



Ravenscliff

Climbing Guide

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Access: Access is restricted, but contact info@easterncaperockclimbing.co.za for access & direction information.

Walk-in: ±3km of relatively easy firebreak & path. Its not a flat walk-in.

Potential: Quite a lot!

General: Only one 4 pitch trad route so far.

Environmental: Ravenscliff is pristine & stunningly beautiful.

- Please make sure all litter is carried out. Please carry out any unnatural items that you find.
- Please make sure your party has toilet etiquette. No ablutions next to water. Discretion & distance, then bury.
- Pull-out or ring bark pines, wattles & gumtrees. Try to help, if everyone does 5 wattles per trip it will make a big difference.
- Strictly don't disturb, cut down or pull-out indigenous plants on the path, on route or at the base of routes. Try to tie back, bend & manicure without damaging any plants.

Rock Type: Solid vertical quartzite with trad breaks.

History: No known rock climbing. As always, we must recognise that the Bushmen were always here before us. There is a cave with bushman paintings on a ledge in the middle of the buttress. It has an interesting clawed mystical animal and a few other painted figures.

Thanks & Appreciation:

- Massive thanks & appreciation to the Andy Wesson the explorer without end!

Find your way to *Monster Claw Cave*. This is on a ledge that splits the buttress. The first two pitches are below the level of this ledge. Go back along the ledge & scramble down to a prominent open book at the base of the buttress.

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

1. Delicious Monster – 18 ★★

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P1 – 14 – 30m Up a prominent R facing open book. The open book is quite delicious. When the open book peters out, bamba directly up to a treed ledge.

P2 – 17 – 15m Above the treed ledge is a small overhang. Up under the LHS of the overhang, then rail a bit L under the roof then break out & up over easy ground to the *Monster Claw Cave* ledge.

P3 – 18 – 46m Scramble onto a raised platform on the *Monster Claw Cave* ledge. Pitch starts in an obvious gap between two protruding pieces of rock. Up into a L facing ramp open book. Where this ends its bascally directly up till it starts to get easier. Then start trending L on easy ground to a sloped ledge below a small overhang.

P4 – 16 – 20m Up trending L to overcome the overhang. Then bamba up over easy ground to the top.



