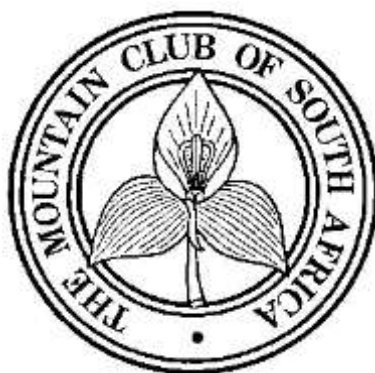


ROCK CLIMBING ROUTES AT HAMERKOP AND BREEDTSNEK KLOOFS



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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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Andrew Porter, September 2019

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Conventions Used

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

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

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

No stars	The route has not been rated yet. Try it if it looks good from below, 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.

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.

The natural vegetation in the kloofs has been sorely depleted by human impact. For this reason, camping in the kloofs is prohibited. Please try to avoid any activities which would result in an increase in soil erosion, destruction of vegetation or would in any way harm the environment.

BREEDSNEKKLOOF: List of Climbs

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
SATIN FINISH	17	***	3
TAXING MOMENT	17	**	4
CHILDS PLAY	16	***	3
HOOCH	15		4
SPINNEKOP GRIP	15		5
GARFIELD	13	**	2

BREEDSNEKKLOOF

The Breedtsnek kloof is a small kloof with relatively few climbs. If you wish to climb here, please contact the MCSA for the latest access details.

Climbs on the true right

GARFIELD

13 **

This route starts about 10m upstream of CHILDS PLAY.

1. 40m 13 Climb the easy angled buttress just to the right of a recess, past a tree. Continue upward moving slightly right to ascend the arête up to a small ledge. Traverse rightward to a recess with a crack system. Move up to a ledge.

2. 30m 9 Traverse rightward for $\pm$ 5m and then take the easiest line to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 30 Apr 1988 D. Margetts and M. Seegers.

CHILDS PLAY

16 ***

This climb starts just upstream of the descent gully. The start is marked by a distinct, upstream facing, open book.

1. 30m 14 Climb the short open book (more difficult for short climbers), move left and traverse around the corner. Scramble up for $\pm$ 15m to a face with two vertical crack lines. Climb this face to a good ledge with a tree belay.

2. 15m 16 Climb the corner above the ledge, keeping right, to a small ledge.

3. 15m 11 Traverse left and climb a recess. Move left higher up and then right, to avoid a bush, up a final short corner to the top of the crag.

Note:

To descend, walk down the gully just downstream of the climb.

First ascent: 30 Apr 1988 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and T. Truter.

SATIN FINISH

17 ***

This is an alternative finish to CHILDS PLAY next door, Start below the downstream facing corner (which CHILDS PLAY climbs, the top of pitch two of that climb).

1. 25m 17 Climb the left wall of the corner, in a rising diagonal line. Cross a small slab utilizing the obvious thin crack traversing it. Finish directly over blocks and ledges.

Note:

A pleasant pitch, on lovely rock.

First ascent: 30 Apr 1988 R. Dodding and B. Marcus.

TAXING MOMENT

17 **

Start 20m downstream of the blunt arête which forms the downstream edge of the wooded side gully (about half way down the length of the kloof). Start behind a tree, which is close to the rock (cairn), below a small upstream facing corner.

1. 25m 14 Climb the corner, step right to behind a small tree. Follow the face directly above to ledge on the left (immediately left of the continuation corner, above). Tree belay.

2. 18m 17 Step back right. Climb the pleasant corner (Crux at half height). Belay on a ledge above and to the right.

3. 20m 13 Continue up in the line of the corner, climb the blocky rock above to the top.

Note:

Descend via the wooded side gully.

First ascent: 30 Apr 1988 R. Dodding and B. Marcus.

HOOCH

15

A prominent grey face extends upwards from river level on the true right-hand side of the kloof, where the cliffs reach their highest. The route goes directly up this face and continues through a nick in the steep orange rock above.

1. 40m 13 Climb up the centre of the grey face, bearing left to just past the horizontal break, then diagonally right and up to a stance on a blocky buttress (the direct, vertical line from river to stance is graded 17).

2. 20m 15 Climb up behind stance to shallow recess, using this to break through the steep rock and gain the belay above the small trees.

First ascent: 30 Jun 1979 H. Robertson, M. Leigh and K.M. Smith.

Climbs on the true left

SPINNEKOP GRIP

15

The climb follows the obvious fault running up the centre of the last major buttress on the left-hand side walking down the kloof. Scramble 15m to the tree belay.

1. 20m 15 Follow the crackline, moving left beneath the steep section and up to stance on sloping.

2. 30m 15 Climb up to the right of the open book and move back up left to a deep tunnel. Swing left and up over steep rock to the top.

First ascent: 30 Jun 1979 M. Leigh, H. Robertson and K.M. Smith.

HAMERKOPKLOOF

General

The best climbing is on the lower true right where the crags are 50-60m high. The rest of the kloof has a good spread of hard and easier climbs of 35-40m.

There is a good constant flow of water with one minor waist-deep pool just downstream of the pipe ramp.

Access

The lower section (below the pipe ramp) of Hamerkop Kloof is privately owned on a timeshare type basis. The MCSA owns 2 weeks a year through which they have received access to climb in the kloof. Please contact the MCSA for the access conditions.

Climbing in the upper section of the kloof is permissible if you park at the lodge and pay the appropriate fees (steep).

Safety

The first aid dump is outside the house.

Aspect

Hamerkop Kloof is a shallow, north-south running kloof. It is possible at any time of the year to find a route in either the sun or shade. The true right is west facing, and the true left is east facing. The kloof is fairly shallow so it is pleasantly warm in winter months.

Descents

Descent gullies are indicated by bold arrows on the map and there are not many. With the exception of the pipe ramp, other

descents easy scrambling and require care, often having loose rock.

Camping

There is no camping here. If you want to stay overnight, the MCSA has ownership of 2 weeks a year in the house. They will be able to tell you which those weeks are, and you may be able to stay there then.

Finding Routes

In the lower part of the kloof, i.e. downstream from the pipe ramp, seven reference points have been established. These are used in some of the route descriptions, apart from the usual (often vague) descriptions. The reference points used are as follows,

- A: Black-streaked rock at water level.
- B: Cul-de-sac 'C' recess leading to grassy shelf.
- C: Tall recess with large rhomboidal chockstone.
- D: Roots.
- E: "Big High Cave".
- F: "Gothic" Cave.
- G: Small waterfall and pool.

The following examples explain how these reference points are used in the route descriptions.

[A + 6] = From black-streaked rock at water level, 6 paces upstream.

[G - 16] = From small waterfall and pool, 16 paces downstream.

The upper kloof (i.e. above the pipe ramp) has a pipeline and two weirs and for navigation in this part of the kloof, the pipe lengths have been numbered working upstream from where the pipe descends the ramp into the kloof bed. Upstream from the ramp they are numbered 1 to 36 as far as the first weir. From the first weir to the second weir they are numbered 1 to 38. In the route descriptions, reference points are in square brackets.

HAMERKOP KLOOF: List of Climbs

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
HUMBLE TRUNDLE	9	**	50
GARDEN VIEW	9	*	36
HOTEL CALIFORNIA	9	*	33
MAIDENHEAD	9	*	86
GRASSY PARK	9		53
ROAD RUNNER	9		26
STONEHENGE	9		35
STUPID BURK	9		40
SUB PAR	9		93
TOP GEAR	8	***	81
LEKKER OKE	8	**	83
THE GIGGLERS	8	*	84
PHEASANT PLUCKER	7	**	83
THE FAR SIDE	27		69
AFTER MIDNIGHT	26		70
GLITTER AND DESPAIR	25	*****	69
SHUFFLING MADNESS	24	**	67
UP THE JUNCTION	22,R	**	107
QUINTESSENCE	22	*****	70
THE EQUALIZER	22	***	127
DIAMOND DOGS	22	**	98
FOOTLOOSE	22	**	118
LEISURE SUITE LARRY	21	***	105
THE BEER HUNTER	20	****	76
CRACK-A-DOODLE-DO!	20	***	20
JIMMY JAZZ	20	***	65
MOTHER HUBBARD	20	***	37
POETRY IN COMMOTION	20	***	107
THE HAIR OF THE DOG	20	***	109
AN ALIEN ATE MY BUICK	20	**	105
LAST DITCH	20		85
THE VOYAGE	20		128
ONE CRACK MIND	19	****	64

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
SHEET	19	****	99
SLIP SLIDING AWAY	19	****	39
THE BILLS, THE BILLS	19	****	41
BLIND FAITH	19	***	126
CRACK-A-NO-GO	19	***	103
DELAYED ACTION	19	***	59
DOES AN ALIEN HAVE A	19	***	126
WATERPROOF ARSEHOLE?			
IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION	19	***	33
IT'S A KINDA MAGIC	19	***	27
MUTTERED MAGIC	19	***	27
NOTHING SUCKS LIKE ELECTROLUX	19	***	108
PIN HEAD	19	***	37
SWING GENTLY	19	***	108
THE CORNER	19	***	118
TRANSCENDENTAL LEVITATION	19	***	109
BITCH TO THE BOYS	19	**	58
LOGICAL SPELEO	19	**	66
LA POUDIN NOIR	19	*	79
THE DELUGE	19	*	75
MEDDLE	19		78
AMAZING GRACE	18	*****	74
ITS LIFE JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT	18	****	49
BEAM ME UP SCOTTY	18	***	50
COMFORTABLY NUMB	18	***	86
CUT ACROSS SHORTY	18	***	69
JOHN WAYNE NEVER WORE LYCRA	18	***	124
MANGELWURZEL	18	***	114
THE CAPTAINS LOG	18	***	104
A VULGER DISPLAY OF POWER	18	**	52
CHAIRMAN MAO'S LEFT FLIP FLOP	18	**	89
CREST OF A KNAVE	18	**	23
FROM A WHISPER TO A SCREAM	18	**	123

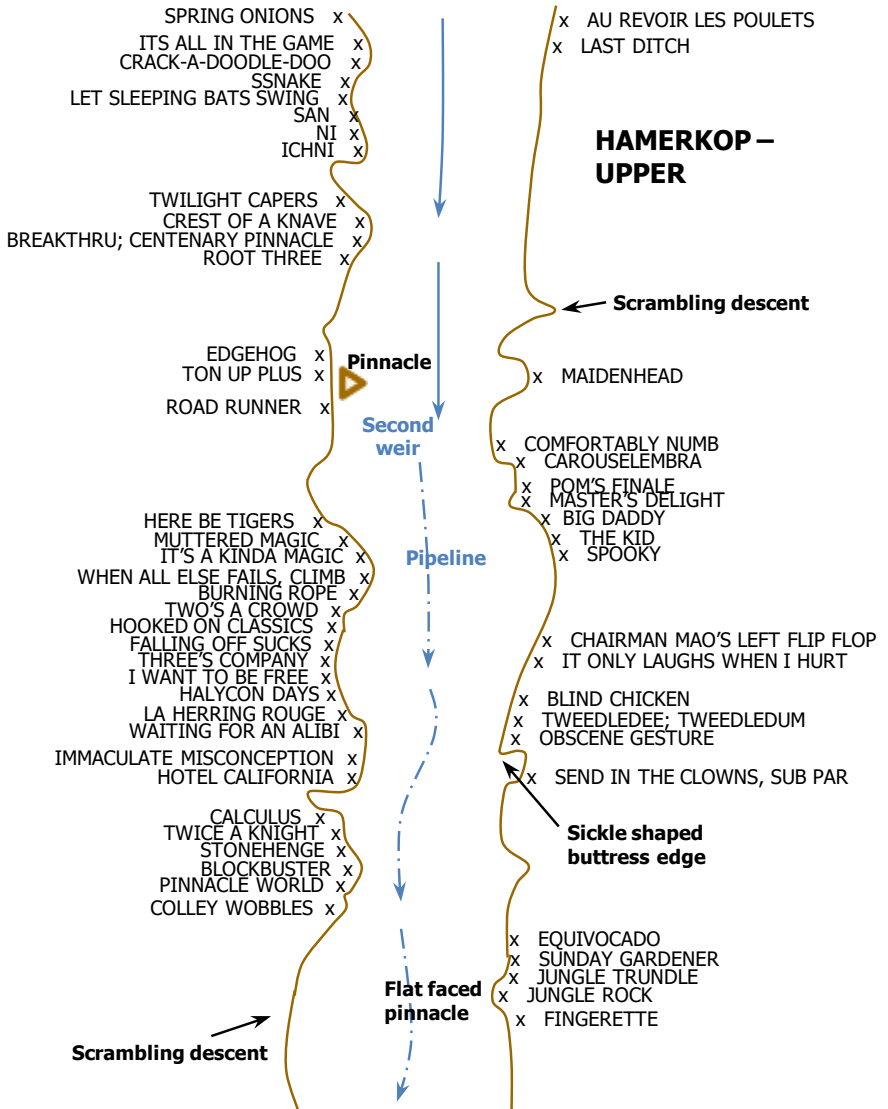
Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
T.G.I.F.	18	**	103
WINKERS GO BLIND	18	**	112
COOL FOR CATS	18	*	51
I WANT TO BE FREE	17,A1		31
ERECTILE PROJECTILE	17	****	70
HOOKEED ON CLASSICS	17	****	29
THE MORECOMBE AND WISE	17	****	19
CHRISTMAS SHOW			
WHEN DOVES CRY	17	****	53
BLIND CHICKEN	17	***	91
CHILD IN TIME	17	***	65
EDGEHOG	17	***	25
FALLING OFF SUCKS	17	***	29
GRACE UNDER PRESSURE	17	***	73
GREAT GAD	17	***	62
HERE BE TIGERS TOO	17	***	30
IT ONLY LAUGHS WHEN I HURT	17	***	90
LAST MANGO IN PARYS	17	***	122
LIP SERVICE	17	***	80
PUTTING OUT FIRE (WITH GASOLINE)	17	***	58
SHAFT	17	***	95
SPHINCTER SPASM	17	***	43
THE CROOKED CRACK	17	***	117
THE MEANING OF LIFE	17	***	100
THREE'S COMPANY	17	***	30
WAITING FOR AN ALIBI	17	***	32
ALADDINSANE	17	**	103
ALRIGHT MOMMY, LETS GO	17	**	77
AND THE LOUNGE LIZARDS	17	**	104
ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST	17	**	52
IT'S ALL IN THE GAME	17	**	20
JUNGLE TRUNDLE	17	**	94
LATE ADDITION	17	**	114

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
SILVER GIRL	17	**	116
SMARTFELLERS OUTING	17	**	41
WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, CLIMB!	17	**	28
WORKDAY CAPERS	17	**	127
CENTENARY PINNACLE	17		24
PROTECTION LESS	17		119
BREAKTHRU	16	*****	22
SPOOKY	16	****	89
HOLY THUFFERING THUCKATASH	16	***	72
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	16	***	77
BAKED BEEN	16	**	122
BURNING ROPE	16	**	28
FANCYFREE	16	**	119
FOWL CLUCKER	16	**	82
HAMMERHEAD 1000	16	**	56
IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOUR	16	**	63
NELSONS COLUMN	16	**	48
OUMA'S KOOL KAT KOEKSUSTER	16	**	115
THE HOBBIT	16	**	66
TWO'S A CROWD	16	**	29
TWICE A KNIGHT	16	*	34
AU REVOIR LES POULETS	16		85
NEBIOLA	16		53
SPECIAL EDITION	16		115
BIG DADDY	15	****	88
HERE THERE BE TIGERS	15	****	26
THE KID	15	****	88
CAPTAIN AHAB	15	***	121
CAVERNA MAGICA	15	***	63
GAWD NOSE	15	***	71
PROES STREET	15	***	55
AFTERGLOW	15	**	120
CAROUSELEMBRA	15	**	87
HUG ME GENTLY	15	**	68

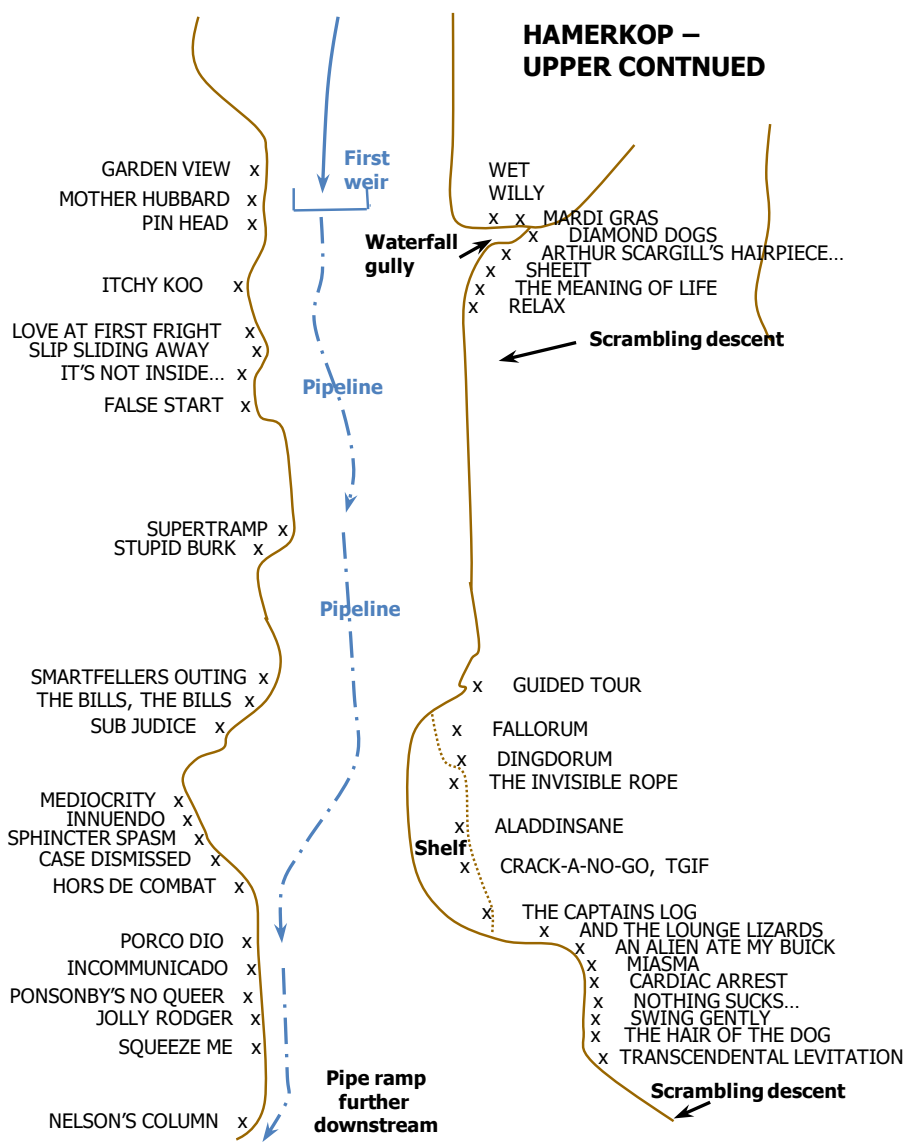
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KEITH KIRSTENS KOMPOST HEAP	15	**	110
LATTER RAIN	15	**	111
MASTER'S DELIGHT	15	**	87
MIASMA	15	**	106
SCARY CANARY	15	**	80
SSNAKE	15	**	21
TWEEDLEDEE	15	**	90
TWEEDLEDUM	15	**	91
TWILIGHT CAPERS	15	**	23
WET WILLY	15	**	97
CONDUCT UNBECOMING	15	*	68
FLASH GORDON	15	*	49
NON COMPOS MENTIS	15	*	60
SOUND EFFECTS	15	*	120
AFTERTHOUGHT	15		117
ARTHUR SCARGILL'S HAIRPIECE IS MISSING	15		98
DREADED LURGY	15		67
EQUIVOCADO	15		93
FALLORUM	15		101
HOOF HEARTED	15		110
I BELIEVE IN FATHER CHRISTMAS	15		96
LOVE AT FIRST FRIGHT	15		38
MICKY MOUSE'S SUNDAY STROLL	15		112
SUB JUDICE	15		42
SUPERTRAMP	15		40
SWING ERA	15		57
THE INVISIBLE ROPE	15		102
JUNGLE ROCK	14	*****	95
JOLLY RODGER	14	***	46
CASE DISMISSED	14	**	44
COMRADE MICHAEL	14	**	97
CRACK A BOULDER	14	**	51
LA HERRING ROUGE	14	**	32

