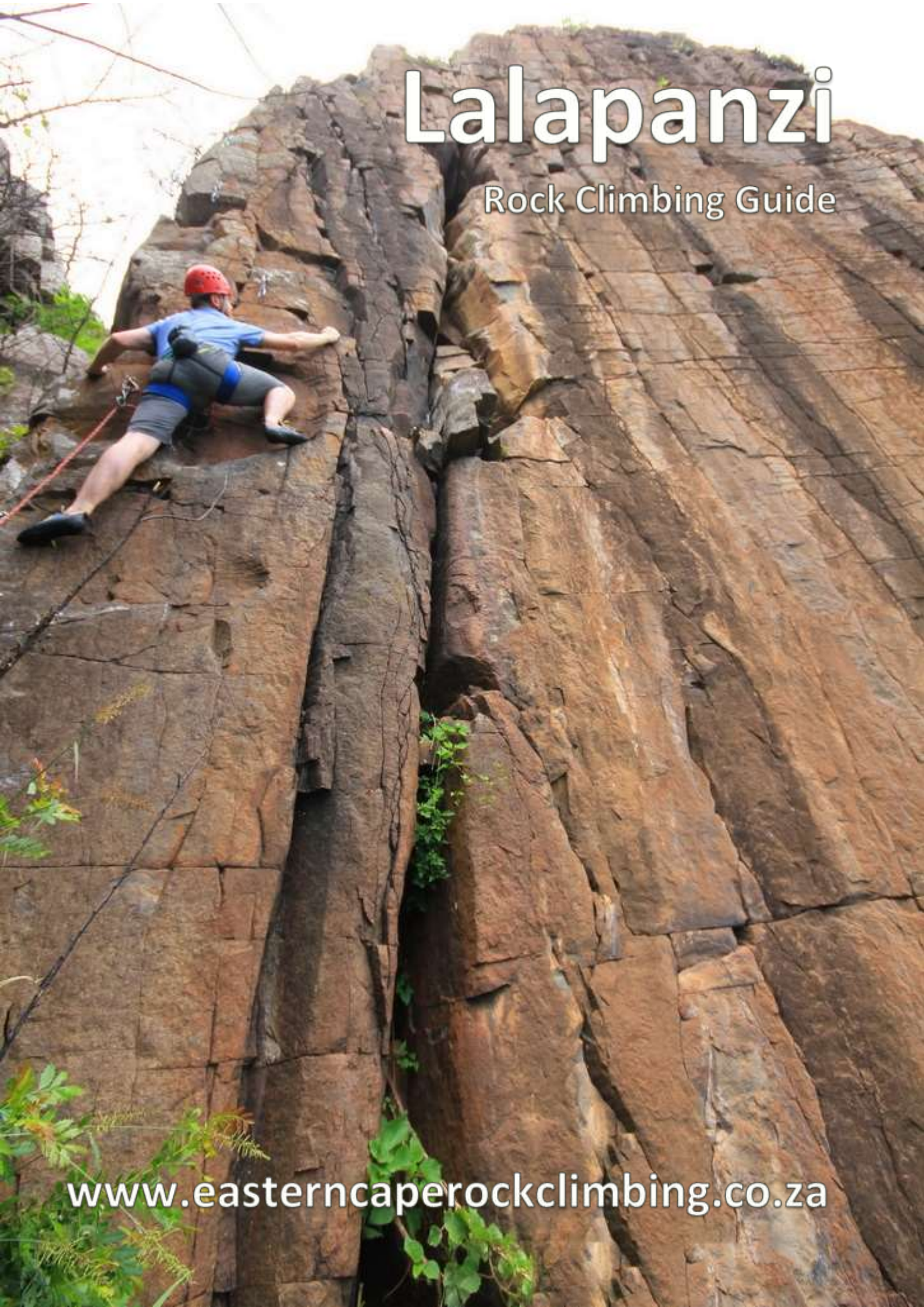


Lalapanzi

Rock Climbing Guide



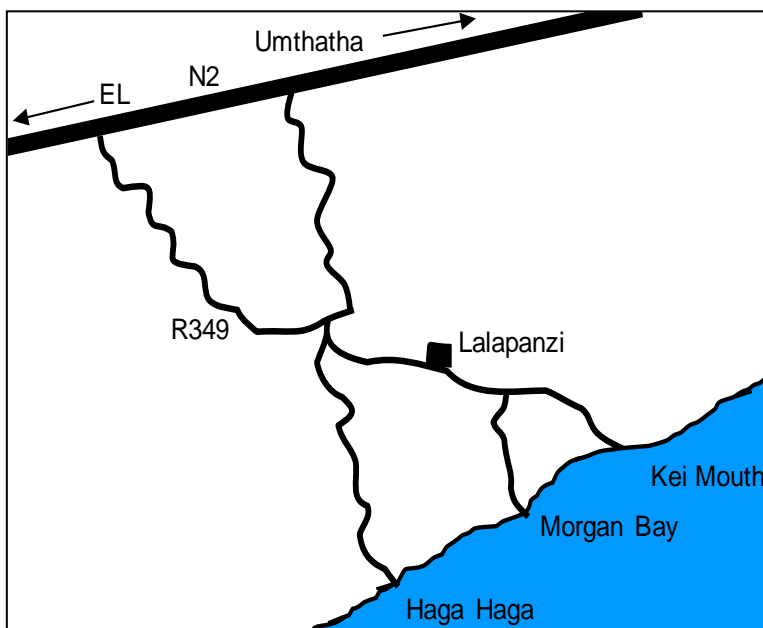
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Directions: From the N2 Take the R349 to Morgan Bay. About 10km before the Morgan Bay turn off, look out for the Lalapanzi signs on the L. Book in at the top farmhouse & get the keys. Then head further down the road (2km) to the lower farmhouse. Past the stables. The track is for high suspension vehicles, but not impossible for normal cars in the dry season. Stay on the main track, through a lot of gates. Eventually the track will end in a turning circle. A short path leads to a pedestrian gate. This will be locked, but you would have collected the keys at the top farmhouse. 20m further is an awesome look out and camping spot. This is the spot for a beer while the sun is going down.

Access: Set on a private farm, which at this stage is open to clients using their accommodation. Access is controlled. Please contact info@easterncaperockclimbing.co.za to make arrangements. There may be a fee to use the crags, if you are not using the accommodation.

Walk-In: About 10 minutes max. Easy.

To-Do: Lalapanzi has much to offer non-climbing family and many off day activities. Abseiling, hunting, horse riding, paint ball, walking trails, fishing trips, canoe trips on the Kei & bird watching. Entertaining folks is their business.

