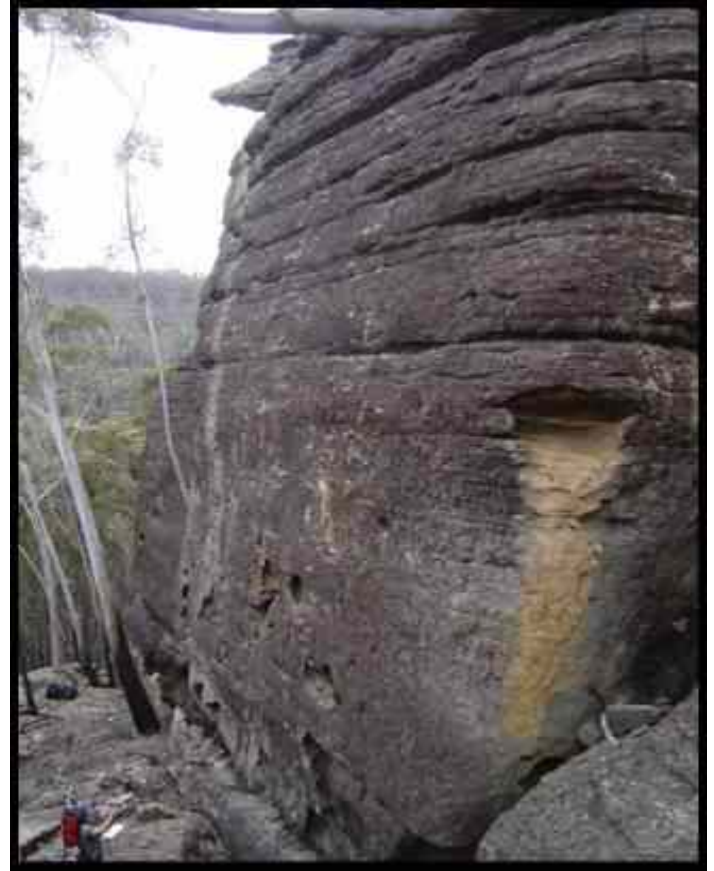


**Sandstone Cliffs near the  
“Significant Roadside Attraction”**



**Austin Powers Ledge**

Photos David Cameron

## Secret New Crag

Pssst... want to climb at a secret new crag. Well not so secret since it was discovered in the early 90's by Brogan Brunt. Since then it has been frequented by Andy Bull, Tony Barten, Tara Sutherland and Richard Watts amongst others. Around 2000-2001, Gav Oliver and Cory Sawyer discovered the area again-again.

The Nerriga climbing area is located just within the boundaries of the Morton National Park on the Nerriga to Nowra road. Tread lightly and take all your rubbish out with you. We recommend the area adjacent to the “Significant Roadside Attraction” not be climbed on because of its historical importance as a convict built road and the suicidal nature of belaying on the edge.

## Disclaimer

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## Updates and Corrections

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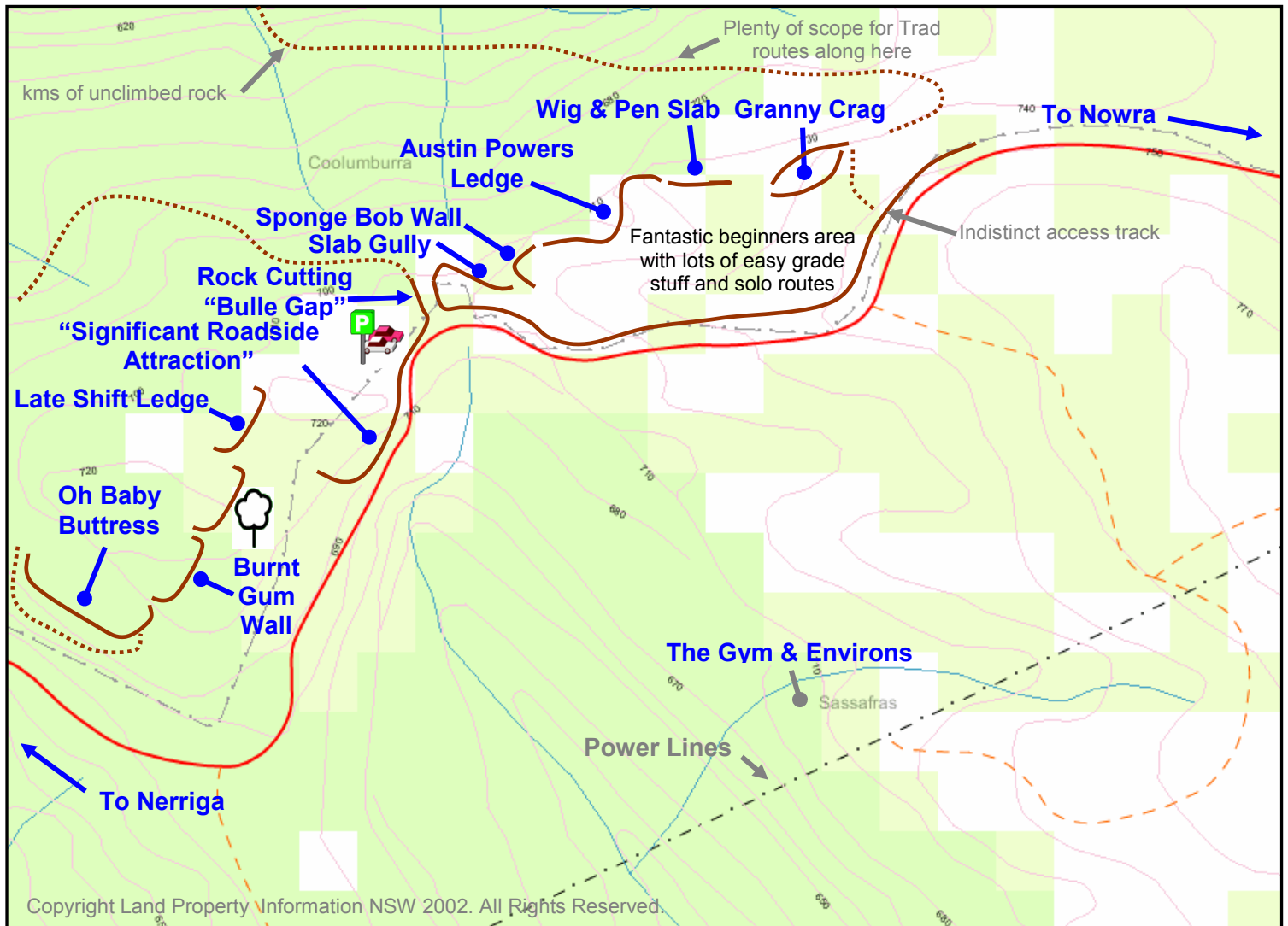
## Directions

The climbing at Nerriga can be found on the CMA 1:25,000 Nerriga map at Bulle Gap (150°08'E, 35°05'S). You can make your own topographic maps of the NSW region by going to <http://topoweb.lpi.nsw.gov.au> Nerriga is 1 ¾ hrs drive from Canberra, head towards Braidwood and follow the Nerriga/Nowra turn off just before Braidwood. From Nowra its about 50km or 40 minutes past the airport. Stop at the Bulee Gap road cutting next to some large sandstone cliffs known as the "Significant Roadside Attraction". Park on the rock side to avoid the crazy 4WD speed demons and certain death.

