

WILGEPOORT ROUTE GUIDE:

PERMITS

The property is now owned by MCSA being purchased in 2013. For bookings, permits and the access gate lock combination, contact the MCSA Magaliesberg Section, Tel: 083 845 1573 (8am-10am weekdays), Email: admin@mag.mcsa.org.za

Permits cost R40 per weekend (as of 2013), to be paid to the MCSA Magaliesberg Administrator. The access gate has a combination gate lock, the number being given at time of booking. Once a booking has been made, it is advisable to phone Andre, the tenant farmer at Cell: 082 388 3087.

SEASON

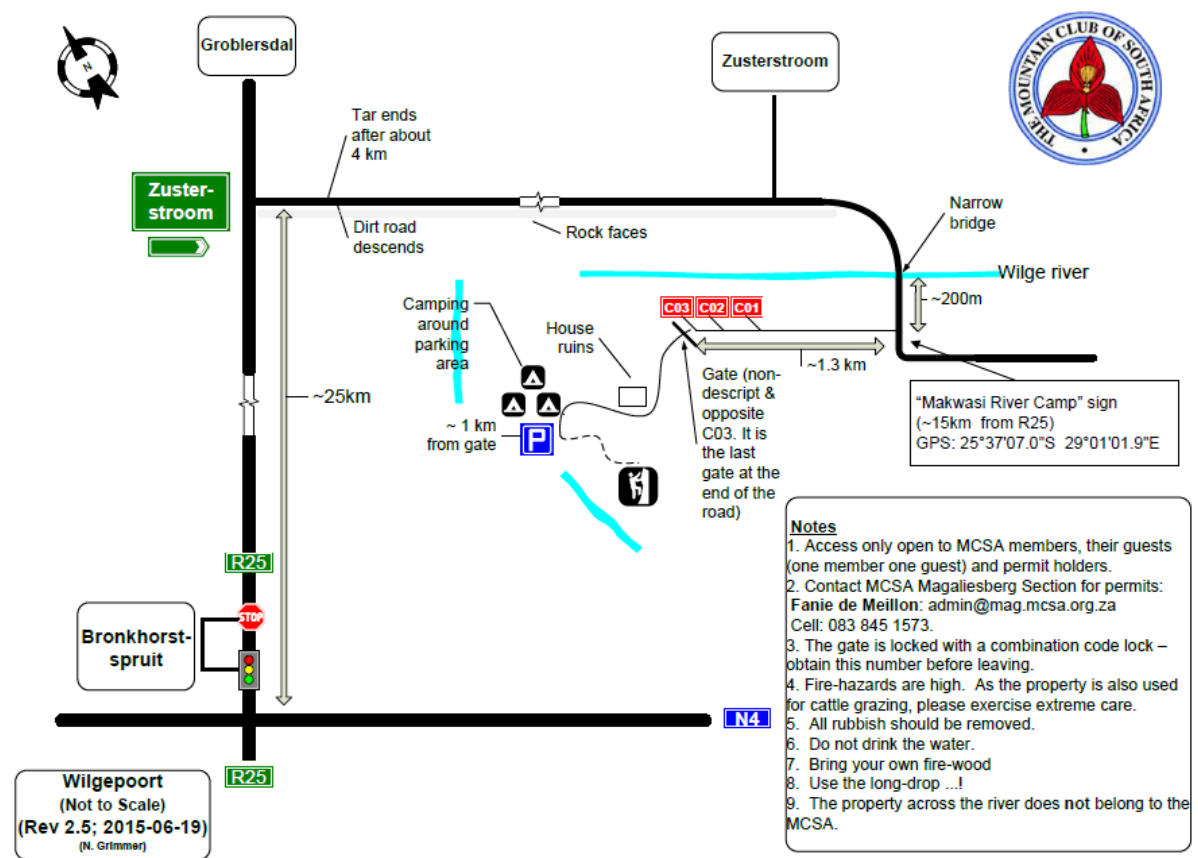
VERY HOT in summer (Dec/Jan/Feb). An Excellent winter crag. The Main crag is West-North-West-facing, meaning that on summer's days it can be unbearably hot. Consequently, it has become more frequently visited during winter, when the temperature on the rock is more bearable.

THE CLIMBING

There are about 70+ traditional routes, each consisting of our 3-5 pitches in length. The rock comprises weathered Waterberg sedimentary rocks of excellent quality, and vertical cracks predominate on the Main crag. There is some loose rock at the top of some routes, so you are advised to wear a helmet. Most routes follow cracks, open books, grooves and chimneys. A standard trad rack, supplemented by additional camming devices usually suffices. 50m Ropes. The size and duplicates of camming devices to be carried can usually be determined in advance, once the width of the crack to be climbed is observed. (If ever in doubt, take MORE). There are some routes which feature bolts and pegs, however no route is entirely protected in this way. Therefore, be prepared to place gear, and be proficient in this skill. Most routes will require some jamming at some point.

GETTING THERE

The roads are passable with normal cars. Contact MCSA for latest access details (fees apply). The MCSA has been working hard over the years to keep the access to this area open. Please be quiet, don't litter or do anything else that would upset the owners of the property and possibly close access in the future, always please first contact the MCSA.



FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

Camping was traditionally done on the western shore of the large pool, and this venue remains popular due to its proximity to the Main crag. However, another campsite closer to the parking area has become popular in recent times; it is located on a beach immediately upstream of the rocky ridge which one scrambles over after 100 metres from the cars. There is space for approximately five tents.

The camping area is where the access road terminates at the car park. The area is nice and flat with some shade trees. Please don't litter. The river is 20m away and hidden by some bushes.

There is a "Long Drop" toilet. Please do not throw anything in it and keep the lid closed. (take your own TP)

You are welcome to make fire but please do not use any of the wood out of the bush. Not even if it is lying on the ground. Please be careful and don't leave the fire unattended. Kill it, and make sure there is no heat, before going to bed or leaving.

There is NO drinkable water. Do not drink from the river as it is polluted upstream and contains heavy metals.

NOTES

The crags are located in an area of wild, African scenic beauty. It is not uncommon to see a pair of Black Eagles, the resident gymnogene, giant kingfishers and otters fishing in the Big Pool, nor to hear the bark of baboons. When the leaves on the trees and bushes are turning colour, especially those located at water level, the place is a sight to behold. Please keep all gates closed. Camping and parking at present are allowed and a fee is charged - contact the Johannesburg or Magaliesberg Sections of the MCSA for details. River water must be sterilised (note that the usual access route requires fording the river). Fire hazard is high: take all precautions. All rubbish shall be removed, not burned or buried. Climbing is not allowed on the separate Western crag (also popularly known as The Pillar of Eros and situated 800 metres upstream of the Main crag) during the Black Eagle Nesting season (April to Mid- November).

Note that Wilgepoort is known for rockfalls - wear a helmet, take care and climb with a cellphone.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please keep all gates closed and locked.

Water from the river must be sterilised. Rather bring clean drinking water.

There have been confirmed reports of hippos on the lower pools by the car park. And an unconfirmed report of a crocodile as well.

Fire hazard is high: take all precautions. All rubbish shall be removed, not burned or buried.

LOCATION OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Under the tree (a *Bequaertiodendron magalismontanum* or Transvaal Milkplum/A: Stamvrug) 20 meters up and 10 meters true right of the water drip at the TRAD crag. The 20 meters up to the dump is a grade 7 climb. It is advisable to use rope protection to climb to the dump and also a rope to lower the stretcher or drum in case of an emergency.

DESCENTS

By the gift of nature, the routes on the northern half of the Main crag may be descended by using The Ramp.

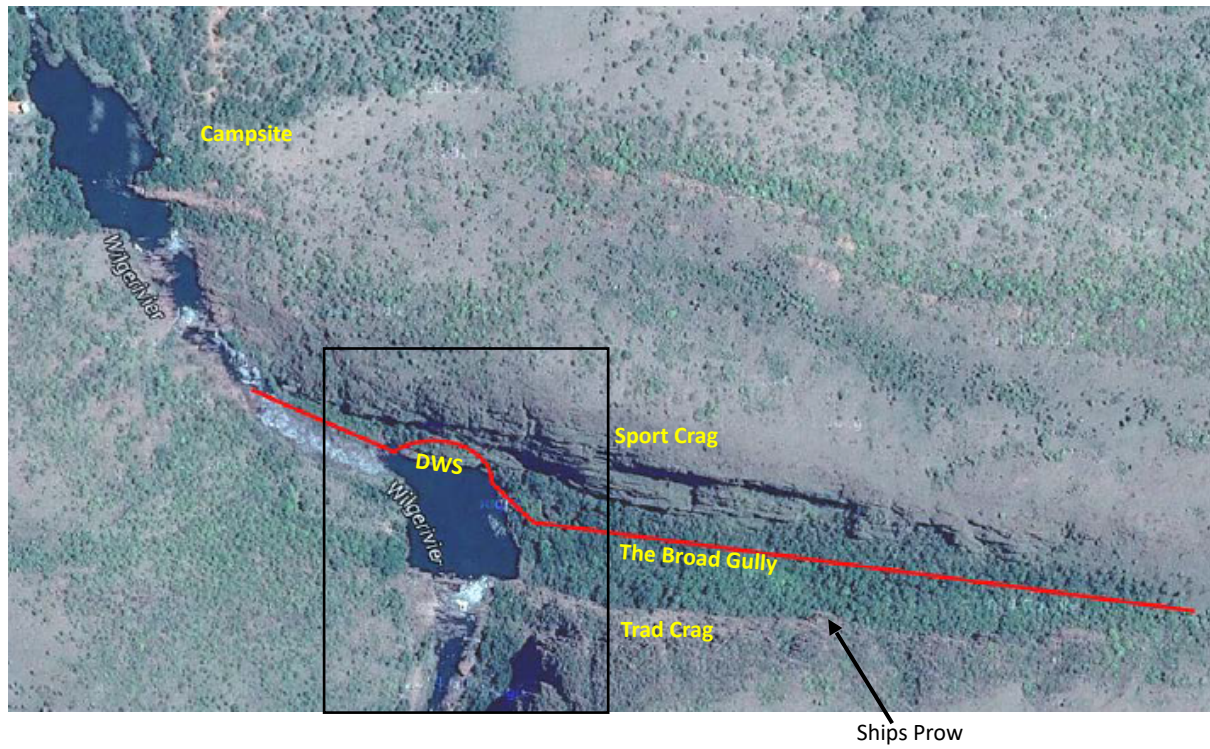
This feature curves around the northern end of the Main crag and is clearly visible as one approaches Wilgepoort. It is loose in places and helmets should be worn for this descent; novices may need to abseil the bottom third of the descent – trees are available for this. The Ramp can also be used after climbing routes in

The Broad gully, if the particular route finishes in its vicinity. (For routes, higher up in The Broad gully, descend by gaining the top of the gully itself and then walking down it).

In winter 1994 Clive Curson equipped the general line of the combination route Cabernet/Muscadel as a swift and safe descent route from the southern half of the Main crag. The first rap is off the tree at the top of Bottleneck Bulge and then three raps (alternatively, with 50 metre ropes, 2 raps) off large U-bolts bring you back to terra firma. Routes located at the far southern end of the Main crag can be descended by scrambling upstream to a broad, vegetated gully which runs beyond the ridge taken by the route Naboom Nuisance.

Descent off the Pillar of Eros (aka The Western crag) is via rappelling off trees.

AREA MAPS



THE PILLAR OF EROS

This is also known as the Western Crag, approximately 800 metres upstream of the Main crag, in a bend in the river is this crag. The crag faces South-East. Approach by walking upstream from the Main crag, staying on the true left of the river if possible for the entire way. A pair of Black eagles' nest on top of the pillar, so heed the note above, under Other Important Information, about when to avoid climbing there. There are only two routes in this subsection.