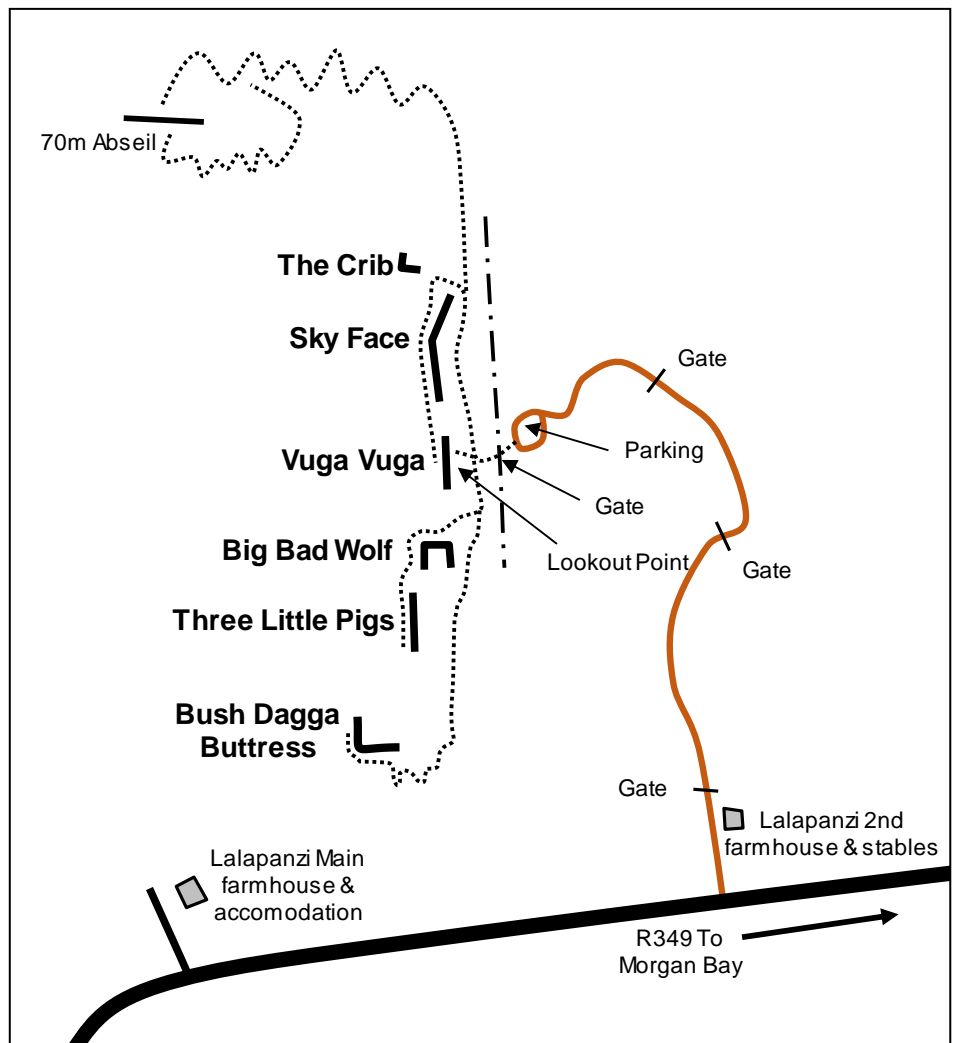
Accommodation: There is a range of accommodation available at Lalapanzi. Bush camping, bungalows, comfy cottages and the like. We only used the bush camping, it is very informal, rough, but awesome. There is no water laid on, so bring your own and please don't bitch about the facilities or lack of facilities. Please support the accommodation as the owners are really pro climbing and are kind enough to allow us to grace their rock faces. Accommodation is one of the core incomes of Lalapanzi. I heard there was a pub at the top farmhouse, but fortunately we bought our own beers & had them at the lookout with the sun going down.

General: Clean vertical dolerite set in thick bush. Lots of strange cracks. 2 bolted routes & 31 mostly shortish trad routes. Great scenery, great bush camping, a very tranquil sundowner spot & way off the beaten track. The *Sky Wall* is a fantastic clean vertical wall. The remainder of the rock is a bit short & not all that good.

Star Ratings	
★★★	Classic route in this province
★★	Good route in the area
★	Good route at this crag
No star	Reasonable to bollocks
Abbreviations & Symbols	
7 ₁₉ (T)	Trad route (natural gear) & grade
9 ₂₁	Sport route (bolted) & grade
4 ₂₀	Project / In-progress & ± grade
7 ₁₉ (S)	FAwas 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

Hazards:

1. Take tick repellent. **Ticks** can be an issue.
2. Good place to find **snakes**.
3. It **can be hot**, make sure you have enough ice in your cooler box & that you put it in the shade during the day.
4. The farmer offers **horse riding**. Horses bite, kick, and stamp on toes, smell bad & crap all over the place. They don't however taste bad, especially in pollony, salami or as marinade sosaties (kababs) The farmer expects hunters to hunt buck so may be offended if you bag his horses, even the old ones. This is a dreadful shame & a waste of horses.
5. Horses attract **horsy chicks**. They can be cute, till you realize they are completely psycho. Don't let horsy chicks, girlfriend or wife know about the horse riding; or you will never hear the end of it. You may even be forced to go horse riding which would be a total bind, especially if you would prefer to lay about in the shade with a beer on your off day.
6. Make sure you pitch your tent before you start with sundowners.



The Crib



This very short crag is across the grassy slope, which is the bottom of the *Sky Face* descent gully.