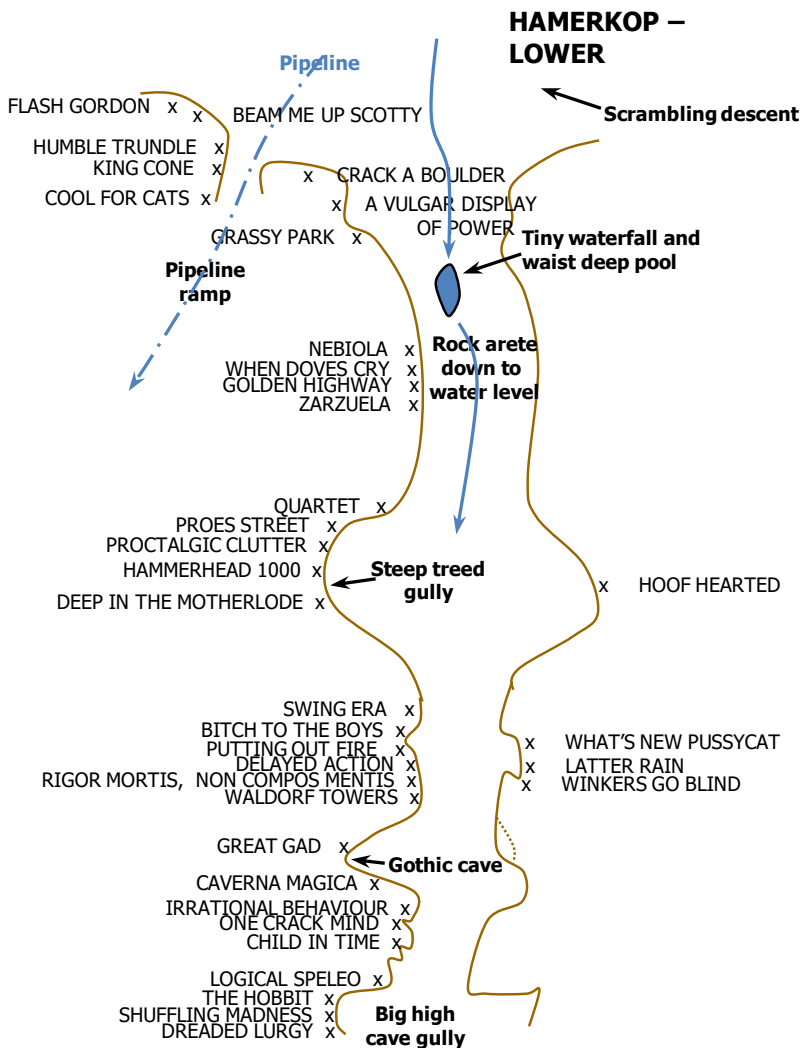
Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
FALSE START	14		40
HORS DE COMBAT	14		44
PROCTALGIC CLATTER	14		56
SPRING ONIONS	14		19
KING CONE	13	***	51
CARDIAC ARREST	13	**	106
COLLEY WOBBLES	13	**	36
FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE	13	**	83
GOLDEN HIGHWAY	13	**	54
NI	13	**	21
ROOT THREE	13	**	24
SAN	13	**	21
A LA CARTE (OR BY BUS)	13	*	79
DEEP IN THE MOTHERLODE	13	*	57
HALCYON DAYS	13	*	31
INNUENDO	13	*	42
JACKY'S SICKLE	13	*	115
JUST FOLLOW THE TRAM LINES	13	*	78
OBSCENE GESTURE	13	*	92
PINA COLADA	13	*	125
RIGOR MORTIS	13	*	61
WALDORF TOWERS	13	*	61
DINGDORUM	13		102
FINGERETTE	13		96
GUIDED TOUR	13		101
KLEINBOOI	13		82
RELAX	13		100
SUNDAY GARDENER	13		94
SWIFT HALF	13		121
THE CONCRETE SOCK FANDANGO	13		123
CALCULUS	12	*	34
DIFFERENTIAL	12	*	81
TON UP PLUS	12	*	25
QUARTET	12		55

Climb Name	Grade	Stars	Pg
SEND IN THE CLOWNS	12		92
CITY LATE	11	**	113
POM'S FINALE	11	**	87
INCOMMUNICADO	11	*	45
SQUARE ORANGE	11	*	81
ICHNI	11		22
ITCHY KOO	11		38
IT'S NOT INSIDE, IT'S ON TOP	11		39
MEDIOCRITY	11		43
PONSONBY'S NO QUEER	11		46
PORCO DIO	11		45
RAZZAMA TAZZ	11		124
SELF AMUSE	11		125
WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT	11		111
ANTON'S APOPLEXY	10	**	124
BLOCKBUSTER	10	**	35
MARDI GRAS	10	**	97
PINNACLE WORLD	10	**	35
SQUEEZE ME	10	**	47
FRUSTRATION'S END	10	*	116
LET SLEEPING BATS SWING	10		20
STOP PRESS	10		113
ZARZUELA	10		54

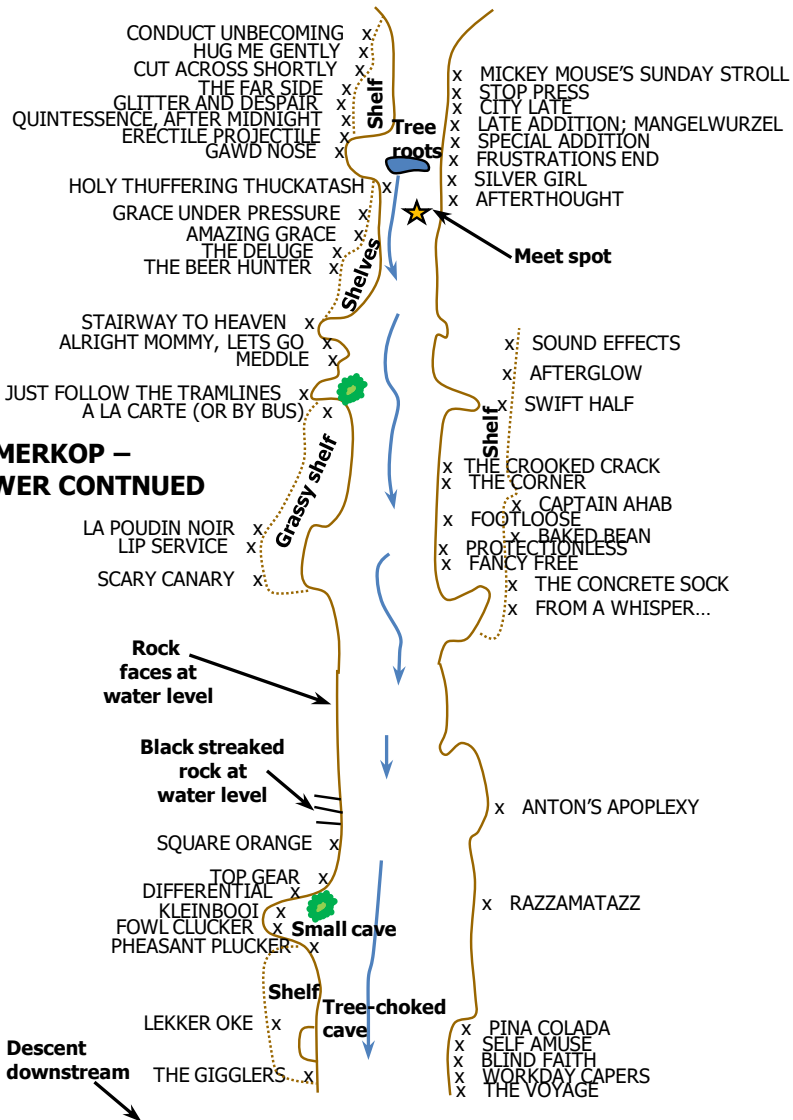


**HAMERKOP –
UPPER CONTNUED**





HAMERKOP – LOWER CONTNUED



Climbs on the true right

SPRING ONIONS

14

100m upstream of the pinnacle on which TWILIGHT CAPERS is situated is a buttress with two prominent overhangs at the top and a well-defined crack in the face to the left of the upstream (triangular) overhang. At the base of the buttress is a well-defined crack that slopes off to the right.

1. 35m 14 Ascend the crack to a ledge after 17m then (bearing left) follow a recess to the top.

Note:

The initial crack is well protected, fairly steep and sustained although it is straightforward.

First ascent: 4 May 1989 S. Kellet and J. Pierson.

THE MORECOMBE AND WISE CHRISTMAS SHOW 17 ****

The route climbs the centre of the clean golden buttress with a large, square capstone 180m upstream of COMFORTABLY NUMB (The second weir). There is a wide grass ramp descent immediately upstream of the buttress.

1. 25m 17 Start 2m right of the tree at the base of the buttress. Climb diagonally left following the obvious vertical weakness to a polished ledge. Gain the large ledge above (crux). Climb the knobby arête of the capstone to the top.

Note:

Fine clean climbing with a poorly protected crux.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1988 S. Dodding, B. Marcus, R. Dodding and R. Barker.

IT'S ALL IN THE GAME

17 **

The route is situated on a buttress with 2 triangular noses high up, 50m downstream of the MORECOMBE AND WISE buttress.

1. 12m 15 Climb the obvious crack on the upstream side of the large nose, to a large ledge with tree.

2. 11m 17 Climb the continuing steepening crack groove. Exit left to a ledge with blocks.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1988 J. Dodding, S. Dodding and R. Dodding.

CRACK-A-DOODLE-DO!

20 ***

Takes the impressive overhanging corner / crack between the two noses 0.4 m left of IT'S ALL IN THE GAME. Scramble up 8m using the fallen tree belay below the corner.

1. 12m 20 Climb the corner/crack to the ledge above. Strenuous. Rap off tree.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1988 R. Dodding, R. Barker and G. Macintosh.

LET SLEEPING BATS SWING

10

20m upstream of ICH and NI is a deep high cave starting on a large ledge about 10m up.

1. 15m 7 Climb the corner on the downstream side of the ledge (7m) and scramble to a belay position at the entrance to the cave.

2. 20m 10 Ascend (straddle/chimney) the right-hand crack to an obvious traverse line at the same height as the top of the cave entrance. Fight past the bush and then on easier rock up to the top.

First ascent: 4 May 1989 S. Kellet, J. Pierson and Mrs J. Pierson.

SSNAKE

15 **

5m to the right of NI and SAN and to the left of a prominent cave is a well defined crack with a dead tree growing out of the face at 15m and a large tree at 18m. A deep chimney directly above the tree is clearly visible from the ground.

1. 25m 15 Start at the small tree or from a ledge 2m up and to the right. Ascend straight up the crack. Crux is an awkward looking bulge at 8m, above a shallow chimney. Then climb past the dead tree and through a chimney to the top, grade 12/13 after crux.

Note:

The dead tree is potentially dangerous and needs gardening. Overall a very pleasant, well protected route.

First ascent: 16 Apr 1989 J. Pierson and S. Kellet.

SAN

13 **

Climb is 12m right of ICHNI and takes a line following a crack to the top.

1. 25m 13 Climb crack to top.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

NI

13 **

Climb is situated 10m right of ICHNI.

1. 25m 13 Climb steep open book for 5m (crux at start). Continue up though short chimney, past a chock stone to ledge. Continue up easy rock to top.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

ICHNI

11

Situated on upstream side of the buttress immediately upstream of the pinnacle at the head of the kloof above the top weir.

1. 25m 11 Climb follows a well-defined crack that faces the stream. Ascend the crack for 10m, then continue following crack past blocks to belay on top.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

BREAKTHRU

16 *****

Just upstream of CENTENARY PINNACLE is a steep gully bound on the upstream side by an obvious ridge sweeping down towards the stream. The route takes the last line on the right (a kloof high crack starting at fist width and ending in a chimney high up) with a tree growing out of it half way up on the upstream facing wall of this ridge (cairn). The line is classic and affords beautiful clean climbing throughout.

1. 28m 16 Move up the steep crack. The crux is about 2m up and is surmounted by using the knobbly hold on the left wall high up. Pull past large tree growing out of crack and gain chimney above with difficulty. Climb the chimney moving out onto the face to clear the top obstruction. Take a comfortable stance on the large block at the top of the crack.

Notes:

1. Scramble to the top and descend via the gully (with one abseil from stout tree) just upstream.

2. A superlative route on clean, crisp rock throughout.

3. Every indication is that this is the same route as TWILIGHT CAPERS.

First ascent: 8 May 1994 T.P. Willmot, M.T. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

TWILIGHT CAPERS

15 **

Route takes the line of the chimney on the upstream side of the pinnacle lying 50m upstream of the second weir.

1. 28m 15 Scramble up to the base of the corner with dark coloured rock capped with a large roof (old piton in wall on right). Climb the corner. Step right around the roof and ascend the blocky recess to the base of the chimney. Follow the outside of the chimney to the top on good knobbly rock.

Variation:

Three metres to the right of the chimney in TWILIGHT CAPERS and to the right of the old piton is a double crackline with the right-hand crack leading up to a shallow open book after 3m.

1. 8m 18 Ascend the cracks (steep) to the large ledge, then move left to re-join the original route up the pinnacle. Pro is good but grade 15 climbers may find it tricky to hang on while putting it in. (2 Apr 1989 D. Quaife, S. Kellet and S. Marsland)

First ascent: 19 May 1985 L. Gardiner and R. Dodding.

CREST OF A KNAVE

18 **

The route takes the groove in the centre of the upstream face of CENTENARY PINNACLE approximately midway between that route and TWILIGHT CAPERS.

1. 20m 18 Ascend the groove to the large ledge below the bulge by lunging from step to step.

2. 18m 17 Surmount the bulge at the left extremity of the ledge and follow the arête and subsequent chimney to the top.

First ascent: 7 Aug 1988 T.P. Willmot and R. Parr.

CENTENARY PINNACLE

17

Situated at the upper true right of the kloof, the pinnacle being the last tall feature in the kloof when moving upstream. Start on the streamside between TWILIGHT CAPERS and ROOT THREE.

1. 18m 17 Pull up onto a block above, then climb the ridge to a crack. Climb crack slightly around to the right and up another recessed crack to underneath a bulge. Climb the crack and pull up onto a ledge. Climb diagonally right to a big ledge.

2. 18m 13 Traverse right past a chimney crack and climb face and ridge to top of pinnacle.

Note:

Probably the one-hundredth route recorded in the kloof, hence its name.

First ascent: 9 Jun 1985 Miss I. Swart and E. Haber.

ROOT THREE

13 **

The climb starts 50m upstream of the top weir where a pinnacle on the true right-hand side stands. A tree with 3 roots on the downstream side of the pinnacle stands out quite clearly.

1. 26m 13 Climb the chimney below the roots until underneath the roof with the loose block on the left. Move left across the block into the corner below the roots (crux). Climb up the recess to the centre gap between pinnacle summits, chimney easily to the top.

Note:

A cairn marks the summit. This pinnacle commands a splendid view up and down the kloof. The summit can be reached by an alternative grade 6 scramble from the upstream side. Descend by abseiling from the gap between the pinnacle and the kloof wall, on the upstream side.

First ascent: May 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

EDGEHOG

17 ***

Ascends the clean arête to the right of TON UP PLUS. Scramble to the ledge below the arête proper. [Just above the second weir].

1. 20m 17 After a difficult start, to the left of the arête, move to the arête proper and directly to the top. Awkward move at 10m.

Notes:

1. Fine clean climbing.
2. The top part of the climb is overgrown by a creeper.

First ascent: 16 Jun 1985 P. Wallek, T.P. Willmot, R. Dodding, S. Kelsey and L. Gardiner.

TON UP PLUS

12 *

Climbs the wide upstream-facing crack/pillar with a prominent triangular capstone on top. [Just above the second weir]

1. 20m 12 Move up the faces below the crack until possible to get one's back against the flake-like edge of the pinnacle. Use the right-hand face to progress to the top.

Notes:

1. Little people could probably negotiate the gap between the pillar and the mountain. If you handle the top bits correctly it could be only 11.
2. A short celebratory climb for most of those who opened the first 100 routes in the kloof.

*First ascent: 16 Jun 1985 R. Dodding, R. Fox, L. Gardiner, S. Kelsey, D. Quaife, T. Snijders, P. Wallek and T.P. Willmot.
(Listed alphabetically)*

ROAD RUNNER

9

Starts left of TON UP PLUS in a recess with many roots at its foot. [Just above the 2nd weir.]

1. 30m 9 Climb past the roots to a shelf. Climb either of two possibilities to a tree-filled recess. Finish up any of three scrambles to the top.

Note:

Starts well but fades at the top.

First ascent: 18 Aug 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott, Miss F. Greig.

HERE THERE BE TIGERS

15 ****

Climbs the obvious groove starting behind the tumbled pile of boulders 5m upstream of MUTTERED MAGIC. The route moves left of the large flat roof to gain the grey coffin-shaped recess and finishes straight up.

1. 23m 15 Ascend the groove to a point just past a small cream-coloured triangular overhang on the left. Traverse left across the wall making use of a thin foot rail and a dubious loose flake to good holds in the base of the coffin shaped recess (airy traverse). Ascend the recess, bypassing the large roof on the left to the top of the shield above. Finish as for MUTTERED MAGIC up the rough wall to the comfortable belay ledge.

Note:

Protection is good. Beware of the loose flake on the exposed traverse.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

MUTTERED MAGIC

19 ***

At the left extremity of the amphitheatre above the second weir is a grey face neatly bisected by a vertical crack. The face does not come down to ground level.

The route starts in the black overhanging open book below the face and tends diagonally rightwards ending through the pronounced curved off-width crack near the top.

