (peg runner). Move a few metres above the ledge and traverse back right into the corner just above a small overhang. Climb up the corner until forced onto the left face below a bulge, and up to a small stance and peg belay.

2. 25m 17 Move diagonally up leftwards and up a shallow groove to a ledge on the left at 9m (peg runner). Continue up the groove and the face above as far as possible (6m) until a move right can be made into the corner crack. (Moving into the bottom of the crack is much harder.) Follow the corner crack then move leftwards and up to a large chock belay 9m below the overhang.

3. 17m 17 Climb up the corner mainly on the right wall to a chock runner under the overhang, then move down and

traverse 8m left about 2m below the overhang to a ledge and peg belay.

4. 23m 15 Continue the traverse left 2m below the overhang then move up onto the arete. Traverse a further 6m and climb 3m up the wall then traverse back right to the small ledge, and peg belay just above the overhang.

5. 43m 19 Climb up leftwards to the base of the steep crack which threads the final overhangs (15m). Climb up to a shallow recess then up the left wall directly to the crack above the bulge (last 5m on small holds). From here continue easily to the top.

Note:

The route is much better than general Skeerpoort climbs, providing sustained climbing and a fitting climax through the final overhangs.

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

VULTURE FEED

15

Start as for CHICKEN FEED.

1. 9m 9 Climb easily to a ledge, as for CHICKEN FEED.

2. 24m 13 Traverse right for 6m over dark rock, then up about 9m and back left to a stance behind a large block.

3. 24m 15 Move up a small corner behind the stance to a small overhang. Traverse left onto a small arete and climb past the overhang. Then diagonally right to a stance on vulture ledges.

4. 30m 10 Climb more or less straight up to the large overhangs at the top of the face. Then traverse left until it is possible to scramble easily to the top.

First ascent: 2 Nov 1969 A. McGarr and G. Klein.

CHICKEN FEED

15 *

Located 100 - 150m east of EUREKA GULLY. The climb usually starts from the broad grass band or ledge which is about 30m above the top of the grass slope and may be reached by a number of easy routes. The commencement from this grass ledge is marked by a beacon about 9m to the right of a small cave.

- 1. 9m 10** Straight up on good holds for 9m to a small stance near a long rift running towards a very pronounced overhang with a green slab underneath.
- 2. 22m 13** Delicate sideways traverse of a short slab to a wide crack, then straight up and slightly to left for 18m to a good stance 6m under an overhang.
- 3. 9m 15** The stance is in a corner between the main face underneath the overhang and a small rib of rock projecting 1m to the left. Climb in this corner to directly under the overhang then stretch to left on to the rib which forms a 90° angle with the face. A small stance is then reached.
- 4. 15m 9** On good rock, climb 3m slightly to left slanting to right to a wide grass stance. Scramble to top.

First ascent: 4 Sep 1949 F. Villa and R. Davies.

LUNACY

15

Starts at a tree on the grass ledge about 18m to left of CHICKEN FEED.

- 1. 9m 10** Straight up in right angled recess directly above tree to a cave.
- 2. 18m 9** Traverse right 18m from cave to small stance with good belay.
- 3. 12m 9** Up slightly to right for 9m to a corner, then out left about 2m then back to right for belay. Poor stance with room for 2 only.

4. 18m 15 Up slightly to right through small tree and over thin rotten section. Bear left over grass and loose rock leading further up to left to a small grass ledge.

Note:

The climb is not recommended in view of loose and dirty section in fourth pitch.

First ascent: 19 Aug 1946 R. Charlton, P. Petousis, S. Penny, E. Rowland and E. Perlstein.

EUREKA FACE

8 *

Starts from grass ledge, about 9m to left of LUNACY and 3m to right of a buttress projecting from the face.

The climb follows an almost vertical line up the face from the starting beacon, in 3 or 4 pitches of grade 8 climbing.

Climbs directly up the buttress and on left of buttress, also of grade 8, are considered variations of EUREKA FACE.

First ascent: 6 Mar 1932 A.C. Partridge, H.T. Brock, R. Seath, A.J. Kennedy, R.J. Matthews and C. Hutchinson.

AGONY CRAG

9

This climb is usually commenced from the top of the grass slope a few metres right of EUREKA GULLY, and ascends the first band of rock in 2 or 3 pitches of grade 9 to the broad grass ledge. Start from the grass ledge below a long grey face to the left of EUREKA FACE. The climb proceeds straight up the face in a series of pitches of grade 9.

First ascent: 13 May 1935 C. Hutchinson, Misses Howie and Hoskin, Miss C.Dallamore, C.J. Bridger, H. Orpen and H.J. Barker.

ECHO FACE

11

Starting almost in the gully, this climb follows an almost direct line over the grass ledge and straight to the summit. The start from the grass ledge is beacons.

First ascent: 13 May 1935 D.P. Liebenberg, A. Cawood and Miss A. Netter.

INITIATION ROUTE

8

Follows a line to right of EUREKA GULLY, where a number of grade 8 routes may be selected. Leaves line of gully towards the top and goes straight up to summit.

First ascent: 8 Mar 1936 G. Potter.

EUREKA GULLY

8

One movement towards bottom of gully may be classed as grade 8, otherwise this is an easy route of about grade 6 to the summit of the escarpment.

First ascent: 6 Mar 1932 C. Hutchinson, A.C. Partridge, R. Seath, H. Brock and A.J. Kennedy.

EUREKA BUTTRESS

8

There are several easy routes up the buttress on the left of EUREKA GULLY. The easier climbs are chosen to start from the broken rock on the inner side, i.e. the gully side. Several routes exist further to the left, e.g. AGONY VIEW, but the first two pitches of these leading to the first broad ledge are of slightly higher standard.

First ascent: Unknown date H. Biesheuvel.

AGONY VIEW

8

Ambles up the ridge left of EUREKA BUTTRESS.

First ascent: Unknown date Unknown Party.

THIS ONE

13

The climb lies between BLACK MAN'S BURDEN and AGONY VIEW.

- 1. 35m 13** Climb nose of small grey face and proceed up to small open book. Step up into crack and then out to left at once on thin footholds. Belay above.
- 2. 35m 13** Continue over mixed grass and rock to large ledge with much evidence of vulture occupation.
- 3. 35m 3** Walk left along ledge to small beacon.
- 4. 30m 13** Climb up 6m, traverse left 4m and then up on good holds to ledge. Up left of gully - mantleshelf. Continue to top.

Notes:

- 1.** Geological beacon No.2 at top of climb.
- 2.** Rock generally clean and steep with good holds.

First ascent: 8 Jan 1978 M. Prior, A. Suessegger, V. di Lisa, R. Jaroslynski and J. Brittain.

BLACK MAN'S BURDEN

8

This climb follows a definite grassy cleft running up the entire height of Eureka Buttress approximately at its centre. Several alternatives present themselves.

First ascent: 2 May 1948 D.P. Liebenberg.

TOWER OF BABBLE

13

From the main descent gully at Eureka, traverse right along the faces (i.e. towards Hartebeestpoort). After 300m one crosses a fence and at the same time the cliff has changed from short greyish faces to long black ones topped by overhangs in most places. The fence is level with the end of these faces. The cliff now becomes more vegetated and has a few long cracks cleaving its height. As one continues the cliff loses height and its base becomes more broken. The climb starts at the base of the first large break in the face. About one third of the way up can be seen a deep open book recess leading to the top. On the right of the recess there is a long thin tower of rock terminating in a 6m face at the top. Scramble 15m (B - C) diagonally left to the base of a reddish open book which lies on the left of the large recess.

1. 34m 13 Ascend the rock at the open book for 9m and traverse diagonally right onto a licheny ramp and up. At the top of the ramp is an open book. Ascend this to a broad ledge, which is the start of the 'chimney/open book'.

2. 15m 10 Traverse right to the pinnacle of rock leaning against the face. Ascend this to its top. Caution should be exercised as the rock is not too firm.

3. 9m 13 Take off directly above the pinnacle onto the steep face. Move left to a crack and ascend it for 3m (6m 13). Continue easily to the top. Rock is poor on this pitch and should be tested.

Note:

The first pitch is very pleasant, but the following pitches are somewhat less satisfactory, owing to the quality of the rock. Protection is poor on the first pitch.

First ascent: 1972

Matt Makowski and Tony Lane.

EUREKA CHIMNEY

17

The climb starts about 150m right of FOUR MAN GULLY in a prominent chimney.

1. 38m 17 Up in the chimney 25m to the overhang and continue up to a small stance.

2. 30m 15 Follow the chimney to a good stance on the right-hand side.

3. 30m 9 Continue to the top.

Note: Initially opened with aid on pitch 1.

First ascent: 22 Jul 1973 A. Gorjon and F. Schoch.

SLOTTED SLAB

11

Immediately to right of FOUR MAN GULLY the crag is steep and forbidding. Further to right the upper section of the face lies back in the form of a bay or large recess where a good size tree is growing 20m below the top of the krantz. Below this tree is a smooth 6m slab which on closer acquaintance proves to be deeply slotted. It is bounded on the left by a wall and above by a clean-cut overhang tapering away to the right.

The route attains the foot of the slab by a 15m grassy crack running up to the left. The slab can either be avoided by a 5m traverse right and an ascent of the rocks immediately to the right of the slab, but more merit is acquired by ascending the corner on the left of the slab and crossing the top of the slab to the right just below the overhang.

The large bay is now reached whence an easy route could be made out to the left. It is more interesting however, to continue the direct line of the climb and avoid the final wall by a traverse on to the buttress on the right.

Variation (not recommended – loose rock):

The lower section has been more recently climbed as follows:

1. 15m 10 Climb the semi-grassy crack running up left into an open book.

2. 10m 11 Move up and left to the foot of an inverted pyramid of rock where tons of rock appear to be supported on a single small square block. Enter the crack to the right, move delicately round the pyramid and climb onto its front edge. Continue onto the long grassy slope below the upper section.

First ascent: 27 Jun 1937 R. Barry and A. Robertson.

SLAB DECLENSION

17 **

The start and most of the first pitch are the same as for CREMATION.

1. 40m 11 Start directly below the right side of the right-hand and lower of two massive overhangs. Ascend the prominent open scoop that leads up to the overhang. After 5m move left into a smaller open book and ascend this to the slab (18m). Traverse left across the slab for 22m to a grassy stance 6m from the left end of the slab.

2. 16m 13 Move 3m left to a small open book. Ascend this and continue directly up the face passing to left of a small spike (pinnacle). Finally ascend a short narrow steep chimney to a large ledge.

3. 40m 11 Traverse about 9m left to avoid the overhangs above to a small nose via one or two awkward moves. After a few good moves the climbing eases. Continue directly up to a large ledge (18m). Walk left down the ledge to belay at the foot of the prominent chimney.

4. 18m 13 Ascend the chimney overcoming the overhang by chimneying to a one man stance (peg) with very smooth slab to right and the overhanging corner above.

5. 8m 17 Traverse delicately across the slab to a small stance.

6. 40m 8 Climb up to a small yellow-wood tree and then climb to right of a gully. After another 30m of steep grassy scrambling the grade eases.

First ascent: 1973 T. Hoy and D. Peters.

CREMATION

15 **

Start about 100m right of FOUR MAN GULLY and about 2m left of the fence, below a large overhang. At this point the face is split by two lines of overhangs. The route follows a crack on the left-hand side of the lower overhang and avoids the upper overhang on the right. A diagonal traverse back to the left gains arete which is followed to the summit.