1. Man on Route – 17

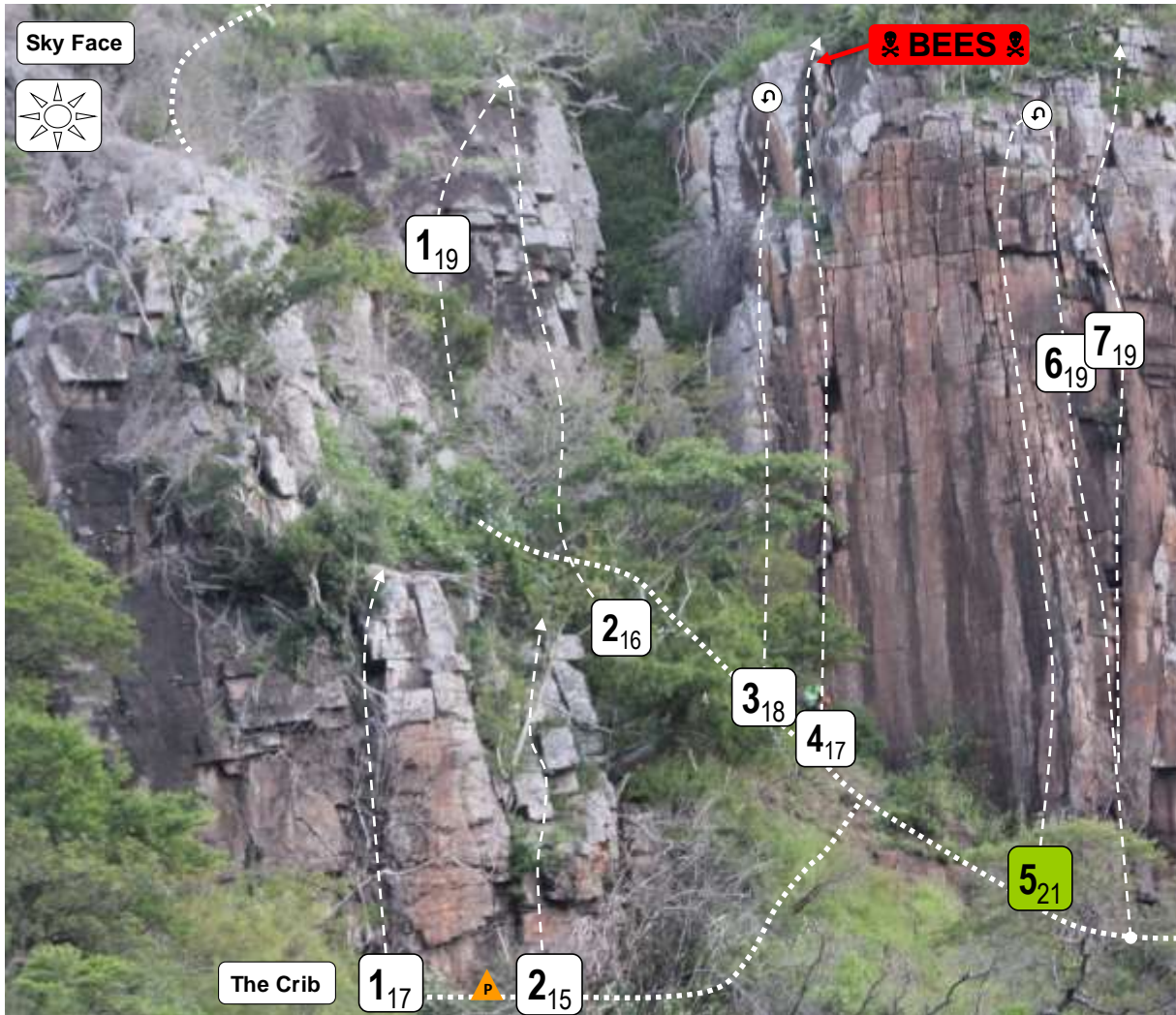
Allen Luck & Craig Bester 06/06/2004 (T)

Climb the prominent hand crack. Onto veg ledge. Up open book to belay off a platform.

2. Trad for Nothing – 15

Allen Luck & Craig Bester 06/06/2004 (T)

Up the broken off-width.



Sky Face



Sky Face is the highest, cleanest & most impressive piece of rock at Lalapanzi. One of the commercial abseil setups runs this face. It is truly perfect. About 30m high. Some good trad & two sport lines. From the gate follow the path R for about 200m to a steep scramble down.

