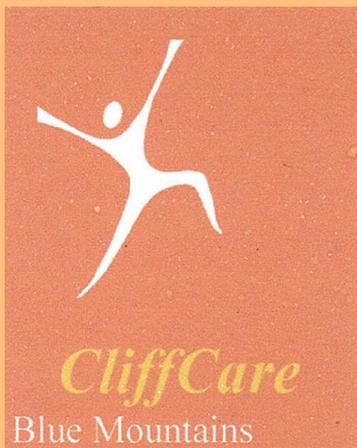
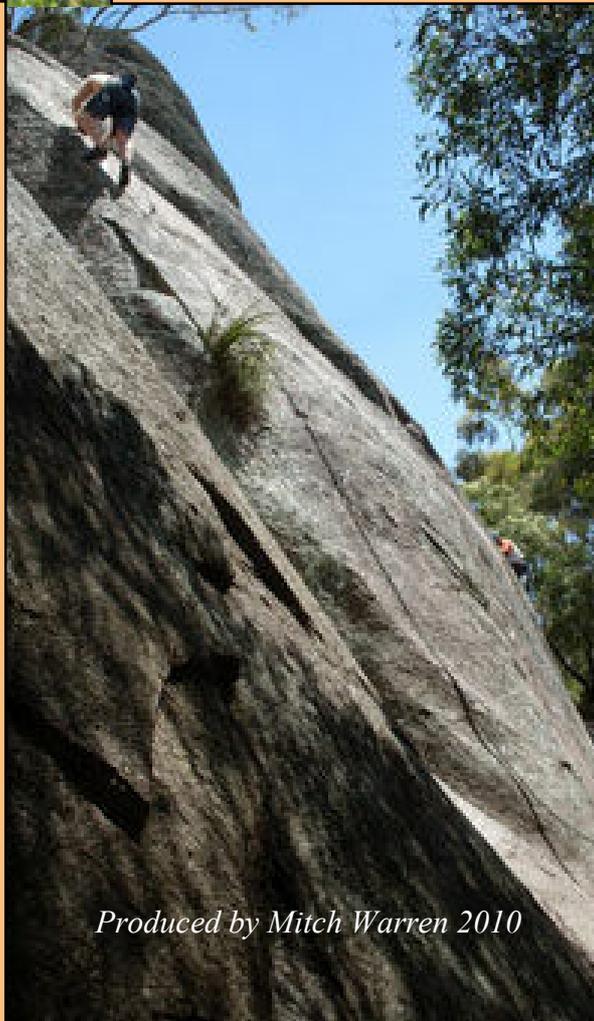


# Evans Crown Climbing



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## Evans Crown (Tarana) Climbing

The granite tors of Evan's Crown provide a fantastic alternative to the sandstone climbing predominant in Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Discovered, from a climbing point of view, by Dave Tanner and the Bathurst Climbing crew in 1971. The area has been developed in fits and starts since that time. The biggest surge in activity occurred in the mid 1970's and late 1980's. Many of the routes are without protection. The fixed protection in the area is very old, and being bash in carrots is not entirely 'trustworthy' - on the whole though, the routes are well bolted and 'hard' moves *usually* bolt protected. It's a place where strong gym climbers can fall apart totally while those not usually thought to be so bold will cruise everything and be soloing by the end of the day!

Many of Joe Friend's routes were, and are still solo's. It's great and will teach you to use and trust your feet - but it's not for the faint at heart! Take a full rack if you intend doing the earlier routes - but don't expect to be able to use much of it! The more 'modern' routes are well protected in an 'old' style sort of way - if it looks like you might be able to get some gear in then take some with you! Most of the early routes take the natural lines, many of them are solos. Some of the carrots are of varying sizes so carry a couple of wires with the nuts pushed down for the large or very small bolts.

A formal request for an anchor renewal program here has been denied so there is not much we can do about the bolts at this point in time which is a real shame as it's an important piece of our climbing heritage and the renewal of existing bolts along with well placed rap stations would do a whole lot to protect both the natural features of the area and give proper access to a great little climbing area only 45 minutes from Mt Victoria.

Most of the climbs were once marked with small white squares but these are either very faint or have been removed by well wishers! Read the guide and route descriptions carefully and look out for the chimneys, offwidths and obvious features to find out where you are. "*The whole area is messy so expect to get lost.*" was part of the description in the previous Tarana guide. With the aid of Alan Jones and countless climbing trips I have attempted to use a more logical direction in the locating of climbs. It's not a bad place to take a compass.

There is a significant amount of bouldering around the Crown too - most being down amongst the trees at the far south east end towards the river.

Evans Crown is part of Australia's climbing heritage and should both be protected from the 'nature reserve' point of view and for the respect due to those who spent both the time and the effort to give us such a unique climbing experience. It had great significance to the local aboriginal communities too. So please respect the native habitat, tread softly and leave no trace. Our right to climb here is in no way guaranteed so please take care, don't damage the rock, leave no rubbish and be polite to other users.

