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1. Gibraltar Rock 23 routes in Crag

Long/Lat: 117.85559,-34.67071

Summary: Trad climbing, Sport climbing and Rock climbing

Description
Large north-facing Monolith. Climbs are described from left to right.

Access Issues
This is a national park and therefore a fee is expected to be paid depending on where you park. This is sign posted upon entry and is monitored by the ranger.

Approach
Coming from Mount Barker drive along Mount Barker - Porongurup Road and turn right at Woodlands Drive. Turn left off Woodlands Drive onto the Scenic Drive. Continue along this road for approximately 3km and park at a large slab on the right side of the road. From the slab there is a 4WD track that is blocked off by a wooden barrier. Continue on foot down this track until you come across two metal pickets on the left that are wrapped in blue, pink and white tape. From here just follow the faint path and tape. The track will finish at the start of "Raven". Alternatively you can just bush bash the whole way to the crag which is not that difficult. The walk takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

1 Second Anniversary Waltz 140m
Start under right end of two horizontal cave systems.
FA: M. Smith & D. Pullin, 1975

2 Crime of Passion 160m

3 ★ Dinosaur Jnr 120m Trad ❁ 19
1: Start as for Dinosaur. Head up the flake (1.5-3" cams) to a rusty hanger, traverse right to the ledge beneath cave (small gear in flake), then up and left following three fixed hanger to the DBB (4 hangers and gear).
2: Climb to big ledge and traverse left up ledge to a DBB (4 hangers).
3: Follow the hangers up and left to a DBB (6 hangers).
4: Head straight up runnel following the hangers to DBB (6 hangers).
Either rappel down or top out. If topping out there is small gear and an easy climb to the top. If rappelling be careful as the last pitch is slightly longer than 30m.

4 ★★ Dinosaur 130m Trad ❁ 6
   (i) 40m - 18: Start 80m left of Illusion of Grandeur at base of curving corner flake. Climb up to bolt and traverse right to big ledge. Continue pass three more bolts and belay on bolt to the left of the 4th cave.
   (ii) 45 - 17: Straight up pass two good pieces for 40m and up to single bolt belay.
   (ii) 60m - 13: Straight up, passing a bolt and belay off single bolt at top.
FA: G. Brysland, M. Smith & P. Cox, 1992

5 Lars Needs Guitars 20m Trad ❁ 3
Start on the flake to the left of Lars Attack. DBB at top. (bolts and Cams)

6 Lars Attack 20m Sport ❁ 5
Start 10m left of Go the Dockers. Follow bolts to the DBB. The DBB is the first anchor of Painters and Dockers.

7 Go The Dockers 60m Trad ❁ 7
Alternate start for Painters and Dockers. Start to the left of PAD in flake. Finish as for PAD.
8 ★ Painters and Dockers 60m Sport 8
Pitch 1: 30m (5brs) Double Bolt Belay
Pitch 2: 30m (3brs) Double Bolt Belay
Can rappel each pitch on a 60m rope.

9 Dockyard Wall 200m Trad 4
Imagine what it was like without the bolt! 
(i) 30m - As for Illusion of Grandeur 
(ii) 45m - 13: Towards the overlap for 2q5m to good runner. Go left over flakes towards 4 caves. Bolt belay in 3rd cave (from left) 
(iii) 40m - 17: Past the 4th cave and continue to water runnel corner. Follow to bushy ledge to ledge belay with a small tree. 
(iv) 35m - 12: Back to runnel and head straight up to belay on blocks 
(v) 40m - 11: Head towards the small wall at top and belay in crack below wall

Set by M. Smith & P. Hiscock, 1974

10 Apes Den 250m Trad 12
FA: D. Pullin & M. Smith, 1975

11 ★ Illusions of Grandeur 160m Trad 4
Start at north slabs at a tongue of rock forming a low angles slab. A small rock bridge spans the gap in the lower section of the tongue. 
(i) 30m: Straight up slab for several meters to the left of a grass clump and crack. DDB here 
(ii) 45m: Obvious overlap, with two bolts. Another DBB 
(iii) 50m: Continue up, passing a cave 5m to the left. 2 bolts and then DDB. 
(iv) Solo 30m to blocks at top

12 Apesway 240m Trad 12
FA: J. Herlihy, K.Hartley & J.Nevin

13 ★ Main Street 290m Trad 14

14 ★★ Raven 210m Sport 35
A well protected climb with plenty of bolts!
Pitch 1: 40m 14 (9brs) - start at obvious short crack. Follow bolts to bolted belay on small ledge.
Pitch 2: 43m 14 (8brs) - finishes in second cave. Bolted belay inside cave.
Pitch 3: 45m 15 (10brs) - exit cave on right then up left past the last cave to choice of 2 bolted belays - take the higher non-hanging one for more comfort.
Pitch 4: 48m 13 (10brs). Follow bolts to choice of 2 bolted belays - take the higher non-hanging one for more comfort.
Pitch 5: 40m scramble (4brs). Follow bolts to bolted belay and test your belayer's paying out slack speed.
Walk Off: you can walk off to climber's left (East) but it is sketchy so keep your shoes on and forget about it if it has rained or there is dew around. Walk to top then keep heading left until the slope of the rock is only slightly concerning. Head down. You may see a rope. Head in its direction and then keep following the cairns and base of the wall. It's hard to find so stay strong, have faith and keep going left and down.
Rap: Or, just rap down but you need 2 ropes. There are numerous bolted belays so it's hard to miss one and you'll be down quicker than the walk off (and probably safer too if it's even slightly wet).

Set by J.Herlihy, K.Hartley & J.Nevin
FA: J. Herlihy, J. Nevin & Andreas, Jul 2010

15 ★ Sucked in Ben 220m Sport 15
FA: Steve Holland & Jeremy Scott, 1999

16 ★ Made in Australia, from Local and Imported Ingredients 220m Sport 36
This enjoyable cruise starts 5m right of the white streak of Sucked in Ben. Easily spotted, entirely equipped by ring bolts.
(i) 40m, 15 Up the well featured slab with crux half way up, to wide ledge. 9 bolts
(ii) 35m, 14 The steep clean headwall with huge holds, to another wide ledge. 5 bolts
(iii) 50m, 13 A huge pitch of face climbing, a bit mossy. 10 bolts

(iv) 55m, 12 Still more face climbing, passing rusty chains of SiB to the right, 9 bolts

(v) 40m, 6 Walk past 3 more bolts to the summit and last belay.

Enjoy the views.

FA: R. Weiter & R. Dunn, Nov 2014

17 The Moorish Steps 220m Trad 14

18 Europa Point 210m Trad 15

19 ** Rooster Carnage 210m Trad 12 19

FA: S. Holland & J. Scott, 1999

20 A Call to Arms

21 ** Joint Venture 200m Trad 5 20

FA: R, R Master & D. Wagland, 1992

22 ** Zeppelin 120m Trad 20

FA: B. Aikman & J. Truscott, 1997

23 ** Let the Fun Begin 53m Sport 20

Requires cams at halfway break

FA: G. Brysland & C. Molinier, 1992

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