

Grots Bouldering Crag – Grahamstown, South Africa 2014 Compilation

Compiled by the Rhodes University Rock Climbing Club

Grahamstown

Grots

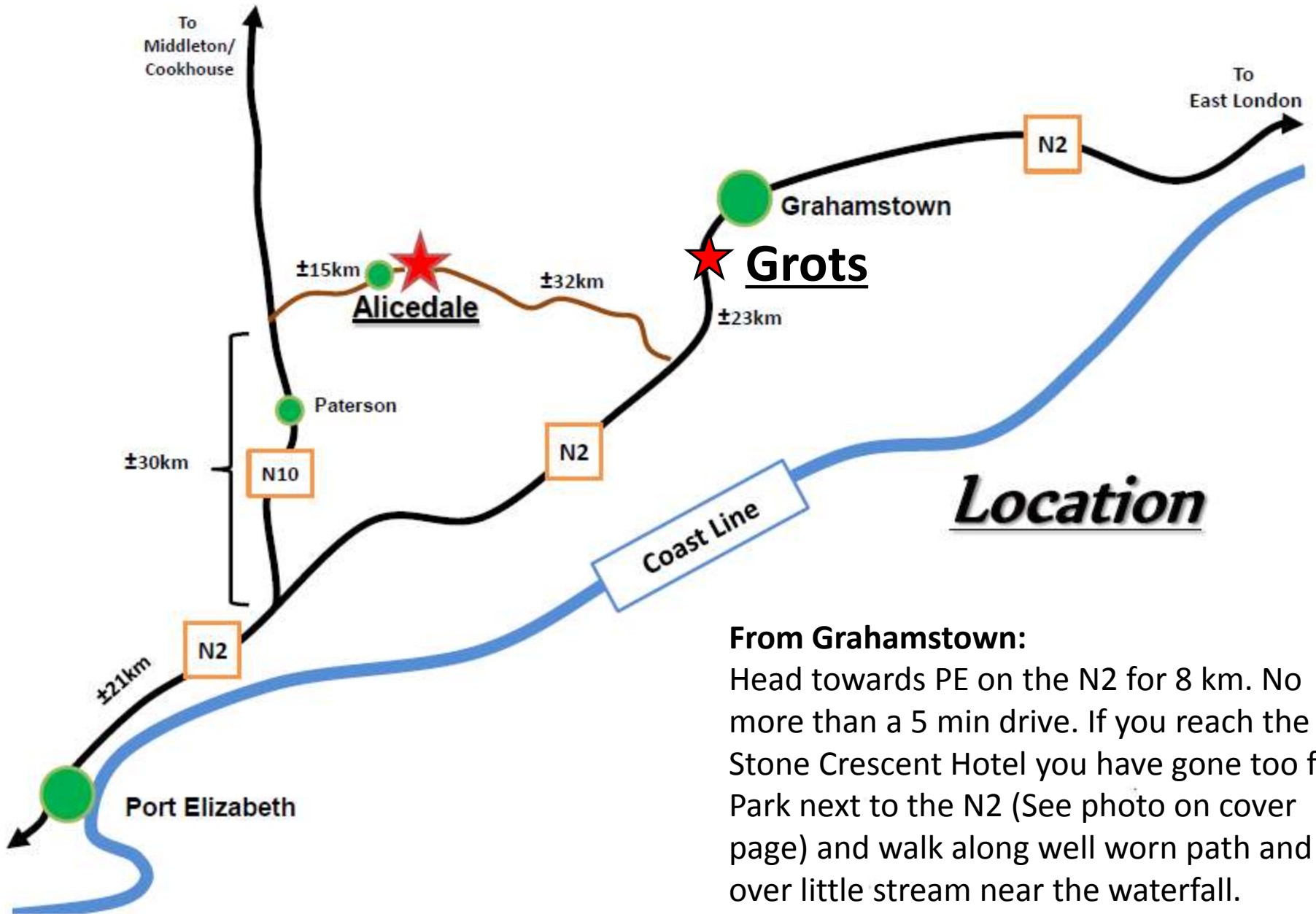
Stone Crescent
Hotel

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33°21'00.03" S 26°30'01.61" E elev 534 m

Eye alt 12.08 km



Location

From Grahamstown:

Head towards PE on the N2 for 8 km. No more than a 5 min drive. If you reach the Stone Crescent Hotel you have gone too far. Park next to the N2 (See photo on cover page) and walk along well worn path and over little stream near the waterfall.

