

Newekloof



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Directions:

Find Willowmore on the N9. Just out of Willowmore (about 5km) on the Uniondale side, take the R322 to Baviaanskloof. About 55km along this road the road goes through a kloof. Craggs are next to the road. No permits required.

Access: No known access restrictions. Rock is next to the road. Just do it.

Accommodation: Baviaanskloof has all sorts of accommodation. Do an internet search to find what you want.

Rock Type: Quartzite & conglomerate. This is a country trad venue. There are 4 easy trad lines.

Hazards:

1. Consider a **helmet**. There are plenty of loose rocks.
2. **Snakes** have not often been seen out in the bush or near the crags. But it's not impossible & the nearest anti-venom is at Greenacres Hospital. That's about 300km (PE).
3. **Leopards** have been seen by the farmer. You would be luck to see one. Leopards can climb trees & are very agile, but would not be able to climb more than grade 20. Start soloing...fast!
4. **Baboons** could be a hazard & should be considered very dangerous. Do not corner them or approach them in any way. Do not try to displace them. Baboons can run, are very agile, climb trees & would climb a 28 with a hangover. Use that 11 hex.



This is the spectacular kloof that you pass through from the Willowmore side of Baviaans. There is mega potential, much of it very close to the road. The following routes are single pitch trad, which jumped out at us.

1. Pick Up Line – 16

18m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester Dec 2006 (T)

Up the prominent fist crack that splits fin.

2. End of an Era – 18

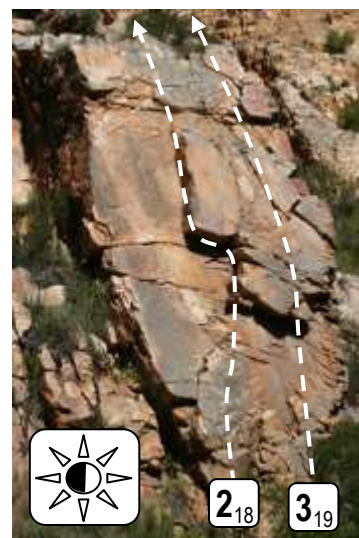
12m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester Dec 2006 (T)

This is on a prominent shield shaped slab about 80m above the road. Up the R trending diagonal crack into cubby below small roof. Move L in small open book.

3. New Beginnings – 19

12m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester Dec 2006 (T)

Up directly below the lowest point of the overhang. Break through to the crack above.



4. Nasty Ass – 19

54m Derek Marshall & Craig Bester Dec 2006 (T)

This route is on the broken face about 160m above the road. It's a hell of a walk to very loose mediocre rock. Take the most promising looking line in the middle, weave L & R to avoid loose rocks. Only repeat if you have-too.



Duiwerkloof



Derek & Caroline Marshall on one of their early trips to Waterkloof met this old Belguim Paratrooper who had served in Congo... hectic stories! Previously he had done some climbing & was anxious to get out on some rock. He invited us to visit him on the farm where he was working as a master stone mason. We proceeded the following day to meet him at Duiwerkloof which is about 15km from Waterkloof in the direction of Willowmore.

Duiwerkloof at that time was offering chalet, camping & even had a bar with a pool table. We proceeded up the kloof & opened 4 easy trad lines. Nothing amazing. All a bit loose. No great rock was seen.

No notes were taken & 10 years passed between opening & writing this RD. So:

Walk up stream for about 300m, before the stream makes a sharp LH turn, there is a scrappy crag on the R.

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| 1. Scary Stories – 14 | Derek Marshall & old Belguim Paratrooper 2006 (T) |
| 2. Runes Symbols -16 | Derek Marshall & old Belguim Paratrooper 2006 (T) |
| 3. Devils Kloof - 15 | Derek Marshall & old Belguim Paratrooper 2006 (T) |

About 500m upstream, just beyond a very unusual feature, where the stream flows through a natural arch.

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| 4. Afrikaans – 16 | Derek Marshall & old Belguim Paratrooper 2006 (T) |
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Up just out of the arch on the RHS if facing up stream.