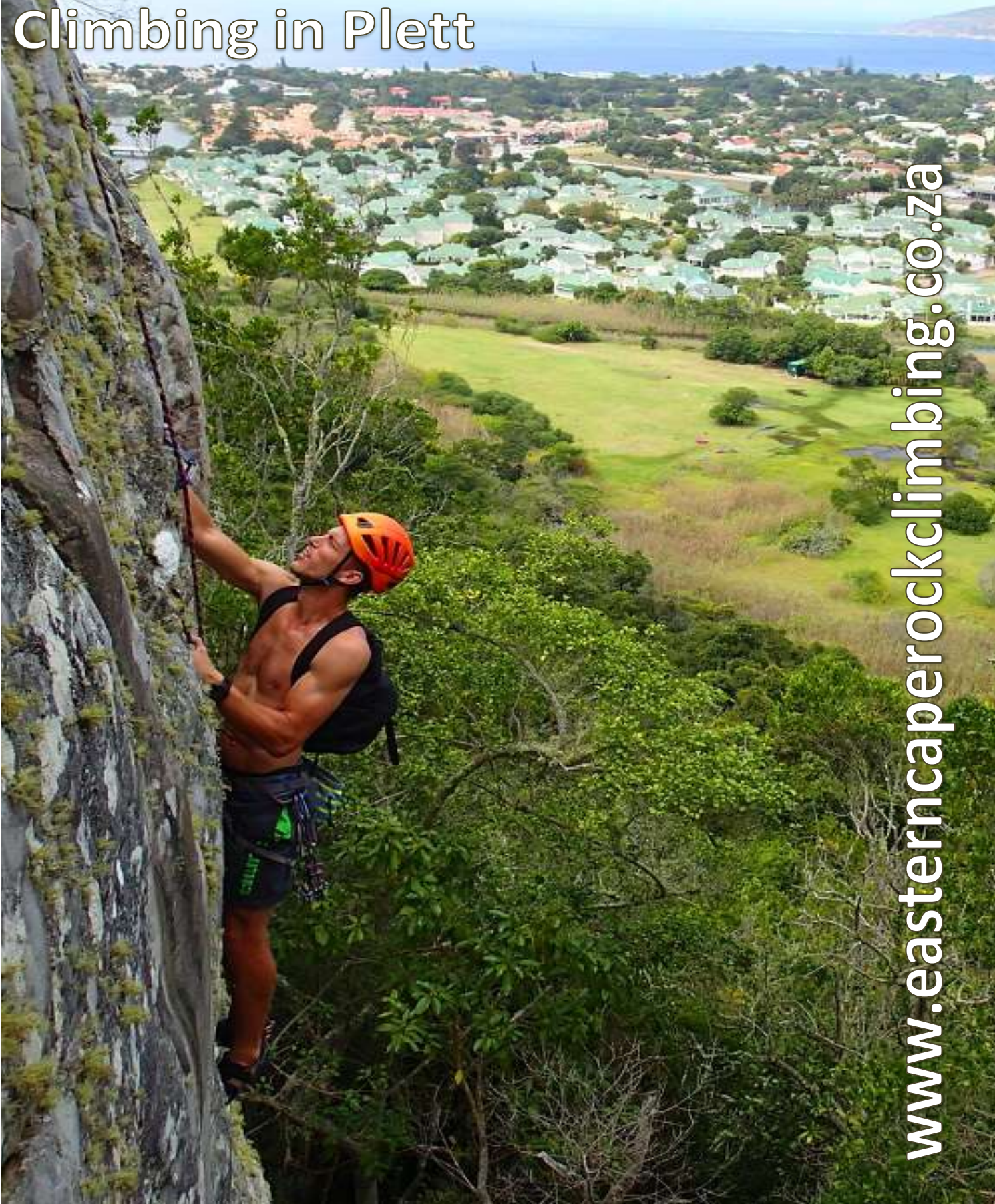


Piesang Valley

Climbing in Plett



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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
- Langkloof**
- 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

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- 39 Lalapanzi
- 40 Morgan Bay
- 41 Bola
- Winterberg**
- 42 Mary & Martha
- 43 Hangklip

Toorberg

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

Swartberg

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- 50 Oudtshoorn
- 51 Gamkaskloof Boulderin