- **Rock Type:** Quartzite (Very similar to Shady Nook at Alicedale but slightly better friction). Seeps badly after big rains.
- **Weather:** Always in the shade so good all year round especially for summer when Alicedale gets too hot.
- **Landings:** Good, flat landings all round, seldom need more than one pad. Some high falls.
- **Walk-In:** 200m from the N2. No more than a 3min walk.
- **Health and Safety:** General pretty safe (no known issues) but it is quite secluded so be careful, preferably go in a group.
Right next to a little stream, mosquito's can get bad in summer. There may be some snakes in the area as it is generally overgrown.
Do not start fires/braai in the area, it is overgrown, often dry and surrounded by farmland – even a lit cigarette could burn down the entire countryside.
- **Grades:** Due to the history of the area being mostly a training spot, the grades are fairly subjective and open to interpretation – as the area is mostly just used by students repeating lines to get an afternoon on some rock, the grades may be inaccurate and/or entirely wrong.



'Law' Dave on "Your mom, my face" (dyno)



Geoff on "Grots Great Line"

Overview

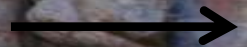
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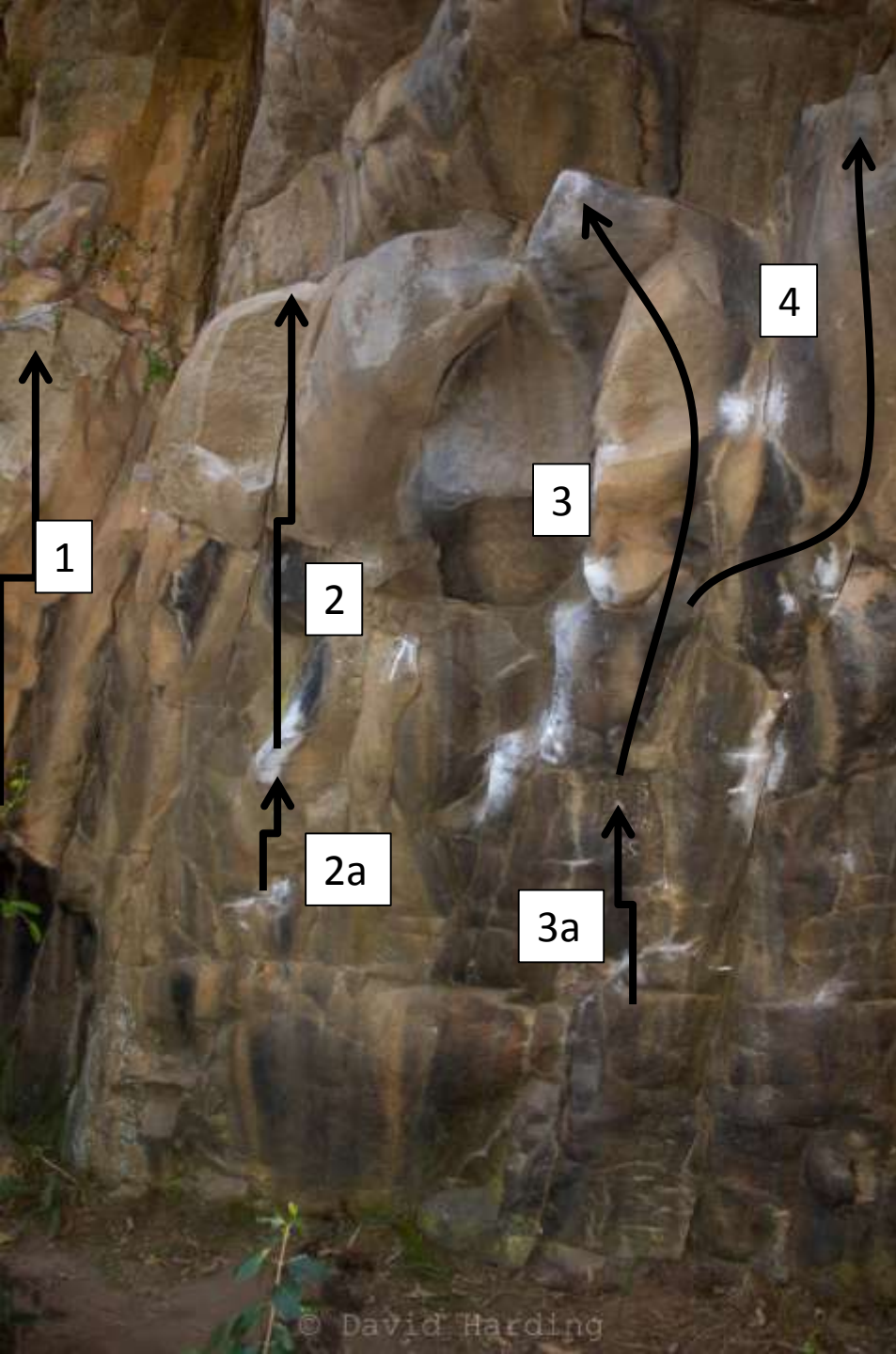
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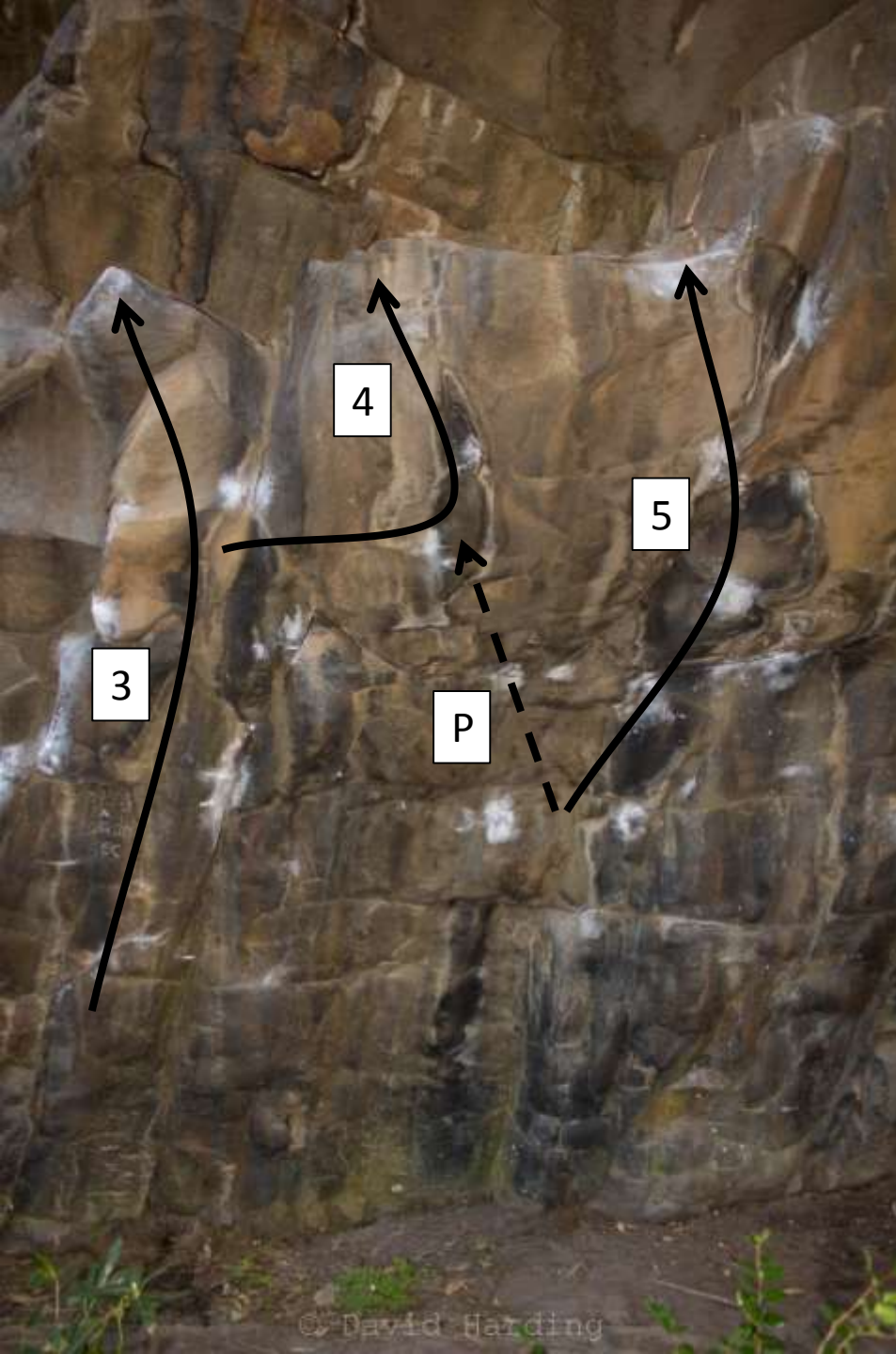