1. 34m 19 Ascend the overhanging open book on jams into the recess above (5m). Move right of the small overhang into another open book. Ascend to a point underneath the roof above. Break right onto the adjacent face and ascend this to gain the base of the off-width crack. Thrutch awkwardly up the crack until the top of the shield can be reached. Swing right onto the face and mantle onto the top of the shield. From its right-hand extremity pull up onto the big belay ledge. Scramble off.

Note:

Protection is good on this pleasing route.

First ascent: 28 Apr 1985 S. Kelsey and T.P. Willmot.

IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

19 ***

The route is situated 2m downstream from MUTTERED MAGIC and takes the left most obvious line of the amphitheatre starting at ground level. The route stays left of MUTTERED MAGIC although it coincides with that route at one point.

1. 31m 19 Surmount the bulge to start and ascend the crack behind to below the first long narrow roof. Traverse right to clear this and climb the face to share a resting ledge with MUTTERED MAGIC under the second roof. Step left and gain the crack through the second roof with difficulty (MUTTERED MAGIC takes the groove off to the right). Climb the crack to the tree, thrutch through this and follow the crack through the undercut headwall to a comfortable belay stance.

Note:

The leader, on the opening ascent, used a point of aid to pass through the second roof due to bats in the crack being obnoxious. Second did the route free. Superb, clean climbing.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 T.P. Willmot and P.S. Greenfield.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, CLIMB!**17 ****

Route lies on the downstream end of the amphitheatre and takes the arête leading to the obvious vertical jamming crack. Start below the arête.

1. 23m 17 Climb the arête on small holds, moving up and rightwards to gain a small corner with a thick tree root (protection). Discreet use of the root leads to a ledge up on the right. Move up the short wall and gain a rising ramp leading to the jamming crack. Follow this to top.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 R. Dodding, S. Kelsey, T.P. Willmot and L. Gardiner.

BURNING ROPE**16 ****

Although not a pure rock climb, as the tree roots are extensively used, it is included on its merits as being a tremendous line.

Start 2m left of WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, CLIMB!, that is at the base of the prominent tree root to the left of the smooth wall forming the arête.

1. 20m 16 Gain the smooth wall on the left-hand side and with the aid of the tree root ascend to below the V-groove. Ascend the steep groove, using the roots liberally and the jamming crack in the back, to a comfortable ledge on the right. Step back left and finish up a short recess on excellent rock.

Note:

A good route for "swingers", stunt men and would-be simians!

First ascent: 26 May 1985 R. Dodding and T.P. Willmot.

TWO'S A CROWD

16 **

The route takes the face immediately right of HOOKED ON CLASSICS, and has a tree at the base of it.

1. 30m 16 Climb the face to its top, then move left onto the left-hand wall of the gully, and climb up over the 3 ledges to the top.

First ascent: 18 May 1986 P.S. Greenfield, R.P. Dodding and P. Schlotfeldt.

HOOKED ON CLASSICS

17 ****

Route follows the superb crack in the open book lying about 10m downstream of the amphitheatre mentioned in MUTTERED MAGIC (2m upstream of FALLING OFF SUCKS).

1. 25m 17 Climb crack to where it flares and layback up using a jammed block. Follow crack on easier rock to top.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 L. Gardiner and R. Dodding.

FALLING OFF SUCKS

17 ***

Twelve metres downstream of WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, CLIMB! are two prominent cracks, the right-hand one of which resides in the bottom of a rough-looking open book. The route ascends the right-hand crack to a tree on a small ledge and then via a narrow finger crack to the top.

1. 25m 17 Ascend the right-hand crack in the open book (thin and technical in places) to the tree on a small ledge. Move behind the tree and gain the thin crack immediately to the left of the deep pronounced crack above the tree. Ascend the narrow crack on good finger jams to the top.

Note: An enjoyable short route.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

HERE BE TIGERS TOO

17 ***

The route takes the line of FALLING OFF SUCKS to the tree, traverses left to the obvious crack system at the top extremity of the small amphitheatre and follows this to the top.

1. 25m 17 Follow the line of FALLING OFF SUCKS to the tree. Traverse delicately left across the face for 2m to reach the base of the crack system. Move up this through the bulge. Ascend the openbook above to the resting block on top. Climb the knobbly face to top.

Note: An excellent route, steep in places. Protection is good.

First ascent: 26 Aug 1990 T.P. Willmot and F. Greig.

THREE'S COMPANY

17 ***

Takes the crack 2m to the left of FALLING OF SUCKS.

1. 25m 17 Ascend the crack, without reference to the corner, for 18m. Traverse delicately left for 4m, and finish up the short open book.
Good climbing.

First ascent: 18 May 1986 P. Schlotfeldt, P. Greenfield and R. Dodding.

I WANT TO BE FREE

17,A1

The climb starts 3m right of HALCYON DAYS (above pipe No 29), in a recess/groove system with a small overhang 4m up, and a tree about 8m up.

1. 28m 17,A1 Ascend the open book to the overhang, using aid move through the overhang into the cubbyhole. Then climb up past the tree to a large ledge on the right. At the back of the ledge are two grooves, climb the left-hand one to gain the top and belay point.

Note:

To descend you can abseil off a convenient tree to the left of the route. Protection on the climb is good - Nuts and friends.

First ascent: 16 Feb 1986 P.S. Greenfield, S. Kelsey and T.P. Willmot.

HALCYON DAYS

13 *

Climbs the chimney 14m downstream of FALLING OFF SUCKS [above pipe No 29].

1. 20m 13 Ascend the chimney to gain the platform at about 10m. Either continue up the chimney to the top or choose the right-hand retaining wall. If you choose the latter, the grade will jump a couple of notches.

Note:

A short pleasant route on clean rock. To descend you can abseil off a convenient tree to the left of the route

First ascent: 21 Jul 1985 T.P. Willmot and L. Gardiner.

LA HERRING ROUGE

14 **

Ascends the buttress that forms the left-hand wall of the HALCYON DAYS chimney. Start below the left-hand edge of the buttress.

1. 20m 14 Follow the left-hand edge and continue up the vertical crack system, on excellent rock.

First ascent: 18 May 1986 R. Dodding.

WAITING FOR AN ALIBI

17 ***

The route lies just upstream of IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION and takes the grey tower-like buttress.

1. 35m 17 Climb up a line to the right of the groove (3m) and move left into the groove following this to a small overhang. Step right and ascend the wall to a small ledge. Move up over the bulging wall and trend left to a horizontal rail. Step up left around the corner onto a slab, climbing this for 2m, then step back around the corner to the original line. Climb up to the pinnacle and finish up the knobbly wall.

Note:

A delightful pitch.

First ascent: 11 May 1985 L. Gardiner and R. Dodding.

IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION

19 ***

The route is on the second major buttress downstream of the amphitheatre and takes the obvious downstream-facing groove/crack system with three stepped overhangs. Start below the break, behind a bushy tree. [24 pipelengths above the 1st weir]

1. 36m 19 Climb the steep groove passing the small first roof and gain the base of the chimney above with difficulty. Bridge up the chimney and continue to the recess with a small tree. Chimney to the top.

Note:

Very satisfying climbing.

First ascent: 11 May 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

HOTEL CALIFORNIA

9 *

Climb the downstream side of the buttress on which IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION is situated. Start to the right of an easy-looking gully to the right of CALCULUS. [23 pipe lengths up from the 1st weir]

1. 38m 9 Climb for 10m on crystallized rock until obliged to step across to the right to a small tree on a commodious ledge. Continue on the setback faces, to the top.

Note:

Dodges around a lot. Watch for rope drag.

First ascent: 30 Jun 1985 D. Scott, D. v Gemert and R. Fox.

CALCULUS

12 *

Start on the face midway between two small rock pinnacles, just downstream of IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION and HOTEL CALIFORNIA, near pipe no 22 above the 1st weir.

1. 30m 12 Climb a short recess for 5m to a small bush. Move right on to the arête and continue up for 20m to a good ledge. Move to the right-hand back corner of the ledge and ascend this corner to the top.

Note:

A good abseil tree will be found 5m above the climb.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 S. Brown and D. Margetts.

TWICE A KNIGHT

16 *

Situated between CALCULUS and BLOCKBUSTER in the upper kloof on a steep flat face.

1. 32m 16 Climb easily for 8m to a ledge below a steep face. Climb on eroded but firm holds on this face (crux) to enter a downstream facing recess big enough to get a shoulder in. Continue to the top in this recess, passing a reddish patch to the right halfway up.

Variation:

1. 15 To avoid the crux rail left at the first ledge, almost to the chimney on the left. Surmount an awkward bulge then move right again to the original route.

First ascent: 4 Apr 1986 D. Scott and R. Fox.

BLOCKBUSTER

10 **

Below the second weir and 50m downstream of IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION is a buttress of piled blocks, grey and lichen covered in its upper three-quarters. Scramble through heavy undergrowth to start. (Pipe no. 18 above the 1st weir]

1. 32m 10 Climb the frontal recess to a tree, then up slightly left. Towards the top, move into an upstream chimney.

Note:

Steep but lots of grips. There is a steep scrambling descent gully downstream of the climb, but watch out for loose boulders.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss M. Pienaar.

STONEHENGE

9

Starts to the right of BLOCKBUSTER.

1. 30m 9 Fight off the heavy bush at the foot of a grey corner and climb the grey corner and chimney to a ledge at 15m. Move around the bulge to the right and into another chimney. Climb past the chockstone to the top.

First ascent: 11 Sep 1988 D. Scott and R. Fox.

PINNACLE WORLD

10 **

Starts just to the left of BLOCKBUSTER.

1. 33m 10 Climb the slightly downstream-facing recess to a platform at the rear of the foremost pinnacle. Continue up the next pinnacle to the stance above BLOCKBUSTER.

Note:

Clean climb. Steep at the top.

First ascent: 21 Jul 1985 R. Fox, M.T. Willmot and A. Scott.

COLLEY WOBBLES

13 **

On the downstream side of the buttress on which BLOCKBUSTER and PINNACLE WORLD are situated is a chimney/recess with a prominent pointed overhang atop its left edge. Scramble up the gully to the left of the chimney base. [Pipe No 17 above the second weir].

1. 30m 13 Make an awkward move or two diagonally right to gain the recess. Climb steeply up on the left wall to reach a large roundish boulder (which wobbles but is secure). Climb the final recess to the top.

Note:

Short but worth doing.

First ascent: 18 Aug 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott, Miss F. Greig.

GARDEN VIEW

9 *

Opposite the waterfall gully and 12m upstream of the first weir is a long arête that forms a curved knife-edge at the top, finishing on prominent grey blocks. Start in the grey band of rock below a large tree 15m up.

1. 38m 9 Climb to the large tree, then slightly right up easy rock to a short recess with a prominent chockstone at its head. Surmount the chockstone to a small belay ledge. (The only hard moves are at the start and finish of the pitch.)

2. 25m 7 Stay on the knife-edge to the final blocks.

Note:

Good tripper's route.

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

MOTHER HUBBARD

20 ***

The route is situated some 3m upstream of PIN HEAD on the small grey buttress opposite the entrance to the waterfall gully (cairn). The route has, as objective, the right-hand crack in the head wall high up on the buttress and takes the slab just upstream of the arête to get there.

1. 39m 20 Climb the thin slab to gain the layaway ridge upstream and parallel to the arête. Move up this to a rest of sorts, and then climb the wall to gain the base of the crack system above. Move up the crack to gain the pin head ledge below the head wall and ascend the crack to the comfortable belay stance above. Beware of a loose flake at the start of the jam crack.

Note:

Climbing on the crux is bold. Descent is possible, by abseil, down the loose gully on the upstream side of the buttress. Be careful.

First ascent: 24 May 1990 C. Lesley Smith and T.P. Willmot.

PIN HEAD

19 ***

Opposite the entrance to the waterfall gully. upstream from the buttress containing SLIP SLIDING AWAY, is a small grey buttress with two parallel crack lines on the headwall high up. The route takes the clean looking downstream facing open book on the left of the buttress and proceeds via the left crack to the top.

1. 28m 19 Climb the open book to the pin head ledge below the head wall. Move delicately to gain the base of the left hand crack. Jam up this to the comfortable stance above.

Note:

Protection is excellent. Descent is possible, by abseil, down the loose gully on the upstream side of the buttress. Be careful.

First ascent: 24 May 1990 C. Lesley Smith and T.P. Willmot.

ITCHY KOO

11

Begin just downstream of the first weir, high in the recess just to the right of LOVE AT FIRST FRIGHT. [Pipe No 34 above the pipe ramp.]

1. 21m 7 Ascend the line of least resistance up the scruffy gully to the top of the tree line.

2. 22m 11 Move left and climb the crack line to the right of the grey faces which bound the left side of the recess (when facing in).

Note:

Be careful rope doesn't loosen rock at the top of the gully.

First ascent: 18 Aug 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott and Miss F. Greig.

LOVE AT FIRST FRIGHT

15

Directly across from the large waterfall gully is a grey buttress with a distinct crack running up its face. The route follows this to the top of the buttress. [Pipe No 32 above the pipe ramp.]

1. 20m 15 From the centre of the buttress, ascend the crack to the ledge beneath the tower. Scramble up over loose blocks to the top.

Note:

I am sure the youth was sandbagging. This is at least 21.
(Previous Editor)

Variation:

From underneath the first overhang, traverse right to the arête and continue up from there.

First ascent: 11 May 1985 S. Kelsey and Miss M. Pienaar.

SLIP SLIDING AWAY

19 ****

Directly across from the large waterfall gully is a grey buttress, with on its downstream end a steep gully, at the right-hand extremity of which are two grooves. The route climbs the right of the two grooves, bypassing a roof in the process. [Pipe No 31 above the pipe ramp].

1. 22m 19 Ascend the right-hand groove on jams to the base of the open book above. Ascend the open book by bridging to the point at which it is capped by a roof (thin). Move out left from under the roof, with difficulty, and mantleshelf onto the cramped resting ledge above and to the left (off balance). Move right from the ledge, around the arête, onto the face above the roof and mantleshelf onto the small ledge below the open book above. Ascend this on jams and thin holds to the top.

Note:

A magnificent thin route with sparse but adequate protection. Sustained and technical.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

IT'S NOT INSIDE, IT'S ON TOP

11

Takes the left slanting off-width crack 5m downstream of SLIP SLIDING AWAY. [Near pipe No 30 above the pipe ramp]

1. 21m 11 Climb the wall to the left of, and close to, the off-width crack. Pull onto the wide grassy ledge above in the gully proper.

Note:

It is possible to descend by abseiling from a stout tree in the centre of the gully a few metres above the grassy ledge.

First ascent: 14 Jul 1985 T.P. Willmot and R. Fox.

FALSE START

14

To the left of the gully mentioned in SLIP SLIDING AWAY is a short downstream-facing steep grey crack-cum-corner, which leads to a disappointing scramble above. [Near pipe No 28 above the pipe ramp]

1. 18m 14 Start at an undercut recess with roots alongside. Climb the crack to the top. If climbed without the aid of the roots grade is 15.

First ascent: 2 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss I. Swart.

SUPERTRAMP

15

Start in a downstream-facing corner right of the recess mentioned in SPHINCTER SPASM. [24 pipe lengths upstream from the pipe ramp.]

1. 12m 10 Climb the pyramid-shaped pile of blocks in a tapering recess to a platform.

2. 20m 15 Climb the slightly overhanging downstream-facing recess (awkward start). Move right near the top on to the front of the buttress and on to the top.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

STUPID BURK

9

Start just to the left of SUPERTRAMP on a laid-back slab bounded on the right by stepped overhangs.

1. 10m 7 Climb the grey face to a "pulpit" stance.

2. 33m 9 Continue up the slab to the top.

Note:

Might be possible on one rope length.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

SMARTFELLERS OUTING

17 **

The route takes the groove 13m upstream of THE BILLS, THE BILLS - cairn.

1. 40m 17 The route starts at the thin crack and moves up to the small tree at about 3 m. The first bit is hard, tricky and largely pro-less. If this presents a problem, move upstream of the crack about 2 m and move up the easy ramp to the same tree.

From the tree move up the face to the left of the fault line and thence up the short ramp to the base of the groove above. Gain the groove with difficulty and climb this to the tree. At the tree climb up left past the sharp edge and then traverse downstream to reach the base of the crack. Climb this and take a precarious stance on top.

Notes:

- 1.** Protection (apart from the first bit) is adequate.
- 2.** To descend, move downstream and scramble down the pipe ramp.

First ascent: 11 Dec 1994 R. Mackintosh, T.P. Willmot, R. Persson and G. Mackintosh.

THE BILLS, THE BILLS

19 ****

The route takes the steep leftward-leaning groove to the right of SUB JUDICE. [17 pipe lengths up from the pipe ramp.]

1. 20m 19 Climb up groove to where it steepens (12m) and move right to a good jamming crack (rest). Move up 2m and then diagonally back left, stepping around to gain base of the original groove (difficult). Follow the groove (pumpy) and the easier ground above to a stance on the right, behind a column feature.

Note:

Sustained climbing.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

SUB JUDICE

15

Left of THE BILLS, THE BILLS is a brown flat face where the peculiar geological strata inverts the holds 135°. This is 15 pipe lengths up from the pipe ramp. In front of this face are three stepped blocks.

1. 20m 15 Climb the blocks moving upstream. Launch off the third tall block, moving left into a vague recess and up to a small tree. Move left then up and right over grass to a belay block.

2. 40m 10 Climb the 60° slope (25m) to the final buttress overlooking the steep exposed gully to the left. Climb under an overhang and up to the three cockscomb blocks at the top.

Note:

Spoiled by the boring section at the start of the second pitch.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss M. Pienaar.

INNUENDO

13 *

The route takes the faint groove and crack high up immediately upstream of SPHINCTER SPASM. Start from the tree on the ledge at the start to the above route.

1. 25m 13 Fight through the tree and ascend the smooth face behind to the base of the groove above. Move up this until one can move right to gain the base of the shallow open book above with a small crack in its root. Ascend this to take a comfortable stance on the top of the buttress.

Notes:

1. A first pitch is possible at approximately grade 8 starting on the pronounced arête below but was not considered to be worthwhile recording.

2. The above recorded pitch is excellent climbing on clean rock.

First ascent: 22 May 1994 U. Kiefer, J. de Wett, T.P. Willmot and M.T. Willmot.

MEDIOCRITY

11

Climbs the left-hand slab and faces in the steep gully between SUB JUDICE and SPHINCTER SPASM. [12 pipe lengths up from the ramp]

1. 23m 11 Climb a faint grey scoop and pull up over two detached slabs to a tree and broad ledge.

2. 22m 11 Climb in twin recesses, one with a chockstone, (take your pick) to the top.

Note:

Not recommended. There's plenty better nearby.

First ascent: 23 Jun 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

SPHINCTER SPASM

17 ***

Eleven pipe lengths upstream of the pipe ramp is a gully. Scramble up this gully until a large grassy ledge on the left is reached. Step onto this ledge. The route ascends the pronounced crack system in the small buttress above, passing through two roofs in the process.

1. 20m 17 Ascend the crack line to the first roof. Pull through this on the left to a cramped resting ledge. Move right and ascend the crack system to the second roof. Pull through this on good jams in the crack. Ascend on easier rock to the top. Fist and finger jams all the way.

