



Piesang Valley

Rock Climbing Guide

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EASTERN CAPE CLIMBING VENUES

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| <p>Port Elizabeth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lady's Slipper 2 Van Stadens 3 PE urban crags & boulders 4 Sleepy Hollow 5 Elands River 6 Kirkwood 7 Cape St Francis <p>Groot Winterhoek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Tygerhoek 9 Naga's Kloof 10 Eagle Gorge 11 Momentum Gorge 12 Pinnacle Gorge 13 Cockscomb 14 Grootbos & Kleinbos 15 Nivera <p>Baviaans</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Grips 17 Kudu Kaya 18 Waterkloof <p>Grahamstown</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25 Alicedale 26 Howieson's Poort 27 Moodies 28 Bouldering 29 Thornkloof | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Coombs Gorge <p>Amatolas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31 Fort Fordyce 32 Hogsback 33 Stutterheim <p>Langkloof</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19 Nguniland 20 Kouga Wildernes 21 Uniondale Pass <p>Garden Route</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22 Titzikama 23 Groot Rivier 24 Plett Crags <p>East London</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 34 NSA 35 Windmill Hole 36 Buffalo River | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 37 EL urban crags & boulders 38 Yellowsands & Inkwenkwezi 39 Lalapanzi 40 Morgan Bay 41 Bola <p>Winterberg</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 42 Mary & Martha 43 Hangklip | <p>Toorberg</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 44 Graff-Reinet 45 Compassberg <p>Transkei</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 46 Hole in the Wall 47 Hill of Execution 48 Port St Johns | <p>Swartberg</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 49 Towerkop 50 Oudtshoorn 51 Gamkaskloof Bouldering |
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DIRECTIONS: This is in Plett, between suburbs. From the N2, at the traffic circle with the Shell-Ultra, turn into Marine Way, turn L into Cutty Sark. Park close to the open plot, walk through the open plot into the nice bush on the other side. Push through the thick bush till you get to the crags. There is not really a path, so you will need to use some common sense. Do all of this nice & quietly so the locals don't get miffed.



ACCESS: There are no known access issues. **Don't ask any questions about the climbing, just quietly get on with it!**

GENERAL: The 8 shortish trad lines on awesome white quartzite. Potential for hard bouldery sport lines.



STAR RATING SYSTEM	
★	Good route at this crag.
★★	Good route in the area.
★★★	Classic route in this province.
No star	Reasonable to bollocks.
ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS	
4	Bolted route
T	Trad route, natural gear
6B	Number of bolts
C	Chains or top anchors
Ⓝ	Chains or top anchors
P	Piton
RB	Removable bolt
	Afternoon Shade
	Morning Shade
	Shade all day
	Sun all day
	Can be climbed in wet weather

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 crackopen 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.