To access Slab Gully, Sponge Bob Wall, Austin Powers Ledge, Wig & Pen Slab and Granny Crag walk through the Bulle Gap and turn right. Walk back down the road towards Nerriga for Oh Baby Buttress, Late Shift Ledge and Big Gum Wall. The Gym & Environs are accessed by crossing the road and following the cliff line towards the power lines. The road shown on the mud map has had a locked gate installed recently. Before the 2001 fires in the area, Granny Crag and the Wig & Pen Slab were accessible from a small lay bye on the edge of the road. Hopefully by the time you read this guide the track and cairns will have been re-established.

**Warning:** Access to Nerriga is on dirt roads that can be tricky for 2WDs after rain.

## Mud Map



Mud map showing the locations of the various Nerriga craglets

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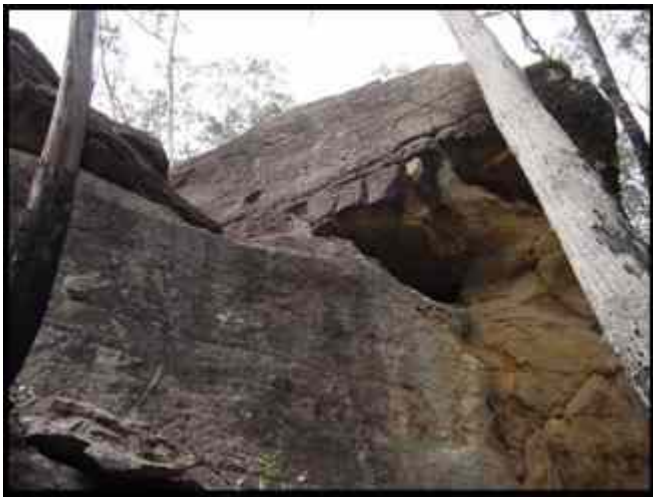
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## Camping

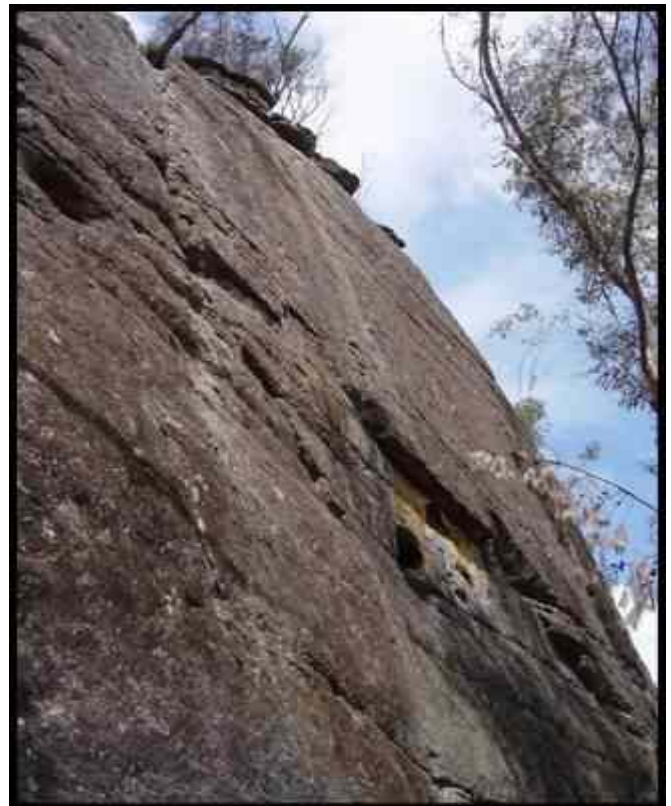
If you plan spending a night or two in the area, the best spot to camp is back at the Endrick River. The River has permanent water, great swimming and plenty of shade under the bridge. Bridge jumping is optional.



**Endrick River Bridge**



**Sponge Bob Wall**



**Wig & Pen slab**

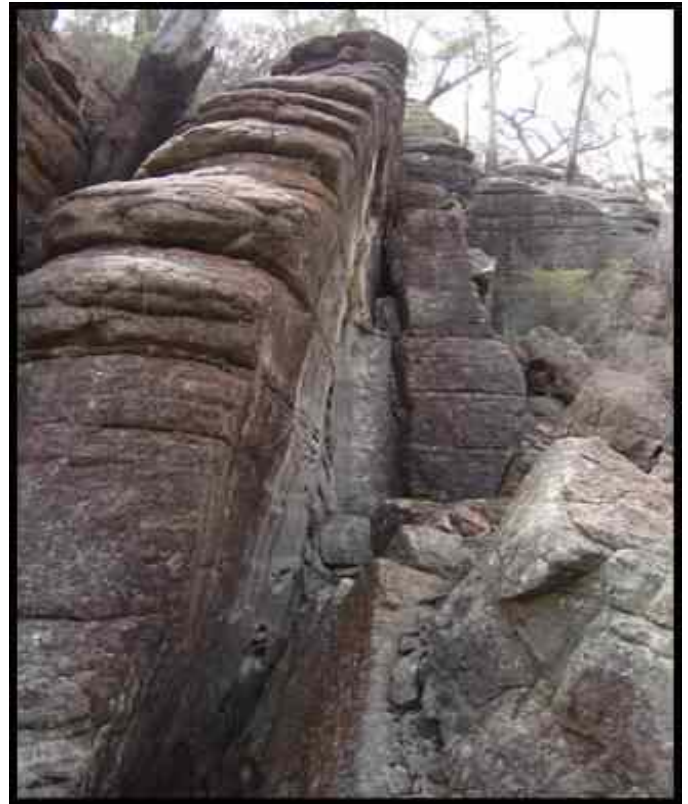
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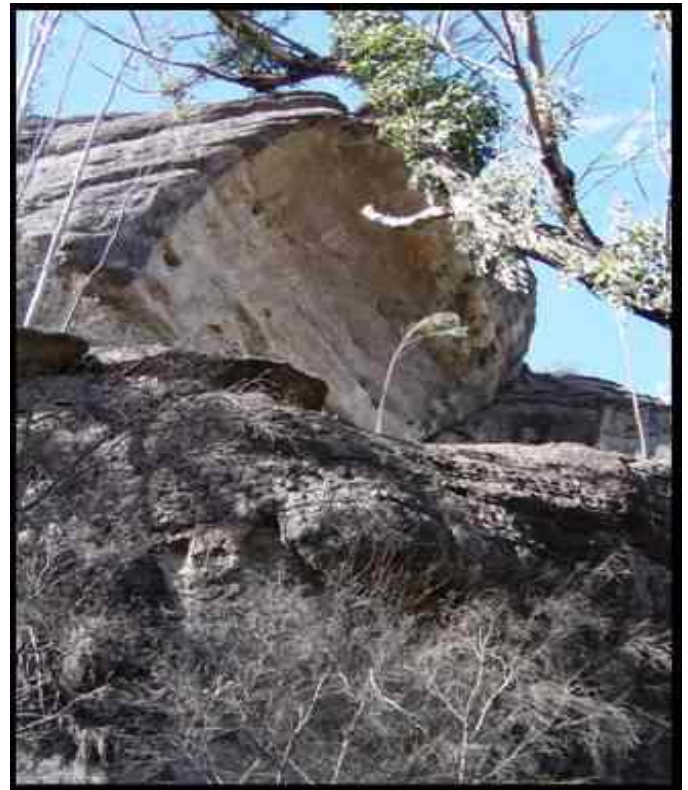
**Slab Gully**



**Looking towards climb ② and ⑨ around  
Corner from Austin Powers Ledge**



**Granny Crag**



**Steep wall waiting for some bolting action**



**More steepness**

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**Scott Young crossing it up on Where's My Mojo with Sally Cosier on belay**

Photo Gavin Oliver



**Scott Young coming into the light clipping the anchor of Pleasantly Warm**

Photo Gavin Oliver

## Oh Baby Buttress

If you plan on climbing at Oh Baby Buttress or Big Gum Wall it is best to park to the left of the driveway as indicated on the topo. There are numerous boulders scattered around the area towards Nerriga, of special interest is the 'Crimson Tide' boulder which has a very rare red moss covering the shady side. Please don't climb or boulder on it as the moss will be damaged and the rock is friable. An all weather bouldering traverse is located below Reptilian Ledge if the weather gets nasty.