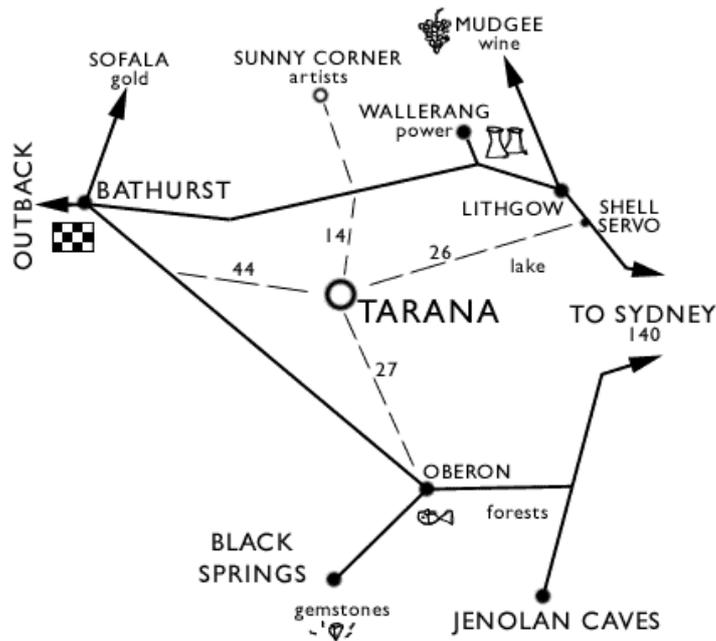
Whilst climbing is not banned in the area the renewal of old routes, the putting up of new routes, camping within the reserve and dogs are! Keep a eye out for nesting raptors (all animals in fact) and try and record where the nests are so we can give them their space. Please respect the wishes of the Land Managers (NPWS) and do the right thing to protect the limited access we enjoy. Evans Crown is a Nature Reserve, although one may be forgiven for thinking so as it is currently overrun with weeds such as Blackberry and Stinging Nettle!

### ***About an hour north west from Mt Victoria.***

From Mt Vic drive towards Lithgow and through Hartley on the Great Western Hwy. Turn left at the Service Station (Rydal Rd) at Bowenfels just before entering (south) of Lithgow. Follow this past Lake Lyell to an intersection at approximately 11km, right onto Hampton Rd and immediately left into the Sodwalls-Tarana Rd. Through Sodwalls, and on (10km) to a signposted turn (in a dip just after passing beneath the powerlines). This is Honeysuckle Falls Rd. Along this for 1.8km to a small parking area. You can't miss it. Evans Crown Nature Reserve - it is the highest point in the area. Through the gate and head up hill (after reading the info board). As you come to the Tor proper, take uphill track to the right for about 250m and then left along the ridge past some boulders to the main outcrop. The gully on the left - cliff on right - is Deckout Buttress. (The track is usually followed up and around the northern end of the crag and back into the gully in front of Deckout Buttress. Note, If you keep walking along the main eastern side of the crag you will have to bash up towards the cliff and find the Coffin Hole.) It's important to get your bearings sorted from the start.

If you keep walking along the track with the east faces to your right you will end up at Crown Buttress. Head up the hill into the gap between Googolplex (on your right) and Crown Buttress (on the left). Just at the top of the rise there is an access gully to the left which leads up towards the summit of the Crown. This is Goog Gap Gully.

Around the northern side of Deckout Buttress is a huge cave where we were once able to camp. We aren't allowed to do this anymore however. It is better to camp down at the car park - probably illegal too! Many years ago this was a very popular climbing area with hoards of climbers bashing about in lycra tights and muscle shirts every weekend. Now it is really just a novelty area. Granite slabbing - wonderful stuff!



## A Bit of History

George Evans (Colonial Surveyor) stumbled upon the Crown while exploring the newly opened central plains in 1813/14. The long, sweeping slabs of gently angled granite, tors and collections of boulders offer an interesting respite to the steeper sandstone walls of the Blue Mountains. Its possible to get sunshine out here even when its raining up on top of the mountains.

Around 1971, Dave Tanner visited the place with the newly formed Bathurst Climbing Club. They climbed Tanner's Leap and probably experimented with bolting (see mysterious bolt holes inside the chimney of TL). Joe Friend was introduced into the mix in 1973 and most of the chimneys and more obvious 'easy lines' were done. Then 'the Crown' slept. In '75 Friend freed Barad Dur at 18 and led a mini revival that saw many new lines up to about grade 21 done. Friend bought out an unbound guide in 1977 which included 35 climbs with sketchy descriptions. Between 1977 and 1987 the climbing history has been lost—everyone was in the Blueys!

In February 1987, John Smoothy and Mark Colyvan arrived back at the cliff, the first bolts of the 'new age' went into Bloodbath and Belly Acres and the age of lycra and power drills took off. The classics, Six days on the Toad,, Dr Martin's Boots, Kersplat and The Howling date from this period. In 1988 Colyvan did the prominent dyke on Crown Butress (Sea of Heartbreak) and Jo Monaghan and Fi Lumbsden did the beginners classic Passionate Peasantries. In January of 1988 Mark Colyvan handed out a Photostat guide that contained about 60 routes. Evans Crown was now abuzz with activity, though other than some undoubted classics— Mr Sheen, A Ticklish Affair etc — not much was added. In 1989 the Mt York principle was applied to the crag, particularly Deckout Butress, (squeeze another one in!), with many pre-existing routes being brushed bolted and claimed by others. This foolishness aside, there were some significant new routes done at this time—Owl and the Pussycat, Polkagris, Laughing Boy Morris etc. In 1990 Rock published Mark Colyvan's guide. In the two years since the publication of the 1988 guide, 52 new routes had been added. And the Crown slept again.

Previous guidebooks etc.