Note:

A short, technical, highly pleasing route on clean rock. Protection is bombproof.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 T.P. Willmot, S. Kelsey and L. Gardiner.

CASE DISMISSED

14 **

15m right of the grade 6 gully of the start of PORCO DIO is a small grey amphitheatre. At the right of this amphitheatre is a small steep ramp in a downstream-facing recess. In front of the recess is a half-metre wide tree with a thick bough branching at one metre height. [11 pipe lengths up from the pipe ramp.]

1. 18m 14 Climb left of the small ramp, under and over a broad hanging flake, then straight up the fault to a wide ledge and tree slightly left.

2. 30m 14 Move 3m right and launch off blocks into the arête above. Bear slightly left directly up clean face, then climb subsidiary arête left of steep grassy gully.

Note:

The initial moves off the ground may be technically 15.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 D. Scott, R. Fox, Miss I. Stark and Miss M. Pienaar.

HORS DE COMBAT

14

Between the starts of PORCO DIO and CASE DISMISSED is a metre-square block. On the downstream-side of the block and slightly lower down there is a slender tall tree a metre from the grey faces. [10 pipe lengths up from pipe ramp]

1. 20m 14 Launch off from the block and climb the steep grey face on small holds making occasional use of the tree as a runner. (Using the tree for footholds lowers the grade!) Climb to a grassy ledge below a light brown arête.

2. 25m 10 Climb straight up the arête to the summit passing a wide ledge half-way up.

First ascent: 16 Jun 1985 R. Fox and T. Snijders.

PORCO DIO

11

Start 7 pipe lengths upstream from where the pipe descends to stream level, and the lowest rock moves away from the pipe. Scramble up to a short upstream-facing 10m high grade 6 recess with chockstones at the top.

1. 20m 11 Climb the recess and emerge at the foot of a short corner crack. Climb the crack (11) to a large ledge. Traverse downstream and around the back of a squat pillar with a block on top. Climb a short brown corner above a tree on to a grassy ledge.

2. 15m 9 Climb a wide crack right of another pillar and on to the grey faces above moving left to the top.

First ascent: 3 Mar 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

INCOMMUNICADO

11 *

Start 5 pipe lengths up from the pipe ramp.

1. 25m 11 Climb the grey blocks to the left of the grade 6 recess of PORCO DIO. Cross that climb and enter a 5m recess to a grassy ledge. (This is a poor substitute for the adjacent appealing crack on PORCO DIO.) Traverse right onto a broad ledge to the right of the pillar which PORCO DIO skirts.

2. 23m 10 Climb the brown recess above (hard rock to the right). Move right and fight through the tree onto the right-hand final arête.

First ascent: 16 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss I. Stark.

PONSONBY'S NO QUEER

11

Start just upstream of the pipe ramp (pipe no 4) between JOLLY RODGER and INCOMMUNICADO.

1. 30m 11 Climb left of three minor stepped overhangs and move right over the top of these to a tree in a square recess (PORCO DIO goes up the right-hand side). Climb the left-hand slab to a large ledge with blocks.

2. 20m 11 Climb the steep 90° corner to the right of a prominent thin crack in hard brown rock. Three-quarters of the way up one can move right through the gap behind the arête onto the downstream side.

Variation:

2. 15 If one goes straight up the natural line there are two grade 15 moves to reach the broad ledge. Scramble up easy rock to the top.

First ascent: 23 Jun 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

JOLLY RODGER

14 ***

At the level of pipe number 4 (from pipe ramp) and left of PORCO DIO and INCOMMUNICADO is a grassy face.

1. 20m 7 Zig-zag up the grassy ledges using the line of least resistance to a tree in a corner at the base of two cracks.

2. 38m 14 Surmount the awkward bulge between the two cracks then straight up for 5m then climb the left-hand arête and slab to easier rock and the summit.

Note:

Last pitch is 38m of pure jollity.

First ascent: 17 May 1985 D. Scott, A. Scott and R. Fox.

SQUEEZE ME

10 **

At the third pipe length after the pipe's descent ramp is an average slim body-width crack 15m up. Start at water level.

1. 25m 10 Climb above the roots, pass the tree and enter the crack (face upstream for minimum thrutch) and emerge below a broad recess with grass and trees.

2. 35m 9 Go as you please up the pleasant faces and ledges for 35m to the summit.

Note:

Good fun climb (for those thin enough).

First ascent: 19 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss M. Pienaar.

NELSONS COLUMN

16 **

Immediately upstream of the ENTERPRISE buttress and the route ITS LIFE JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT are two small detached columns one behind the other.

The route takes the chimney and then the crack in the stream facing side of the lower of the two columns.

Start at the tree next to the chimney in the downstream facing side of the lower of the two columns.

1. 23m 16 Climb the chimney and surmount the chockstone above to reach the top of the block. Climb the clean crack to the right with difficulty to reach the ledge above. Step to the left and ascend the obvious crack. Move left to the arête and pull up the crack to the tiny summit. The summit is only able to stance a medium sized dassie and, for this reason, take a belay on the little ledge on the upstream side of the column summit.

The rest of your party can be parked on the large block below and on the upstream side of the column.

Notes:

1. Scramble down on the downstream side by traversing in towards HUMBLE TRUNDLE below the ENTERPRISE buttress and then down the obvious gully.

2. Excellent climbing on clean rock.

First ascent: 6 Nov 1994 U. Kiefer, T.P. Willmot, J. de Wet and M.T. Willmot.

FLASH GORDON

15 *

The route takes the thin crack line some 10m upstream of BEAM ME UP SCOTTY, on the upstream facing side of the ENTERPRISE buttress. Start at the 5mm wide crack after fighting through the bush/tree (cairn).

1. 15m 15 Climb the crack to easier ground above. Ignore the first crack branching off to the right and bridge up the second crack which branches off to the right. Heave through the roof to comfortable stance above.

First ascent: 6 May 1990 F. Greig and T.P. Willmot.

ITS LIFE JIM, BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT

18 ****

The route takes the crack line about 5m upstream of BEAM ME UP SCOTTY on the ENTERPRISE buttress, moves right around the scoop, rails left under the roof above, and via an off width crack reaches the belay stance.

1. 15m 18 Climb the crack up in to the scoop until forced right to a resting ledge. Move up the wall above and left to regain the line. Just short of the roof, move left and up to reach the hidden rail under the roof. Rail left to gain the base of the off width crack above. Move up this, with difficulty, to belay on the comfortable stance at the top of the buttress.

Note:

Superb climbing on clean, sharp, crisp rock. The position below the roof is excellent. On the opening ascent the leader took a rest below the roof because of extreme fright caused by inability to get a friend seated in hidden rail below roof. A wire (Rock) works better.

First ascent: 13 May 1990 T.P. Willmot, C. Lesley Smith, F. Greig and V. Verryn.

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY

18 ***

The route takes the parallel cracks up the centre of the red buttress just upstream of the grey wall to the right of HUMBLE TRUNDLE. Scramble up the pipe ramp moving right to gain the base of the red buttress above.

1. 15m 18 Climb the red wall to gain the cracks above. Ascend these to the base of the bottomless book. Gain the book with difficulty and ascend same to the top and a comfortable stance.

Note:

Excellent climbing on clean rock.

First ascent: 25 Sep 1988 T.P. Willmot, C. Lesley Smith, M.T. Willmot, M. Oberholzer, R. Barker and R. Seed.

HUMBLE TRUNDLE

9 **

The climb takes the prominent chimney situated just upstream of the descent gully with the water pipe. Follow this pipe up the ramp until next to a large cave. [Upstream of Pipe Ramp]

1. 20m 9 Climb up to the right of the cave onto a ledge. Ascend crack to next ledge and walk into back of chimney. Up chimney to the roof and move out onto the top of a huge detached block.

2. 18m 9 Move right into groove and climb this past a rusty peg to the summit.

Variation:

2. 18m 13 Move up and left onto steep exposed slab and continue up to a large flat block. Step right and finish up the arête. (21 Jul 1985 L. Gardiner and T.P. Willmot)

First ascent: 3 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

KING CONE

13 ***

Starts 5m downstream of the cave next to HUMBLE TRUNDLE at the obvious groove in the wall. (i.e. up the ramp)

1. 35m 13 Climb the groove and step right onto a ledge. Move to the right and up past a wafer-shaped block. Continue up the wall to a large flat block on the same level and right of a large tree. Climb the wall to the top.

First ascent: 21 Jul 1985 L. Gardiner and T.P. Willmot.

COOL FOR CATS

18 *

About halfway down the pipeline ramp is a steep crack to the right of a long, arched overhang.

1. 25m 18 Ascend the crack, with a steep section at mid-height, until 2m below a roof. Step left on to the slab and follow the groove above to the top.

Take care with the loose blocks in the first 4m.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 R. Dodding and S. Middlemiss.

CRACK A BOULDER

14 **

Climbs the island buttress which is at the base of the pipeline ramp, on its downstream side.

1. 15m 14 Climb the corner on the upstream side. Where the crack splits near the top, step to the right.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1989 B. Marcus and R. Dodding.

A VULGER DISPLAY OF POWER

18 **

The route takes the fault line starting at the top of the deep cave approximately 10m upstream of ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST. Start in the centre of the grey buttress - cairn.

1. 35m 18 Climb the thin grey face towards the obvious roof above. Move right to reach the large ledge fronting the deep cave. Ascend the steep fault line just downstream of the cave mouth until able to stand on the tiny resting ledge to the right. The angle eases slightly until the bulge above at which stage it becomes steep indeed. Struggle up this carefully until the grade eases and climb to the stance above. Scramble down the pipe ramp.

Note:

The opening party gardened extensively but, with traffic, this should improve to give a quality line.

First ascent: 30 Oct 1994 U. Kiefer, M.T. Willmot and T.P. Willmot.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

17 **

The route takes the pointed topped recess immediately upstream of GRASSY PARK and ascends the fault line above. The route stays right of GRASSY PARK all the way.

1. 30m 17 Chimney/straddle up the recess until able to pull through the roof on the left to reach the smooth downstream sloping open book above. Ascend this until able to exit left to the arête. Climb the crack to the short wall above. Move up this with care and ascend the broken choss above to the large grassy ledge from which it is possible to scramble down the pipe ramp.

Note:

Excellent climbing except for the last bit above the wall.

First ascent: 30 Oct 1994 T.P. Willmot, M.T. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

GRASSY PARK

9

Begins high up to the right of GOLDEN HIGHWAY, 15m above the stream. Start at a pointed-topped recess on an upstream-facing grey corner. There is a small undercut buttress to the right. [G + 10]

1. 35m 9 Move on to the front face passing behind twin trees, then up grassy ledges to a black face. Climb on small ledges stepped left, then to the top bearing right.

Note:

Rather vegetated with one clean grade 9 face at its centre.

First ascent: 11 Jan 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

NEBIOLA

16

To the right of the GOLDEN HIGHWAY buttress is a shorter undercut buttress. Scramble 10m up from the stream bed to a downstream facing corner with a tapering chimney.

1. 25m 16 Climb the chimney and work left from the roof. Move back right as soon as possible onto the pipe ramp slope.

First ascent: Apr 1986 C. Ward, R. Brand and A. Other.

WHEN DOVES CRY

17 ****

This climb starts about 3m upstream of GOLDEN HIGHWAY in a short open book. The climb takes a direct line up the middle of the buttress.

1. 20m 10 Ascend the open book. Continue past a tree, move slightly right and ascend the pleasant face to a small ledge with a tree belay.

2. 38m 17 Move up the ramp to below the overhang (left of the recess taken in GOLDEN HIGHWAY). Pull through the overhang. Continue up the steep face to a small ledge, then continue up the centre of the face to belay on top of the buttress. Keep to the centre of the buttress all the way up.

Note:

Good clean climbing. Sustained well protected second pitch with good exposure.

First ascent: 18 May 1986 D. Margetts, R. Brand and S. Kershaw.

GOLDEN HIGHWAY**13 ****

Takes a direct line up the square buttress just downstream of the pipeline ramp. At the top there is a capstone pointing downstream. Start at water level, just downstream of a tiny waterfall. [G - 5]

1. 25m 7 Climb the centre of the blocky grey faces to a broad ledge with square grey blocks beneath overhangs.

2. 25m 13 Move up into the shallow brown recess and through the overhangs to the right (13). Continue to the top on delightful clean rock up the right-hand centre of the arête (11).

Note:

Exposed, clean climbing after the overhangs. The grade 13 moves may be avoided by traversing left onto ZARZUELA.

First ascent: 23 Nov 1984 D. Scott and R. Fox.

ZARZUELA**10**

Parallels GOLDEN HIGHWAY, keeping left throughout. [G – 10]

1. 28m 7 Climb left of GOLDEN HIGHWAY to a large tree at the left of the overhangs on that route.

2. 22m 10 Climb the downstream side of the arête. Finish in a 90° orangey corner, moving right at the top.

First ascent: 30 Nov 1984 R. Fox and D. Scott.

QUARTET

12

Left of ZARZUELA is a broken arête. Start halfway up the very steep gully to the left of the arête. [G - 20]

1. 22m 12 Start in an upstream-facing corner. Climb on to the front of the arête as soon as possible and work diagonally right to a large tree in a wide recess.

2. 30m 12 Climb the recess above the tree, then move diagonally left across a grey face to a spacious platform. Climb the eroded brown face above to the top.

First ascent: 23 Mar 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott, A. Scott and Miss I. Stark.

PROES STREET

15 ***

The route takes a line up the centre of the grey buttress downstream of GOLDEN HIGHWAY. Scramble up the gully immediately downstream of the GOLDEN HIGHWAY buttress to reach the large ledge at the base of RIGOR MORTIS. More right along the ledge to its extremity.

1. 43m 15 Move right onto the arête and up. Follow the arête up to the large ledge. Climb the centre of the steep wall behind to the comfortable belay stance on top.

Note:

A superlative route on clean crisp rock all the way.

First ascent: 8 Apr 1996 T.P. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

PROCTALGIC CLATTER

14

Starts in the gully between DEEP IN THE MOTHERLODE and QUARTET. Scramble up grade 6 rock for 5m until right inside the 1,5m wide chimney. [G - 30]

1. 28m 14 Climb the steep fault in the downstream wall of the chimney to reach a large tree alongside a broad platform. Continue up the same recess (now a quarter of the width) past a scruffy bush to the top.

Note:

The name derives from the piles of rock at the foot of the recess.

First ascent: 16 Jun 1985 D. Quaife, A. Hulbert and R. Fox.

HAMMERHEAD 1000

16 **

Start high in the gully in the centre of the grassy ledge between the starts of DEEP IN THE MOTHERLODE and PROCTALGIC CLATTER. [G - 32]

1. 40m 16 Climb the easy grey faces and cross a small ramp. Scramble up to a broad ledge below two small overhangs, the right-hand one being formed by a lozenge or shield shaped detached rock. Pull up between these two, being careful not to pull outwards on the lozenge, which looks suspect. Move up and steeply left across a bulging brown face into a recess with hanging vegetation. Avoid this after a move or two by a hand-swing to the right and a press-up which leads to easier rock and a bush-fight on the final summit tower.

Notes:

1. Clean climb apart from the final bushy face. Protection is good.

2. Based on Route Book records, this was the 1,000th route accepted for the 1985 edition of the Magaliesberg Route Book.

First ascent: 22 Sep 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

DEEP IN THE MOTHERLODE

13 *

Upstream of NON COMPOS MENTIS lurks a hidden chimney accessible by scrambling up a grassy bank for 10m. [G - 34]

1. 20m 9 Walk into the further recesses and start your ascent passing hanging chockstones on your way. Watch out for low flying bats. Eventually you are forced out to the lip past a small chockstone and into fresh air again.

2. 25m 13 On exiting the chimney, swing up right (downstream side) to the platform above. Ascend the chimney continuation crack above to reach the knobbly slab. Pad up this to the top.

Notes:

1. The opening party (2nd pitch) removed the small chockstone at the top of the first pitch to allow the corpulent easier progress! Protection on the 2nd pitch is sparse (on the slab).

2. Pitch 1 was first climbed on 3 Mar 1985 by L. Gardiner.

First ascent: 14 Jul 1985 T.P. Willmot and R. Fox.

SWING ERA

15

Starts to the right of the big recess-chimney running top to bottom of the grey buttress right of the Gothic cave. Begin just right of BITCH TO THE BOYS. [F + 22 or G - 60]

1. 20m 15 Climb the vague right-slanting narrow corner to a small overhang at 15m. Feel around the rib and move off-balance around the corner into a steep grey recess. Climb to the grassy ramp above.

2. 15m 11 Cross the ramp and climb a block. Face upstream and launch off right onto brown shattered rock. Traverse back diagonally left under the square knobbly overhangs to top.

Note:

Good first pitch, but last 5m grassy. Keep left of overhangs on top pitch to avoid loose rock.

First ascent: 9 Mar 1985 D. Quaife and R. Fox.

BITCH TO THE BOYS**19 ****

Upstream of the Gothic Cave is a point where some tree roots have been upended immediately adjacent to the rock face. The line takes the obvious groove up the face and finds a way up to reach the grassy ramp. [F + 20]

1. 20m 19 Ascend the groove with awkward thin moves 2m below the apex. Pull through into the recess behind and continue more easily to take a stance over the top of a large sloping block on the right.

2. 15m 18 Straddle up the corner above the stance stepping out right at the top and continue on a rising rightwards traverse to the grassy ramp.

First ascent: 9 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and R. Dodding.

PUTTING OUT FIRE (WITH GASOLINE)**17 *****

Start between DELAYED ACTION and BITCH TO THE BOYS, below a curving groove. Cairn.

1. 25m 17 Climb the groove and then the left arête to reach a ledge at a rail. Gain the ledge above and then follow the easier groove and corner above to belay at a cubic block below a short, steep corner/crack.

2. 25m 17 Ascend the corner/crack, to gain the slab above. Go diagonally left to the arête, ascend this for 4m and finish up a second slab on the left. Tree belay in a notch.

Note:

Very pleasant climbing. Unsustained. An "eliminate" route. in the British tradition.

First ascent: 14 Apr 1991 R. Dodding and B. Marcus.

DELAYED ACTION

19 ***

Start at a cairn below a vague open book about 5m downstream from the recess of BITCH TO THE BOYS. [F + 17]

1. 25m 19 Climb the vague book to its top (no protection for the first 8m) where the branches of a tree have to be negotiated to a ledge above. Traverse left for 5m below a steep face and then climb up steeply just left of a corner for about 4m before stepping right and moving up (crux) to just below the bush overhanging the top of the face. Climb up just right of the bush to a stance at a large block.

2. 30m 17 Step left and climb up 5m to the overhang. Traverse right under the overhang and mantleshelf past a small tree. Climb up and then left on to easier ground, which is followed straight up to the highest point of the cliff.

Notes:

1. A clean climb (despite the bush at the top of pitch 1) on magnificent rock.

2. Easy for its grade.

First ascent: 14 Jul 1985 L.P. Fatti and T. Snijders.

