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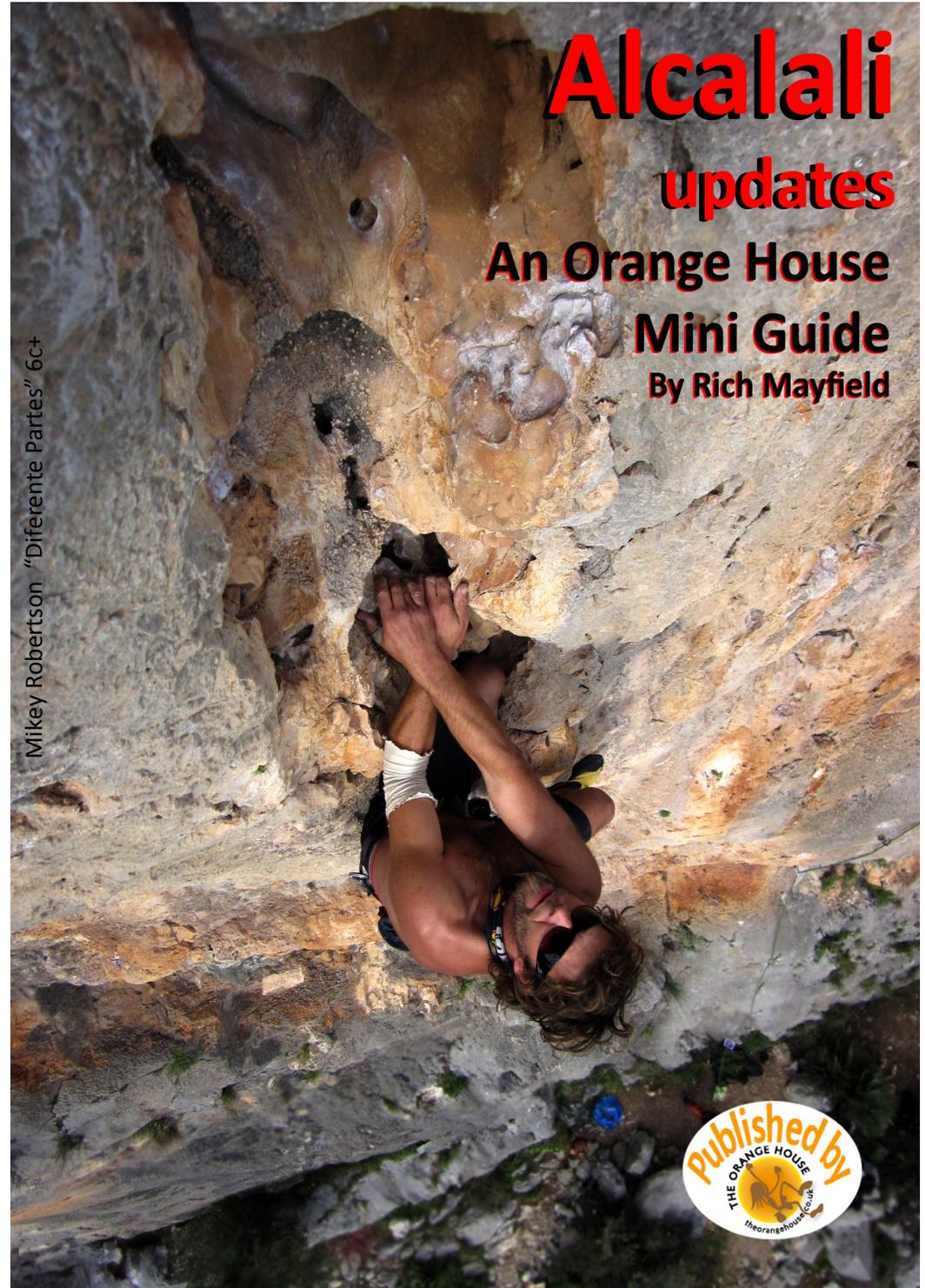
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Alcalali updates

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MIKEY ROBERTSON "Diferente Partes" 6C+



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Approach by Car

From the A7 motorway take junction 63 (Benissa, just North of Calpe). Take the first exit off the slip road into Benissa. Go straight at the first roundabout and left at the second, signed to Senija on the CV 745. Go through Senija and the following village LLiber. The next Village is Jalon, go straight over two roundabouts, and over a small bridge as you leave the village. The next village is Alcalali. At the first junction turn left , after 100m turn right on to the CV 750. After 800m a large car park appears on the inside of a sharp right-hand bend in the road. Best to park here, and walk 200m further down the road the crag which is on the right just above the road.