1. 40m 11 Follow a ramp slanting to the left for about 18m to gain an obvious slab. Continue in the same diagonal line across the slab to a corner. Climb the corner to a ledge and belay at the bottom of a crack level with the first overhang.

2. 20m 15 Climb the crack for 8m (Awkward to start), step right to reach the arete and traverse a few metres to a detached flake. Climb up a few metres on to the top of the flake (care needed here) and then traverse 6m to a good ledge and peg belay.

3. 45m 10 Climb straight up from the belay for 5m and then move diagonally left to reach an obvious arete. Follow the arete to the top.

First ascent: Sep 1973 A. Firth, P. Goodridge and D. Hughes.

RATTLER

20 **

Starts a few metres up FOUR MAN GULLY on the true left-hand side just to the left of a tree, opposite SIDE WINDER DIRECT. About 15m above are fairly large overhangs.

1. 20m 20 Climb the scooped face for 3m, then climb up to the right until one can traverse right to the arete. Move around this, and climb the corner above to a foothold stance where the rock steepens.

2. 25m 17 Traverse left to the edge of nothing, up and out of sight, to easier ground ledges lead down leftwards to the 4-man chocks). Climb laid-back rock to belay comfortably beneath the final steep section.

3. 20m 13 Up cracks and faces to summit.

First ascent: 6 Sep 1981 K. Smith and I. Slatem.

MIXED GRILL

20 *

Walk up FOUR MAN GULLY and start climbing at the first overhangs.

1. 4m 20 Climb up on the true left to a ledge leading South (i.e. on Skeerpoort).

2. 40m 8 Walk along this ledge to a stance where the ledge ends. This is the top of RATTLER.

3. 15m 13 Climb up easy ground to a large stance from where the impressive brown overhanging face can be seen. The next pitch gets to the base of this face.

4. 15m 20 Traverse right for 3m to a corner. From the corner move right, first on small holds then to a jug. From the jug climb up diagonally right to a stance in another corner. The overhanging brown face is up and to the right.

5. 25m 17 Climb the corner. Move 1m left where the line diverges. Climb past a large roof, which is on the left, by laybacking a flake. Stance on easy ground.

Note:

Pitch 4 makes it "worthwhile".

First ascent: Nov 1983 G. Mallory, S. Mallory and P. Lazarus.

UPRISING

21

This route climbs an amazing crack system up the 'impressive brown face' referred to in MIXED GRILL. This overhanging face is clearly visible from the start of FOUR MAN GULLY, high up on the Skeerpoort side and not on the dome itself.

Walk up FOUR MAN GULLY and scramble up chocked boulders until able to scramble (almost) right around towards the steep face. One is now at the start of pitch 4 of MIXED GRILL.

1. 15m 20 As for pitch 4 of MIXED GRILL. i.e. traverse right for 3m to a corner. From the corner move right, first on small holds then to a jug. From jug, climb up diagonally right to a stance in another corner.

2. 35m 21 To get into the crack system running up the steep wall, climb down from the stance, then up wall. Climb crack system until bulge. Make a hard move over bulge and up an amazing hand jam crack and excellent rock. Climb the very steep crack until angle eases. Continue jamming until able to stance at tree. Amazing!

First ascent: 1986

J. Brown, C. Cairns and I. Slatem

UNOPENED PROJECT

28

Climbs the overhanging blocky wall opposite PASTA NOISES and TRUNDLE TIME.

Holes for about 5 bolts drilled, but no bolts added. Will need additional trad gear. (M. Cartright + S. Middlemiss)

FOUR MAN GULLY

10

The gully to the left of Eureka Buttress. This is blocked by a series of huge overhanging chockstones, the surmounting of which involves a short pitch of grade 10 climbing on the right.

First ascent: 1934

D. P. Liebenberg, H. de Beer, H. Biesheuvel, H.J. Barker and C. Hutchinson.

Eureka Dome

To the left of FOUR MAN GULLY is a prominent, set back buttress hounded on the left by an easy slanting gully. This buttress, named Eureka Dome, provides four of the longest climbs in the Magaliesberg. It is also possible to traverse along the horizontal line at mid-height from BIRD BRAIN (stance 3) to SIDE-WINDER (stance 1) or vice versa at grade 15.

THE DAY OF THE SMELLS

24

Situated on the true left of the gully above the large chockstone and 7m to the right of BREAKING NEW GROUND.

1. 30m 24 Climb the obvious steep crack past a bolt and a peg then up easier rock to a rap point.
Superb climbing.

First ascent: Feb 1992 S. Middlemiss and M. Hislop.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

22

?

First ascent: About 1990 ?.

SIDE-WINDER

19 *

Start 20m up FOUR MAN GULLY where a horizontal break cuts across the steep smooth gully wall. This is the right-hand wall of Eureka Dome.

1. 30m 19 Traverse left along the break to meet a vertical crack after 12m. Move up to the bulge and using undercuts move up right to a peg (in place), level with the bottom of the groove. Make an awkward move away from the peg to gain the groove, which is followed more easily. Move out left at the top and up right to peg belay below a steep scoop face. (This is at the horizontal fault running across the crag)

2. 12m 17 Ascend the scoop face above with strenuous moves then step right to a ledge and peg belay.

3. 15m 11 Ascend the rib above on the right to a tree belay in a corner.

4. 22m 10 Move up leftwards then across left over slabs to a tree belay.

5. 15m 8 Scramble to the top.

Note:

A direct start has been made to the vertical crack mentioned in pitch 1, by entering its base at grade 22, by C. Lomax and D. Cheesmond in 1980.

First ascent: Jun 1969 A.D Barley and R.P. Barley.

TRUNDLE TIME

22

Located on the true right of the gully below the large chock stone about 10m right of SEDEWINDER DIRECT.

1. 30m 22 Climb the obvious cracks up the wall to the break. Traverse left to the top of the first pitch of SEDEWINDER DIRECT and THE DAY OF THE SMELLS.

First ascent: 1990 C. Curson, S. Middlemiss and M. Hislop.

PASTA NOISES

24

Located on the true right of the gully below the large chock stone. Start just right of SEDEWINDER DIRECT.

1. 35m 24 Climb the thin discontinuous crack to the ledge.

First ascent: 1990 S. Middlemiss, C. Curson and M. Hislop.

AFTERMATH

19 ****

The route ascends the steep grooves at the right of the buttress and follows the steep impressive corner above. Start 5m left of FOUR MAN GULLY below the steepest groove.

1. 25m 19 Climb the groove to where it steepens at 6m. Ascend the smooth section, then climb a hollow flake on the right wall. From the top of this, traverse awkwardly onto a very sloping ledge. Traverse a further 6m left using a good handrail to a small ledge and chockstone belays.

2. 22m 17 Traverse 6m left and climb a very steep groove on good holds stepping left immediately above a small overhang. Climb the wall through aloes to a good ledge and peg belay in the horizontal fault running across the crag.

3. 8m 10 Ascend the recess leading up to the huge overhanging corner to a small stance and peg belay on the left.

4. 14m 19 Move up the bulging crack to the first overhang and using the left wall make a difficult move round it. Pass the second overhang using a wide crack to gain the easier-angled groove above. You may see an old wooden block from the original ascent. Lots of bird poo.

5. 25m 19 Make an awkward initial move into the corner above and ascend this with difficulty to 2m below the roof. Swing across the left wall and pull round into a shallow groove which is climbed to its top. Swing back right into the main corner above the roof and up to a good ledge and peg belay. A magnificent, well sustained pitch.

6. 15m 8 Move left and scramble to the top.

Note:

The first free ascent was in Jun 1979 by K.M. Smith and H. Robertson.

First ascent: Jun 1969 A.D. Barley, R.P. Barley and M. White.

BIRDBRAIN

19 **

The main feature of the climb is the central groove in the top tier of the buttress. 10m below the centre of the buttress is a large tree and directly above this is a rib undercut by an overhang at 5m. To the left is a shallow scoop.

1. 28m 15 Ascend the shallow scoop for 6m then move up rightwards to gain the rib. Make an awkward move (peg runner in place) round the rib then rightwards up a shallow chimney. Step right onto a nose and up the wall above to a ledge and peg belay.

2. 12m 9 Scramble up left over vegetation to belay in a small corner below a steep crack.

3. 28m 17 Ascend the steep clean crack and traverse right at the top below a small overhang. Gain a small ledge and move diagonally up left to a stance and peg belay above a small patch of aloes.

4. 28m 19 Climb a loose wall for 6m and step right to the foot of the central groove. Up this using the corner crack to a tiny stance with nut and thread belays at the top.

5. 22m 15 Step left to the arete and climb this on good holds to the summit overhang. Traverse 8m left to a block under the roof, swing left on this then up a few metres to the top.

Variation:

4. 28m 17 Climb 4m up corner crack. Hand-traverse left to edge and continue to traverse crack and chimney, then up to obvious small stance (Climb wall above to re-join pitch 5).

First ascent: Apr 1969 A.D. Barley, R.P. Barley and M. White.

POACHER

20 ***

Start in the descent gully on the left (west) side of the Eureka Dome buttress, opposite a large tree, the trunk of which forks 8m up (the tree is at the foot of the other wall of the gully.)

1. 20m 20 Ascend 6m, traverse 8m right to base of steep crack which runs up slightly overhanging wall. Ascend crack 8m (5 pitons) to small stance on sloping grey/orange slab. Piton belay.

2. 12m 19 Traverse 5m left, either high or low to crack. Ascend crack 4m. (5 pitons) A good move is made from the last piton over the overhang to the bottom of a flat, more easily sloping slab. Ascend 3m up slab to small piton stance.

3. 15m 19 Ascend face and recess above stance to a double stepped square overhang. Climb the overhang at its right end on the line of the recess (2 pitons). A mantleshelf brings one to a comfortable ledge.

4. 12m 8 Ascend diagonally right. Piton stance.

5. 22m 10 Diagonally right up ramp to the point where rock steepens and becomes red again. Stance on comfortable ledge. (Pitches 4 and 5 can be combined if preferred).

6. 18m 13 Up 6m, going initially left, then traverse 5m right above and past stance, ascend to level of traverse beneath overhang. Traverse right to stance in chimney.

7. 18m 10 Up chimney to ledge.

8. 6m 13 Walk left to block under the roof. Swing left and ascend a short steep section through the summit overhang. (As for finish of BIRDBRAIN)

Notes:

1. Pitches 5 – 8 were added later by A.D. Barley, R.P. Barley and M. White.

2. The first free ascent was in 1980 by C. Edelstein and A.J. Smith.

First ascent: Apr 1969 R.P. Davies and J.H. Graafland.

LONG DROP

20 *****

The route is to the left of POACHER. It starts in almost the same place as POACHER but climbs up a mild corner approximately 13m left of POACHER'S crux pitch. A wide ledge which starts in the gully ends directly above the corner.

1. 20m 17 Climb onto a 2m buttress to start. Move diagonally left into the corner. Up this to 4m below a roof.

There is a smooth slab on the right.

2. 18m 20 Climb diagonally right up the slab to a rail. Above is a 2m bulge. Ascend the bulge on jugs to stance on a ledge.

3. 15m 13 Walk right along the ledge then ascend a few metres to stance below a steep broken face.