## Late Shift Ledge

Located on a ledge 150-200m left of the gap and above Burnt Gum Wall is Late Shift Ledge. A thin crack labeled with TT at head height splits the wall. A few old mild steel dyna-bolts are located high on the wall. Ken McKeon established 1 trad and 2 bolted routes in July 2005

## Slab Gully

Approach by walking through the "Bullee Gap" cutting, turn right and follow the cliff line for about 40m. The climbs are located up a narrow gully on the right hand wall. Not much is known about these 4 climbs, they were seen by Gav and Corey in 1997 or 1998 and are known not to be part of the Andy Bull et al development. A double bolt belay has recently been installed.

## Sponge Bob Wall

Follow the cliff line left from Slab Gully until an obvious two tier overhanging buttress appears. The left most climb was seen by Dave Cameron and Pete Macie in 1996 or 1997. 50m left brings you to one bolted and an evil off-width trad route.

## Austin Powers Ledge

Follow the cliff line left from Sponge Bob Wall until a large 5-6m high rock platform with a 15m high wall comes into view. Seven Shagadelic climbs await you on the main face and two around the right hand corner past a small cave. Before the 2001 fires the area below the rock platform was head high in lush green tree ferns, give the ferns a chance regrow by keeping well back from the base of the platform.

## Wig & Pen Slab

A further 80m or so left from Austin Powers Ledge a large fallen block comes into view. The lower side of the block has a few boulder and short top rope problems. Walk between the broken block and main cliff line and then scramble across to the base of the Wig & Pen Slab. Four bolted and one poorly protected trad route are located here.

## Granny Crag

Continue along the cliff line another 100m or so, as the gully closes in, a ledge with a small overhung cave will become visible on your right. Scramble up the ledge at the left hand edge. Two short steep routes await you, bring a few bolt plates.

## The Gym & Environs

The Gym & Environs are accessed by crossing the road and following the cliff line towards the power lines. The road shown on the mud map has had a locked gate installed recently. Upwards of 30 climbs have been established in the area from slabs to the radical 45 degree overhangs of 'The Gym'.

**1☺ Peanut Butter Crowbar 24**  
 Start at series of small shallow huecos. Climb into thinning moves before rock steepens on good holds.  
 Gavin Oliver June 2004

**2 Sadie the Scrubber 24**  
 Into the right side of the dish and continue up.  
 Corey Sawyer, Luke Tennent 2001

**3 Reptilian 22**  
 Gavin Oliver, Corey Sawyer 2001

**4 Chemical Warfare 23**  
 Corey Sawyer

**5 Silence is Loud 20/21**  
 Gavin Oliver, Corey Sawyer 2001

**6 Admit One 21**  
 The left most line.  
 Gavin Oliver, Corey Sawyer 2001

**7 Pleasantly Warm 20**  
 Bouldery start then follow shallow groove.  
 Corey Sawyer, Gavin Oliver 2001

**8 Oh Baby 22**  
 Corey Sawyer, Gavin Oliver 2001

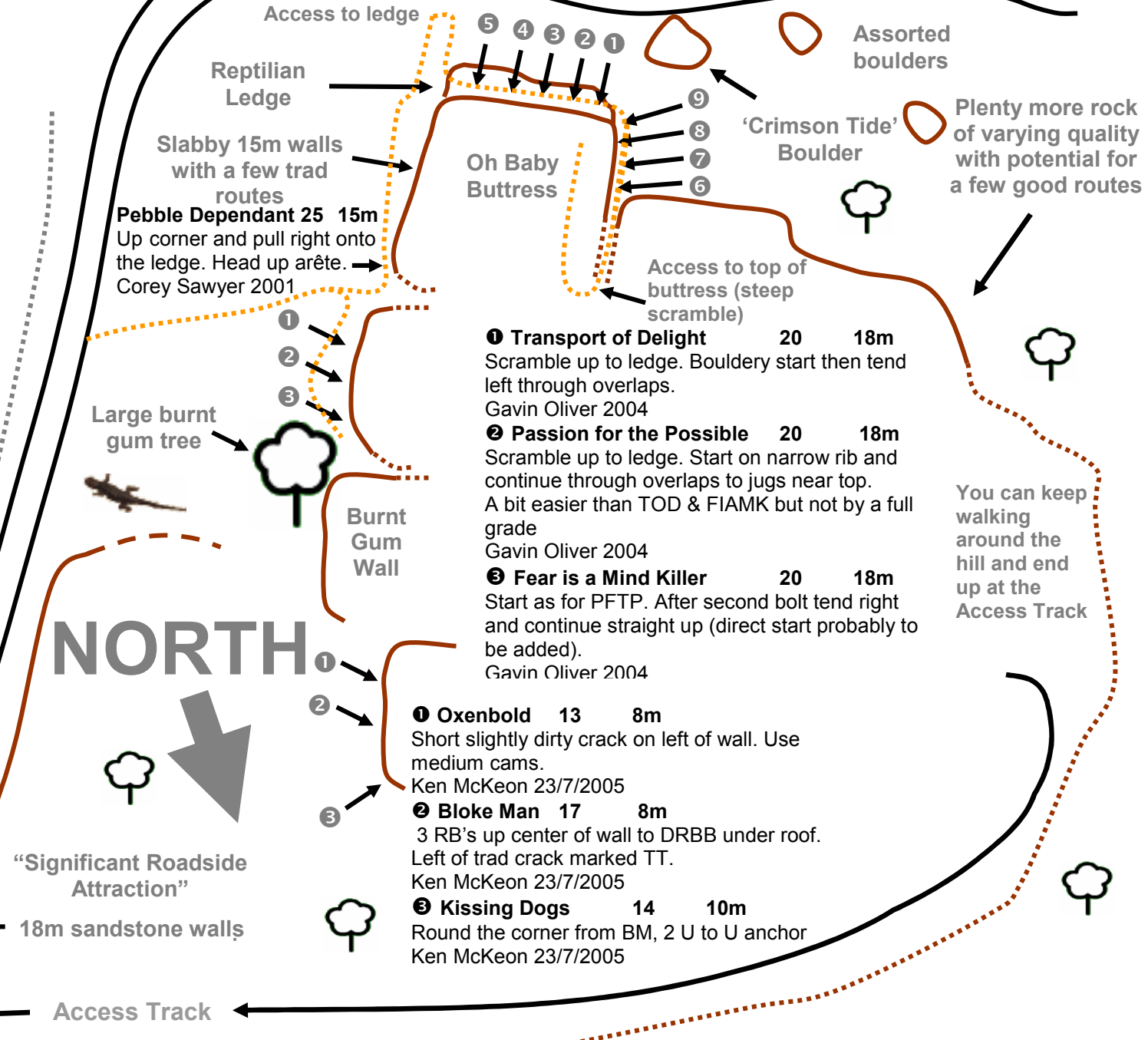
**9 Show Us Your Plumage 22**  
 Start as for Oh Baby. After second bolt traverse right a few moves, then continue up.  
 Gavin Oliver, Corey Sawyer 2001

For both **8** & **9** there is a carrot bolt to secure the belay.

