

# KLEIN TAFELBERG

SPORT AND TRAD CLIMBING ROUTE GUIDE.02



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An initial guide to climbing routes at Klein Tafelberg. This is a developing crag, with the potential to have traditional, sport and bouldering routes.

**FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE RULES AND GUIDELINES**

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## Rock Climbing at Klein Tafelberg

The rock at Klein Tafelberg is compact sandstone. Though the quality is not as good as the Cederberg rock like Wolfberg Cracks or Tafelberg, it is still hard, compact sandstone with potential for excellent climbing.

**Wild birds and animals have right of way. Please don't disturb nests and roosting areas.**

## Camping and Accommodation (free camping if you open route)

There are many options available from fully equipped chalets with fridge/freezer and shower, 4x4 camping (rooftop tents) and glamping. All campsites have water supply and ablutions with hot showers close by. There are also designated, off-grid wild camping sites in the surrounding koppies for those with 4x4's (you need to be self-sufficient - no water supply). Free camping is offered to climbers opening routes. Please discuss your plans and suggested routes with management first.

**Fines are applicable if bolts are placed without prior permission.**

## No camping at the crag.

There is a small, well-stocked bush bar with alcohol, cold drinks and some snacks for sale. Firewood and ice are available too.

## Access

The road to Klein Tafelberg is accessible by normal car (tar most of the way and then a short section gravel). **Access to the camping and accommodation is very sandy and requires a 4-wheel drive.** There is very safe parking for non-4-wheel drive vehicles and it is possible to arrange a drop-off at the campsite or chalet with one of the land rovers on site. Please pre-arrange with the office.

More details on the Klein Tafelberg website [www.kleintafelberg.co.za](http://www.kleintafelberg.co.za).

## Climbing Areas: The Tafelberg mountain consists of a Northern and Southern mountain.

The start to the crag is a 20min walk from camp / the office.



### **Northern Mountain. Northern Ridge (Crag facing North and up into the neck)**

The Northern Mountain is for traditional climbing only. Bolting is not allowed in this area. Only removable trad gear may be used.

### **Southern Mountain (Crag facing South)**

Beware of the black eagle (Verreaux's eagle) nest on the South Eastern buttress. There is a strict no-entry policy to the nesting and surrounding area signposted and marked in red on the map.

**The Southern Mountain is open to both sport and traditional climbing.**



**This is a new crag and the type of bolts used is being assessed.**

### **The following hardware may be used:**

- Fischer FBN II 10/10 A, M10 x 86mm bolts or
- Hilti M10 HSA-R M10 20/10/-, M10 x 83mm bolts or
- Suitable glue-in (Also known as 'P' Bolts or chemical anchors), supplied by recognised climbing equipment manufacturers.
- Hilti ANCHOR ROD HAS-E-R M10X90/21 threaded bar.
- Threaded bar bought in bulk & cut to length is not allowed.
- No U-bolts allowed.
- Only stainless-steel hangers and double lower off rings supplied by recognised climbing equipment manufacturers may be used.

### **OPENING ROUTES:**

**Take a photo of the route and obtain approval from the Klein Tafelberg management prior to climbing. Bolt placing is STRICTLY PROHIBITED without prior permission from management.**





## Klein Tafelberg Climbing Routes

Mountain pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/y8L97gf5mamHqfqq8>

Klein Tafelberg pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/i71g59oGjNJsmX8K6>

**As you face the mountain from the campsite, the routes run left to right:**

**LEFT-HAND SIDE KOPPIE (Southern Buttress):** SPORT - left-hand side (northern side) of the koppie.  
Stay well clear of the Eagle area.

**RIGHT-HAND SIDE KOPPIE (Northern Buttress):** Trad routes on the left up the alley, front and right-hand side of the koppie