4. 20m 20 Climb technically up the face. The stance is directly above the previous stance and is gained by pulling over a bulge to a ledge on the right of the vague corner. There is a large roof 5m above.

5. 20m 20 Traverse left to stance in a corner on easier looking rock.

6. 30m 19 Climb the corner above, exiting left at about 5m. Continue up diagonally left to the top.

First ascent: 1 Jul 1984 T. Holt, C. Lomax and G. Mallory.

The next 2 routes are located on the buttress west of Eureka Dome

RAPID TRANSIT

13

Start 30m left of the descent gully west of Eureka Dome closely follow the rock edge on leaving the descent gully to reach a small buttress with a wide diagonal crack on its right surmounted by a large tree.

1. 30m 13 Climb 4m on grey rock to a pile of loose blocks at the base of a 12m layback type crack slanting 20° right in brown rock. Climb the crack (crux) and scramble up scruffy grade 8 rock to a face capped by brown overhangs.

2. 12m 10 Move up 3m and traverse right 9m to easy rock. Walk off into gully.

Note:

A short exercise close to the meet point. Two persons can complete the round trip in less than one hour.

First ascent: 5 Nov 1978 R. Fox, Miss C. Chester and C. Baker.

THE CORNER

18 **

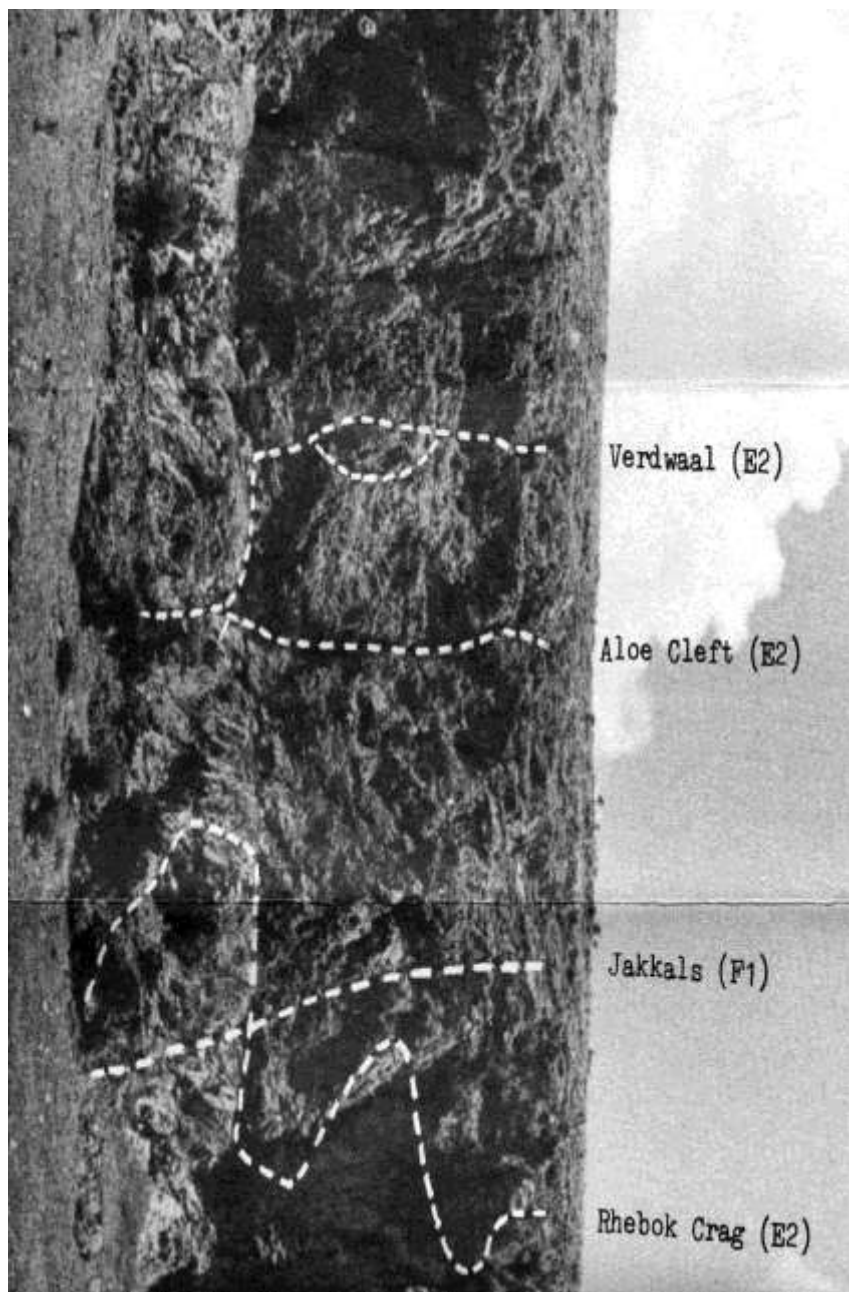
To the left of the AFTERMATH buttress is a shorter buttress. About halfway along this buttress is an obvious corner. Start beneath the corner.

1. 30m 18 Climb the corner until suspect rock forces one to traverse right 5m. Climb the face to a good ledge.

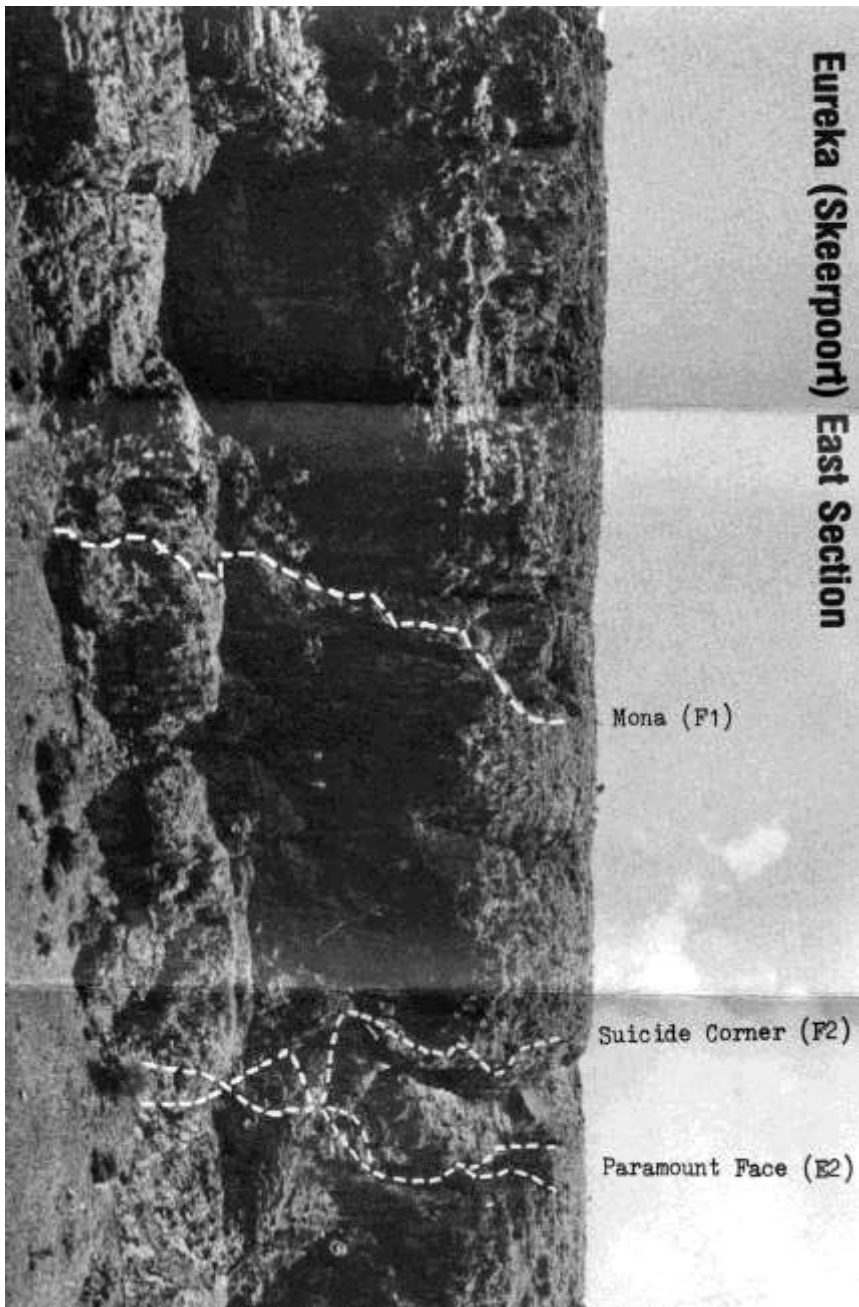
2. 30m 13 Move diagonally right and up past some bushes to a ledge.

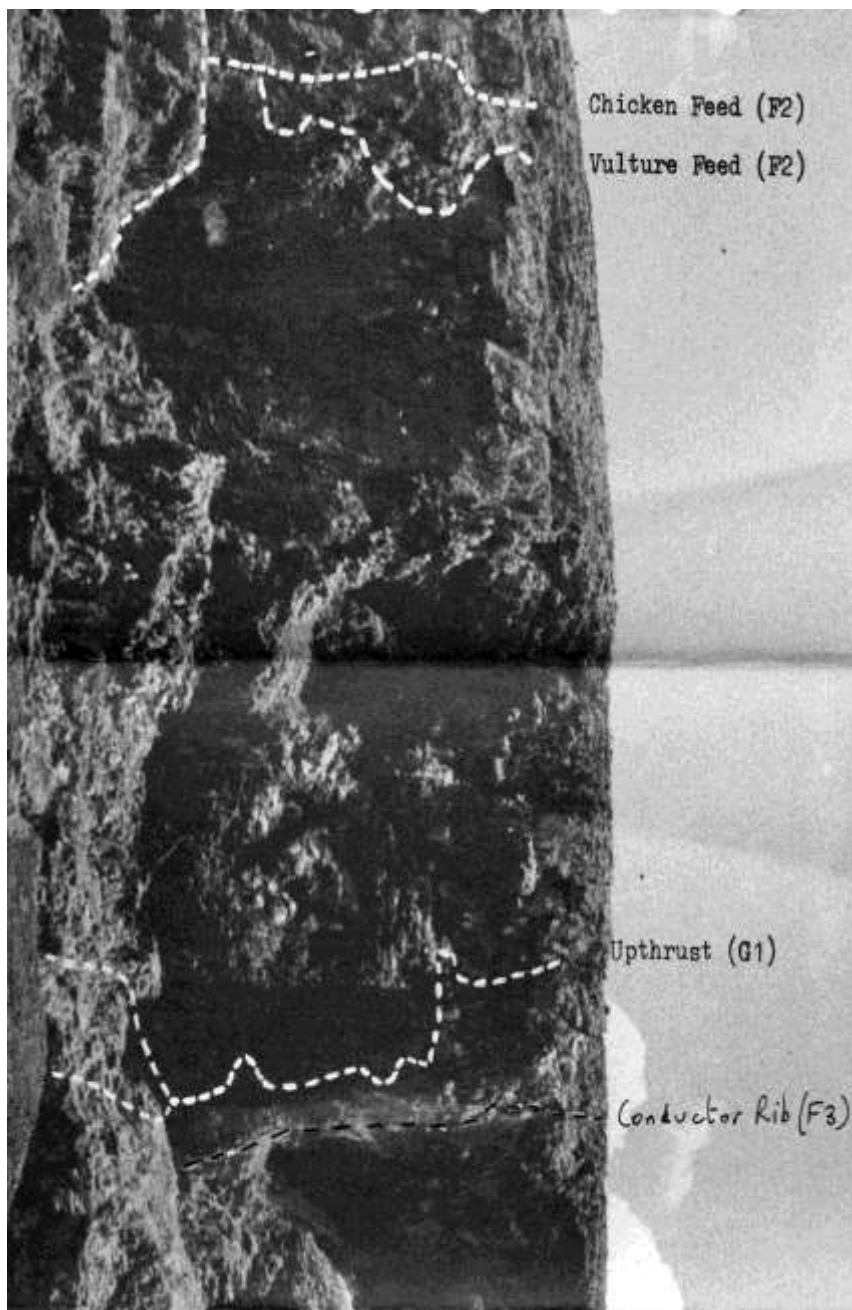
3. 40m 8 Climb non-descript rock to the top.

