

BEACON BAY CAVE TRAIL



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EASTERN CAPE CLIMBING VENUES

Port Elizabeth

- 1 Lady's Slipper
- 2 Van Stadens
- 3 PE urban crags & boulders
- 4 Sleepy Hollow
- 5 Elands River
- 6 Kirkwood
- 7 Cape St Francis

Groot Winterhoek

- 8 Tygerhoek
- 9 Naga's Kloof
- 10 Eagle Gorge
- 11 Momentum Gorge
- 12 Pinnacle Gorge
- 13 Cockscomb
- 14 Grootbos & Kleinbos
- 15 Nivera

Baviaans

- 16 Grips
- 17 Kudu Kaya
- 18 Waterkloof

Grahamstown

- 25 Alicedale
- 26 Howieson's Poort
- 27 Moodies
- 28 Bouldering
- 29 Thornkloof

30 Coombs Gorge

Amatolas

- 31 Fort Fordyce
- 32 Hogsback
- 33 Stutterheim
- 19 Nguniland
- 20 Kouga Wildernes
- 21 Uniondale Pass

Garden Route

- 22 Titzikama
- 23 Groot Rivier
- 24 Plett Crags

East London

- 34 NSA
- 35 Windmill Hole
- 36 Buffalo River

37 EL urban crags & boulders

- 38 Yellowsands & Inkwenkwezi
- 39 Lalapanzi
- 40 Morgan Bay
- 41 Bola
- 42 Mary & Martha
- 43 Hangklip

Winterberg

Toorberg

- 44 Graff-Reinet
- 45 Compassberg
- Transkei
- 46 Hole in the Wall
- 47 Hill of Execution
- 48 Port St Johns

Swartberg

- 49 Towerkop
- 50 Oudtshoorn
- 51 Gamkaskloof Bouldering



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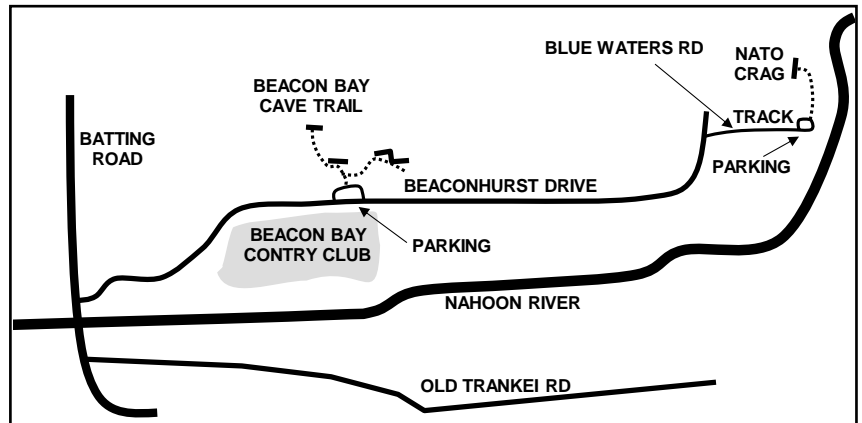
DIRECTIONS: Find Old Transkei Road. Travelling in the Beacon Bay direction, over the Battering Bridge, right into Beaconhurst Drive. Park on the left, opposite Beacon Bay Country Club. Find the Cave Trail path.

ACCESS: Unrestricted at this stage. Please don't make excessive noise or disturb the local home owners. The people who own the house closest to the *Cave Trail* think that they own the *Cave Trail* & are quick to let you know that they are attorneys. Don't let them put you off... it's a public nature reserve open to all.

WALK IN: 1 minute. 80m max. Sort of steep-ish.

TIME & WEATHER: Set in trees, thus all day shade. The sort of spot for a quick climb or bolder mid week or on a busy week end. These bits of rock are actually in the suburbs.

ROCK TYPE: Dolerite set in thick bush.



POTENTIAL: There is one more line that could be bolted...to the R of *Industrial Mass Action*. There may be quite a few other lines. It depends how low your standards are. Come on give it a miss! It's not that good at all.

HISTORY: Ja...lots of history. Steeped in history! There should be a monument erected to all the happy teenage couples who enjoyed nature in the *Cave*.

HAZARDS: Maybe wine-ou-s & turds in the bush.

This is the first small face that is reached.

1. Full Speed or Nothing – 20

Derek Marshall & Rochelle (some hot bird) 2001 (3B&C)

2. Industrial Mass Action – 19

Derek Marshall & Kendyl Kunhardt 2001 (T&C)

Trad crack just R of *Full Speed or Nothing*.

3. Potential

These routes are along a "path" that moves off R. Too easy to be worthwhile.

4. NUMSA vs The Economy - 12

Derek Marshall & Kendyl Kunhardt 2001 (T)

Short off width open book.

5. DCSA Bucks -12

Derek Marshall & Kendyl Kunhardt 2001 (T)

Rails to the R of short off width open book.

These routes are round the corner to the R. Under an overhang.

6. The The – 17

Garvin Jacobs & Derek Marshall Sept 1999 (T)

A line just R of the arête.

7. Undeserving – 15

Derek Marshall & Garvin Jacobs Sept 1999 (T)

Crack system below a large paper bark tree.

8. Tart – 17

Derek Marshall & Kendyl Kunhardt 2001 (T)

Slab to the R of *Undeserving*.

NATO CRAG



Situated on the Beacon Bay side of Nahoon River Mouth. See the *Beacon Bay Cave Trail* map above. From Beaconhurst Drive, turn into Blue Waters Road. This becomes a track, which leads to a parking area & Nahoon Mouth Estuary Nature Reserve. Walk in the direction of Nahoon Mouth. Do not climb here! Its just total crap! One route was opened. *NATO Crag* was found by Jochen Gantert, spotted from the pub at the Blue Lagoon Hotel. We should have stayed in the pub! These were the desperate days before *NSA* was discovered. We were ready to climb any thing. The same day Graem opened *NATO Spies*, we drove from here to Horse Shoe Valley & discovered *NSA*. Next day we hacked in a path & opened the first line.

1. **NATO Spies** -16 -3 stars

Graem Copley & Derek Marshall July 2000 (T)

Find an unlikely looking piece of chossy open book & climb it. Peckham would be proud.