GPS: 38 45 16 24 N 0 02 59 09W Elevation 270m



Mikey Robertson on "Diferente Partes 6c" & Martin on "Akram the terrible 6c+"

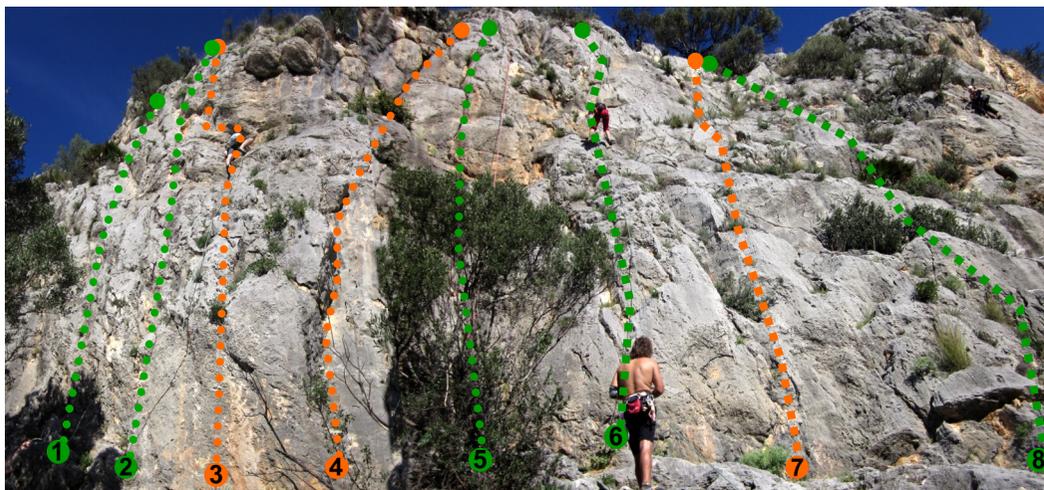
Aspect

The crag sits 30m above the road and faces south, getting all the sun going. It can get very hot here (it can be too hot) so makes a good venue for cooler days. Its proximity to the road and parking, low altitude and high quality routes makes this crag very popular. Routes from 4 to 7b.

Restrictions

There have been some access issues here with one of the local residents. A large green fence has been erected at the right side of the crag marking the restricted area. There is also a bird restriction within this area. The rest of the crag remains unaffected.

Starting on the far left side of the crag at the highest point.



1 Bull Tucker Trail 5

The route furthest to the left, which follows some groovy rock.

FA Pete Eccles Jan 2010

2 Synnove 5

Direct climbing with the odd sneaky side pull. Interesting and technical for the grade.

FA Pete Eccles Dec 2009

3 Lilla wine 6a

Tricky moving left and shares a lower off with the previous route.

FA Pete Eccles Sept 2010

4 Recessed slab & crack 6a

Up the groove, bridge if you have long legs. Then climb the big crack exiting right to a chain lower off.

FA Pete Eccles Sept 2010

5 Hola Patricia 5+

Easy climbing leads to a steeper wall, where long reaches gain big holds. High in the grade and harder for the short!

FA Pete Eccles Sept 2010

6 Gilberts hammer 5

Climbs the broken rib to a steeper finish.

FA Pete Eccles Jan 2010

7 Mono Slabic 6a

Easy climbing leads to a short lived but good slab near the top. Shares a lower off with Mono Slabic

FA Pete Eccles 2010

8 Hedge hog 5

A long pitch with some good climbing, be careful when lowering.

FA Pete Eccles



1 Hogswatch 5+

Climb between two trees, and a groove with some fragile flakes follow these to steeper rock.

