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Kudu Khaya

Rock Climbing Guide

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Directions: From the N2 between Cape Town & Port Elizabeth take the R322 towards Hankey & Patensie. Continue on the R322 into the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve. About 12km after Condomo Nature Conservation office, the turn off to Kudu Kaya is on the R. Follow the signs to the farmhouse reception. Book in with the farmer, he becomes very upset when people just drive past & do their own thing.

Access: Kudu Kaya – Ysrivier is private land. Access to climb requires that you are staying at their accommodation. The camping is marvelous, you will want to camp! There are also chalets.

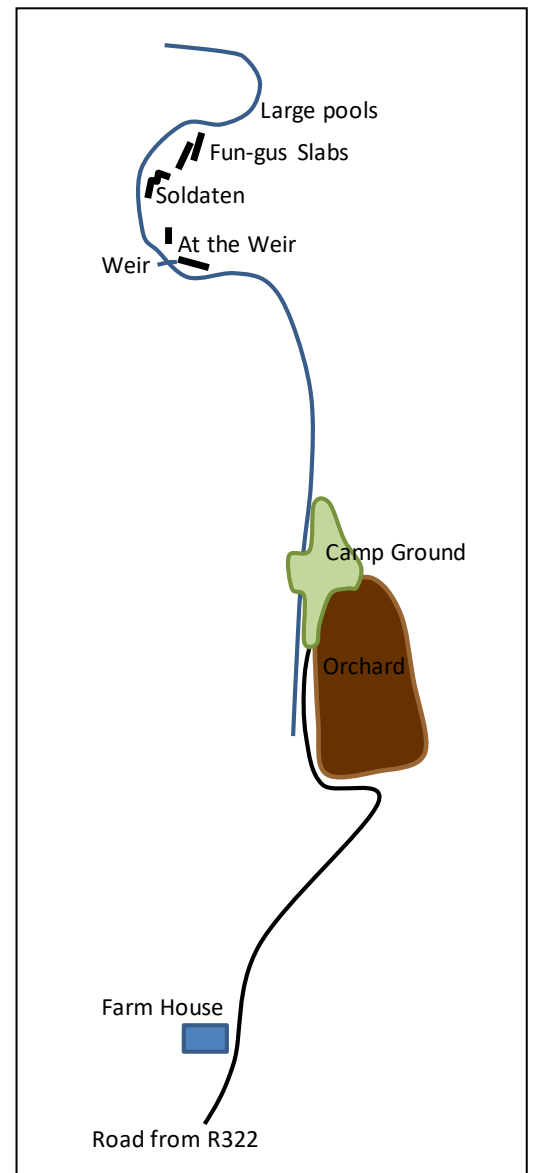
So check out www.kudukaya.co.za or call Petrus & Helene van der Watt; Cell: 073 862 1968; Tel: 087 700 8195 or E-Mail: info@kudukaya.co.za

GPS: 33°39.531 S 24°34.989 E

Don't ask any questions about the climbing, just get on with it!

To-do: Kudu Kaya has pools to swim in, moderate kloofing & plenty of shade. It is at the start of the Baviaanskloof Wilderness area. There are amazing views & lots to see. The R322 becomes very much a 4x4 track. Take your old one...it is rough! Clinton Martiningo managed to drive his company Honda Ballad all the way through to Waterkloof, but he also led Mary Poppins 32 on trad gear & is a total beast!

General: The climbing is not as awesome as the place. It's more of a shady family camping spot with swimming than a climbing area. 22 trad routes. Some potential remains for new routes.



Rock Type: Sand stone & quartzite slab. Fairly short & not very clean.

History: The first routes were opened in 2007 on a day after a big bad sunny day at *Grips*.



Hazards:

1. Don't get lazy & sit in the shade drinking beers.
2. Late breakfasts in the shade at the campsite.

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

At the Weir



Follow the path along the stream to a small crag just above a small weir.

