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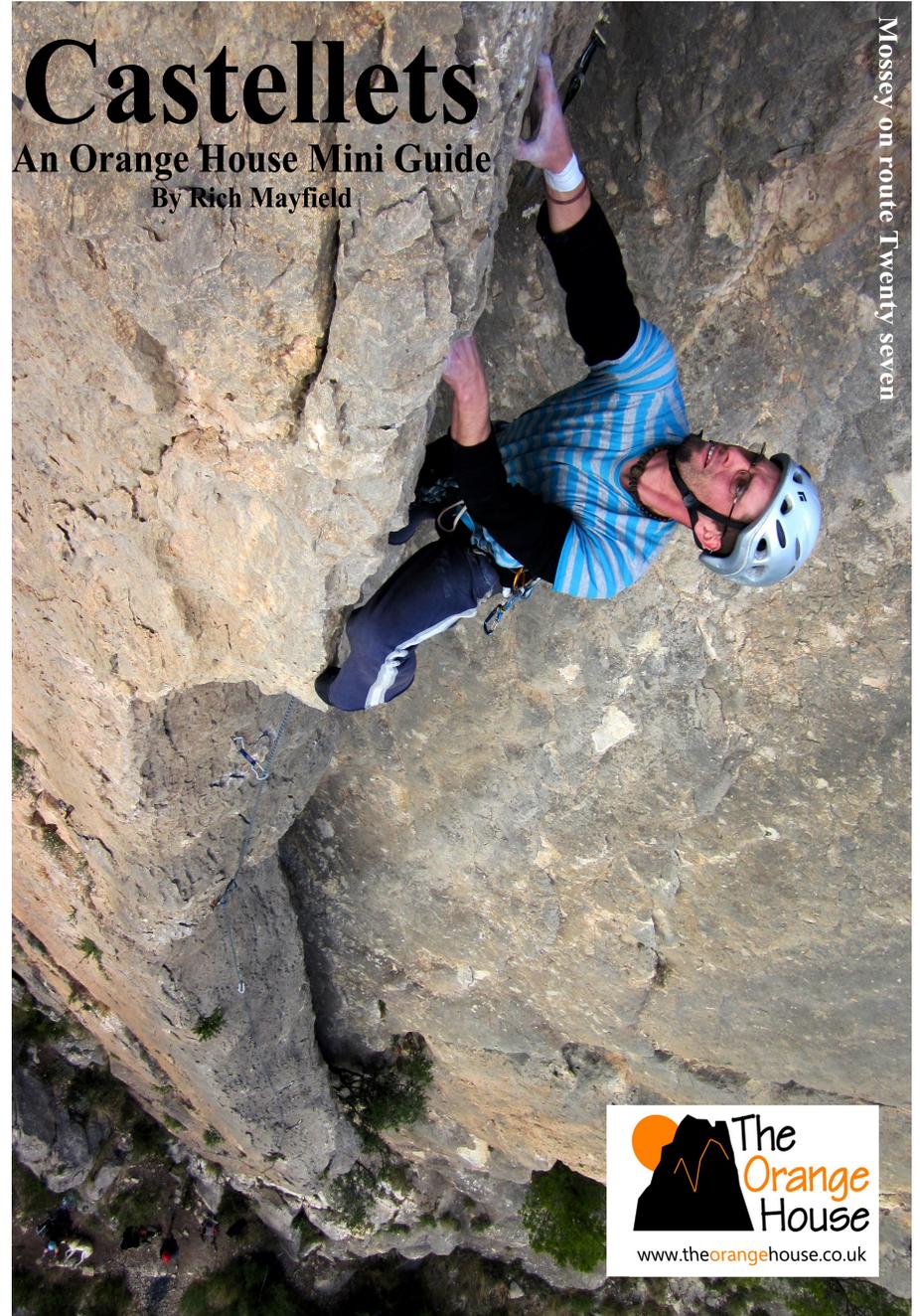
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# Castelletts

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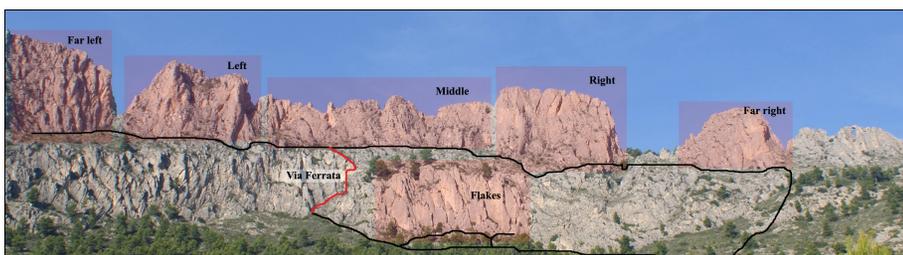
Mossey on route Twenty seven



## Castellets

Laying only 8km from the house, on single track tarmac roads this is one of our closest crags. Leave TOH turn left to the round about, left again to the top of the hill in village, turn right to the main cross roads (bar El Canonet) where you turn left up the hill for 5.1 km until you reach a large fork in the road. Turn right at this junction. Then continue for 1.4km, staying right at the junction, shortly after the tarmac finishes. Follow the dirt road for 600m until a barrier with Sacarest written on it blocks the road. Park here, but take care not to obstruct the road.