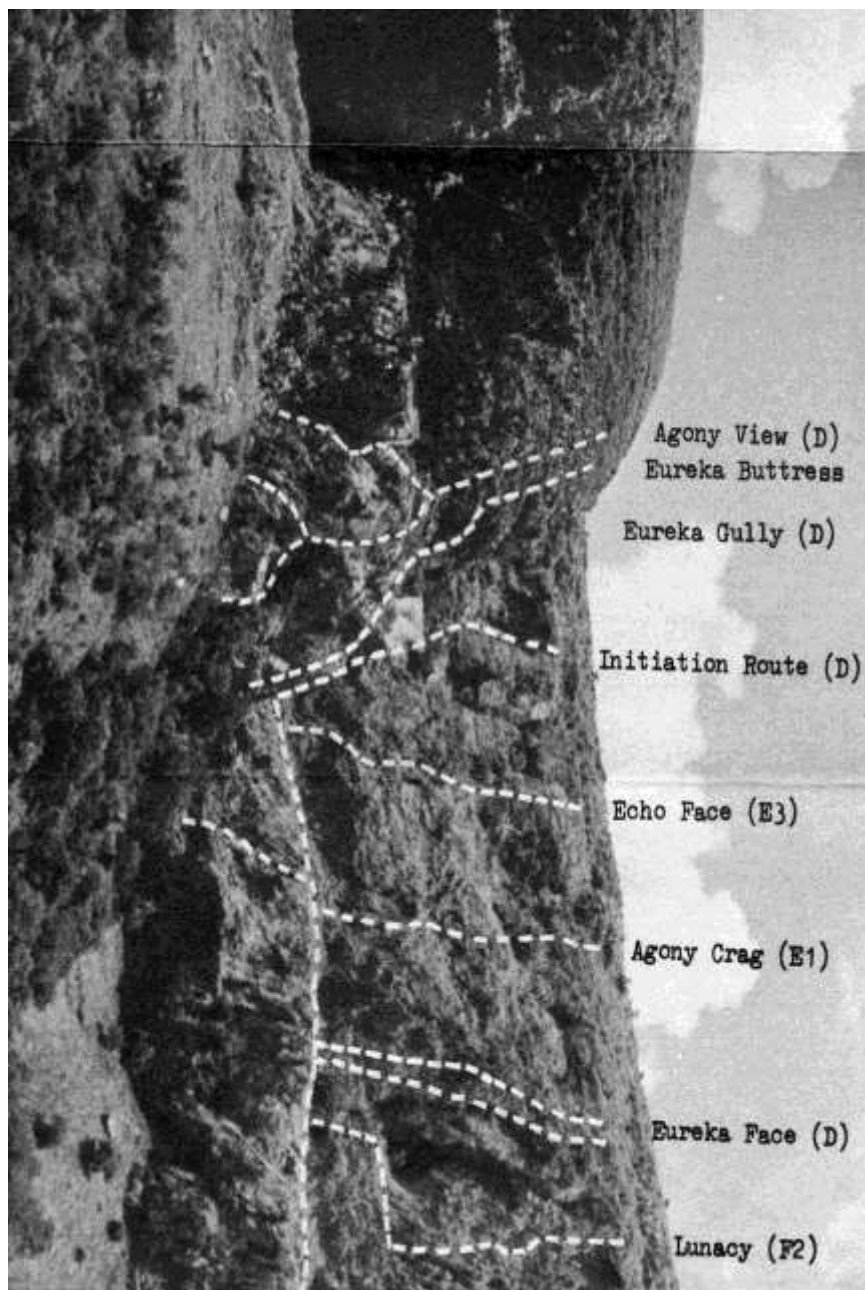
First ascent: 1988 D. Margetts and A. Mercer.