1. Real Politiker – 16

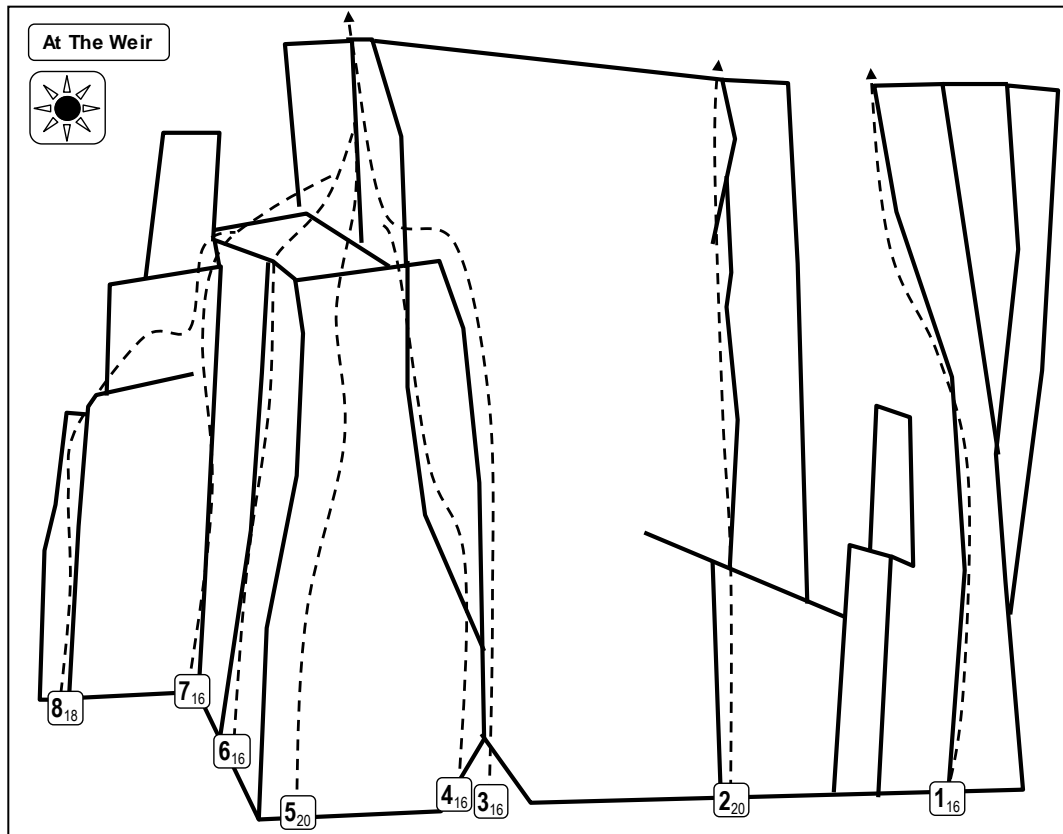
25m Derek & Caroline Marshall 02/01/2015 (T)

Up L facing open book break. Stay in LH open book break, this is the main open book.

2. Shit Fritz – 20 ★

18m Derek Marshall & Martin Rehm 14/12/2008 (T)

Prominent L facing ramp open book, with thin gear.



3. Civil Unrest – 16

18m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck April 2008 (T)

Up above upturned 'V', step L up break to the L, up broken gully above.

4. Specious – 16

18m Derek & Caroline Marshall 02/01/2015 (T)

Up break below tree onto ledge and into R facing open book. Up L facing open book above.

5. By Blood & Iron – 20

18m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck April 2008 (T)

Up to R of arête, moving L onto arête. Directly up using the arête & the break to the R of the arête.

6. Fear of the Dark – 16

18m Derek & Caroline Marshall 02/01/2015 (T)

Up perfect hand crack 2m R of off width open book. At the ledge up the broken gully to the top.

7. Learn Chinese Quick – 16

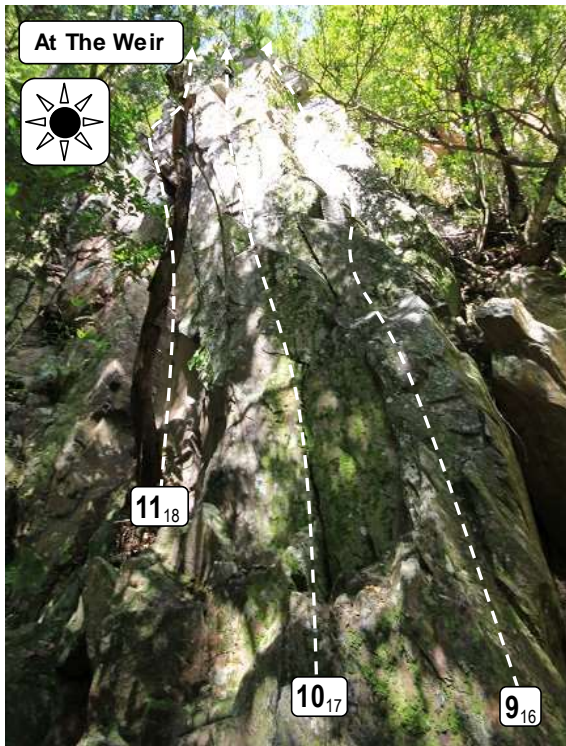
18m Allen Luck & Derek Marshall April 2008 (T)