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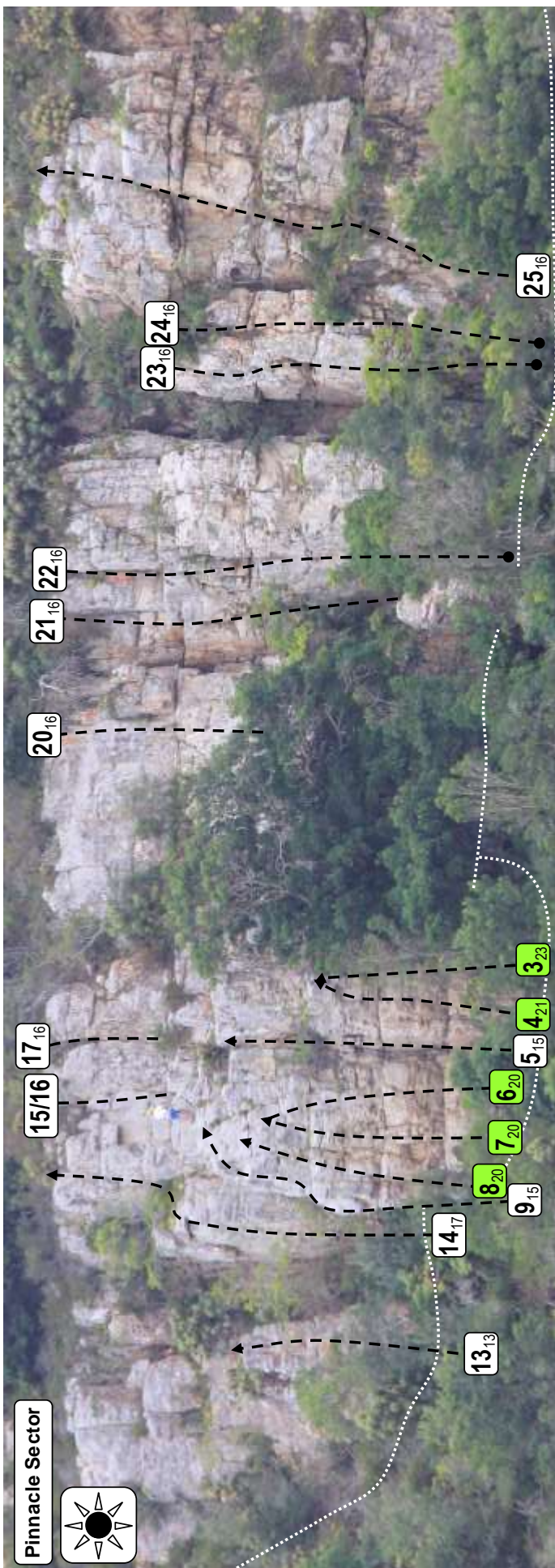
General: The routes are shortish, but on awesome white quartzite. So far there are 14 sport routes, 26 trad lines & 4 boulder problems. There is quite a bit of potential for opening new lines.



Star Ratings	
★	Good route at this crag
★★	Good route in the area
★★★	Classic route in this province
No star	Reasonable to bollocks
Abbreviations & Symbols	
15 ₁₁	Bolted sport route & grade
16 ₂₃	Project / In-progress & ± grade
13 ₁₅	T Trad route, natural gear & grade
6B	Number of bolts
C	Chains or top anchors
⌚	Chains or top anchors
P	Piton
RB	Removable bolt
☀️ (with 3 dots)	Afternoon Shade
☀️ (with 9 dots)	Morning Shade
☀️ (with 15 dots)	Shade all day
☀️ (with 21 dots)	Sun all day
☀️ (with 27 dots)	Dappled shade all day
☁️	Can be climbed in wet weather



Pinnacle Sector



● 1. Tree Theory - 18 ★

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (5B&C)

● 2. Bananarama- 17 ★

Derek Marshall & Danor Groenewald 02/03/2019 (6BC)

● 3. Pipi Slang -23 ★★

Dale Gathercole & Danor Groenewald 19/05/2019 (5BC)

Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.

● 4. Slap My Pitch Up - 21 ★

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (5B&C)

5. Wet Bunnies - 14

Derek Marshall & Danor Groenewald 21/03/2019 (T)

Up the open book.

● 6. Post Traumatic Stress - 20

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (4B&C)

● 7. Blatant Trickery - 20

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (5B&C)

● 8. Sooth Slayer - 20

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (4B&C)

9. In A Perfect World - 15

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 19/05/2019 (T)

Up juggy arête onto ledge. Up crack.

10. Human Empire - 16

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 19/05/2019 (T)

Up crack to R of (11), step R & onto ledge, then back L up crack.

● 11. Treacherous Eyeball - 20

Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (4B&C)

12. Banana Spit - 14

Derek Marshall & Danor Groenewald 02/03/2019 (T)

Up the RH perfect cracks to the top of the pinnacle.

13. Banana Spice - 13

Up the front side of the small free stander.