**Eagle Crag is STRICTLY OFF LIMITS**





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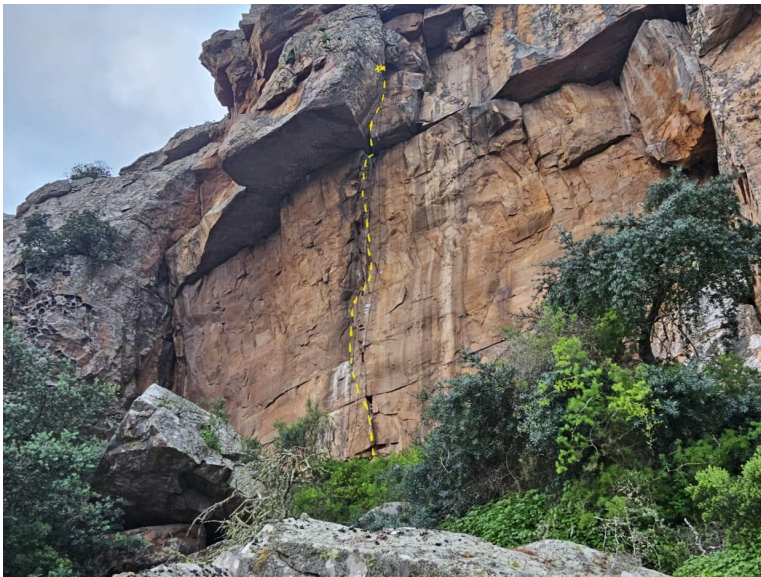


### ***Gypsies in the Night - 17***

*14m 7 bolts + chains*

*Start on top of the boulder, climb the face up to the ledge on good pockets, move 2m to the right and follow the crack until you are able to climb diagonally left and up to the chains.*

*FA: S Jansen v Rensburg 2023*



### ***Infinite insanity - 25 (?)***

*16m 8 bolts + chains*

*BB: C Swanepoel & S Jansen v Rensburg.*

*FA: S Jansen v Rensburg 2023*



### ***The Colour of Magic - 19***

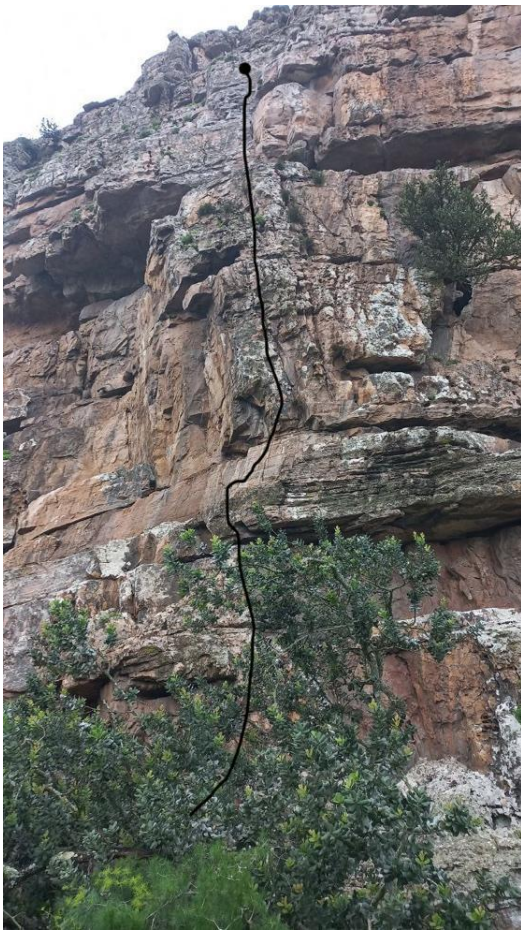
*35m 15 bolts + chains*

*BB: C Swanepoel & R Veldtman*

*FA: R Veldtman 2023*

*Take note of the route length: A 60m rope is too short for a lower off. Joining ropes or a 70m rope is required to lower someone to the ground.*