Rockclimbs in the Upper Blue Mtns, 1995, 1998

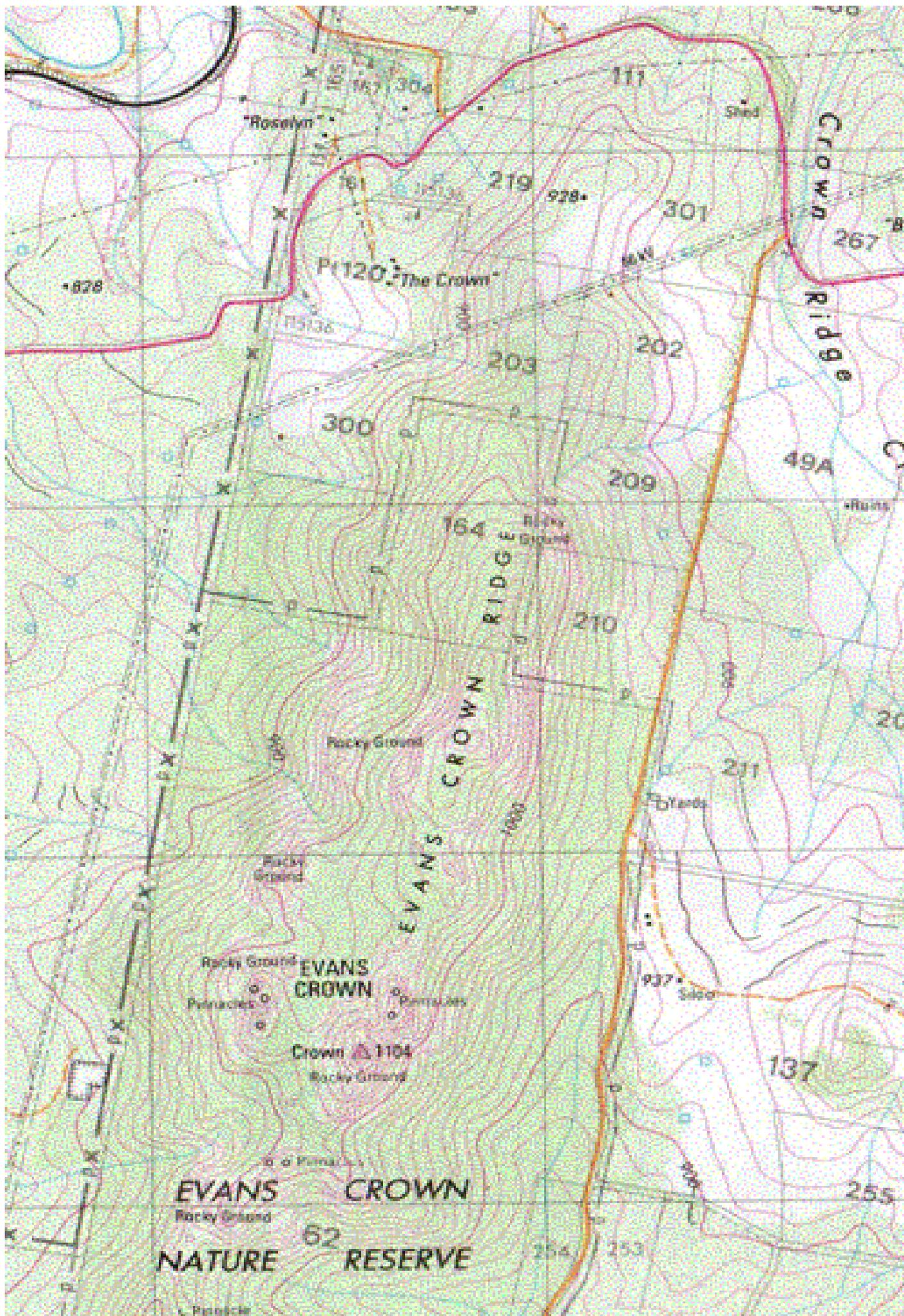
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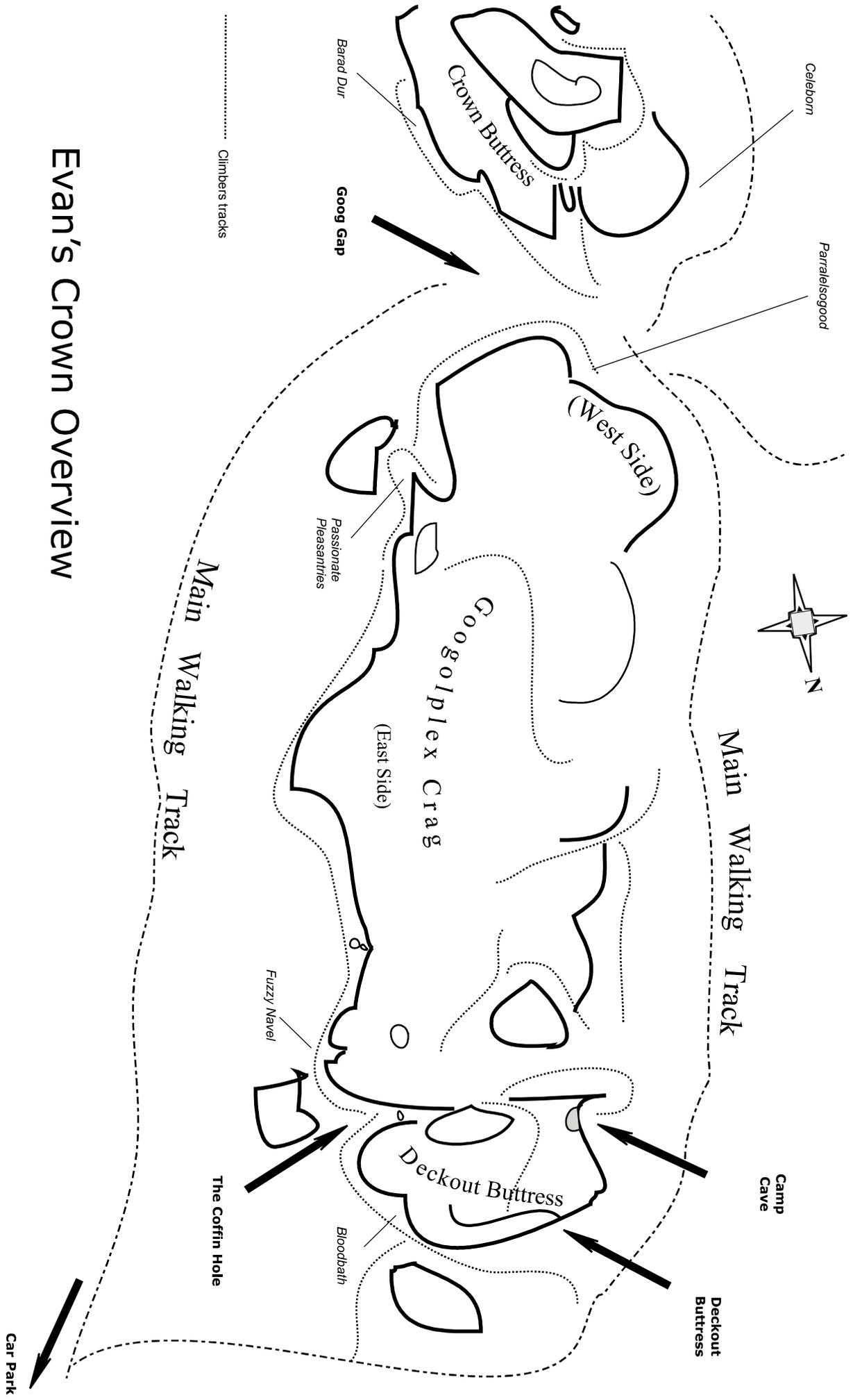
Tarana - Mark Colyvan 1990

