

Spare Ribs

Climbing Guide

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History

Spare Ribs was discovered by Keith James in about 1987. The first written record of Spare Ribs was in South African Climbers Club Dec 1988 – April 1989 Newsletter. Jeff Stevens' 1994 Crag Fax Grahamstown Crag Guide records all the routes as having been climbed ground up on trad.

General

Spare Ribs is a south facing crag & can be climbed in summer. Vertical face, sandstone / quartzite. Walk-in is short but steep. There is no path.

References

SACC Dec 1988 – April 1989 Newsletter ¹

Jeff Stevens, Crag Fax Grahamstown Crag Guide ²

SACC, May - Aug 1989 Newsletter ³

SACC, Autumn June 1990 Newsletter ⁴

Access

At this stage Spare Ribs has not been climbed for more than 20 years. There is a high game fence between the road & the crag. If anyone sorts out access, please make contact.

Potential

Lot more potential for new routes. Looks great.

Legal Note, Liability & Disclaimer

All climbing & bouldering is very dangerous & always at your own risk. No responsibility for inaccurate or incomplete information will be accepted by the various contributors to this guide.

The landowners accept no liability at all. Climbers take full responsibility for themselves at all times.

Loose rock is common, solid rock becomes loose & RD writers make up most of the information anyway.

This RD is only a guide & is no substitute for experience, training, common sense & a touch of caution.

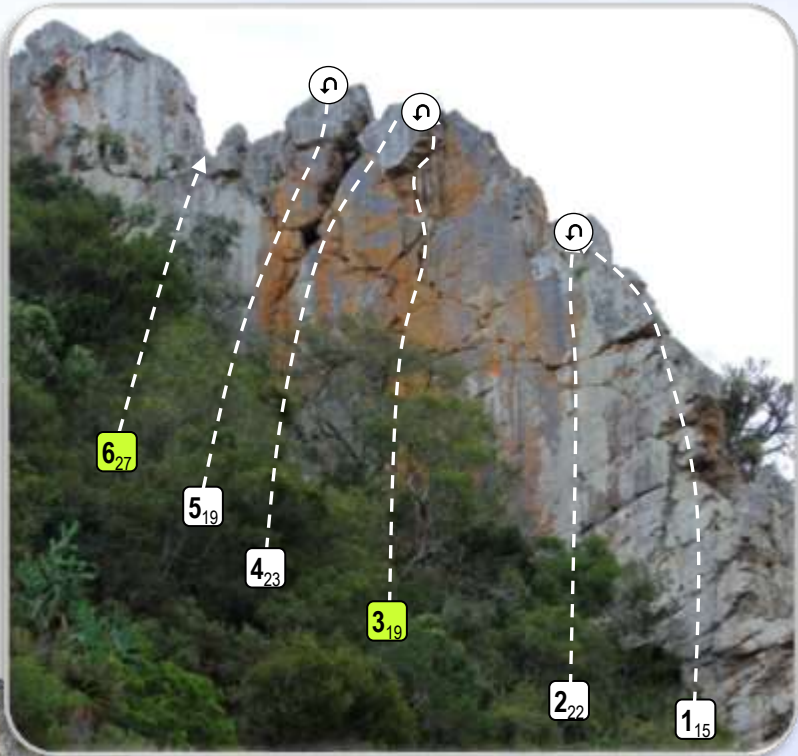
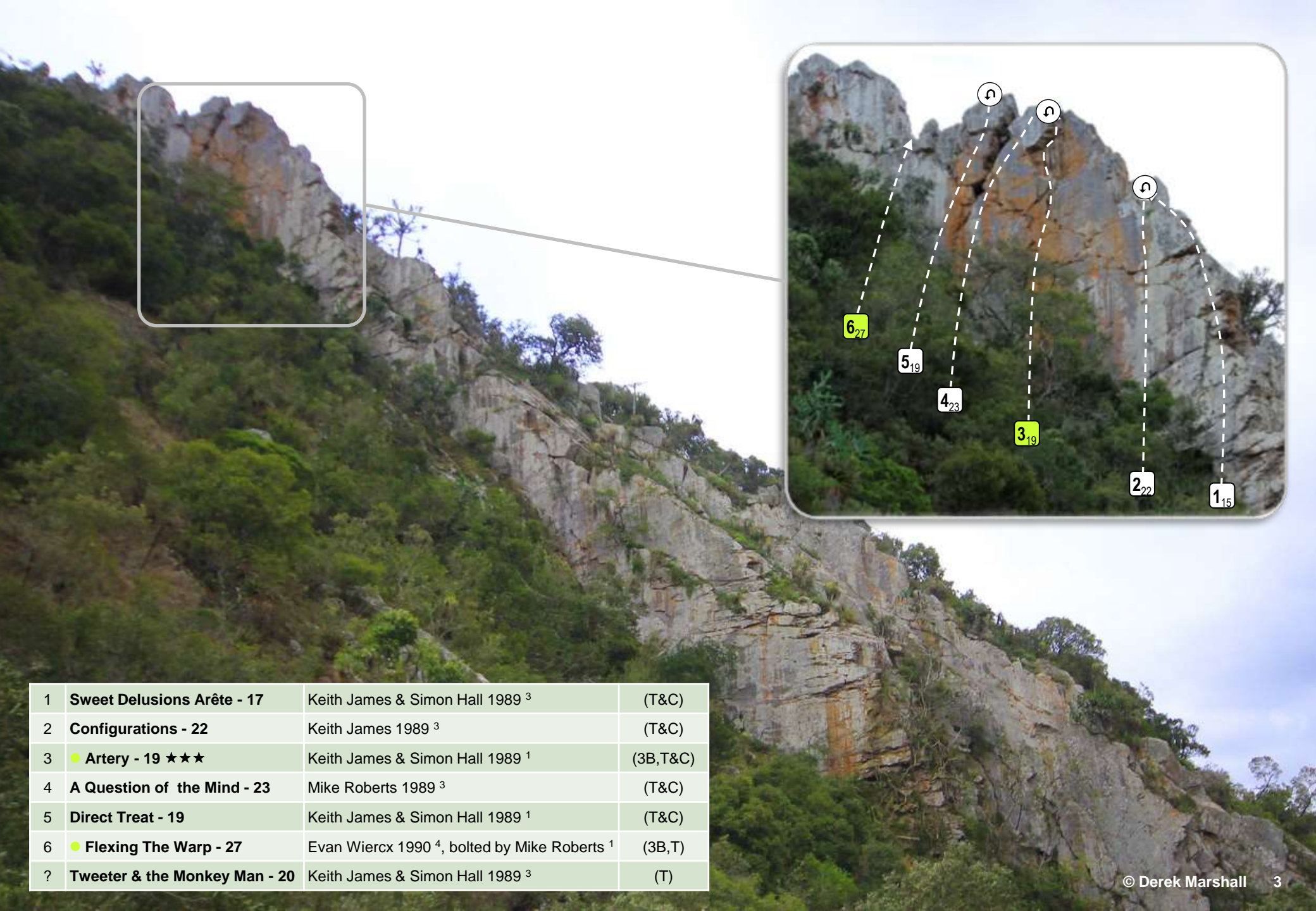
Take care!

