

A Rescuer's Guide to Rockclimbing Crag in South Australia

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Crag Locations for use by Police and Emergency Services

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ERRORS: I have tried for as much accuracy as possible using guide books for descriptions. This will give certain errors, sometimes significant. Plus the grid reference gives a 100 x 100 m area, so it's not that accurate anyway. Only GPS readings from the sites will improve this much. Lat/long readings were derived from grid references using the Australian Government Geoscience Australia website – Geographic to Grid (http://www.ga.gov.au/nmd/geodesy/datums/redfearn_geo_to_grid.jsp) and Grid to Geographic (http://www.ga.gov.au/nmd/geodesy/datums/redfearn_grid_to_geo.jsp).

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- Longitude must be between 0° and +/- 180°. West Longitude is negative (e.g. -148° 56' 25.12").

? ? means I can't exactly determine the map ref from the description. It is my best guess.

????? means I'm hopefully within 500m. May be way off.

ABBREVIATIONS

- H** **Hheight** Crag height is only approximate, in metres. Maximum height is given. Beware in Blue Mountains, where climbs maybe short on large cliffs.
- TYPE** Crag type refers to the style of climbing and fixed protection. The use of upper and lower case aims to give a brief idea of proportions at the crag.
- S** **Sport climbing** Fixed protection (bolts, fixed hangers and ring bolts) for climbing as well as at anchors and rap stations.
- T** **Traditional climbing** Not usually hardware though occasionally is. Quite variable hardware at anchor spots. Many crags still have bolted rap stations, but cannot be relied upon. On shorter cliffs will include Top-roping.
- B** **Bouldering** Ropeless climbing on small cliffs and boulders usually less than 5 m in height. Ropes rarely needed in rescue. Majority of injuries are likley to be ankles.
- L** Left
- R** Right

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This is not a rockclimber's guide. At some of these areas climbing is banned or illegal. Cliff environments are dangerous and people do die or get badly mangled up – hence this document.

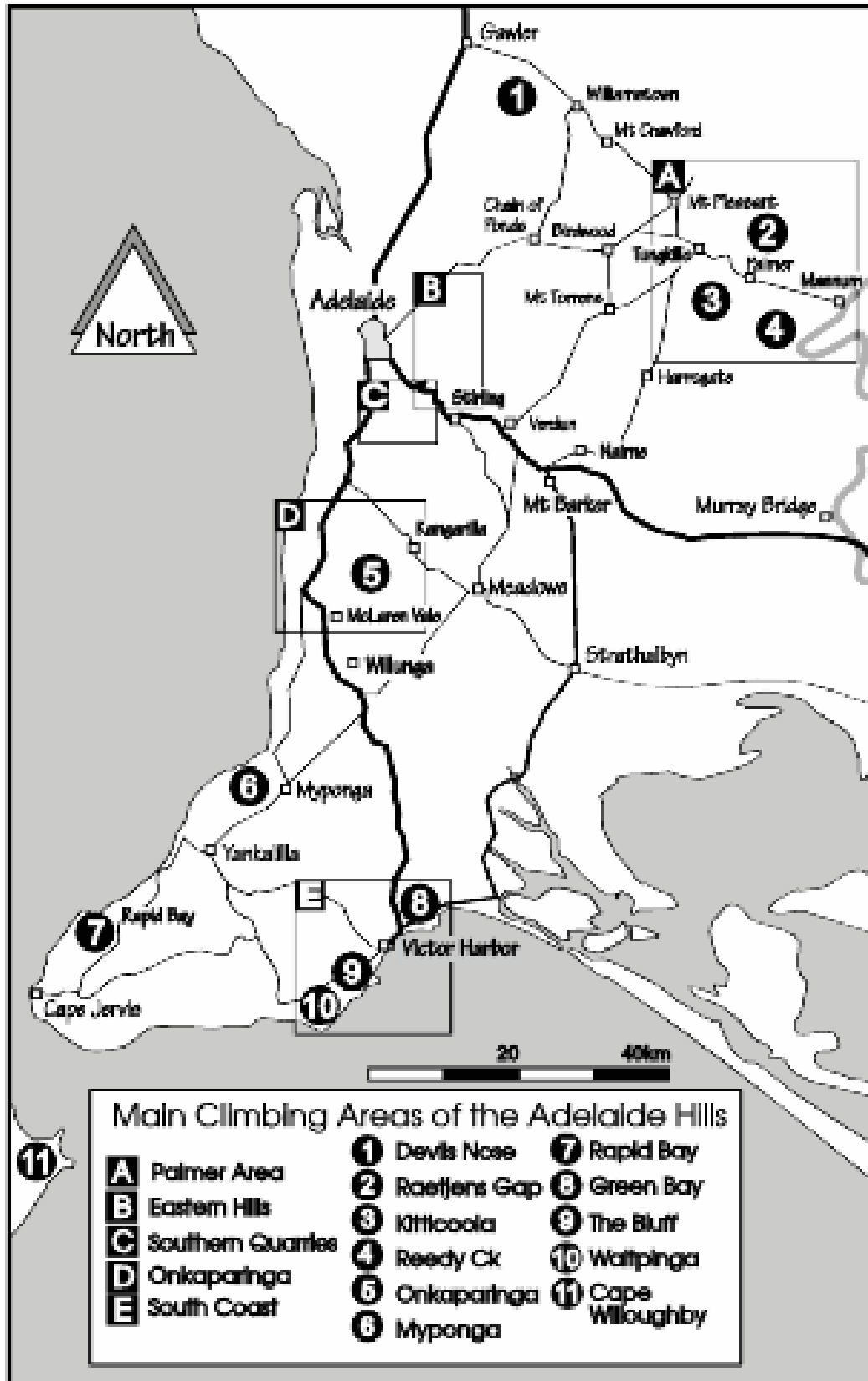
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1. MAP OF MAIN CLIMBING AREAS OF THE ADELAIDE HILLS