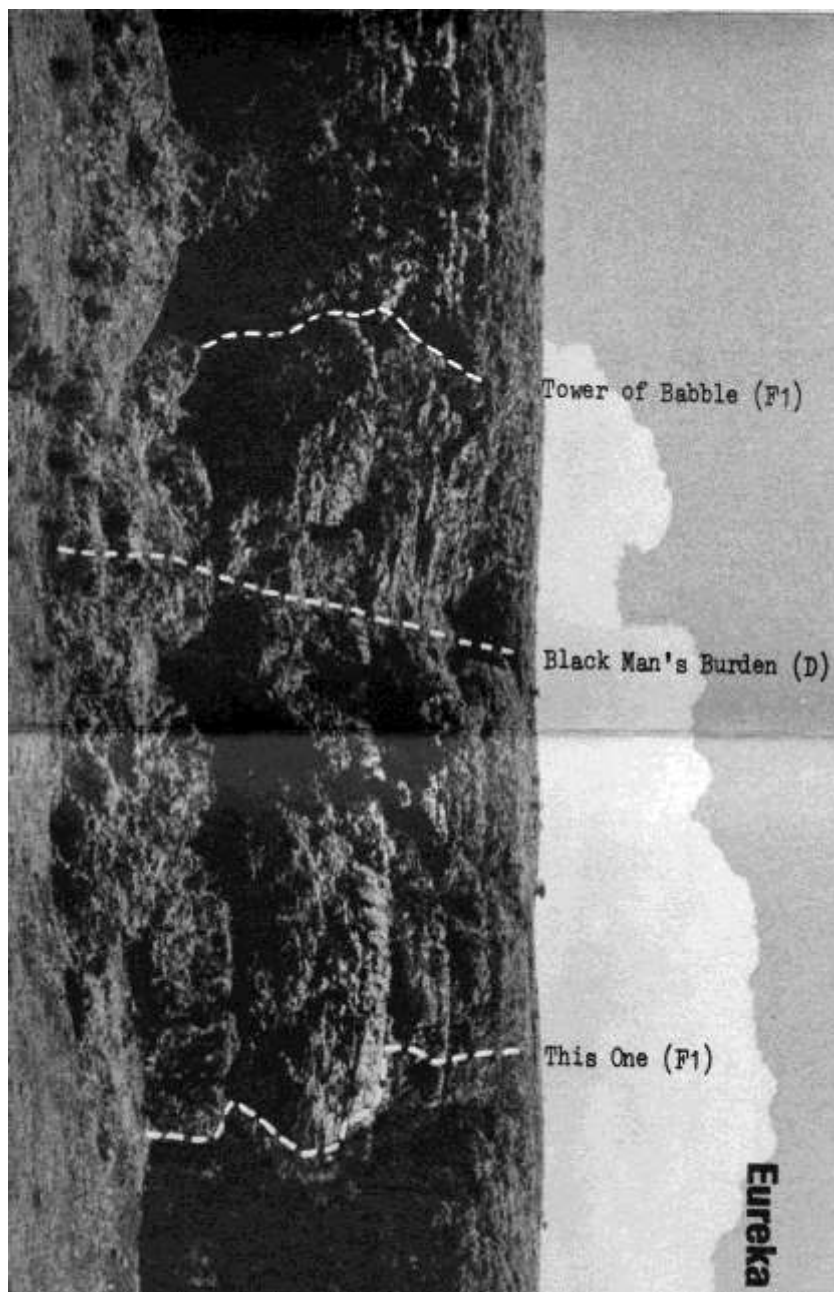


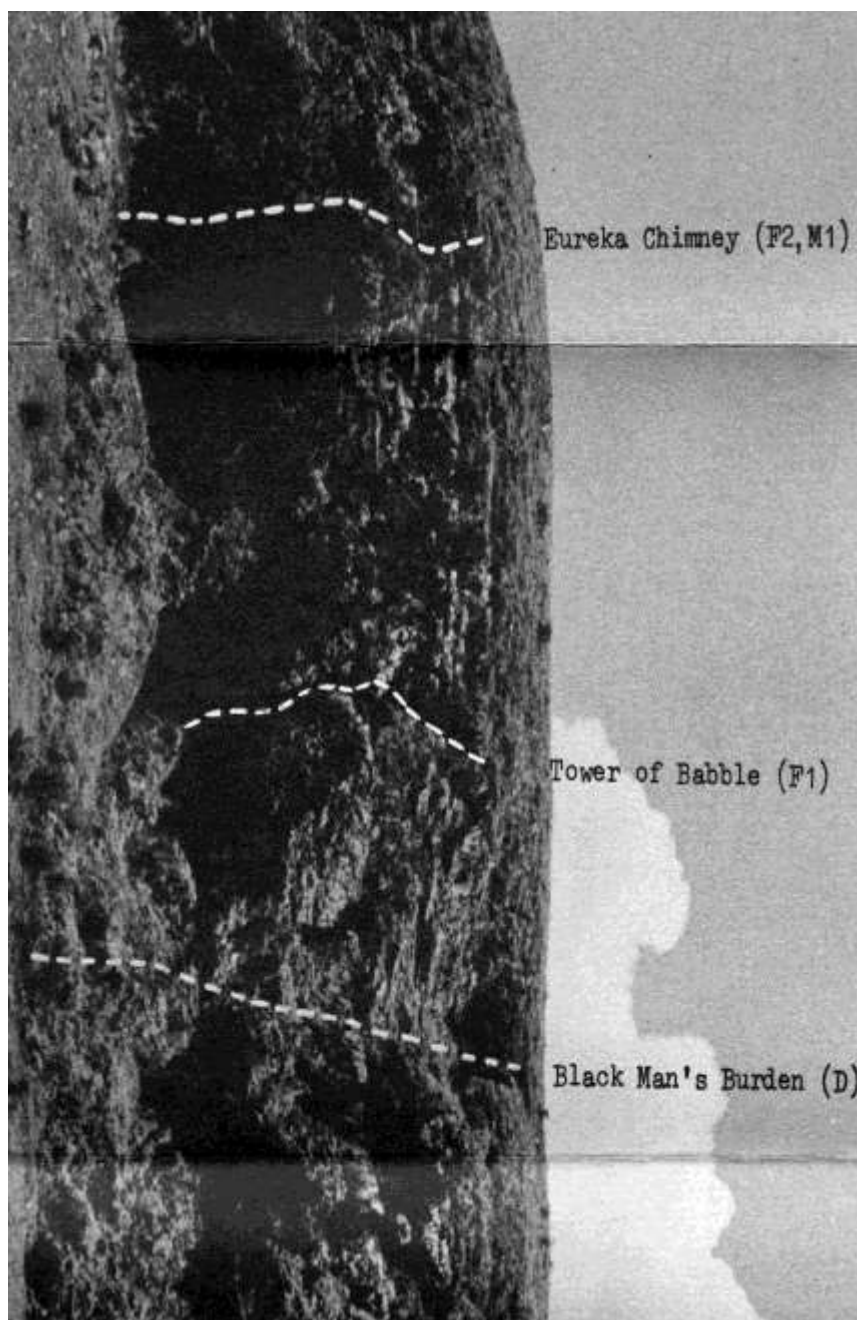
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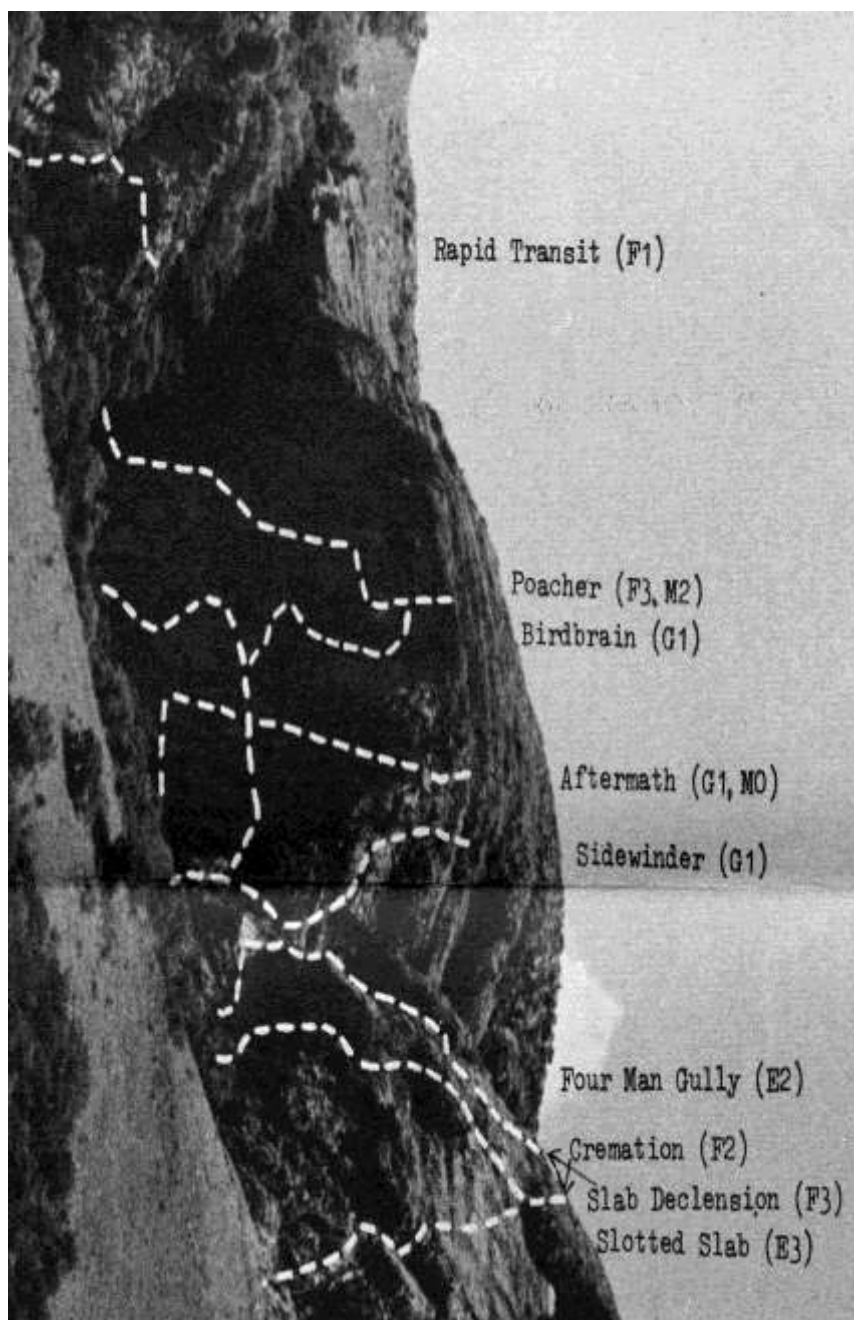




Eureka Chimney (F2, M1)

Tower of Babble (F1)

Black Man's Burden (D)



REMHOOGTE

The area is suited to the middle grade cragsman, as the climbs are generally less severe than those in other Magaliesberg escarpment areas. The rock is seldom vegetated and climbs range between 50 and 90 metres.

The meet point is to the left of the gully below VENTER'S CORNER. The approach slope is slightly bushy. It is better to keep left of the run-off gully (Remhoogte Gully)

The face on which climbs such as BLISTER MAJOR occur (above and to the right of the descent gully) appears spectacular and exposed when watching climbers from the meet site.

The first aid dump is located on a wide shelf 12m west of the meeting place and 6m up. The dump is in a small cave (marked by a beacon) 11m towards the western end of the shelf. The dump is 10m left of the start of CORKSCREW.

Please do not climb HALFWAY HOUSE BUTTRESS between April and October due to nesting of black eagles.

No water is available, though there is a hidden spring on the escarpment over a kilometer away.

REMHOOGTE: List of Climbs

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
PORTHOLE CRAG	9	*	92
BREAKFAST RUN	9		94
EMERALD CRAG	9		76
JUNIPER FACE	9		92
PANORAMA	9		90
VENTERS CORNER	8		84
HAIRY FACE	22,A1	*	91
BROTHERLY LOVE	20	*****	86
EXPIALADOCIOUS	20	****	87
SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC CRACK	20	***	88
MARY POPPINS	20		87
BLISTER MAJOR DIRECT	19	****	81
CORKSCREW	19	***	89
IMMANUEL	19	***	86
TOE-JAM	19		79
TIPTOE	17,A1		78
BLISTER MAJOR	17	***	81
HALFWAY HOUSE	17	***	80
FRENZY FACE	17	**	76
CHIM-CHIM CHEREE	17		89
ROSEMARY'S FOLLY	17		88
GULLY CRACK	15	**	83
MOVIETONE	15	*	77
PEAPOD	15	*	90
GULLY RAMP	15		83
IT'S A HAPPENING	13	**	85
PORTHOLE RIDGE	13	**	93
BELLA FIRENZE	13		78
DIAGONAL	13		84
EMERALD SLAB	13		75
FINGERTIP FACE	13		84
DASSIE ROUTE	11	****	91
WUNDERBAR	11	***	75

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
BLISTER MINOR	11	**	82
HALFWAY HOUSE BUTTRESS	11	**	80
CARABINER CRAG	11		93
LONE WOLF	11		95
MALE FIRENZE	11		77
FANNY'S RIDGE	10	**	74
GULLY CORNER	10		82

FANNY'S RIDGE

10 **

This climb follows a prominent ridge about 35m west of a pinnacle or buttress of rock leaning against the krantz leaving a gap about 5m in height between the buttress and the krantz. The ridge can also be identified by a large overhanging red block about 25m up on the left of the ridge.

1. **6m 6** Scramble up to a tree on left of ridge.
2. **12m 8** Climb up and to the right in a crack running up the centre of the ridge to a small stance above the hole through the ridge.
3. **22m 8** Traverse right to an exposed position on the arete. Ascend into the large recess on the right of the ridge.
4. **18m 10** Climb the crack behind a large tree for 9m and traverse back to the ridge at the obvious point. Alternatively ascend recess for 9m and traverse right onto ridge and ascend ridge.
5. **15m 8** Climb straight up the ridge.
6. **12m 6** Continue up the ridge to top.

Notes:

1. This climb can take a large party as stances, except at top of pitch 2, are large with good belays.
2. On 31 Oct 1937 R. Barry and party ascended the buttress immediately to the right of FANNY'S RIDGE. The climb was recorded as mostly about grade 8, but "unsatisfactory and not recommended". The route was named FANNY'S BUTTRESS.

First ascent: 3 Nov 1935 J. Langmore, J. Oats, H. O'Neal and G. Potter.

WUNDERBAR

11 ***

This climb on clean rock is left of FANNY'S RIDGE and to the left of a large red overhang, about 30m up.

1. **25m 8** Climb face to stance below chimney/crack with large tree above.
2. **15m 10** Climb up chimney/crack behind huge block to tree.
3. **37m 9** Ascend straight up for 6m then left onto slab. Traverse diagonally left up to the left-hand extremity of slab then slightly right up crest of edge to stance.
4. **18m 11** Climb up via crest of edge to the top.

First ascent: 24 Apr 1966 J.H. Graafland and Mrs. J.H. Graafland.

EMERALD SLAB

13

Starts about 75m west of FANNY'S RIDGE. The slab from which the climb is named starts half way up the krantz. It presents a greenish grey appearance and is bounded on the left by a buttress of broken blocks (EMERALD CRAG).

1. **?m 8** The first pitch leads upwards to the left to the base of a cleft in which are two aloes.
2. **?m 10** The second pitch goes up the cleft to the base of the slab, the lower portion of which is 8 standard.
3. **?m 13** Third and subsequent pitches ascends straight up the slab, although a traverse from the slab to either side leads to easier rock.

First ascent: 15 Jun 1947 D. Bell and T. Louw.

EMERALD CRAG

9

Starts on the buttress about 15m to left of EMERALD SLAB.
(45m east of MALE FIRENZE)

1. ?m 8 Climb to a stance below a sloping recess.
2. ?m 9 Follow through this recess.
3. ?m 9 Starts to right of overhanging blocks, bearing slightly right then up on edge of ridge on left of EMERALD SLAB through blocks to the top.

First ascent: 15 Jun 1947 T. Louw, J. de V. Graaff, J. Thorp and W. Curle.

FRENZY FACE

17 **

Starts 15 - 20m right of the buttress where MALE FIRENZE starts. The route generally follows the face to the right of the gully immediately right of MALE FIRENZE.

1. 40m 17 Climb directly up the face, making a short traverse right and diagonally back left at half height, to a large ledge. Crux is up a shallow recess 3m below ledge.
2. 38m 15 Climb the open book corner immediately behind the stance for 9m and then diagonally right for 5m to the base of a steep corner. Climb this and then step left onto buttress. Up to a small ledge below overhang and then through the overhang via a crack on excellent holds to a small stance 3m above.
3. 15m 11 Climb the face above and slightly to the left to the top.

First ascent: 31 Mar 1974 L.P. Fatti and A. McGarr.

MOVIETONE

15 *

The start is 10m east of MALE FIRENZE. The route follows a pronounced straight crack bearing slightly left.

1. **38m 13** Start about 5m up crack and follow it. There are several belay points to split the pitch if required. Belay 4m above prominent tree in deep crack under overhang.
2. **13m 15** Chimney or straddle through overhang to good stance 5m above roof of overhang.
3. **25m 11** Follow the crack to the top.

First ascent: 23 Oct 1977 L.P. Fatti, J. Brittain and C. Ward.

MALE FIRENZE

11

The climb starts at a low buttress slightly jutting forward.

1. **17m 9** Climb a series of blocks in a shallow recess on the right of the buttress to a large ledge on top of buttress.
2. **11m 8** Climb short chimney up to second ledge.
3. **25m 11** Up chimney formed by pinnacle buttress leaning against face to a small cave and belay. This is the crux pitch and can be done in two portions.
4. **25m 10** Traverse right out of cave and across an exposed slab ascending on the right of slab.