Terence Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 19/05/2019 (T)

14. Banana Milkshake - 17

Tyson Baars & Nelmarie van Staden 19/05/2019 (T)

Up wide-open book on corner. Directly up.

15. It's a Mad World - 15

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 19/05/2019 (T)

Up ramp break, over ledge, up crack, past tree.

16. You're Insane - 16

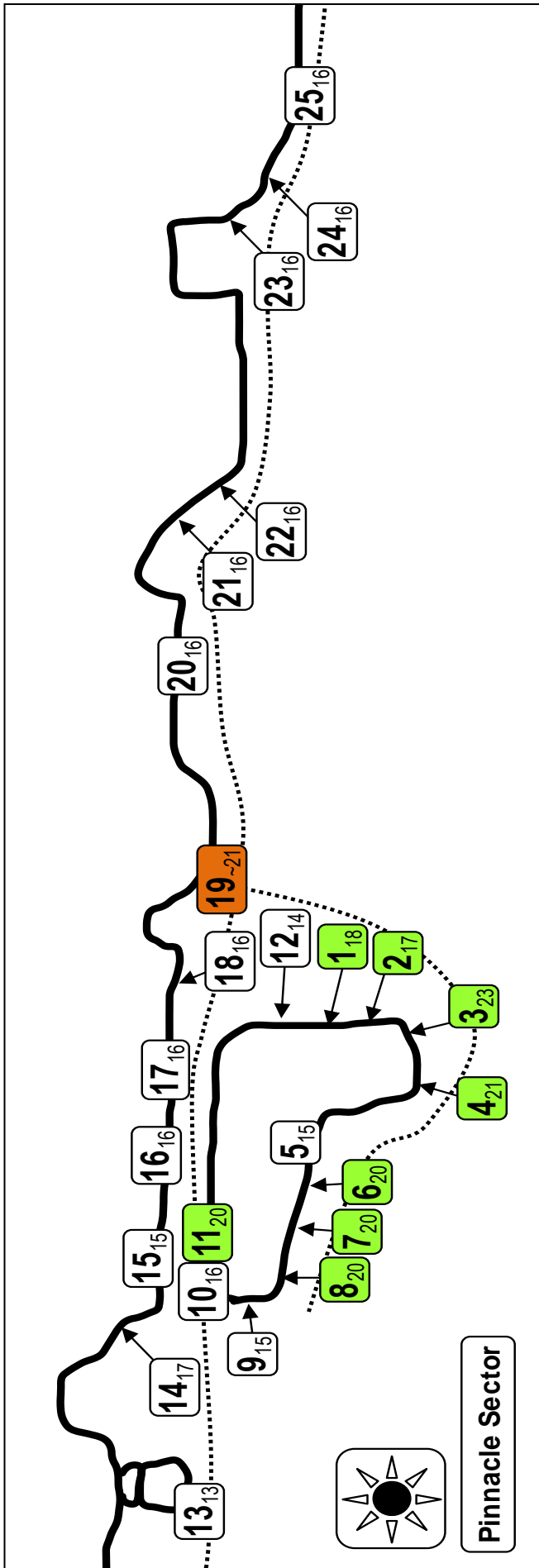
Terence Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 19/05/2019 (T)

Up steps into crack, up onto ledge. Step L up crack.

17. Countdown - 14

Derek Marshall & Danor Groenewald 02/03/2019 (T)

Up ramp crack onto ledge. Up wide crack.



18. Three Six Five – 16

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 19/05/2019 (T)
 Up break in ramp 1.5m L of chimney. Move R to arête of chimney. Directly up.

● **19. In Progress**

Bolted by Danor Groenewald

20. Soft Banana – 16

Dale Gathercole & Danor Groenewald 18/05/2019 (T)
 Up bulging ramp crack, over ledge. Directly up.

21. Helix – 16 ★★

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 18/05/2019 (T)
 Up prominent L trending prominent crack .

22. The Score – 16

Terence Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 18/05/2019 (T)
 Start 1.5m R of *Helix*. Up juggy break. Step R & then directly up.

23. Search My Dreams – 16 ★

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 18/05/2019 (T)
 Up jugs to R of gully, trend L into brown hollow. Up slightly L.

24. Break Through – 16

Terence Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 18/05/2019 (T)
 Up stepped groove 1m R of *Search My Dreams*. Over prominent horn. Directly up.