2. BEE VEE FACE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The wall can be found in a quarry off the Barrier Highway on the north side of Burra, about two hours drive from Adelaide. Directly opposite the town's stockyards is a deep cutting through a hillside. This is the result of quarrying for rubble for the Burra-Broken Hill railway line. The quarry is extensive and vertical rock abounds. Descent can be made in either direction, though maybe to the right (facing the cliff) is quickest.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Bee Vee Face				

3. DEVIL'S NOSE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Drive out of town along Main North Road toward Elizabeth and turn right just over the Little Para River onto Black Top Road. Follow this through One Tree Hill to a T-junction. Turn left at this and continue across an intersection 400m beyond onto Humbug Scrub Road. This leads into Para Wirra Recreation Park.

If approaching from the eastern suburbs head out Main North East Road to Modbury. Turn left onto Golden Grove Road and follow this past Golden Grove to turn right onto One Tree Hill Road. Continue north along this for about 9.5km to the T-junction mentioned above, and then follow Humbug Scrub Road to the Park.

From the Park entrance there are two options. Either park on a bend about 1km into the park and follow a foot track north along the crest of a ridge for about 2.5km (this brings you directly to the top of the cliff), or follow the road to the Knob (you may or may not be able to drive all the way). Walk down the track toward the South Para River until a foot track (signposted to the Devil's Nose) branches off to the left. Follow this to just before the crowd of yaccas, then contour around to the base of the cliff (35-minutes from the car). Alternatively, continue down to the river and follow this downstream to below the cliff. This will necessitate a short scramble up to Cormorant Wall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Devil's Nose				



4. HALE CONSERVATION PARK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Hale CP is a small park about 2km south east of Williamstown (on the road to Birdwood) with a few blobs of rock dotted amongst the scrub. Approach is from the car park and information board on this road. Follow the Mt Lofty walking trail (marked yellow) for 10-minutes, then turn right and continue along a ridge for a further 10-minutes and the top of the cliff will be on your right (grid reference 308400E 6159600N on the Barossa 1:50,000 map sheet).

Map: Barossa 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Hale Conservation Park				

5. WARREN CONSERVATION PARK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

About 7km beyond Kersbrook on the road to Williamstown is a turn off to the right. This is Watts Gully Rd. Follow it for 2.5km to the park entrance on the left. A 20-minute walk along the Heysen Trail, crossing two small creeks, brings you to the cliff (grid reference 308500E 6155100N on the Barossa 1:50,000 map sheet).

Map: Barossa 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Warren Conservation Park				

6. MID NORTH BRIDGES

6.1. Willaston Bridge

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the bridge over the North Para River that separates Gawler from Willaston. The routes are on the southern side of the central supporting abutment.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Willaston Bridge				

6.2. Tarlee Bridge

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Some 27km north of Gawler the road to Clare crosses the River Light. Immediately left (west) of the vehicular bridge lies the remains of the old bridge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Tarlee Bridge				

6.3. Kapunda Bridge

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This bridge also spans the River Light but is 40km from Gawler on the road to Kapunda.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Kapunda Bridge				

6.4. Hamley Bridge

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

In the middle of the town of Hamley Bridge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Hamley Bridge				

7. RAETJEN'S GAP

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The cliffs of Raetjen's Gap are situated on private property. While the landholder is willing to continue to allow access to climbers you are required to telephone in advance (08) 8569-4003.

