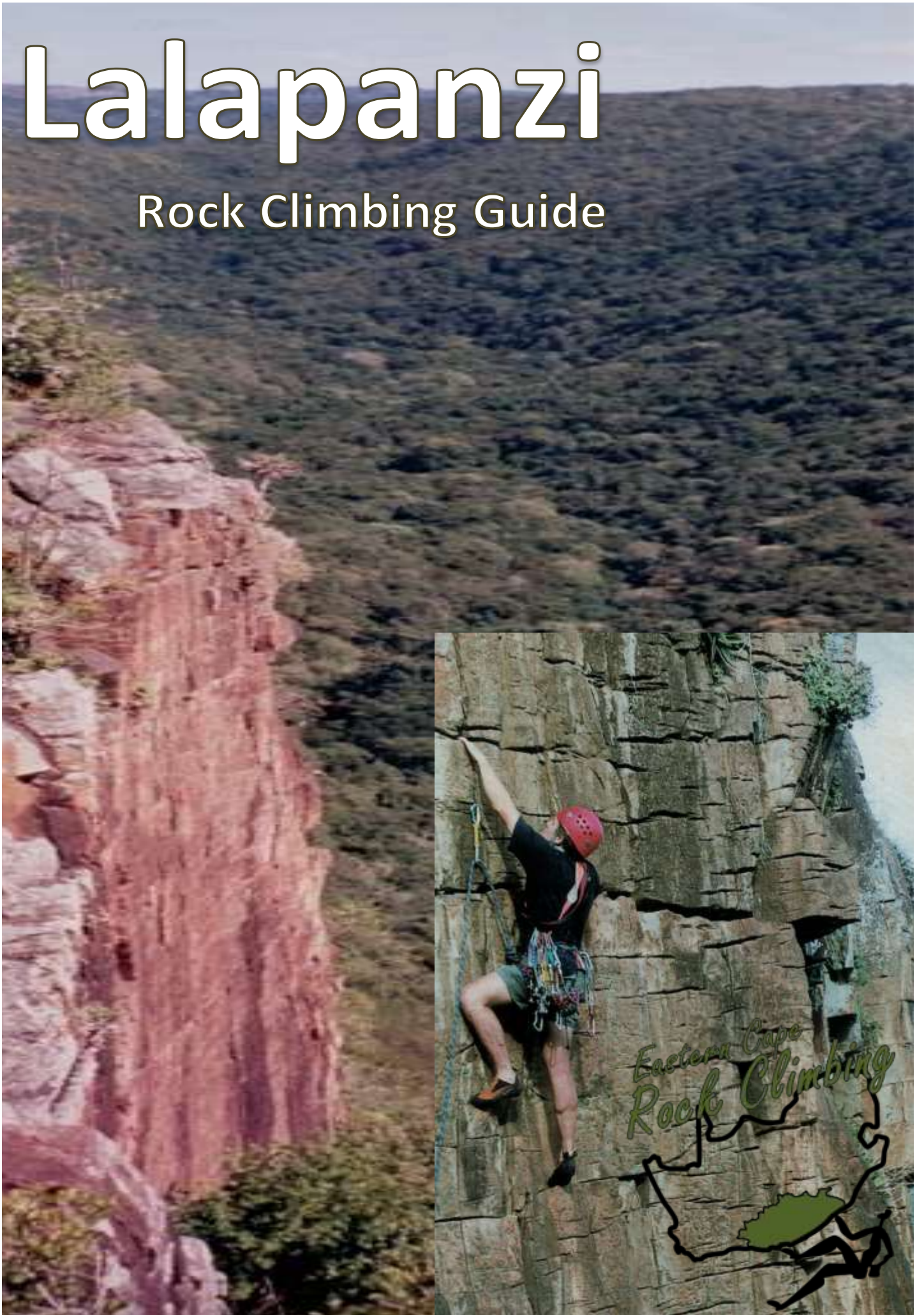


Lalapanzi

Rock Climbing Guide





ACCESS: Set on a private farm, which at this stage is open to the paying public. Please phone Howard at 043-8411615 to arrange climbing and keys. There may be a fee to use the crags, if you are not using the accommodation. There are ex-32 Battalion fellows cruising the bush in search of stock thieves and poachers so don't be alarmed when they pop out. They are tame. Howard would also arrange a drop off if you don't have a bakkie or high suspension vehicle.

WALK IN: About 10 minutes max. Easy.