ARROW OF EROS 17, A2 (F3,M2) [N] The climb starts on the wall just to the right of the obvious pillar on the upstream cliffs, The Pillar of Eros, and follows the recess marked with overhangs on the righthand flank of the pillar. There are some well-placed rocks at the bottom. 1. 30m F2,M1 16 Climb up from the blocks for 4m onto a small nose. Aid up a small crack until it is possible to move onto a small off-balance ledge. Move up the corner to the left of the ledge (good handhold) and continue up to a good ledge. Traverse to the left into a corner and then diagonally to the right to a large tree belay. 2. 30m F2,M2 16 Move to the around the corner and climb a grey slab to a rotten looking corner. Climb the corner on nuts to the overhang and continue on nuts under the overhang to the bottom of a broken recess. Climb the recess free to a small resting place and then continue by aiding up the crack in the righthand wall to the next overhang. Move to the right into the bottom of the next crack, using a delicate peg. Throw a nut high up into the crack and use it to get into the recess, from where it is possible to move to the right to a small but good stance. 3. 25m F3 17 Climb up past a ledge to a crack with a bulging stone in it. Climb this crack (crux) until it is possible to traverse to the right for 7m into an open-book recess. Climb this recess to a sloping platform. 4. 35m F2 15 Climb the recess until it is easier to move to the left onto the front of the pillar, which is followed to the top. First Ascent: Aug 1974 J Linke and E Druschke.

PILLAR OF EROS 15 (F2) [N] The route goes up the righthand side of the obvious pillar on the cliffs 0,5km upstream of the main face, the Pillar of Eros. 1. 8 (E2) 40m Starting at the only break in the rock, 40m to the right of the pillar, traverse to the left and then mantleshelf (or climb) to the ledge leading to the two trees on the immediate right of the pillar (tree belay). 2. 15 (F2) 13m Either do an awkward chimney or climb up on thin holds to a folded slit in the rock. Move out and up to a stance with an eye-hole belay. Scramble to the base of an obvious ramp (peg belay). 3. 13 (F1) 22m Climb the ramp, stepping across about 3m from the top. Scramble up the pillar on the corner opposite to the ramp. First Ascent: Aug 1973 P Dawson, P Norton, C Sherlock, T Hoy and M Asher.

MAIN CRAG

This is the predominant feature of Wilgepoort, and is where the rock is at its highest. The crag faces the Wilge river, ie West-North-West. Access is via either of the approaches described in the Access notes, above. The crag is split vertically by the swathe of a deep gully/crack/chimney, taken by the route Madeira. Almost the entire crag features cracks which run vertically the full height of the rock. There is a series of very impressive overhangs and roofs towards the southern end of the crag. Generally, the routes on the Main crag are demanding. There are 42 routes in this subsection. Climbers often make a base at the foot of the route Cabernet.

GENERATION GAP 15 (F2) [N] 1. C/D 4/5 50m Scramble up the descent ridge to the ledge at the start of the third pitches of Drip 'n Drag and Squeeze 'n Squirm. The climb proper starts in the corner to the right of Drip 'n Drag. 2. 20m F2 15 Climb the corner for 10m to the overhanging roof. Climb the righthand face (strenuous), moving out to the right after 4m. Climb up 4m and then traverse to the left to a ledge above the overhang. (Peg and nut belays). 3. 10m E3 11 Climb diagonally to the left up the corner, moving delicately to the left around the bulge to a ledge with a nut belay. 4. 30m E3 11 Climb the chimney above, moving to the left above the chockstone. Move back across the chimney after 3m and continue up the righthand face to a tree belay. 5. 10m D 6 Continue up the broken face to the top. First Ascent: Jun 1973 H Boshoff, J Schooling, K Kroger and D Lubbe.

GEMINI 15 (F2) * [N]** The route starts 6m to the left of Toothache on the righthand corner of the descent route. 1. 30m E2 11 Climb the lefthand side of the nose for 13m then traverse 3m to the right before

proceeding straight up to a small ledge with a block belay. There is a beacon 3m higher up. 2. 30m F1 13 Traverse 13m diagonally to the left to the foot of a small buttress. Climb the crack that separates the "twins" for 15m to reach a stance on top of the lefthand "twin". 3. 30m F2 15 Traverse 10m diagonally to the left to a corner. Climb 3m to the crux move, which involves a straddle and layback move to break through a small overhang. Climb another 15m in the crack to a tree belay on a ledge. 4. 33m D/E 6/7 Pleasant ledge and crack climbing leads to the top. First Ascent: May 1968 J Mosman, J Vorster, A Klette and K Kroger.

SWEET LITTLE MYSTERY 19 (G1) * [N]** Start as for the second pitch of GENERATION GAP (that is: scramble up the first section of The Ramp to the obvious amphitheatre, to below the corner described below). 1. 16 (F2) 25m Climb to the base of the right-tending corner, which is bordered on its left by an overhanging face. Ascend this until it is possible to step left onto a flat, rectangular ledge. 2. 19 (G1) 50m Traverse diagonally up and left to the base of a grassy groove (8m). Ascend this on good gear, keeping slightly left and away from grass (16) until it is possible at 5m to traverse slightly left into the next obvious groove. Climb this with some delicate moves for 8m, until it is possible to step left. Continue straight up face for 15m to the base of a short hand crack. Climb this and then traverse left to make a stance. Note: The first sections of both these pitches are common with the first sections of pitches 2 and 3 of GENERATION GAP. First Ascent: 1996 Mark Seuring, Claire Keeton.

IDEM DOLE 17 (F3) [N] This route is situated between Gemini and Toothache and starts 2m to the right of Gemini. "Idem Dole" is Slovak for "I'm falling off!". 1. 26m E3 11 Climb straight up, following the line of least resistance along a rib, to sloping platform with a beacon. 2. 24m F3 17 From the beacon climb the face directly above. Traverse diagonally to the left for 4m to the bottom of a small recess. (This route is at present blocked by a huge hornets nest on the crux move). Alternative: From the stance of pitch 1 traverse diagonally to the left for 6m to the recess on GEMINI. Climb up 1m to the right of the vertical crack to reach a loose-looking yet solid "letterbox" then proceed 5m to the right (F3 17) to the edge of a block and continue into the recess. Climb 5m up the recess, then traverse to the left to the edge of the block. Ascend 3m then continue slightly to the left or right and finally up to a platform. 3. 20m F2 15 Traverse to the lefthand side of the platform, climb 3m up the recess then traverse to the left into a small recess topped by an overhang. Turn the overhang utilizing a small horizontal crack. Follow broken rock to a small ledge. Move diagonally to the right onto a bigger ledge with a beacons stance. 4. 33m F2 15 From the lefthand side of the ledge traverse 2m to the left, then climb 10m straight up to a small stance. Follow the line of least resistance on rock that becomes less severe to the top. First Ascent: Feb 1969 J Pipich and K Kroger.

TOOTHACHE 17 (F3) * [N]** This climb is situated on the lefthand side of the west face 6m to the right of the descent ramp. A prominent "open book" halfway up, with a "tooth" 16m high in it, forms the main feature of the route. 1. 33m F2 16 Climb a small crack by-passing the overhang on the left. Continue up the steep face, keeping a little to the left for 13m then move over to the right at the grassy patch. Continue up the small crack to a stance and piton belay. 2. 30m F2 16 Move to the left and continue over a series of blocks and a small overhanging bulge to the base of the "tooth". Climb the lefthand crack for 10m then traverse to the right across the tooth and into the righthand crack. Climb up to a narrow ledge. The 5m to the top is the most difficult part; using sloping handholds at the top straddle up as far as possible and then mantleshelf onto the top of the tooth. There is a block and chockstone belay. 3. 30m F3 17 Climb the lefthand crack for 3m, using small footholds to a narrow ledge where it is possible to rest. Layback for 6m and climb over the bulge to the left at the overhang onto a ledge. Continue over a series of blocks to a smooth face with good handholds on top. Continue 6m up to the stance on a platform. 4. 40m D/E 7/8 Take the line of least resistance to the top. Alternative - 3. 30m G1 18 Climb straight up the corner above the tooth, pulling through the small roof. Climb the left wall above up to a ledge. Scramble to top. First Ascent: May 1968 K Kroger, K Dauter, E Meyer and D Lubbe. Alternative: Jan 1985 C Edelstein and S Brown.

TOOTHPASTE 16 (F2) [N] This climb is pasted next to Toothache. 1. 30m F2 15 Start up the crack just to the left of McFats LGP and climb it until it is possible to traverse to the left to the first stance of Gemini. 2. 30m F2+ 16 Climb the corner to the right of the stance for a few metres (towards the tooth) then move diagonally up to the left on the steep wall to the corner of the arete on the left of Toothache. Climb up a few feet, make a difficult

move into a shallow corner on the right and then continue up to a large ledge. 3. 15m F1 13 Climb the lefthand wall to a large platform in the recess. 4. 40m F2 15 Climb the wall to the left of the zig-zag crack. Move into the crack at half height and continue to the top. Variation - 4. 40m F2 15 Climb the zig-zag crack from bottom to top. First Ascent: Mar 1974 J Linke, T Hoy and J Bullock.

THE MANGLER 21 (G2) [N] A steep open-book recess which faces the big pool is situated about halfway up the lefthand corner of the main Wilgepoort cliff. The route takes the overhanging jam-crack in the lefthand wall of this recess. On the ball routefinders will notice that THE MANGLER lies between TOOTHACHE & MCFATS LGP. 1. 17 (F2) 20m Starting to the left of a smooth gash at the base of the cliff, climb the face to reach an open cubbyhole stance about 10m below the steep open-book recess. 2. 20 (G2) 20m Climb easy rock for a few metres, into the base of a shorter corner. Move up this, then right (tricky) onto a steep slab. Climb the jam-crack (strenuous), moving out right at the top to a blocky stance (shared with MCFATS LGP). 3. 18 (F3) 35m Climb up leftwards to the skyline, and then climb the small open book on the left of the obvious nose. Continue over easier rock to the foot of a left-facing wall. Climb the break 1-2m in from the righthand edge of the wall. First Ascent: Feb 1980 Kevin Smith, Andrew Smith, Michelle Mears

MCFAT'S LGP 19 (G1) *** [N]** Start at the foot of the shallow crack 10m to the right of Toothache. 1. 25m F2 16 Climb the crack, making a small detour to the right at 10m, to a ledge below the overhangs. (Peg belay). 2. 25m G1 19 Traverse 5m to the right to the base of a prominent crack system leading up to a small cubbyhole in the overhangs. Continue up the recess above for 3m before traversing delicately to the left and climbing up to a small ledge. 3. 40m G1 19 Climb the steep jamming crack immediately above the stance to easier rock at 10m. Continue up to a big ledge, step to the right past the tree and then climb the recess above to a stance and tree belay. Scramble to top. Note: Pitch 2 opened on aid. First Ascent: Aug 1971 P Fatti and A McGarr.

ROCKIN ME GENTLY 20 (G2) [N] This is a very direct route varying not more than a metre or two over its extent. To the left of the main fault in the middle of the cliff one encounters a deep off-width crack at ground level. Corpuscle takes the jam-crack 6m to the left of this off-width crack. Start a few metres to the left of the start of Corpuscle. 1. 17 (F3) 25m Climb easily diagonally left for 10m, ascend steep rock on buttress 3m to the left of Corpuscle's jam crack. Continue up thin crack to ledge below overhangs. 2. 20 (G2) 30m Climb overhanging face (high handholds) one metre to the right of the overhanging Corpuscle crack. Move slightly left after 5m to a resting point. (Corpuscle moves left across the slab at this point). Directly above is an overhanging hand-jamming crack, climb this strenuously; where the crack ends move up and gain a narrow ledge with difficulty on the left. Above is a small overhang, step right and climb recess to just below another overhang, move left onto arete and climb through break onto large ledge. 3. 16 (F2) 20m Directly behind the stance is a steep jamming crack. Climb this for 10m, pull through left of overhang and climb easier rock to large ledge. Scramble to top. First Ascent: Jan 1981 John Brown and Campbell Cairns.

