

ABBOT'S BUTTRESS



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EASTERN CAPE CLIMBING VENUES

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			
Baviaans				
16 Grips				
17 Kudu Kaya				
18 Waterkloof				
Grahamstown				
25 Alicedale				
26 Howieson's Poort				
27 Moodies				
28 Bouldering				
29 Thornkloof				

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DIRECTIONS: From the N2 turn off at Christian Centre. Turn L opposite the Christian Centre. At the three way stop, turn L. Park at the causeway or at the Spar. The Spar is the safer bet as you may be broken into near the cause way. On the town side of the cause way walk up the dirt track that leads to the huge quarry. Close to the steel gates move off into thick bush in the up stream direction. Contour across to the crag. This is not fun & should not be underestimated.



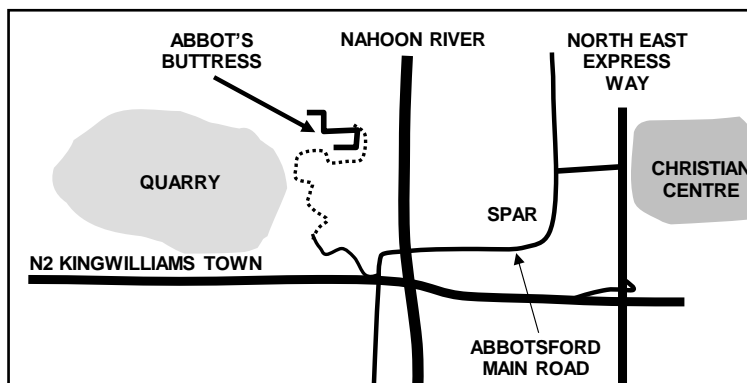
ACCESS: Unrestricted.

WALK IN: 1 Hour. 300m max, but it feels like 20km. There is no real path. Repeat: This is not fun & should not be underestimated. Take a machete.

TIME & WEATHER: Morning sun. There is no good time to walk in.

ROCK TYPE: Dolerite set in thick bush.

POTENTIAL: Very limited.



HISTORY: Crag was first discovered by the Abbot of Abbotsford. He eyeballed it from across the river, but was never daft enough to actually attempt to get there. Enter three sad fellow on a very bleak day. Moan, bitch & moan... & a few not to bad lines.

HAZARDS: The bush, walk in & snakes make the potential for criminals seem quite unlikely & possibly a lesser hazard.

1. Time Has Come – 16

Crack to the L on river facing buttress.

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2. Evangelical Naivety – 15

Up slabs to the R & using the arête.

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3. Abbot of Abbotsford – 18 ★

Up onto large flat ledge. Move R into good crack. Top out. There were two boomslangs on this line when it was opened. Very sweet!

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4. I'm Still Standing – 19

Large crack system to the R of the open book. Move L to the top of the crag.

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5. Do It Twice – 15

Somewhere behind on the up stream side. Easy.

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