

Van Stadens

Bouldering Guide



Cover Pic, kind thanks to Dale Gathercole!

General

Van Stadens does not have a lot of bouldering, but there is some potential to find some new areas & open a few more problems.

Access

The known bouldering areas are on Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality land. Theoretically you may need a permit to enter.

Accommodation

The closest accommodation options:

1. Falcon Rock <http://www.falconrock.co.za/> or find them on Facebook
2. Bergvocht Farm Guest House, find them on Facebook or Google!

Random Hazards & Environmental Points

- Please pick up as much litter as you can, yes other peoples' litter. Let's make-this-a-thing to do...
- Please try to stay on the paths & don't damage too much vegetation.
- Crime is low in Van Stadens. No incidents, but still take the usual precautions, like don't leave valuables in plain sight.
- Baboons are a pain in the ass & should be considered very dangerous. Don't try to displace them as they will become super aggressive. Unfortunately baboons have lost their main natural predator, red necks. Yea, they are all sitting at the pub drinking brandy & coke.

Directions & Map

Get smart, use Google to get there! →

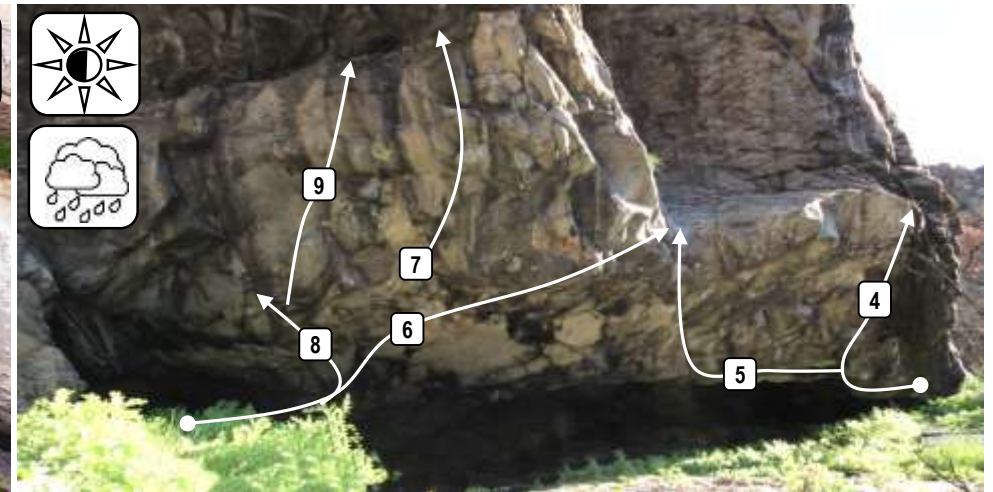
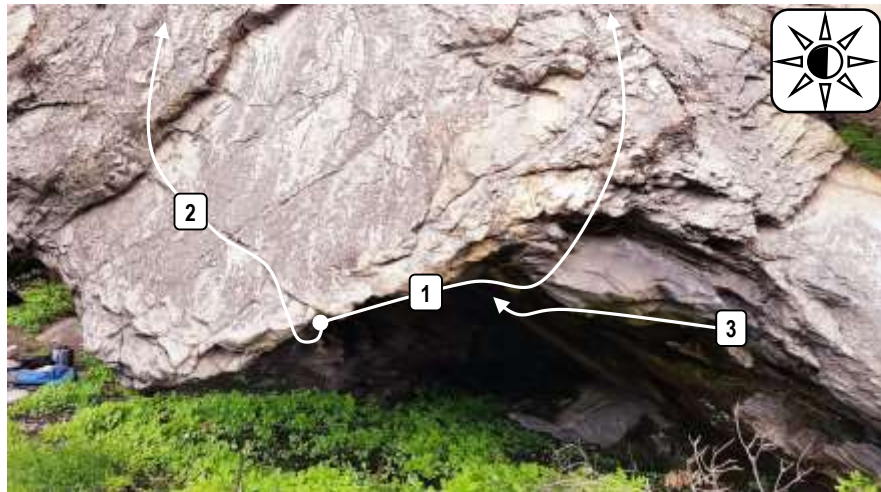
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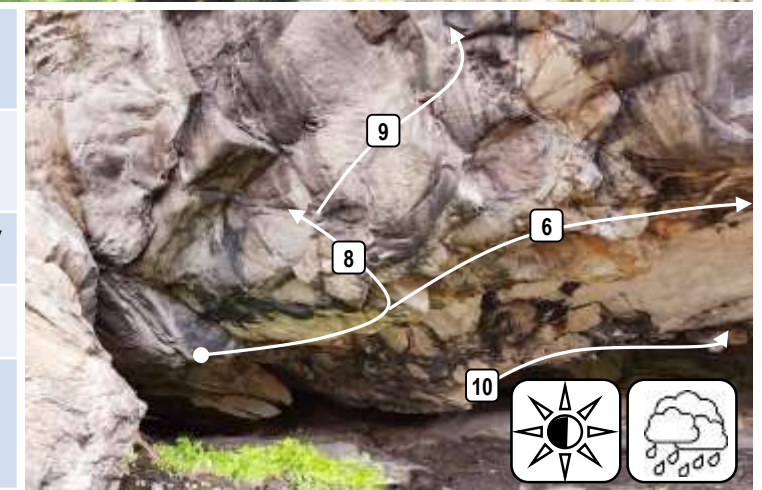
The bouldering at *Prophet's* was discovered by this fat scribe in about 2003. *Troll* was first recognised in 2008.