CORPUSCLE 19 (G1) *** [N]** In the Mountain Club one finds a number of lean specimens of the species Homo Sapiens. When one day one of these claimed that he could alleviate this condition, he was warned that for every extra pound of fat one requires an extra mile of corpuscles. Perplexed faces followed. Both climbers agreed that they had left a mile of corpuscles on the second pitch, but were still doubtful about fat. Eventually everybody decided that our fat expert meant an "extra mile of capillaries". To the left of the big main fault at Wilgepoort. The base of the rock has its furthest cut-back (except for the sides). In the centre of this concave cut-back is a shallow chimney left of which is a grey face followed by a 20m long crack whose horrifying feature is an overhanging open book. Start climbing from the tree growing directly at the base of the rock and beside this crack. 1. 25m F3 17 Climb the crack to ledge below overhangs. 2. 30m G1 19 Climb the overhanging crack behind stance (next jamming crack right from McFat's LGP) for 5m, step left across slab towards recess, then surmount overhang upwards to the left to a small narrow ledge. Traverse left into crack of McFat's LGP and immediately back diagonally right into a recess and crack. Climb crack to where it becomes overhanging, move right onto buttress to a large ledge. 3. 25m F2+ 16 Traverse left for 5m on ledge (crossing McFats LGP) climb righthand edge of arete for approximately 5m then ascend a shallow groove. From near the top of this groove, step left into crack and climb to large ledge. Climb and scramble to the top. First Ascent: Aug 1975 E Druschke and J Linke.

VAN DER MERWE'S CRACK 17 (F3) ** [N]** This climb starts about 35m to the right of Toothache and 16m to the right of a rockdrip. The start is at the base of a recess containing a noticeable dead tree. The climb takes a very direct line from base to top of crag. 1. 43m F1/E3 12 Move straight up the bulge immediately right of the recess. Continue up a sloping ramp to a crack system. Follow the crack system to the right and then move left into a grassy recess. Continue up the grassy recess until one can move left 2m to the base of a prominent crack system with a tree belay. 2. 35m F3 17 Climb the off-width crack, about 7m to the left of the conspicuous large open book, and itself situated in the corner of a small open book. The crack initially comprises a closely spaced dual-crack which eventually forms a single crack further up. Continue past a ledge with a tree on the lefthand side and remain in the crack until a small sloping exposed ledge is gained. Good tree belay. 3. 25m F3 17 Climb through the tree above the belay and follow crack to an overhang. Move to the right of the overhang and make an awkward move (crux) onto the bulge. Mantleshelf up and make a delicate traverse 2m left to a recess which is followed to a tree belay. Scramble to top. Variation - 3. An easier route may be followed up a grassy recess to the right of the bulge. Note: This is a superb and direct line with good protection. First Ascent: Feb 1984 M V Richter, N Margetts, L J Richter and D Margetts

HANEPOOT 17 (F3) [N] Start 3m to the left of the main fault in the middle of the cliff. 1. 25m F2 15 Climb diagonally to the left for 15m to the base of a chimney. Climb the corner on the right to a ledge under the main overhangs. 2. 20m F2 15 Traverse 3m to the right from the extreme righthand edge of the ledge. Negotiate the bulge to gain a standing ledge above it. Move up to a small stance in the chimney on the right. 3. 35m F3 17 Chimney up to the overhang. Move to the left to the base of the chimney crack. Climb this to a ledge on the left. Move up to the left of the overhang blocking the chimney until it is possible to traverse across it to the right. Climb up to a tree, then to the ledge and thence up to a broad ledge. 4. 30m F1 13 Move to the left and climb a big recess with a preliminary bulge. Climb diagonally to the right to a stance. 5. 45m D/E 7 Climb faces to the top. First Ascent: Sep 1974 H Boshoff, G Graafland and C Malherbe.

VINTAGE 48 21 * [N]** Start as for Hanepoot, but instead climb straight up the prominent overhanging off-width crack. (Wet at certain times of the year). 1. 30m G1 19 Climb the crack strenuously for 8m, stepping out left. Continue up the crack to the huge blocks under the next overhang. Step carefully on to the bigger block to gain access to the narrow chimney above. Climb this for about 6m to a small stance in a cubby-hole. (Common with the second stance of Hanepoot). 2. 30m G2 21 Climb to the top of the cubby-hole and step right below the overhang. Climb steeply up and right to reach the second of two small layback holds which is used to pull through the overhang on to the steep rock above. Continue steeply for another 3m on rounded holds and then traverse right to where the angle eases. Climb up on the corner for a few metres, step left awkwardly past a bulge and continue up the steep crack to a ledge and tree. 3. 30m E3 12 Continue up the obvious line to the top. Note: On the first ascent, a rather devious line was followed to avoid the crux section of pitch 2. The pitch as described was opened by Paul and Gordon about two years later. First Ascent: Nov 1991 P Fatti and G Erens.

MADEIRA 16 (F2) [N] The climb follows the prominent crack in the centre of the crans. 1. 30m E3 11 Start in the gully and climb some wet mossy rock to a block and tree belay. 2. 50m E3 11 Continue up the gully into the chimney to a block belay 10m below the roof of the chimney. 3. 30m F2 16 Straddle up to the roof of the chimney. Move out under the roof on smooth faces (strenuous for short persons), using the furthest wall (after passing the Fang) for the feet. Move up into a chimneying position until it is possible to gain footholds on the back wall. Climb up for 8m to a stance behind some bushes. 4. 40m E3 11 Climb the crack for 18m to a large tree in a corner. Step across to the right above the tree and climb the wall to a platform and beacon. First Ascent: Feb 1968 K Kroger, A Koster, E Meyer and D Lubbe.

WISE CRACK 21 (G2) [N] One third of the way up the main Madeira crack/chimney is a thin finger-lock crack which starts on the righthand retaining wall. 1. 25m G2 21 Climb the crack through a few small breaks to a small roof where the crack narrows considerably. Ascend to a small ledge and continue up the finger crack to a good ledge. 2. 10m F2+ 16 Move right and onto a face and ascend to a large tree. First Ascent: Sep 1985 P Schlotfeldt and R Dodding.

CONTINENTAL 16 (F2) [N] The route starts a few metres to the left of Sesame and Madeira halfway up. 1. 30m E3 11 Two large trees block the foot of the first deep crack to the right of Madeira. Climb past the trees in the crack, pull up on to the overhanging slab and climb out to the right on to the face. Continue over some large boulders to a bushy stance shared with Madeira. 2. 17m D 6 Climb the ridge and gully to tree. This pitch follows roughly the same line as a portion of the second pitch of Madeira. 3. 36m F2 16 Traverse to the left into a corner, step across the gap on to a ledge and climb up diagonally to the left into the corner. Climb the face for 7m until one is level with a big block around the corner to the left. Move to the left around corner on to a block. Climb the lefthand wall, move onto a corner to the left and continue up to a small stance below a tree. 4. 17m D/E 7 Climb a face to the right of the tree to an overhang, then move to the left into a gully and ascend to a large platform. 5. 33m E2 9 Climb the ridge to the left and continue up to the top. First Ascent: Nov 1968 J Pupich, P Solar and E & D Lubbe.

SESAME 14 (F1) [N] The route starts on a diagonal slab 16m to the right of the main fault in the krans. 1. 30m E3 10 Climb the slab, move into the crack and then continue to the left, over a large block behind a tree. From the top of the block move over the face and diagonally to the left to a cubbyhole. Climb to the left, around a corner, to a tree belay. 2. 33m F1 14 Proceed up a gully to big tree below chimney. From the tree climb straight up the lefthand face to a ledge. Climb the face on good handholds and straddle on to the face on the left. Move up 3m to a small ledge and belay point. 3. 26m F1 14 Step off the lefthand side of the ledge and climb up on awkward holds until it is possible to continue diagonally to the right. Continue up on the corner to a ledge with a tree. Climb a crack above the tree to reach a broad ledge, where a beacon will be found. 4. 40m E2 8 Move 5m to the left and take the first obvious crack, which is climbed for 10m. Take the line of least resistance to the top. First Ascent: Aug 1966 J du Plessis and D Lubbe.

C'EST L'ESCALADE 25 (H2) [N] This route climbs a crack system up the obvious steep wall to the right of Madeira. Scramble up to a ledge and small tree at the base of the wall. 1. 25 (H2) 25m Climb diagonally right to the right arete. Move up the arete about 3m, then traverse left onto the wall to gain the crack just above a gentle bulge. Climb the crack and left-trending rail to a sloping ledge. Climb the final crack to a flat ledge and piton. First Ascent: Oct 1988 KM Smith

BOTTLENECK BULGE 16 (F2) ** [N]** The route is situated in the crack just to the right of Sesame. 1. 33m E3 11 Climb 13m up the crack, move to the left underneath a large loose boulder, then continue up in a recess by means of some off-balance moves to a ledge and tree belay. 2. 33m E3 11 Continue up the face over some broad ledges until the crack used by Madeira is reached. Move out to the right at a large tree on the ledge, climb over the face to a narrow ledge, then continue along the ledge to the right until it is possible to move up to a bigger ledge and a small tree. 3. 40m F2+ 16 Move to the right on to a corner. Climb 2m to reach a high handrail, then proceed around to the right and traverse to a big block. Climb the prominent crack to a small cubbyhole halfway up. Either continue up the crack, which widens into a narrow chimney, or move to the left onto the face and climb it to bypass the overhang. Ascend a narrow slope, keeping diagonally to the right, to a ledge. Climb the vertical face for 7m before moving around the bulge on the left to the face, which is climbed to a good ledge. Move a few metres to the right to reach a bigger ledge and tree belay that is shared with Muscadel Crack. 4. 13m F2 14 Climb the crack behind the tree (overhanging start) to a big tree at the top (beacon). First Ascent: Aug 1968 K Kroger, D Steenkamp and E & D Lubbe.

MUSCADEL CRACK 17 (F3) * [N]** The route starts to the right of Sesame where the rock forms a crack above a small overhang 10m up. 1. 30m F3 17 Climb the face to the small overhang. Using a balance press-up move diagonally to the right onto the face above the overhang and continue up to the crack. Climb 3m up the crack before moving out to the left onto a steep face. Climb 3m up the face then execute a tricky move on very small footholds to the right, back into the crack. Continue up the crack to a small ledge and chockstone belay. 2. 33m F1 13 Climb up a series of blocks, keeping slightly to the right, until a corner is reached with an overhang at the top. A narrow slit on the righthand wall provides a way up onto the next block. Continue up a series of cracks onto a large boulder with a piton and nut-runner belay. 3. 25m F2 15 Continue directly up the crack for 13m keeping slightly to the left at the top, to a platform with some loose blocks. From here, traverse to the right into a corner. Continue the traverse, using friction footholds, until it is possible to swing onto a ledge. Ascend

3m to a broader ledge and piton belay. 4. 33m F3 17 Move up into the narrow crack in the middle of the wall (the first 5m is strenuous) and continue past the first bulge to a comfortable position in the chimney like crack. (Alternatively, traverse to the right along the ledge around a corner, climb 3m and then traverse back to the left into the chimney along a small ledge). Continue up the wide crack to its very top. Using small footholds and a good handhold above the overhang, step over (or swing) to the left onto the corner ridge. Climb diagonally up to the left around a corner to a platform and tree belay. 5. 16m F1+ 14 Traverse back to the right into the corner to the base of a prominent crack. Climb the crack to top. First Ascent: Apr 1968 K Kroger and D Lubbe.