***Probably not a Nineteen - 18***

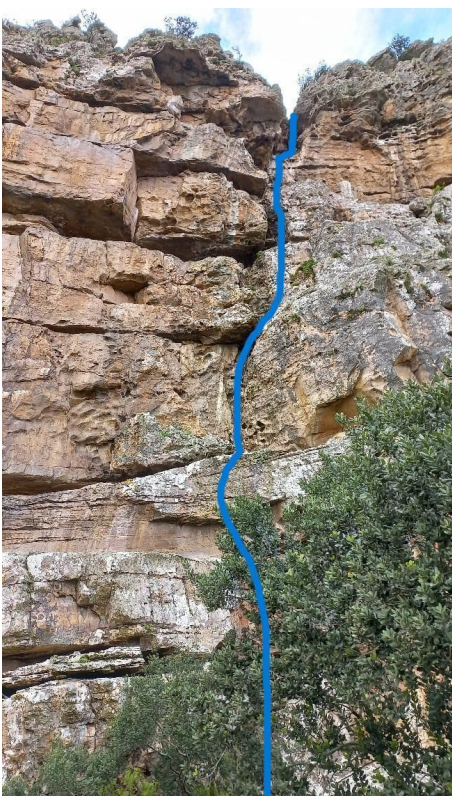
*25m 13 bolts + chains*

*BB: C Swanepoel & S Jansen v Rensburg*

*FA: S Jansen v Rensburg 2023*

***Trad Routes***

**Southern Buttress by the Sport Crag**



***Guild of Apiarists - 12***

*FA: 2022 R. Veldtman & A. Liebenberg*

*P1 : Climb up a corner onto a shelf onto a big rock and continue up just right of the crack in the corner until able to set a stance below a big chimney.*

*P2 : Climb up towards the chimney then straight up and follow it to the top.*

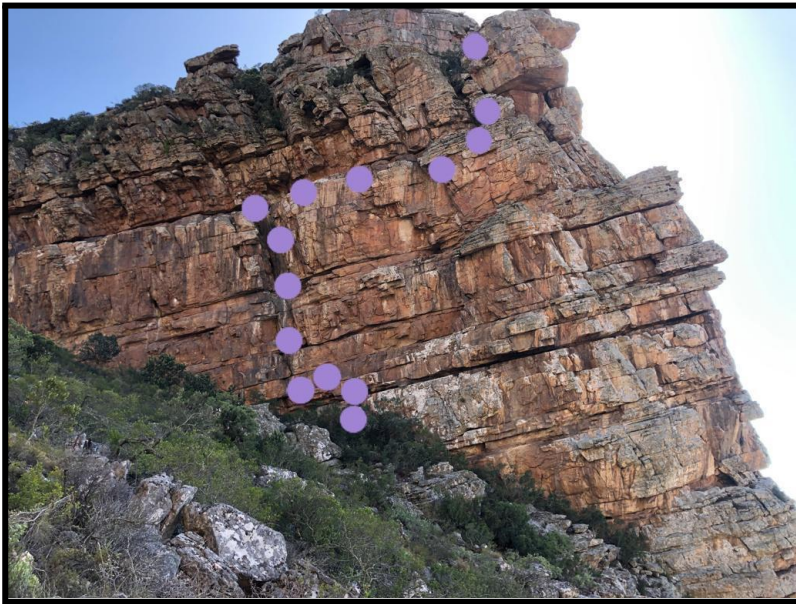
*This route can be done in one pitch but rope drag might not be worth it.*



## **Northern Buttress - ALLEY CRAG**

### **Hubwards to Rimwards - 16**

FA: 2022 R. Veldtman & A. Liebenberg



*P1. (16) +/- 30m*

*Climb the grey streaks 5m right of the bottom of the chimney. Good pro. Climb to the obvious rail that will transport you on a smooth sloping, slightly off-balanced ledge, left to below the start chimney above.*

*Taking a deep breath attack the crux, climbing the slightly rounded crimpers and shallow, polished divets to gain the impressive but easy chimney. Relax, it's easier from here on.*

*Style up the chimney, exiting to your left. Once at the top do a slightly intimidating step over the chimney to stance on the chimneys right, on the start of the awesome ledge of p2.*

*P2 (10) +/- 20m*

*As you catch your breath from p1. Amble along the sloping ledge with good pro and the most spectacular view of the valley below. Look under the large rail for plenty of protection possibilities Stance before the obvious honeycomb rock.*

