



Rock Climbing Guide
Falcon Rock

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Directions: Lady's Slipper is situated 27km out of Port Elizabeth just off the N2 towards Cape Town. On the N2 take the van Stadens Pass / Uitenhage off ramp. Travel in the direction of Uitenhage for about 5km. 100m after the road crosses a railway line; turn sharply L onto a dirt road. About 450m along this road on the RH side is a sign fo Falcon Rock. There is an entrance fee of R30 per person. Vehicles are safe.

Walk-in: It depends where you are going, but anywhere high on the hill will take 45 minutes & some effort. Please stay on the path.

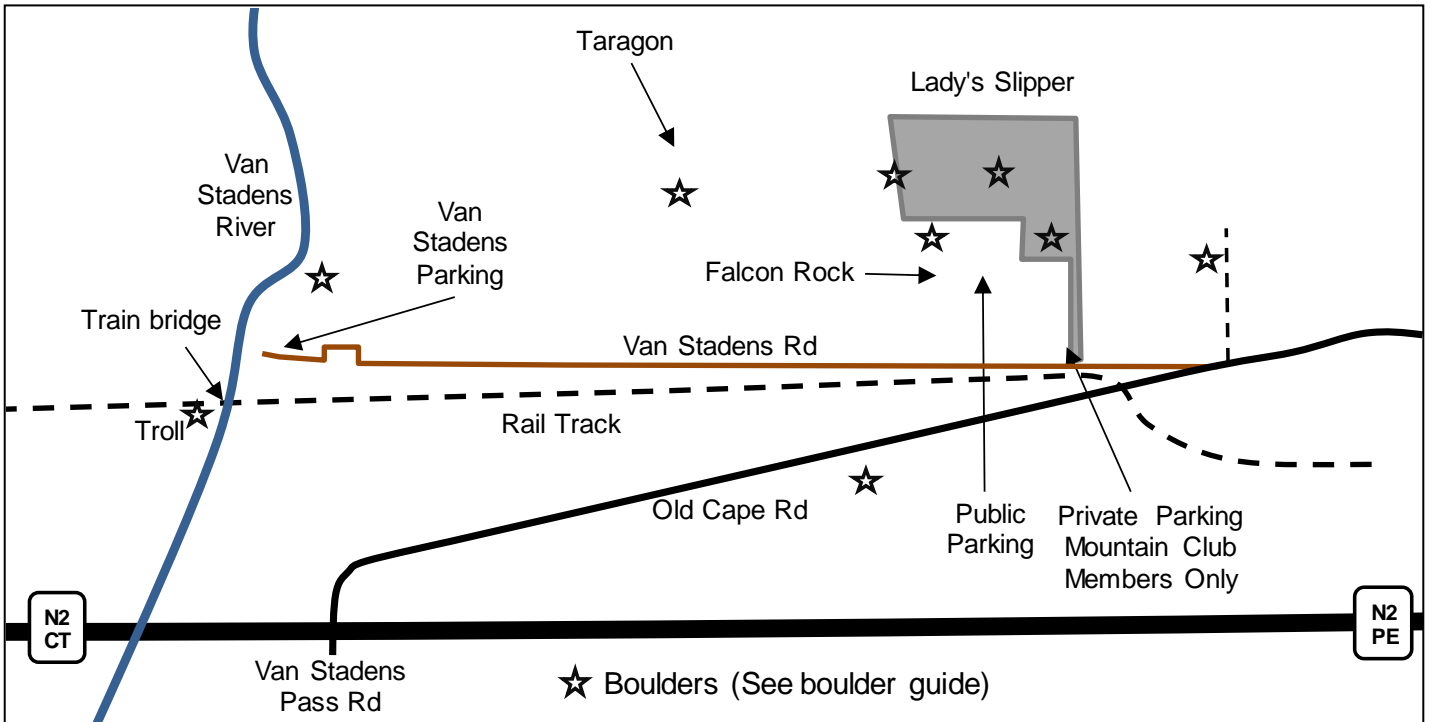
Potential: There is some potential for new routes, but not much.

General: 16 bolted routes, one sport project & 25 trad routes. There are a number of boulder problems. Please see the separate boulder guides.

Rock Type: Hard smooth quartzite.

Accommodation: Falcon Rock at the base of Lady's Slipper offers camping & chalets. Bergvocht about 1km towards van Stadens has accommodation, great breakfast & coffee shop.