# Oh Baby Buttress

Driveway →

To Nerriga →



Access to ledge  
 Reptilian Ledge  
 Slabby 15m walls with a few trad routes  
 Pebble Dependant 25 15m  
 Up corner and pull right onto the ledge. Head up arête.  
 Corey Sawyer 2001

Large burnt gum tree

Burnt Gum Wall

NORTH

"Significant Roadside Attraction"

18m sandstone walls

Access Track

Assorted boulders

'Crimson Tide' Boulder

Plenty more rock of varying quality with potential for a few good routes

You can keep walking around the hill and end up at the Access Track

**1 Transport of Delight 20 18m**  
 Scramble up to ledge. Bouldery start then tend left through overlaps.  
 Gavin Oliver 2004

**2 Passion for the Possible 20 18m**  
 Scramble up to ledge. Start on narrow rib and continue through overlaps to jugs near top. A bit easier than TOD & FIAMK but not by a full grade  
 Gavin Oliver 2004

**3 Fear is a Mind Killer 20 18m**  
 Start as for PFTP. After second bolt tend right and continue straight up (direct start probably to be added).  
 Gavin Oliver 2004

**1 Oxenbold 13 8m**  
 Short slightly dirty crack on left of wall. Use medium cams.  
 Ken McKeon 23/7/2005

**2 Bloke Man 17 8m**  
 3 RB's up center of wall to DRBB under roof. Left of trad crack marked TT.  
 Ken McKeon 23/7/2005

**3 Kissing Dogs 14 10m**  
 Round the corner from BM, 2 U to U anchor  
 Ken McKeon 23/7/2005

# SLAB GULLY

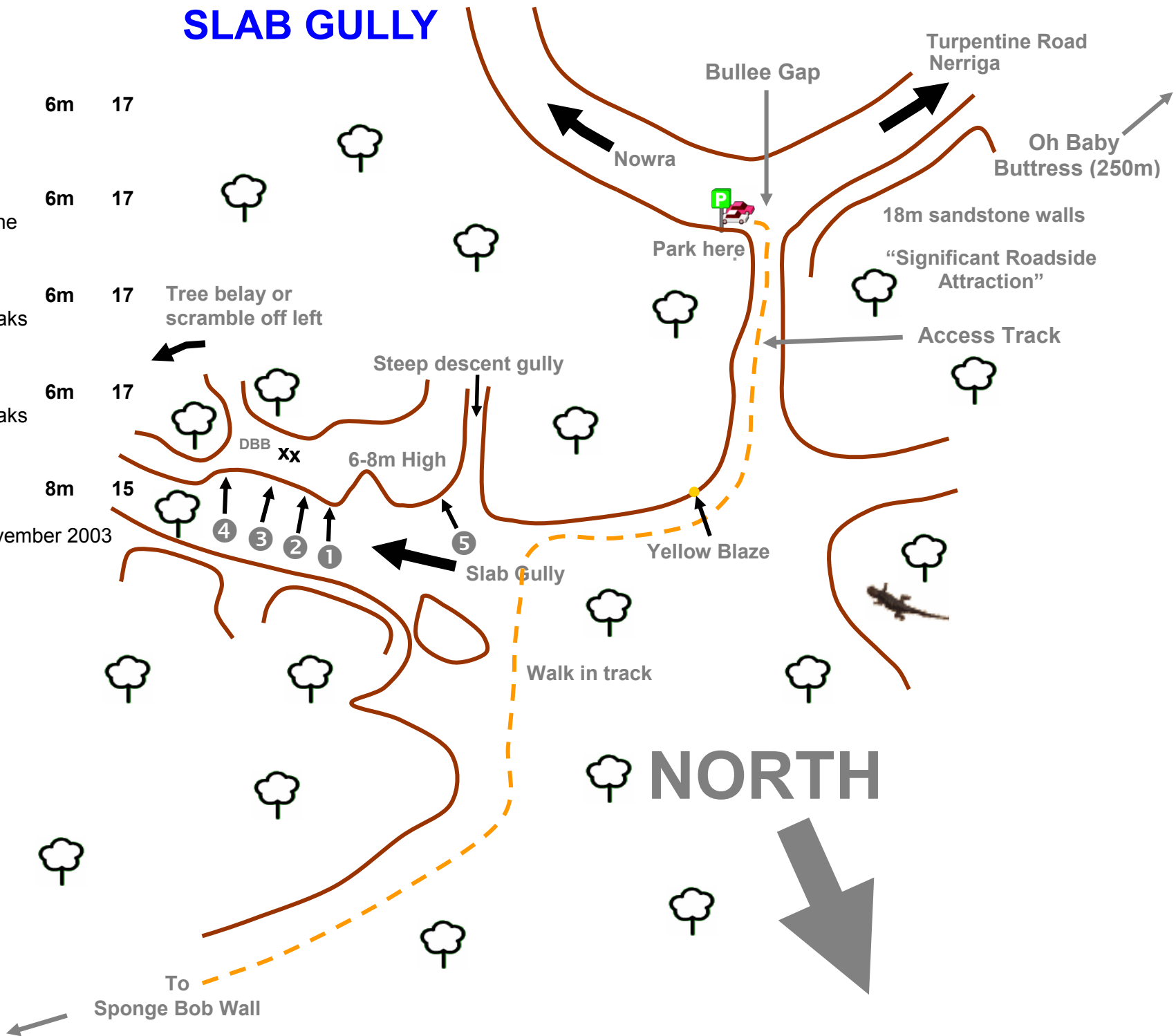
1 ☺ **Unknown**  
3 FHs up arête  
Pre 98