Star Ratings

- ★★★ Classic route in this province
- ★★ Good route in the area
- ★ Good route at this crag
- No star Reasonable to bollocks

Abbreviations & Symbols

- 7_{tr} (T) Trad route (natural gear) & grade
- 9_{st} Sport route (bolted) & grade
- 4_{op} Open Project / in-progress & ± grade
- 4_{cl} Closed Project & ± grade
- 7_{tr} (S) FA was solo & grade
- ⚠ Potential
- Ⓐ Abseil point
- (11B&C) Number of bolts & top chains
- P / RB Piton / Removable bolt
- ☀ Afternoon Shade
- ☀ Morning Shade
- ☀ Shade all day
- ☀ Sun all day
- ☀ Dappled shade all day
- ☔ Can be climbed in wet weather



1	Sweet Delusions Arête - 17	Keith James & Simon Hall 1989 ³	(T&C)
2	Configurations - 22	Keith James 1989 ³	(T&C)
3	Artery - 19 ★★★	Keith James & Simon Hall 1989 ¹	(3B,T&C)
4	A Question of the Mind - 23	Mike Roberts 1989 ³	(T&C)
5	Direct Treat - 19	Keith James & Simon Hall 1989 ¹	(T&C)
6	Flexing The Warp - 27	Evan Wiercx 1990 ⁴ , bolted by Mike Roberts ¹	(3B,T)
?	Tweeter & the Monkey Man - 20	Keith James & Simon Hall 1989 ³	(T)