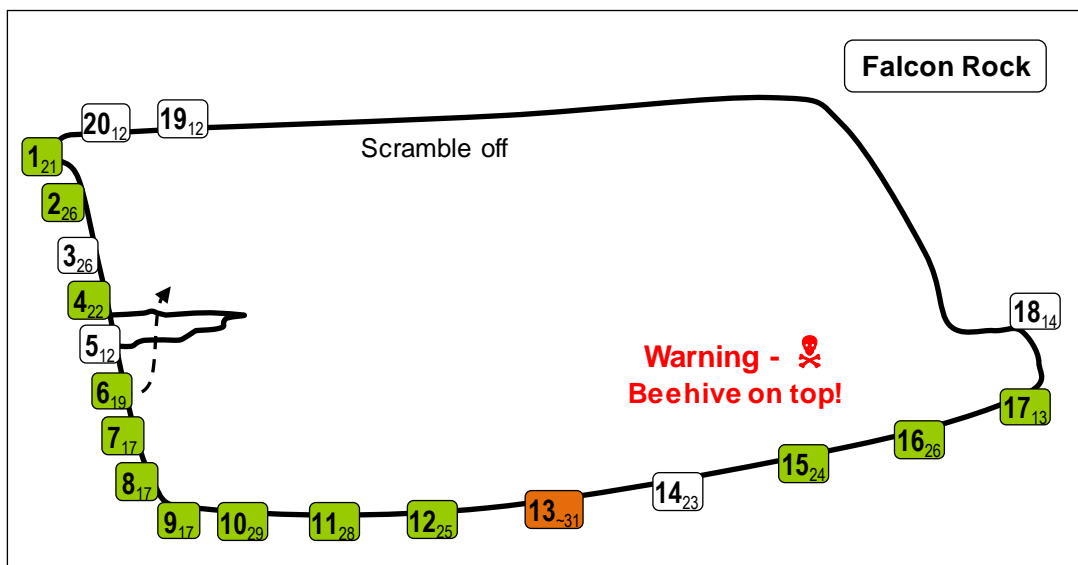
Star Ratings	
★★★	Classic route in this province
★★	Good route in the area
★	Good route at this crag
No star	Reasonable to bollocks
Abbreviations & Symbols	
	(T) Trad route (natural gear) & grade
	● Sport route (bolted) & grade
	● Open Project / in-progress & ± grade
	● Closed Project & ± grade
	(S) FA was solo & grade
	Potential
	Abseil point
(11B&C)	Number of bolts & top chains
P / RB	Piton / Removable bolt
	Afternoon Shade
	Morning Shade
	Shade all day
	Sun all day
	Dappled shade all day
	Can be climbed in wet weather



