



# Masekane

Rock Climbing Guide



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## EASTERN CAPE CLIMBING VENUES

<b>Port Elizabeth</b>	30 Coombs Gorge	37 EL urban crags & boulders	<b>Toorberg</b>	<b>Swartberg</b>
1 Lady's Slipper	<b>Amatolas</b>	38 Yellowsands & Inkwenkwezi	44 Graff-Reinet	49 Towerkop
2 Van Stadens	31 Fort Fordyce	39 Lalapanzi	45 Compassberg	50 Oudtshoorn
3 PE urban crags & boulders	32 Hogsback	40 Morgan Bay	<b>Transkei</b>	51 Gamkaskloof Bouldering
4 Sleepy Hollow	33 Stutterheim	41 Bola	46 Hole in the Wall	
5 Elands River	<b>Langkloof</b>	<b>Winterberg</b>	47 Hill of Execution	
6 Kirkwood	19 Nguniland	42 Mary & Martha	48 Port St Johns	
7 Cape St Francis	20 Kouga Wildernes	43 Hangklip		
<b>Groot Winterhoek</b>	21 Uniondale Pass			
8 Tygerhoek	<b>Garden Route</b>			
9 Naga's Kloof	22 Titzikama			
10 Eagle Gorge	23 Groot Rivier			
11 Momentum Gorge	24 Plett Crags			
12 Pinnacle Gorge	<b>East London</b>			
13 Cockscomb	34 NSA			
14 Grootbos & Kleinbos	35 Windmill Hole			
15 Nivera	36 Buffalo River			
<b>Baviaans</b>				
16 Grips				
17 Kudu Kaya				
18 Waterkloof				
<b>Grahamstown</b>				
25 Alicedale				
26 Howieson's Poort				
27 Moodies				
28 Bouldering				
29 Thornkloof				

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Big Thanks to Rob Mac Geoghegan for bolting most of the routes & for the effort of training hundreds of climbers & rescuers for more than 4 decades. Rob, "The Pope" of PE climbing & the true leader of Eastern Cape search & rescue has never been officially recognized or thanked. We do deeply regret how you & various others were treated by the so called Mountain Club of South Africa EP Section. Big up to Rob for his dedicated & his life of service. We salute you Rob! Rob you are a legend! This guide is dedicated to you!



