

Bots | Botanical Gardens

Climbing Guide



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Star Ratings

★★★ Classic problem

★★ Great problem

★ Good problem

Abbreviations & Symbols

BS Bum Start

SS Stand Start

● Highball - high / dangerous

● Lowball - small / low

1 ~7A Project + approximate grade

Access

Access is un-restricted.

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Bots was discovered in the late '80s by Keith James, but the full potential as a training venue, was only realized by Jeremy Colenso, Shannon Law & crew in the early '90s. Jeff Stevens' 1994 guide "a Cragfax Crag Guide Grahamstown" has Shannon Law bouldering at Bots on the front cover. In those days Bots was called *New Wave Boulders*. The first written record of bouldering at Bots is in the SA Climbers Club, July - Sept 1988 Newsletter



Upper Wave: There are numerous traverse options & top-out variations

1	Standard Traverse ★★★●	6C	BS on RHS, rail L using lowest rail options, that is not the top.
2	Dave's Dyno ●	6B+	BS on rail, move to upper rail & dyno to the top rail.

Lower Cave: These problems were originally climbed on top rope, but are now considered highball boulders. Take Care! Also watchout for human turds in the cave.

3	Monkey Puzzle ★★★●	6B+	BS on rail on RHS of the cave, follow the obvious rail through the main roof.
4	Cranium Duster 1★★●	6C+	BS on rail on RHS of the cave, follow the obvious rail L, then break out of the roof.
5	Traversety of Justice ★★●	6C+	BS on rail on RHS of the cave, follow the obvious rail L, then break out of the roof over the point.
6	New Wave ★●	7A	BS on rail on LHS of the cave, trend L & out of the roof.