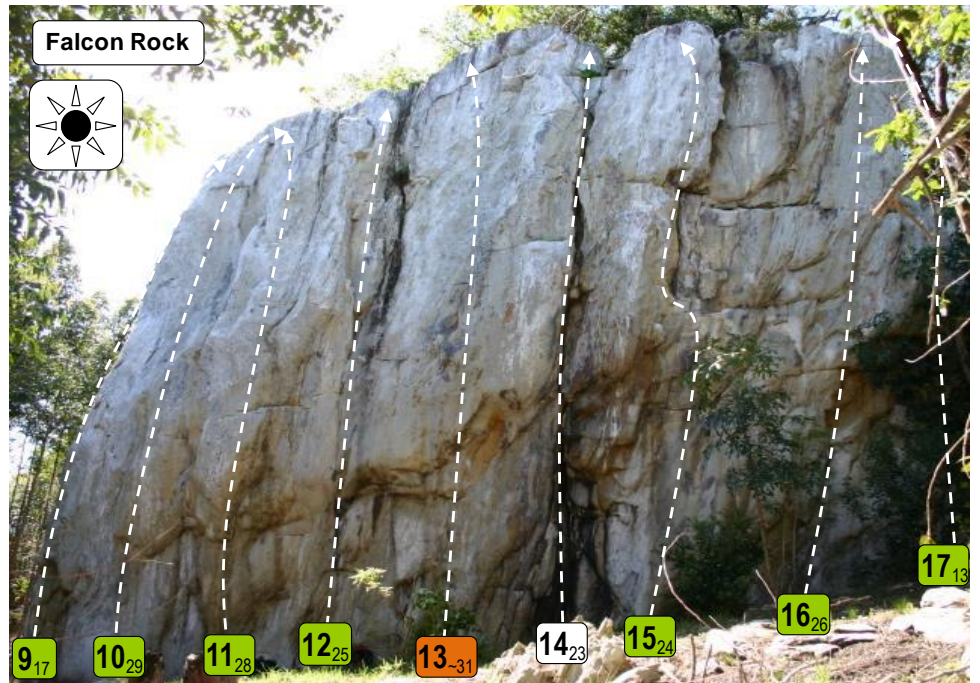
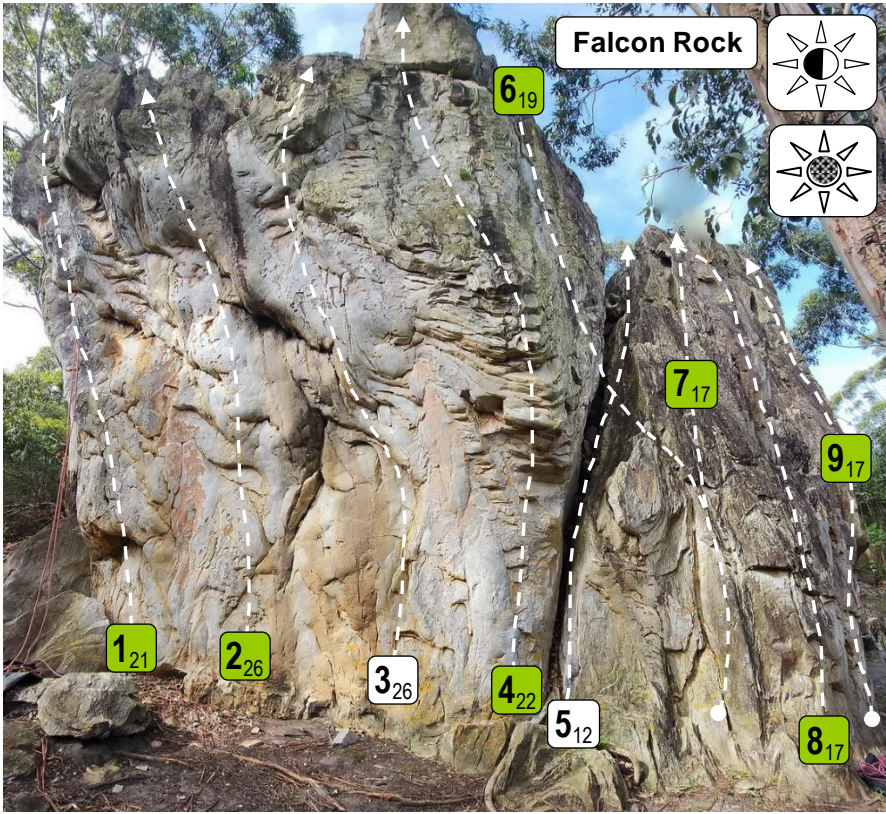
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- **1. Beginners Luck – 21 ★★** Franco Jacobs 2007 (3B&C)
Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.
- **2. Shell Shock – 26 ★★** Morne van der Mescht & Jessica Jeffries 09/04/2009 (4B&C)
Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.
- 3. Bounty Hunter – 26** Morne van der Mescht & Jessica Jeffries 28/01/2007 (T)
Up through tradable overhang to the R of *Shell Shock*.
- **4. Blood & Wine – 22 ★★** Jessica Jeffries & Morne van der Mescht Aug 2005 (4B&C)
** Note; the rock on the RH side of the wide crack must not be used at all for the 22 grade. Using the rock on the R will make this route a grade 19/20.*



