A photograph of a rock climbing scene. A man in a dark t-shirt and shorts is climbing a vertical rock face, secured by a rope. Another man is on the ground, managing the rope. The background shows a rocky area with green vegetation.

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Inkwenkwezi

Rock Climbing Guide



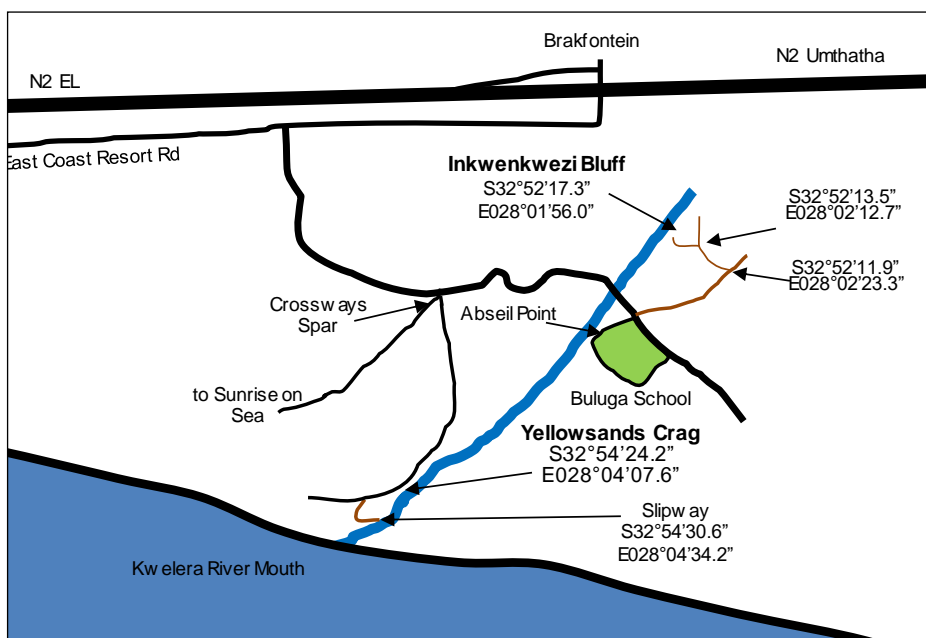
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Directions: Get onto the *East Coast Resorts Road*, as per *Yellowsands* directions & map. Continue past Crossways Supermarket on East Coast Resorts Road. Soon after the *Kwelera River Bridge*, opposite *Buluga School*, turn L onto a dirt road. After 518m, through a gate. 985m further there is another gate. Turn L onto a sub dirt road. Pass a trig beacon on the L. 290m from the second gate take a track for 330m to a good car park (S32°52'16.7" E028°02'00.7"). Walk 134m downhill in the direction of the small valley. Follow the stream till the crag & abseil point are reached.

Access: On private land owned by *Inkwenkwezi Nature Reserve*. Contact them before proceeding. They are normally very helpful & don't charge to climb.

General: There are only 3 short routes at this stage. It's not that worth while, but the setting is awesome. It's worth doing the abseil to the river just check it out. Most of the rock lower down is a bit crumbly. Save it for when you have done it all in East London & really need something different. Really awesome scenery. 30km from East London



Walk-in: About 5 minutes max. 60m of easy path to the top.

History: Sean Price & Mike Dennison of *Buccaneers Retreat* organised the bolting of the abseil point. This was to be used to entertain their & *Inkwenkwezi Nature Reserve* guests. *Inkwenkwezi* cleared the path & the road. The *Buffalo Bastards* bolted & opened the lines one quiet weekend.

Time & Weather: Shaded all day & all year. Avoid after even modest rain. The stream comes down very quickly & it becomes dangerously slippery.



Potential: Very little potential for new routes remains. Most of the rock is very brittle.

To-Do: Do the abseil & walk back up. It is worth the effort. Nice spot to picnic.

Rock: Mix of mud stone & silt stone. Smooth, solid, on-balance & often covered in a white fungus at the top. Below in the down stream direction, very brittle & massively over hung.

● **1. Find The Number – 19 ★**

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester July 2004 (6B&C)

RH bolted line. Is a bit contrived. Move straight through the roof & keeping off the shit behind & R.

● **2. The Girl Next Door – 17**

Craig Bester & Derek Marshall July 2004 (5B&C)

Bolted line to the L.

3. Camerone – 14

Derek Marshall & William Lesley 20/11/2005 (T)

Scrappy trad line 3m L of *The Girl Next Door*. Through some bulges. Move R onto chains of bolted lines.

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