JESD 19 (G1) ** [N] The intention was to do a quick warm-up, but things never turn out as one expects them and the whole thing turned into a swinging dilemma. The climb starts on the face below Bottleneck Bulge and continues more or less on the arete to the left of this climb. 1. 35m F2 15 Start just to the left of a bottomless pillar. Climb into the open book and traverse right, climb pillar for about 2m and then return into the crack to the left. Climb crack, then up an open-book and finally bearing slightly left make a stance on a small ledge. 2. 20m F2+ 16 Climb up wall and cracks to the left of the stance (passing some loose rock) and continue up the arete and finally traverse right to a stance on a huge block from where the prominent crack of Bottleneck Bulge starts. 3. 25m G1 19 Go back left to the arete and climb a crack running slightly right until a ledge is reached. Move left along the ledge then over two more ledges, step right to a crack and climb this until a small off-balance ledge is reached (piton in place). Make an awkward handtraverse to the left, to a good ledge to the left of the arete. 4. 15m F3 17 Climb wall behind stance about 2m left of arete (thin), move onto block and continue up crack slanting to the right. Note: Pitches 3 and 4 are sparsely protected. First Ascent: Jul 1977 J Linke and E Druschke.

JESD Direct, 23, **** JESD climbs the steep and exposed corner to the left of the top half of Bottleneck Bulge. The original route traversed left around the arête some 7m below the top, avoiding the thin finger crack above the piton. The direct version fires straight up the finger crack. For extreme fun do it as a massive long pitch from the big scrappy sloping ledge. Climb a crack of your choice to this ledge. 1. 23 50m Climb to the wide Bottleneck Bulge crack. Climb it, then move out left on airy jugs to a small ledge. Commit into the shallow corner above and climb it to the peg. Don't look left or right: rather get your torque on straight up. FA: Hector Pringle, Andrew Porter, Warren Gans 2013-05-25

THE GRIPS OF WRATH 21 (G2/3) * [N]** Start 2m left of CABERNET, below the slabby wall between that route and MUSCADEL. 1. 21 (G2/G3) 25m Starting in the middle of the wall, climb up the centre of it to below the stepped overlap at 10m. (Side runners available in CABERNET to protect the middle third of the wall). Climb boldly through the overlap at a small white left-facing corner (crux). Follow a thin crack system up the wall above until able to tarverse right to the rap bolts. Lovely stuff. First Ascent: May 1995 Russ Dodding (after an original idea by Gordon Erens)

CABERNET 18 (F3) * [N]** Start approximately 20m to the left of the perennial drip, between Muscadel Crack and The Key. 1. 40m F3 17 Climb the hand-jam crack to a small overhang 10m up. Bypass the overhang on the right, climb up and diagonally to the left, crossing the crack and then move straight up to a small platform. Climb diagonally back up to the right, recrossing the crack to easier ground. 2. 40m F3+ 18 Scramble up to the obvious crack in the prominent long recess between Muscadel Crack and The Key. Climb the crack past an awkward bulge. Continue up the crack all the way up to the third stance of Muscadel Crack. 3. 10m C/D 5 Traverse to the right, descend a little and move around the corner to a tree belay. 4. 25m E3 11 Climb the broken face just to the right of the rib on the skyline to a cubbyhole. Move to the left and up through a gap between two protruding ribs to a stance. First Ascent: Jun 1974 H Graafland and H Boshoff.

JOHNNY WALKER, 24, **** Climbs the obvious rightwards diagonal crack on the right hand wall of Cabernet. The climb starts from the rap anchors at the base of the diagonal crack, although it's better to belay lower down on the big, sloping ledge above Cabernet's first pitch. 1. 24 20m. From the rap anchors climb the crack to the right skyline. A #1 and then a #2 Camalot are useful about two-thirds of the way up the crack. FA: Hector Pringle and Andrew Porter 2013-03-16

WITBLITZ 22 (G3) ** [N]** Start 4m right of CABERNET, ie. left of the corner taken by THAT FURRY THING. There is a 30cm overlap 4m up. 1. 22 (G3) 30m Boulder-out the start, to gain a cubic block at the right-hand end of the overlap. Traverse daintily below the overlap and layback around its left-hand end to gain a footledge above. Climb up and then trend left (a bit run out), to gain easier ground above (and gear!). Diagonally up to the right is an overhanging, left-facing corner. Gain this and climb it strenuously and deviously to exit onto a small slab (crux). Gain the rib up on the right and continue more easily for 10m to a ledge with many cubic blocks. An excellent pitch. 2. 19 (G1) 25m Twelve metres above and slightly to the left is a short, white, right facing corner, (approximately 5m left of the main corner-crack taken by CABERNET). Gain the corner, exit leftwards awkwardly past the roof and then follow the blocky, broad arete for 10m to a small stance below a black left-facing corner-crack. (This stance is crossed by the 3rd pitch of MUSCADEL). 3. 20 (G2) 45m Follow the steep corner above directly for 10m. At the point that the crack closes, swing out to the right arete (the corner goes direct, also at 20); a short corner on the right allows a ledge above the main corner to be gained. Above this ledge the line continues as an off-width crack; circumnavigate this by climbing the crack in the right-hand corner and then regaining the crack up to the left, in an exposed position. Follow the crack more easily to a blocky ledge and finish up the left facing corner directly below the tree (the last 5m common with BOTTLENECK BULGE). Alternatively, climb the short wall left of the corner, at 20. Another great pitch. Variation: 1. 22 (G3) 30m The Mantle-Piece: Starting 5m left of the original start, that is 2m right of the CABERNET crack, climb up to below a 150cm wide ledge at 5m (under protected). Gain the ledge by an obvious move at grade 21 (G2), traverse right and hence re-join the original route at the end of the initial delicate traverse. Aesthetically pleasing. Note: A long-overlooked eliminate in the British tradition. Bring a strong set of fingers. First Ascent: Oct 1993 Paul Fatti, Russ Dodding, Gordon Erens Variation to pitch 1 : 1995 Russ Dodding

CRANKENSTEIN 23 (H1) * [N]** Takes the large, steep left-facing pink corner to the right of the corner taken by the first pitch of WITBLITZ. Start below the corner in a short, ie 2 metres left of the main arete (which is climbed by THAT FURRY THING). 1. 23 (H1) 25m Climb on to a ledge on the right; step left and follow firstly a rib and then a corner on the left to below the main corner. Climb this with increasing difficulty, to a rest (of sorts) below the roof. Crank easily through this using the blocks on the right and the jam crack on the left. Amble up to the rap bolts (a further 6m). Notes: Gear on the crux is good. Climbed with pre-placed gear on the first ascent. First Ascent: May 1995 Russ Dodding

THAT FURRY THING 21 (G2) [N] Start 3m left of The Key. 1. 25m G2 21 Start in a corner just left of the arete which is left of The Key. At about 10m climb diagonally right onto the right wall of the corner. Gain a wide crack which leads through roofs. From a shake-out under a roof move right and up to a stance. 2. 20m F3 17 Climb straight up to the stance below the crux pitch of The Key. 3. 25m G2 20 Start up the book which is Some Like It Hot's top pitch. Traverse right into a small corner and climb this to a small tree on a ledge. 4. 40m F1 13 Climb up to easy ground. First Ascent: May 1984 T Holt and C Lomax (with rests). FFA June 87 G Mallory and C Edelstein.

THE KEY 21 (G3) *** [N]** In the centre of the crag there are two prominent open books. The righthand one is bounded by a steep smooth wall; immediately to the right again, at halfway height, there is a short open book to the left of the large overhangs. The route gains the tree at the foot of this by ascending the wall below, then ascends the thin crack in the lefthand wall and continues almost directly to the top. Start 10m to the left of the water drip and immediately below the tree in the short open book. 1. 20m F3 17 Ascend the deep jamming crack for 5m then step to the right and climb up into a recess below an overhang. Traverse to the right (peg runner) for 5m and make an awkward step across a shallow groove, then climb up and to the right to a small stance and peg belay in the corner. 2. 10m G1 19 Move to the left and gain the slab. Move up to the left (awkward), then climb down to a good foothold just above the overhang. Move up and across to stance. 3. 20m F3 17 Climb the recess behind (5m), then climb up to the left to a detached block. Move to the left around the arete (5m below the small overhang) and continue up to a small stance at the foot of a short steep groove. 4. 6m F3 17 Climb the righthand wall of the groove and move across to a belay just above the tree. 5. 10m G3 21 Traverse to the left to the arete and follow the crack up and to the right where it steepens. Climb up to a good small stance and belay. 6. 10m G2 20 Move a few metres up to the crack and climb to where the crack widens, then make strenuous moves up to the top. 7. 43m E2 10 Move around the arete on the left to a

detached block, then proceed up and to the right on a ramp to the base of vertical cracks. Climb these to a recess below the final overhang, then follow the recess to the top. Variations - 1 and 2 26m G1 19 Climb the jamming crack mentioned in pitch 1 and then climb straight up pulling through a roof to the cubbyhole stance at the top of pitch 2. 3 and 4 23m F3+ 18 Follow the recess mentioned in pitch 3 and continue straight up, moving slightly left to the stance. First Ascent: Aug 1968 T Barley and J Anderson (Pitch 1 G1,M0 (one point of aid), Pitch 5 F3,M1 (three points) and Pitch 6 F3,M1 (five points)) FFA May 1982 K Smith.

HOT ROD 19 **** Climb The Key or Some Like it Hot to small ledges and belay near the tree some 40m up. 2. 30m 18 Climb up Some Like it Hot's crack to the ledge immediately below the main chimney in the corner (5m). Move right onto the seriously exposed, orange downstream facing face, traversing up and right under a stepped roof. Climb up to a ledge with tree. Climb easier ground close to the arête to the large ledge with tree belay (shared with Some like it Hot) 3. 30m 18 From behind the tree, climb the easy angle crack system right of Some like it Hot's obvious chimney recess, topping out through a smallish square roof with a bit of grunt work. FA: Craig de Villiers, Tim Dunnett, 2013/05/26.

DANCING ON A HIGHWIRE 24 (H2) [N] The hand-crack through the middle of the 3-metre roof 45m above the drip. Start 10m left of the drip. 1. 17 (F3) 20m Climb more or less straight up to stance in a hidden square recess just above a square blocky roof. (First 10m as for The Key, and stance is at the top of pitch 2 of The Key). 2. 21 (G2) 15m Traverse 5m right from the stance to a crack and climb this to a vague stance. 3. 22 (G3) 15m Follow the crack-line to just below and left of the roof-crack. Make a tricky move right and stance beneath the roof. (Let It Be traverses out right from here). 4. 24 (H2) 8m Climb the roof crack and stance on a pleasant ledge up to the left. 5. 10 (E2) 45m Scramble to top of the crag. First Ascent: Nov 1985 K M Smith with G Mallory and C Edelstein on pitches 1-3.

SOME LIKE IT HOT 20 (G2) ** [N]** On a hot summer's afternoon two climbers were dripping just as much as the famous Wilgepoort waterdrip just below. In the winter the gradings may not seem to be quite so severe. 1. 15m F2 16 Start immediately left of the waterdrip up a shallow groove and up to a small ledge (first stance of The Key). Move to right around corner to tree belay. 2. 18m G2 20 Climb the crack to below overhang, then climb up the crack to below large overhang and move right onto ledge and piton belay. 3. 25m G1 18 Traverse left 3m, move up flake, traverse left around corner (good protection left in place). Climb up the face for 4m and then traverse across face to tree and up to small ledges. 4. 30m G2 20 Climb crack for 5m and continue up into chimney. Climb chimney and crack to large ledge and tree belay. 5. 30m F2+ 16 Start at tree and climb crack just to the right of the nose sticking out high up. The middle part of the pitch has an obvious chimney. Delicate crux near top of pitch just right of the nose. First Ascent: Nov 1975 J Linke and E Druschke. (Pitch 2 F3,M1 and Pitch 4 F3,M2 both with 3 points of aid) FFA 1979 K & A Smith.

