

# Hole In the wall

Rock Climbing Guide



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- 2 Van Stadens
- 3 PE urban crags & boulders
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- 15 Nivera

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### Grahamstown

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- 29 Thornkloof

- 30 Coombs Gorge

### Amatolas

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  - 20 Kouga Wildernes
  - 21 Uniondale Pass

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- 37 EL urban crags & boulders

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This area is recorded as an adventure climbing area. The climbing is not very good to say the least. The rock looks way better than it actually is. The setting is awesome and climbing on the rock out crops on the "Hole in the Wall" island is a great adventure. Don't expect awesome climbing....be ready for adventure!

**DIRECTIONS:** Find your way to Coffee Bay. Hole in the Wall is just south west of there. The road to Coffee Bay was tarred and quite good at the time of opening of routes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The best is to stay in the main hotel complex. They have cottages, bungalows & camping at reasonable rates. Crime is a concern. This complex will offer some security.

**TIDE:** Access requires a fairly serious wade in. Make sure you catch a low tide and be aware that you will be stuck on the island till the following low. Water proof your bags.

**WALK IN:** Leave your vehicle in the complex. Walk a few hundred meters to the beach across from *The Hole in the Wall*. Wade across the water to the landing which is on the LH side of the hole. Exit the water and start an easy, but rather dangerous scramble to the veg near the top. Lead on one rope slinging tufts, aloes, veg and shit. Belay up the second carrying the gear. It is higher than it looks. Two 50m ropes will be required for scary abseil exit. Ropes are likely to see some swimming.

**ACCESS:** Public beach. The Hole in the Wall island may be under nature conservation control. Just do it! If you see a ranger called Rob Stegman...run!

**HAZARDS:**

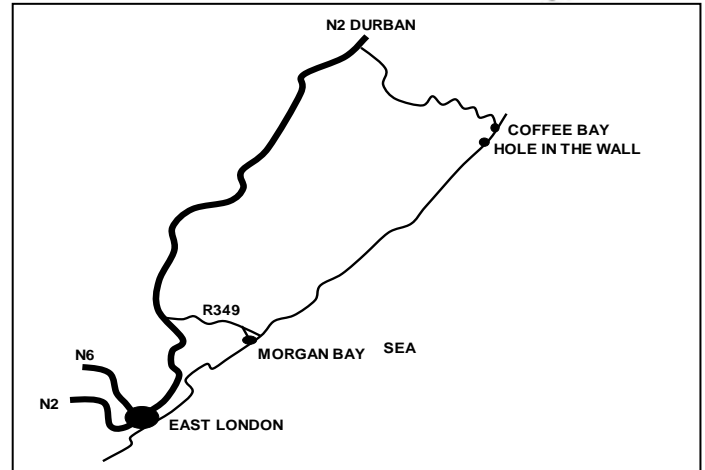
1. Crime, this is a serious concern. Watch out!
2. Hippies at the back packer. Hippies are communist infiltrators, they report direct to Stalin via astral cards. They eat vegies. Hippie chicks don't shave under their arms. Best avoid the back packer.
3. The tides!

**TO-DO:** Hole in the Wall has much to offer non-climbing family and many off day activities. Horse riding, walking trails, fishing trips and bird watching. The hotel & the back packer have a pub...entertaining folks is their business.

**GENERAL:** Great scenery. Not truly a worthwhile climbing venue. This guide is more of a warning. ☠

**ROCK TYPE:** Crumbly dolerite set over shale. Looks great, but not good at all.

**HISTORY:** Not sure if there have been any other parties.





## THE JEWEL

Find a sort of a path along the top in the direction of the free stander in the LH side. This will probably require a machete. The free stander is *The Jewel*. The rock is very loose and flaky and very short.