25. Tysons Delicious Nineteen – 16

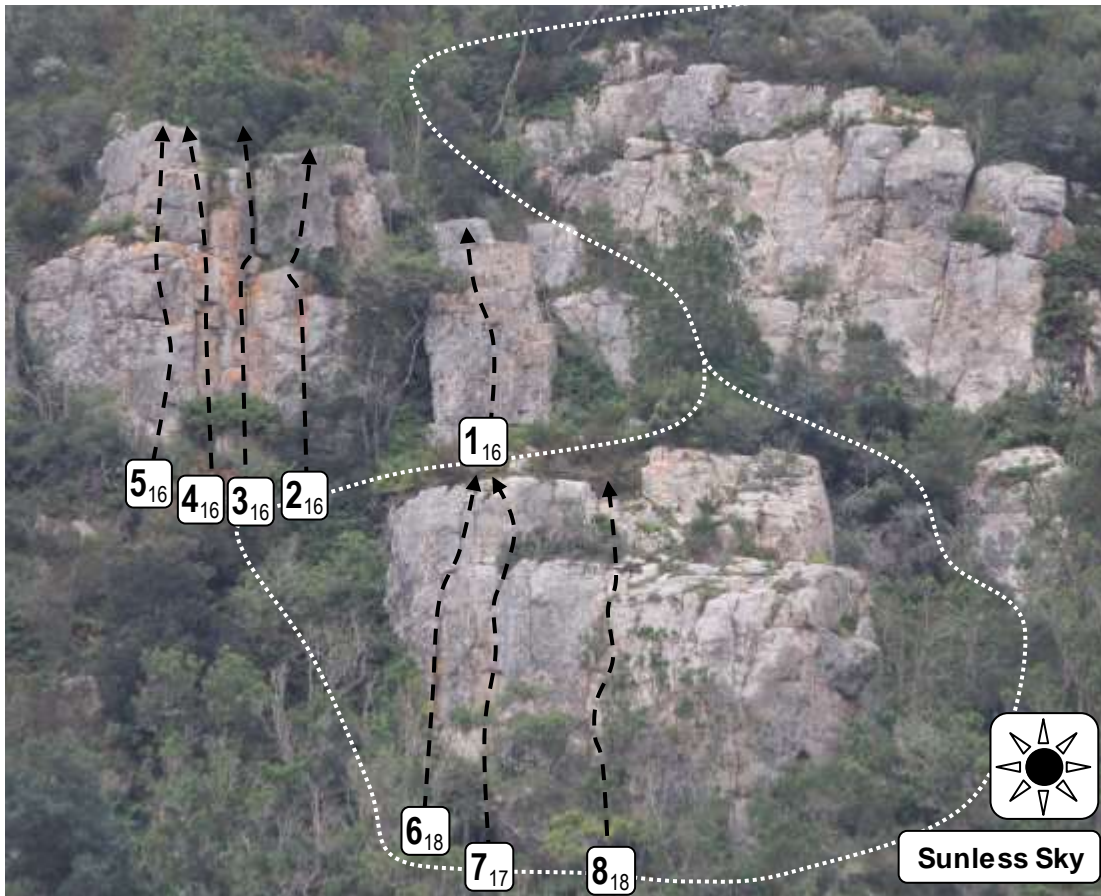
Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 19/05/2019 (T)
 Up into groove, step R onto ledge & up onto next ledge. Step L on ledge & up open book & into R trending diagonal.

Sunless Sky



These are mostly easy lines, but there is some nasty hard looking sport potential.

- 1. Fallen Prophet – 16** 10m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 08/03/2015 (T)
Up the curved crack to the top of the freestander.
- 2. Trip the Darkness – 16** 12m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 08/03/2015 (T)
Up open book break on RH side onto ledge with tree, up arête above.
- 3. Dutt Gooi – 15** 10m Terence Trevaskis & Ruan Grundlingh 08/03/2015 (T)
From ledge, up hand crack open book onto ledge. Up easy open book above.
- 4. The Dragon Lies Bleeding – 16** 13m Terence Trevaskis & Ruan Grundlingh 08/03/2015 (T)
Up crack onto ledge at the base of the open book. Up arête above to top.
- 5. Darkest Hour – 16** 12m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 08/03/2015 (T)
Up small curved crack to a rail. Rail L, up onto ledge, up small face above.
- 6. Kill the Light – 18** 12m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 08/03/2015 (T)
Hard start to gain crack system, move R & directly up.
- 7. Stone Cold – 17** 12m Terence Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 08/03/2015 (T)
Up prominent break.
- 8. Unchained – 18 ★** 12m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 08/03/2015 (T)
Prominent open book.