LET IT BE 19,A2 (G1,M2) [N] The climb is situated to the right of The Key and follows a line through the big overhangs directly above the waterdrip. Scramble up the ramp to the right of the waterdrip. The ramp follows diagonally up left to where the rock face steepens. Traverse left into a vegetated recess, up this recess and around the corner to the stance. The stance is immediately above the trees above the waterdrip. 1. 20m F3 17 Climb up shallow recess and crack directly above the stance until small overhang is reached when it becomes possible to step out left and up to block piton stance. 2. 25m G1,M2 19 Climb left crack for 5m. Surmount bulging crack (M1). Climb up then follow crack diagonally right and up to roof of big overhang (free and M1). Traverse directly out right under overhang to ledge and stance. (One piton in place - M2). 3. 30m F1 13 Climb up directly behind stance to big ledge. Scramble to large tree growing out of rock face in recess. 4. 35m F1 13 Ascend recess and follow cracks keeping slightly left and then to the top. Note 1 :Pitch 1 has been climb by various odds and bods. Note 2 : A good selection of pitons is advisable including one bong for one move in the lower section of Pitch 2. Note 3 : Pitch 2 has been climbed with only one point of aid by K Smith at G3,M1 22/ A1 First Ascent: Jul 1975 J Linke and E Druschke.

GROUP-GROPE 20 (G2) [N] No description available, but it follows the crack system to the left of Shisa and Walking On Air. First Ascent: 1979 D Cheesmond and C Lomax.

WALKING ON AIR 20 (G2) [N] Starts up deep recess between Group Grope and Gang Bang, that is from the tree where the stretcher and first-aid drum are kept. 1. 18m G2 20 Up recess to below roof, make fancy move out left under roof, continue up crack system past roof until forced 2m left to ledges. 2. 30m F3 18 From stance go back right, swing right around corner and up continuation groove (awkward). Climb steep wall above trending slightly to the left. Do not continue up obvious easy break above but rather climb diagonally right to where it is possible to break through the roof using an excellent crack and jugs above. Easier ground leads to stance. 3. 30m F2 16 Above are a number of cracks. From the stance climb up lefthand crack until able to move right into good crack system. Climb crack past an off-width move, continue up and break through roofs above. First Ascent: 1986 J Brown, I Slatem and D Young.

SHISA 20 (G2) [N] Shisa (which means "burn" in Zulu) starts 3m right of LET IT BE, below a crack, after scrambling up the ramp which is situated above the water drip. 15m or so above is a large overhang with a crack through it. This is the roof of GANG BANG or GROUP GROPE. There is a bush marked "F.A." on the topo. (A first pitch can be added if you like.) 1. 35m G2 20 From 2m left of the bush, ascend crack to 3m below the roof (10m) before making a thin move right into the corner and then up to some semi-detached blocks. On the right is a whitish overhanging face split by two rails about 1.5m apart. There is a block in the upper rail which looks like a loaf of bread. Rail round the arete using this block (very psychie). Step right into a good nut crack. Continue up to the black roof, which is split by an off-width crack. A difficult move brings you onto the Reluctance traverse. Move onto the stance. 2. 40m F2 16 Continue directly above up the obvious break, tending left at the top. Superb climbing with the odd F2 move. Note: After the handrail on the first pitch it might be necessary to make a hanging belay in the "good nut crack" because of rope drag. First Ascent: Apr 1983 C Edelstein and A Lambert.

GANG-BANG 21 (G2) [N] No description available, but it follows the crack system to the right of Shisa and Walking On Air. First Ascent: 1979 D Cheesmond and C Lomax.

RELUCTANCE 18 (F3) * [N]** The start of this route is on the righthand section of the cliffs at the base of a large open-book topped by an overhang. There are two prominent lines of overhangs just to the left of the open book. 1. 43m E1 7 Scramble and climb 43m up the line of least resistance to the base of the openbook which is level with a tree. Use nut belays. 2. 36m F3 18 Climb the openbook which involves a series of awkward moves, to a bulge in the facing side of the book. Then move to the left and into a bottomless crack that breaks through the first prominent line of overhangs. (A sling was used on the opening ascent but the move has since been done free). Move into the crack and climb up via a good hold in the crack. Climb a further 10m up the crack to a ceiling, then move out to the left and continue up to a stance 6m higher. Use a piton belay in a small cubbyhole. 3. 36m F2 16 From the ledge move to the left and proceed up through the second overhang into a crack. Climb the crack and continue diagonally across the face to the left into another chimney. Climb the chimney all the way to a ceiling at the top, move out to the right, then move to the left and proceed onto a stance with a tree belay. 4. 24m F1 13 Climb the face immediately behind the stance via an open book. Scramble to a belay. First Ascent: Aug 1968 I McLachlan and M Makowski.

ALL-SPICE 22 (G3) [N] The route follows the corner to the right of Reluctance, capped at half the height of the cliff by a large overhang. 1. 40m F1+ 14 Start at the base of the corner and climb it to a sloping ledge about 3m to the left of the corner. (Nut belays). 2. 35m G1 19 Climb up and diagonally back to the right into the corner and continue up to a tiny stance with peg and nut belays immediately below the large overhang. 3. 8m G3 22 Move up into the overhang and then traverse to the right with difficulty to a ledge at the base of a chimney. Climb up easily to a good stance in the chimney. 4. 45m F2 16 Climb the chimney for 10m to where it becomes more difficult. Traverse 5m to the left and then climb up through a small overhang to where the climbing again becomes more difficult. Traverse 3m to the left under some small overhangs and climb up past them on the left to a large ledge. 5. 40m E2 9 Climb the broken face above to another ledge and then continue to the top. First Ascent: Jun 1974 A McGarr and P Fatti (Pitch 3 with one point of aid at F3,M1) FFA 1985 C Edelstein and G Mallory.

AMERICAN WEREWOLF 22 (G3) * [N]** Start as for Tassenberg. 1. 40m G3 22 Climb the corner as for pitch 1 of Tassenberg. Continue up the steep corner above the stance passing two pegs. Climb up to the left sloping roof/crack above and follow it up to a small stance in the base of a chimney/groove. 2. 30m G1 19 Swing scarilly around the arete to the right and move right onto a face. Climb straight up the face to the top. First Ascent: 1982 T Holt and L Chambers.

TASSENBERG 20 (G2) * [N]** The climb goes up the buttress just to the right of All Spice. Start 4m right of the corner which forms the line of All Spice. 1. 30m F3 18 Climb straight up for 15m to a sloping ledge in the corner just above a loose block and just below a steep shallow open book. Straddle up the open book to a small sloping ledge on the right. 2. 12m G1 19 Swing around corner to left (underneath or above overhang) and climb up 3m to base of an overhanging off-width crack. Climb crack (strenuous) to ledge and nut belay. 3. 18m G2 20 Move right along ledge into crack. Climb crack, moving right at top (4m). Move up into base of chimney to stance on top of large chockstone. 4. 20m F3 18 Climb chimney which narrows down and requires some strenuous jamming to large ledge on top of buttress. Either traverse off to the right at this point or continue via the easiest way to the top. Note 1 : Pitch 4 is relatively unprotected. Note 2 : The original route description has been amended to match the route as climbed. First Ascent: Jun 1975 A McGarr and P Fatti.

MATURE WINE 20 (G2) * [N]** A direct line between TASSENBURG and BRAZILIAN BANDIT. Start at the base of a short open book, directly behind a large prominent naboom. 1. 20 (G2) 35m Climb the open book, step left and gain the crack system above and slightly right. Follow this to a distinct blocky notch in first roof (small chockstone). Climb the groove and layback crack above, then exit right onto a sloping stance beneath the triangular roof. 2. 19 (G1) 35m Pull through the roof, on the right and then climb the continuation crack past the left hand side of a small roof, and then up to a large ledge (tree belay). Halfway up this pitch one is within 2m of TASSENBERG'S sinuous top chimney. First Ascent: Jul 1989 Paul Fatti & Russ Dodding

BRAZILIAN BANDIT 19 (G1) [N] On the right side of the main face at Wilgepoort (i.e. right of Reluctance) is a large buttress. When coming from the waterdrip the start of the climb is found in the first recess, with a large slanting tree growing in it at the bottom of the buttress. The route for the first 25m follows a crack just left from the front edge of the buttress, marked by a tree growing from it. 1. 25m F3 17 From the sloping tree move left and ascend a short face for 5m, then go back right into the crack. Ascend crack past tree and continue for another few metres until it is easier to climb on the left side. Move up to small ledge and a hanging belay (piton). 2. 15m G1 19 Move right up and across steep wall (good handhold above) and onto ledge on the front of the buttress. Climb another 10m to good stance. 3. 35m F2 15 Climb slabs keeping in a slightly leftward direction, making use of cracks in the upper part of the pitch, finally moving into a 2m V-shaped recess at the top of the pitch. Tree belay. Note: From the top of the first pitch a traverse can be made across a sloping slab, with a horizontal crack in the middle, past a crack, around a corner and then to the first stance of Tassenberg. First Ascent: Nov 1975 E Druschke and J Linke (Pitch 2 F3,M1 one point of aid.) FFA May 1979 K Smith and C Edelstein.

COCKROBIN 16, A2 (F2,M2) [N] The climb is situated on the front of the buttress right of the main face of Wilgepoort (i.e. right of Reluctance). Start approximately 5m right of the sloping tree in recess heading for a prominent narrow bottomless chimney. 1. 20m F2,M2 16 Climb right wall then aid climb in corner until it is possible to move into the chimney. Ascend chimney and continue up to good stance and tree belay. 2. 30m F2 15 Move up the right wall then the slabs and cracks bearing slightly right until top of ridge is reached. 3. 35m F1 13 Move horizontally on left side of ridge to wall. Ascend first crack then traverse left to small tree in next crack. Climb to top. First Ascent: Nov 1975 J Linke and C Ward.

NABOOM NUISANCE 13 (F1) [N] The climb follows the ridge on the righthand extremity of the krans and starts at the lowest point of the rock wall where the rock almost reaches the river at the crossing point. Apart from the first pitch, which is of F standard and can be passed on the right, the climbing is of D/E standard throughout and follows the line of least resistance to the shoulder below the final rock face. From here a number of variations of different grades may be climbed to the top. First Ascent: May 1968 D Steenkamp, E Meyer and D Lubbe.

THE BROAD GULLY

Also known as the North Face, this feature lies to the north of The Main crag, ie to the left of The Main crag when you are approaching from downstream. It comprises a wide, steep gully, running up from the Big Pool. The gully is thickly wooded in places and also houses some thick stands of nettles and thorns. The routes are on the true left of the gully. The crag here faces north and climbing is on the bedding planes of the rock. There are 21 routes in this subsection.

SHIP'S PROW – Sport Climbing

This area is situated at the very top of Broad Gully on the true left hand side. It is a shortish face capped by a large ledge and gully between the main face, which forms a free standing prow. Access A: From the campsite/parking area hike along the normal route to Broad Gully, once in Broad Gully hike up the gully to very close to the top, where you will find a path leading to the crag. Note once in Broad Gully you will be in the shade of the trees all the way to the face. Access B: If river is in flood then use this access. From campsite follow the hiking trail up the campsite side of the mountain. Once close to the top of the hike up the main ramp there is a path to the right leading to the top of the mountain overlooking Broad Gully, follow this and turn right to go up the ridge a little ways till directly opposite Ship's Prow, where you will find a well beaconed ramp down into Broad Gully (there is a lot of loose rock so be careful). Once in Broad Gully cross almost directly over to the base of the face. All the belaying areas are in the shade and the face itself seems to be in the shade in mid-summer otherwise the rest of the year it will be in the sun.

Descend – all routes are equipped with anchors to lower off or one can scramble down the back of the face to your right and down the small gully.