FA Richard Davies Dec 2008

2 Hog father 5+

Climb the scoop to the tree on the left, then the groove to an over-ap. The best route of the three on this wall.

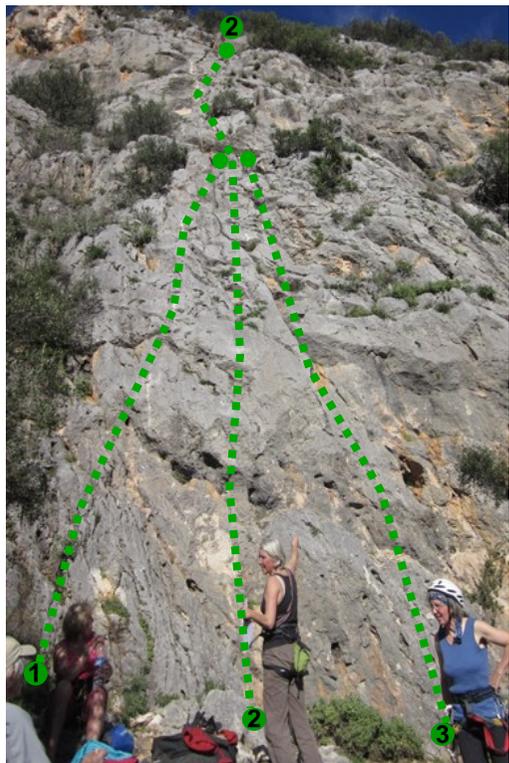
FA Richard Davies Dec 2007

3 Tasha Mitica 4

Start in the same scoop as the Hog father, but keep right all the way to the lower off just below the red cave.



Linda Roberts climbing, "Gilberts hammer"
A few days after Christmas day 2011.



1 **Primero** 3+

A short line up the left side of the small buttress.

FA Pete Eccles and Pat Booth July 2001

2 **Ainee** 4

A much longer route with the crux near the bottom. Can be done in one or two pitches, this is a good route to introduce people to multi-pitch climbing.

FA Unknown

3 **Beginners Rib** 4

An easy but fine line on the right of the buttress.

FA Unknown

4 **Spare rib** 4+

Just around the corner of "Beginners Rib" are two really pleasant climbs.