There are two main approaches to Palmer from Adelaide. From the northern suburbs it is probably best to take North East Road out through Tea Tree Gully and on to Birdwood. About 4.5km beyond Birdwood turn right onto the road to Mannum. This leads through Tungkillo to Palmer.

The alternative approach is via the South Eastern Freeway. Exit this at Hahndorf and turn left immediately (i.e. don't go into Hahndorf). Go back past the Dutch windmill to a T-junction. Turn right and follow the main road along the Onkaparinga Valley through Verdun, Balhannah and Woodside to Mt Torrens. Continue straight through the intersection in Mt Torrens and about 14km beyond you will meet the Birdwood-Mannum road at a T-junction just out of Tungkillo. Turn right and head for Palmer.

Take the first left in Palmer (opposite the pub) onto a dirt road and follow this for 6km to a righthand turn that's not visible until you are immediately on it. Brake suddenly, back up, then turn right down this narrow road. Wind around a couple of bends and about 1km from the turn off the crags appear on the right.

Map: Tepko 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Rathjen's Gap				

8. REEDY CREEK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Find your way to Palmer (see access notes to Raetjen's Gap), then continue on toward Mannum. Turn right 1.9km after the railway line onto an unsealed road and follow this south for about 11.5km to a turn off on the right that leads to a car park overlooking the creek. Follow the footpath down to the lookout, then descend either left or right to the Gallery. The Flaky Walls are 100m downstream on the other side of the creek, and Diamond Wall is 300m upstream.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Reedy Creek				

9. KITTICoola

ACCESS – General (Description from “*The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide*” by Nick Neagle)

These cliffs are on private property. The current landowner has stated that **NO CLIMBING IS PERMITTED ON THE HARRISON CREEK CLIFFS**. You can contact the owner, Ray Bettcher on (08) 8532-2344.

There are two main approaches to Palmer from Adelaide. From the northern suburbs it is probably best to take North East Road out through Tea Tree Gully and on to Birdwood. About 4.5km beyond Birdwood turn right onto the road to Mannum. This leads through Tungkillo to Palmer.

The alternative approach is via the South Eastern Freeway. Exit this at Hahndorf and turn left immediately (i.e. don't go into Hahndorf). Go back past the Dutch windmill to a T-junction. Turn right and follow the main road along the Onkaparinga Valley through Verdun, Balhannah and Woodside to Mt Torrens. Continue straight through the intersection in Mt Torrens and about 14km beyond you will meet the Birdwood-Mannum road at a T-junction just out of Tungkillo. Turn right and head for Palmer.

From there two approaches are possible. The first is from the west and involves walking downstream to the crags, while the latter is from the east and requires a slightly longer hike in.

1. *From the West*

Turn right onto Brinkworth Rd just past the pub on the eastern edge of town and continue along this road, through a couple of intersections, for 3.5km to a left turn at a high fence onto Rollonds Rd. Follow this road directly toward a farmhouse (named ‘Tara’) where, after 1.7km, it swings sharply right (still parallel to the high fence). After a further 0.7km turn left onto a track (marked ‘No Through Road’) that leads left through a gate into farmland. Follow this through two more gates to a third, which will most likely be locked. Park here. The fence at this locked gate, and the one continuing east along the top of the broad ridge are property boundaries.

2. *From the East*

Continue on to Palmer from Tungkillo. Turn right at the pub onto the Murray Bridge road and follow this for 2km to a gate and dirt road on the right. Follow this track for 1.5km to park by an old stone ruin. Immediately south of here a track leads through a creek near where Harrison and Baker Creeks converge.

THE CLIFFS

The cliffs are located in two separate gorges cut by Harrison Creek (in the north) and Baker Creek (to the south). Smeagol Slabs and Pandora’s Box overlook Harrison Creek, at grid references 328500E 6139100N and 329300E 6139200N respectively (the latter is marked as waterfalls) on the Tepko 1:50,000 map sheet. The Ranch, Crud Gully and Condominium Buttress are in the Baker Creek gorge at approximate grid references 329300E 6138600N, 329100E 6138500N and 329200E 6138400N.

9.1. The Smeagol Slabs

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

1. From the West

Cross the fence into the paddock to the north-east and follow the edge of the gorge east until a small grove of sheoaks is encountered. This is near the top of the gorge and approximately 500m from the locked gate. Descend to creek level just downstream from the sheoaks. The slabs are just above the flat beside the creek on the south bank. A prominent landmark, a jutting outcrop with a severely overhanging prow, is higher up the southern bank and a little further downstream. There's another, though less spectacular, overhanging blade up R of the slabs as well.