Grots Major – Far Left



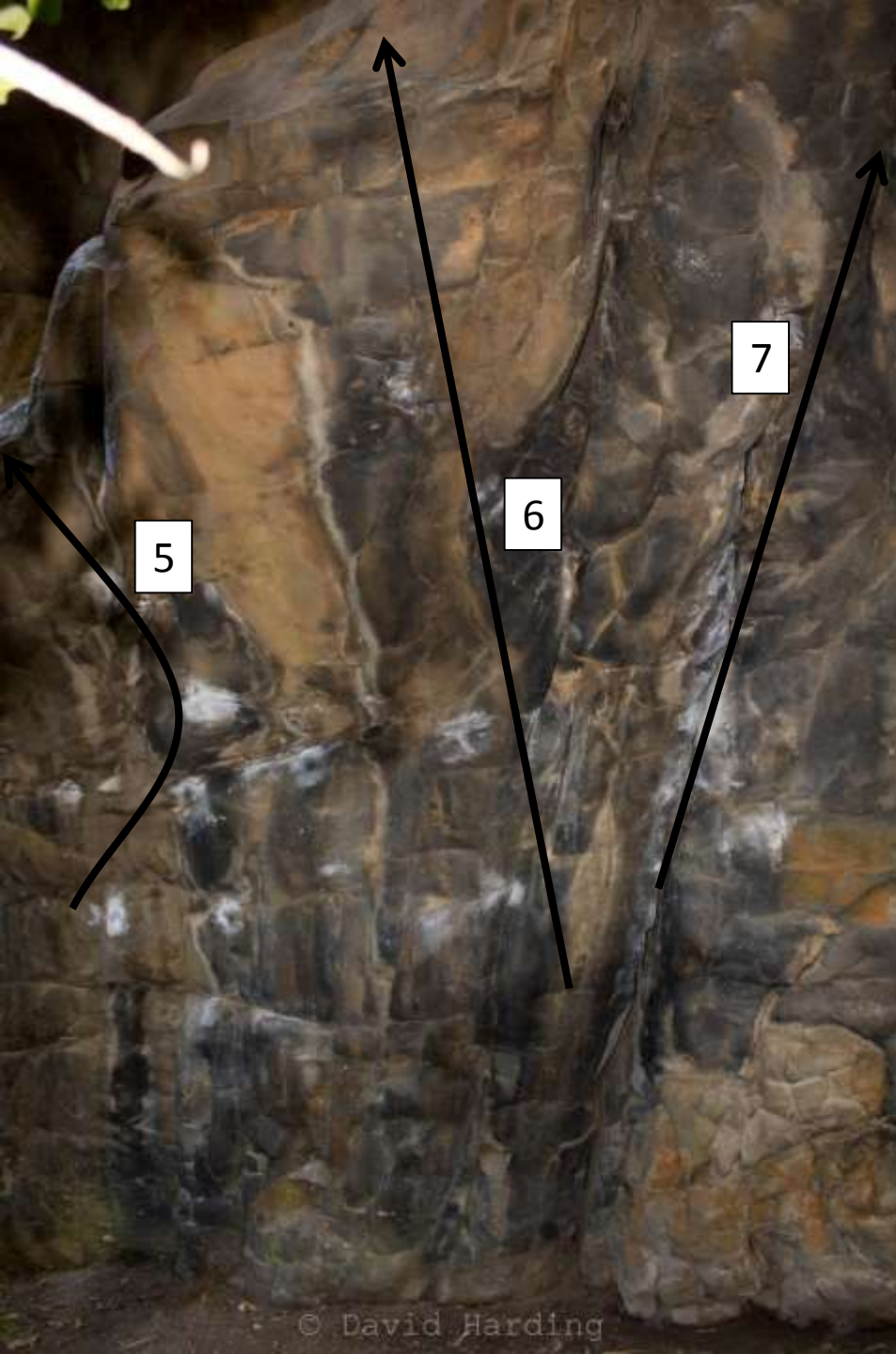
	Name	Grade	Description
1	Left Wing	6A	Stand start on big hold. Climb straight up . End with both hands on top rail. (Top-out if you are very brave)
2	Pinch Me	6B	Start on slopy pinch. Climb straight up. End on big jug underneath next roof.
2a	Pinch Me Assis	6B+/ 6C	Sit start on crimps, climb into and finish as 2.
3	Yeast Infection	6C	Stand start on obvious compression holds. Move up to crack with right hand and out left to a horn.
3a	Yeast Infection Assis	6C+	Sit start on crimps. Climbs into and finishes as 3.
4	Ryan's Ass Crack	7A+	Start as 3. Move right from crack and finish on sloper/jug over the bulge.