Variation:

4. **25m 13** Climb through roof of cave (crux) and then up closed grassy crack to top. (21 Jan 1982 S. Middlemiss and K. Tebbutt.)

First ascent: 29 May 1947 T. Louw and W. Curle.

BELLA FIRENZE

13

Starts on the left-hand side of the jutting buttress for MALE FIRENZE and about 20m to left of that climb.

1. **17m 13** Up steep grey/green face.
2. **9m 8** Climb short chimney to ledge to stance on same level as top of second pitch of MALE FIRENZE.
3. **25m 13** Up crack in buttress parallel to chimney route of third pitch of MALE FIRENZE.
4. **22m 13** Up edge of crack on left almost out on face then right up face on left of crack.
5. **12m 13** On face to right of grassy crack then on left face to top.

First ascent: 1 Apr 1947 W.F. Bright, J. de V. Graaff and B.I. Harris.

TIPTOE

17,A1

To the right of Remhoogte Gully is a long slab starting at half height, leading to the top. Below this is the first corner break in the initial wall about 30m right of the gully.

1. **28m 15** Climb the corner using the left wall, particularly for the last 5m. Belay on the large ledge.
2. **22m 13** Continue up the rock rib immediately above the corner, and after 9m, traverse 12m left along large ledges. Belay at the left end of the ledge below a thin crack and flake pinnacle, 9m right of a corner.
3. **11m 17, A1** Ascend the flake pinnacle on the left of the crack. Step right into the thin crack and gain a shallow recess using slings on two nuts and a spike. Continue more easily on good holds to a ledge at the base of the long slab. Peg belay.
4. **29m 15** Climb the centre of the slab with little technical difficulty, though lack of protection. Move right into the cracked corner for a good nut runner at 18m, then back onto the slab. Traverse right into a shallow recess in the corner at 29m. Belay on chocks.

5. 15m 13 Traverse back left onto the slab and move up until the slab becomes vegetated. Move diagonally right and across under the overhang to avoid vegetation.

Note:

Splendid slab climbing with little difficulty, but lack of protection on Pitch 4.

First ascent: Jun 1968 T. Barley and P. Haupt.

TOE-JAM

19

The route starts 10m left of TIPTOE.

1. 30m 15 Climb broken face moving diagonally left then right up to a large stance.

2. 10m 11 Climb broad recess to stance.

3. 20m 19 Climb steep dark recess directly above last pitch.

4. 40m 13 Climb arete above to top.

First ascent: 20 Feb 1983 P. Fatti, D. Hartley and G. Ehrens.

HALFWAY HOUSE BUTTRESS

11 **

The route finishes up the outside of the buttress or ridge which forms on its left the crack of HALFWAY HOUSE. Start 30m right of the line of that route, 3m left of a white patch.

- 1. 22m 11** Ascend steep face to large grassy ledge.
- 2. 9m 8** Ascend face and traverse left to bottom of the crack on the right of the buttress.
- 3. 28m 10** Traverse left to centre of buttress and ascend recess to ledge.
- 4. 12m 8** Continue to top.

Note:

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

First ascent: 1964 A.G. Chinery, C. Cowley and B. Honey.

HALFWAY HOUSE

17 ***

The route is centred about a prominent crack or chimney immediately to the right of Remhoogte Gully. The route is clearly visible from the lunch spot near the foot of the gully. Climb 6m from wide grass ledge to narrower ledge and bottom of crack.

- 1. 28m 10** Ascend crack for about half its height, to a point at which one can traverse to the face on the far side of the buttress or flake which forms the right-hand wall of the crack, by passing through the crack.
- 2. 22m 17** Ascend the crack to a small tree. Two short deviations to the left out of the crack are necessary.
- 3. 12m 11** Continue up crack to top.

Variation:

Instead of pitches 2 & 3, pass through to the face on the far side of the buttress. Ascend this face on good grips to the top. (Grade 11)

First ascent: 30 Jun 1957 J. Cottrell and P. Harris.

BLISTER MAJOR

17 ***

The route is on the grey slab to the left of HALFWAY HOUSE.
Start from the same grassy ledge as HALFWAY HOUSE.

1. 12m 17 Ascend the right-hand-most of three similar looking shallow cracks. This crack is virtually in the centre of the wall. The crux is near the top. It ends just right of a clump of aloes.

2. 12m 15 Traverse about 3m right on narrow ledge to a thin crack which runs up the full height of the wall. Ascend this crack to a small stance above a little tree.

3. 22m 15 At this point leave the thin crack and move diagonally right passing just beneath a prominent square overhang. The crux is near this overhang. Move into the HALFWAY HOUSE crack and finish up the last 6m of that climb.

First ascent: 1965 A.G. Chinery and A. Shaw.

BLISTER MAJOR DIRECT

19 ****

1. 12m 17 As for first pitch of BLISTER MAJOR.

2. 44m 19 Start as for second pitch of BLISTER MAJOR but instead of traversing right above first tree, continue straight up crack past second tree with difficult move around left of tree. About 6m from the overhang above the crack peters out and very delicate face climbing brings one up to the overhang. Belay in crack in the roof of the overhang.

3. 9m 8 Climb out right to top.

Note:

The thin crack on Pitch 2 is climbed purely on hand and foot jamming.

First ascent: 15 Oct 1978 J. Esterhuysen and R. Davis.

BLISTER MINOR

11 **

Start as for HALFWAY HOUSE.

1. 12m 10 Climb diagonally left to the narrow ledge at the top of the first pitch of BLISTER MAJOR. Traverse left along ledge to same stance.

2. 34m 11 Traverse left around skyline and then ascend. The route follows the left edge of the grey wall. It passes patches of red rock, a crack, and a small overhang near the top. Alternatively, the pitch may be started at the flake or ridge on the skyline (13).

First ascent: 1965 A.G. Chinery, E. Thomlinson and B. Honey.

GULLY CORNER

10

The climb is just right of the recess in Remhoogte Gully mentioned under GULLY CRACK. Either start the climb just right of this recess or start from the recess and traverse right to the route.

1. 15m 10 Ascend wall to large stance.

2. 15m 10 Head for obvious stance on skyline.

3. 22m 8 Ascend wall to summit.

First ascent: Sep 1964 A.G. Chinery, C. Cowley and B. Honey.

GULLY CRACK

15 **

There is a small recess about 30m up Remhoogte Gully on the right-hand side going up. At the back of the recess about 6m up there is a receding crack.

- 1. 12m 15** Ascend the crack for 12m to obvious stance.
- 2. 18m 10** Continue up crack in chimney position until fairly large shelf is reached. There is an alternative route on the wall.
- 3. 23m 15** Climb fairly easy rock for 8m to the base of a short overhanging chimney. Ascend chimney, (5m 15) and scramble to top.

First ascent: Sep 1964 A.G. Chinery, C. Cowley and B. Honey.

GULLY RAMP

15

This climb starts from the same recess as GULLY CRACK.

- 1. 12m 8** At the entrance to the recess ascend short face to the base of a slanting ramp.
- 2. 25m 15** Ascend ramp, negotiating slight overhang at top.
- 3. 18m 8** Up a crack on the right-hand side, past tree and a short face thereafter.

First ascent: Sep 1964 A.G. Chinery, C. Cowley and B. Honey.

DIAGONAL

13

The climb is on the left-hand wall of Remhoogte Gully going up. It is opposite the climb GULLY CRACK, i.e. it starts about 30m up the gully and follows a diagonal crack running up the wall from left to right.

1. 30m 13 Start at left hand edge of ramp below the crack. Ascend 10m and then move right into crack. Ascend crack to small tree.

2. 8m 8 Continue up crack and then scramble to the top. Instead of scrambling to the top after the second pitch, a pleasant variation can be climbed 9m to the right (13, 22m).

First ascent: 1965

J.H. Graafland and B. Watt.

VENTERS CORNER

8

Immediately to the left of Remhoogte Gully a number of grade 8 routes are possible. The recognised route for VENTER'S CORNER starts about 18m to right of the lunch site up to a ledge (12m), traverses to the right (18m) to the prominent ridge on left of a large recess and up this ridge almost directly to the summit.

First ascent: Unknown

Unknown Party

FINGERTIP FACE

13

Start 12m to the right of IT'S A HAPPENING. There is corner here with two trees about 2m up and another at about 6m.

1. 20m 13 Starting in the corner climb the face diagonally left then back right to the upper tree. Move about 2m above the tree then traverse to the left for 6m to a ledge and tree belay.

2. 12m 10 Behind the ledge is a small sloping ramp. Immediately to the left of this is a shallow groove. The route goes up this groove to a large grassy ledge then up to some

large blocks, slightly left to meet the top of the first pitch of IT'S A HAPPENING.

3. 40m 13 To the right is a gently sloping slab about 50m high. Start on the left-hand side of the slab working up to the right of a dead tree then back to the left. Then move up and diagonally right on small but adequate holds to the right-hand edge where there is a small but good stance.

4. 12m 11 Move out to the centre of the face and straight up to the top.

First ascent: 4 Jun 1978 M. Prior, C. Baker and A. Morgan.

IT'S A HAPPENING

13 **

Start at a recess below a prominent overhang about 10m to the left of the meeting place.

1. 45m 13 Move up the recess until it is possible to step left onto the blunt arete on the left end follow this to a cubbyhole (7m). Step across onto the right wall end climb a steep crack to a recess. Climb the right wall of the recess until it is possible to step back onto a large ledge. Scramble up to an obvious belay beneath a steep wall. A prominent recess leads off to the right.

2. 40m 13 Start at the right corner of the wall. Move up until it is possible to traverse delicately across the face to gain a prominent ledge slanting to the left. Move along the ledge to an obvious jamming crack. Climb this (7m) to reach a horizontal ledge. Traverse back right and climb up close to a prominent arete (10m) to reach an obvious ledge and belay.

3. 15m 13 Above are two parallel cracks. Start in the right-hand crack until it is possible to swing into the left hand crack and thus to the top.

First ascent: About 1969 Party unknown.

IMMANUEL

19 ***

This climb starts to the right of the buttress of BROTHERLY LOVE. Ascend a short gulley to the right of the start of BROTHERLY LOVE. About halfway up the gulley a break starts. The climb ascends the right wall of the buttress and moves leftwards up to a large grassy ledge.

1. 20m 19 Ascend the shallow open book (sparse protection) about halfway up the gulley to the right of BROTHERLY LOVE. Move left higher up to a grassy ledge shared with BROTHERLY LOVE. Small micro nuts useful.

2. 40m 14 Shared with BROTHERLY LOVE.

First ascent: Jul 1986 D. Margetts, N. Margetts and A. Mercer.

BROTHERLY LOVE

20 *****

This climb ascends the buttress and obvious slab to the right of SUPERCALIFRAGELISTIC CRACK and EXPIALADOCIOUS.

1. 30m 20 Climb the short open book/recess on the right of the buttress. Move left from the top of the recess and up to a small ledge below the smooth face (slab)

Ascend the face to a small ledge capped by a small overhang. Ascend the overhang and continue up juggy face to large grassy ledge.

2. 40m 14 Climb the face behind the ledge taking the easiest line.