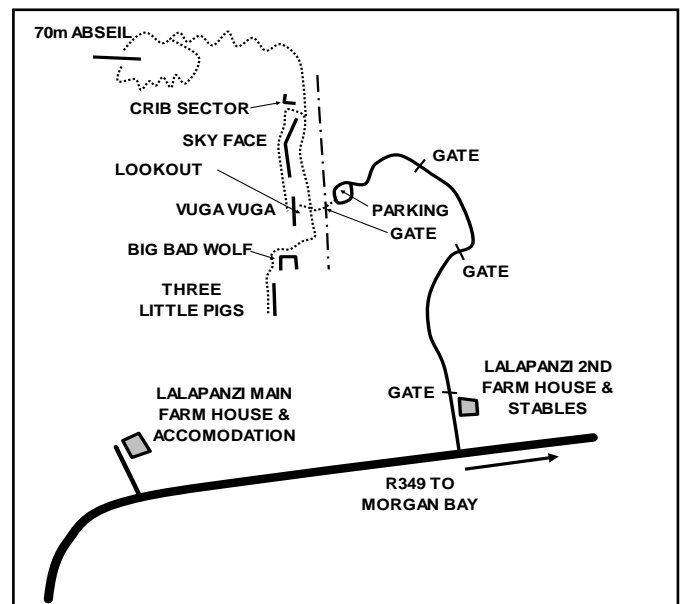
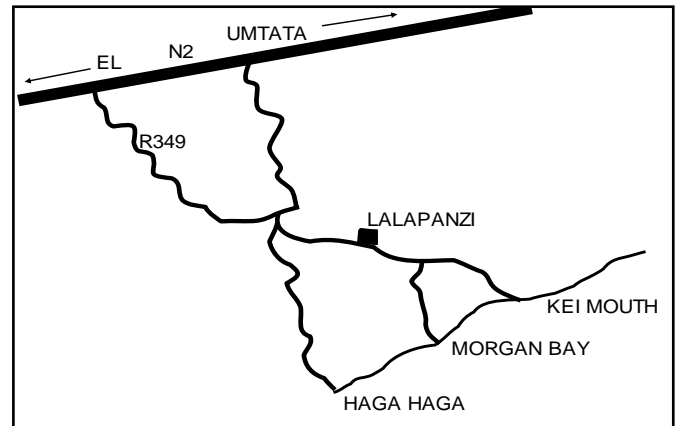
TO-DO: Lalapanzi has much to offer non-climbing family and many off day activities. Abseiling, hunting, horse riding, paint ball, walking trails, fishing trips, canoe trips on the Kei and bird watching. Entertaining folks is their business.

ACCOMMODATION: There is a range of accommodation available at Lalapanzi. Bush camping, bungalows, comfy cottages and the like. We only used the bush camping, it is very informal, rough, but awesome. There is no water laid on, so bring your own and please don't bitch about the facilities or lack of facilities. Please support the accommodation as the owners are really pro climbing and are kind enough to allow us to grace their rock faces. Accommodation is one of the core incomes of Lalapanzi. I heard there was a pub at the top farm house, but fortunately we bought our own beers & had them at the lookout with the sun going down.

GENERAL: A few bolted routes and a lot of shortish trad. Great scenery. Great bush camping & a very still sun downer spot way off the beaten track. However, the climbing is not that brilliant.

ROCK TYPE: Clean hard dolerite set in thick bush. Lots of strange cracks.

HISTORY: *Lalapanzi* is a relatively new climbing area. Jeff Smith the owner in 2002 wanted to offer climbing as part of his



adventure camp. The few routes that were opened were opened in various waves by the Buffalo Bastards.

WARNINGS & HAZARDS:

1. Take tick repellent. **Ticks** can be an issue.
2. Good place to find **snakes**.
3. It **can be hot**, make sure you have enough ice in your cooler box & that you put it in the shade during the day.
4. The farmer offers **horse riding**. Horses bite, kick, and stamp on toes, smell bad & crap all over the place. They don't however taste bad, especially in pollony or salami, & I've heard marinade & skewered. The farmer expects hunters to hunt buck so may be offended if you bag his horses....even the old ones. This is a dreadful shame & a waste of horses.

STAR RATING SYSTEM	
★	Good route at this crag.
★★	Good route in the area.
★★★	Classic route in this province.
No star	Reasonable to bollocks.
ABBREVIATIONS	
T	Trad route, natural gear
6B	Number of bolts
C	Chains or top anchors
Ⓜ	Chains or top anchors
P	Piton
RB	Removable bolt

5. Horses attract **horsy chicks**. They can be cute....till you realize they are completely psycho. Don't let horsy chicks, girlfriend or wife know about the horse riding; or you will never hear the end of it. You may even be forced to go horse riding which would be a total bind, especially if you would prefer to lay about in the shade with a beer on your off day.
6. Make sure you pitch your tent before you start with sundowners.



BIG BAD WOLF SECTOR



From the lookout find the path which runs to the L for about 65m. Descend a fairly steep gully, to the *Big Bad Wolf Sector*, which is on the LH side of the base of the gully. All the routes are about 14m high and are fairly sweet.

1. Beer, Boxing and Blonds – 15

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up a very cool chimney using the finger crack on the RH side. Then traverse L to a hand crack. Belay from top of block to the L.

2. Baby! I Don't Need It! – 15

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up jagged crack, with an awesome layback, to belay next to free standing block.