- 5. No Not More – 12** Allen Luck & Craig Bester 16/04/2005 (T)
Ramp chimney.
- **6. Iron Born – 19 ★** Terence & Tracy Trevaskis 2014 (7B&C)
- **7. Fight for Rights – 17 ★** Terence & Tracy Trevaskis 2014 (5B&C)
- **8. Collecting Darkness – 17** Derek Marshall & Ruben Snyman 17/02/2023 (5B&C)
- **9. Warm Bananas – 17** Derek Marshall & Martin Renz 02/14/2009 (4B&C)
- **10. Oceans Apart – 29 ★★** Morne van der Mescht & Dricus Bezuidenhout 2005 (4B&C)
- **11. Black Powder – 28 ★★** Martin Renz & Heidi Smelders May 2005 (4B&C)
- **12. Boogerman – 25 ★★** Morne van der Mescht & Dricus Bezuidenhout Aug 2005 (4B&C)
- **13. Open Project ~32** Bolted by Morne van der Mescht
- 14. 1984 – 23 ★★** Andrew Forsyth January 1984 (T)
Prominent crack slightly R of center on the seaward face.
- **15. Ying Yan – 24 ★★** Martin Renz & Dricus Bezuidenhout Aug 2005 (4B&C)
- **16. Aftermath – 26 ★** Martin Renz & Dricus Bezuidenhout Aug 2005 (4B&C)
- **17. Happy Cow – 13** Robyn Bonnette & Juan-Dray Marshall 08/07/2011(3B&C)
Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.
- 18. On Wings of a Falcon – 14** Allen Luck & Craig Bester 16/04/2005 (T)
Sharp arête on PE side.
- 19. Yes Please – 12** Allen Luck & Craig Bester 16/04/2005 (T)
Short crack line.
- 20. Never Be a Star – 12** Craig Bester & Allen Luck 16/04/2005 (T)
1.3m L of bolted arête.



Frog



Frog is up the Falcon Rock path up the Slipper.

1. Vicious Circle – 12

7m Craig Bester & Derek Marshall 30/04/2006 (T)

Short easy line just R of scramble off.

2. Nothing Better to Do – 16

8m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/04/2006 (T)

Short L facing jagged flake system.

3. End of the Rainbow – 24 ★

Morne van der Mescht & Jessica Jeffries 30/04/2006 (T)

Start under most impressive overhanging point, into deep R trending 300mm slot. Move diagonally L. Keep on up diagonal L to top out 2m L of point.

4. Piss Ant – 24 ★

11m Morne van der Mescht & Jessica Jeffries 30/04/2006 (T)

Same start as *End of the Rainbow*, but move R & up diagonally R to end just R of the point.

5. Crystal Eyes – 20 ★

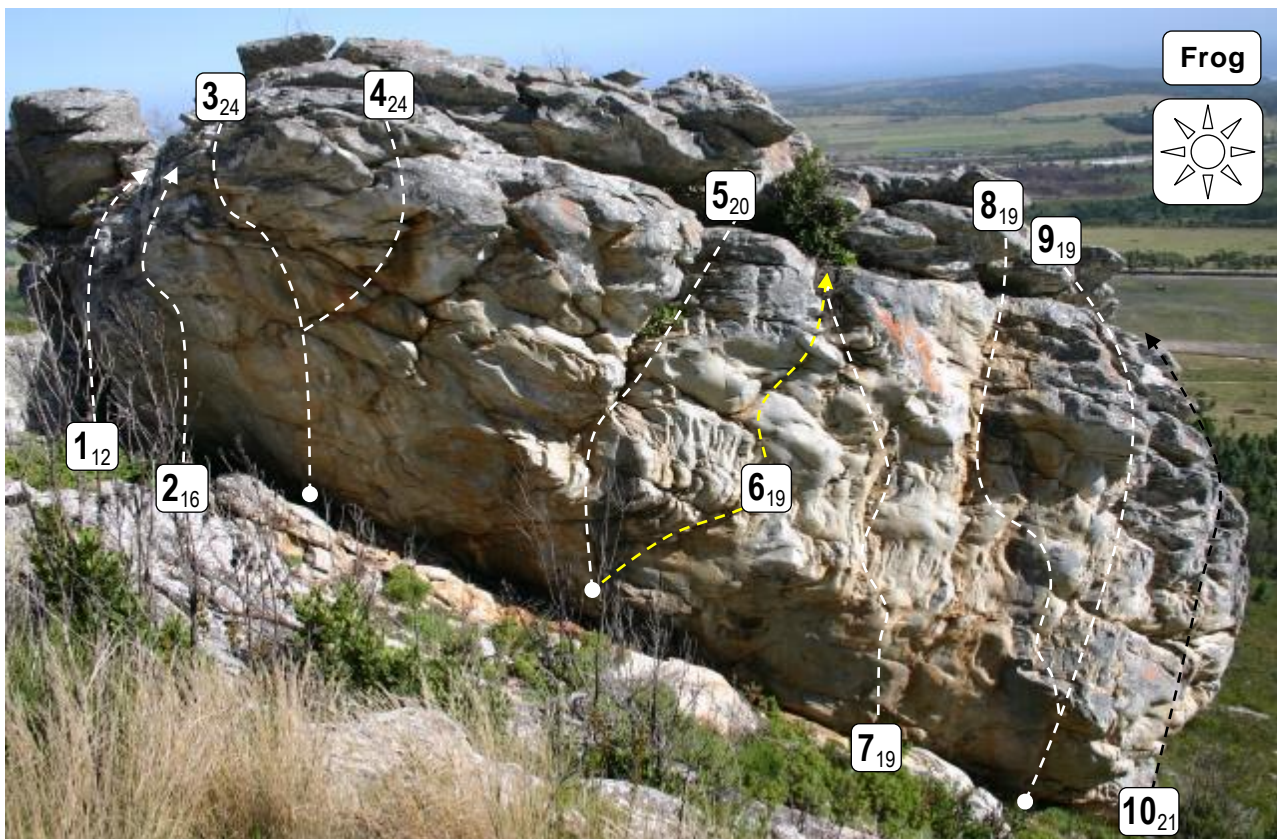
10m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/04/2006 (T)