2 **Unknown**  
3 FHs up slopy crack line  
Pre 98

3 **Unknown**  
3 FHs, steep face to breaks  
Pre 98

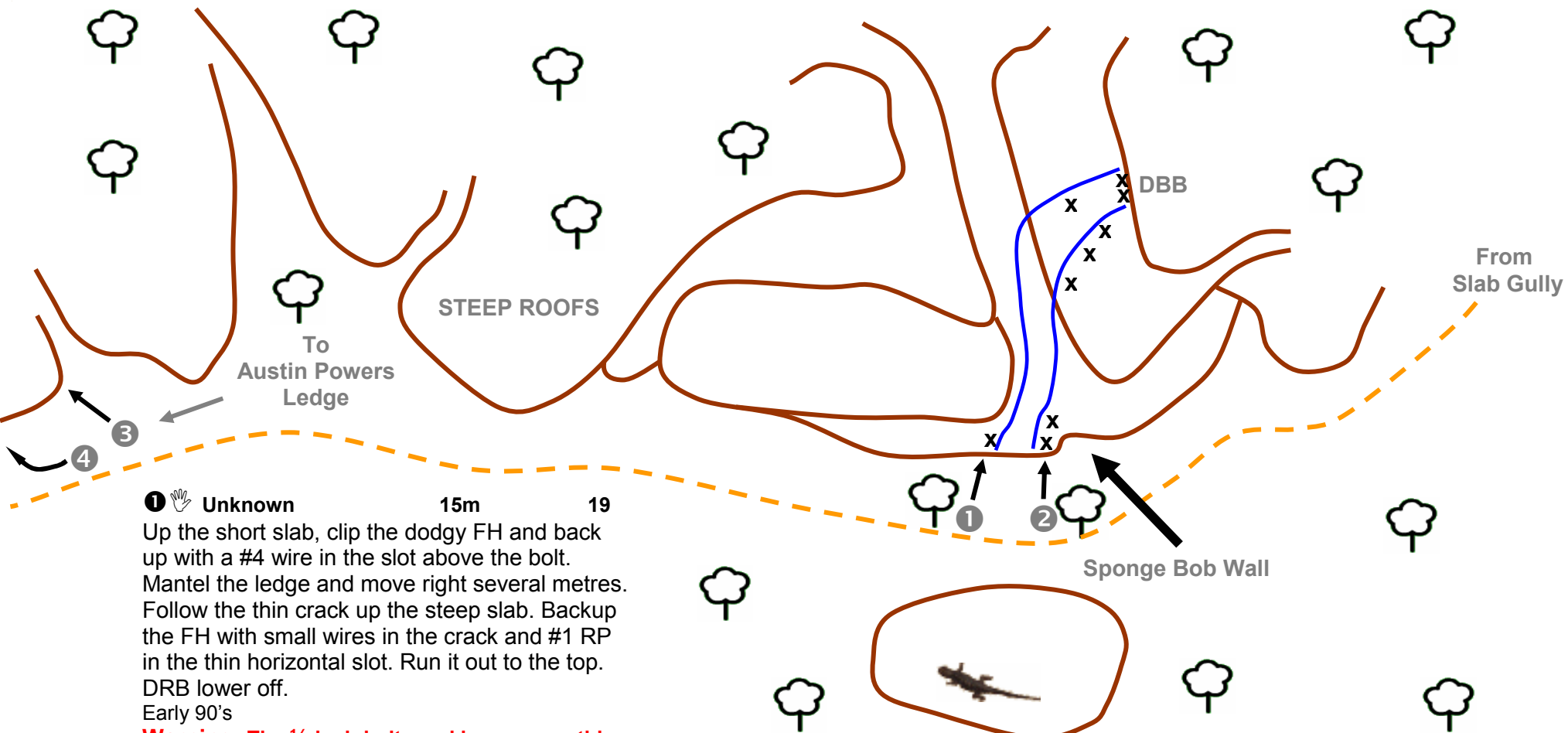
4 **Unknown**  
4 FHs, steep face to breaks  
Pre 98

5 **Yellow 22**  
Corner crack  
Dave Cameron Solo November 2003





# SPONGE BOB WALL



**1** Unknown 15m 19  
 Up the short slab, clip the dodgy FH and back up with a #4 wire in the slot above the bolt. Mantel the ledge and move right several metres. Follow the thin crack up the steep slab. Backup the FH with small wires in the crack and #1 RP in the thin horizontal slot. Run it out to the top. DRB lower off.  
 Early 90's

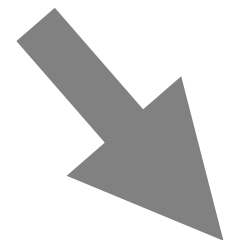
**Warning: The 1/4 inch bolts and hangers on this climb are in poor condition, back up with wires.**

**2** Dust Brothers 15m 20  
 Up the short slab, clip FH and pull onto ledge using good crimps. Cruise up the dusty slab using the pebbles whilst passing a few FHs on the way. DRB lower off.  
 Gavin Oliver 2002

**3** One Man's Thumb 11m 19  
 Around corner 50m left of Sponge Bob Wall, follow nice line of bolts.  
 Kevin Van Tilburg 1 April 2005

**4** The Off Ramp 18m 18  
 Wander up the ramp, arrange pro at the base of the off-width. Head on up using all your big stuff, cams, tubes and Big Bros – you will be scared. Good on you boys, climb wide with pride.  
 Keith Bell & John Wilson 9 November 2003

NORTH



# AUSTIN POWERS LEDGE

**1 Cletus the Slack-Jawed Yokel**

18 18m.

Start at left of buttness. Climb through huecos passing 7 bolts on the way to the chains.

Gavin Oliver 2004

**2 Mr. Creosote and the Fat Bastard do Dinner**

15m 15

Start as BBATAKDTG, traverse left and up the ramp to the horizontal break. Use small wires in hidden slot to protect move onto ramp. Follow crack up and right to the top. A DBB is hidden around the left of the summit block.

Dave Pitchford & Gary Ewart 9 November 2003

**3 Blubber Boy and the Adipose Kid throw down the Gauntlet**

15m 15

Start behind large tree, follow the crack up to tree and sling for pro. Reach right onto the face for a jug and head up the right leaning crack line to the top. 3½ cam or large hex required for initial crack.

Dave Pitchford & Gary Ewart 9 November 2003

**4 Shagadelic Fembots**

15m 22

Pull onto the steep wall and clip bolt, trend right following 4 more bolts to DBB.

Rick Carey & Dave Cameron October 2003

**5 Where's my Mojo**

15m 20

Pull onto the steep wall and clip bolt, trend right following 5 more bolts to DBB.

Rick Carey & Dave Cameron October 2003

**6 Welcome to my Evil Lair**

15m 19

Head up wall on good crimps past 6 bolts.

Dave Cameron & Rick Carey October 2003

**7 Frau Farbissina demands discipline**

15m 21

A couple of thin moves mid height. 5 bolts.

Dave Cameron & Rick Carey October 2003

To Wig & Pen Slab

Move around the right hand end of the wall and scramble up on the large boulder.