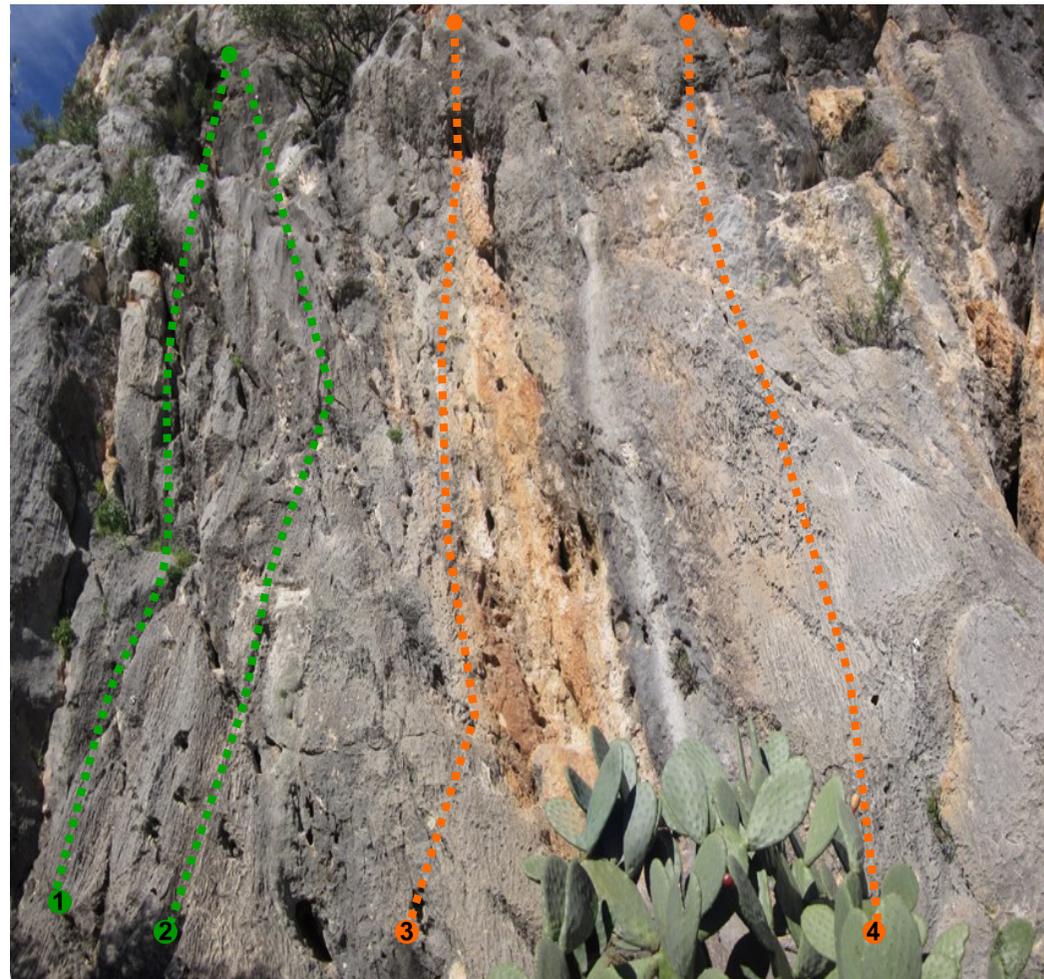
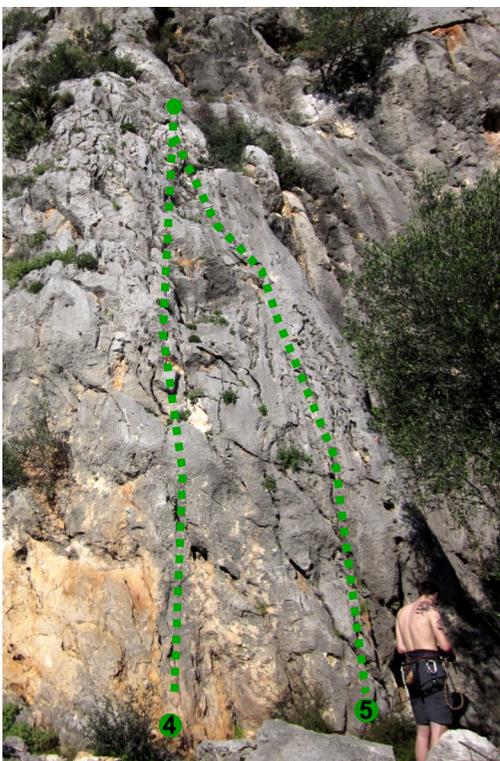
FA Pete Eccles Dec 2010

5 **Rib eye** 4

Maybe this is a carbon copy of "Sparerib" but it is still a good climb and good rock and worth doing.

FA Pete Eccles and Pat Booth Oct 2010

All five routes can be climbed using traditional gear if you are that way inclined!



1 **Cornered** 4

The corner is climbed by bridging and pulling on huge in-cut holds.

FA Pete Eccles Dec 2010

2 **Deep pockets** 4+

As the name suggests more huge holds shares a lower off with "Cornered".

FA Pete Eccles Dec 2010

3 **Stohlwitter** 6a

Up the red wall then on to a steep climax. Not a good one to top rope because the rope rubs badly near the lower off.