Harry Luxford's notes.

Alan Jones's notes and revision of this guide.

Neil Baker and Mitch Warren (15 years of Fun and Fear)





# Evan's Crown Overview

# The Routes

*These first mentioned 2 routes are on boulders to the NW and W of Deckout Buttress.*

## Police Presence

**12m 25**

On boulder 50m NW of the buttress. Boulder problem to arête. Start 2m right of the SW facing corner. Stick clip.  
J Smoothy 1989

## Arboretum

**18m 23**

West arête of boulder approx 120m W of the Deckout Buttress. Sustained. Bridge tree & wall.  
J Smoothy 1989

## Deckout Buttress

Mostly short low angled routes. A good place to get the feel of the climbing. The track comes around the top here and then heads down into the gully towards the obvious corner at the bottom (Through the Looking Glass). There are rap anchors of sorts on the routes to the left of Through the Looking Glass, and a couple of trees on top of the routes at the left hand end of the routes to the right. (be good to the trees and sling them rather than rap directly off—the gap behind leads out and left into the Coffin Hole, or to the right around past the cave and back into Deckout gully. You can walk up through the back of the cave to the top of Deft.) All the routes at the right can be walked of – there are no anchors – with some largish cams it is possible to set up top anchors.

## Blunt Stick

**8m 12**

The far right of the crag.  
A Jones, A Farquar, G Williams 1990

## Fingerstick

**8m 12**

Crammed between BS and L. Quite nice.  
A Jones 1990

## Lipstick

**8m 14**

Below the overlap. 2 pitons.  
J Anderson, J Cowmeadow 1988

## Deft

**8m 8**

About 2m left of L. Lichenous slab.  
J Friend 1976

*(Al's note: the location of Dave Grey's solo routes is uncertain. The markings have all disappeared and the descriptions and grades do not always match the features. As often occurs, the truth may never be known.)*

## Vegetarian Special

**8m 16**

1 to 2m left of previous route.  
D Grey 1987

## Save the Whale

**10m 19**

Done originally without the bolt! (I doubt that it took the bolted line at all!)  
2m left of VS.  
D Grey 1987

## Pass the Lentils

**12m 17**

Original without the bolts!  
2m left of StW.  
D Grey 1987

## Madonnas

**15m 19\***

3m right of Splat at prickly tree. 2 bolts.  
J Smoothy, D Huber 1987

## Space Invaders

**20m 17**

2m L of Madonnas. 2 bolts, Friends for anchors.  
A Penney 1990

## Splat

**15m 18\***

2m L of SI. Good when in use, often covered in moss! No pro.  
J Smoothy

## The Straight and Narrow

**15m 18**

Between S and HI. 1 Bolt to belay bolt and tree.  
A Penney 1990

## Herd Instinct

**15m 17**

Original without bolts.  
M Myers 1988

**Kersplat** **15m 17\***  
10m up hill right of the corner of TtLG. 3 bolts to tree. (*The Chimney above is You cant Keep a Good Man Down*)  
J Smoothy, L McManus, M Stacey 1987

**You Cant keep a Good Man Down** **15m 14**  
*Chimney at the back of the terrace above 'Kersplat'. No pro.*  
J Friend? 1977

**Dick Whittington** **15m 21**  
2 bolts. Steepish start.  
A Penney, A. Jones 1989

**Spare the Hammer** **15m 19\***  
Original without bolts, now has 4!  
2m right of MC. Goes through the slight overlap.  
D Grey 1988

**Mortal Combat** **15m 20\***  
Step off rocks 5m right of TTLG. 3 bolts.  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Scuds over Saudi** **15m 18**  
Up blunt nose right of TTLG.  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Through the Looking Glass** **30m 14**  
Obvious corner in the middle of the slabs. Good reference point for the crag. Corner to roofs, across to squeeze chimney. Big Gear, tube chocks!  
J Friend, A Stewart 1976

**Jonestown** **15m 19**  
1m left of TtLG. Left of brushed streak then right past 3 hangers to ledge and bolt.  
A Penney, A Jones, B Sheerer. 1989

**Greenies Delight** **15m 19**  
Original without bolts. (Actually, the bolts take a different line from the original description). 0.5m left of Jonestown.  
D Grey 1987