Grots Major – Left of Centre



	Name	Grade	Description
3	Yeast Infection	6C	Stand start on obvious compression holds. Move up to crack with right hand and dyno to the horn.
3a	Yeast Infection Assis	6C+	Sit start on crimps. Climbs into and finishes as 3.
4	Ryan's Ass Crack	7A+	Start as 3. Move right from crack and finish on sloper/jug over the bulge.
5	Your mom, my face	6C	Crouch start of crimps. Move right to jug, then up and slightly left to sloper, right to a terrible sloper and match.
5a	Your mom, my face (dyno)	6C+	Start as 5. Move right to jug and dyno for the first sloper, match on top sloper.
P	Your mom, my ass crack	Project	Start as 5 but climb left and end as 4.

Grots Major – Centre



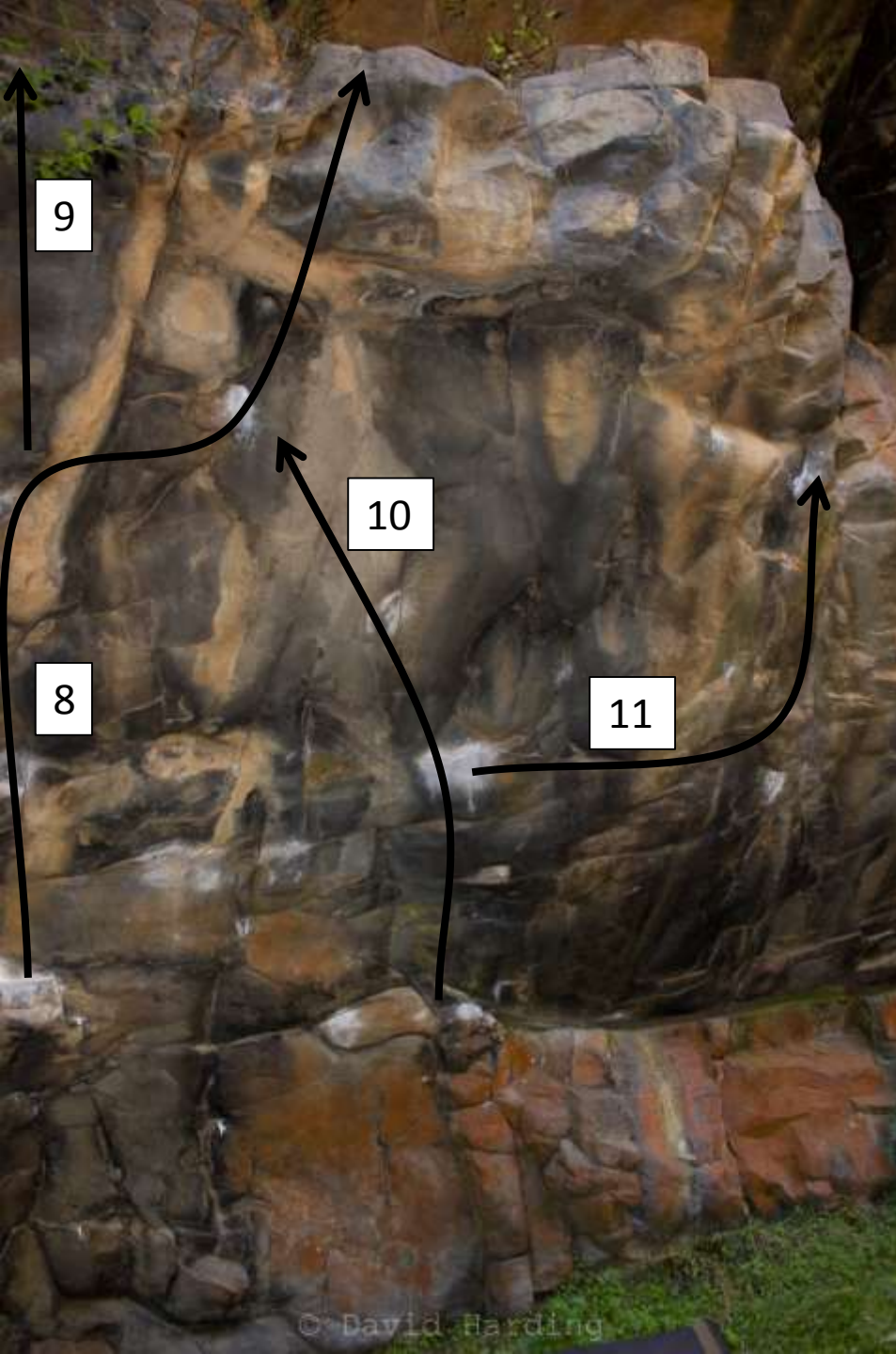
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5	Your mom, my face	6C	Crouch start of crimps. Move right to jug, then up and slightly left to sloper, right to final sloper and match.
5a	Your mom, my face dyno	6C+	Start as 5. Move right to jug and dyno for the first sloper, move right to final sloper and match.
6	Paul's Problem	7C-8A	Stand start with right hand in crack & left hand on crimp. Climb straight up through steep bulge
7	Unknown	?	Stand start. Climb the crack-line