FA Unknown

4 **Optas** 6a+

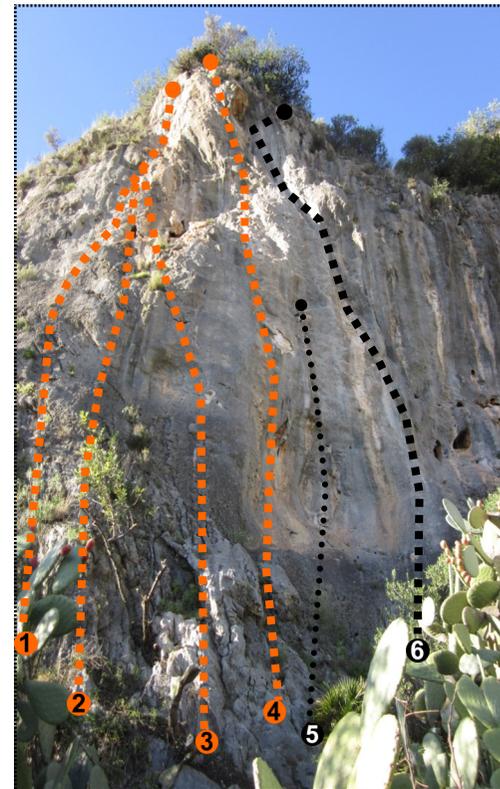
Up the grey wall to the crux at the top.

FA Unknown



- 1 Yorkshire lads** **6b**
Climb the slab to the tufa.
FA Richard Davies Mar 2006
- 2 Windle poons** **6c+**
A Brilliant line up the grey wall and tufas.
FA Richard Davies Jan 2001
- 3 Elendigliches** **6a**
Another very good route which follows a series of pockets on steep ground. Shares a lower off with "Windle poons"
- 4 No tacar los bloques** **6b**
Up the twin tufas, fragile rock near the top. Hence the name, you have been warned!
FA Alan Austin & G Rawcliff Jan 2007
- 5 Diferente Partes** **6c**
A Brilliant line with a great tufa feature and juggy finish.
FA Richard Davies April 2005

- 6 Akram the terrible** **6c+**
Thin climbing leads to good pockets but they are miles apart. Brilliant!
FA Richard Davies & Alan Austin Dec2005
- 7 Corta y duce** **6b**
Up the grey wall to a really hard move on the orange rock.
FA Alan Austin & G Rawcliff Jan 2007
- 8 La Barra** **6b+**
Pass the metal spike on the left. The orange rock provides the crux again. Moving right at the crux may prove to be easier. FA Unknown
- 9 Esolero** **6b**
Start from a block, passing the tufa and overlap. Great climbing on good holds.
FA Richard Davies Jan 2007
- 10 Tomberelo** **6b**
Another good long route on great rock.



- 1 40 Thieves** **6c**
A long route which starts up the very thin slab, just before you turn the corner.
FA Richard Davies & Al Austin Apr2006
- 2 Unknown name** **6b**
Climb the other side of the arête on sharp holds which the crux near the top. Lower off where the three lines converge. Not really independent at the top, but it does have its own bolts.
FA Unknown
- 3 Cactus climb** **6c**
A long and enjoyable route if you go all the way to the top.
FA unknown
- 4 Unknown Name** **7a**
A great long climb which is not as hard as it looks. The steep section near the top is climbed on good deep pockets. Feels very exposed.
FA Unknown
- 5 Project** **?**
A project which was never completed and quickly runs out of space to be independent.
- 6 Heaven can't wait** **7b**
One of the hard routes. Vertical climbing on weird holds, not very Spanish. Climb the rib into the hanging groove. Can get dusty and chalked holds will make it easier so do it after someone else has!
FA Rich Mayfield & Al Austin 2004