*P3 (12) +/- 10m*

*Follow the easy groove up past a tree.*

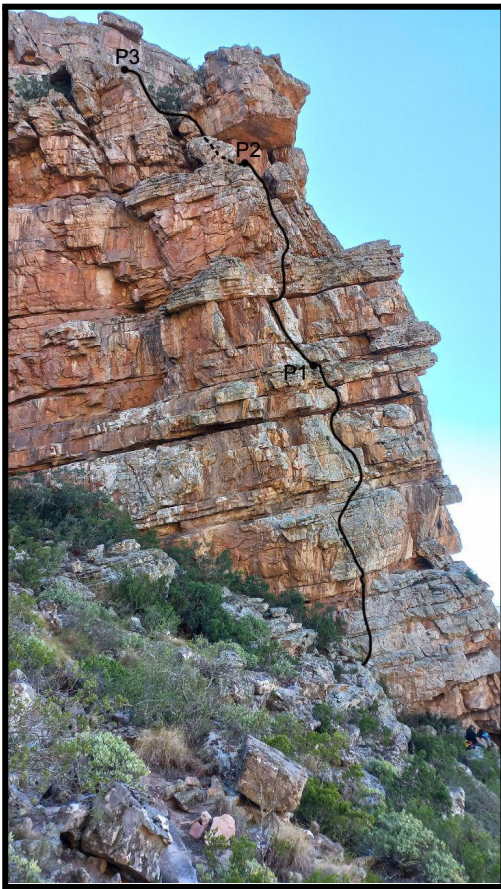
*P4. (13) +/- 10m*

*On the right-hand side of the ledge at the cairn, climb the face split by rails to the top.*

## **Cripple Mr. Onion - 17**

FA: 2022 C & N Swanepoel

P1 17 +/-25m



*A fun route with good protection and a strenuous start.*

*Ascend the face moving slightly right to a small overhang. Pull strenuously through the overhang using positive stepped holds. Good protection placed while locking off strenuously.*

*Follow the path of least resistance and cross the first horizontal break moving right.*

*Climb the shallow recess using a surprise layback behind the prow block and follow the slab corner to the next horizontal break.*

*Clear the break with a delicate step to the right and stand up using a positive under-cling under the roof. Good holds lead up to a sheltered hands-off body sized break. Mantle the ledge and beware of loose rock next to the belay seat.*

*P2 14 +/-20m*

*Step left to below an open book corner and climb the corner to the roof.*

*Step right under the roof to easy-featured rock. Climb the easy-featured rock past a looming block on the right onto the big ledge.*

*P3 11 +/-15m*

*Climb the easy slab behind the massive precariously balanced block. Step left past some loose blocks filling the gap and follow the easy face to the top.*

*Another short pitch can mount the remaining 10m rock band or traverse left to an escape walk-off.*



## VISOR CRAG - NE side

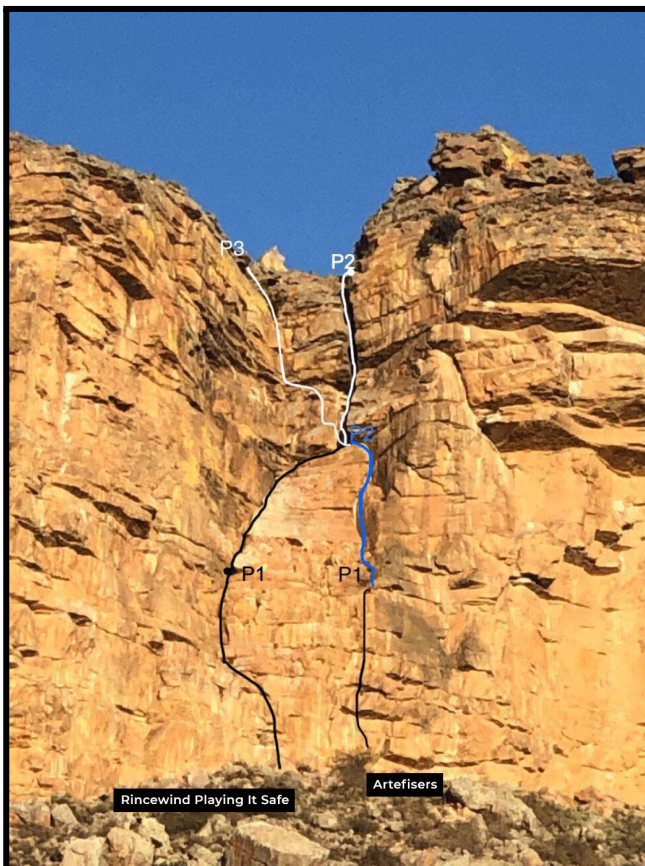
### Soursuck - 20

FA: July 2023 C. Standing & M. Seuringl

+ - ??m



One power pitch to below roofs... options for exit. Climb diagonal right crack then up into next diagonal right corner. Exit left and climb to block in roof. Pull through and climb up to bird poo ledge. Traverse left for 2 m and up small seam to gain rail ( good small cams) that allows you to traverse left and up to arete. Wild posi. Follow this to easy rock on left and stance. Traverse left until able climb out easily, or try interesting pitch up and right through overlaps to exit.