2. From the East.

There are two options. Either follow the vehicle track south through the first creek (Harrison), then take the righthand fork up the ridge between the two creeks. After approximately 2.4km from the car head down toward the creek to the north. Look for the sheoaks and slabs mentioned above. Alternatively follow the course of Harrison Creek upstream from the car past Pandora's Box. The slabs are about 2.6km from Breezy Brae.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Smeagol Slabs				

9.2. Pandora's Box

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

1. From the West

Hop over the fence as for Smeagol Slabs but stay more or less on top of the broad open ridge until you reach the low scrub after approximately 750m. Now angle north-east down through the bushes until a lichenous wall comes into view on the other side of the creek about 1.25km from the locked gate.

2. From the East

Follow the course of Harrison Creek upstream from the car for approximately 1.75km.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Pandora's Box				

9.3. Baker Creek Cliffs

The three cliffs in this gorge are all within about 250m of the creek line, with The Ranch and Crud Gully on the north side, and Condominium Buttress on the south. At Condominium Buttress a steep, shrubby gully bounds the left side of the buttress. This provides the best means of descent from the top of the cliff.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

1. From the West

Follow the track beyond the locked gate down the centre of the ridge for approximately 800m before dropping down the relatively open hillside. Condominium Buttress should be apparent on the opposite side of the gorge, while on this side Crud Gully will be a bit upstream, and The Ranch just downstream.

2. From the East

As for the Harrison Creek cliffs follow the vehicle track south through the first creek (Harrison), then take the righthand fork up the ridge between the two creeks. After going approximately 1.75km from the car head down toward the creek as above.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Baker Creek Cliffs				

10. PINE FALLS CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

To get there, find your way to Gorge Rd (north east from the city centre via Payneham Rd), then follow it into the hills. Approximately 8.5km past the Stradbroke Rd roundabout turn R onto Corkscrew Road. Follow this for 2km before turning left onto Valley Road. Drive 2.5km down this till it ends at a locked gate – the entrance to Montacute Conservation Park. Park here and walk into the park along the fire trail (Heysen Trail). Where the track splits a few hundred metres from the gate take the righthand option and follow this as it bends steeply back up to the right. As you head up this section of the track the cliff can be seen at the head of the valley to the northeast. The fire track leads onto a ridge and, after about 45-minutes, eventually brings you to the top of the range. Go through a gate (in so doing you exit the Park) and follow the fire track, downhill to the left (still on the Heysen Trail) along the fence line, until it curves away to the right. Continue down beside the fence and climb over another one at right angles to the one you are following. Just before reaching the creek climb over the fence on your left (back into the Park) and locate a vague path leading down to the top of a waterfall. This is the top of the crag and will take about one hour from the car. Now the hard part – getting to the base of the crag. It's probably best to go down the right side (facing out) as the blackberries are very thick on the left. Cross the creek just above the waterfall and walk a long way uphill until it's possible to slither steeply to the base of the cliff.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Pine Falls Crag				

11. CABLE CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

On Gorge Rd, about 6.5km past the Stradbroke Rd roundabout, there's a parking area on the left of a sweeping lefthand bend. Cross the road here and wander up the gully beside the creek. The cliff is soon visible high up to the left. It's a steep slog up to it, but doesn't take that long – only about 10-minutes from the car.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Cable Crag				

12. TORRENS GORGE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

About 500m upstream from the weir and at river level on the north bank. The cliff is about 10m high and features slabs, walls and cracks.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Torrens Gorge				