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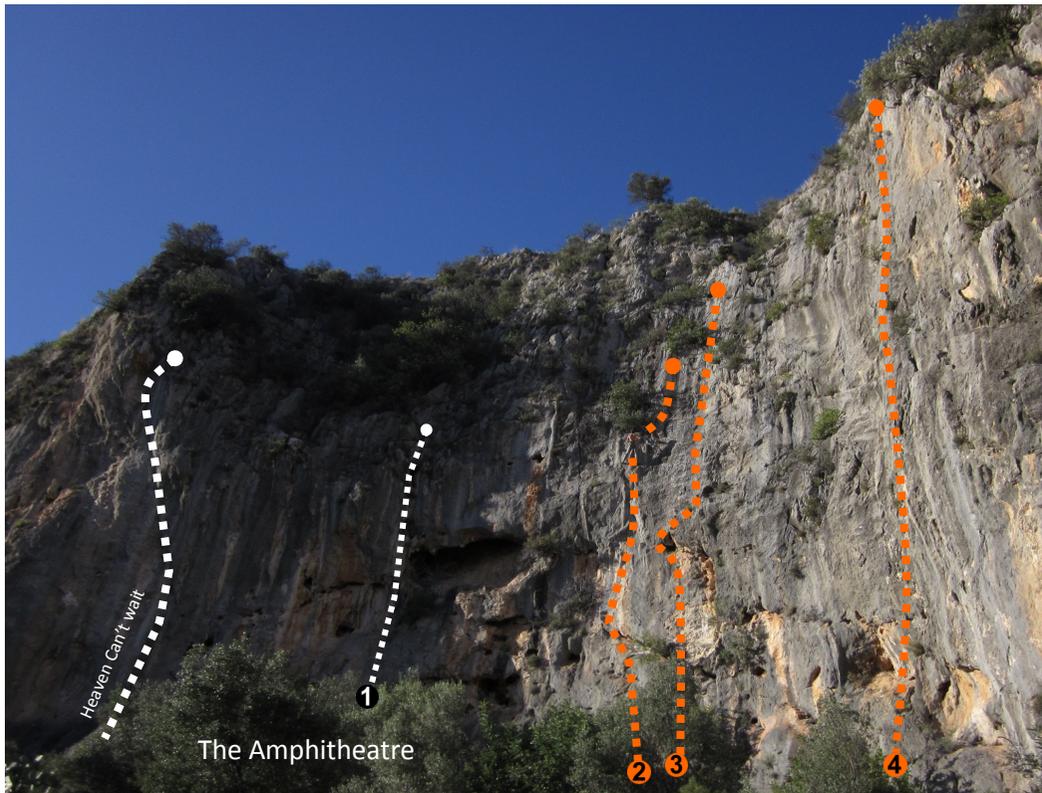
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1 Unknown 6b

A disjointed route which climbs the slab, tufa and the corner above. The rock is very fresh so be careful when pulling on the holds. There is a birds nest in the very top of the route so it might be best to avoid the line altogether.

FA Unknown 2012

2 Bushka 6c+

A good climb with some interesting tufa features, which should not provide hard climbing if you get it right! The bottom slab is easy and run-out. Can be damp.

FA Al Austin Jan 2006

3 Sodoku 6c+

Climb the slab in the tree to where the rock steepens to a small roof. Pass this by moving left on big holds. The angle eases but the holds become tiny. Belay below the vegetation. Take great care when lowering with a 60m rope, it may not be long enough!

FA Richard Davies & Al Austin Jan 2006

4 Long route 6c

To the first lower off it is 25m. The rock is fragile here so take care. To the second lower off it is 40m and 6b. It is possible to climb the whole route on a 60m by stopping to re-belay at the first lower off. FA Unkonwn



1 Tufa Route 6c+

A Sustained and long line up the tufa covered wall. Lower off just below the trees.