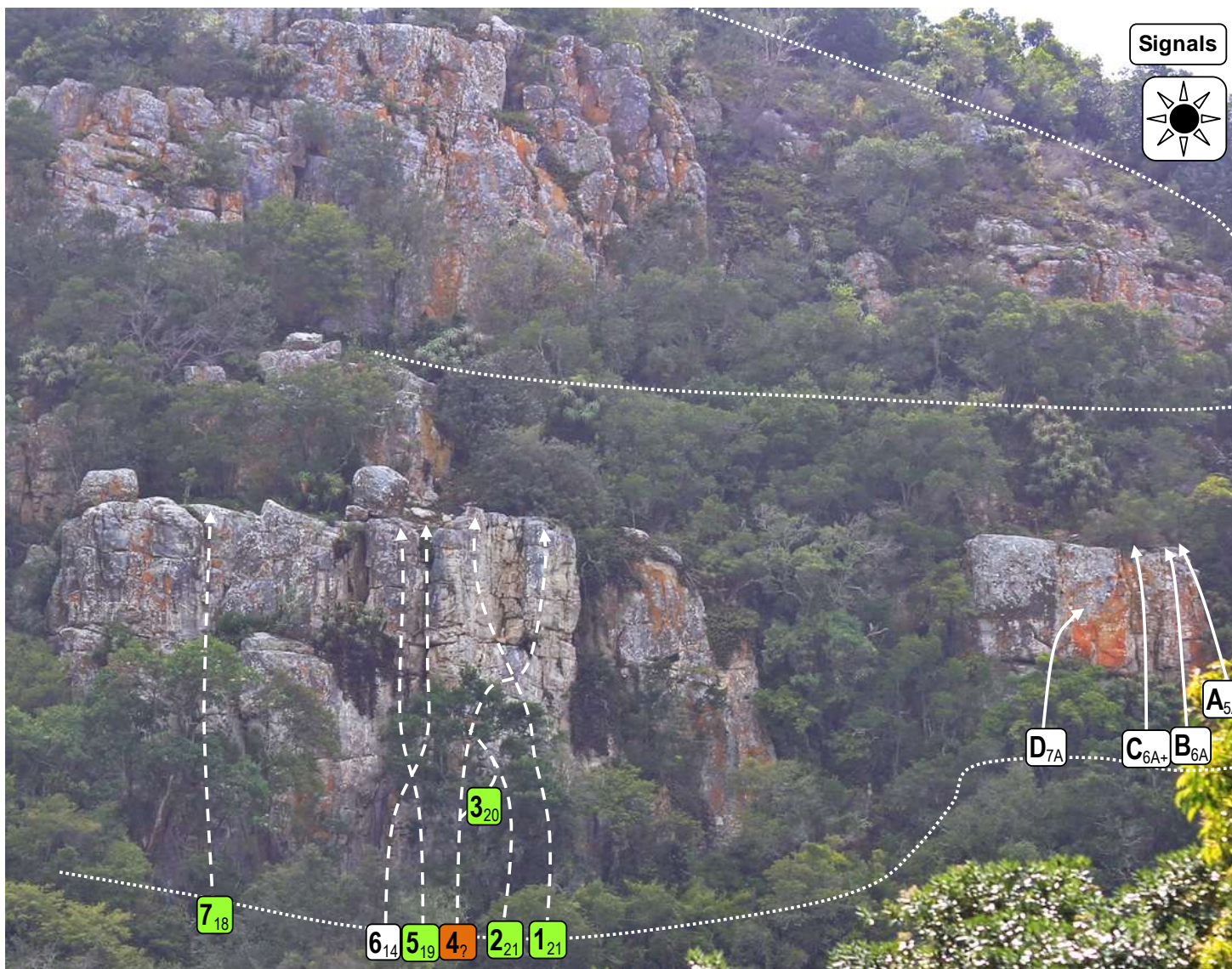


Signals



Park at the view point. Walk about 70m down a good path to the crags.

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| A. Imploder - 5 | Up the arête. |
| B. The Contrast - 6A | Up the R facing small open book. |
| C. The Fallen – 6A+ | Prominent crack system. |
| D. Feel the Light – 7A | Crack through overhang, stops at the top of crack. |



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| ● 1. Stretch Marks – 21 ★ | Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (7B&C) |
| ● 2. Open Heart Surgery - 21 | Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (8B&C) |
| ● 3. Double By Pass – 20 | Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (9B&C) |
| ● 4. In Progress | Bolted by Danor Groenewald. |
| ● 5. Vasectomy – 19 ★★ | Danor Groenewald & Jay ... 2019 (9B&C) |
| 6. Bought to Life - 14 | Soloed Danor Groenewald 2018 (T) |
| Up the chimney. | |
| ● 7. Balls of Steel - 18 | Danor Groenewald & Brigitte Laurent 2019 (5B&C) |