**8 Toby**

8m 25

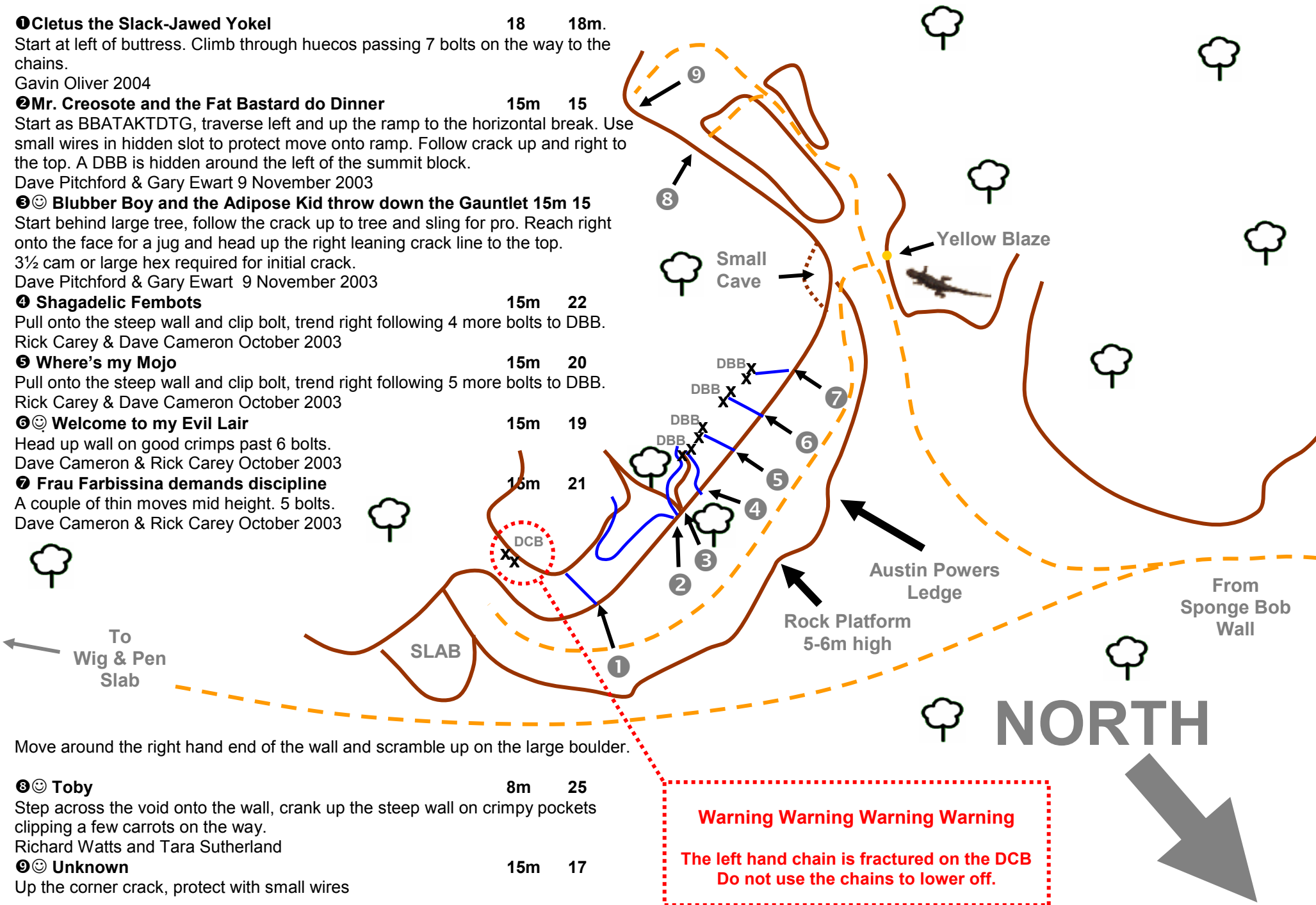
Step across the void onto the wall, crank up the steep wall on crimp pockets clipping a few carrots on the way.

Richard Watts and Tara Sutherland

**9 Unknown**

15m 17

Up the corner crack, protect with small wires



**Warning Warning Warning Warning**  
 The left hand chain is fractured on the DCB  
 Do not use the chains to lower off.

# WIG & PEN SLAB

**1** 🙌🙌🙌 **Kiandra makes me Fearless** 20m 19

Step up onto small flake and follow the fused crack line up the slab (crux). Protect by hooking nut tool in small pocket at 5m. Move up and right under small rooflet. Traverse back left a few metres and follow easy crack line to top.  
Dave Cameron & Adam Steer 25 October 2003

**2** 😊😊 **The Tool** 13m 19

5m left of Kiandra Makes Me Fearless. Slab your way up bulgy, pebbled wall, watch out for popping pebbles.  
Ken McKeon 3 April 2005

**3** 😊 **Cindy's Rack** 12m 17

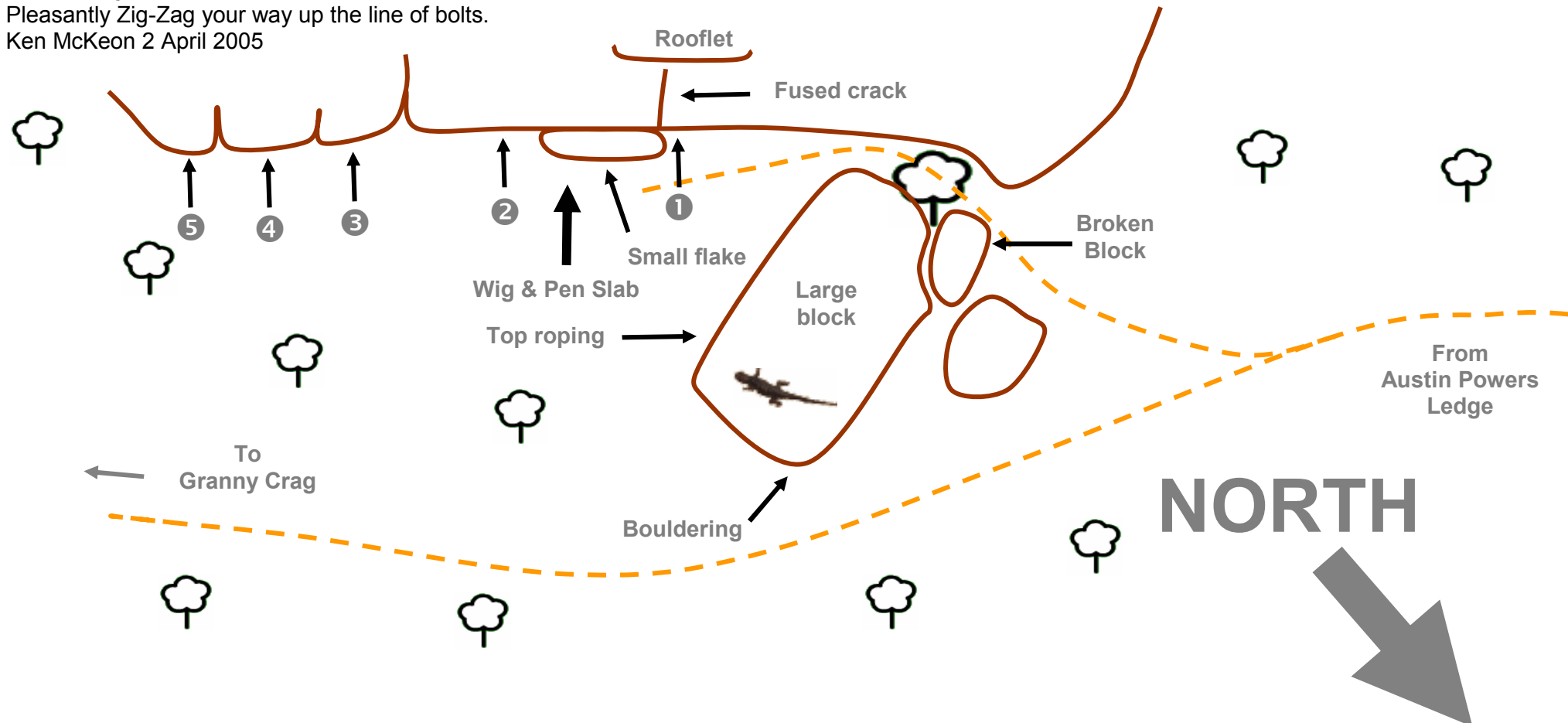
Pleasantly Zig-Zag your way up the line of bolts.  
Ken McKeon 2 April 2005

**4** **Zombie Bums of Uranus** 11m 15

What were these guys drinking when they climbed this?  
Rod Wills 2 April 2005

**5** **Ding Dong the Pope is Dead** 10m 14

Ratzinger Rules.  
Rod Wills 3 April 2005



# GRANNY CRAG

Continue along the cliff line another 100m or so, as the gully closes in, a ledge with a small overhung cave will become visible on your right. Scramble up the ledge at the left hand edge, 2 short steep routes await you, bring a few bolt plates.