**Bloodbath** **15m 20\*\***  
Water streak 2m left of TtLG. 4 bolts to chain. 1st route of the 'new era'!  
M Colyvan, J Smoothy 1987

**Polkagris** **15m 21\***  
2m left of BB, pockets. 4 bolts to finish at BB's chain.  
CJ Jagusch, A Penney 1989

**Sudden Impact** **15m 21**  
3m left of Bloodbath. 2 bolts, 3 Friend and wires.  
J Smoothy, G Bradbury, M Colyvan 1987

**Chain Mail Crack** **15m 21**  
*Overhanging fist crack. Obvious crack starting on the terrace above 'Sudden Impact'.*  
M Law 1976

**Scabby Lizards** **20m 21\***  
3m left again. 2 bolts. Slab and small overlap. Take care!  
S Camps, J Smoothy 1987

**Dr Marten's Boots** **25m 21\*\*\***  
5m down and left of SL. 5 bolts  
G Bradbury, M. Colyvan, F Lumsden, J Smoothy 1987

**The Owl & the Pussycat** **23m 21\***  
Sustained, steep slab. 4m left of DMB—used to have its own anchor but some turkey chopped it. 5 bolt, 2 with hangers. Go to DMB anchor.  
.A Penney, CJ Jagusch 1989

**Roller Disco** **30m 23\*\*\***  
7m down and left of DMB. 6 bolts to belay.  
G Bradbury, M Colyvan, J Smoothy 1987

**That's Dancin'**

**34m 21**

3m left of RD. 5 bolts, 3 with hangers. Take care at the top!  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Gandalf's Chimney**

**35m 12**

Originally 2 pitches. better to do it in one. Belay at the chockstone if splitting pitches. *The terrace leading around to the right to Chain Mail Crack is Joe Friends 3rd pitch.*  
B Douglas, I Baker, C Brown 1973





## Eastern Side (Googolplex Crag)

*The routes here are listed from right to left. That is from Deckout Buttress leftwards to Goog Gap!*

The feature to locate here is *the Coffin Hole*. This is the descent for the shorter routes at this end of the crag. However, I suggest that if you want to do the routes from Mr Bubbles down to Six Days..., its better to enter from the top of the Coffin Hole. The gully slopes easily downward with the wall on your right. At the bottom there is a block with a single belay bolt on it—below this is Laughing Boy Morris, if you step off the block directly onto the wall you will be on Six Days...

### Upper Coffin Hole

Routes below are listed as you come to them *from the top of the Coffin Hole! Most are equipped with hangers.*

#### Mr Bubbles

**25m 20**

*Near the top of the Coffin Hole Gully, about 10m right of Field Commander Jagusch. 5 bolts to belay.*  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

#### Saddam's Black Heart

**30m 19**

*1 - 2m left of MB. Block on right edge of slab. Step left onto slab. 5 bolts to MrB belay.*  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

#### Field Commander Jagusch

**35m 20**

*1m right of REN. 5 bolts & 2.5 Friend.*  
A Penney, A Jones, M Newberry 1990

#### Rene's Ethical Neutrality

**35m 20**

*4m right of GHtHHH. Up (2 bolts) and over bulge, up face right of prominent groove, 4 bolts and #3 Friend.*  
R Stiles, M King 1989

#### Bilbo Baggins DS.

**10m 21**

*Cairn 2m right of GHtHHH. 3 bolts to join top crack of 2001BB.*  
Unknown 1990

#### God Help the Hash House Harriers

**35m 21\***

*2m right of SDotT. Short slab past 2 bolts, across 2001BB, up 4 bolts.*  
A Penney, A Jones, S Pearse 1989

#### Six Days on the Toad.

**45m 21\*\*\***

*Scramble up the Coffin Hole to the top of a large boulder Belay Bolt. Straight up slab to the diagonal. Straight up again. 5 bolts and wire.*

M Colyvan, J Smoothy 1987

### Lower Coffin Hole

*Routes below are listed right to left from below the belay block for Six Days!*

#### Laughing Boy Morris

**55m 21\*\***

*2m right of TOfE. 2 pitches. 3 hangers and bolt to ledge. The nose with 5 bolts!*  
A Penney, CJ Jagusch 1989

#### This One's for Evelyn

**25m 22\***

*Shallow fading corner right of 2001BB. . Take #4 RP and small cam.*  
J Smoothy, G Bradbury 1987

#### 2001 Bilbo Baggins

**65m 18\***

*Obvious crack leading to diagonal ramp.*

*1).Slab with finger pocket to crack, up to ramp.2).Right up ramp to groove and straight up.*  
M Law, J Friend, B Ewald 1976

#### Desperately Seeking Evan

**25m 20\*\***

*(White Slab above). As for 2001BB. Crack until it curves right. Left onto slab and up. 3 bolts.*  
J Smoothy, G Bradbury 1987

#### Finger Tight

**30m 20\***

*On the terrace where DSE ends. Can rap in from the top of Sdott.*  
*Straight up,3 bolts to SDotT belay..*  
P Colyvan, G Robbins 1988

#### Retreat from Moscow

**25m 21**

*On top of log 3m left of 2001BB. 5 hangers to small ledge.*  
A Penney, B Scheerer 1989

(Note: above RfM a "route" has been bolted and probably never climbed – tentative name was The Siege of Leningrad.)

**Shelf Life****30m 21\***

*Hanging arête.* Rap in from top of buttress between FN and SDotT (large boulder on the edge). 4 bolts.  
P Bayne, M Colyvan 1988

**Fuzzy Navel****75m 18\*\***

*Thin crack 2m right of TH.*

1. (30m, 18) : Up crack and wall to wider crack. Up to tree and large cam belay. 2. (45m, 18) : Step left to arête and up as for TH. Then on up the arête. 6 bolts.