At the barrier the road becomes tarmac again follow this for 100m and a rough path on the left, follow this path to the base of the crag 300m and slightly up hill allow about 15 minute walk.

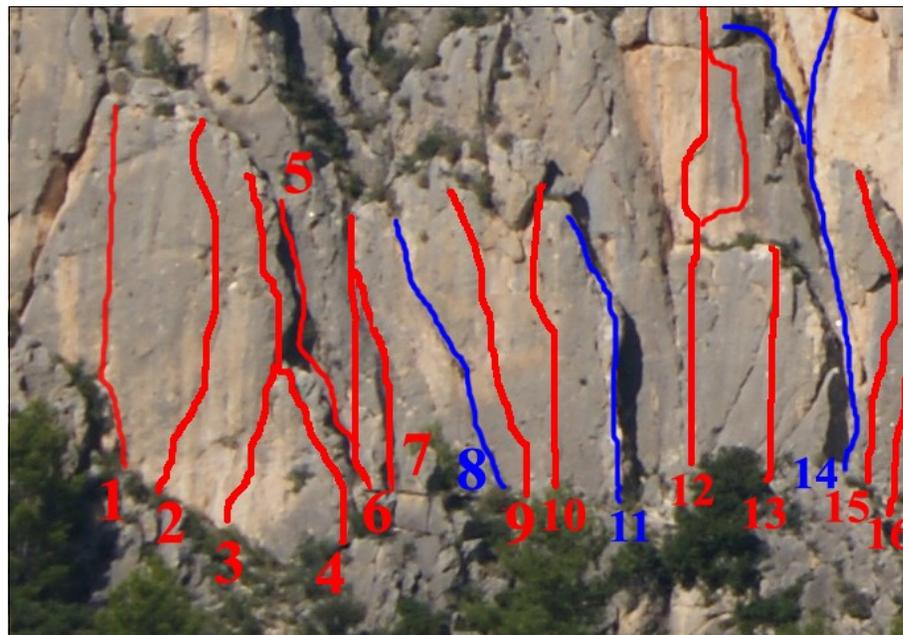


The cliffs face south east and so get all the sun that is going, it can get very hot here and there is not much shade. The first and most developed section is the flakes.

Dan Ely lowering off route 19 with the Puig Camapana in the back ground.



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Traditionally protected lines are shown in blue. Routes shown with a “?” have unconfirmed grades. Routes are described right to left.

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|---|---|--------|
| 1 | Maysa   | 6b     |
|   | Good thin crack and face climbing.                  |        |
| 2 | Lua   | 7a /b? |
|   | Straight up the face with a project on the left.    |        |
| 3 | Try   | 6a+    |
|   | A steep start leads to the arete and easier ground. |        |
| 4 | Petwar  | 6a     |
|   | Climb the arete.                                    |        |

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5 Pimp 5  
Climb the chimney, watch out for snakes!

6 Sex 6a  
The Arte and slab above.

7 Yot 5  
The groove just to the right goes easily.

8 Out Trad line

9 Debet ?  
Thins wall which steepens near the top.

10 Dah 6b  
Thin climbing and tricky past the 4<sup>th</sup> bolt.

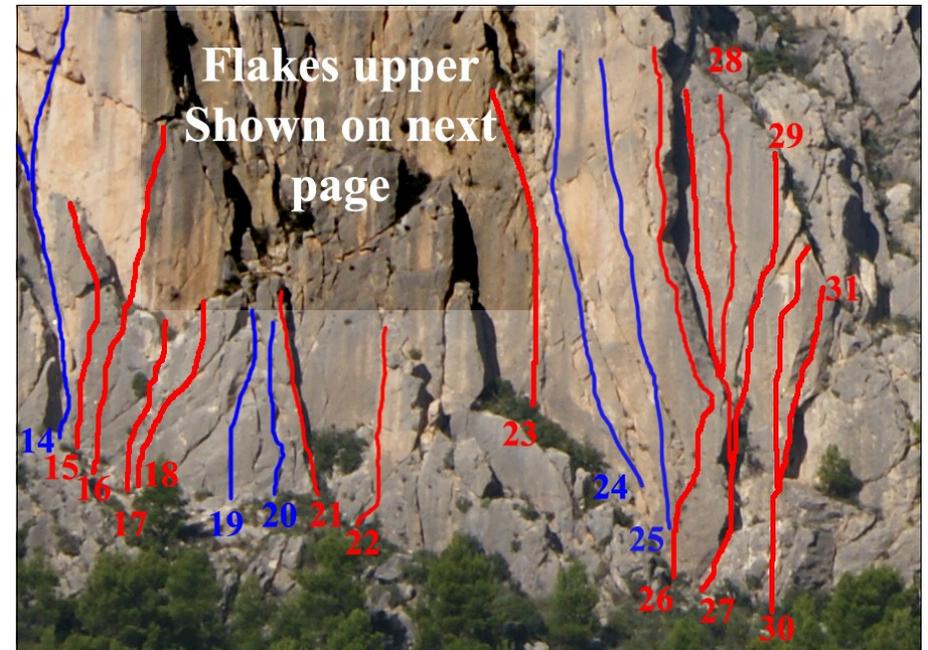
11 Elf 4 Trad line  
Up the very fragile arete past two pegs near the top.