Grots Major – Right of Centre



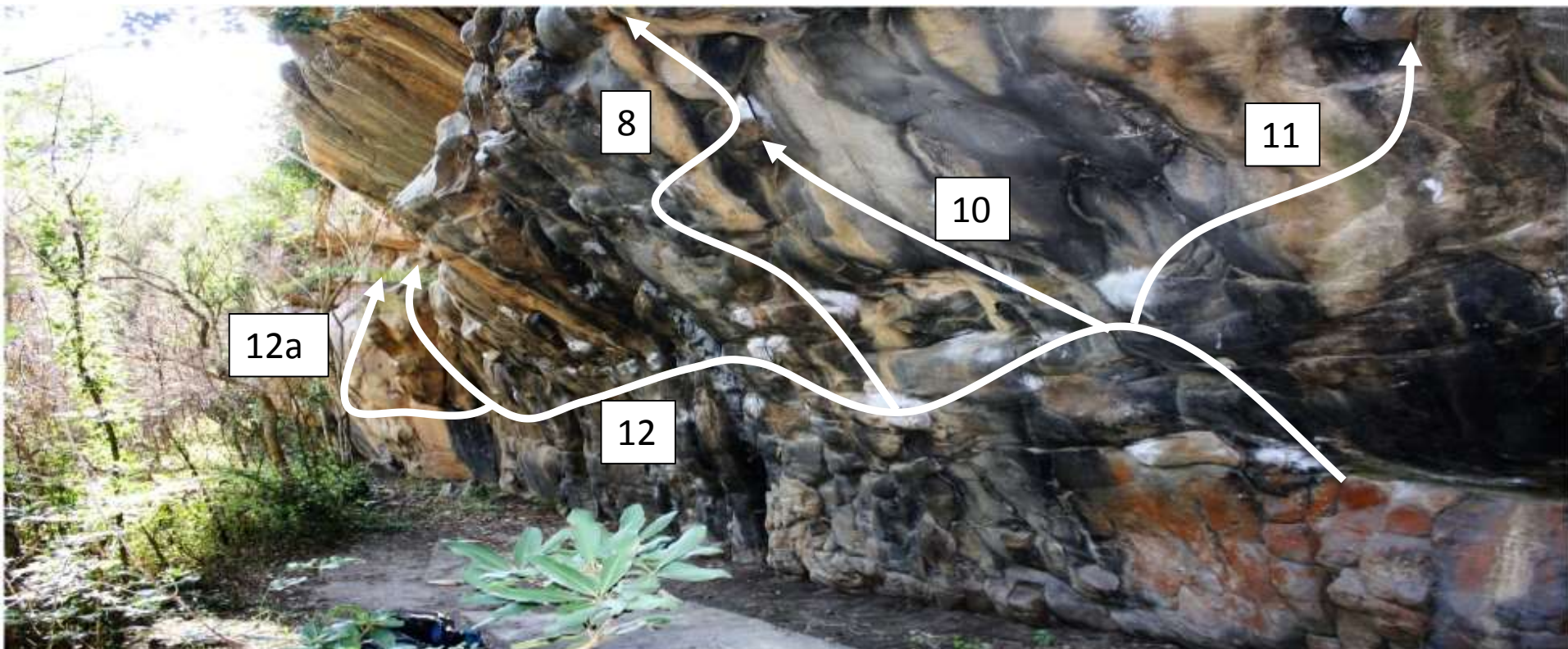
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7	Unknown	?	Stand start. Climb the crack-line
8	Grots Great Line (Flake Route)	7A+	Crouch start on big square hold. Climb up & slightly right via flake. End on good hold on big rail.
9	Jut	7B/ 7B+	Start as 8 but move straight up instead of moving right to the flake.