Off width open book. At the ledge up the broken gully to the top.

8. Survive – 18

18m Allen Luck & Derek Marshall April 2008 (T)

Up perfect open book crack. Higher up move R & onto a ledge.



The next routes are about 60m upstream & around the corner.



9. Infamous Leader – 16

Terence Trevaskis, Caroline & Derek Marshall 03/01/2015 (T)
R facing ramp open book on the downstream side.

10. PK sê Papa – 17

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 03/01/2015 (T)
Prominent sweet crack in middle.

11. Brute Fact – 18

Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 03/01/2015 (T)
Up ramp chimney, over huge loose block, move L into L facing open book, then break out R up to tree.

Soldaten



Further upstream the path goes under a corner crag on the RHS.

1. Comrades – 17

42m Derek & Caroline Marshall 04/01/2015 (T)

Up a L facing open book into a roof. Out onto a ledge to R. Up through a hole in the veg (fight). Onto a ledge at the base of a huge ramp open book. Up this to easy ground & an abseil tree above.

2. Soldaten – 21 ★★

36m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 03/01/2015 (T)

Up into an overhanging off width. Onto a ledge above. Up break on the R to a tree abseil.

3. Fallschirmjäger – 20 ★

36m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 04/01/2015 (T)

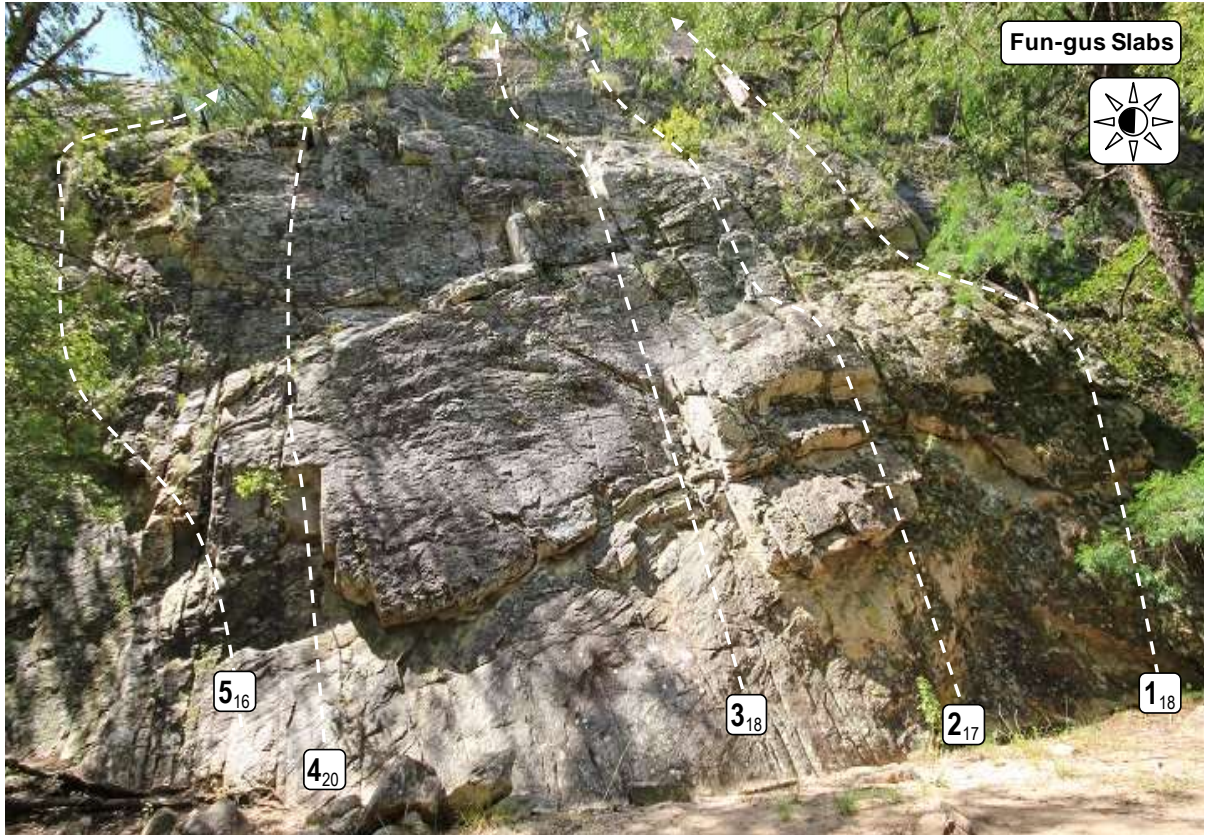
From the sharp standing flake on L. Up into a boxed in ramp with a very fine crack & a L facing small open book to the R. Up onto a ledge, then up the L facing easy open book to the L.