13. AMBERS GULLY

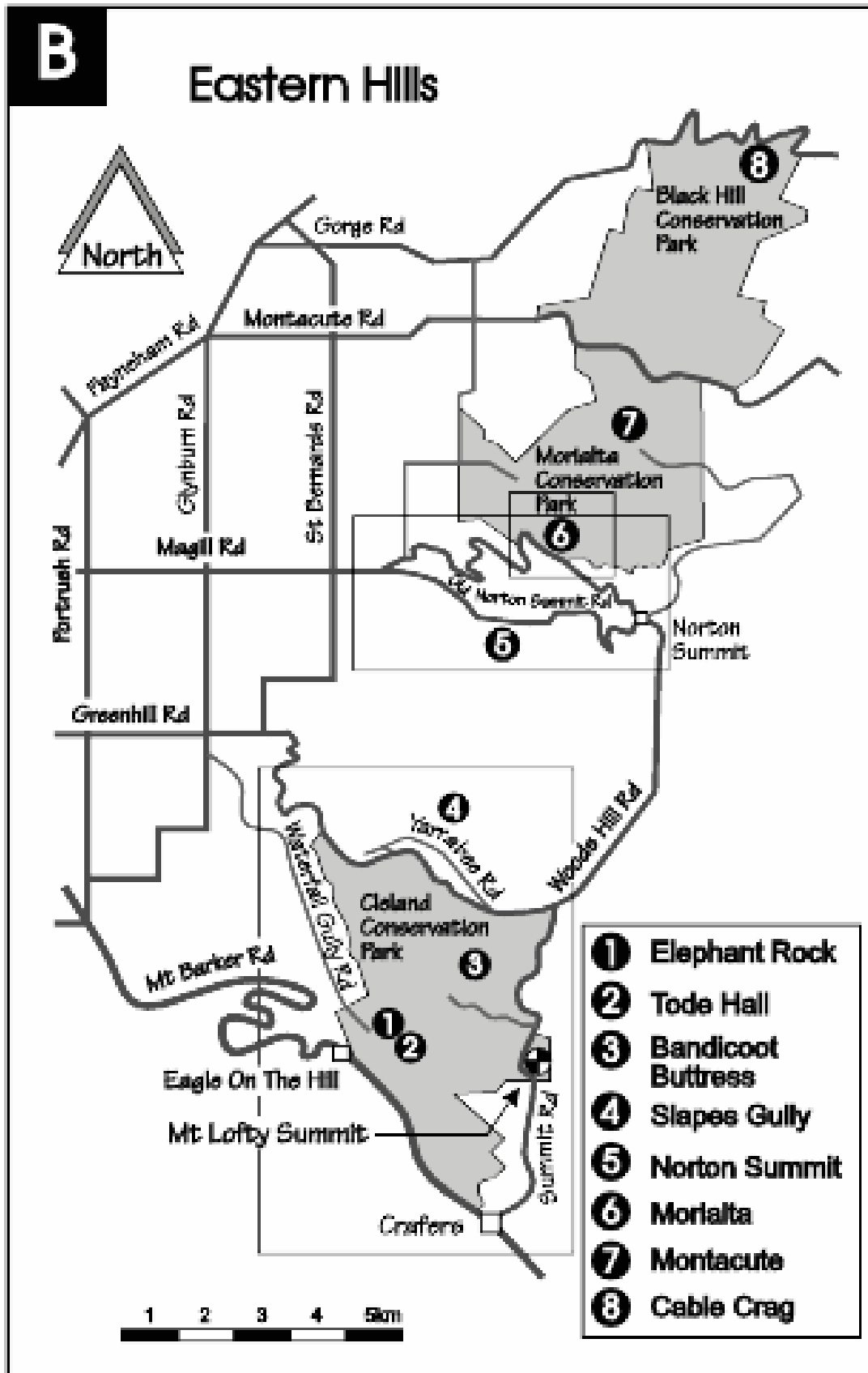
ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Found just L of the Ambers Gully waterfall (marked at grid reference 291900E 6139400N on the Adelaide 1:50,000 map sheet). Park in a Black Hill Conservation Park car park off Gorge Rd about 3.5km past the Stradbroke Rd roundabout (i.e. a few hundred metres before entering the Torrens Gorge proper). It's then a 10-minute walk to the falls.

Map: Adelaide 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Ambers Gully				

14. MAP OF EASTERN HILLS



15. MONTACUTE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Make your way to the Scenic Hotel at Norton Summit, then turn down Colonial Drive opposite the pub and follow it north and then north-east (through a wonderful candlebark gum woodland) toward the crest of the ridge (the bitumen turns to dirt part way along this). Turn left at the T-junction with Moore's Road and follow this 2.2km to a locked gate at the entrance to Morialta Conservation Park. Park here and continue along the road on foot to the second set of power lines. Turn right here onto another dirt track. When it starts to descend follow it briefly, then cut left through the scrub. The Left Tit is soon reached.

Map:

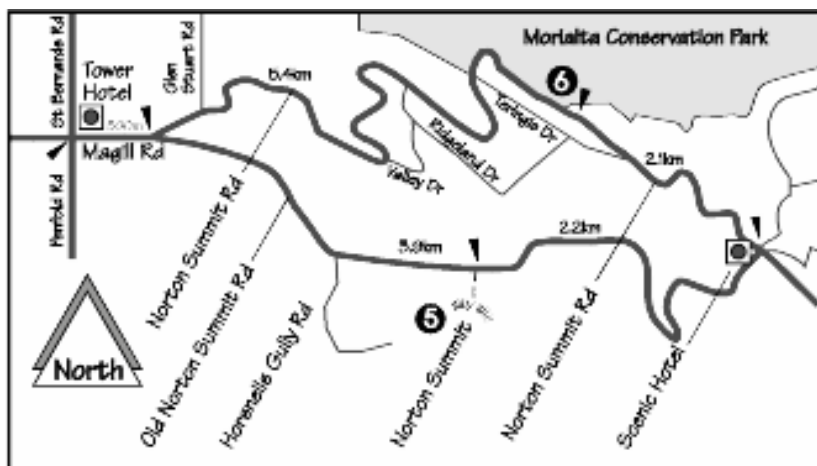
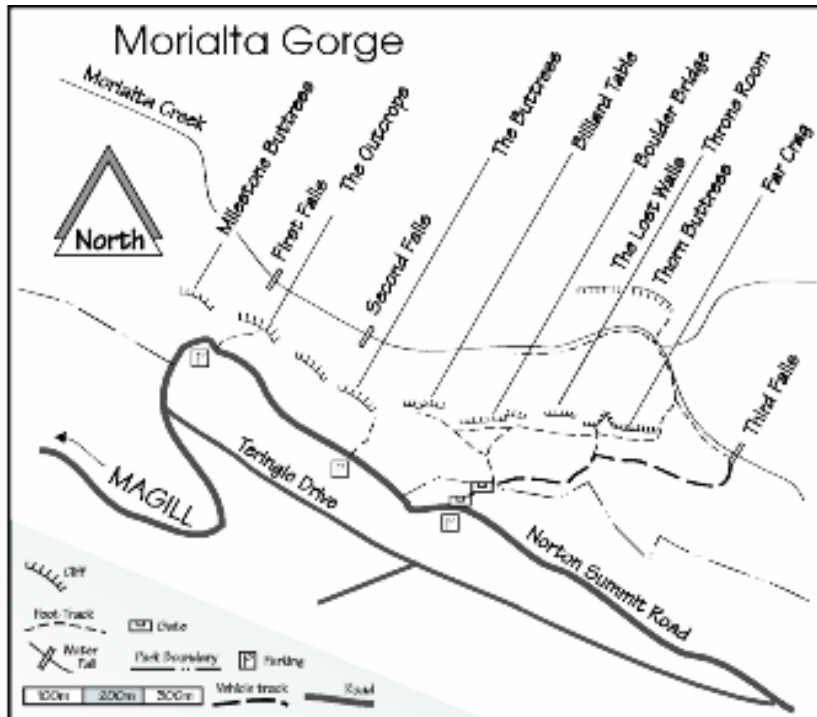
Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Montacute				

16. MORIALTA

ACCESS – General (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Head east out of the city up Magill Road to where it meets St Bernards Road at the Tower Hotel. Continue through this intersection and turn left after 500m onto Norton Summit Road. Follow this as it winds around the hillside and gradually gains height. 5.2km from the Tower Hotel you will round Pretty Corner and be presented with an extended view up the Gorge. Most of the cliff line is on the southern side, though there are a couple of outcrops on the opposite side, most notably Thorn Buttress. Milestone Buttress and the Outcrops are almost directly below you at this point.

Continue a further 700m (5.9km from the Tower) to where a fire track branches off steeply down to the left. A locked gate across this prevents vehicle entry but you can park on the opposite side of the road at this point. This is the access point for all cliffs from the Far Crag (eastern) end of the Gorge down to the Billiard Table. The cliffs further downstream are also best approached from this road. For specific directions refer to each cliff's introduction section.



16.1. Far Crag

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Head down the fire track from the Norton Summit Road through two swing gates. This brings you into Morialta Conservation Park. Continue along the fire trail as it parallels the fence and 300m from the second gate you reach a grassy area where the fire track curves around to the R. Leave it here and follow the well-defined foot track straight out toward the rim of the Gorge. This will bring you to the top of the main descent for Far Crag.

The main descent (and approach) is at the R (downstream) end, though there is an alternative at the L end. All climbs except "The Spanish Inquisition" lie between these descents.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Far Crag				

16.2. Thorn Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach from the eastern (upstream) end of Far Crag where a track leads down to Fourth Creek. Follow the creek downstream for 100m before crossing it at its junction with a smaller creek entering from the right. Follow this briefly before a vague track breaks off L up the hill (from the top of the rock steps) to reach the toe of a small boulder field near the ragged RH end of the cliff. Bear L across the bottom of this to reach a track that soon meets the cliff at a black streaked wall.

More recently a track has been carved directly up the hillside, however this is an eyesore and has had a significant impact on the stability of the soil and vegetation thereabouts. The path further right (described above) provides a preferable approach, as it is less steep and therefore less prone to these problems. Please use this approach.