- 1. Jump for Joy – 19** 19m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 04/12/2021 (T)
Make a jump to a loose crimp, then up to a nice edge. Up onto the ramp & bamba to the top, trending R to a good abseil tree.
- 2. Invicta – 16** 19m Derek Marshall & Terence Trevaskis 04/12/2021 (T)
- 3. Power Quest – 18 ★** 17m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 2004 (7B&C)
- 4. Take the Power – 17 ★** 25m Derek Marshall & Garvin Jacobs 2001 (T&C)
Climb the off-width to the L of the awesome main face. This was the first line to be climbed at Lalapanzi.
- 5. True Patriot – 21 ★★★** 26m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 2004 (9B&C)
- 6. Rattlesnake Shake – 19 ★★** 29m Derek Marshall & Ruben Snyman 04/12/2021 (T)
- 7. Buffalo Soldiers – 19 ★** 30m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)
Climb the prominent hand crack to the R of the face.
- 8. Ride the Sky – 18** 30m Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)
Climb the ‘V’ shaped off-width which forms an overhang.



Vuga Vuga



This is the not so good face below the lookout on the downstream side. Work your way down on the upstream side of the lookout, though some serious bush. Have fun!

1. Dawn Road – 16

Derek Marshall & Allen Luck 2002 (T)

Up steps into 'V' notch, with a root.

2. Piss Lielie – 18

Allen Luck & Derek Marshall 2002 (T)

At the rear of the chimney up the large chock stones in mid-section. Break out at the top.

3. I Guess That's Why They Call It Trad – 19

Allen Luck & Derek Marshall 2002 (T)

Up front of chimney.

Big Bad Wolf

From the lookout find the path which runs to the L for about 65m. Descend a fairly steep gully, to *Big Bad Wolf*, which is on the LH side of the base of the gully. All the routes are about 14m high & are fairly sweet.

1. Beer, Boxing and Blonds – 15

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up a very cool chimney using the finger crack on the RH side. Then traverse L to a hand crack. Belay from top of block to the L.

2. Baby! I Don't Need It! – 15

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up jagged crack, with an awesome layback, to belay next to free standing block.

3. Strange Woman from Tokyo – 17

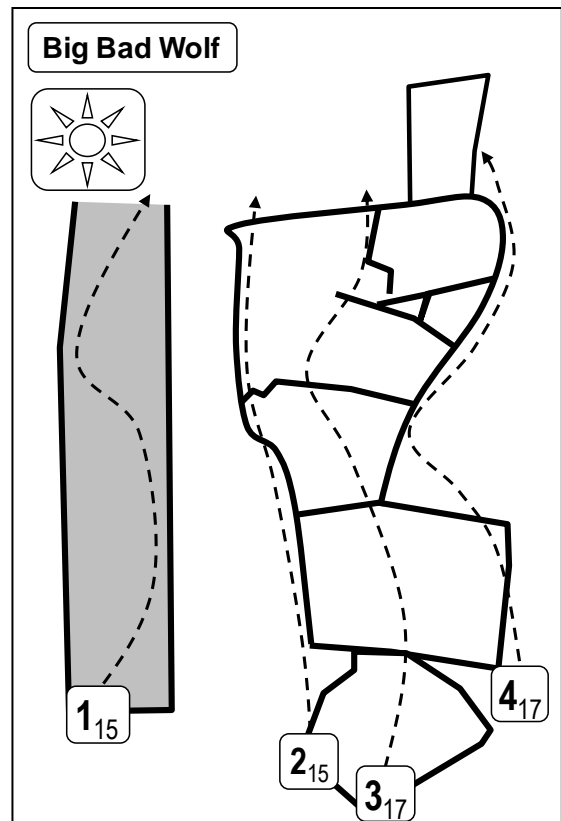
Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up the front ramp.

4. Perihelion – 17

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up the off width around the RH corner. Not too nice.



Three Little Pigs



Follow the path around the corner in the upstream direction for about 30m to a small face. This is ideal for beginners to start leading trad. Although all the routes are short, they are really nice to climb. Average height is about 12m. Exit routes by abseiling from good trees.

1. Moving in Stereo – 18

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/05/2004 (T)

Up the LH arête. Moving R into crack system.

2. Be My Angel – 16

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/05/2004 (T)

Up crack 1m L of arête.

3. Pig in Shit – 18

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/05/2004 (T)

Up finger crack 1m R of *Be My Angel*.