NON COMPOS MENTIS

15 *

Start where the grey buttress downstream of GOLDEN HIGHWAY bulges out to near water level. There are twin medium-sized trees forming a V nearby. Start 8m left of the obvious irregular recess-cum-chimney running the whole way up the buttress. (The climb uses the top half of this recess.) [F + 15]

1. 20m 13 At stream level move diagonally right up grey face to edge of above-mentioned fault, then via a tricky move, up a short left-inclined recess to the large blocks on the big ledge.

2. 20m 15 Traverse diagonally right and up 6m into an overhanging recess. Pull up through the small rounded overhangs and continue in the recess to the top. You are now on a sloping wide grassy slab. Cross the slab to an extra 10m grade 6 crack.

Note:

The name derives from the effects of the 40°C heat on 4th January. There is a hornets nest (not on the climb) behind a brown flake high up and left of the stance at the start of pitch 2.

Variation:

2. 25m 8 To avoid the grade 15 finish, from the top of pitch 1, move easily left and up to below the last pitch of GREAT GAD. Then climb diagonally right of overhangs finishing up an easy grey slab. (24 Feb 1985R. Fox and D. Scott)

First ascent: 4 Jan 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

RIGOR MORTIS

13 *

The route takes the kloof-high crack downstream of the recess-cum-chimney mentioned in NON COMPOS METIS.

1. 35m 13 From the top of the steep gully climb the crack up to the two obvious chockstones. Surmount these on the front to reach the ledge above. From the ledge gain the crack above awkwardly. Ascend this to the comfortable belay stance on top.

Note:

Pleasant climbing.

First ascent: 23 Oct 1994 U. Kiefer and T.P. Willmot.

WALDORF TOWERS

13 *

This route ascends the face to the right of GREAT GAD and finishes up the suspended golden tower directly above the face. Start 2m left of NON COMPOS MENTIS at the base of a groove line. [F + 12]

1. 23m 13 Follow the groove. Step left at the top and climb a short wall to a broad ledge with a large monolithic block.

2. 22m 13 Climb the shattered wall directly above the stance to the right-hand side of the golden tower above. Step left on to the front of the tower and ascend to the top.

Note:

Protection on pitch 2 is scarce.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1985 R. Dodding and K.M. Smith.

GREAT GAD

17 ***

Start in the corner behind the large tree where CAVERNA MAGICA starts. There is a small cave at foot level. The climb enters the large Gothic cave at 10m then moves on to the right-hand arête. [F + 0]

1. 10m 17 Climb the smooth wedge-shaped recess (awkward at the top). Enter the cave.

2. 5m 13 Starting halfway to the back of the cave, straddle the cave and move under the jutting block which is on the right-hand wall facing out. Pull around on to the left-hand face (facing out) and up to a broad ledge.

3. 35m 17 Continue straight up the obvious crack line directly above on steep and clean rock. Finish in the brownish corner crack on to the highest point on the buttress. The pitch is sustained in its upper half.

Note:

There is no convenient stance to break the final 35m. An old ringed piton was found on the climb and was left in situ. A very good line.

Variation:

2b. If you are short and the cave cannot be straddled, climb the right-hand wall (facing out) and step across from the top of the jutting block.

First ascent: 16 Feb 1985 R. Dodding and R. Fox.

CAVERNA MAGICA

15 ***

Start left of the big grey buttress on which NON COMPOS MENTIS is situated, 10m above stream level in a square recess. There is a 30cm wide tree growing tight into the corner. There is a small square cave at foot level and bats live there! [F + 0]

1. 12m 13 Start at left edge of recess and climb diagonally right (off-balance move at 5m) up into a tall imposing Gothic cave.

2. 15m 15 Climb out of the cave on the right when facing out. Press up on to a brown jutting block. Climb the blocky face to a tree on the shelf (stance). (On the way is a vertical tunnel which was not climbed.) The stance has many loose rocks underfoot. Above is a weathered, steep, square, 3m wide face.

3. 20m 15 Climb the 4m layback crack on the left of the weathered face. Continue in the crack until high enough to traverse right on granulated rock to a small tree at the top.

Note:

Contains an interesting variety of moves.

First ascent: 4 Jan 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOUR

16 **

Start 5m left of the Gothic cave of CAVERNA MAGICA. There is a 1,5m square block (beacon on it) in front of the first pitch. 10m up is a 75° left inclined open book (ONE CRACK MIND). There is another high cave 10m left of the start. [F - 5]

1. 27m 16 Climb the recess behind the block to a tree at 10m. Climb to the right of the open book up beautiful steep rock (sustained) emerging to the right onto a platform shared with CAVERNA MAGICA.

2. 20m 8 Traverse left 3m into next recess and then up through trees to top.

Note:

Superb first pitch. Disappointing ending.

Variation:

A much better finish (15 ***) is as follows.

2. 18m 15 Climb the steep wall left of the layback crack on CAVERNA MAGICA, using the twin crack system onto final blocks. There is a pod-shaped recess halfway up. (16 Feb 1985 R. Dodding and R. Fox)

First ascent: 27 Jan 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

ONE CRACK MIND**19 ******

The climb takes the superb clean 75° open book groove next to IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOUR. Start 2m left of that climb below two trees at the base of the groove proper. [F - 10 or E + 10]

1. 23m 19 Climb to the trees and then ascend the groove, passing an awkward bulge at 5m. Traverse left to the stance at the nettle tree stump, below a roof.

2. 16m 17 Follow the obvious steep corner to the right of the roof. After 5m attain the left bounding arête. Continue more easily and cross the top of the corner. Traverse diagonally right across a miniature slab and finish directly above, up a shallow groove.

Note:

A magnificent route.

Variation:

2. 16m 17 Go straight up the open book on Pitch 2 instead of stepping left onto arête.

First ascent: 24 Feb 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

JIMMY JAZZ

20 ***

Takes the arête between CHILD IN TIME and ONE CRACK MIND.

1. 15m 20 Start up CHILD IN TIME and after 5m step right onto the arête. Climb this to the tree. Sparse but adequate protection.

Note:

Fun! Dedicated to Joe Strummer, who died at age 50, 5 days prior to this route being opened.

First ascent: 25 Dec 2002 Russ Dodding and Heather Murch.

CHILD IN TIME

17 ***

Climbs the groove immediately on the left of ONE CRACK MIND. Start left of that climb on a short downstream-facing wall. [E + 8]

1. 22m 17 Ascend the short wall, and from the top of the obvious block gain the groove and crack line. Climb this directly (hard section at 6m) and continue to a belay at the tree stump.

2. 22m 12 From the tree, turn the corner on the left. Ascend a short recess for 2m until able to gain the next recess left. Follow this past a tree and then follow the blocks, the obvious crack and pleasant face to top.
Good climbing.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 P. Wallek and R. Dodding.

LOGICAL SPELEO

19 **

Takes the right-hand groove into the big high cave and exits out of the roof by the left-hand corner. Start 3m right of DREADED LURGY. [E + 0]

1. 5m 15 Ascend the cracked groove directly, stepping left to belay on the tree.

2. 10m 19 Gain the smooth slab below the roof on the right-hand side (looking out). Ascend to the roof, traverse out delicately left to the lip of the roof and continue traversing left to the stance. Scramble to the top.

Note:

The 1st pitch was first climbed on 9 Mar 1985 by D. Quaife and R. Fox.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1985 K.M. Smith and R. Dodding.

THE HOBBIT

16 **

Start 4m to the right of SHUFFLING MADNESS i.e. 8m to the left of CAVERNA MAGICA. Scramble onto the ledge with a large block.

1. 20m 16 Climb the crack and groove above to a ledge (10m). Climb the corner above to a ledge with a block and small tree belay.

2. 35m 14 Climb up the ledges to the right (8m). Climb straight up the wall above moving leftwards to avoid the roof/pillar. Follow the easier gully/groove, keeping just to the left of the loose-sounding pillar, to the top.

First ascent: 19 Oct 1986 S. Middlemiss, W. Cleminson, and B. Baggins.

SHUFFLING MADNESS

24 **

This route starts 1 to 2m upstream of DREADED LURGY.

1. 15m 24 Surmount the bulge to an awkward resting place. Continue up keeping strictly in the recess to a good ledge.

2. 40m 17 Continue up the short recess (17) and finish directly to the top, or traverse left into DREADED LURGY.

Note:

The leader did the first pitch from ground level, avoided the tree altogether and didn't stand on a stone. A good abseil tree exits at the top of pitch 1.

First ascent: 16 Feb 1986 N. Margetts and D. Margetts.

DREADED LURGY

15

Goes up the left-hand wall of the BIG HIGH CAVE. [E + 10]

1. 15m 11 Climb/bridge/chimney up to the tree below the cave mouth. Put a sling on the tree, explore the cave and then traverse down on to the left-hand wall (right-hand facing out) ending on a stance around the corner common to CONDUCT UNBECOMING.

2. 10m 15 Climb the steep brown recess. The right-hand side consists of stacked upright slabs with a gap behind. Make some steep moves into the recess and up to a stance.

3. 18m 6 Scramble off ad lib.

Note:

The climb's principal merit is the tourist trip into the cave.

First ascent: 28 Feb 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

CONDUCT UNBECOMING

15 *

To the left of the BIG HIGH CAVE gully is a small sub-buttress with a tiny stony gully leading to the first pitch of CUT ACROSS SHORTY. Start partway up this gully. [E – 5]

1. 6m 13 Climb the steep irregular recess/crack in the grey wall right of CUT ACROSS SHORTY. There is a small tree and a large white triangular block on the stance above, below a 120° open book.

2. 10m 15 Climb the left wall of the open book moving right at the top.

3. 18m 6 Pick your own way to the top.

Note:

Short but interesting.

First ascent: 28 Feb 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

HUG ME GENTLY

15 **

Climbs up the open book just downstream of CONDUCT UNBECOMING. [E – 7]

1. 25m 15 Move up the open book to a block, mantleshef onto the block and continue up moving left onto the arête and a small ledge. Continue up the recess above a small ledge to a grassy ledge.

2. 25m 15 From the left of the ledge move up the ramp into the recess, continue up the recess and make an off-balance move (crux) to the left to a small ledge. Continue up the recess and mantleshef onto a block. Continue to a higher ledge and recess to the top.

First ascent: 9 Jun 1985 A. Maddison and D. Margetts.

CUT ACROSS SHORTY

18 ***

Takes the 90° upstream-facing open book 10m to the left of the BIG HIGH CAVE. From below the cave scramble up left to the base of the corner (tree). To the left of the corner is a smooth steep pinky wall and to the right the crags are grey. [E – 10]

1. 15m 18 Follow the steep corner to a ledge with two loose blocks. Leave the corner and move diagonally left to attain a large foothold on the subsidiary left arête. Hand-traverse 2m (exposed) to the left and mantleshelf onto the ledge above. Climb the short corner to a tree belay below an obvious corner.

2. 12m 13 Ascend the right wall of the corner, trending rightwards on to the arête. Follow this to the top. (Beware of compacted dangerous loose blocks at summit.)

Note:

The first pitch is superb and very exposed.

First ascent: 24 Feb 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

THE FAR SIDE

27

Starts 6m to the right of QUINTESSENCE.

1. 10m 27 Clip the peg from the ground. Climb to the pegs under the overlap and then follow the crack system to finish.

First ascent: 16 Apr 1988 M. Cartwright.

GLITTER AND DESPAIR

25 ****

Right of QUINTESSENCE.

1. 10m 25 Start as for QUINTESSENCE and step right at the overlap. Up left of the peg, finish straight up.

First ascent: 16 Apr 1988 R. Natrass.

QUINTESSENCE

22 *****

The route takes the left-hand of three finger-cracks in the pink, slightly impending wall between ERECTILE PROJECTILE and CUT ACROSS SHORTY. Start from the grey ledge, 2m above and to the left of CUT ACROSS SHORTY. [E – 13]

1. 15m 22 Ascend the stepped rock to directly below the crack. Gain the pod-shaped crack from the right and continue up the finger-crack above. Belay on the tree.

2. 17m 13 Follow the obvious corner to the top. (The left-hand, harder line through the overhangs leads into loose rock.)

Note:

Pitch 1 provides superb technical climbing.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1985 K.M. Smith and R. Dodding.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

26

Climbs the steep smooth wall left of QUINTESSENCE.

1. 10m 26 Climb past two bolts to the right edge of a roof. Exit via the right-facing dihedral.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1989 K. Smith (Redpoint)

ERECTILE PROJECTILE

17 ****

Uses the 10cm wide crack on the upstream side of GAWD NOSE. Climb to the broad ledge above the roots and start left of CUT ACROSS SHORTY and QUINTESSENCE. [E - 16]

1. 25m 15 Ascend the upstream-facing crack (sustained over the bulging section) into the recess on top of the nose. Climb on to a two-man platform. Stance on top of the left-hand pillar. (Projectile on right.)

2. 8m 17 Climb into the overhanging recess above, then move right onto the compacted blocks to finish.

Note:

Looks 19-ish and spectacular when seen from the streambed.
Hard to beat for exciting climbing.

First ascent: 9 Mar 1985 D. Quaife and R. Fox.

GAWD NOSE**15 *****

Starts at the tree roots mentioned in HOLY THUFFERING THUCKATASH. [D + 10]

1. 17m 8 Climb to the right of the recess using the tree roots where one has to, then move left above the cave to a tree on a stance shared with HOLY THUFFERING. Above and to the right is a stressed and worrying pillar supporting a 5000 ton nose with daylight showing behind it.

2. 10m 15 Climb the chalky face and mount the chockstone wedged between the pillar and the mountain. Squirm up through smooth cavities and chockstones. Squeeze out through gap (on your back, head-first) into an exposed recess-cubbyhole with small overhangs above.

3. 13m 15 Move out left then up 3m on to a block. Traverse right (one grade 15 move) then up into the final funnel-shaped recess.

Note:

Maximum of 3 persons on the stance above pitch 2. Corpulent persons will definitely not complete pitch 2. A fun route not easily forgotten.

First ascent: 24 Feb 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

HOLY THUFFERING THUCKATASH

16 ***

Starts in a recess next to the only "roots" in the kloof. There are large boulders in the watercourse either side of this recess. Left of the roots is a small brown cave formed by overhanging blocks. Start at water level. [D - 3]

1. 17m 11 Climb left of the cave up the edge of the recess to a tree at the base of a chalky white recess with small overhangs and a chockstone higher up.

2. 40m 16 Climb up vertical ribs diagonally left to a foot ledge above some white-streaked rock. Swing left on a sloped orange flake into a small recess devoid of holds for 3m above. Avoid this by moving left onto the airy corner. Climb 4m (crux) and then on up easier brown rock to a poised square block. (Watch out for the insecure flake above the block,) Scramble off the ledge under overhangs to the left through the bushy tree.

Note:

Steep and satisfying.

First ascent: 23 Nov 1984 R. Fox and D. Scott.

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE

17 ***

Climbs the grey buttress below the line of HOLY THUFFERING, crosses that route and continues up the twin bulging cracks directly above. Start at the water level on the grey buttress with large shelves, directly below an obvious crackline above the second large shelf. [D - 5]

1. 30m 17 Climb easily up the large shelves, moving left to gain the second large one. Once on this, traverse right and ascend the obvious crack line. (The block contained within the crack seems sound.) Belay on the upstream-facing slab adjacent to three perched blocks.

2. 21m 16 Climb directly above to the twin bulging cracks above. Move to the left and pull strenuously up on to the wall above. Follow the crack for 5m until able to move on to a small slab to the right. Finish on the slab to the left. A wonderful pitch.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 R. Dodding and P. Wallek.

AMAZING GRACE

18 *****

The route ascends the centre of the grey, blank looking face immediately downstream of GRACE UNDER PRESSURE. [D – 10]

A magnificent route in the "direttissimo" tradition. Fine exposure on the face.

1. 10m 18 Start 4m downstream of GRACE UNDER PRESSURE from the large ledge which is reached after little more than a scramble from the stream bed. Ascend the centre of the grey face to the small 150mm wide ledge. Place protection on the right. Traverse left along the ledge and gain the recess around the corner with difficulty and place protection. Traverse back along the ledge to the centre of the face and continue straight up past the crux to the level of the detached block on the right. Traverse right to the detached block on the ledge, making use of the short rising ramp for a hand-traverse. Take a belay on the block.

2. 21m 15 Ascend the face immediately to the left of the shallow open book (bridge up the book if desired) bypassing the roof in the process. Ascend the face to the large ledge with tree. Gain the left-curving off-width crack above the ledge at its right-hand extremity (difficult) and ascend this to the top.

Note:

With a good selection of small wires, protection is reasonable.

Direct Variation:

1. 20m 19 Climb up as far as AMAZING GRACE first pitch, where it traverses right. Climb straight up through a small roof to a large ledge with the tree. Either continue on up or abseil off here. (17 Apr 1987 S. Middlemiss, C. Curson, P. Lazarus and K. Smith)

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 T.P. Willmot, L. Gardiner and S. Kelsey.

THE DELUGE

19 *

An eliminate squeezed between THE BEERHUNTER and AMAZING GRACE.

1. 25m 19 Start up the obvious cracks 4m to the right of AMAZING GRACE and follow these until just below the level of the first small roofs on the right. Step 2m right, and pull through the overlap and up to a ledge to finish as for AMAZING GRACE.

First ascent: 1990

S. Middlemiss and C. Curson.

THE BEER HUNTER

20 ****

Climbs the pinky white wall between AMAZING GRACE and STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN, starting from the same elevated ledge as AMAZING GRACE.

1. 25m 20 From, the left end of the ledge traverse 2m left to gain the prominent crack, ascend this to the recess above, until level with a short flake/pillar on the left. Climb the white wall above, move slightly right until under the roof at the point where there are two downward pointing teeth. Crank through the roof and ascend the easier headwall to the tree belay.

Notes:

- 1.** This route replaces the original BEER HUNTER, as it achieves what that one intended to. It was led with preplaced gear at the roof.
- 2.** Technically straightforward, but contains some bold moves! The last 5m are common with AMAZING GRACE.

Variation:

(The original route)

1. 30m 18 From the left end of the ledge, traverse 2m left to gain the prominent crack and follow this for 3m until it is possible to pull left into a roofed recess. Return to the main crack line and follow this for 5m to a short flake/pillar on the left. Make a rising traverse to the right across pinky-white rock to gain a stepped ramp below a prominent horizontal crack. From the centre of the ramp pull directly through the overlap above and ascend rightwards to gain the obvious groove. Follow this for 5m and step left to the belay ledge and tree.
(16 Jun 1985 R. Dodding, S. Kelsey, T.P. Willmot, P. Wallek and L. Gardiner)

First ascent: 24 Dec 1989 R. Dodding, B. Marcus and S. Kelsey.

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

16 ***

The route takes the characteristic fault line blocked a third of the way up by a huge rhombohedral chockstone and situated just downstream of a steep pinky wall. [C + 0]

1. 37m 16 Climb the left-hand groove passing a small roof and move up to the chockstone cubbyhole. Ascend the fault line to within 2m of the roof and step left to finish.

Note:

A classic line. The climb may be split into two pitches by a belay at the chockstone.

First ascent: 9 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and R. Dodding.