**Seuring Standing and Arteficers P1 the same?**



## **Rincewind Playing It Safe - 15**

FA: 2022 C & N Swanepoel

*The route follows the left-hand side of an obvious grey slab/shield feature in the first large break starting from the left of the NE face of the Northern cliff.*

P1 14 +/-20m

*Start slightly to the right of the left-hand side of the grey slab/shield feature. Climb the broken face, aiming slightly left towards the bottom of the slab/shield.*

*Climb the corner line to the beginning of the curved slab/shield left-hand edge.*

P2 15 +/-40m

*Follow the curve of the slab/shield until traversing under a roof on sloping but good footholds. Traverse right until a break is reached and mantelshelf onto a ledge below the chimney line. Climb the break leading to the chimney. Climb the chimney (good pro after a few meters) Top out and make a stance above the chimney.*

## **Artefisers - 17**

FA: 2022 A.Liebenberg & R.Feldtman

*The route starts a few meters right of "Rincewind Playing it safe", under a block roof.*

P1: 17 +/- 25m

*Climb up as for the block roof reaching for an obvious edge in the middle of the face, with a good crank reach left for a deceptive slopy fin pull through leftwards with a good pinch hold for your right hand. This move will get your foot onto the good edge. Climb straight up on fun manoeuvres slightly left up then diagonally right slightly to a good ledge for a stance.*

P2: 12 10m

*Climb up onto the slab ledge left towards the corner crack and climb straight to a corner for a stance.*

P3: 16 +/- 30m

*From the stance, step left and up out from stance towards chimney entrance then more up and leftwards diagonally across the wall, until directly under a tree where you follow a few good moves up and right of the tree topping out just behind the tree.*

## **Seuring Standing (24?)**

Mark Seuring, Charlie Standing ? 2023

*Same start as Artefisers? Mark, Rudi and Adam?*

P1 22 Up the groove, footloose rail out right to nose, up to roof.

P2 24 Bust through roof crack

## TEA CAVE

Roof crack +/- 27/28

## SPICE CRAG



### **A Pinch of Spice - 20**

FA: M. Schwankhart, C. Standing, J. Wakeling Bird. Aug 2023



*The route looks easier than it is and the loose blocks (P1) look looser than they are.*

*P1 25m 20. Up easy slab, aim for the corner system which looks easier than it is. Not a given, go up and left into the corner and up onto the dassie ledge. Stance on the left of the dassie ledge.*

*P2. 25m 18. Go up and left from the stance on big holds. Go left on good ledges until able to get up to the roof easily. Place some nice gear (a #4 is useful) and enjoy the big jugs through the roof and part way*



up the crack to stance by the fig tree which is at the base of the off-width.

P3 25m 18. Go up the corner. Break out left onto the prow. Do a move up and tend up and left. Balance up onto the orange face under the overhang. Traverse left for an exciting finish.

### **No Takers For Day Drinking - 20**

FA: G.Bird, M. Seuring, L.Wessels. Aug 2023

Start on a large boulder that leans against the Spice wall.

P1 35m 20. Spicy step off the block without gear, then tend slightly right. At a rail of pockety rock move right a little, then back slightly left up a shallow groove to arrive left of the tree below the roof. Pull the roof on jugs, then take the right-tending groove another 10m to a flat ledge.

P2. 20m 16. Easily up the broken rock until the top.

