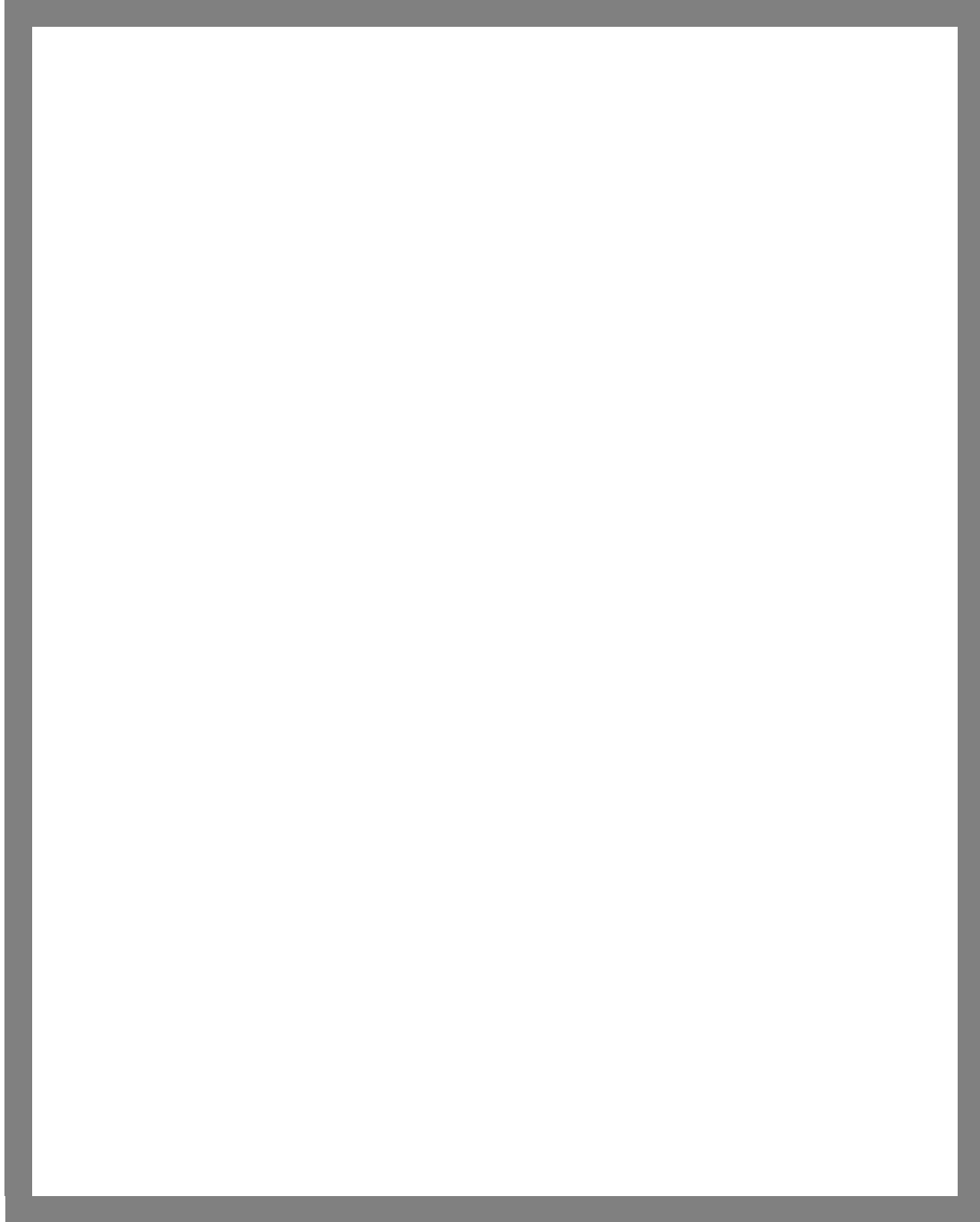




Crag Guide

Harry Potter Area



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1. Harry Potter Area 32 routes in Cliff

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Summary: Mostly Sport climbing

Access Issues

Due to past safety issues, as of mid 2011 the following access arrangements were negotiated by the MCSA with Mount Amanzi, which has legal control of the land:

Only recognised climbing club members (MCSA, SANCF, or University) who have an up-to-date membership card, with a photo, are allowed to climb at the Chosspile. Each card holder is allowed to bring two guests as current status of October 2018.

