

Abbot's Buttress



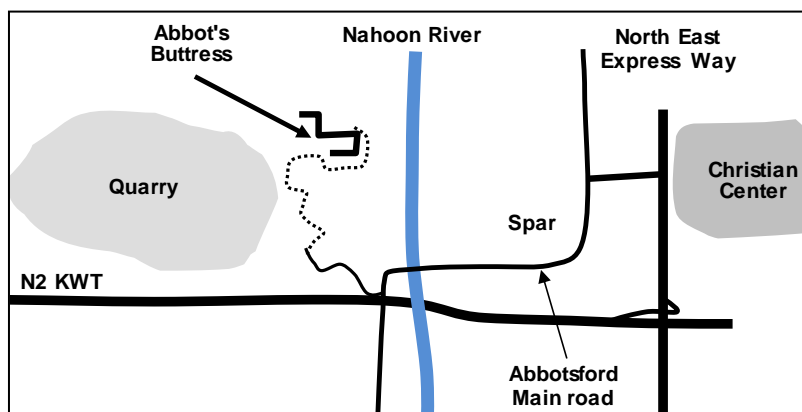
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Directions: From the N2 turn off at Christian Centre. Turn L opposite the Christian Centre. At the three way stop, turn L. Park at the causeway or at the Spar. The Spar is the safer bet as you may be broken into near the cause way. On the town side of the cause way walk up the dirt track that leads to the huge quarry. Close to the steel gates move off into thick bush in the up-stream direction. Contour across to the crag. This is not fun & should not be underestimated.

Access: Unrestricted.

Walk-in: 1 Hour. 300m max, but it feels like 20km. There is no real path. Repeat: This is not fun & should not be underestimated. Take a machete.



Time & Weather: Morning sun. There is no good time to walk in.

Rock Type: Dolerite set in thick bush.

Potential: Very limited.

History: Crag was first discovered by the Abbot of Abbotsford. He eyeballed it from across the river, but was never daft enough to actually attempt to get there. Enter three sad fellows on a very bleak day. Moan, bitch & moan... & a few not to bad lines.

Hazards: The bush, walk in & snakes make the potential for criminals seem quite unlikely & possibly a lesser hazard.



1. Time Has Come – 16

Crack to the L on river facing buttress.

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2. Evangelical Naivety – 15

Up slabs to the R & using the arête.

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3. Abbot of Abbotsford – 18 ★

Up onto large flat ledge. Move R into good crack. Top out. There were two boomslangs on this line when it was opened. Very sweet!

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4. I'm Still Standing – 19

Large crack system to the R of the open book. Move L to the top of the crag.

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5. Do It Twice – 15

Somewhere behind on the up-stream side. Easy.

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