

# Buffelsklip Kloof | Kammanassieberg



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**History:** These routes were recorded by Caoimhin Ardren in the the 1997 Mountain Club of South Africa Journal. This guide is a paraphrase of this journal article.



Please let me know if you have climbed here or can provide any pictures or information.

**Access:** No restrictions.

**General:** There are only 2 recorded trad routes, but plenty of potential for new routes. Rock is sandstone.

On the northern side of the Kammanassieberg there are a number of gorges that have potential for climbing. Buffelsklip Kloof has a 75m face & has the appearance of being totally blank. The face The Wall of Insanity is south facing & cool to climb in summer. To access the face head up the western bank of the gorge on a path following the pipeline for about 400m.

### **1. Touch of Insanity - 23**

55m Alan Briers & Michael Rohwer July 1996 (T)

Up the LH open book. Move out of the open book where the crack becomes off-width & climb the main face to bypass the blank sections. Route finishes on a large ledge below an off-width roof.

### **2. Cerebal Equation – 18**

65m Caoimhin Ardren, Derek Rowles, Leonora Ferreira, Angus Bradford & Steven Reed December 1996 (T)

Route starts at the same level as Touch of Insanity. Up the RH open book. Start 4m R of the open book. Climb a crack for 10m before traversing L into open book. Beware of the loose blocks on the traverse. Follow the open book to a good belay ledge. Regain the open book from the ledge using a large flake & a good foot hold on the LHS of the crack. Continue up to the top.

Either walk off the back of the wall or abseil down the gully on the L of the main wall.