1. SHIVER ME TIMBERS 18 * 5D 2A** This route follows the right trending small open book on the far left hand side of the wall and starts at the large Naaboom tree. 1. 18 15m Climb the small open book till the small roof, pull through the roof on the left and continue up the break to the top. Notes: The route was opened on trad but as there is not sufficient natural gear to make it a safe route it was decided to retro bolt the route. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Trad Ascent: December 2014 Ken Thrash, Paul Fatti First Sport Ascent: January 2015 Ken Thrash

2. HEAVEHO 21 ** 7D 2A** This route starts in the middle of the face between the large Naaboom tree on the left and the small cave, and follows the thin crack system straight up. 1. 21 15m Scramble up the easy rock to the ledge below the face. Climb the thin crack system to the top anchors on ledge. Notes: This is really a good route with some interesting moves. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: December 2014 Ken Thrash

3. SCALLYWAG 22 * 7D 2A** This route starts from ground level about 1m down (right) of the small cave and just left of "Savvy". From the ledge the route follows the line just right of the end of the cave. 1. 21 18m Climb the face 1m right of the cave to the ledge 3m up. From the ledge follow the line just right of the cave going straight up to just below the large block to the top. Some of the holds off the ledge are shared with "Savvy"
Notes: There is a large lead out between bolts 1 and 2 but this is very easy climbing. The first bolt and bottom face can be avoided if one scrambles up into the entrance of the cave and then travers right onto the ledge but way do this. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: January 2015 Ken Thrash

4. SAVVY 22 * 5D 2A** This route starts from ground level about 3m down (right) of the small cave and 1m left of "Yarr". From the ledge the route follows the left trending crack then back right to the crack system below the large tree. 1. 22 18m Climb the face 1m left of "Yarr" to the ledge 5m up. From the ledge follow the left trending crack to the rail above. Rail back right to gain the crack system below tree at the top of the face. Climb this crack system to anchors just left of the tree. Notes: There is a large lead out between bolts 1 and 2 but this is very easy climbing. Try not to grab the tree at the top of the face. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: December 2014 Ken Thrash

5. YARR 18 * 6D 2A** This route starts from ground level about 4m down (right) of the small cave and follows a small right trending ramp with a bonsai fig tree to large ledge about 5m up. Above the ledge is a V crack system up the wall with a small open book to the right of the crack system. This route follows the left hand crack of the V. 1. 17 20m Climb the small right trending ramp with a bonsai fig tree and face above to large ledge 5m up, climb up the face to join the left hand crack of the V shape crack system. Climb the left hand crack of the V to the top ending just right of the tree growing out the rock face. Notes: This route was opened on trad as an 18 but due to sketchy gear on the crux it was decided to retro bolt the route. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: November 2014 Ken Thrash (rope solo) First Sport Ascent: January 2015 Ken Thrash, Chris Zirane

6. BOOTY 19 ** 6D 2A** This route shares the same start as "Yarr" but follows the right hand crack of the V shaped crack system. 1. 19 20m Climb to the ledge as per "Yarr". ie. Climb the small right trending ramp with a bonsai fig tree and face above to large ledge 5m up. Then climb onto blocks on right to beneath the V shape crack system and climb the right hand crack of the V to the anchors (on left of the crack) ending just below the large free standing blocks. These free standing blocks look dangerous, hence the lower off anchors have been placed below them. It is suggested that you not climb these free standing blocks. Notes: This route was opened on trad. Excellent climbing on very good trad protection. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: December 2014 Ken Thrash, Paul Fatti First Sport Ascent: January 2015 Ken Thrash

7. CROW'S NEST 22 * 9D 2A** This route starts on the far right hand side of Ship's Prow and staying just left of the arête to below the free standing blocks on the top of the face. 1. 22 25m Climb up the left trending blocks to the face above, climb up to the small ledge and then up the steep face to the top. Do not go around the arête on the right. Notes: The longest route on Ship's prow with some good climbing. Bolts provided by MCSA JHB-MAG First Ascent: February 2015 Ken Thrash, Chris Zirane

End of Ship's Prow Sport climbs

GRATER 19 (G1) [N] The main feature of this climb is a jamming crack situated to the left of a broken shallow recess. 1. 17 (F2) 15m Climb left handjamming crack in corner to ledge and tree belay. 2. 19 (G1) 25m Step up right and around corner and climb jamming crack to below small overhang, climb out left then ascend crack to ledge. 3. 12 (E3) 25m Ascend broken face to below final rock wall then traverse left for approximately 7m to recess and stance. 4. 13 (F1) 20m Climb up into recess and hand-traverse right across hanging slab on face for 4m. Climb diagonally right to tree belay. Scramble to top. First Ascent: Oct 1977 J Linke, R & E Druschke

DEEPHEAT 18,A0 (F3,M0) [N] 1. 25m F3,M0 18 Straddle a layback open book to tree (10 metres). Climb past tree as high as possible. Traverse right into shallow recess using 1 sling for aid. Continue traverse right to sloping ledge and chock belay. 2. 20m F1+,M0 14 Climb crack above stance to top of block. Tension traverse 4m right into recess. Follow recess (crack) to large ledge. 3. 23m E3 12 Walk left 6m along ledge and climb this face

to another ledge. Walk right past Naboom to end of ledge and ascend recess to tree belay. 4. 30m F1 13 Climb face 2m left of open book (which has chockstone and hornets' nest halfway up) to large tree. First Ascent: Jan 1977 Romey Stapley and E Druschke.

STUCK-A-TACK 17 (F2) [N] Start 10m to right of boulder leaning against rock face. 1. 25m F2+ 17 Climb to top of recess. Surmount bulging face to left of recess. Traverse 4m left and up to ledge and block belay. 2. 20m F1+ 14 Step right and climb steep crack to tree. Scramble diagonally left to tree belay. 3. 30m F1 13 Step right into bottomless crack and climb recess to large platform. Climb up righthand side to below rock buttress and tree belay. 4. 15m E3 12 Mantleshelf to bottom of open book and climb same to top. First Ascent: Nov 1976 Romey Stapley and E Druschke.

SARDINE RUN 18 (F3) [N] Step off from a block which is on a ledge 2m above the ground. 1. 40m F3 18 Pull up into shallow recess and continue to tree on narrow ledge. Traverse right along this narrow ledge to corner. Climb corner to next ledge. Traverse left to open book and stance. 2. 25m F3 17 Hand-jam crack for 4m and continue up crack to tree in corner. Do off balance move left up block. Traverse left to below recess and ascend this to stance. 3. 15m E2 9 Walk left up ramp for 15m. 4. 25m F2 16 Walk diagonally right to below open book. Ascend open book to large ledge. 5. 25m E2 10 Climb to foot of rock buttress and follow crack system to top. First Ascent: Oct 1977 J Linke and R & E Druschke (Pitch 1 F3,M0 one point of aid). First Free Ascent by K & M Smith 1980

SCARY MONSTERS 23 (H1) * [N]** The route is situated on the North Face at a point about two-thirds of the way up the Broad Gully. It climbs the righthand of two dihedrals starting about 15m above ground level. (The left dihedral is followed by the second pitch of Sardine Run). The dihedrals are visible in the route-photo as well as from the campsite in the morning. Start approximately 6m to the right of Sardine Run (cairn). 1. 25m H1 23 From a ledge at 2m, climb leftwards up to a narrow ledge and then right to a small tree. Move up to a higher ledge then traverse back left a few metres to a narrow sloping ramp. Climb straight up, making a tricky mantleshelf move to beneath steep rock. Traverse delicately right to the base of Sardine Run's dihedral. Continue traversing along a sloping ledge to stance at a long block. 2. 20m H1 23 Climb leftwards up a stepped break to a ledge at the base of the right dihedral. Climb the dihedral, exiting left to a ledge above. Scramble up right, then up and back left to a higher ledge 3. 40m F3 17 Climb up to the next ledge. Follow the right trending break and then climb up to the top of the crag. Note: The grades cater for the boldness of the pitches First Ascent: Jun 1987 M Cartwright, K Smith and S Middlemiss.

HOTPLATE 11 (E3) [N] 100m E3 11 This route starts about 40m to the left of Dilution. It follows a fault running diagonally to the left. Climb the fault to a smooth wall, then mantleshelf up to a ledge with a tree belay. Walk across to a ramp and climb it diagonally to the left to a stance. Climb another 7m then follow a long ramp diagonally to the left to the top. First Ascent: Nov 1968 P Solar, B Naude, J Winkler and A Koster.

IGNOTO 11 (E3) [N] 1. 100m E3 11 Start is synonymous with Hotplate in same fault. Climb recess to big ledge. Continue up recess bearing left in upper section. First Ascent: Unknown

HOT HOUSE 16,A0 (F2,M1)

[N] The climb starts about 8m to the left of Ouink and crosses over this climb on the big ledge. 1. 25m F1 13 Climb the open book and face to ledge (common stance with Ouink). 2. 20m F2 15 Climb crack 2m to the left of the open book scramble diagonally right and climb short face to the left of a big rock tooth (chockstone belay). 3. 30m F2,M1 16 Climb prominent open book (tree above), to a ledge. Traverse right along ledge and then up steps diagonally left until it is possible to traverse right into the second open book. Climb open book (one aid move) and up to large ledge and tree belay. 4. 20m E2 10 Move to the left and climb crack to a common finish with Ouink. Variations - 3. 30m 17 F3continue along steps to a shallow open book (first to the right of Ouink, about 2m). Climb up open book to ledge above (Crux, off balance move). 4. 15m 19 G1 Climb crack slightly to the right of tree stance to a tree directly above. First Ascent: Jul 1977 J Linke and E Druschke.

OUIK 17 (F2) [N] The climb starts left of the climb Dilution in a clean right-angled corner with crack, marked by a small square block sticking out at 3m offering an excellent hand-hold. The line is more or less straight up. 1. 16 (F2) 30m Climb the cracks and finally a short wall to ledge along which one can traverse a considerable

distance to the right. 2. 17 (F2+) 40m Ascend corner on the left (crux) and continue up over a series of easy ledges until a right-angled corner with crack formed by a block is reached. Ascend crack (about 3m) then up to steep wall left of a prominent large recess. Climb wall, then move round to the right into recess just below a tree. 3. 13 (F1) 30m Step up sloping ledge, ascend chimney above. Move up wall and then up a prominent jamming crack in centre of blocks near the top. Continue up the remaining blocks to block belay. First Ascent: Sep 1975 E Druschke and J Linke.

HIDDEN STING 18, A0 (F3,M0) [N] The climb starts on the open face to the left of the start of Dilution, next to a big tree. 1. 30m 17 F3 Climb face to big ledge. Scramble to foot of the prominent overhanging recess. 2. 20m F3,M0 18 Climb recess to overhang, surmount overhang (sling aid) and climb to ledge. Tree belay. 3. 30m F1 13 Climb face to the right of the recess and then up crack to the left of corner on the right side to top. Variation - 1. Climb corner to the right of face for common start with Dilution. First Ascent: Jun 1977 J Linke and R & E Druschke.

OH BOY ! 18 (G1) [N] This route has a common start with Dilution on the North Face. 1. 18 (G1) 45m Climb up the recess. Instead of taking ramp of Dilution carry on up the recess. Eventually you will be on the lefthand side of the recess. At about 18m get back into the recess and carry on up into a cubby-hole (F3). Use layaway holds to get up and out to the right of the cubbyhole to a good ledge. Use the flake above to gain a hand-traverse taking you back into the recess. Cross the recess and move up to a large ledge. 2. 11 (E) 45m Use any of the above lines to the top. Righthand crack (DILUTION) takes you to the descent ramp. First Ascent: Apr 1983 Kevin Kruger, Mark Giddy

DILUTION 11 (F2) [N] This route is situated on the north face approximately 33m from the bottom of the descent route. The route starts behind the second big tree that grows against the foot of the rock face. After initial difficulties some 13m higher a ramp leading diagonally to the right is reached. This crack is followed by an "eye" in the rock and then by a crack that leads to a large ledge. From here a large number of easy routes exist, the most interesting being a line that involves climbing diagonally to the right in a slit in the rock and then up the rock face at the top. A pitch of mild standard follows the line of least resistance to the top. First Ascent: Jul 1968 K Kroger, D Steenkamp and E & D Lubbe.