Descent from the top of the cliff can be made either by abseiling from chains atop "Terra Incognita" or by scrambling down beyond the R end of the cliff (assisted by an in situ thin rope).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Thorn Buttress				

16.3. The Lost Walls

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Access is as for Thorn Buttress. Head down slightly L from here to skirt the blackberries, then angle back up to regain the base of the cliff about 25m L of the blackberry-filled gully.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Lost Walls				

16.4. The Throne Room

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach may be made from either direction. You can take the track along the base of the cliff from Far Crag. The main area of the Throne Room is about 60m beyond the Far Crag descent. Approaching from the other direction the descent route is found in the second gully upstream from Boulder Bridge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Throne Room				

16.5. Boulder Bridge

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Follow the fire track down from the Norton Summit Road as for Far Crag, but once through the second gate branch off L onto the foot trail. **This angles down R past a notice board to a junction.** The R branch leads directly to the top of the Muesli Wall. To descend to the base of the cliff follow the cliff top track R for 30m to a gully. Scramble down this. The L branch angles back downstream to another junction. This time the R branch leads to the top of the boulder bridge, while the L continues on to the Billiard Table. From the top of the bridge you can either down climb the hole behind it, or the easier option is to scramble down to the L (facing out).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Boulder Bridge				

16.6. The Billiard Table

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach via the Boulder Bridge track, but follow the branch leading downstream. This leads to the upstream end of the cliff and the top of the descent gully. You can also solo down the wide chimney on the R (facing out) of the Billiard Table formation itself.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Billiard Table				

16.7. Shiprock

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach as for the Buttress, but bear R (facing out) at the base of the walk down at the upstream end of that crag. Boneseed and blackberry bushes continually regrow along the base of the rock here often making access tedious.

The routes are divided between four distinct areas that comprise the total cliff of Shiprock. Approaching from The Buttress the first climbs reached are only about 15m L of the descent. The second area is a further 20m to the L and has a large sheoak at its base. From here you skirt down and around a leaning buttress and cross a gully to the next area. Lastly, a series of short walls can be found at the L end of the cliff.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Shiprock				

16.8. The Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Drive back towards town from the main parking area (for Far Crag, Boulder Bridge, etc.) around the first bend, past a tiny parking spot (room for one small, narrow vehicle) to a better roadside park that can take several cars. Walk back (upstream) to the apex of the bend where a track leads down through the open grassy area (a bit hard to spot if the grass is long – look for an iron pole). Beyond the grass the track is more obvious and can be pretty slippery when wet. Take care at the bottom as it comes out at the top of the chimney. The best descent is to the R (facing out).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Buttress				

16.9. Mirror Wall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Slip down to the base of the Buttress and follow the track downstream through a little sheoak grove. (Don't take the RH branch that leads down to the Second Falls!). The track curves back to meet the cliff at the base of Mirror Wall's L arête.

**Map:**

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Mirror Wall				

16.10. Déjà Vu Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Park as for the Buttress, but instead of walking back upstream to that crag's access track head straight down the hillside (aiming for a midpoint between the First and Second Falls). There's no track but its fairly easy going and in 5-10 minutes you should find yourself on top of the cliff. Head down the L side (facing out) to gain the base of the rock. (A steep gully with a large eucalypt is on the R).

Alternatively, take the track down to the Buttress, then head downstream along the track beneath the cliff line. Déjà Vu Buttress is the next cliff past Mirror Wall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Déjà Vu Buttress				

16.11. Wedge Wall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the second outcrop downstream from Déjà Vu Buttress. Between the two is a small unclimbed outcrop with loads of blackberries at its base making access next to impossible.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Wedge Wall				

16.12. Rare Earth Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

25m R across a steep gully from the R end of Wedge Wall is Rare Earth Buttress.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)



Rare Earth Buttress				
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16.13. Western Wall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach may be made either by traversing in from the Outcrops or coming directly down the hillside from the road. Neither option involves following a discernible path. The former involves bashing through boneseed bushes which, although tedious, is blackberry free and not too difficult. For the latter option hop the guardrail opposite the driveway marked "Morialta Bend" and head straight down the grassy slope. Once in the trees the angle steepens but the vegetation is open and the easy corner dividing Western Wall from Rare Earth Buttress is soon reached. This is probably the preferable alternative.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Western Wall				

16.14. The Outcrops

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The Outcrops are located below Pretty Corner on the Old Norton Summit Rd. When you round this corner on the way up you are suddenly treated to a grand view right up the main Gorge to near its head. Continue a little way past the bend, then turn round where convenient and look for a single park on the left (room for two little vehicles at a real squeeze) or the roomier, but uneven, spot right on the bend. Hop over the guardrail between these two spots and follow a prominent track down past the NPWS climbing sign to the top of the crag. Descent can be made down either end of the crag, though the upstream end is a little easier.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Outcrops				

16.15. Milestone Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Park and approach as for the Outcrops, as this is the next crag downstream and separated from it by a descent gully.