4. Blessings in the Realm – 18

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 29/05/2004 (T)

Up the prominent hand crack 1.5m R of *Pig in Shit*.

5. Blind Joans Born 69 – 18

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/05/2004 (T)

Up the crack 1m R of *Blessings in the Realm*.

6. Chicks who Cut Cake and Eat It – 17

Derek Marshall & Craig Bester 30/05/2004 (T)

Up twin cracks 1,5m R of *Blind Joans Born 69*.

7. Cross Legged and Lock Jawed – 16

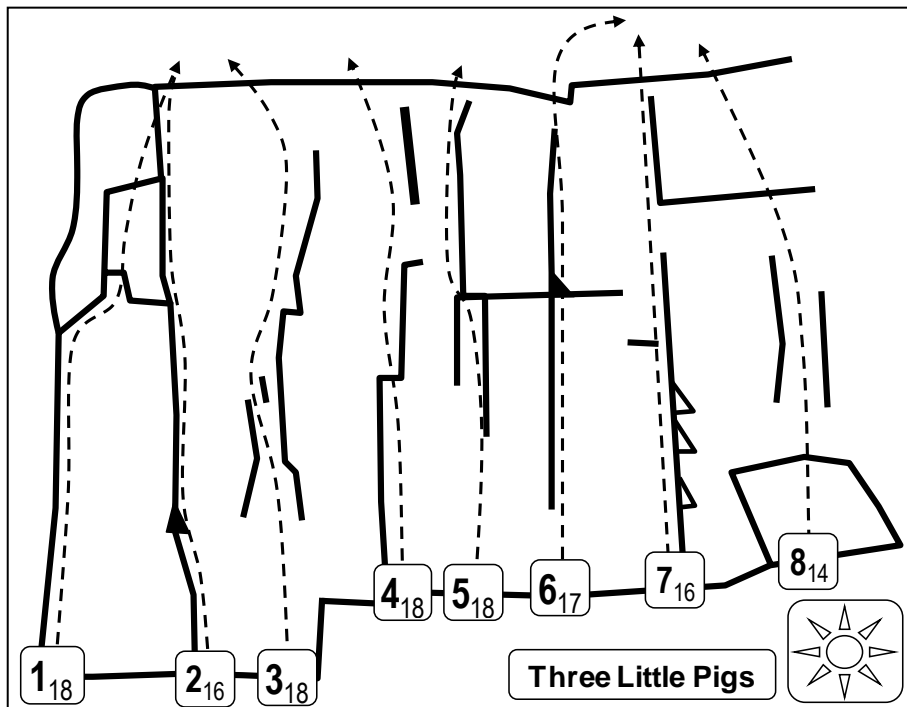
Craig Bester & Derek Marshall 30/05/2004 (T)

Up three easy steps to the right of a crack.

8. Hakuna Matatana – 14

Craig Bester & Derek Marshall 30/05/2004 (T)

Up the last easy slab before the crag ends.



Bush Dagga Buttress

From the look out follow a rough path for about 300m. The path enters the forest & the crag will soon appear to your right. The crag is about 15m high & the rock is mostly solid & clean.

1. The Loona-Natjie – 15

Tyson Baars, Derek Marshall & Mark Mannheim 05/12/2021 (T)

Up Stepped crack.

2. Dancing on Glass – 18

Derek Marshall, Tyson Baars & Mark Mannheim 05/12/2021 (T)

Up short crack.

3. Kick Start My Heart – 20 ★

Derek Marshall, Tyson Baars & Mark Mannheim 05/12/2021 (T)

Up curved off-width.

4. Blue Moonstone – 18 ★

Terence Trevaskis, Ruben Snyman & Tyson Baars 05/12/2021 (T)

Up ramp face to rail, into upside down 'V'.

5. Avoiding the urge – 16

Ruben Snyman & Terence Trevaskis 05/12/2021 (T)

Straight up thin crack into blocks. Bamba up.

7. Smoor Ver Lief – 19 ★★

Mark Mannheim & Derek Marshall 05/12/2021 (T)

Up curved lay away crack, then move L into open book, then L again into crack.

8. Clever as Cocaine – 18

Derek Marshall, Tyson Baars & Ruben Snyman 05/12/2021 (T)

Up short off-width crack, then up the nice clean prow to an abseil tree.