### **Tunnel Vision -16 (marked 17 on the topo)**

FA: C.Standing & L.Wessels. Aug2023

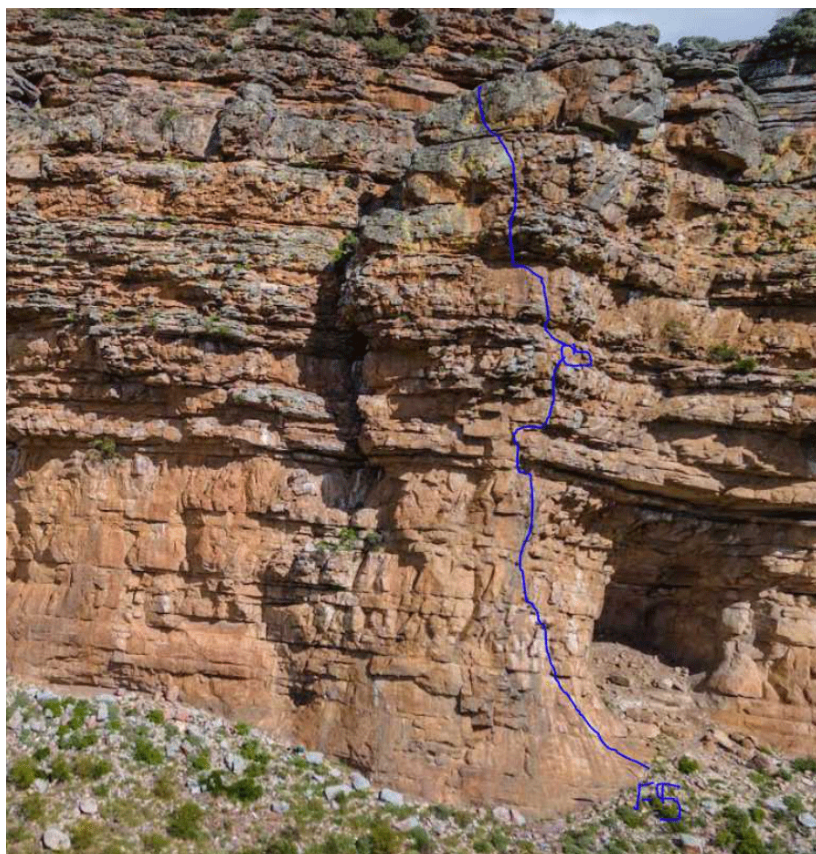
This route is better than you might think.

P1 20m 16. Climb the rightward blocky break passed a bush. Stance below the big chimney.

P2 25m 16. Climb the chimney. Make your way through the creaky shelves left of the big gully. Exit right at the top of the big gully.

### **Fine Spine - 21**

G. Bird & J. Wakeling Bird. Aug 2023



P1 35m 21. Go left up the orange slab, up and leftover blocks onto the rib. Up a small open book with black streaks. Go left around the overhang (the very far end of the massive overhang). Steep climbing for another 8m, tending right to a comfortable stance.

P2 25m 19. Pull through a small overhang on the left. Step 5m left on slabby rock and up overhanging groove in dark/ good rock. Climb easily up and left to the top.



## ***Shooting Range Crag***

### ***Chicken Run - 17***

FA: J. Wakeling Bird & M. Schwankhart, Aug 2023



20m 17. Start on the blunt arete before the big roof. Go roughly straight up, pulling through a few small roofs. Stance on the good ledge under a big roof. Scramble up the big boulder on the right to get to the top.

### ***Empty Chamber - 21, 17m \*\*\****

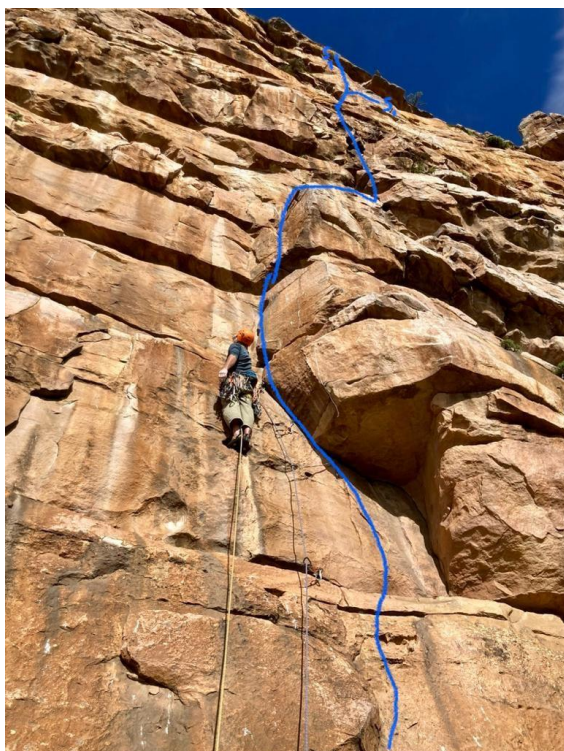
FA: July 2023, M Seuring & C Standing



Description?

**Bullet proof - 21\*\*\*\* xxm**

FA: July 2023, M Seuring & C Standing



Description?

**Trigger Warning - 19, 30m \*\*\***

FA: July 2023, M Seuring & C Standing

