

De Bos – Elands River



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EASTERN CAPE CLIMBING VENUES

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| Port Elizabeth | 30 Coombs Gorge | 37 EL urban crags & boulders | Toorberg | Swartberg |
| 1 Lady's Slipper | Amatolas | 38 Yellowsands & Inkwenkwezi | 44 Graff-Reinet | 49 Towerkop |
| 2 Van Stadens | 31 Fort Fordyce | 39 Lalapanzi | 45 Compassberg | 50 Oudtshoorn |
| 3 PE urban crags & boulders | 32 Hogsback | 40 Morgan Bay | Transkei | 51 Gamkaskloof Bouldering |
| 4 Sleepy Hollow | 33 Stutterheim | 41 Bola | 46 Hole in the Wall | |
| 5 Elands River | Langkloof | Winterberg | 47 Hill of Execution | |
| 6 Kirkwood | 19 Nguniland | 42 Mary & Martha | 48 Port St Johns | |
| 7 Cape St Francis | 20 Kouga Wildernes | 43 Hangklip | | |
| Groot Winterhoek | 21 Uniondale Pass | | | |
| 8 Tygerhoek | Garden Route | | | |
| 9 Naga's Kloof | 22 Titzikama | | | |
| 10 Eagle Gorge | 23 Groot Rivier | | | |
| 11 Momentum Gorge | 24 Plett Crags | | | |
| 12 Pinnacle Gorge | East London | | | |
| 13 Cockscomb | 34 NSA | | | |
| 14 Grootbos & Kleinbos | 35 Windmill Hole | | | |
| 15 Nivera | 36 Buffalo River | | | |



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Many routes have been added or recorded for the first time in the last 10 years. Much detail was missing from the resources publically available. This guide is an attempt to consolidate this info & available to everyone. As this is a web based guide it can be considered a work in progress. It is easy to change. So please send missing details, corrections, additions & adjustments to marshall@qsafrika.co.za . All information will be greatly appreciated.

- Big thanks to Wynand Nel for taking us there, showing us around & organizing access.
- Special thanks to Hermie Venter for bolting all the routes & for the bulk of the information.



ROCK: Quartzite & sandstone. Main crag is a slab about 12m high about a meter thick. Climbing is on both sides. There are 12 sport lines. Very limited potential for new lines at Main Slab. There is tons of other rock around.

HISTORY: The routes were bolted by Hermie Venter while he was working as a volunteer at De Bos. De Bos is evangelical Christian youth camp.

ACCESS: De Bos is on private property, it is quite difficult to find & to get too. There are at least 5 locked gates between the road & the campsite. Basically you will need to make arrangements to go there & go with somebody who has access. For now access can be arranged via Wynand Nel wynandnel.home@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS: It's off the Elands River road, but it is not easy to get to, basically you will need somebody who knows the way to take you there.

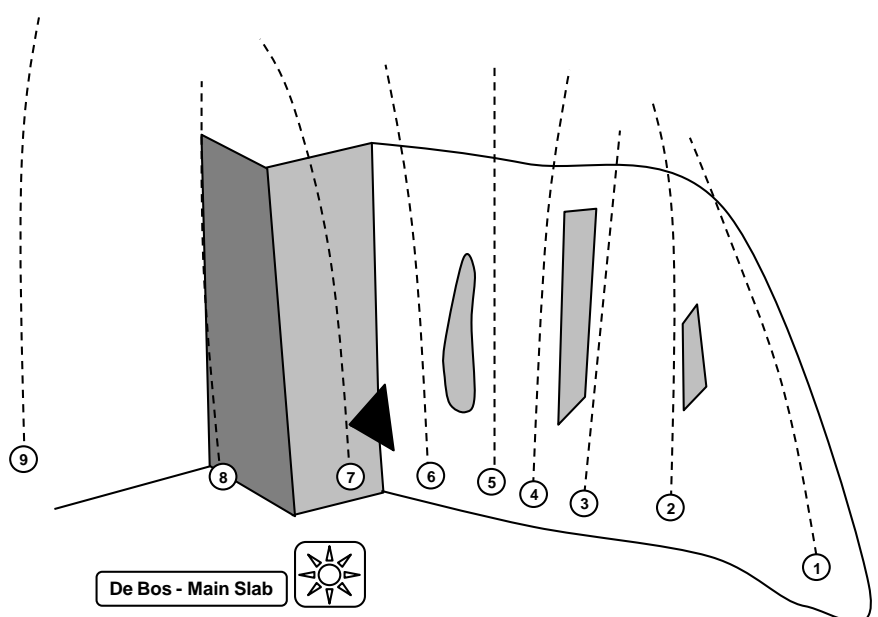
WALK IN: 5 minutes.

Main Slab

From the campsite, walk towards the Elands River. The Main Slab face is a couple of hundred meters out of the campsite. Routes are recorded R to L.

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| 1. Delilah – 14 | Hermie Venter 2001 (5B&C) |
| 2. Philippians 4:13 - 19 | Hermie Venter 2001 (5B&C) |
| 3. Only by Grace – 23 | Hermie Venter 2001 (5B&C) |
| 4. Petrus' Kerk - 21 | Hermie Venter 2001 (4B&C) |
| 5. Gora Leeu - 18 | Hermie Venter 2001 (3B&C) |
| 6. Cleansing Fire - 17 | Hermie Venter 2001 (4B&C) |
| 7. Pre-destined – 19 | Hermie Venter 2001 (6B&C) |
| 8. God of Deliverance - 20 | Hermie Venter 2001 (4B&C) |
| 9. Signs & Wonders – 16 | |

Captein van der Spuy 2001
(6B&C)



The Other Side

This is on the big faces on the other side of the river.

1. Wrong Turn – 17

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2. The Commission - 22

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