FIREBALL 18 (F3) * [N]** The climb starts in a corner to the right of Dilution more or less below a huge flake found at the end of pitch 2. 1. 35m F3 17 Climb steps diagonally left to a steep open book. Move up and traverse left to another corner below a tree growing out of the rock face. (Alternatively, climb up the face directly below the tree). Climb up then left onto face past the tree and up to a ledge. Move up left to a horizontal crack, continue traversing left and surmount a ledge. 2. 20m F3+ 18 Ascend open book to ledge (about 5m) and traverse right over some blocks and continue traversing as far as possible before gaining the ledge to the right of the huge flake. Walk through behind the flake to big ledge. Tree belay. The route more or less continues up the big face just right of the centre, i.e. to the left of the prominent diagonal crack of Dilution. 3. 35m F2 15 Move up ledges to the left of the abovementioned crack to gain a ramp or staircase running to the right. Stance on top of the ramp. 4. 20m F2+ 17 Climb a short crack to gain a traverse line leading to the left. Traverse up and around corner moving into a steep recess. Slightly up and around right onto face. Continue up to stance. 5. 35m F2 16 Walk a few metres to the left and ascend a short face to ledge (just around corner). Climb up the crack in centre of last face, up to small overhang (horizontal break). Pass overhang to the right and up to top. First Ascent: Nov 1976 E Druschke, J Linke and Romey Stapley.

IRISH STEW 18 (G1) ** [N] 10m to the right of Fireball is a large tree growing out of the cliff face, approximately 15m up. This is about 150m up the Broad Gully from the pool. The route follows a crack system that goes up the wall behind the tree. 1. 30m G1 18 Climb up tree roots to base of crack. Follow crack up wall behind tree. The crack becomes a chimney which is followed to a belay ledge. 2. 30m F3 17 Move up left through overhang past tree. Follow break in wall diagonally right through bulge to belay ledges. Scramble off to ramp. First Ascent: Aug 1986 S Middlemiss and A Margetts.

AUSTRALOPITHECUS ROBUSTUS 20 (G2) * [N]** Start 6m down the gully from Irish Stew. Scramble up to top

of large pillar/flake. 1. 45m G2 20 Step left from the top of the pillar onto the steep face and move a few metres left to a small upstream-facing corner. Precarious moves up onto sloping ledges and then diagonally right to an upstream facing corner. Climb this, moving right at the top, where a swing to the right can be made. Carry on climbing up to the right passing a small tree until the ramp can be reached by scrambling. First Ascent: Jan 1987 T Holt and S Middlemiss.

ON ANY SUNDAY 21 A0* [N, 3 aid bolts]**

This route follows the break between Australopithecus Robustus and New Generation. Start off the little ledge about 8m off the ground, which can be gained by scrambling horizontally from the drip and start of Irish Stew. Once on the ledge you will see the large blocky pillar of New Generation and about 6m towards Irish Stew is another large flake which is split in 2 by a crack (and stinging nettle tree which has now been removed), Start below this flake.

1. 21 A0 35m Climb the face and crack system which splits the flake, once on the flake continue straight up onto another blocky ledge and the start of the scoop. Using the under cling reach up and clip the first of 3 bolts to aid through the scoop. (the opening party used 3 long slings each with a knot half way for aiding through this section). From the third bolt step rightwards onto the steep face and follow the break line through a few small rooves till the rock eases back and a belay stance on a sloping ledge at a tree. One can belay here or continue on with pitch 2, however you will require 60m ropes for this. 2. 18 15m Start just right of the belay tree and climb the steep face till the rock eases back a little. Climb easier rightwards to the belay tree. (One can rap off this tree to the start of the route on 60m ropes)

Notes: 1. The opening party did both pitches as one long 50m pitch, which makes for a really sustained journey. 2. Excellent sustained climbing on really good protection. 3. Descend by either rapping off the tree at the top of the route or by scrambling up and rightwards to join the descent Ramp.

First Ascent: March 2016 Ken Thrash & Chris Ziraneke

NEW GENERATION 23 (H1) [N] This route is located in the Broad Gully, below The Ramp. Start below the obvious line of bolts up the wall to the right of the blocky pillar. 1. 17 (F3) 15m Climb to the top of the pillar. (Hint: starting directly below it, sneak 5m right and then go diagonally left and up.) 2. 23 (H1) 25m Join the dots with an interesting exit sequence going right and up. Note: The expansion bolts on this route are bad and need replacement. Note: There isn't much pro on the first pitch. First Ascent: May 1988 Mike Cartwright & Cathy O'Dowd

AUSTRALOPITHECUS ROBOTIX 20 (G2) ** [N] Starts approximately 70m up from the pool and follows a diagonally right trending crack system up the wall. This route is about 40-50m down the gully from Irish Stew. Scramble up to a cubby-hole with a large tree. 1. 35m G2 20 Follow the rightward trending crack system to where it steepens (at the level of a small roof). Move 1.5m right and pull through the bulge on small holds. Continue up to the ramp. or 1. 40m F2 14 Follow the rightward trending crack system to just below where it steepens. Traverse right for 7m along an easy sloping ledge then climb up trending leftwards to rejoin the route and continue up to the ramp. Note: Both variations were led. First Ascent: Jan 1987 S Middlemiss and T Holt.

A COLUMN FOR NELSON 14 (F2) ** [N] Starting at the same point as Independence Day, scramble easily to the broad-leaved wild fig tree at 10 metres. Directly above the tree is a column/pillar which constitutes the arete; the crack down its right-hand side is obvious - the one down the left-hand side less so. 1. 18 (F3) 42m Traverse left from the tree, gain the narrow ramp above, which leads leftward to below the jagged crack down the left-hand side of the pillar. Make a tricky move to gain the base of the crack. Climb to the top of the pillar. Move left and then climb easier rock to the top, keeping within two metres of the arete all the way. Notes: 1. A small tribute to the immediate past President of South Africa, Nelson R Mandela. 2. Descend by either rapping off the stout wild fig tree at the top of the route, or by scrambling further to join The Ramp. First Ascent: Jul 1999 R Dodding and H Murch

A PERFECT DAY 19 **** This route follows the same first pitch as Independence Day and then climbs the crack system up the centre of the left hand face of the open book climbed by Independence Day. 1. 16 20m Climb the first pitch of Independence Day (ie: climb easily up to a broad-leaved wild fig tree. A short wall, climbed immediately right of this tree leads again to easy rock and a belay on a ledge at another stout tree). 2. 19 20m There are 2 cracks, about half a metre apart up the centre of the left hand face of the open book (Independence Day follows the main open book crack system). Of the two cracks climb the left hand one all the way to where it steepens and joins the arête, move (strenuously) around the arête and join the top section of "A Column for Nelson". (ie: climb easier rock to the top, keeping within 2m of the arête) to a good tree belay. Notes: 1. Excellent climbing on really good protection. 2. Descend by either rapping off the stout wild fig tree at

the top of the route or by scrambling further to join the descent Ramp. First Ascent: November 2014 Ken Thrash, Chris Ziranek & Paul Fatti

INDEPENDENCE DAY 20 (G2) *** At the right-hand end of the Broad gully there is a river-facing open-book, 20 metres off the ground. The right-hand wall of the open-book features a Y-shaped crack, when observed from below. Start at a small V-shaped notch, vertically below the open-book. This is approximately 30 metres right of the start of Australopithecus Robotix. 1. 16 (F2) 20m Climb easily up to a broad-leaved wild fig tree. A short wall, climbed immediately right of this tree leads again to easy rock and a belay on a ledge at another stout tree. 2. 20 (G2) 20m Gain the ledge above the tree. Climb the (main) , steep open-book above strenuously to a sloping ledge on the left. Continue up the open-book more easily, to a tree belay. Exhilarating stuff. Note: Rap off another stout wild fig tree which is located 4 metres above the top of the route, alternatively scramble higher to join The Ramp. First Ascent: Jul 1999 Russ Dodding, Heather Murch

SQUEEZE 'N SQUIRM 13 (F1) [N] The route starts at the same point as Drip 'n Drag and keeps 3m to the left of it. 1. 30m F1 13 Move up a wall diagonally to the left to a small nose. Climb past a tree into a corner, then continue up a crack to a platform with a tree belay. 2. 30m D6 Climb the ridge to a good stance below a rock face. 3. 33m F1 13 Climb the lefthand one of three prominent cracks, emerging on a small platform at the base of a steep wall. Climb diagonally to the bottom of a nose that forms a small chimney with the rest of the face. Squeeze through the chimney (awkward) and continue up to a good platform with a tree belay. 4. 26m E2 8 Climb a ramp-like gully to the base of a chimney with some large chockstones. Climb the chimney to the top, then move to the right around the corner and ascend the gully to a large platform with a beacon and block belay. First Ascent: Dec 1968 J Pipich and E & D Lubbe.

DRIP 'N DRAG 13 (F1) [N] The route starts below a vertical corner to the left of the descent ramp, 13m up from the start of the face. 1. 23m F1 13 Climb a steep ramp to a bush in the corner, then climb 10m up the corner to a ledge. Continue straight up (dirty) or alternatively traverse to the right onto a prominent nose and climb it to a tree belay. 2. 30m C/D 4/5 Climb the ridge to a large platform where the descent route, The Ramp, passes by. 3. 35m F1 13 Walk 13m over to the right to two cracks in the wall. Climb the righthand one of these cracks to an overhanging bulge, then move around to the right and continue up to a small platform. Move over to the left and climb the steep face to a small gully, then continue along the gully to a series of platforms and blocks to eventually reach a block belay at a beacon. 4. 33m E2 8 Move to the right into a corner and continue up on a small bulge, passing some small trees. Traverse out to the right at the steep wall and surmount a couple of ledges to gain a good stance with a tree belay. First Ascent: Oct 1968 D Steenkamp, K Kroger, J Schoeman, J Austin and E & D Lubbe.

SPORT CLIMBING

THE BROAD GULLY

Also known as the North Face, this feature lies between the TRAD and SPORT crags. It comprises a wide, steep gully, running up from the BIG POOL. The gully is thickly wooded in places and also houses some thick stands of nettles and thorns. The SPORT routes are on the true right of the gully.

Note: True right/left is determined by turning your body position until you are standing looking downhill/downstream. You're left and right now represent the "true" left and right.

THE TEST AREA

The Test area contains the first routes bolted at this awesome venue. The area consists of a lower rock face, a big "shelf" and a rock face above that.

At the very end of the rope traverse (where the end of the rope is tied to a tree) there is a 2-3m grassy slope and a stone ramp leading up wards at an angle. It is obvious and only a grade 13, so should be recognizable.

The first routes leading up to The Shelf starts here.

HEIGHT: 90 - 120 Metres

ASPECT: It faces south-south-west and so has quite a bit of shade in the morning. It is really pleasant to climb here and there are great views of the TRAD crag, Big Pool, baboons and Black Eagles.

EASIER THAN IT LOOKED 13 (3D, A) At the end of the rope traverse there will be a stone ramp on your left leading up wards at an angle. The right side of the ramp is more vertical and the start of the scramble route is found here.

1. 15m 13 (3D, A) Climb over the first hanger and scramble up the incline. The route keeps slightly towards the right edge of the ramp to create an airy, exposed feeling. It is easy but take care to place your feet well as the rock is smooth. Bolted by: 05 Oct 2014 T. Botha and A. Louw. First ascent: 05 Oct 2014 A. Louw.

EXPECTATIONS 16 (15 aided) (second pitch after EASIER THAN IT LOOKED) (13D, A) From the top anchors of EASIER THAN IT LOOKED, step out to the left and slightly up to the start of the prominent crack in the corner.

Note that this route is over-bolted to allow a beginner to gain the easier multi pitch routes from The Shelf.

1. 25m 16+ (13D, A) Follow the obvious crack that leads up just right of the corner. (If clipping the first bolt, use an extended sling to prevent rope drag.) The line is meant to be easy so just follow the bolt line. (Beta-Spoiler alert! There are a few committing laybacks but stay on the right of the crack. When it feels too hard, look on your right for some holds.)