ALRIGHT MOMMY, LETS GO

17 **

A metre downstream of STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN is a faint grey open book. The route ascends this feature to a small ledge above. From this ledge the route ascends the obvious open book, surmounts the roof which caps it and then follows the fault line above to the top. [C – 1]

1. 34m 17 Ascend the upstream facing, poorly defined shallow open book to the small ledge above (roughly 8m). To this point available protection is minimal. From the ledge follow the obvious open book above to the point at which it is capped by a roof. Bridge up the open book and pull through the roof on good jugs to rough rock above. Ascend this to the small belay stance approximately 2m above the roof.

2. 8m 8 Ascend the obvious fault line above on rough rock to the top.

First ascent: 14 Apr 1985 T.P. Willmot and L. Gardiner.

MEDDLE

19

The route starts to the left of ALRIGHT MOMMY, LET'S GO.

Scramble to the smooth 5m wide face. [C – 3]

1. 18m 19 Climb the face for 3m, then traverse right onto a ridge. Ascend the ridge to under an overhang. Climb up on the right to a little ledge. Climb a corner then swing right onto a ridge. Climb to a stance 3m below the overhang.

2. 20m 17 Climb up then move delicately right onto a ridge. Climb the ridge (to the left of a recessed crack), then the face to the top.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 Miss I. Swart and E. Haber.

JUST FOLLOW THE TRAM LINES

13 *

The start is 10m to the right of a "corkscrew" tree and 12m right of the start of the Cul-de-sac C Gully. Start at an 80cm square cave at the foot of a recess with square chockstones. There is a horizontal tree growing high up across the recess. [C - 12]

1. 15m 13 Grunt and groan past the chockstones and up into the constricting chimney. Move left on to the downstream face then up to the fat horizontal tree growing across the gully.

2. 30m 10 Three meters above the stance move left 3m to beneath a parallel gully. Easy rock leads into a chocolate coloured 1m wide 10m high square chimney. Move right at the top to avoid choked boulders, then climb a bushy gully.

First ascent: 19 Oct 1984 R. Fox and D. Scott.

A LA CARTE (OR BY BUS)

13 *

The route moves diagonally left across a buttress with a conspicuous triangular overhang at its centre. Start on a downstream-facing grey face slightly to the left of the recess described in JUST FOLLOW THE TRAMLINES. [C - 12 or B + 20]

1. 15m 10 Climb behind two small trees, one of which touches the face, up a grey bulge into a 90° corner and on to a huge 20m wide grassy ledge.

2. 10m 8 To the right of the triangular overhang is a small subsidiary buttress. Climb to blocks at the top of this.

3. 35m 13 Traverse delicately left off the blocks to an emaciated S-shaped tree. Climb behind a 4m high flake-like pillar. Move up and left above the overhang on to easier rock on a grassy face to the top.

First ascent: 27 Jan 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

LA POUDIN NOIR

19 *

Takes the buttress immediately upstream of the prominent corner of SCARY CANARY. Start below a narrow corner on the arête, 2m right of LIP SERVICE. [B + 0]

1. 15m 19 Gain the corner from the top of the block and follow this, with hard moves at 3m, to the good hand-jams. Move slightly left, then climb in a direct line to a stance with two large blocks.

2. 22m 15 From the top of the left-hand block ascend the shattered bulging face directly above to gain a short black groove. Ascend the groove for 2m until able to pull out on to the right arête. Move 1 m right, then follow the obvious recess above to the summit.

Notes:

The stance at the top of pitch 1 is shared with A LA CARTE and LIP SERVICE. The protection on pitch 2 is of dubious quality.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 R. Dodding and P. Wallek.

LIP SERVICE

17 ***

Start 5m to the right of SCARY CANARY, beneath a hanging block 5m up in a roof. [B + 0]

1. 17m 17 Start left of the narrow chimney and climb up to a small ledge beneath the hanging block wedged in the roof. Turn the roof using the block (will it move or won't it?) and move up left to the base of the corner. Climb this to a gnarled old tree and take a stance 3m to the right.

2. 24m 15 Move back left to the tree and climb up delicately onto the pinnacle. Move up the recess for 2m and step out right onto an airy ledge. Climb the face above to summit on excellent rock.

Note:

Stance on pitch 1 is common with LA POUDIN NOIR.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 D. Quaife and L. Gardiner.

SCARY CANARY

15 **

Starts on a big grassy ledge beneath the large triangular overhang. [B + 0]

1. 38m 15 Climb the corner past a bulge until a small tree is reached (12m). Step right and make a rising traverse under the roof past loose blocks and onto a pinnacle. Step 1m left and follow the crack up the wall to the summit.

First ascent: 9 Mar 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

SQUARE ORANGE

11 *

Identified by a square orange incut at top of buttress. Climb at water level to the left of some black streaks at a 4-trunked gnarled tree. [A - 5]

1. 12m 10 Climb up the small open book to the first ledge. Continue up the same fault to the second ledge and then on the grey face to a large grassy ledge.

2. 36m 11 Traverse left 10m and climb right of a hidden scooped 5cm-wide crack. Up easy rock to a steep orange face and climb through the orange square, or avoid it to the right over more easy rock.

First ascent: 19 Oct 1984 D. Scott and R. Fox.

TOP GEAR

8 ***

Begins in the gully to the left of the black streaks at water level near SQUARE ORANGE. In the gully a horizontal tree grows in front of a cave. [A - 12]

1. 40m 8 Start behind a stamvrug tree. Climb the corner above then the faces to the right of the gully. Don't change down - you can cruise on jugs all the way. End up just left of SQUARE ORANGE.

First ascent: 30 Nov 1984 R. Fox and D. Scott.

DIFFERENTIAL

12 *

Fits snugly between KLEINBOOI and TOP GEAR.

1. 30m 12 Start from the beacon for TOP GEAR, but instead of moving onto the kloof face, climb the edge of the buttress to the top. Crux is the small recess halfway up.

First ascent: 15 May 1988 A. Scott, D. Scott and R. Scott.

KLEINBOOI

13

Start high in the recess above the start of TOP GEAR. Begins at an 80° open book with a sapling growing tight against the face at its foot. [A - 15]

1. 30m 13 Climb the face left of the open book for 12m, then move right into the recess on easier rock to the top.

Note:

Start looks good, but no follow-through.

First ascent: 11 Jan 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

FOWL CLUCKER

16 **

Climbs the smooth grey face 1m upstream of PHEASANT PLUCKER. [A - 16]

1. 23m 16 Climb the smooth grey face to the wide ledge above. Ascend the slab immediately above, moving diagonally leftwards to under the prominent roof above the open book. Break right from under the roof to gain the platform above where a belay can be taken.

2. 21m 7 Ascend broken rock above the platform to the top.

Note:

Protection on the first pitch is sparse.

First ascent: 14 Jul 1985 T.P. Willmot and R. Fox.

PHEASANT PLUCKER

7 **

Climb in the recess at the left of the black-streaked rock at water level. This recess contains the start of TOP GEAR and KLEINBOOI. Start in the extreme left-hand corner. [A – 17]

1. 30m 7 Climb the easy rock to the left of an overhang at 15m. Then continue to the left of the overhang to a large tree. Move up to a small overhang with a root under it. Rail right on to the arête and then to the top.

First ascent: 17 May 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott and A. Scott.

LEKKER OKE

8 **

Downstream of the gully containing PHEASANT PLUCKER is a small tree-choked cave. Start just left of this. [A – 22]

1. 30m 8 Climb the rounded face for 6m to a grassy shelf. Climb the pleasant knobbly face to a small overhang and move right to within a metre of PHEASANT PLUCKER. Climb left past the roots to the top.

First ascent: 1 Sep 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

13 **

When descending from lower crags on right-hand side of kloof, a smooth slab on the left-hand side is encountered. Climb up the middle of the slab.

First ascent: 1994 D. Margetts (solo)

THE GIGGLERS

8 *

This climb ascends the first steep buttress on the left (true right) as one enters the lower kloof. The start lies where the base of the cliff abuts the river edge. The climb starts opposite the lower campsite.

1. 35m 8 Climb the face tending leftward to a vertical crack. Traverse rightward from the crack and then climb the face towards a small overhang. Exit to the right of the overhang and continue to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 12 Sep 1987 D. Margetts and party.

Climbs on the true left

AU REVOIR LES POULETS

16

100m upstream of the pinnacle on which TWILIGHT CAPERS is situated is a buttress on the right of the kloof with two prominent overhangs at top and a well-defined crack in the face to the left of the upstream (triangular) overhang. On the opposite side of the kloof a narrow buttress protrudes for 10m. The route follows a prominent vertical crack 3m from the outer end of the buttress on the downstream side.

1. 10m 16 Climb the crack using hand jams in very coarse grained rock.

First ascent: 18 May 1989 S. Kellet and S. Marsland.

LAST DITCH

20

Very near the top of Hamerkop on the west side, stands an enticing vermilion buttress. The buttress is rounded at its base and is overhanging above.

1. ?m 20 On the downstream innermost curve of the buttress climb the short red recess (3-4m) with technical upper section to the mouth of a hanging gully. This brings you to a steep red wall on your left (south) capped by an overhang. Climb up obvious recess to hand rail below roof (1.5m). Traverse along handrail until overhang begins to give. Climb straight up (crux) between yellow rib on left and overhang on right until top is reached.

Note:

Lovely airy pitch. Very photogenic with excellent protection.

First ascent: Aug 1986 E. Muller, P. Bill and G. Graafland.

MAIDENHEAD

9 *

Just upstream of the second weir and left of the buttress with the large leaning capped flake (COMFORTABLY NUMB), is a set-back arête.

1. 30m 9 Climb the obvious fault line to the top, moving left near the top if you wish to avoid a hard move at the summit.

Note:

Clean and direct climb.

First ascent: 16 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss I. Stark.

COMFORTABLY NUMB

18 ***

Situated on the steep red buttress in line with the second weir, the route takes the obvious downstream-facing crack formed by the giant flake and the buttress wall.

Start in a line about 2m to the left of the right-hand side of the flake.

1. 20m 18 Ascend a steep crack system to a loose-sounding "spike". Traverse awkwardly right for 2m and then up to gain the base of the flake crack. Jam strenuously for 4m to the spacious ledge on top of the flake. (Admire the view.)

2. 12m 14 From the right-hand end of the flake, step up right, into the off-width crack. Follow this to a horizontal break (4m) and continue directly up the recess above on very rough rock.

Note:

Protection is sparse on the lower portion. Exciting stuff!

First ascent: 11 May 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

CAROUSELEMBRA

15 **

Directly above the second weir is a deep prominent red corner, the left-hand wall of which is overhanging. The route ascends the corner and thence via an open book to the top.

1. 16m 13 Follow the crack in the corner to the large ledge with tree.

2. 18m 15 Ascend the grey face behind the ledge until it is possible to step left into the red open book. Bridge up the open book on thin holds to the top.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 S. Kelsey, T.P. Willmot and L. Gardiner.

POM'S FINALE

11 **

The climb is situated on the true left-hand side opposite the second weir. Its start is 8m downstream of corner below the red face.

1. 21m 11 Climb the shallow groove keeping to the natural line which passes a small bush to a large tree. Belay from blocks above tree.

First ascent: May 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

MASTER'S DELIGHT

15 **

Takes the easy-looking line between POM'S FINALE and BIG DADDY. Start on a grey face on upstream side of a tall rib running halfway up the cliff.

1. 27m 15 Climb face to a small tree on a ledge common with POM'S FINALE. Move up slightly then move right, around a bulge to the foot of a steep open book recess. Climb the recess (crux) to a ledge, thence via easier ground to the top.

Note:

Not as good as the climbs next door, but still worthwhile.

First ascent: 30 Jun 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

BIG DADDY

15 ****

15m downstream of COMFORTABLY NUMB lies the TRINITY WALL. The route takes the steep groove system on the left-hand end of the wall taken by THE KID and SPOOKY. Start 3m right of the left-hand edge of the wall.

1. 25m 15 Follow the groove system, through a short chimney section, to gain the inverted-V feature with an awkward move. Ascend the steep crack above the inverted-V on good jams using the left wall to best advantage. Follow this to the summit.

Note:

The climbs on the TRINITY WALL are an essential training ground for grade 15 tigers.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 L. Gardiner, P. Wallek and R. Dodding.

THE KID

15 ****

Starts as for SPOOKY.

1. 25m 15 Gain the broad ledge and step 2m left. Follow the rising ramp line, steeply at first, to a small platform in an exposed position on the left. Gain the shelf above and ascend the jamming crack in the right-hand corner, passing a small tree, to a perched-block belay.

Note:

Superb rock throughout.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 R. Dodding, P. Wallek and L. Gardiner.

SPOOKY

16 ****

Ascends the obvious crack/recess system on the right-hand end of the TRINITY WALL (see BIG DADDY).

Start directly below crack system.

1. 25m 16 Gain the crack system from a broad ledge at 2m and follow it directly, passing a old gnarled tree at 18m. Step slightly right above this and continue past second tree to summit.

Note:

Superb climbing on a steep wall. Go for it!

First ascent: 12 May 1985 P. Wallek, R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

CHAIRMAN MAO'S LEFT FLIP FLOP

18 **

The route follows the line of the prominent chimney on the upstream side of the buttress immediately upstream of IT ONLY LAUGHS WHEN I HURT. The chimney is capped by a large detached block.

1. 25m 18 Climb through the bulge into the chimney, then move up to the resting ledge below the off-width crack. Climb the off-width to the large block, moving left into the space between the block and the main krantz. Move up and right onto the arête, follow the arête to the top.

Note:

The face above the block can also be climbed (18).

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 P.S. Greenfield and T.P. Willmot.

IT ONLY LAUGHS WHEN I HURT

17 ***

Directly across from IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION is a small buttress with a well-defined crack system up its centre which terminates in a prominent large detached block high up. The route ascends a clean, well-defined corner approximately 5m downstream of this crack and starts from a ledge close to ground level. A pleasing, sustained route on clean rock.

1. 24m 17 Ascend the open book on excellent jams to underneath the block at the top. Pull over the block to the ledge above. From the ledge move up the narrow ramp behind until it is possible to ascend to the capstone. Pull past this on the right, to the top.

Note:

Some chockstones under the capstone are loose.

First ascent: 19 May 1985 S. Kelsey and T.P. Willmot.

TWEEDLEDEE

15 **

Just upstream of OBSCENE GESTURE is a deep undercut amphitheatre capped by some roofs. In the wall of the amphitheatre are two striking crack systems. The route takes the left of the two crack systems - cairn.

1. 23m 15 Climb the crack at the root of the open book at the left extremity of the amphitheatre until forced leftwards by the roof above. Break left to clear up the arête. Take a stance at the tree.

Notes:

- 1.** Excellent climbing with adequate protection.
- 2.** Descend via the steep gully just upstream.

First ascent: 12 Jun 1994 T.P. Willmot, M.T. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

TWEEDLEDUM

15 **

Just upstream of OBSCENE GESTURE is a deep undercut amphitheatre capped by some roofs. In the wall of the amphitheatre are two striking crack systems. The route takes the right of the two crack systems - cairn.

1. 25m 15 Start at the base of the left of the two crack systems. Move up and diagonally right to reach the base of the right crack. Climb this, passing the tree and move up to the base of the narrow, very steep crack above. Move right along the ledge to clear. After about 2m reach the arête and climb this to take a stance on top of the buttress. Excellent climbing.

Note:

Descend via the steep gully just upstream.

First ascent: 29 May 1994 U. Kiefer and H. Seuring.

BLIND CHICKEN

17 ***

Opposite pipe 27, there is a wide arête. The climb is around to the left of the arête, where there is an obvious open book which becomes a face.

1. 20m 16 Start the climb in a corner crack behind a large tree on the left face. Climb the open book crack to a face. Follow the rib of the arête. Climb up the face slightly to right, aiming left towards a perpendicular, small block/nose. Climb the slab for two metres.

2. 10m 6 Scramble over boulders for 5-8m. Step over a one and a half metre wide chasm to the next face covered in scrub. On the ledge, turn left.

3. 15m 17 Climb into a shallow chimney up to the overhang. Turn left around the overhang. Traverse right and upward to the centre of the face (crux). Follow up to the crack on the right 1m from the top.

First ascent: 22 Apr 1988 R. Georgeson-Gunn, T. Pepper, C. Say and J. Georgeson-Gunn.

OBSCENE GESTURE

13 *

Goes behind the odd sickle-shaped brown right-hand edge of the buttress directly opposite BLOCKBUSTER, alongside pipe no 18 above the 1st weir. Start downstream of IT ONLY LAUGHS WHEN I HURT.

1. 38m 13 Climb to the tree on the shelf to the right, then enter the chimney. Straddle past the chockstones and squirm up the smooth narrow chimney section. Climb the short recesses to the top.

Note:

The leader climbed the right-hand weathered-looking wall to the right of the chimney and made a shaky traverse back in higher up (13). The second man climbed direct and showed how it should be done.

First ascent: 23 Jun 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

SEND IN THE CLOWNS

12

Just downstream of the OBSCENE GESTURE is a detached pinnacle. The route starts at the base of this pinnacle, ascends its arête, moves up the fault to the right of the pinnacle and ascends the broken shit above to the top - cairn.

1. 30m 12 Climb the arête and move to its right to gain the open book between the pinnacle and the main wall. Move up the book passing the crux at the jammed chockstone. Climb up to the eroded face above. Move up this to take a stance at the top. Scramble off.

Notes:

Protection is adequate.

First ascent: 12 Jun 1994 U. Kiefer, M.T. Willmot and T.P. Willmot.

SUB PAR

9

Starts downstream of OBSCENE GESTURE in a brown recess with a small pinnacle at its right-hand edge. (Alongside pipe No 16 above 1st weir)

1. 30m 9 Start behind the base of the pinnacle. Climb 12m then finish up an easy recess.

Note:

Lousy rock. Disappointing.

First ascent: 21 Jul 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott and A. Scott.

EQUIVOCADO

15

Situated on the left side of the buttress between the two pinnacles on the downstream one of which is next to JUNGLE ROCK.

1. 34m 15 Climb a steep open book for 18m to a ledge (a traverse to the right of about 6m would give an impressive variation up a steep narrow crack), then proceed for 16m up to a rather grubby crack to the top, using a very helpful hand-jam.

First ascent: Apr 1986 G. Moseley, A. Killick and M. Prior.

SUNDAY GARDENER

13

3m upstream of the prominent crack where the JUNGLE ROCK pinnacle joins the main kloof wall is an upstream facing corner.

1. 13m 13 Climb the corner to a large ledge.

2. 10m 10 Move 5m upstream on ledge to tree belay and climb the chimney to the top.

Continuation of the initial corner is a vegetated scramble.

Variation:

2. 10m 15 Step left and climb the face to the top of the crag. (23 Apr 1989 A. Mercer and A. Margetts)

Note:

BELOW ! follow the same line as this and has been excluded

First ascent: 28 Aug 1988 S. Kellet, J. Peirson and Mrs J. Peirson.

JUNGLE TRUNDLE

17 **

This takes the upstream corner crack dividing the JUNGLE ROCK pinnacle from the mainland.

1. 20m 17 Climb the crack until the nek between the pinnacle and the mainland is reached. Then step right onto the upstream facing side of the pinnacle itself. Climb a short crack to a small roof, where good pro is to be found. Carry on up using the arête if necessary.

