

# Hope Crag



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**DIRECTIONS:** This crag on Hopewell Conservation Estate. This is about 30km out of Port Elizabeth.

**ACCESS:** There are no known access issues, but you would need to make reservations, be a guest or day visitor at the estate. Please check out <http://www.hopewellconservation.co.za/> for more details.



**GENERAL:** There are only two short trad lines. The rock is mudstone – siltstone, quite unusual for Port Elizabeth area. There is limited potential for more short-ish routes. It's a beautiful spot! Coffee shop has great coffee & the breakfast & lunch looked amazing! Note to self...Bring wife & add points!

**HAZARDS:**

1. There will be snakes.
2. The track in requires a bit of a 4X4 or high ride vehicle.
3. The coffee shop, it is awesome! You might not do any climbing if you stop before climbing. Go to the coffee shop after climbing.

**HISTORY:** Hope Crag was discovered & developed by Rob Mac Geoghegan. Rob visited this crag mostly for abseil & rescue training. The climbing was done on a rainy day. Big thanks to Rob Mac Geoghegan for finding & introducing us to Hope Crag.

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This guide is dedicated to Rob Mac Geoghegan as a token of friendship & thanks for his dedication to adventure & discovery in Port Elizabeth area over the last 40 years. Salute, big up & hats off to you Rob Mac Geoghegan! You are the real deal, a true adventurer & mountaineer!

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### 1. Doctor Do Little - 16

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Up easy break on R of ledge on LHS of crack. Up groove break.

### 2. Winter Has Come - 16

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Up prominent RH open book in the middle of the crag. Step R then top out.