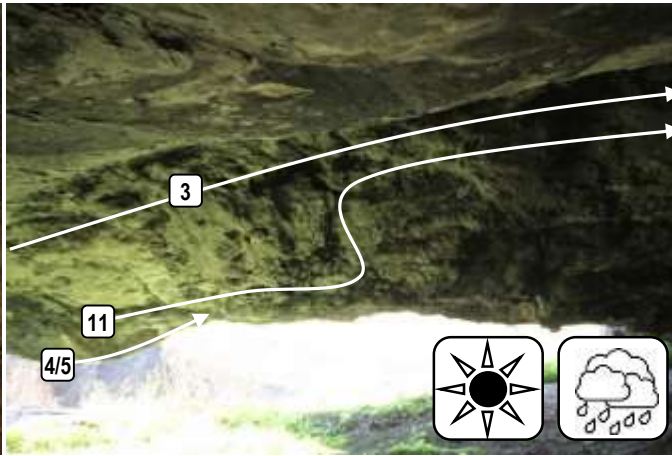
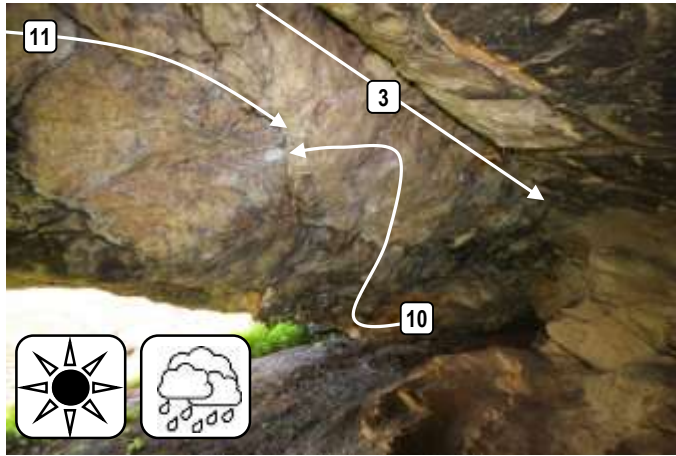
STAR RATINGS	
★★★	Classic problem
★★	Great problem
★	Good problem
ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS	
BS	Bum Start
SS	Stand Start
LH	Left Hand
RH	Right Hand
●	Highball - high possibly dangerous problem
●	Lowball - small low problem