2. 4m 12 (1D, A) The belay stance for the first pitch is breathtakingly exposed and located to enable the belayer to see/hear/help the second. From here, gaining the actual top of The Shelf was just unnecessarily scary and dangerous resulting in this short pitch. From the belay stance, let your second step to the right and around the block that the anchors are on. Just behind the little tree is one hanger, clip this and step up the corner and mantle up. There is an obvious set of anchors on the rock face. Tie in, let your belayer make a knot on a bite and tie himself in and bring him safely to you. You can now coil your rope and enjoy the view.

Bolted by: 05 Oct 2014 A. Louw. First ascent: 05 Oct 2014 A. Louw.

Follow 'The Shelf' to the right, ducking under a small tree. 3-4m past the small tree, you will need to step up onto ground a meter or so higher than where you are. There are some small dead trees here. Please be careful as the grass is really slippery. After stepping up you should be right in front of a big'ish Stamvrug tree in a "corner".

MISGIS 15 (8D, A) The start of MISGIS is on the arête just to the right of the big'ish Stamvrug tree. The first hanger is about 2m of the ground.

1. 25m 15 (8D, A) The crux is at the start. Some "spotting" will be in order here. Find the small feet and use the layback to gain the good holds. Follow the easiest line that leads a slight bit to the right and to the start of a vertical wall. Step up vertically for the first move and then follow the stunning holds and feet (all jugs) that leads a little bit to your left. (The wind and water is loud, communicate clearly)

2. 15m 13 (4D, A) Step to the right and climb up the corner (crux) for a few easy moves. Just below the slab, pick a line that will get you traversing a little bit to the right and the chains. This is a great belay spot with an awesome view. (The wind and water is loud, communicate clearly)

3. 25m 14 (6D, A) Climb up to the first hanger and then follow a natural line of “least resistance” angling up to your right. When looking up this line, you will see a little green tree against the ski-line. To the right and behind/past this tree is two clean ledges above each other and this is where the route tops out. (two nice mantle moves to provide a grand finale after the scramble). (it is hard to hear your second from here)

Additional info on pitch 3 - This pitch is easy and well led-out so look far ahead to find the hangers. Following the line of “least resistance” you will find finding 3 hangers hidden in the grass at each location where you will need to “climb”. Just past/below the tree you were aiming for, you will turn to your left and out of the “line of least resistance”. (you should see the hangers against the largest rocks in the area). Pull through the two mantle moves to clip into the chains. Enjoy the view. Bolted by: 27-28 Oct 2014 A. Louw. First ascent: 05 Oct 2014 A. Louw.

Climb the existing routes EASIER THAN IT LOOKED 15m 13 (3D, A) and EXPECTATIONS Pitch 1: 25m 16+ (13D, A) Pitch 2: 4m 12 (1D, A). Follow the ledge east to its end against a rock wall. These routes are on the main face above a short scramble. Belayers should take care and perhaps stay on the grassy ledge (the grass can be very slippery).

Closed PROJECT 16/19

KOEKIE DEEG 17/18

Pitch 1: 17/18 (9D, A). MUST have at least a 60m rope to climb. Quite sustained

Pitch 2: 16 (6D, A). Quite airy with some uncomfortable moves.

The route tops out. Pitches can be linked. Bolted by Andrew Louw and Odette Lippold. FA by Andrew Louw (01/12/2018)

STOP ASSEMBLIEF 17 (10D, A)

Start as for Pitch 1 of KOEKIE DEEG, move right after 5th bolt. Shares anchors with KOEKIE DEEG. Reachy face climbing. Bolted by Andrew Louw and Odette Lippold. FA by Andrew Louw (01/12/2018)



1. OPEN PROJECT 28 – 30?, (8-9m)

Up left side following diagonal break. Keep right at the top to avoid the shallow water and rocks on the left.

2. DILFISH 22, (10-11m)

Stand up in boat or use a hook on a stick to reach the start jugs just left and below some sloping ledges. Campus up to the right to establish on the wall. Climb straight up to the huge jug before the scramble. Hang and jump. F.A. Dylan Vogt 31 March 2014

3A. FISHY ONE 21 (10-11m, grade to be confirmed)

Start on an obvious big side cling next to a bonsai bush, layback up into a good jug behind a block. Balance up onto the ledges and continue up the face above. (A slight move left may be necessary). Continue to top out onto the obvious ledge and jump. F.A. Kent Jennings 31 March 2014

3B. OBESE CATFISH 17 (7-8m)

Start as for Fishy One but after the initial section, move left across the ledges to the huge jug on Dिल्fish. F.A. Illona Pelsler 31 March 2014-03-31

3C. GO NATURAL 20 (10– 11m)

Continue left from the finish of Obese Catfish following a crack, to get around into a shallow corner. Climb the corner to the jugs at the top, and then jump (wasps need to be paddled off first) F.A. Karine Bezuidenhout April 2014

4A. OPEN PROJECT 24-25? (6 - 7m)

Start 1.5m right of Fishy One and eliminate by some more bonsais, pull onto some sloping ledges and do a hard move to reach a ledge. In an effort to make the line harder, the grips to the right were not allowed.

4B. OPEN PROJECT 24-25? (10 -11m)

Climb 4A but continue up leftwards to finish on the ledge of Fishy One.

5. OPEN PROJECT 23-24? (6 – 7m)

Start 1m to the right of 4A and climb straight up the break on the short steep wall, just to the right of the red line.

6. THE ELUSIVE CAMO CLIMBER 20/21 (8 – 9m)

Start on some jugs in the shallow recess and continue up right to a ledge. Then move back left and climb the pillar to make a difficult mantle onto a grassy ledge. Jump!

F.A. Greg ??? 31 March 2014

X Possible hard short line to the right

So get there quick and get the FAs while the water is still deep.

LIST OF CLIMBS BY GRADE

Trad Climbs:

Grade:	Name:	Crag:
11	HOTPLATE 11 (E3) [N]	The Broad Gully
11	IGNOTO 11 (E3) [N]	The Broad Gully
11	DILUTION 11 (F2) [N]	The Broad Gully
13	NABOOM NUISANCE 13 (F1) [N]	Main Crag
13	SQUEEZE 'N SQUIRM 13 (F1) [N]	The Broad Gully
13	DRIP 'N DRAG 13 (F1) [N]	The Broad Gully
14	SESAME 14 (F1) [N]	Main Crag
14	A COLUMN FOR NELSON 14 (F2) ** [N]	The Broad Gully
15	PILLAR OF EROS	The Pillar of Eros
15	GENERATION GAP 15 (F2) [N]	Main Crag
15	GEMINI 15 (F2) *** [N]	Main Crag
16	TOOTHPASTE 16 (F2) [N]	Main Crag
16	MADEIRA 16 (F2) [N]	Main Crag
16	CONTINENTAL 16 (F2) [N]	Main Crag
16	BOTTLENECK BULGE 16 (F2) **** [N]	Main Crag
16	COCKROBIN 16,A2 (F2,M2) [N]	Main Crag
16	HOT HOUSE 16,A0 (F2,M1) [N]	The Broad Gully
17	ARROW OF EROS	The Pillar of Eros
17	IDEM DOLE 17 (F3) [N]	Main Crag
17	TOOTHACHE 17 (F3) *** [N]	Main Crag
17	VAN DER MERWE'S CRACK 17 (F3) **** [N]	Main Crag
17	HANEPOOT 17 (F3) [N]	Main Crag
17	MUSCADEL CRACK 17 (F3) *** [N]	Main Crag
17	STUCK-A-TACK 17 (F2) [N]	The Broad Gully
17	OUINK 17 (F2) [N]	The Broad Gully
18	CABERNET 18 (F3) *** [N]	Main Crag
18	RELUCTANCE 18 (F3) *** [N]	Main Crag
18	DEEPHEAT 18,A0 (F3,M0) [N]	The Broad Gully
18	SARDINE RUN 18 (F3) [N]	The Broad Gully
18	HIDDEN STING 18,A0 (F3,M0) [N]	The Broad Gully
18	OH BOY ! 18 (G1) [N]	The Broad Gully
18	FIREBALL 18 (F3) *** [N]	The Broad Gully

18	IRISH STEW 18 (G1) ** [N]	The Broad Gully
19	SWEET LITTLE MYSTERY 19 (G1) *** [N]	Main Crag
19	MCFAT'S LGP 19 (G1) ***** [N]	Main Crag
19	CORPUSCLE 19 (G1) **** [N]	Main Crag
19	JESD 19 (G1) ** [N]	Main Crag
19	Hot Rod 19 ****	Main Crag
19	LET IT BE 19,A2 (G1,M2) [N]	Main Crag
19	BRAZILIAN BANDIT 19 (G1) [N]	Main Crag
19	GRATER 19 (G1) [N]	The Broad Gully
19	A Perfect Day 19 ****	The Broad Gully
20	ROCKIN ME GENTLY 20 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
20	SOME LIKE IT HOT 20 (G2) **** [N]	Main Crag
20	GROUP-GROPE 20 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
20	WALKING ON AIR 20 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
20	SHISA 20 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
20	TASSENBERG 20 (G2) *** [N]	Main Crag
20	MATURE WINE 20 (G2) *** [N]	Main Crag
20	AUSTRALOPITHECUS ROBUSTUS 20 (G2) *** [N]	The Broad Gully
20	AUSTRALOPITHECUS ROBOTIX 20 (G2) ** [N]	The Broad Gully
20	INDEPENDENCE DAY 20 (G2) ***	The Broad Gully
21	THE MANGLER 21 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
21	VINTAGE 48 21 *** [N]	Main Crag
21	WISE CRACK 21 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
21	THE GRIPS OF WRATH 21 (G2/3) *** [N]	Main Crag
21	THAT FURRY THING 21 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
21	THE KEY 21 (G3) ***** [N]	Main Crag
21	GANG-BANG 21 (G2) [N]	Main Crag
21	On Any Sunday 21 A0 **** [N, 3 aid bolts]	The Broad Gully
22	WITBLITZ 22 (G3) **** [N]	Main Crag
22	ALL-SPICE 22 (G3) [N]	Main Crag
22	AMERICAN WEREWOLF 22 (G3) *** [N]	Main Crag
23	JESD Direct, 23, ****	Main Crag
23	CRANKENSTEIN 23 (H1) *** [N]	Main Crag
23	SCARY MONSTERS 23 (H1) *** [N]	The Broad Gully
23	NEW GENERATION 23 (H1) [N]	The Broad Gully

24	Johnny Walker, 24, ****	Main Crag
24	DANCING ON A HIGHWIRE 24 (H2) [N]	Main Crag
25	C'EST L'ESCALADE 25 (H2) [N]	Main Crag

Sport Climbs:

Grade:	Name:	Crag:
13	EASIER THAN IT LOOKED 13 (3D, A)	Test Crag
15	MISGIS 15 (8D, A)	Test Crag
16	EXPECTATIONS 16 (13D, A)	Test Crag
17	STOP ASSEMBLIEF 17 (10D, A)	Test Crag
18	Shiver me Timbers 18 *** 5D 2A	Ship's Prow
18	Yarr 18 *** 6D 2A	Ship's Prow
18	KOEKIE DEEG 17/18	Test Crag
19	Booty 19 **** 6D 2A	Ship's Prow
21	HeaveHo 21 **** 7D 2A	Ship's Prow
22	Sallywag 22 *** 7D 2A	Ship's Prow
22	Savvy 22 *** 5D 2A	Ship's Prow
22	Crow's Nest 22 *** 9D 2A	Ship's Prow

DWS:**Grade: Name:**

- 28? Open project 28 – 30?, (8-9m)
 - 22 Dillfish 22, (10-11m)
 - 21 Fishy One 21 (10-11m)
 - 17 Obese Catfish 17 (7-8m)
 - 20 Go Natural 20 (10– 11m)
- 24? Open Project 24-25? (6 - 7m)
- 24? Open Project 24-25? (10 -11m)
 - 23 Open Project 23-24? (6 – 7m)
 - 20 The Elusive Camo Climber 20/21 (8 – 9m)