Members and guests first report to Mount Amanzi's reception (same side of the road, but across the river from the Chosspile) where they sign an indemnity and pay R30 per card-holder and 50R per guest. Update 2019: You will receive as well the (weekly renewed) gate lock combination. The car guards will be directly at the park site instead of at the gate previously.

Although guards are paid R5 per guest, please feel free to supplement their earnings.

Note: Yearly passes are available.

For more information on routes, access and permits please see the following websites:

Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA) <http://www.mcsa.org.za/> Look at "Who we are" for the different sections of the MCSA

Mountain Club of South Africa – Johannesburg Section website <https://mcsajohannesburg.org/> Click on "Access and Properties" for more information Click on "Contact" to get in touch with the MCSA for more information.

ClimbZA website http://www.climbing.co.za/wiki/South_African_Climbing_Wiki Welcome to the largest & most comprehensive online database of Southern African climbing information.

<http://www.climbing.co.za/forum/> A forum site to find climbing partners or to find out more about different climbing areas and climbs.

Approach

From the park area follow the well marked path on the left, cross the bridge, and up, up, up ! It is the first area you will reach.

Tags

Steep hike, Vertical, 10-20 min, SW, Paid and Private

- 1 ★ **Drako** Sport Q14 24 

Pitch 1 is 21/6b+. Pitch 2 is 21/6b+. Use 2 ropes to abseil all the way or go from chains to chains. Currently no chains at stance to abseil from, but large tree stem out right works well to.

- 2 ★★★ **Bolts From The Blue** 40m Trad 15 
FA: Stephen Mallory, Wessel du Plooy & Cara Fleisher
- 3 ★ **Harry Pothead** Sport Q6 19 
Interesting stemming low down, and a powerful hand jam to clip for the crux.
FA: Rory lowther
- 4 ★★ **Hogwart's Warded Hog** Sport Q9 23 
FA: Rory Lowther
- 5 ★★★ **Chamber Of Secrets** Sport Q8 25 
Set by Rory Lowther
FA: Steve Dunnet
- 6 ★★★ **Dobby** Sport Q8 23 
Set by [Debbie Mulder](#)
FA: Rory Lowther
- 7 ★ **Dodgy Glue** Sport Q8 19 
There are some rather aggressive starlings nesting nearby...be prepared to be flown at.
- 8 **Man Thang** Sport Q6 24 
..
- 9 ★★ **The Philosophers Stoned** Sport Q8 21 
A good climb up the steep wall. New anchors put up in May 2015 (MCSA).
FA: Rory Lowther, 2003
- 10 ★★ **Hermione Puts Out** Sport Q10 19 
A gem! Strange that it was not bolted sooner. Sustained face climbing up the right facing wall. Hardware by MCSA-Boven Fund.
FA: Matt Hoffman, Jun 2015
- 11 **Harry Goes Trading** Trad 13 
Natural Gear
- 12 ★★ **Moaning Murtle** Sport Q7 23 
FA: Roland Magg

13 ★★ **Salazar Sport Q9**

19 .lll

Start 5m right of Moaning Myrtle. The route takes an almost straight line to the bolts, with a crux at 1/3 height and a tricky move onto the top of an overhang near the top. Good climbing.