P Bayne, D Haines, J Monaghan, M Colyvan 1988

**Rubber Nuns****35m 26\***

*Step right 1.5m from the belay of The Howling.* Good, hard slab climbing! Brushed strip to bulge, over this to stance and up.  
P Colyvan 1989

**The Howling****85m 23\*\*\***

Classic! 10m left of 2001BB. *Thin right leaning diagonal crack.* Up crack to better crack and up to tree. Left to arête and up. Traverse down and left along ramp to belay. Right side of arête and up, 7 bolts to belay.

G Robertson, M Colyvan 1987

**Bonsai D-Lite****55m 18**

*Obvious slab to chimney* left of TH.

J Friend, Palmer 1977

**Mr Sheen****50m 23\*\*\***

Sustained and delicate. Exciting if the belayer stands at ground level, get up on the boulders! 2m left of BD. Crack (2 Friend), blunt arête, left before the final steep bit then right to stance. 7 bolts, some with hangers. Slab, over bulge then low angled slab to belay, 2 bolts. 2 pitches.

G de Lacy, A Schnarbel, B Stevens, D Taylor 1988

**Twitching for Jesus****35m 24\***

*25m left of TH.*

M Law, G Robertson 1988

**A Ticklish Affair****40m 24\***

As for TfJ. 3 pitches.

1).Up to bolt. Straight up wall to ledge. 3 bolts and belay bolts. 2).Up corner , 3 bolts, and then right to 'Mr Sheen' belay 3). finish up MS.

J Smoothy 1988

**Thrashing the Mullet Gun****25m 22**

*Thin open corner 5m left of ATA.* Up corner to pockets (6 or 7 rock) then slab to finish. 3 hangers all up!

M Stacey, F Moon 1989

**Feanor****60m 13**

*20 left of BD.* 2 pitches. Crack to roofs, right to big chimney and up.

J Friend, P Blackwood, B Wilson 1973

There is a route up the middle of the curving wall with more holds than it looks like there are

**Reflections****10m 10**

Boulder opposite the curving, smooth wall and left of Feanor. Low angled corner. No gear.

J Friend 1970's

**Ice****10m 23**

On boulder left of R. Step off boulder onto slab. Diagonally left for pro (4 rock), then up right ,2 bolts, to belay at trees.

M Law 1988

**Passionate Pleasantries****30m 14\*\*\***

*Up around to the right from the big, curving wall. Climb up on some boulders right of a gully.* 2 pitches. Right onto slab, 3 bolts, to ledge and chain. Short crack then across to the mainland. Better to rap from the chain.

J Monaghan, F Lumsden 1988

**AWACS over Amman****20m 14 \***

Start as for PP but climb further R to its chain. Awful looking bolts!

A Penney 1990

**Belly Acres****10m 23**

*Marked in the middle of the wall* left and at right angle to PP. Stick clip. Up to flake and follow it around right up to fixed lower-off.

J Smoothy, G Bradbury, M Colyvan 1987

Keep bashing up and around to the right and you are in Goog Gap! *The following climbs are around to the right as you head back around toward the camp cave. That is, they are on the Western side of Googolplex Crag!*

**Parallelsogood**

**15m 16\*\***

*Obvious squeeze chimney on the western side of Goog Gap. This faces across to Celeborn.*  
J Friend 1977

**Kazad Dum**

**10m 20**

4m left of P. Off width crack for 4m then right.  
R Reynolds 1988

**White Wizard**

**10m 18**

Once a test piece. Take big friends!  
30m left of P in quiet gully. *Right left diagonal corner under overhang, across coloured slab to ledge.*  
M Law 1976



## Crown Buttress to Goog Gully (East).

*Find Goog Gap. This heads up on the left side of the gully separating Crown Buttress from Googolplex and is an access point to the Crown summit. Routes are listed LEFT to RIGHT, that means that Born Crazy is the furthest listed route down and to the left of Goog Gap (on the eastern side!). Routes to the right of Blue Train are on the west side of the buttress.*

### **Born Crazy** 70m 20\*

Left arête of Shagrat. As for S then crack to arête and up. Take care!  
M Law, A Penney 1977

### **Shagrat** 65m 7\*

Left gully on the main part of the east face of Crown Buttress..  
J Friend (solo) 1973

### **Your Neighbourhood Bolter** 25m 16

3m left of Barry Dur. 4 bolts up to chain on Barry Dur.  
J Fletcher, F Lumsden 1988

### **Barry Dur** 25m 19

2m left of Barad Dur, crack then right to slab. Arête ,3 bolts, to join BD at lip of roof. Left to chain.  
M Law, J Fletcher 1988

### **Barad Dur** 75m 18\*

*In the left side of Gorbag's Gully. Originally done with a couple of points of aid. Joe Friend freed this in 1975 and added the last pitch. Cracks to roof, left through roof and up to belay. 2 & 3). Cracks, seam and slab to ledge, or slab to the right (4 bolts) to leftwards traverse to belay. 4). Overhanging crack.*  
R Douglas, D Tanner 1973 (FFA:J.Friend 1975)

(Note: From the first anchor of Barad Dur a slab route exists up and slightly right – about 20m long ?14/17 (see above).)