First ascent: Jul 1986 D. Margetts, N. Margetts and A. Mercer.

EXPIALADOCIOUS

20 ****

Takes the second shallow open book to the right of SUPERCALIFRAGELISTIC CRACK, flanked on the left wall by white coloured rock.

1. 35m 20 Ascend open book to below overhang. Traverse left immediately beneath overhang to gain a second open book. Climb open book moving right beneath a second overhang. Continue up to large ledge.

2. 40m 13 Traverse right from stance to smooth slab. Ascend slab keeping generally left of centre, moving right at the top.

Note:

The first free ascent was on 24 Feb 1985 by A.M. Maddison.

Variation:

2a. 45m 15 Move left at top of slab up steep rock.
(24 Feb 1985 A.M. Maddison and A. Mercer)

First ascent: 27 May 1984 A.M. Maddison and D. Margetts.

MARY POPPINS

20

This route takes the first open book to the right of SUPERCALIFRAGALISTIC CRACK i.e. between SUPERCALIFRAGELISTIC CRACK and EXPIALADOCIOUS.

1. 40m 20 Climb the open book past the horizontal rail moving left onto the nose. Ascend the steep recess. Make 2 aid moves up the recess, then move leftwards onto a good ledge on the face to the left of the recess. Climb up the face moving rightwards to the nose on top of the recess. Continue upwards past a tricky mantle shelf to a good ledge.

2. 45m 17 Keeping on the left arete climb up to a good ledge. Continue past the ledge up a recess to the top.

First ascent: 1 Sep 85 D. Margetts, A. Maddison and A. Mercer.

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC CRACK

20 ***

The start is located approximately 15m right of CHIM-CHIM-CHEREE in a smooth looking crack in a corner bulging out slightly 2m up. Cairn.

1. 10m 20 Climb the first 5m using friction and jams until the grade eases off. Continue up to a tree belay below a large overhang.

2. 35m 15 Continue up to the overhang and move out left and up to some ledges below a short wall on the right. Move up and left on the wall and then traverse right to the right-hand side of a large slab. Continue up to a large ledge. Tree belay.

3. 10m 10 Climb a broken arete to the top.

First ascent: 15 Jul 1979 R. Fox and C. Ward.

ROSEMARY'S FOLLY

17

The climb goes up the steep face between SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC CRACK and CHIM-CHIM-CHEREE using the upper section of the recess/crack on the left to surmount the overhanging section near the top of pitch 1. Start at the right-hand side of a large (4m high) smooth boulder leaning against the face about 8m left of SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC CRACK and about 3m right of a steep recess.

1. 30m 17 Climb to the top of the boulder and make a tricky move up a smooth thin crack above. Continue up a few metres to where a sling can be placed over a spike. Step right and make a very awkward layback move (crux) up to a small resting place. Traverse left 3m to a crack just right of the recess. Climb this and continue up the recess to where the angle eases and a small stance can be made.

2. 40m 13 Step right on to the face above the overhangs and continue straight up past a few awkward sections to the top.

First ascent: 1983

L.P. Fatti and A. Hughes-d'Aeth.

CHIM-CHIM CHEREE

17

To the right of PANORAMA is a prominent chimney line starting from ledges at 12m, slanting up rightwards then continuing vertically. Start towards the left end of the ledges and at the base of the chimney.

1. 25m 17 Move up the right-hand wall until one can start bridging at 5m. Continue bridging until it narrows, then chimney up until one can move out right and up to a stance.

2. 15m 13 Ascend the shallow chimney to a stance above a small overhang.

3. 15m 10 Scramble up the continuation line to the top.

First ascent: 16 Jun 1968 A. Lane and party.

CORKSCREW

19 ***

Start about 15m left of CHIM-CHIM-CHEREE (beaconed) and also about 10m to the right of the stretcher. The climb ascends the prominent finger-crack after which one traverses left for 6m and then up a pleasant face to the top.

1. 25m 19 Climb the thin crack starting on a good finger-jam and small footholds to its end (crux 3m up). From top of the crack traverse diagonally left (loose blocks) for 6m to a small ledge with chock belay.

2. 45m 11 Find easiest way to the top of an attractive face, and then scramble to the top.

Note:

A well protected climb, with the crack at the start the highlight.

*First ascent: 5 Jun 1983 T. O'Connor and A. Wilson.
(Submitted by: N. Margetts and S. Brown.)*

PANORAMA

9

This route lies on the face immediately to the right of the 'set back' face referred to under DASSIE ROUTE. Start about 12m to the right of a cave which is at the base of the right-hand containing ridge of the DASSIE ROUTE set back face.

1. ?m 9 Ascend about 6m in recess (9), traverse right behind a poised block 2m high, ascend rather dirty crack for 6m to wide ledge. Walk to left along ledge and ascend to top of subsidiary buttress on the right hand containing ridge of the set back face.

2. ?m 8 From here take the most direct and pleasant route to top.

Note:

If more difficulty is desired, climb the following variation: From the cave traverse right to a smooth walled recess closed in by blocks higher up. Ascend recess passing over blocks (13) and continue up crack to top of the subsidiary buttress. This variation is more direct but rather out of keeping with the rest of the climb.

First ascent: 1964

B. Honey and others.

PEAPOD

15 *

The climb follows the prominent peapod-shaped chimney in the left-hand side of the buttress between DASSIE ROUTE and PANORAMA and then continues up the ridge of the buttress to the left of PANORAMA.

1. 35m 15 Climb the chimney to a stance on a pinnacle on the ridge. Common stance with PANORAMA.

2. 40m 13 Climb near the left-hand edge of the ridge straight up to a stance on a ledge.

3. 20m 10 Continue to the top, keeping left.

First ascent: 6 Jul 1975

L.P. Fatti and A. McGarr.

DASSIE ROUTE

11 ****

The climb is situated about 180m to the left of Remhoogte Gully. At this point, there is a 'set back' face framed on each side by a ridge and at the top by a prominent overhang. The start of the climb is about 45m to the left of a cave (2½ m high, 10m deep) at the top of the grass slope.

- 1. 15m 10** Start at the left-hand edge of the face from a stout tree. Ascend corner to tree.
- 2. 25m 8** Ascend diagonally to right to a stance in middle of face where there are a number of white blocks.
- 3. 15m 8** Climb to another stance with block for belay.
- 4. 15m 11** Climb up to roof of overhang by one of several alternatives and traverse out left by means of a dassie traverse.
- 5. 9m 6** Ascend broken rock to top

First ascent: 1950 R. Davies, W.F. Bright, Miss J. Slinger and M. Vials.

HAIRY FACE

22,A1 *

The route follows the face between JUNIPER FACE and DASSIE TRAVERSE. It gains a ledge below a prominent overhang about 20m above the base and then surmounts the overhang via a V-groove.

- 1. 20m 22** Ascend a short face, directly below the prominent overhang to a ledge. Gain the next higher ledge by ascending the steep face via a thin crack to the right of the centre of the face (crux). This variation was done on a top rope by both members of the opening party.
- 2. 30m 15, A1** Ascend diagonally right to the overhang just below the V-groove. Place piton as high as possible in the groove and use it to move up into the groove and onto the face above the overhang. Continue upward to a large ledge.
- 3. 40m 13** Continue up face to large ledge.
- 4. 15m 9** Up easy rock to the top.

Variation:

1a. 20m 10 The crux of pitch 1 can be avoided by traversing 3m left and ascending the chimney to a grassy ledge (in common with JUNIPER FACE). Then traverse right for about 3m to a stance in a recess.

First ascent: 6 Jul 1975 A. McGarr and L.P. Fatti.

JUNIPER FACE

9

At the base of the buttress immediately on the left of DASSIE ROUTE is a brown face with broken blocks below it. On the left of this buttress is a recess with a grey, grass-strewn face extending to the left from it. The climb follows this recess from the bottom of the slope. Climb partly in the recess and partly on the face.

1. 30m 9 Climb recess.

2. 30m 9 The more difficult section of this pitch is at the start and a belay can be made at 18m if required.

3. 15m 8 To summit.

First ascent: 17 Sep 1950 F. Villa, G. Burrow, P. Shaw and M. Williams.

PORTHOLE CRAG

9 *

This climb follows the right-hand edge of the prominent ridge immediately west of JUNIPER FACE, i.e. the next ridge west from that to the left of DASSIE ROUTE. The climb follows the recess to the right of the ridge to a point about 45m up where a 'porthole' through the ridge allows a traverse to the left (through the porthole) across the adjacent face to the next ridge left. The final pitch goes up the recess from this point.

First ascent: 1938 P. Houmoller and K. Lewis.

PORTHOLE RIDGE

13 **

This is a direct route following the line of the ridge on the left of the recess forming PORTHOLE CRAG. Start in recess slightly left of ridge forming left wall of recess of PORTHOLE CRAG. Move left to ridge and follow directly to top. Last pitch follows groove directly above the 'porthole'.

Note:

The porthole of PORTHOLE CRAG, actually is a hole through PORTHOLE RIDGE about 35m below the top.

First ascent: 1938 G. von Grunewald.

CARABINER CRAG

11

About 20m to the left of PORTHOLE RIDGE is another ridge marking the western boundary of the top pitch of PORTHOLE CRAG. Still further to the left is a second sharply defined ridge having on its left boundary a vertical red face forming a recess with the buttress on its right. In this recess grow two large bushes about half way up, immediately below the brown face. The climb follows the line of the ridge keeping to the left of the edge where most of the climbing is on a flat face.

First ascent: 15 Jun 1947 B.I. Harris, G. Burrow, N. Clark, H. Cameron and S. Taussig.

BREAKFAST RUN

9

Start on the ridge to the left of CARABINER CRAG and at the lowest point of the buttress to the left of the dark face and prominent cracks which face onto CARABINER CRAG.

1. 35m 8 Climb the red face for 3m before moving left around the small ridge, then up for 20m until broken rock and grassy ledges form the last 12m of the pitch. Belay on the large grassy platform at an open book.

2. 35m 9 Climb the 3m high open book then climb right and up for 15m to a small low overhang. A grassy ledge above the overhang is reached by going round to the left then up onto a small grey wall. The next 10m is on an open face with horizontal ripples which give way to larger holds and a more broken face up to the stance on large blocks on the right-hand edge of the ridge.

3. 35m 8 Start on the right side of the ridge on broken slabs for 4m, then cross to the left onto the grey face and stay on the right-hand side of this face for 20m until it gives way to broken rock for 10m to the top.

First ascent: 18 Feb 1979 D. Scott and R. Fox.

LONE WOLF

11

Start approximately 150m west of BREAKFAST RUN where there are no bushes on the slope below the climbs. The climb starts on a white slab facing towards Hartebeespoort Dam. The slab gets progressively steeper until it reaches the steep arete.