### 1. Cold Draft up Your Shaft – 20,A0

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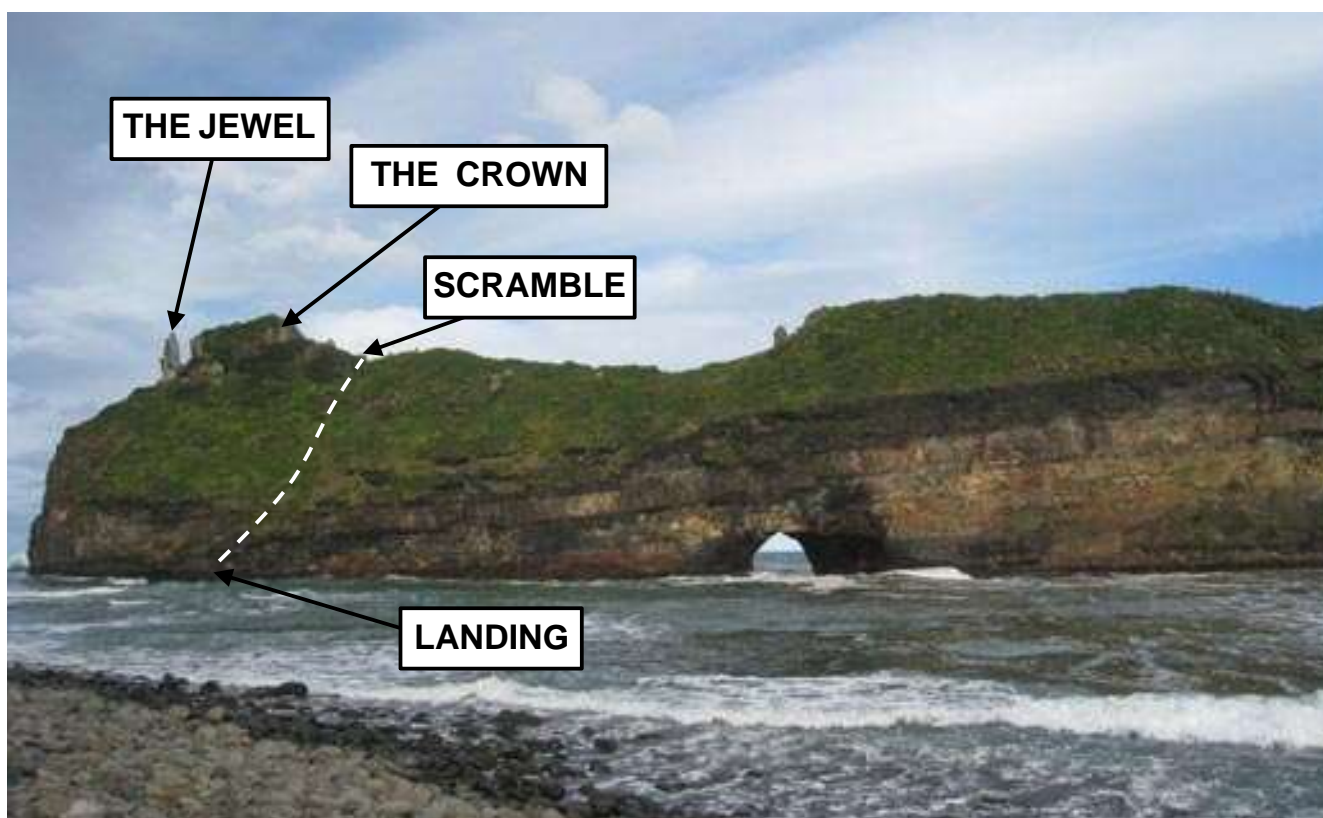
Route starts under over hang on the sea side of pinnacle. Trend R onto slab. Grab chain half way up. Top out. Single chain will bring you down.

### 2. Eating The After Birth – 14

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Opposite *The Jewel* in a small passage way. Up the prominent crack on the sea side.

## THE CROWN



On the path along the ridge from *The Hole* to *The Jewel*, the path breaks L on the landward side. This small shaded out crop is *The Crown*. The routes are a tad short & quite crap. This is what you do while waiting for the tide to go out.

### 3. The Pigs Ear – 12

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Up easy steps.

### 4. Sting – 11

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Up face to the L of the prominent off width.

### 5. Living in the Hedge – 12

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Off width crack to the top.

### 6. Grave Reaper – 13

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To the R of the off width to the highest point.

The following route was climbed on the main land in the impressive looking 'V' gully to the L of *The Hole in the Wall*. The rock is very poor. The route is on the RH wall of the gully, about 15m seaward of the start of the gully.

**7. Crumble & Tumble – 17**

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Up steps to broken open book. Trend to wards loose chimney till chains are found. This area is not recommended at all except for blasting to make concrete mix.

