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Hope Crag

Rock Climbing Guide

to go home before the risks become too high. Remember even small injuries can take 6 weeks to heal. No responsibility for inaccurate or incomplete information will be accepted by the scribe or Mountain Club of South Africa. The landowners accept no liability at all. Climbers take full responsibility for themselves at all times. Fixed protection will become unreliable, loose rock is common & solid rock becomes loose. RD writers make up most of the information, with a beer or wine or whiskey, at the computer. This RD is only a guide & is no substitute for experience, training, common sense & a touch of caution. So, you are on your own...take care!



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Directions: This crag on Hopewell Conservation Estate. This is about 30km out of Port Elizabeth.

Access: There are no known access issues, but you would need to make reservations, be a guest or day visitor at the estate. Please check out <http://www.hopewellconservation.co.za/> for more details.



General: There are only two short trad lines. The rock is mudstone – siltstone, quite unusual for Port Elizabeth area. There is limited potential for more short-ish routes. It's a beautiful spot! Coffee shop has great coffee & the breakfast & lunch looked amazing! Note to self...Bring wife & add points!

Hazards:

1. There will be snakes.
2. The track in requires a bit of a 4X4 or high ride vehicle.
3. The coffee shop, it is awesome! You might not do any climbing if you stop before climbing. Go to the coffee shop after climbing.

History: Hope Crag was discovered & developed by Rob Mac Geoghegan. Rob visited this crag mostly for abseil & rescue training. The climbing was done on a rainy day. Big thanks to Rob Mac Geoghegan for finding & introducing us to Hope Crag.

This guide is dedicated to Rob Mac Geoghegan as a token of friendship & thanks for his dedication to adventure & discovery in Port Elizabeth area over the last 40 years. Salute, big up & hats off to you Rob Mac Geoghegan! You are the real deal, a true adventurer & mountaineer!



1. Doctor Do Little - 16

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Up easy break on R of ledge on LHS of crack. Up groove break.

2. Winter Has Come – 16

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Up prominent RH open book in the middle of the crack. Step R then top out.