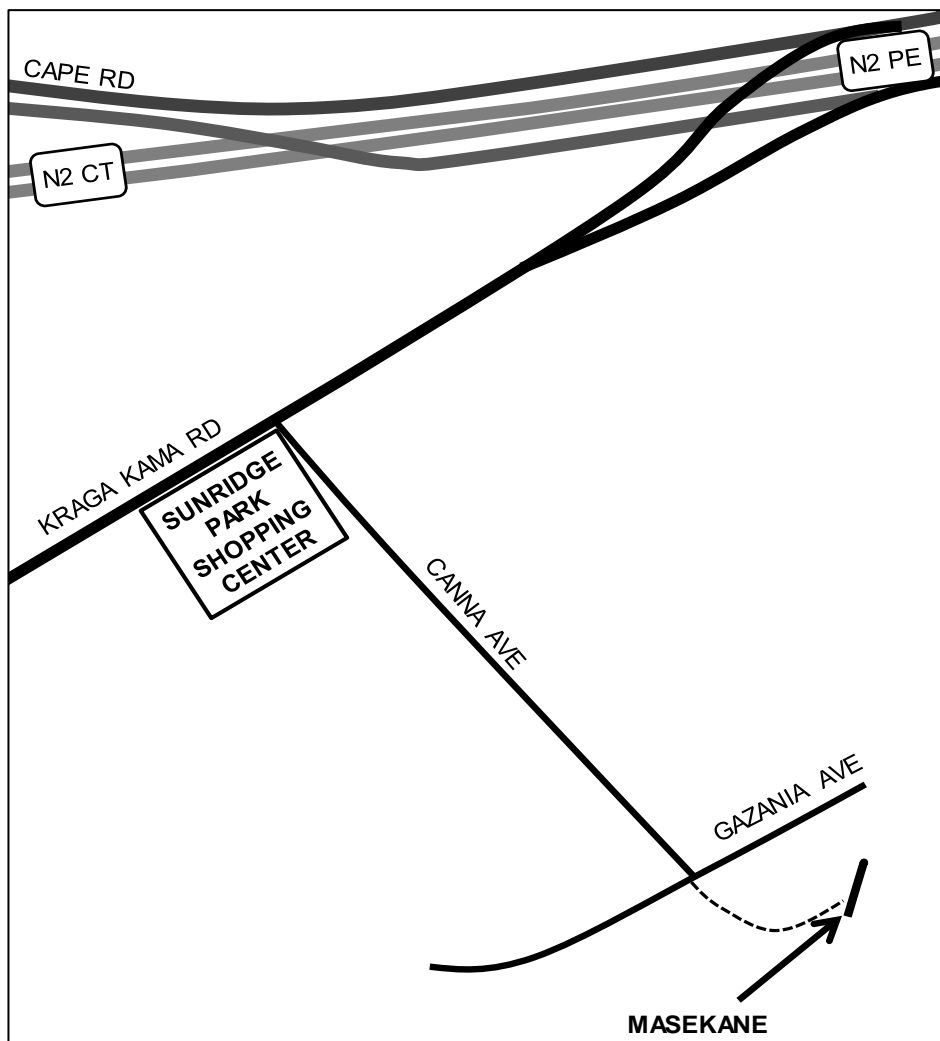


**WALK IN:** +-250m, 3 - 5 min.

**TIME & WEATHER:** Fairly shaded & sheltered

**POTENTIAL:** There is truly limited potential for more routes.

**GENERAL:** 19 short bolted routes and some bouldering.



STAR RATING SYSTEM	
★	Good route at this crag.
★★	Good route in the area.
★★★	Classic route in this province.
No star	Reasonable to bollocks.
ABBREVIATIONS & SYMBOLS	
	Bolted sport route
	Project / In progress
T	Trad route, natural gear
6B	Number of bolts
C	Chains or top anchors
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P	Piton
RB	Removable bolt
	Afternoon Shade
	Morning Shade
	Shade all day
	Sun all day
	Dappled shade all day
	Can be climbed in wet weather

**ACCESS:** No access restrictions.

**ROCK TYPE:** Sandstone. Masakane is a bit short, but it is great for beginners.

**HISTORY:** There has been climbing on & off at Masekane for generations. Rob Mac Geoghegan has used this crag to train hundreds of people to abseil & climb, thus more people have climbed at Masekane than at any other crag in the Eastern Cape. Derek Marshall sponsored most of the hangers & top anchors.

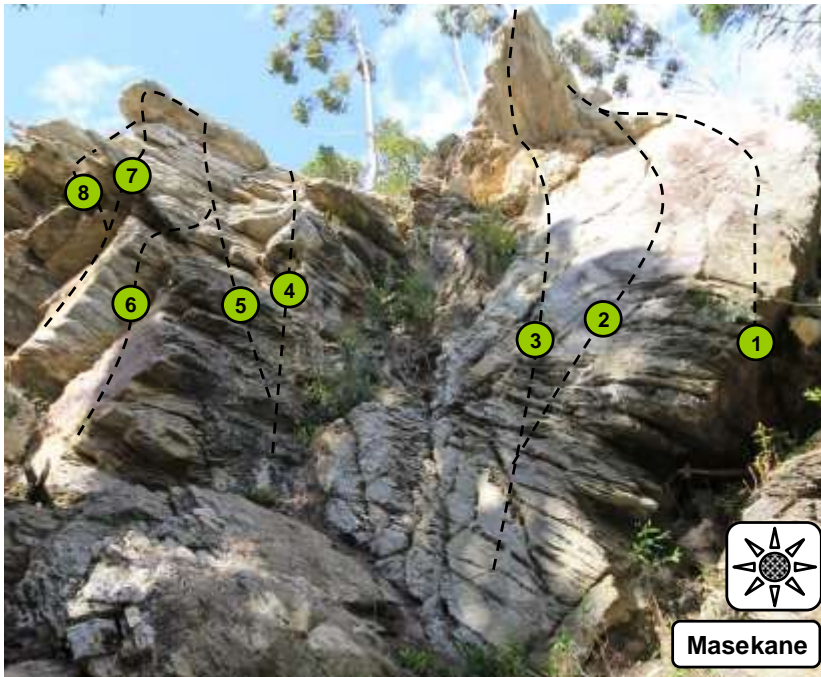
**HAZARDS:** 🐝 **Bees:** Beware there is an active hive above & L of *This is the Day* (route 10). These bees must be considered very dangerous. Don't climb *This is the Day* (route 10) & don't disturb the bees. 200 stings can kill a person, there can be 20 000 bees in a hive. Minimum these bees could land you in hospital.