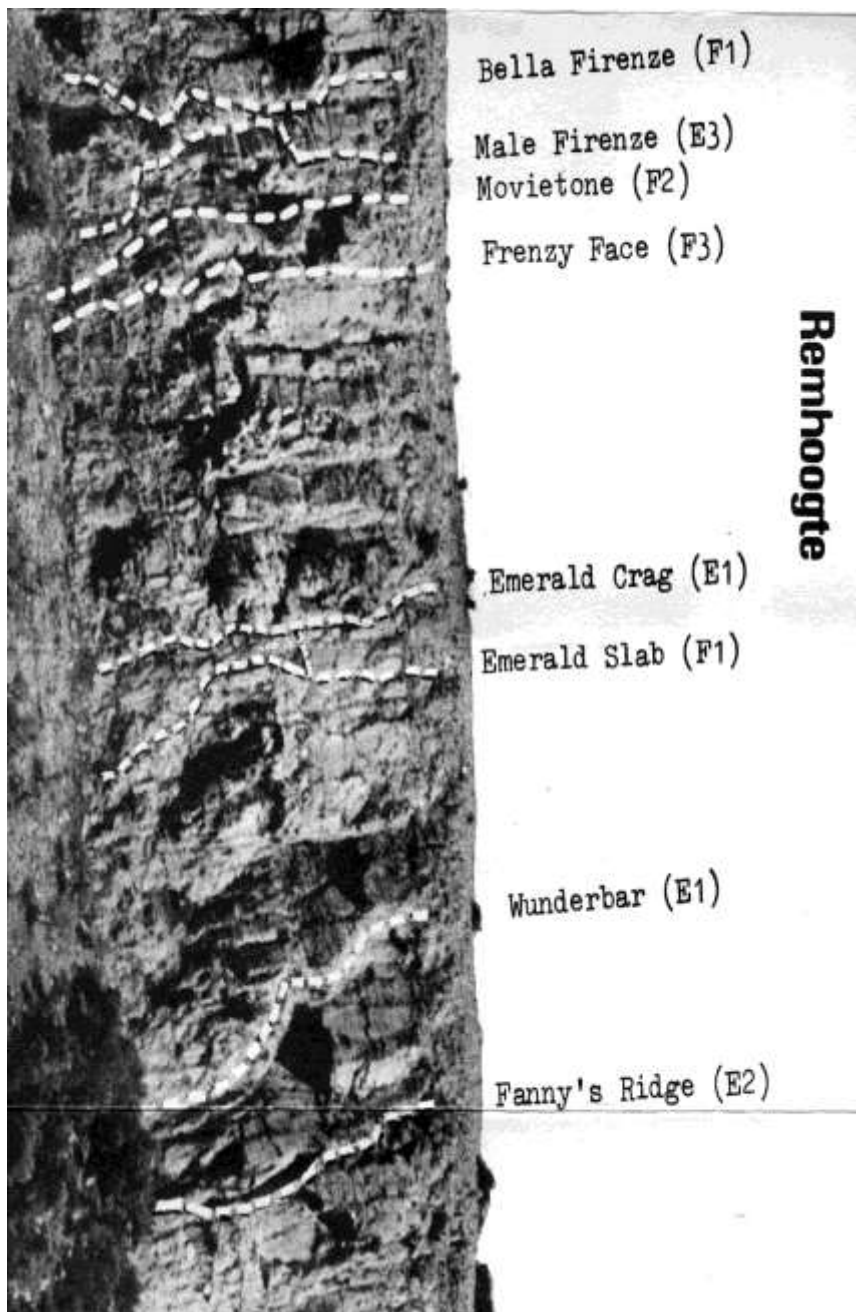
1. 35m 11 Climb the centre of the white slab (a little thin near the top) passing right of a tree which has no low down branches and which projects from the face at 65°. Continue up past a cluster of bushes, then traverse right across a gully and under some overhangs into a black recessed stance which can be clearly seen to the right when approaching the foot of the climb.

2. 25m 10 Climb above the belay stance on the right-hand edge of the arete (still facing the dam) and up to the easier rock above.

Note:

The climb appears to enjoy more winter sun than most others in the area.

First ascent: 4 Sep 1983 R. Fox and D. Scott.



Bella Firenze (F1)

Male Firenze (E3)

Movietone (F2)

Frenzy Face (F3)

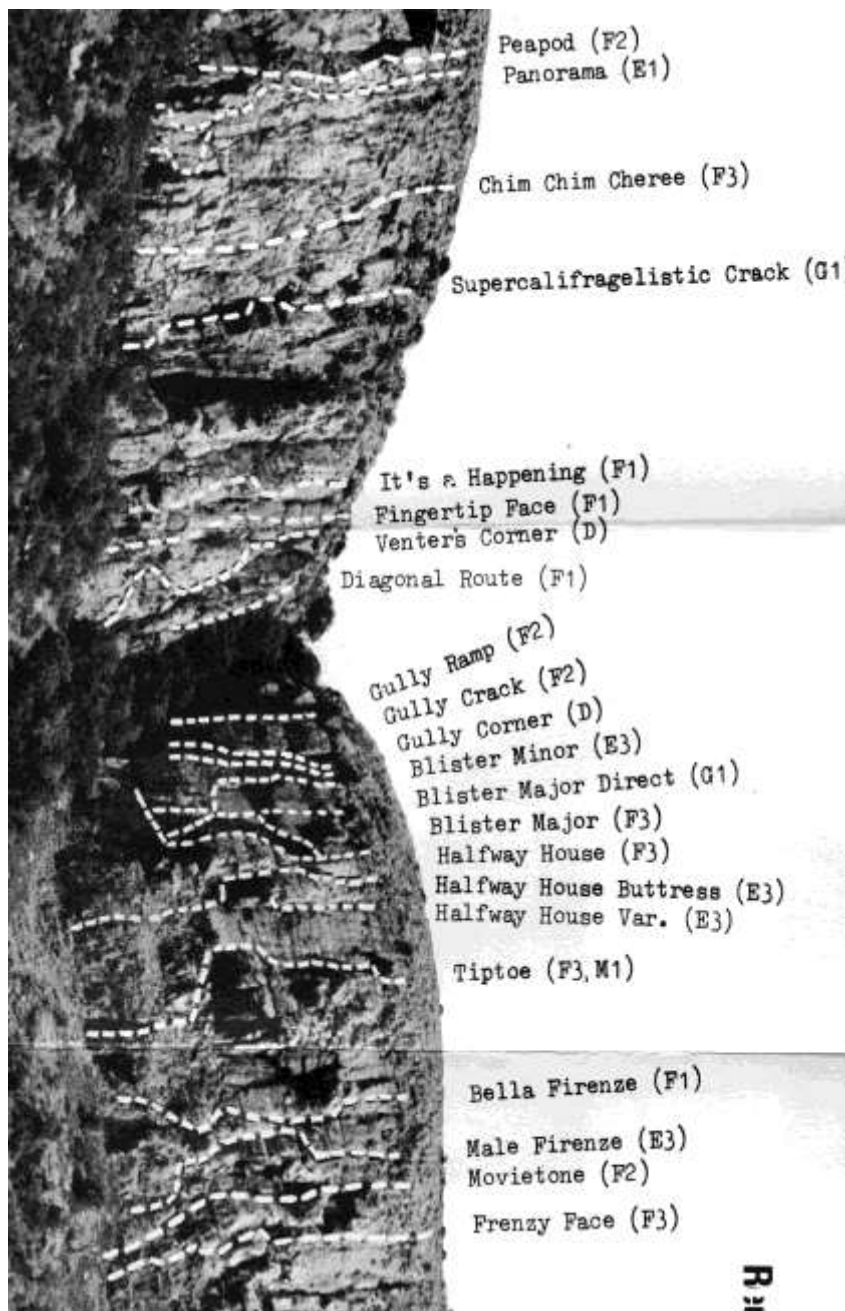
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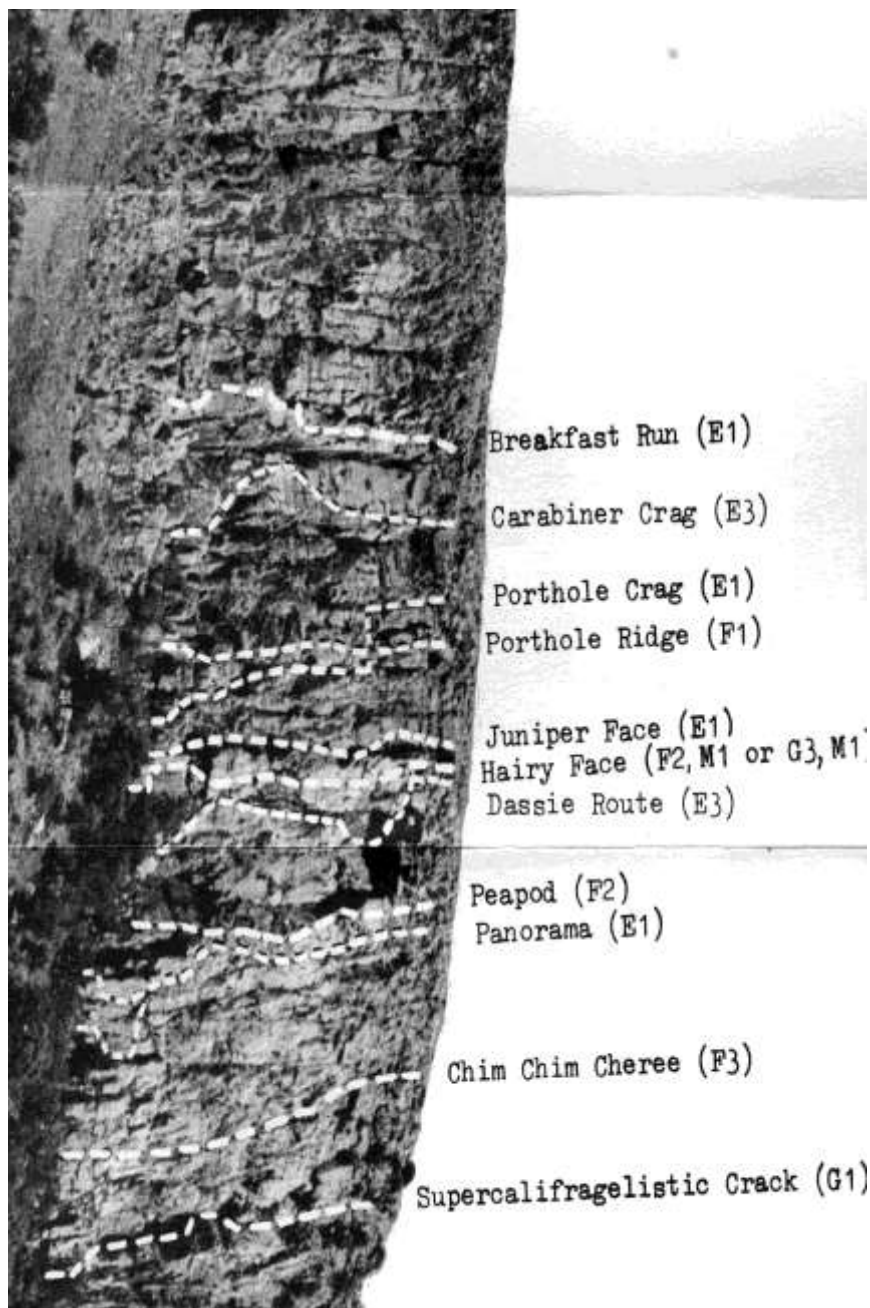
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Breakfast Run (E1)

Carabiner Crag (E3)

Porthole Crag (E1)

Porthole Ridge (F1)

Juniper Face (E1)

Hairy Face (F2, M1 or G3, M1)

Dassie Route (E3)

Peapod (F2)

Panorama (E1)

Chim Chim Cheree (F3)

Supercalifragelistic Crack (G1)