Start 3m R of *End of the Rainbow* hard moves at start. Move R to base of large crack gully, then diagonally L to top out notch.

6. Close Your Eyes – 19 ★

10m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/04/2006 (T)

Start in R trending diagonal overhang. Move R from take off, then move L to top out in notch.



7. Dragon for Lunch – 19 ★★

12m Derek Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03/10/2009 (T)

Start on a 600mm jug rail that slopes down to the R. Move up & into deep crack to the L. Up a few meters then diagonally L to top out in top of gully crack.

8. Jumping to Conclusions – 19 ★★

Derek Marshall & Ruben Snyman 09/08/2020 (T)

Jump for jug to the L of the horn jug, same as *In the Dark*. Up a few metres, then move L into wide open book.

9. In the Dark – 19 ★

12m Derek Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03/10/2009 (T)

Jump for jug to the L of the horn jug. Up easy R trending ramp open book.

10. Hark in the Dark – 21 ★

12m Derek Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03/10/2009 (T)

Start 2.5m R of horn jug. Start R move up L up diagonal rail. Powerful moves into crack system above.



11. Angle with Scabbed Wings – 16 25m Terrance Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 03/10/2009 (T)

Start at lowest JB point. Move up jagged stepped arête. Through a prominent corner on the arête. Trend R to abseil bollard above.

12. Easy Rider – 17 26m Terrance Trevaskis & Derek Marshall 03/10/2009 (T)

Start between rock & hanging boulder on the sea ward side. Up over ramp to the break in the vertical portion, on to abseil bollard above.

13. Amazing Grays – 17 25m Derek Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03/10/2009 (T)

Start in R trending diagonal open book. Up directly to abseil bollard.

14. No Hesitation – 17 25m Derek Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03.10.2009 (T)

Start in lightning break. Move L & up, then directly up moving R near the top to the abseil bollard.

15. Walk the Walk - 14 Derek Marshall & Nelmarie van Staden 09/08/2020 (T)

Up ledgy arête, staying R. Bamba to the top.

16. Boulder of Love – 18 Ruben Snyman & Nelmarie van Staden 09/08/2020 (T)

Open book with loose looking boulder above the tree. Up crack to gain ramp. Up to the top.

17. Princess of the Night – 22 ★★★ Derek Marshall & Ruben Snyman 09/08/2020 (T)

Up prominent crack system to L of *Stoned Toad*.

● **18. Stoned Toad – 31 ★★★** Matthew Groenewald & Jay-d Muller 07/06/2020 (4B&C)

Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.

● **19. Leapfrog – 30 ★★** Matthew Groenewald & Jay-d Muller 06/06/2020 (4B&C)

Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.

● **20. Froggy Style– 25 ★** Morne van der Mescht & Jay-d Muller 06/06/2020 (4B&C)

Bolted by Derek the Monster Marshall.

21. Dream Chaser – 15 Juan-Dray Marshall & Terrance Trevaskis 03/10/2009 (T)

Start in cave, up through eye. Continue up trending L to top out.

