

Bellow Falls



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WALK IN: At least 1km, 30 min, flattish.

TIME & WEATHER: *Shaded all day.* Could be cold in winter. Very wet after any rain. Choose a dry year or at least the dry season.

HISTORY: Discovered in 2000. Only 5 routes opened.

ACCESS: This is private farm land. Find out who the farmer is & make arrangements.

POTENTIAL: Could be quite a bit that could be traded & more that would be sport.

GENERAL: 5 routes, all trad. Awesome spot! 30m high cliffs & water fall. Abseil anchors. Pool to swim in at the base. Can be wet when the waterfall is running.

ROCK TYPE: Mix of mud stone & silt stone. Smooth & often covered in a white fungus. Fairly brittle. Very vertical.

WARNINGS:

1. There were lots of snakes at the bottom. Seriously! This is a snake pit, think Indiana Jones!
2. There is a beehive above the crag to the R.

DIRECTIONS: Use the location on <http://www.easterncaperockclimbing.co.za/location/bellow-falls-east-london> then used the map to find the crag.

Routes recorded L to R:

- 1. **Geronimo – 19** 30m Derek Marshall & Gerard Edinberry Nov 2000 (T)
Just to the R of the main waterfall. Step onto a slab in the middle of the pool. Up the cracks above to the top.
- 2. **Who Is Geronimo! – 16** 30m Derek Marshall & Gerard Edinberry Nov 2000 (T)
Blocky crack line below the abseil anchors.



The following routes are about 30m up the hill to the R.

- 3. **Too Bee or Not Too Bee – 17** 16m Mark Mannheim & Derek Marshall 17.03.2018 (T)
 There is a bee hive above this crag. Mark Mannheim was stung was stung very badly, but miraculously survived.
Nice looking crack break below the arête, move L around the corner & up a wide crack.
- 4. **The Curtain Falls – 16** 12m Derek Marshall & Mark Mannheim 17.03.2018 (T)
Perfect hand & fist crack, unfortunately a bit short.
- 5. **Breaking the Silence – 17** 14m Derek Marshall & Mark Mannheim 17.03.2018 (T)
L facing wide open book. At the small roof move out L & bamba up to good abseil tree.
- 6. **Me Too – 18** Garvin Jacobs & Phillip ... 17.03.2018 (T)
Up recess about 6m R of Breaking the Silence.