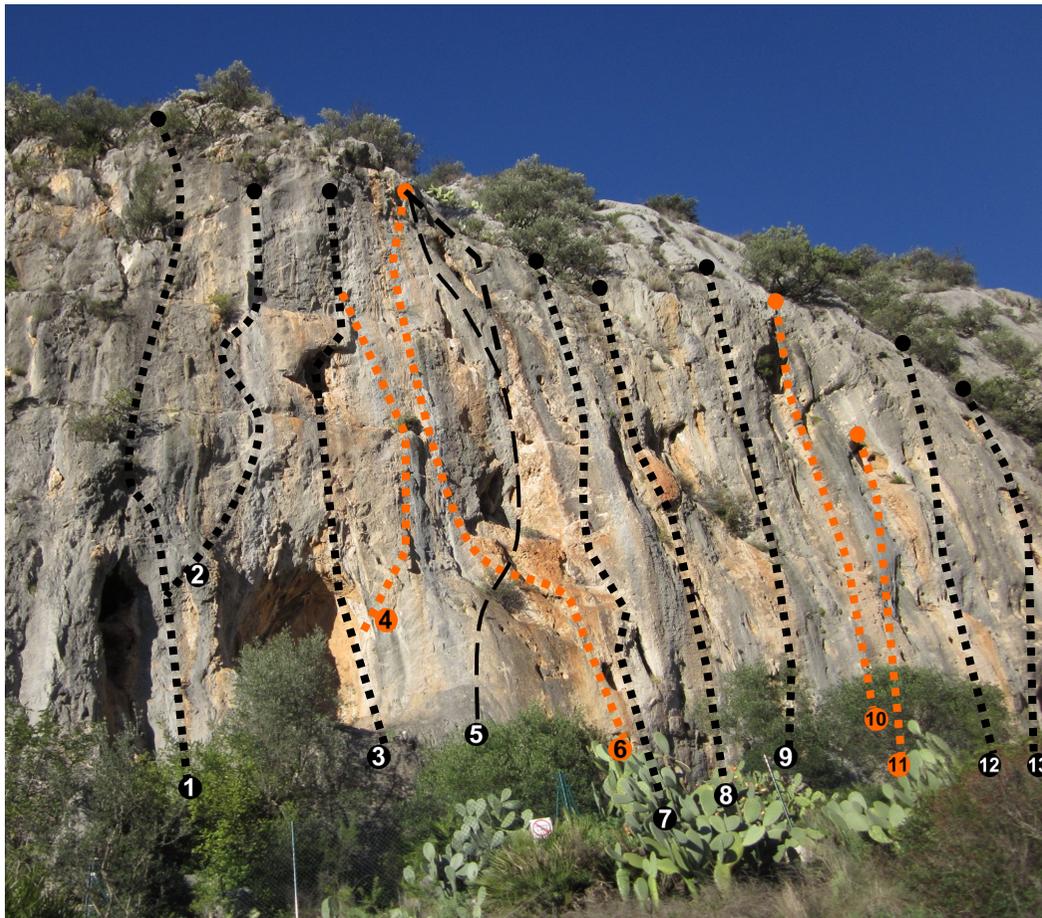
FA Al Austin 2006

2 Isaac Jr 7a

Low in the grade. Climb past the orange wall on super sloppy holds, which are very easy to fall off! The steeper ground provides much better holds and the wall above is easier.

FA Al Austine 2006

The following routes have been fenced off and climbing is no longer permitted. Included should the situation change and the wall reopen to climbers.



- 1 AA Confidential 7a**
A worthwhile route on good tufa covered rock.
FA AI Austin 2006
- 2 Cave Route 7b+**
A sustained route which shares the start with AA Confidential but has an independent finish.
FA Unknown
- 3 Hush Hush 7b+**
From the right side of the cave climb direct on tufas. Has a high crux.
FA AI Austin Jan 2006

- 4 Cara Cortado 6c/7b+**
An easier variation than Hush Hush to a shared belay. The short continuation pitch is hard and chipped.
FA Unknown
- 5 Cave Route 7b**
From the cave climb the black tufa, then rest. Crimpy and fingery!
FA Unknown
- 6 Easy climb 6b**
A much easier line to the same lower off as Cave Route. FA Unknown

- 7 Waylander 7a+**
Climb from pocket to pocket on the white wall. Exiting the last pocket is the crux. Shares a lower off with the next route.
FA Richard Davies & AI Austin Dec 2005
- 8 Hyperbolic 7a+**
Follow the leftward sloping pockets, to a groove and wall above. Crux at the bottom.
FA Richard Davies & AI Austin Mar 2006
- 9 Supa Tufa 7b**
This is a good route to break into the 7b bracket, being low in the grade. But you may have to be good with tufas to do it!
FA Unknown
- 10 Bells of Parcent 6b+**
The easiest climb on the wall but still a great route on big holds on steep rock, exposed near the top.
FA Richard Davies Dec 2005

- 11 Orange Pockets 6c**
Climb the orange pockets on the slightly leaning wall which is more difficult than expected.
FA Unknown
- 12 Dead Funny 7b+**
Crowded between the two routes either side. The route just manages to stay independent enough. A short crux section.
FA Richard Davies & AI Austin Dec 2005
- 13 Elephants truck 7a**
After a powerful start up the tufas the technical wall above is easy to fall off. Bolts removed.
FA Unknown



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