Note:

The last section is a bit run out.

First ascent: 23 Apr 1989 D. Margetts, A. Margetts and A. Mercer.

JUNGLE ROCK

14 ****

10 Pipe lengths above the first weir, is a prominent flat-fronted pinnacle of the true left. It is upstream of the dry waterfall. The climb ascends the flat face of this pinnacle.

1. 20m 14 Climb the upstream corner for 5m then move right onto the front face. Ascend the narrow crack up the middle of the face using good holds to either side of the crack. Continue up past a prominent horizontal crack on good holds to the summit of the pinnacle. (Belay in cracks on pinnacle face as blocks on top are loose.)

2. 15m 14 Descend the back of the pinnacle to the nek. Ascend the main face to a tree.

Note:

A very enjoyable climb.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 D. Margetts and S. Brown.

SHAFT

17 ***

The route takes the downstream arête of the JUNGLE ROCK pinnacle. Start from the base of the crack on the downstream side of the pinnacle (this crack is taken by FINGERETTE).

1. 25m 17 Climb up the crack for 5 metres until it is possible to move left and hence gain the arête. Ascend the arête directly to the top. Gear available in rails.

Note:

Superb rock. A great outing.

First ascent: 25 Dec 2000 Russ Dodding, Rolf Persson and Heather Murch.

FINGERETTE

13

Goes to the right of the prominent flat-fronted pinnacle on the true left of the kloof, 10 pipe lengths above the first weir.

1. 27m 13 Take the downstream crack line until level with the top of the pinnacle (20m) then the line of least resistance (7) to the top.

Note:

Short but the initial crack is inviting.

First ascent: 12 May 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott, Miss I. Stark and Miss M. Pienaar.

I BELIEVE IN FATHER CHRISTMAS

15

(a.k.a. Away in a Danger)

On the true left, at the twelfth pipe above the pipe ramp, there is a square buttress, with a 3m free-standing pinnacle at its foot. JUNGLE ROCK takes the upstream side of this buttress. Start 3m downstream of the downstream side of the buttress, in the middle of an intimidating slab.

1. 25m 15 Move up and right to attain the prominent crack, which is loosely followed onto a sloping, vegetated ledge. Move left until you are in line with the start, and climb easily up for 15m to a larger ledge.

Note:

To descend, scramble to last few metres, and walk 150m downstream to the cairn, which indicates the descent ramp. The climbing is pleasant, but run-out in places.

First ascent: 25 Dec 2000 D. Morgan, M. Pienaar, J. Levesley (aged 7&1/2) and H. Levesley.

COMRADE MICHAEL

14 **

1. 30m 14 Just downstream of the JUNGLE ROCK buttress is a face. Climb the break and face to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 1994 M. Phillapou, D. Margetts and G. Devine.

WET WILLY

15 **

On the left-hand wall of the large dry waterfall approx. 10m from the corner is a crack which flares at the top. The route ascends this short crack to the steps and thence up the layback crack above.

1. 24m 15 Ascend the short crack with two good jams. Mantle over the two large steps above to the base of the layback crack. Layback up the first section transferring to jams higher up. From the large ledge at the top of the crack ascend the right-hand face to the top.

First ascent: 11 May 1985 S. Kelsey and Miss M. Pienaar.

MARDI GRAS

10 **

Climbs the dry waterfall from the sandy base. Starts on black rock to the left of the corner.

1. 35m 10 Zig-zag up the rounded steps (one or two grade 10 moves near the middle) and on to a large tree directly over the fault.

2. 25m 7 Move right onto a grassy laid-back grey face with lots of jugs to the summit.

Note:

Done in a dry year. Could be more tricky in wet season.

First ascent: 28 Apr 1985 K. Bennetts and R. Fox.

DIAMOND DOGS

22 **

Climbs the steep rock on the right of the dry waterfall (i.e. Left of AUTHUR SCARGILL'S HAIRPEICE).

1. 18m 22 Climb straight up to a peg and a bolt. Move up and right from the bolt and traverse left above bolt into the recess. Follow the recess to the top. Abseil off tree for descent.

Note:

Bolt placed by C. Leslie-Smith.

First ascent: Apr 1989 S. Middlemiss and R. Diesel.

ARTHUR SCARGILL'S HAIRPIECE IS MISSING

15

Takes the arête immediately downstream of the dry waterfall i.e. the right bounding wall of the waterfall. Start below a shallow, vegetated recess to the left of a cleaner, narrow arête.

1. 20m 13 Pull up into the recess and, after 3m, step right on to the arête. Follow the arête directly, with a steep section immediately below an obvious belay ledge.

2. 20m 15 Ascend the slim, straight arête on the right of the belay ledge, with awkward moves at 5m. Continue up the arête, stepping into the corner on the right after 12m (dubious rock). Follow the arête until able to step right (below a tree) to a ledge.

Note:

A route of little merit, apart from the mileage.

First ascent: 28 Apr 1985 R. Dodding and L. Gardiner.

Route takes the sharp, grey arête to the right of ARTHUR SCARGILL'S HAIRPIECE IS MISSING. This is 15m downstream of the dry waterfall. Start directly below the arête.

1. 22m 15 Initially climb the left-hand wall forming the arête and at the first major horizontal break, gain the arête proper. Follow the arête until able to move slightly right to gain the obvious groove above. Ascend the groove to a good platform belay on the right.

2. 22m 19 Climb the slab directly for 4m to the small roof. Utilise the crack in the roof to establish a position on the wall above and to the left of the crack (crux). Follow the wall and arête, more easily, to the top.

Note:

Exciting biting on the 2nd pitch. It is possible to descend by scrambling down on the downstream-side of the route.

First ascent: 26 May 1985 R. Dodding and T.P. Willmot.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

17 ***

The route follows a direct line up the middle of the grey face between RELAX and SHEEIT. i.e. 12m downstream from the dry waterfall.

1. 42m 17 Climb straight up the grey face to a small root. Step right onto the arête. (Common with SHEEIT) Climb straight up the arête on to the orange face above. Bypass the roof to the left and pull up onto a small grassy ledge. Ascend the face to the right on good holds to a comfortable belay.

Note:

The orange face above the arête is poorly protected. (#1 friend approximately halfway up). When pulling up onto the grassy ledge, avoid using the boulder which is rather loose. An easy descent exists via the gully immediately behind the top belay stance.

First ascent: 24 Jan 1988 N. McFarlane, R. Seed and C. Leslie-Smith.

RELAX

13

Start 10m downstream of the dry waterfall in a prominent V-shaped recess.

1. 20m 13 Climb up to the chockstone, straddle past it and continue up to a ledge.

2. 30m 11 Climb up to the overhang, move left around it and straight up to the top to avoid a creeper.

First ascent: 28 Apr 1985 S. Middlemiss.

GUIDED TOUR

13

Some 100m upstream of the pipeline's descent to stream level there is a huge cube-shaped grey block in the stream with one point upwards. Upstream of this a 10m high grey shelf protrudes into the kloof for 50m or so. Scramble up at the first possible point left of this shelf to a brown corner facing upstream.

1. 20m 10 Climb the recess/chimney to a large platform, passing a short upright oblong pillar halfway up that may not take an outward pull.

2. 12m 13 From the right of the platform climb to the top of the rounded rib lying against the face, moving to the right around the corner prior to reaching the face above.

Variation:

2. 20m 13 Move right on the platform, descend 5m and traverse to the downstream side of the buttress. Climb the cracks to the top.

Note:

The variation is somewhat contrived - there is a grade 6 gully next door.

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

FALLORUM

15

Starts up an obvious narrow chimney a few metres downstream of the arete to the right of GUIDED TOUR.

1. 35m 13 Climb the chimney and small face above it and continue up to a ledge on steep rock with good holds.

2. 14m 15 Move left along the ledge to a small face just beyond a narrow vegetated gully. Climb 6m up the face, moving right into the continuation of the gully. Continue up the gully then move left onto the small face and up to a pimple-like knob which marks the end of the climb.

Note:

The rock is excellent with sharp holds, though steep. A few slabs just above the take-off may not be too solid and should be treated with care.

First ascent: 7 Feb 1987 M. Prior and R. Wedderburn.

DINGDORUM**13**

The climb starts about 7m downstream from the arête below GUIDED TOUR and about 4m below the chimney which marks the start of FALLORUM.

1. 22m 11 Ascend the easy diagonal ramp running from left to right 10m to the ridge. Climb the ridge 5m then the crack, avoiding loose earth and rock on the left. Continue to the ledge. Walk 10m left along the shelf to the base of the face.

2. 26m 13 Climb the face bearing slightly right and continue up the chimney for 3m. Move left from the chimney out onto the arête using two small handrails. Climb the arête to the top of the small pinnacle-like buttress which marks the top of the climb.

First ascent: 7 Feb 1987 M. Prior and R. Wedderburn.

THE INVISIBLE ROPE**15**

Starts 6m to left of ALADDINSANE up a good short open book. It is to the left of the cave-like recess mentioned in CRACK-A-NO-GO and is downstream-facing.

1. 15m 15 Climb up to the open book and follow to the top, moving left to finish.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 S. Middlemiss and R. Dodding (both solo)

ALADDINSANE

17 **

Starts 30 to 40m upstream of HAIR OF DOG etc., on the same side. Cave just above stream level.

1. 15m 17 Climb up the back of the cave and through the roof above and via the right-hand arête to the top.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 S. Middlemiss and P. Greenfield.

CRACK-A-NO-GO

19 ***

Starts from the 'shelf' directly opposite SPHINCTER SPASM (see Upper Kloof map). A large cave-like recess is the obvious feature above the shelf. To the right of the recess a fist-width crack runs up a steep wall.

1. 15m 19 Step off the block on the right. Gain the crack and finish trending slightly rightwards. Pumpy.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1986 R. Dodding and S. Middlemiss.

T.G.I.F.

18 **

Start at same point as CRACK-A-NO-GO.

1. 15m 18 Climb up onto the first block mentioned in CRACK-A-NO-GO. Move right and straight up the open book above.

First ascent: 14 Nov 1986 S. Middlemiss and D. Venter.

THE CAPTAINS LOG

18 ***

The route takes the crack line approximately 2m left of AND THE LOUNGE LIZARDS, i.e. the left most crack line on the pink wall of the small buttress opposite the second pipe of the pipe ramp. Scramble up gully to ledge at base of route (cairn).

1. 20m 18 Move up crack to start. Move slightly right along rail and up to gain off width crack above. Move up this to gain the open book above (left of AND THE LOUNGE LIZARDS open book). Follow the book to the overhanging finger crack in the wall above. Ascend this to the comfortable belay stance at the top of the buttress.

Note:

Excellent climbing. Descend via the loose gully on the upstream side of the buttress. Careful.

First ascent: 20 May 1990 C. Lesley Smith, M. Oberholzer and T.P. Willmot.

AND THE LOUNGE LIZARDS

17 **

The route takes the pronounced open book just to the left of LEISURE SUITE LARRY i.e. on the left extremity of a small buttress opposite the second pipe upstream of the pipe ramp. Scramble up the gully to a ledge at the base of route (cairn).

1. 20m 17 Climb the upstream facing open book to the top.

Note:

Good climbing on clean rock. Descend the loose gully to the left of the buttress - be careful.

First ascent: 22 May 1988 T.P. Willmot, R. Barker and C. Leslie-Smith.

LEISURE SUITE LARRY

21 ***

The route takes a red wall on a small buttress opposite the second pipe upstream of the pipe ramp. Scramble up the gully to a ledge at the base of the route (cairn).

1. 20m 21 Climb the wall starting in the centre (about 2m left of the free-standing pillar). Ascend to the pronounced crack system on the left-hand side of wall. Climb this to a small roof. Follow the faint crack above (crux) to ledge and then climb the off-width crack to the top of the buttress.

Note:

Superb technical climbing on clean rock. Descend the loose gully to left of buttress - be careful.

First ascent: 22 May 1988 C. Leslie-Smith, R. Barker and T.P. Willmot.

AN ALIEN ATE MY BUICK

20 **

The route follows the finger crack in the centre of the red face forming the upstream wall of the amphitheatre containing CARDIAC ARREST and NOTHING SUCKS LIKE ELECTRO LUX. (Opposite the pipe ramp). From the stream bed ascend the enormous tumbled blocks below a red wall.

1. 15m 20 Climb the finger crack to the blank open book above. Stem up this and exit to the right near the top to avoid the garden.

Note:

Good climbing. Steep mother. Take pruning shears and wheelbarrow along.

First ascent: 25 Sep 1988 C. Lesley-Smith, R. Barker, M.T. Willmot, M. Oberholzer and T.P. Willmot.

MIASMA

15 **

The route follows the faint groove at the left extremity of the amphitheatre upstream of that which contains CARDIAC ARREST i.e. opposite the pipe ramp.

1. 20m 15 Start at large flat horizontal table at base of crag and climb up steep faint recess on good holds to bulge. Pull through bulge on thin holds to easier ground above. Follow the line to the ledge above. Climb the headwall behind to a good belay stance.

First ascent: 20 Sep 1987 N. McFarlane, T.P. Willmot and R. Brand.

CARDIAC ARREST

13 **

The route starts at the base of a wide chimney on a prominent buttress and runs 5m upstream of SWING GENTLY. [Upstream of G, opposite pipe ramp.]

1. 34m 13 Scramble up to the base of the chimney and climb this for 12m until forced out left onto the cracked wall. Move up the cracks on good holds to top of block. Continue up the groove passing suspect blocks (now gone) to a tree. Finish up easy right-hand face to a large block and superb views.

Note:

Name stems from the antics of the second who decided to test the suspect blocks en route.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

POETRY IN COMMOTION

20 ***

Starts at the same point as NOTHING SUCKS LIKE ELECTROLUX i.e. inside the CARDIAC ARREST chimney.

1. 20m 20 Ascend the steep open book on the right-hand wall of the chimney, to the level of the obvious rail, (stepping onto the right arête for last move), crux. Rail left for 2 metres and gain the corner above using the (apparently) safe blocks. Gain the immaculate fingerlock / layback crack above and follow this and the continuation chimney to the top of the buttress.

Note:

Well protected, great climbing.

First ascent: 23 Jul 1988 R. Dodding and S. Evans.

UP THE JUNCTION

22,R **

Climbs the front of the pinnacle climbed by NOTHING SUCKS LIKE ELECTROLUX. Start on a ledge in front of the pinnacle (stream side) to the left of that route.

1. 25m 22 Climb up the front of the pinnacle to a ledge below the left-hand side of a steep wall. Climb straight up the left-hand edge of the wall (poor gear, crux RP1 preplaced) and up the arête to a cubby hole with a tree. Move right and climb the steep face to an easy crack which is followed to the top.

First ascent: 1991 S. Middlemiss and R. Dodding.

NOTHING SUCKS LIKE ELECTROLUX

19 ***

The route takes the right-hand groove/wall of the chimney which bounds CARDIAC ARREST and ascends the steep red wall which lies between CARDIAC ARREST and SWING GENTLY.

1. 20m 18 Climb the steep faint open book on the right-hand wall of the chimney which contains CARDIAC ARREST to the pronounced triangular roof above. Swing right onto the arête and ledge to clear. Shuffle rightwards up the wall (careful) to a large ledge shared with SWING GENTLY.

2. 11m 19 Ascend the off-width crack of SWING GENTLY at the back of the belay stance to top out.

Note:

Exciting biting on the first pitch. Gear is thin on the faint book to start. The second pitch was initially climbed at grade 15 while the tree was still present.

First ascent: 20 Sep 1987 T.P. Willmot and R. Brand.

SWING GENTLY

19 ***

The route takes the sinuous jamming crack coyly hiding behind a tree high up on the true left-hand side of the kloof. Start behind a large tree at the bottom of a gully opposite where the water pipe descends a grassy ramp. [Upstream of G, opposite the pipe ramp.]

1. 20m 13 Climb up left of the clean groove for 5m. Pull through bulge on good holds and step right onto arête. Move up and across left, then up to finish at right on a broad ledge.

2. 20m 19 Ascend the overhanging fist-width crack and jam to a large ledge (9m). Climb the chimney crack behind to finish above a chockstone .

3. 15m 6 Continue up over large blocks and scramble to top.

Note:

There used to be a tree that could be used for the first few meters of the second pitch. The second pitch was thus opened at grade 15, but has subsequently become a lot harder.

First ascent: 3 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

THE HAIR OF THE DOG**20 *****

The climb takes the impressive overhang with a crack running through it to the right of SWING GENTLY. [Opposite the pipe ramp]

1. 30m 20 Climb easily up to the cubby hole underneath the overhang. Using bridging, move through the overhang and continue up the left-hand corner above.

Note:

Seconds must be prepared to prussik!

First ascent: 9 Jun 1985 A. Maddison and D. Margetts.

TRANSCENDENTAL LEVITATION**19 *****

Just downstream of the curving crack taken by SWING GENTLY, lies a huge square roof. Immediately left of this roof is a groove/fault line forming the right hand boundary of a 4m wide parallel-faced chimney. The route follows this deceptively easy-looking right-hand groove. [Opposite the pipe ramp]

1. 18m 19 Climb up towards the large cave (7m) and move right to a cramped recess beneath a small overhang. Swing 1m right into the base of the groove and move up with difficulty to where the angle eases and some holds appear. Follow the groove to the top.

Note:

A steep, technical climb for what at first sight appears to be a piece of old tacky.

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 L. Gardiner, T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

KEITH KIRSTENS KOMPOST HEAP

15 **

The route takes the right leaning straight off-width crack at the right extremity of the buttress containing TRANSCENDENTAL LEVITATION.

1. 26m 15 Climb the off-width crack to start and ascend to the ledge above. Fight past the tree and climb the open book/groove above. Gets progressively more difficult the closer you get to the top. Close to the top a fair amount of creeper dodging is necessary. Take a comfortable stance on the top of the buttress.

Notes:

1. Apart from the gardening at the top, a pleasant route with adequate protection.
2. Descend via the stepped face immediately downstream of the route.

First ascent: 22 May 1994 T.P. Willmot, J. de Wet, M.T. Willmot and U. Kiefer.

HOOF HEARTED

15

Upstream of WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT and downstream of the C descent gully is another "false" gully with 30m of rock at its head. Climb the left side of the gully. [G – 30]

1. 30m 15 Climb the small ledges and short steep face to a grassy ledge at the foot of the obvious corner. Climb this corner (steep) to the overhang. Move right and up (hard) or left and up (easier) to finish.

Note:

Loose flakes were removed near the top of the climb, but what remains should be tested.

First ascent: 1 Sep 1985 D. Scott and R. Fox.

WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT

11

Starts directly opposite BITCH TO THE BOYS (which has a large bullet-shaped rock featured halfway up the crag). Start in a 5m wide square recess in grey rock with slightly overhanging brown rock above. The start is near water level. [F + 20]

1. 18m 11 Climb the left-hand corner to below the overhanging brown arête (8). Move right below this (11) and up to a broad grassy ledge.

2. 20m 10 Continue directly above to the top.