### **Gorbag** 70m 8

*The gully and chimney right side. 10m up and right from Shagrat.*  
J Friend 1973

### **Spouse** 49m 26

5 or 6m down left of SoH. Buttress , 5 bolts, then right into SoH.  
M Law 1988

### **Sea of Heartbreak** 35m 22\*

*Right arête of Diagonal Off width on left wall of Walloper. Stick clip, up offwidth, traverse left then up dyke to belay. 5 bolts to chain belay.*  
M Colyvan, P Bayne 1988

### **No Love Lost** 35m 21

AS for SoH. *Off width and chimney all the way.*  
M Colyvan, G Moore 1988

### **Walloper** 35m 17

*Big chimney in the square cut gully down and left of Goog Gap.*  
J Friend 1976

### **High Moral Ground** 33m 22\*

*Cairn left side of the rib 5m right of SoH. 7 bolts.*  
A Penney 1990

### **Cirdan** 20m 13

*Groove about 6m above the ground 15m left of Goog Gully. Short slab to groove and up. Much better than it looks. Good pro from wires and small cams.*  
Wilson, Hatherly 1974

### **Pat's Crack** 12m 10

*Easy angled R-facing ramp type crack thing inside Goog Gully. 10m R of Cirdan.*  
P Ryan 1990

*The routes below are on a central buttress in the middle of Goog Gully.*

### **Bad to the Bone** 15m 21

2m L of Blue Train. Steep and technical. Bolts.  
A Penney 1990

### **Blue Train** 15m 17\*

Short wall and *ribbed arête* 5m left of Goog Gully, an access route to the Crown. Bolt and nut pro.  
D Haines 1988

**Sitting Pretty** **15m 14**

Slab 2m R of Blue Train. Very pleasant friction climbing. Bolts.  
A Penney 1990

*Goog Gap gully is here. Access to Smallpox Wall and Evans Crown.*

**Crown Buttress (West).**

**Al's Stupid Idea** **20m ??**

5m R of Goog Gully. Probably never been climbed

**Hotel du Lac** **30m 23**

10m right of Goog Gully. Slab , bolt, to crack, groove to bulge, bolt. Groove , 2 bolts, and up.  
A Penney 1990

**Jagusch Putsch** **30m 20\***

Up groove 3m R of Hotel du Lac Take a few wires, 4 bolts.  
A Jones, S Johnstone 1989

**Bury me Deep in Love** **25m 23**

20m left of Celeborn. To dyke, ledge and over bulge.  
D Haines, S Thompson 1988

**Rap Station Zebra** **22m 21**

4m left of C. Slab, bolt, across UtNoL, bolt, to low angled groove/ramp (wires) and *up to lower off*. A second pitch has been climbed to top past a bolt – grade 21? and scary.  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Up the Nose of Love** **35m 16\***

Start as for C. Left to dyke and bolt, left again to water streak and over bulge, at 3rd bolt left up wall to ledge. Finish as for BMDiL.  
M Myers, S Hutley 1988

**Celeborn** **25m 17\***

20m down and right from Goog Gap. Slab and groove to crack. A nice crack once you get to it.  
J Friend 1976

**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids** **25m 21\***

1m right of C. Slab and overlap to ledge. 4 bolts.  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Jika Jika** **30m 18**

5m right of HlStK. 4 bolts.  
A Penney, A Jones 1990

**Optem Bop** **25m 16**

10m right of C. Middle of face to bulge, up slab to join NoR. Belay at block above Celeborn.  
M Ellims, M Myers 1988

**Jailbreak from H-Block** **33m 16**

A few metres right of OB. Bolts.  
A Penney, A. Jones 1990

**Nerves of Rubber** **30m 12**

6m right of OB. Slab, crack and pockets tending left. Slab past a bolt to belay as for OB.  
M Ellims 1988

**Megamaid** **30m 12**

Short groove 2 m R of NoR. 1. Climb groove, undercling left to ledge. 2. Up slab R of NoR past a bolt.  
A. Jones 1990

**Blame it on Sarah** **40m 12**

10m right of NoR. Right-facing corner to ledge and bush. Move left through shrubbery. Short slab to flake. Belay as for OB. 2 pitches.  
M Ellims, V Talon 1988

*The following routes are on th west face of Crown Buttress.*

**Downright Left** **15m 16**

West side of the buttress. Down and right from Celeborn. Right to left diagonal across roof capped wall. Then traverse left to get off.  
J Friend 1977

**Les Grandes Courses** **10m 15 [Trad]**

4m right of DL. Crack to roof. Belay here or traverse right into Lemuria's chimney.  
M Law 1977

**Lemuria** **25m 17\***

*Obvious big, coloured off width roof right of LGC.*  
J Friend, W Wilson 1973

*The crag starts to get smaller now.*

**Elfin** **10m 14**

*Inset corner at the back of the west facing gully. 20m right of L.*  
J Friend, W Wilson 1973

**Thorin** **10m 12**

A few metres right from E. Layback to roof.  
J Friend, W Wilson 1973

*The following climbs are on the upper tier of Crown Buttress. Access via Goog Gully.*

**Spitting Chips** **15m 18**

3m L of SW. Runout to bolt, finish at chain.  
A Penney, A. Jones 1990

**Small Pox Wall** **25m 19\*\***

*Up gully from Goog Gap. Skirt left at the top of the gully to the obvious NORTH facing wall. Directly above Cirdan. Wall to break, overlap and up. Bolts and cams.*  
P Bayne, M Colyvan 1988

**B52's over Baghdad** **25m 21\***

2m R of SW. Up. Delicate. Bolts.  
A Penney, A. Jones 1990

**Al's note:** Harry Luxford's guide (1998) here refers to 3 climbs on a short wall "*right and down about 80m from Smallpox Wall to western edge of blocks*". This wall was called by its finders "The Kindergarten" and was intended to serve as an introductory practice area for slab climbing novices. It was definitely in use before the close of the 1990 Rock guide.

The Kindergarten is a short slabby area separated from an upper steeper wall by a ledge – total height about 18m. There are 3 routes at about grade 16. Only the left hand one was intended to be led from the ground to the halfway ledge. From there the leader could choose from three upper continuations. Several anchor bolts exist for top-roping – all bolts are a bit seedy. The climbs are quite good but they were a bit harder than expected – nevertheless good training for novices. If anyone wants to name them I suggest they be called **SB #1, 2 and 3**.