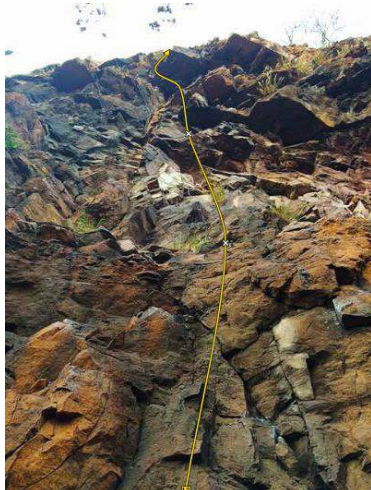
Set by David Tapp

FA: Daniel Hannah, 2010

14 ★★ **Spongify Sport Q8**

22 .lll

FA: Rory Lowther, 2003

15 ★ **Voltamor Sport Q8**

19 .lll

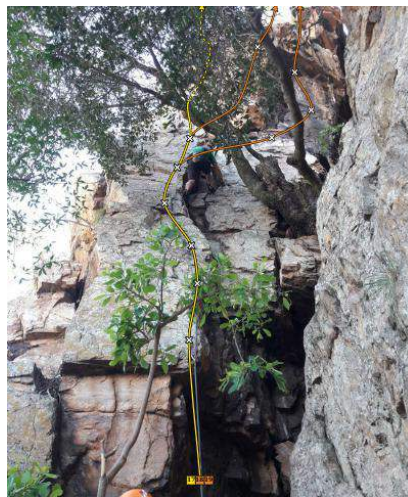
Power climb up a black open book. Mantle shelf out of a roof, to the chains. Nice climb!

FA: Rory Lowther, 2003

16 ★ **Diffindo Sport Q7**

20 .lll

FA: Rory Lowther

17 ★ **The Bloody Baron Sport Q12**

15 .lll

Start in corner, just left of chimney. Move left onto slab then right onto a short right facing corner. Climb to ledge then move left onto left facing corner. Steep moves at the top. Bad rope drag - take some long draws.

18 **Quidditch Sport Q7**

23 .lll

This route takes the hanging slab right of the previous route. Start as for THE BLOODY BARON but branch right to the base of the hanging slab and up this to the top. There is a bit of a run out from the top bolt to the chains, but it is safe. New anchors May2015 (MCSA).

FA: Neil Margetts, 2008

19 ★★ **The Balls of Hagrid Sport Q9**

21 .lll

Climb THE BLOODY BARON for five bolts, then break right across a slab until under a black corner with a prominent crack. Swarm up the crack to an overhang and move left through it to the slab and chains above. New anchors May2015 (MCSA)

FA: David Tapp, 2010

20 ★ **The Slab Of Snape 29m Sport Q15**

16 .lll

The first route on the main face. Climb a series of ledges then up to good holds under a small overhang. Move left under overhang and up the slab (crux). A 60m rope ESSENTIAL.

FA: Neil Margetts, 2010

21 **Harry Catastrophe Left Hand 20m Sport Q9**

13 .lll

FA: Dylan Morgan, 2004

22 **Harry Catastrophe Right Hand 20m Sport Q8**

15 .lll

Joins and finishes on HCLH about halfway.

FA: Mike Grant, 2004



23 ★ **Slitherin** Sport Q10 14 .all

FA: Rory Lawther

24 ★ **Variation of Slitherin** 20m Sport Q9 18 .all

Heads right, onto the face at the overhang. The climb can then be finished up the face to the right of the arete or straight up the arete. Its a little artificial but if you climb the arete, try not to resort to footholds other than on the arete. Move slightly right at the top to the anchors of Raven's Claw. Both anchors 100% as of 16 Jan 2010.

FA: Neil Margetts, 2008

25 ★ **Raven's Claw** Sport Q9 17 .all

FA: Ronald Magg, 2002

26 ★★ **Muggle's Express** Sport Q8 16 .all

Starts at the same bolt as Griffendore and goes to the left.

Set by Neil Margetts

FA: Robyn John, 2014

27 ★ **Gryffindor** Sport Q10 17 .all

FA: Rory Lawther, 2010

28 ★ **Huff'n Puff** Sport Q9 18 .all

FA: Rory Lawther

29 **Crookshanks** Sport Q8 16 .all

2m right of Huff 'n Puff

Set by Neil Margetts, 2007

FA: Rachel Bickford, 2007

30 **Rowling's Ramble** Sport Q6 13 .all

8m right of Crookshanks

Set by David Tapp, 2010

FA: David Tapp, 2010

31 **Cramcakes & Scumbags** Sport Q6 20 .all

starts 4m right of RR on a rocky ledge in a corner. Tricky start.

FA: Louis Smit & Wiliam Graham, 2004

32 **Draco's Snake** Sport Q6 11 .all

Overgrown scrambling route. This is the last route at the Harry Potter crag before the path dips down to Lord of the Rings.

Set by David Tapp, 2010

FA: Lize Boshoff, 2010

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