3. Strange Woman from Tokyo – 17

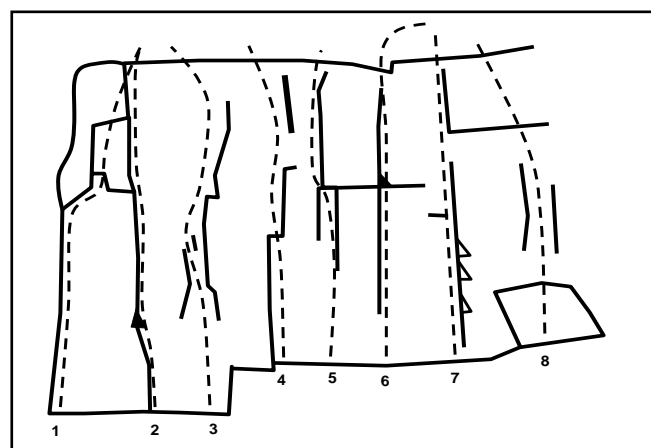
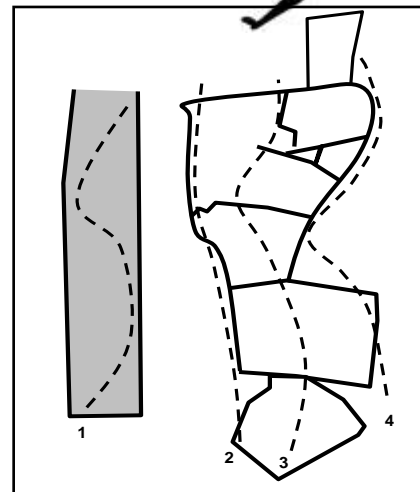
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Up the front ramp.

4. Perihelion – 17

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Up the off width around the RH corner. Not too nice.



1. Moving in Stereo – 18

Up the LH arête. Moving R into crack system.

2. Be My Angel – 16

Up crack 1m L of arête.

3. Pig In Shit – 18

Up finger crack 1m R of *Be My Angel*.

4. Blessings in the Realm – 18

Up the prominent hand crack 1.5m R of *Pig In Shit*.

5. Blind Joans Born 69 – 18

Up the crack 1m R of *Blessings in the Realm*.

6. Chicks who Cut Cake and Eat It – 17

Up twin cracks 1,5m R of *Blind Joans Born 69*.

7. Cross Legged and Lock Jawed – 16

Up three easy steps to the right of a crack.

8. Hakuna Matatana – 14

Up the last easy slab before the crag ends.

LITTLE PIGS CRAG

Follow the path around the corner in the upstream direction for about 30m to a small face. This is ideal for beginners to start leading trad. Although all the routes are short, they are really nice to climb. Average height is about 12m. Exit routes by abseiling from good trees.

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VUGA VUGA SECTOR



This is the not so good face below the lookout on the downstream side. Work your way down on the upstream side of the lookout though.... some serious bush out there. Have fun!

1. Viva Dr Death – 16

Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)

Up steps into 'V' notch, with a root.

2. Piss Lielie – 18

Allen Luck & Derek Marshall 2002 (T)

At the rear of the chimney up the large chock stones in mid section. Break out at the top.

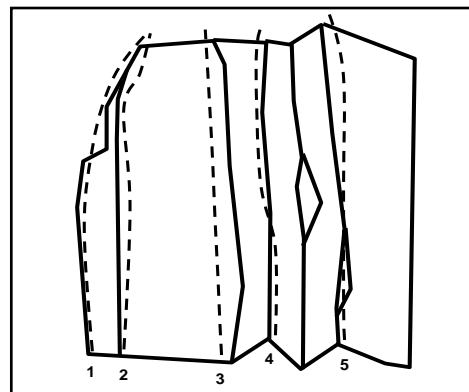
3. I Guess That's Why They Call It Trad – 19

Allen Luck & Derek Marshall 2002 (T)

Up front of chimney.

SKY FACE

Sky Face is the highest and most impressive piece of rock at Lalapanzi. The commercial abseil rig runs this face. It is perfect. About 30m high. Some good trad and a few bolted routes. From the gate follow the path R for about 200m. Either abseil into *Sky Face* or walk a little further to a steep scramble down.



1. Power Quest - 18

17m Craig Bester & Derek Marshall 2004

2. Take the Power – 16 ★

25m Derek Marshall & Garvin Jacobs 2001 (T)

Climb the off width to the L of the awesome main face. This was the first line to be climbed at Lalapanzi.

3. True Patriot – 20 ★★

26m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 2004 (9B&C)

Climb the bolts on the RH arête.

4. Buffalo Soldiers – 17

30m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)

Climb the prominent hand crack to the R of the face.

5. Ride the Sky – 18

30m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)

Climb the 'V' shaped off width which forms an overhang.

CRIB SECTOR

This small area is across the grassy slope, which is the bottom of the *Sky Face* descent gully. Try & avoid this crag.

1. Man On Route – 17

Allen Luck & Craig Bester 06/06/2004 (T)

Climb the prominent hand crack. Onto veg ledge. Up open book to belay off a platform.

2. Project

3. Trad For Nothing – 15

Allen Luck & Craig Bester 06/06/2004 (T)

Up the broken off width.