**Tanner's Leap** **20m 13\***

The original line to the summit.  
On the *South of Evans Crown. Chimney between the Crown and boulder, across gap and up.*  
D Tanner 1971

**Flog a Dog** **20m 14\*\***

Opposite side from TL. Traverse break, then chimney/offwidth.  
J Friend 1976

**Great Caesar's Ghost** **8m 16**

Right end of short juggy boulder adjacent to the Crown.  
A Stewart 1977



## The Boulders

The following routes are found on *large boulders around Evans Crown*. Please read the descriptions for exact reference. It should be evident just by looking at some of the boulders that getting off them may pose a problem! There *may be* a bolt at the top of some of them. If not then a *simul rap* may be necessary—make sure you know what you're doing before ending up on top of a boulder, alone!

### Northern Slabs

Low angled slabs about 500m *north* of Deckout Buttress.

#### Headache 20m 12

Slabby arête towards the left end.  
J Friend 1970's

### West Ridge Boulders

A collection of fairly large boulders *almost directly due west* from Goog Gap.

#### Shark Fin Special 15m 15

Odd shaped clean edged boulder between the 'Crown' and 'Split Cwymn Boulder'. Slabby arête.  
J Friend 1977

#### Split Cwymn 15m 16

Prominent boulder *west* of the 'Crown'. "Like butterfly wings reaching up for the sky". Chimney as far as you can go, then arête and the west half of the boulder.  
J Friend 1977

#### Spinster Crack 8m 18

Obvious crack on large boulder on which SC rests.  
D Taylor, G de Lacy, B Stevens 1989

#### Stairway to Heaven 8m 24

On right inside the SC boulder. 2m left of arête.  
B Stevens, G de Lacy, D Taylor 1989

#### The Pain, The Pain 8m 25

3m left of StH. Dont cheat!!  
G de Lacy, B Stevens 1989

#### High Rise Wombat 18m 23

*North face of large square block*. Scramble up ledges to large rock platform. 3m right of the corner. Off small boulder, up wall and 'wombat' hole.  
D Taylor, G de Lacy, B Stevens 1989

## The Neurone Circuit

#### The Art of Suffering 15m 24

2m right of Spot the Brain Cell. take wires!  
B Stevens, G de lacy, D Taylor 1990

#### Spot the Brain Cell 15m 19

*Right to left curving crack in the middle of circular group of boulders called the 'Neurone Circuit'. Faces east.*  
M Law, J Friend 1977

#### Ride of the Valkyries 16m 24

4m right of M. Up to small ledge, trend right from here.  
G de Lacy, B Stevens, D Taylor 1988

#### Maverick 18m 21

Left of StBC on *north side of boulder with a tree leaning against it*.  
J Smoothy, C Cuthbertson 1987

#### Men of Vision 12m 22

2m left of M.  
D Taylor, G de Lacy, B Stevens 1989

#### Fair Go 20m 15

The *middle of 3 cracks on the west side* of the 'Neurone Circuit'.  
J Friend 1977

### The Devils Agates

Another *70m further south*. The routes are mainly west facing.

#### Torthalm 20m 21

Chimney. Good pro. Left of Brain Savage.  
M Law, K Carrigan, H Hodgkinson 1976

**Brain Savage**

**20m 21**

Dominating line on the west side. Up to slab finish.  
M.Law 1976

**Beorhtroth**

**30m 14**

On the south side, right of BS. 3 way chimney.  
J Friend 1976

**The Hamburger Stand**

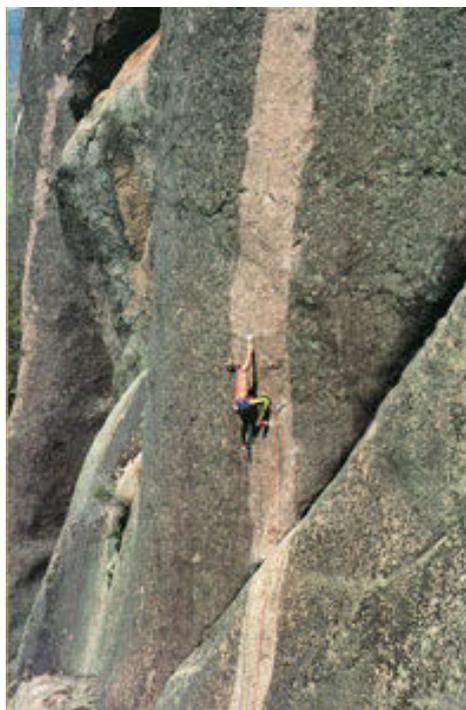
Spectacular 3 tiered boulder south and about 50m down the ridge from Evans Crown.

**Sorcerer's Apprentice**

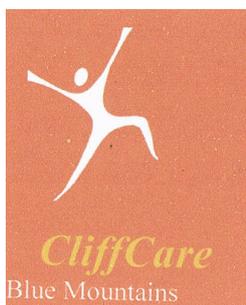
**20m 16**

On the sth side. Up right then back on jugs. Simul Rap!  
J Friend, M Law 1977

There is a lot more bouldering to be had about the Crown. The area south south west of the Crown amongst the trees has been popular of late as has the area to the north of Deckout Buttress. Use common sense, don't damage the vegetation and please don't disturb the wildlife! If there is a burrow underneath the boulder or nests amongst them, then please find somewhere else. **Respect Native Habitat.**



Photos from the 'heyday' of Tarana taken from previous and now out of print guidebooks. Above is 'Up the Nose of Love' and to the right is 'Six Days on the Toad'.



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