**Loose Rock:** There is a fair amount of loose rock that is still coming off the routes. Wear your helmet... it's a smart thing to do! Chicks dig helmets!

**Crime:** Masekane is isolated enough to be considered very dangerous when proximity to human traffic & dwelling is taken into consideration. A machete may come in handy for more than just the path. Take care...especially if there are women in the party. No couples on their own! Bigger groups are better.

**Snakes:** A few puff adders have been spotted over the years.

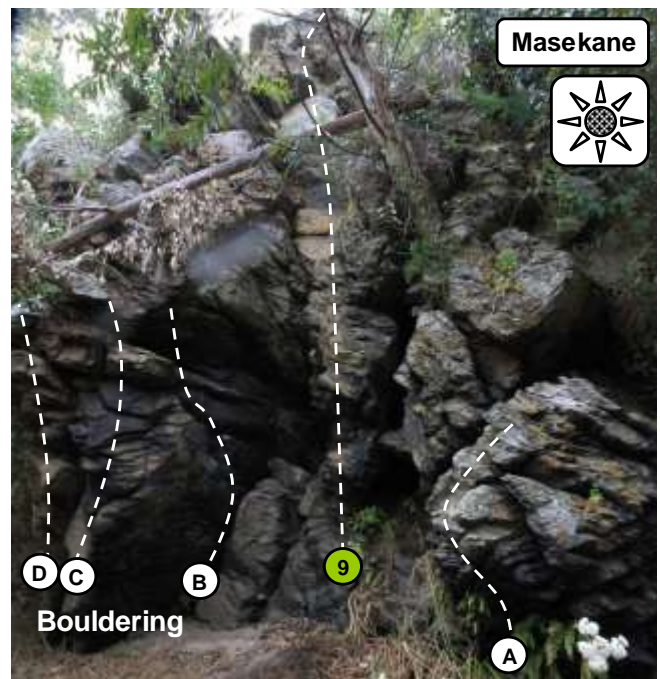


- **1. Origin of Man Kind – 15 ★**  
Rob Mac Geoghegan (4B&C)
- **2. Spike – 14 ★**  
Rob Mac Geoghegan (5B&C)
- **3. Indian Giver – 17**  
Derek Marshall & Ruben Snyman 2016 (5B&C)
- **4. The Bulge – 14**  
R.Odendaal (5B&C)
- **5. Wasps – 15 ★**  
R.Odendaal (5B&C)
- **6. Divine Justice - 15**  
Rob Mac Geoghegan (5B&C)
- **7. Tweedle Dumb - 16**  
Tyson Baars & Ruben Snyman (4B&C)
- **8. Tweedle Dee - 16**  
Tyson Baars & Ruben Snyman (4B&C)

- **9. The Trench – 15**  
R.Odendaal (7B&C)

**Boulder Problems:**

- A. Bergie – 5A** Sit start on jugs under jutting low overhang. Top onto that block, then jump off.
- B. Turd Corner – 5B** Sit start in lay away, move L onto jug, up to large rail. Don't top out, jump down.
- C. Sacrifice – 5A** Sit start on rail, directly up on jugs to a prominent rail. Don't top out, jump down.
- D. Victory – 5A** Sit start on rail, directly up on LH arête to a prominent rail. Don't top out, jump down.





- 10. This is the Day – 21 (⚠ Bees! ⚠)
- 11. Mufasa's Revenge – 19 ★★
- 12. Cardio Pet – 15
- 13. Cardio Arête - 16
- 14. Godsmack – 16
- 15. Endurance – 14
- 16. Rolling Thunder – 14 ★
- 17. Beginner's Revenge – 16
- 18. Insurgency – 15
- 19. Revolution -15

- Rob Mac Geoghegan (3B, no chains)
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- Rob Mac Geoghegan (5B&C)
- R.Odendaal (4B&C)
- Tyson Baars & Nikita Werthmann 14/11/2017 (4B&C)
- Rob Mac Geoghegan (6B&C)
- Rob Mac Geoghegan (7B&C)