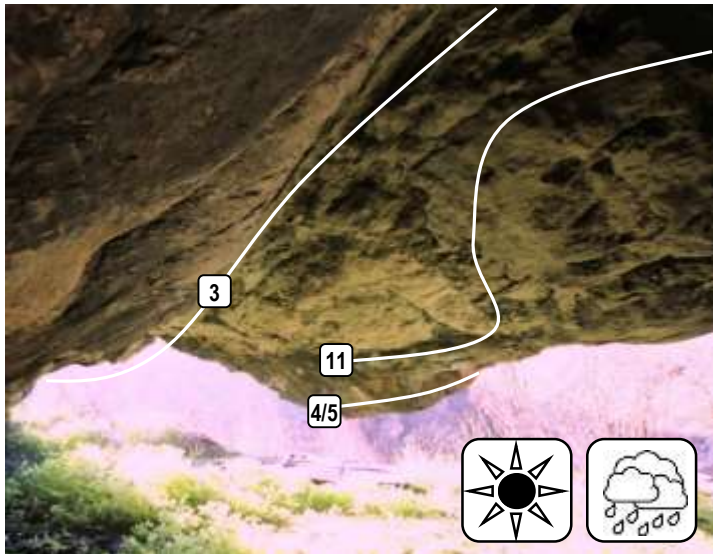


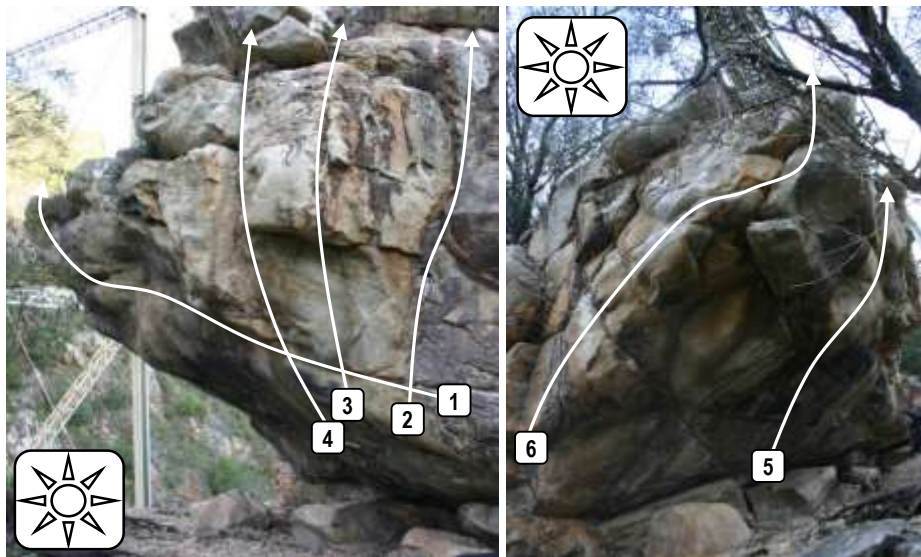
1	Rain Maker ★★	6A+	BS, RH on crimp under roof & LH on crimp outside on arête. Up arête. At apex of roof, up onto ramp. Up to jug, then jump down. No top-out. ●
2	Song of the Rain ★★	6C	BS, same as <i>Rain Maker</i> , RH on crimp under roof & LH on crimp outside on arête. Up to crimp rail. Move L into R facing seam. Up to jug. Jump down. No top-out. ●
3	Project	≈7B	BS on outside, R of apex. Follow the apex of roof all the way to the hole at back of roof. ●
4	Project	≈7B	BS under the lowest point of the roof. RH on undercling crimp, LH on large side pull. Up to stop on jug.
5	Project	≈8A	BS, same as 4, under the lowest point of the roof. RH on undercling crimp, LH on large side pull. Traverse along the lowest point of the roof to a crack. Out through the roof via a series of side pulls. ●
6	Project	≈7C	BS on undercling rail, out through the roof. ●
7	Heitse-Eibib	5	SS on on side pull & crimp. Up to jug rail.
8	Profits of Destruction ★	7A	BS on undercling rail, traverse out, then mak a 90° turn out of the roof to stop on a diagonal crimp rail. ●
9	Project	≈7C	BS, same as <i>Profits of Destruction</i> , on undercling rail, traverse out, then mak a 90° turn out of the roof to stop on a diagonal crimp rail. Continue up to jug rail.





10	Project	≈7C	BS low close to the hole. Traverse along the lowest part of the roof, then up into the apex of the roof. Stop on the prominent knob that is also the end of <i>Miracle Man</i> . ●
11	Miracle Man ★★★	7A	BS LH in 'V' shaped sloper & RH on crimp rail. Up into jug rail in apex of roof. Traverse in the apex to a prominent knob. ●





1	Trolls Wife	6C	BS into obvious traverse, then top out.
2	Hair of My Chiny-Chin-Chin	5	BS into easy open book.
3	The Goats Balls	6B+	BS straight up arête.
4	Trolls Life	6C+	BS start between boulders, up to the L.
5	Project	≈8A	BS then through the roof.
6	Guest	6A+	BS Stand start, traverse R onto nose, then top out.