Fun-gus Slabs



Follow the path up the Uys Rivier. About 400m up there is a sweet face on the RH side close to the path. Unfortunately, it is rather fungus-ed, but has some easy shaded lines.



1. Yeast Infection – 18

21m Derek Marshall & Dricus Bezuidenhout 17/06/2007 (T)

Startup arête just R or large R facing open book. Up crack on arête, then diagonally L to trees.

2. Fun With Gus – 17

20m Derek Marshall & Dricus Bezuidenhout 17/06/2007 (T)

Start between the two small overhangs 3m R of *Fungustasia*. Slightly L trending diagonal crack with veg.

3. Fungustasia – 18

20m Derek Marshall & Dricus Bezuidenhout 17/06/2007 (T)

L facing open book that stops 4m up. Follow a crack for 4m to a ledge. Move 1m L into a thin crack. Onto ledge then move R to a tree.

4. Born on Judgment Day – 20 ★

17m Derek Marshall & Morne van der Mescht
01/01/2015 (T)

Up small L facing open book, into a crack & onto a sloping ledge. Up tricky crack above.

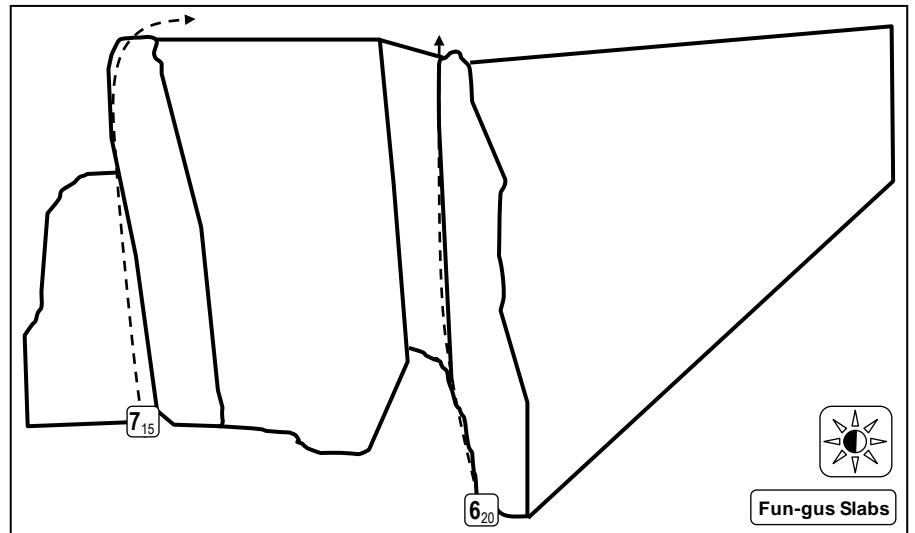
5. The Remnant Few – 16

21m Derek Marshall & Morne van der Mescht
01/01/2015 (T)

Up broken section trending L to short L facing open book. Move L to break between face & large flake.

6. Readiness to Sacrifice – 20 ★

56m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis
04/01/2015 (T)



Prominent off width crack inside of overlap. Continue up over easy ground till you run out of rock.

7. Provenience – 15

Derek & Caroline Marshall 26m 01/01/2015 (T)

Scramble up to L facing slab open book, into a gully, then break out R onto easy arête. Up to bollard abseil.

