

Pompie's Pillar



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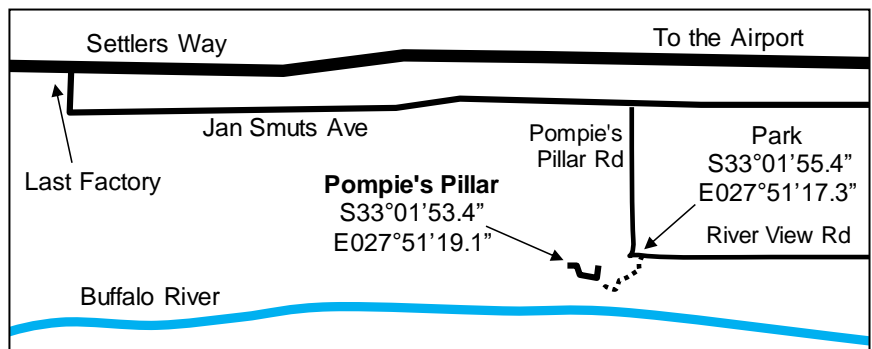
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Directions: From Oxford Street circle take Settlers Way toward the airport. Turn R after the last factory on the RH side, to gain the road running parallel to Settlers Way. Past the Fire Station. Turn R into Pompie's Pillar Road. At the point where Pompie's Road meets River View Road, park. Walk through the open plot to the sewage line. You can't miss the pillar.



There is other rock in the area.

Access: Unrestricted. Don't walk through any private gardens.

Walk-in: 1 minute. 80m. Quite steep.

Time & Weather: Very sunny in summer. Wimps should try winter.

Rock Type: Clean hard dolerite set in thick bush.

Potential: Not much left near Pompie's Pillar, but further down river there is a fair amount of rock visible. Allen Luck has opened 6 lines there. Including on the prominent free stander. All of these were opened in secret behind his mate's backs... nice chap! One really crap line was opened about 300m down stream & below the sewage line, by Derek Marshall & Garvin Jacobs in 2000.

History: Situated on the Buffalo River this is one of the first crags to be climbed in East London. Neil Briers used to take school pupils top roping here, but never bothered to lead any of the lines. The bolted route was bolted with a generator and extension cords. Look out for East London's only Bushman painting, its probably fake.

Hazards: Beware of criminals! Carry a machete at all times...you may need it. Seriously! The sewage line is not always the sweetest thing.

1. Facing the Fallacy – 14

Start up the RH side of the nose, moving up & L to the top.

2. Aim & Ablution – 17 ★

Start up the LH side of the nose, moving up & L to the top.

3. Iron Hand – 18 ★

Crack system on the RH wall of the groove

4. Judge Dread – 17

Groove to the R of the overhang.

● 5. Philippians 4:13 – 22 ★

It's a bit contrived. Do not to step out R.

6. That Damn Dog – 17

Crack system into an off width, just L of the overhang

7. Hall of Fame – 16

Crack system 1.5m L of the overhang.

8. Gain & Gifting – 19 ★

Same start as *Hall of Fame*. Traverse around the corner to the L into a finger crack. Up this onto a ledge. Then up the finger crack to the R.

9. Fame & Smashing – 16

Up steps below curving hand crack. Move L up ledges to the top.

10. Rompie Pompie – 16

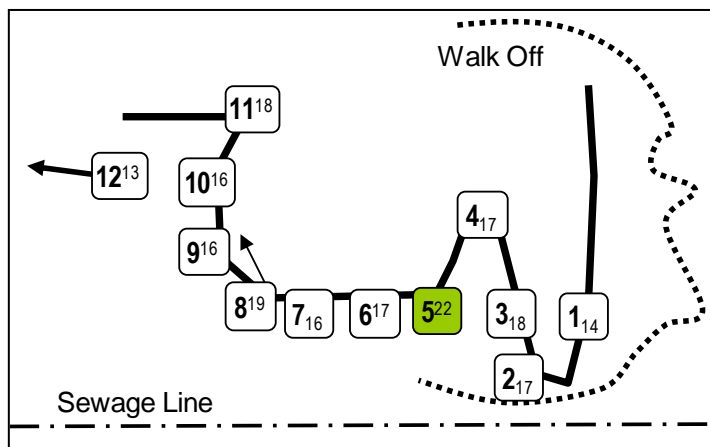
Up steps below large overhanging boulder. Move L into gully. Top out up the RH side of the gully.

11. Pumping the Pump – 18

Off width open book into gully. Under a block, rail R & up.

12. Jo! Jo! My Bitch! – 13

L facing open book hand crack about 10m down river.



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