Grots Major – Far Right



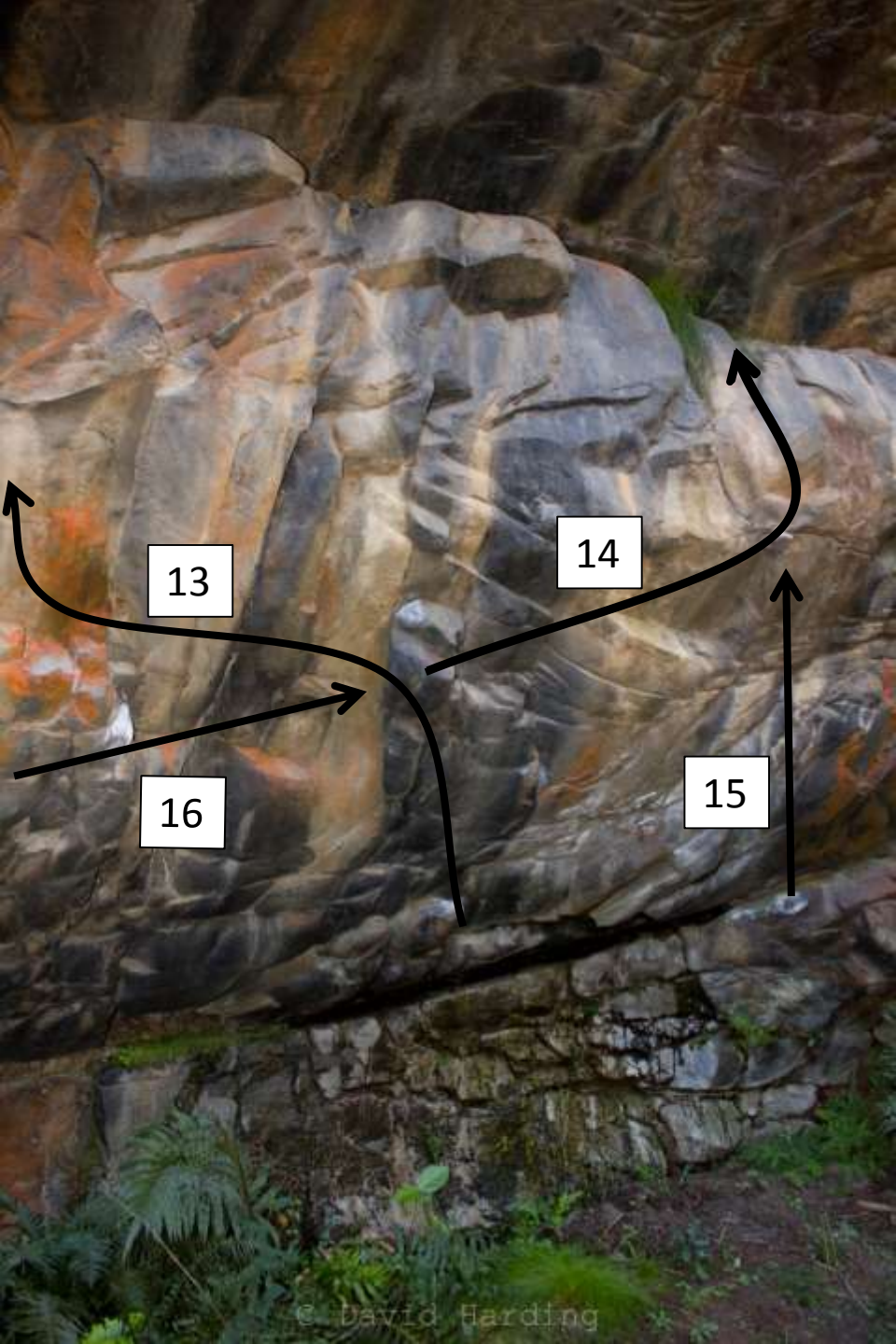
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9	Jut	7B/ 7B+	Start as 8 but move straight up instead of moving right to the flake.
10	Back Door to Darkness	7B+/ 7C	Crouch start on orange coloured rock. Climb up and left to flake end as 'Grots Great Line'.
11	Into the Light	7A	Start as 10. Move up to match crimp, then out right to pinch and up.

Grots Major – Traverse



	Name	Grade	Description
8	Grots Great Line (Flake Route)	7A+	Crouch start on big square hold. Climb up & slightly right via flake. End on good hold on big rail.
10	Back Door to Darkness	7B+/7C	Crouch start on orange coloured rock. Climb up and left to flake end as 'Grots Great Line'.
11	Into the Light	7A	Start as 10. Move up to long crimp, then out right to pinch and up.
12	A to the MFK	7A+	Crouch start on the far right with orange coloured rock. Trav. Left & end on jug as for "Pinch Me".
12a	A to the MFK	7B+/7C	Start as for 12. Traverse left and end as for "Savage White Rabbit"

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	Name	Grade	Description
13	Cordless Hairdryer	6C/ 6C+	Sit start on jug. Move up and left.
14	Nanaga	7A	Start as 13. Move right to smallish pinch and up.
15	Wild Boar Pie	6A+	Sit start on jug. Move up and finish as 14.
16	The Road to Nanaga	7A/ 7a+	Crouch start 2m right of Nanaga on an undercling, traverse right through some tricky compression moves and finish as Nanaga.

NB: Lower block is often wet so bring a towel to try dry areas needed for feet.



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	Name	Grade	Description
16	Savage White Rabbit	7A	Sit start on crimps. Climb diagonally left to big hold & top out via scoop.



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	Name	Grade	Description
17	King's Throne	6C	Sit start on right of lower shelf with side pull. Move left and up. Finish on jug .

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(20 m further on from King's Throne)

	Name	Grade	Description
18	Side-stepping the rhino	6C+	Sit start on good hold. Move up and left to big hold. Finish on jug over the top.
19	These puppies need meat	6C+	Sit start on good hold just to the left of 18. Move left to crimp then up to big hold. Finish as 18.