12 Zwolf 6a+. 6c+.  
1<sup>st</sup> pitch. Up the slab and groove to a ledge, and double bolt lower off  
2<sup>nd</sup> pitch. Into the corner make a hard move on prickly rock to an undercut, crux move is a little higher. May become easier once the prickles wear off.  
2<sup>nd</sup> variation pitch. Follow the line of bolts on the right. Grade unknown

It is possible to climb the slanting crack at 5+/6a, that links routes 12 & 13. Lower off on route 13.

13 Dreizehn 6b  
Good thin face climbing.

14 Quatorze 5+ Trad line  
Up the fragile corner to a poorly positioned lower off, best to ab down.



15 Hamabost 6b  
Good thin face climbing to the small roof which is easily past on good holds..

16 Hamasei 6b. 7b.  
1<sup>st</sup> pitch. The nice grey wall which goes well on positive holds.  
2<sup>nd</sup> pitch. Strenuous and balance y moves. Very good.

17 Hamazazie 3+  
Easy climbing up the groove y corner, an access pitch for the upper tier.

18 Hemezortzi 5+  
Easy slab climbing to a difficult section which is short lived.

19 Hemeretzi 4 Trad line  
Tricky moves to start but soon eases.

20 Hogeï 3 Trad line  
An easy and well protectable route.

21 Ishirini moya 6a  
A great little arete where the use of heel or toe hooking may prove useful.

22 Tjue to 6c  
The short and technical arete on the block. The lower off is very suspect loose block, take care when lowering.

23 Kaksikymmenta kolmn 6b  
A nice face climb starting from the higher ledge.

24 Merinlelogun Trad lines  
Various trad lines with some bolts and pegs. Lower offs.

25 Medogbon Trad lines  
Various trad lines with some bolts and pegs. Lower offs.

26 Tjue sekx 6a+  
Climb the short steep wall to the lower off at 12m. Or continue up the narrow slab passing two small over laps. Caution 33m route.



27 Twenty seven 5  
The chimney, with spaced bolts and a badly positioned lower off. Good moves at the top but not really worth the effort. Caution 35m route.

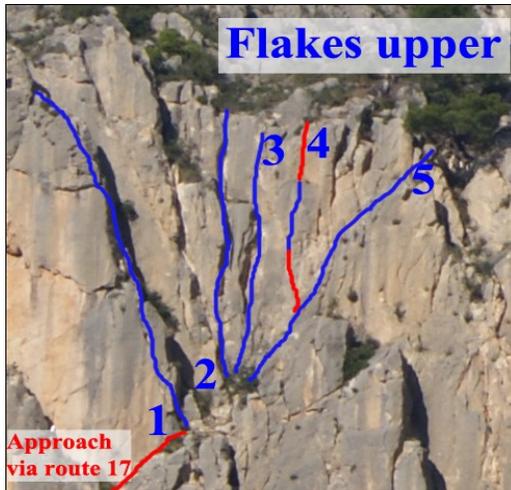
28 Ashirin da takwas 6a+/b  
Half way up the chimney until a line of very loose flakes leads up the wall.

29 Vingt neuf 6a Trad ish  
Again up the chimney just after the olive tree head up the crack without reaching right to clip the bolts on the previous route.

30 Kolmekymmenta 6c  
Good upper half which is thin and technical.

31 Tretti en 7a  
A scrappy start and corner leads to a steep wall and better climbing.





Access is via the sport route 17 with an insitue rope to a ledge and another insitue rope on the ledge. This ledge is full of stones so take great care not to knock rocks off onto parties below you. Most routes will require traditional protection, but all have lower offs. Descent from route 1 & 4 is best to abseil off directly below the face to the floor or ledges.

1 одно 6a Trad line

A great route up the pilar, leave the ledges on the ledge and lunch up the crack on good holds and protection. The upper half eases but is still very good climbing. Lower off down the face directly below.

2 Twee 5 Trad line

The shallow groove, with some bolts near the top. Lower off.

3 τρία 5 Trad line

The lay back corner, with some bolts near the top. Lower off

4 Négy 6a Sport with trad

Climb the rightward slanting line until it is possible to clip three bolts, toward a crack line with good protection, ledge and lower off. Chipped but still a nice route

5 Pět 2 Trad line

Climb the rightward slanting gully on fragile rock.