

Bellow Falls



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Walk-in: At least 1km, 20 min, flattish.

Time & Weather: *Shaded all day.* Could be cold in winter. Very wet after any rain. Choose a dry year or at least the dry season.

History: Discovered in 2000. Only 5 routes opened.

Access: This is private farmland, but there is a trail run open to the public. Access is not an issue.

Potential: There is quite a bit that could be traded & more that would be sport.

General: 5 routes, all trad. Awesome spot! 30m high cliffs & waterfall. Abseil anchors. Pool to swim in at the base. Can be wet when the waterfall is running.

Rock: Mix of mud stone & silt stone. Vertical.

Hazards:

1. There were lots of snakes at the bottom in 2000. Seriously! This was a snake pit, think Indiana Jones!
2. There is a beehive above the crag to the R in 2018.

Directions: Use the location on <http://www.easterncaperockclimbing.co.za/location/bellow-falls-east-london> then used the map to find the crag.

Routes recorded L to R:



1. Geronimo – 19

30m Derek Marshall & Gerard Edinberry Nov 2000 (T)

Just to the R of the main waterfall. Step onto a slab in the middle of the pool. Up the cracks above to the top.

2. Who Is Geronimo! – 16

30m Derek Marshall & Gerard Edinberry Nov 2000 (T)

Blocky crack line below the abseil anchors.



The following routes are about 30m up the hill to the R.

3. Too Bee or Not Too Bee – 17

16m Mark Mannheim & Derek Marshall 17/03/2018 (T)

☠ There is a beehive above this crag. Mark Mannheim was stung badly, but again miraculously survived 😊.

Nice looking crack break below the arête, move L around the corner & up a wide crack.

4. The Curtain Falls – 16

12m Derek Marshall & Mark Mannheim 17/03/2018 (T)

Perfect hand & fist crack, unfortunately a bit short.

5. Breaking the Silence – 17

14m Derek Marshall & Mark Mannheim 17/03/2018 (T)

L facing wide open book. At the small roof move out L & bamba up to good abseil tree.

6. Me Too – 18

Garvin Jacobs & Phillip ... 17/03/2018 (T)

Up recess about 6m R of Breaking the Silence.