First ascent: 10 Mar 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

LATTER RAIN

15 **

This climb ascends a steep buttress about 100m upstream of the normal meet site. A steep face with a tree at the base on the right-hand side lies immediately upstream of the start.

1. 20m 15 Climb up the steep face moving left after about 8m to a small ledge. Climb the corner above and then over easier ground to a good ledge.

2. 50m 8 Climb to the top of the crag taking the easiest line.

First ascent: Jun 1988 D. Margetts, W. Coetzee and H. Spencer-Wilson.

WINKERS GO BLIND

18 **

Starts directly opposite BITCH TO THE BOYS (which has a large bullet-shaped rock feature halfway up the crag). Start in a 5m wide square recess in grey rock with slightly overhanging brown rock above. The start is near the water level. [F + 20]

1. 23m 18 Climb the left-hand corner to below the overhanging brown arête. Directly above in the overhanging headwall are two cracks about 1 m apart. The left is off-width and the right is finger-jam width. Ascend the left crack (18) to the top of the small buttress by means of a strenuous layback or, alternatively, ascend the right crack (19) to the top of the small buttress where a belay can be taken.

2. 20m 13 Ascend the narrow grey face behind to the top.

Notes:

The first pitch is excellent climbing with good protection. The second pitch is somewhat contrived.

First ascent: 10 Aug 1986 T.P. Willmot, R. Diesel and M. Greenslade.

MICKY MOUSE'S SUNDAY STROLL

15

Climbs the face to the left of STOP PRESS and CITY LATE. [E + 12]

1. 20m 7 Scramble up to a large ledge on the left.

2. 20m 15 Climb up the face to the left of a loose-looking chimney recess. (Protection is sparse).

First ascent: 9 Jun 1985 D. Margetts and A. Maddison.

STOP PRESS

10

Begins in the wide recess opposite the "big high cave". To the left there are grey shelves at the lower levels, with two distinct brown corners to the right. Climb the lower two grey shelves to the foot of the left-hand corner. [E + 10]

1. 40m 10 Climb directly up (30m 7) to a tree on a platform below the slightly overhanging final corner. Avoid the hard finish by climbing on the right (10). A 50mm-wide ragged left-leaning crack identifies the line.

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

CITY LATE

11 **

Start in the right-hand of the two corners mentioned in STOP PRESS. Scramble to the highest point in the wide recess and climb past some cacti behind a large block in the corner. [E + 8]

1. 40m 11 Climb directly up the corner past a tree at 12m and on through the obvious fault line to a second tree. Move left in the last few metres.

Note:

Consistent grade. Lovely holds. Clean rock. Nice climb.

First ascent: 21 Apr 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

LATE ADDITION

17 **

The route takes the shallow open book system between CITY LATE and SPECIAL EDITION in the amphitheatre opposite the big cave.

1. 20m 17 Climb the thin wall to start and move up to gain the laid-back open book above. Follow this (dodging dassie piss patches) to the roof. Move right to clear and take a stance on the neat triangular ledge above with pro high up in the thin crack behind.

2. 20m 13 Climb the wall with large steps above to gain the spacious belay stance on top.

Note:

Descent can be made by means of abseil from tree slightly upstream of stance.

First ascent: 19 Jul 1987 T.P. Willmot and A. Mercer.

MANGELWURZEL

18 ***

This climb takes a line up the centre of the buttress between CITY LATE and SPECIAL EDITION.

1. 30m 18 Start on the face to the left and below the start of SPECIAL EDITION and OUMA'S KOOL KAT KOEKSUSTER. Climb up the steep face moving left at grass tuft. Continue up the face just to the left of the arête (crux). Continue up the face on easier ground tending leftwards to the middle of the face. Climb the crack up the middle of the face to a broad ledge.

2. 10m 8 Move rightward and climb short face. Scramble to top.

Note:

The face at top of first pitch is excellent.

First ascent: 23 Nov 1986 G. Margetts, D. Margetts, A. Mercer and R. Brand.

SPECIAL EDITION

16

Start to the right of CITY LATE at the highest point in the recess opposite the big high cave.

1. 35m 16 Scramble over two short rock bands to a ledge below two steep crack lines. The right-hand one has a tree at the top. Climb the left-hand crack (sustained in the upper half) to a platform. Scramble off.

Note:

A nice hard 16 with good protection.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 R. Fox and D. Scott.

OUMA'S KOOL KAT KOEKSUSTER

16 **

Starts just right of SPECIAL EDITION in the crack to the right.
[E + 7]

1. 20m 15 Move up the central bulge to a small grass ledge. Climb the prominent crack with the tree at the top (crux near top). Belay on the block below the ramp.

2. 20m 16 Move on to the ramp then into recess exiting slightly to the right near the top. Continue up to easier ground past a bush on the left. An extension of this pitch can be climbed (17) through an overhang via a narrow chimney. An easy scramble to the right of this is available.

First ascent: 5 May 1985 D. and N. Margetts.

JACKY'S SICKLE

13 *

Starts in the corner 5m to the right of SPECIAL EDITION, where a horizontal root points into the kloof.

1. 35m 13 Scramble up past a tree to where a clean crack appears. Climb the crack bearing right to a flake on the left. Step up and right to continue up to a ledge. Belay 3m higher at top.

First ascent: 6 Apr 1986 L. Gardiner, J. Braunlich and D. Quaife.

FRUSTRATION'S END

10 *

In the extreme right-hand corner of the small amphitheatre formed by CITY LATE, SPECIAL EDITION, etc., climb the shelves to where the rock steepens. [E + 6]

1. 40m 10 Climb up to a wedge-shaped block. Move right over the block then straight up trending left over the front of the steep arête. (The climb may be reduced to grade 8 by moving right before the final 10m.)

Note:

Clean climb - typical of those to its left.

First ascent: 2 May 1985 R. Fox and Miss I. Swart.

SILVER GIRL

17 **

The climb is situated 2 to 3m upstream of THE CROOKED CRACK.

1. 20m 17 Climb the easy rock (2 to 3m) to the base of a steep face with step-like intervals every 2 to 3m. Climb the face about 1m left of a steep face with a thin crack just below a ledge (use this crack for protection). Continue up the face trending rightwards and finally slightly leftwards to a broad grassy ledge.

2. 15m 16 Climb the steep face trending rightwards at the top.

Note:

Good route finding required on pitch 1.

First ascent: 14 Dec 1986 D. Margetts and A. Mercer.

AFTERTHOUGHT

15

Starts approximately 1m upstream of CROOKED CRACK.

1. 25m 15 Climb the recess up to a small roof and then move left and up to a good ledge. Climb the corner and continue up over easy rock to the large grassy ledge.

2. 15m 10 Climb the corner behind the free standing pinnacle to a stance with a tree.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1988 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and A. Margetts.

THE CROOKED CRACK

17 ***

This climb is situated on the next buttress downstream of the climbs SPECIAL EDITION and OUMA'S KOOL KAT KOEKSUSTER. The climb can be distinguished by a crack starting halfway up a steep buttress. A distinctive open book is found about 2m to the right of the crack.

1. 20m 17 Climb the buttress tending slightly rightwards for 2 to 3m, then move leftwards to the base of the crack. Ascend the crack to the good ledge. Ascend the open book behind the ledge to easier rock and a large grassy ledge.

2. 20m 16 Walk rightwards past a pinnacle (small) on the left. Climb the steep rock face with a large block at the base of the cliff and the roots hanging down the cliff. Move up the rock face making for a small recess. Break out rightwards at the recess. Using the roots, climb up to ledge past a tree.

Note:

Use tree for abseiling.

First ascent: 14 Dec 1986 A. Mercer and D. Margetts.

THE CORNER

19 ***

Takes the obvious corner immediately downstream of CROOKED CRACK. A tree is growing at the base of the climb in a recess.

1. 25m 19 Climb the recess to the base of the open book (corner). Ascend the open book (crux) using small wires for protection. Exit slightly right to a small stance. Climb the steep face above to a tree belay on the wide grass ledge.

First ascent: 11 Oct 1987 D. Margetts and A. Mercer.

FOOTLOOSE

22 **

This climb starts on the lower buttress below BAKED BEEN. It ascends a steep face 5m downstream of CROOKED CRACK and 1m downstream of a prominent open book with a tree growing close to it.

1. 25m 22 Climb up the face starting on the left-hand side and moving right into the centre of the face when a good rail is reached. From the rail continue upwards and slightly rightwards (crux) to easier ground. Climb up to a good ledge. Climb a small overhanging crack above the ledge and to the left. Scramble up easier rock to a large ledge and tree belay.

Note:

Top rope inspection undertaken. Initially led with a rest at the rail, but later led in good style.

First ascent: 17 May 1987 D. Margetts and G. Lainis.

PROTECTION LESS

17

Takes the open book between FOOTLOOSE and FANCYFREE.

1. 25m 17 Climb the small open book and finish up the face of FANCYFREE.

Note:

Opened on top rope because of the total absence of protection.

First ascent: 26 Dec 1988 D. Margetts, M. Seegers and A. Margetts.

FANCYFREE

16 **

The route ascends the easy-looking openbook around the corner and downstream from FOOTLOOSE.

1. 25m 15 Climb into the open book via a pull-up. Ascend the open book via a series of ledges (small wires) to a good ledge. Move up a steep face and continue up the open book to exit on a grassy ledge to the left. Scramble up easier ground to a tree belay on a large grassy ledge.

2. 20m 16 Climb a steep face just to the left of a small pinnacle. A good crack system is found near the top of the pitch. Start 1 to 2m to the left of the corner between the pinnacle and the face.

First ascent: 17 May 1987 D. Margetts and G. Lainis.

SOUND EFFECTS

15 *

Opposite the fault line taken by STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN is a short corner halfway up the kloof face and 6m right of a wall against which a large flat-faced block rests with a tree root emerging from its top. [C + 0]

1. 20m 15 Climb the face below the corner to the left of a steep red wall and move up leftwards to a ledge at the base of the corner. Ascend the short corner using some hidden holds and an interesting move nearer the top. Scramble to the top.

Note:

It's more amusing to belay at the top of the corner and listen to your second's grunt.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

AFTERGLOW

15 **

To the immediate right of SOUND EFFECTS lie two crack systems on a red wall (originally obscured by hanging creepers). The route follows the easier downstream one. [C – 3]

1. 10m 15 Start awkwardly at the base of the steep crack line and climb straight up to block belays. Scramble right and finish up the gully or abseil down and try the harder one.

Note:

Short and steep on good rock.

First ascent: 31 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

SWIFT HALF

13

Start to the left of the inverted V-cave at stream level, opposite STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN. [C + 0]

- 1. 8m 13** Ascend the crack above the cave and on to large grassy ledge. Walk 10m across the ledge to a square chimney halfway between SOUND EFFECTS and BAKED BEEN.
- 2. 8m 13** Climb the chimney (strenuous). Pass the V-slot after which exit to the right at the top of the chimney.
- 3. 15m 7** Climb out of the gully above.

First ascent: 14 Apr 1985 D. Quaife and A. Hulbert.

CAPTAIN AHAB

15 ***

This climb starts on the upper grass shelf just to the left of the climb BAKED BEEN.

- 1. 30m 15** Climb the shallow open book to the left of a buttress just upstream of BAKED BEEN. From the top of the buttress climb upwards to a ledge, move slightly rightward then diagonally left and up to a small stance (crux). Climb the left side of the upper buttress past a creeper on the right.

Note:

As a variation the lower buttress can be climbed directly, the grade being 17.

First ascent: 11 Oct 1987 A. Mercer and D. Margetts.

BAKED BEEN

16 **

The route is situated on the left lower side of the kloof, opposite the large roof of SCARY CANARY and takes the left side of a steep prominent buttress. Scramble up past a tree onto a grassy terrace beneath a gendarme near the base of the buttress. [B + 0]

1. 27m 16 Climb up the groove to the gendarme (5m). From here follow the steep corner stepping onto the right wall after 4m and continue up to where the angle eases.

First ascent: 16 Mar 1985 D. Quaife and L. Gardiner.

LAST MANGO IN PARYS

17 ***

Immediately downstream of BAKED BEEN. is a broken red face. The face, at it's right hand extremity, is bound by a corner. The route ascends the arête and the left-hand face of the corner. Start some 4m right of BAKED BEEN and from the same large grassy ledge. There is a good tree close to the start for belay purposes. [B + 6]

1. 23m 17 Ascend the arête via a series of large steps. Move slightly right into a small open book in the left face of the corner. Ascend this and pull strenuously up the face to a large belay ledge from which it is possible to scramble off.

Note:

Protection, whilst adequate, is by means of micronuts. The rock is very steep, in places.

First ascent: 31 Mar 1985 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

THE CONCRETE SOCK FANDANGO

13

Some 18m downstream from the prominent buttress taken by BAKED BEEN is a grey, root-festooned slab. 14m left of the prominent corner taken by FROM A WHISPER TO A SCREAM). The route ascends the left-hand extremity of the slab. [B – 6]

1. 30m 13 Ascend the grey slab at its left extremity dodging roots, trees and other assorted debris to gain the narrow, shallow chimney above. Ascend this on good holds to a large resting ledge from which it is possible to top-out after little more than a scramble.

First ascent: 31 Mar 1985 T.P. Willmot and S. Kelsey.

FROM A WHISPER TO A SCREAM

18 **

Route follows the short overhanging corner situated 20m downstream of the prominent buttress taken by BAKED BEEN. Start by scrambling up 14m from the stream to a flat ledge under the corner crack. [B – 10]

1. 12m 18 Surmount the lower bulge on good jams and follow the crack up to beneath a small lip. Move up through the overhanging bulge to finish in a square recess.

Scramble to the top or abseil from the second tree behind the recess.

First ascent: 31 Mar 1985 L. Gardiner and D. Quaife.

JOHN WAYNE NEVER WORE LYCRA

18 ***

Start at the same point as FROM A WHISPER TO A SCREAM. In the left wall of the open book is a thin crack starting 3m up.

1. 12m 18 Gain the crack, pass the left side of the small overhang to gain a small open book in the arête. Follow this and the crack above, to a small tree. Step right to a belay.

Note:

Pleasant, steep climbing. Rap off the large tree.

First ascent: 27 Aug 1989 R. Dodding and B. Marcus.

ANTON'S APOPLEXY

10 **

This climb starts 50m upstream of the lower campsite. The start is marked by a dome shaped rock about 1m from the base of the climb with a tree just downstream of the rock. A corner lies on the right side of the buttress higher up.

1. 30m 10 Climb the middle of the face to a ledge and move left to a small open book around the corner in order to avoid the steep section above. Climb the recess to a ledge and continue up easier rock to the top. Belay on a large grassy ledge.

2. 15m 9 Climb the easy face to the top of the crag.

First ascent: 13 Sep 1987 A. Durrant, M. Kiefer and D. Margetts.

RAZZAMA TAZZ

11

Diagonally opposite the black-streaked rock of SQUARE ORANGE is a grey face at water level below a shelf with set-back faces behind. [A - 5]

1. 10m 11 Climb the faint recess in the short grey face to the grassy shelf.

2. 30m 10 Move 10m right to the brown faces. Climb to a small grey pinnacle at 20m then move left over easy rock to the top.

Note:

Vegetated in upper reaches. Gets progressively worse, after a good first pitch.

First ascent: 17 May 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott and A. Scott.

PINA COLADA**13 ***

Downstream of RAZZAMATAZZ and opposite a small cave choked by many trees is a downstream-facing crack at the top of a short ramp. The crack may be clearly seen when walking up the path in the kloof. [A - 27]

1. 40m 13 Scramble up the ramp and climb the crack (crux) to a grassy ledge. Move onto the steep brown faces directly above to the summit.

Note:

Only one grade 13 move, otherwise all about 10.

First ascent: 30 Jun 1985 R. Fox, D. Scott and D. v Gemert.

SELF AMUSE**11**

The climb is downstream of PINA COLADA. It starts opposite the B-C descent ramp next to LEKKER OKE. About 15m above the path is a striking, large tree which appears partly dead. Scramble to a grassy ledge behind the tree.

1. 32m 11 Climb the blocks behind the tree for 6m like a giant stair to the bottom of a jamming crack in the corner. Climb the crack by jamming or move 2m left and climb the corner and arête. Continue to the large ledge with trees 6m higher. Climb the red face on the right of the ledge for 8m, moving 2m right to small tree and on for another 6m on steep face with good holds to the top which is 5m downstream of a 900mm white cubic block.

Note:

Climbed using self-belay. A clean, interesting short route suitable for large groups at meets.

First ascent: 11 Mar 1991 M. Prior.

DOES AN ALIEN HAVE A WATERPROOF ARSEHOLE?19 ***

The route follows a line about 10m upstream of BLIND FAITH, and about 4m downstream of a prominent corner. Look for a man shaped hole in the ground.

1. 12m 19 Climb the line/cracks to where it eases about 5m up and continue to the ledge above, exiting slightly right.

Note:

Good climbing, will improve as it gets cleaner. A selection of small nuts is a fine idea.

First ascent: 25 Sep 1988 C. Leslie-Smith, T.P. Willmot, R. Barker and A. Seed.

BLIND FAITH**19 *****

Located at the entrance to the kloof, adjacent to the flat area that can be used to camp on. The wall on the true left being similar in appearance to that next to the meet site at Trident. The route takes the line of an obvious recess on reddish coloured rock. Marked by a cairn.

1. 25m 19 Climb the recess to its' apparent finish, then move right and up to sloping ledge. From the ledge move up left, then back right to broken ground and easier climbing, until a suitable belay point can be found.

Note:

Protection very poor. Leader became nervous on top moves, and had a top rope on last 2m from the sloping ledge.

First ascent: 26 Oct 1987 P.S. Greenfield, T.P. Willmot, S. Middlemiss and R. Dodding.

THE EQUALIZER

22 ***

1. 15m 22 Start 3m left of BLINDFAITH on the good looking wall at the kloof entrance, by a tall thin tree. Climb 3m and place small nuts above and to the right of a solid, but loose looking block (RP's). Move left onto small holds and then up (crux) to a block 5m higher up. As a ground fall is possible (even before one reaches the block), reach back and place a sling in the tree. Climb to the top.

Note:

- 1.** Gear is not plentiful.
- 2.** The initial ascent was not ethical as a rest was taken in the tree. It was re-led properly later.

First ascent: 23 Apr 1989 C. Leslie-Smith, N. McFarlane and J. Orrock.

WORKDAY CAPERS

17 **

Start 4 metres right of BLIND FAITH. Cairn.

1. 25m 17 Climb up steep blocky rock to a small protruding ledge (7m). Move 2m left to a ledge. Climb up the pillar/ corner for 2m, and then move up and right to another small ledge. Move right along this and climb to the top.

Note:

Protection, although sparse, is adequate.

First ascent: 14 Nov 1986 S. Middlemiss and D. Venter.

THE VOYAGE

20

A fallen tree lies across the kloof about 40m downstream of the "cave blocked by trees". Immediately downstream of this fallen tree is a 0.5m diameter tree, one metre from the base of the true left rock face. Start here, at the bottom of a shattered break.

1. 10m 20 Avoid the shattered break, and climb vague "steps" up and right, to move right into the base of a V-groove which is followed to the top.

First ascent: 17 Apr 1988 K. Smith (Solo)