**① Spaniard on a Moped**                      8m    26

Steep wall to unusual finish. 4 bolts to chain anchor.

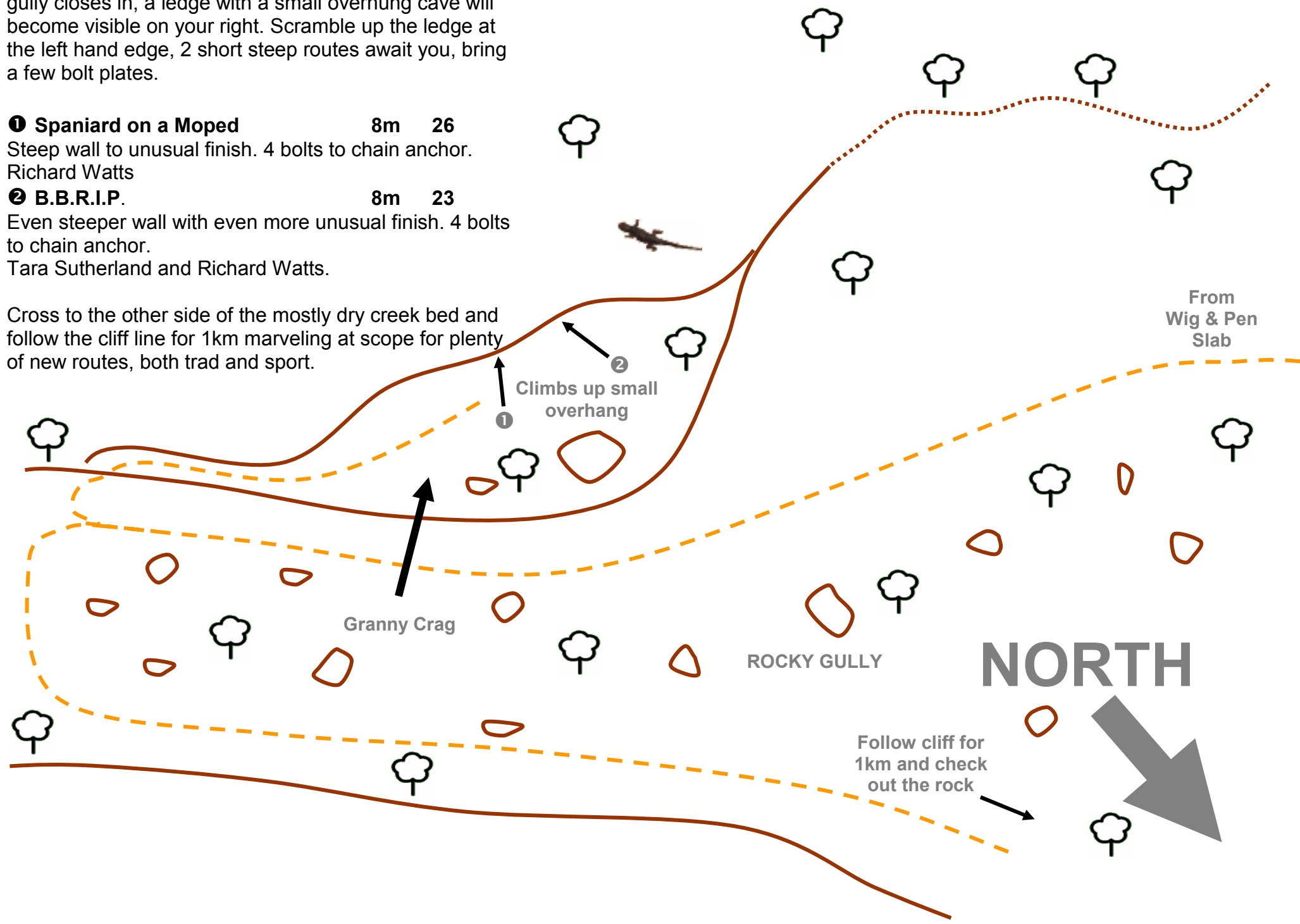
Richard Watts

**② B.B.R.I.P.**                                      8m    23

Even steeper wall with even more unusual finish. 4 bolts to chain anchor.

Tara Sutherland and Richard Watts.

Cross to the other side of the mostly dry creek bed and follow the cliff line for 1km marveling at scope for plenty of new routes, both trad and sport.



From  
Wig & Pen  
Slab

① Climbs up small  
overhang

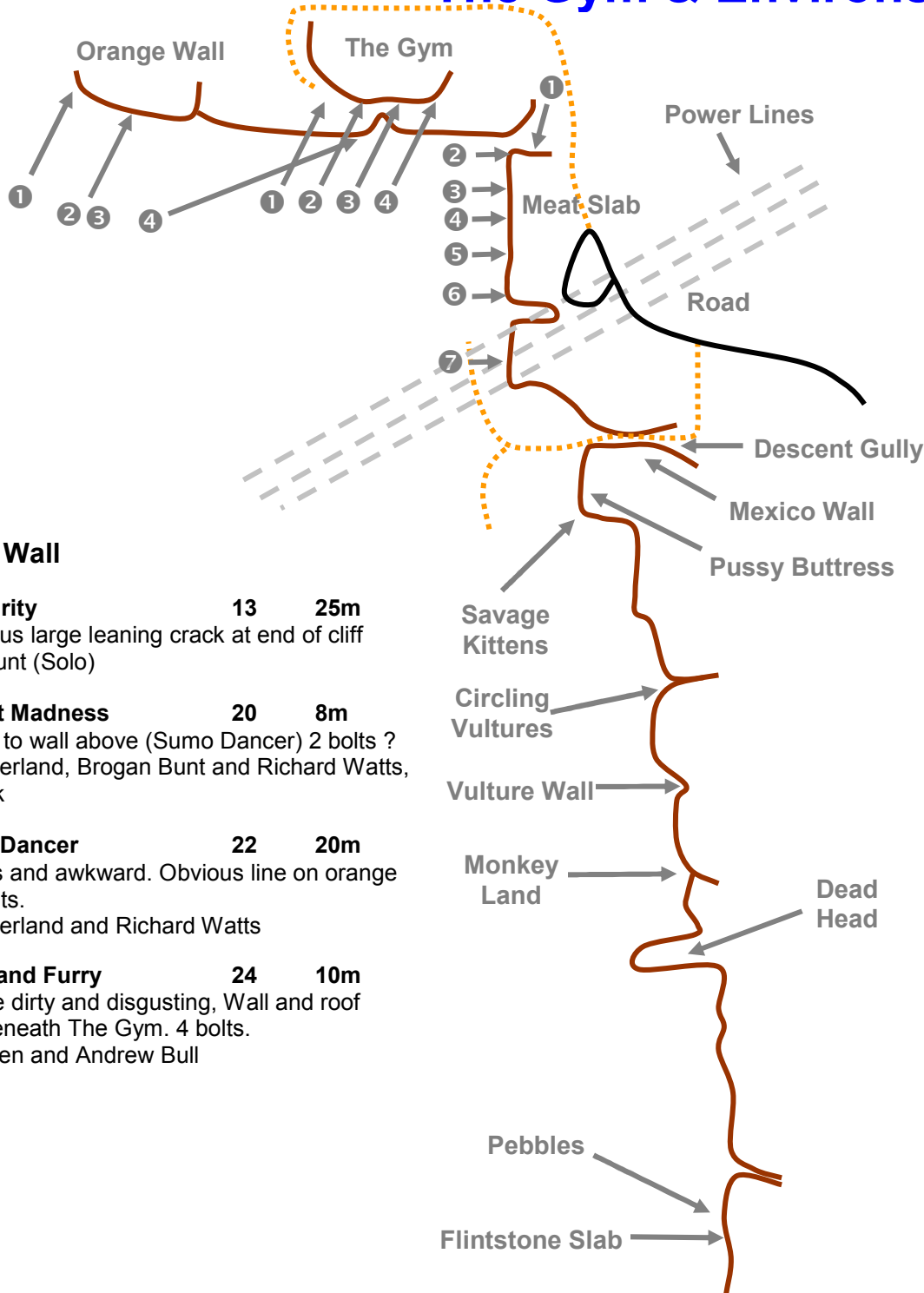
Granny Crag

ROCKY GULLY

**NORTH**

Follow cliff for  
1km and check  
out the rock

# The Gym & Environs



## Orange Wall

- 1 Obscurity**                      13      25m  
 The obvious large leaning crack at end of cliff  
 Brogan Bunt (Solo)
- 2 Midget Madness**                20      8m  
 Approach to wall above (Sumo Dancer) 2 bolts ?  
 Tara Sutherland, Brogan Bunt and Richard Watts,  
 Mike Peck
- 3 Sumo Dancer**                      22      20m  
 Strenuous and awkward. Obvious line on orange  
 wall. 8 bolts.  
 Tara Sutherland and Richard Watts
- 4 Black and Furry**                24      10m  
 Desperate dirty and disgusting, Wall and roof  
 directly beneath The Gym. 4 bolts.  
 Tony Barten and Andrew Bull

## The Gym

Superb 45 degree overhanging wall. Best approached from top track

- 1 😊😊😊😊 Send it Jimmy**    24      12m  
 Absolute classic. 5 bolts.  
 Andrew Bull
- 2 😊😊😊 Boogie Chillin'**    26      12m  
 Hard roof to sustained overhanging wall. 5 bolts, take a thread for  
 between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bolts.  
 Tony Barten
- 3 😊😊😊😊 I Must Be D**    26      12m  
 Excellent. Climb flakes and edges past 5 bolts.  
 Tony Barten
- 4 😊😊😊 Leavin' Tokyo**    25      12m  
 A steep arête with a hard finish  
 Andrew Bull

## Meat Slab

Directly beneath top clearing

- 1 Unknown**    ??      ??m  
 Ring bolts up wall
- 2 Istanbul**    21      10m  
 First route done on the crag. Start at the left hand end of the wall at  
 a bolt belay. Up to horizontal break (friend), then roof and wall past  
 four more bolts.  
 Andrew Bull and Tony Barten
- 3 😊T-Bone, Trotter and Shank**    22      20m  
 Classic. Up wall passing #1.5 Friend in the break. Technically  
 through bulge (bolt) and #2 Friend higher up.  
 Mike Peck and John Stone
- 4 😊Great Ways with Steak and Chops**    21      20m  
 Another great wall climb (well protected). #2 Friend in break. Tricky  
 moves through bulge (bolts) with #1 Friend higher up.  
 Mike Peck, Peter Mills, Tara Sutherland
- 5 😊😊Chump Chops**    23      20m  
 Sustained, the classic of the wall. 5 rings and a #2 Friend.  
 Mike Pack, John Stone, Tony Hunter
- 6 😊😊Hot Chili Beef**    27/28      20m  
 Thin and powerful. 6 rings and #3 Friend. Lower off last bolt.  
 Tony Barten and Andrew Bull
- 7 Unknown**    ??      ??m  
 Carrots up wall

## Mexico Wall

Left side of descent gully. Great warm ups.

### ① 😊 Gringo 20 8m

Straight up the wall. 3 bolts and chain.  
Brogan Bunt.

### ② 😊 Wetback 18 9m

Hueco and sand special. 3 bolts and chain.  
Brogan Bunt and Andrew Bull.

## Pussy Buttress

Around the corner from Mexico Wall. Cross to ledge from horizontal tree near bottom of descent gully.

### ① Kitty Litter 19 20m

Weird balancey climbing up the blunt arête 5m left of Savage Kittens. 5 bolts.  
Paul Daniels and Mike Peck May 92.

### ② 😊 Savage Kittens 21 20m

The pumpy arête with 7 bolts. Good climbing in excellent position.  
Richard Watts and Brogan Bunt.

### ③ 😊 Steakout 23 8m

Takes the short and very steep wall around the corner from Savage Kittens. 3 bolts.  
Andrew Bull.

### ④ Unknown ?? ??m

Chipfest

## Vulture Wall

Fantastic steep orange wall 200 metres beyond Pussy Buttress

### ① 😊😊😊 Circling Vultures 24 22m

Excellent and sustained. Up wall past 2 bolts or via easy crack to stance under roof. Pull through roof and past cave. Up rightwards and finishing left, passing 4 bolts and fixed wire along the way.  
Mike Peck

### ② 😊😊😊 Desire for Dead Meat 26 22m

A fantastic pitch. Up tricky wall past 2 bolts to a good ledge, slap and dyno past 5 ring bolts.  
Andrew Bull.

### ③ 😊😊😊 Steakout 25 25m

Start as for DFDM then move right and up past huge huecos to roof. Powerful moves lead to sustained wall. 8 ring bolts. Double ring belay.  
Tony Barten.

**3 Unknown bolted routes are located on Vulture Wall, they look good.**

## Flintstone Slab

Surprisingly good slab climbing – can't miss it.

### ① Barney Rubble 18 20m

Left most line. Bolts and tree belay.  
Mike Peck and Pat Cotter.

### ② 😊 Animal Appliances 20 20m

Follow line of bolts up the middle of the wall. Continuously interesting, crux at the very top.  
Brogan Bunt, Tony Barten.

### ③ 😊 Pebbles 20 20m

Get it before it gets harder. Trust those pebbles, clip those bolts.  
Pat Cotter, Tony Barten.

## Dead Head

60 metres or so beyond Vulture Wall

### ① 😊😊 Monkey Land 23 15m

Hard wall to even harder roof. 5 bolts and a fixed thread.  
Mike Peck

### ② 😊 Viva Contreros 19 15m

The sneaky way up. Start around the corner right, then upward traverse to ledge. Novelty crux move follows, then up rotting huecos above. 6 bolts and chain.  
Brogan Bunt and Andrew Dunbar.

### ③ Arseholes 20 15m

Straight up the wall where Viva Contreros starts. Bolts and a chain.  
Pat Cotter and Mike Peck.

Keep walking a bit.

### ④ 🖐️🖐️🖐️ Wrong Bet 23 15m

Up the thin slab to a classic arête and bulge. 4 bolts and a double ring belay. Death falls getting up the slab.  
Andrew Bull