**Map:**

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Milestone Buttress				

16.16. Morialta Point Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The most accessible of all Morialta cliffs it is best approached from the car park on Pretty Corner (as for the Outcrops and Milestone Buttress). Step over the guardrail onto the track leading north-west down a spur. Follow this only briefly before bearing down right (upstream) to the top of the crag. Descend its western end. Only two minutes car to crag.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Morialta Point Buttress				

16.17. First Falls Area

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Drive in the main entrance to Morialta and park in the car park where the kiosk used to be. The Falls are about 500m up the creek along a very nice path. To the R of the path, about 350m from the car park, is the Giant's Cave. A stone staircase with a new wooden railing leads up to it.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
First Falls Area				

16.18. The Red Cliff

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the red wall seen on the south side of the creek just before you reach the First (main) Falls when approaching from the car park. Although close to the main walking track access to much of the cliff is quite difficult owing to a large and impenetrable patch of blackberries beneath the centre of the wall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Red Cliff				

16.19. First Falls – Top Tier

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *“The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide”* by Nick Neagle)

A little wall directly below the top lookout. Approach either via the gully on the L (facing the cliff), or by going down to the lower lookout, hopping over the fence and following the ledge around L.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
First Falls – Top Tier				

16.20. First Falls – Second Tier

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *“The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide”* by Nick Neagle)

This is the next band of rock immediately below the Top Tier. For the first two routes it’s probably best to continue down the gully from the L end of the Top Tier (in the line of the old staircase).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
First Falls – Second Tier				

16.21. Base of the Falls

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *“The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide”* by Nick Neagle)

The L wall of the waterfall.

**Map:**

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Base of the Falls				

16.22. Deep View Lookout

(Tourist Buttress)

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the big lump of rock that dominates the view to the north from the car park at the entrance to Morialta Gorge. A signposted walking track leads to its top and the Deep View lookout, which offers expansive views of the lower gorge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Deep View Lookout				

16.23. Morialta Meds Buttress

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

On the north side of the Gorge just east of the Deep View lookout. Walk up the track opposite the car park. Apparently you go past the lookout and scramble down the next gully to a ledge beside caves

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Morialta Meds Buttress				

16.24. Death Rock

This crag is outside the designated climbing areas of Morialta Conservation Park, and it is therefore illegal to climb on it.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

It is located on the north side of the Gorge, up the gully to the east of the main tourist lookout. Follow the road up the base of the Gorge. Past the Giant's Cave take the L branch of the fire track, then turn L again onto a footpath signposted 'Deep View Lookout'. Follow this until a minor track is reached that leads off L up the slope toward the crag.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Death Rock				

17. NORTON SUMMIT

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Head for the Hills up Magill Rd. Beyond the intersection with St Bernards Rd, at the Tower Hotel, this changes to the Old Norton Summit Rd. Continue along this road for 3.9km beyond the Tower and a narrow parking area is seen on the R directly down the hill from the crag. You can do a U-turn at any of the driveways just beyond, but it's probably better to drive a further 700m to where there is a large clear area on the R side of the road that is safer for turning.

A steep track leads almost directly uphill from the city end of the parking area. This meets the lower cliff line first, just L of The Hole. For the main cliffs continue L and follow the track as it angles L to the Cave (5-minutes from the car).

For the Far Left Wing follow the cliff line about 65m L of the Left Wing of the Cave.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Norton Summit				

17.1. The Hole

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach as for the Cave but leave the track where it levels out at the quarried cliff (just before it cuts up L) and wander up R to the base of the white cliff. Here you'll be greeted by a large excavated cavern.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Hole				

17.2. The Bachelor Pad

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the small crag up the gully about 500m back toward town from the main Norton Summit cliffs. You can approach it directly from the road by crossing the creek and following a faint path.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bachelor Pad				

18. SLAPES GULLY

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Drive up scenic Greenhill Rd to the suburb of Greenhill and take the first left (an acute turn) onto Quintin Ave. Turn right onto Yarrabee Dr and park on the left at the Greenhill CFS. This is on top of the ridge more or less directly above the crag. Walk down into the valley on the city side of the CFS yard's fence. It's steep going and you'll probably slip and slide a bit. It's apparent that rubbish has been tipped down the hillside in the past, so be careful of bits of rusty old iron and broken glass lurking under the bushes. Veering slightly L initially will enable you to descend the first rock band via a gully. Angle R from the base of this, through a grove of sheoaks and look for a lone one on a small promontory of rock atop the lower cliff line. This sheoak marks the descent gully at the RH end (facing the cliff) of the main climbing area.

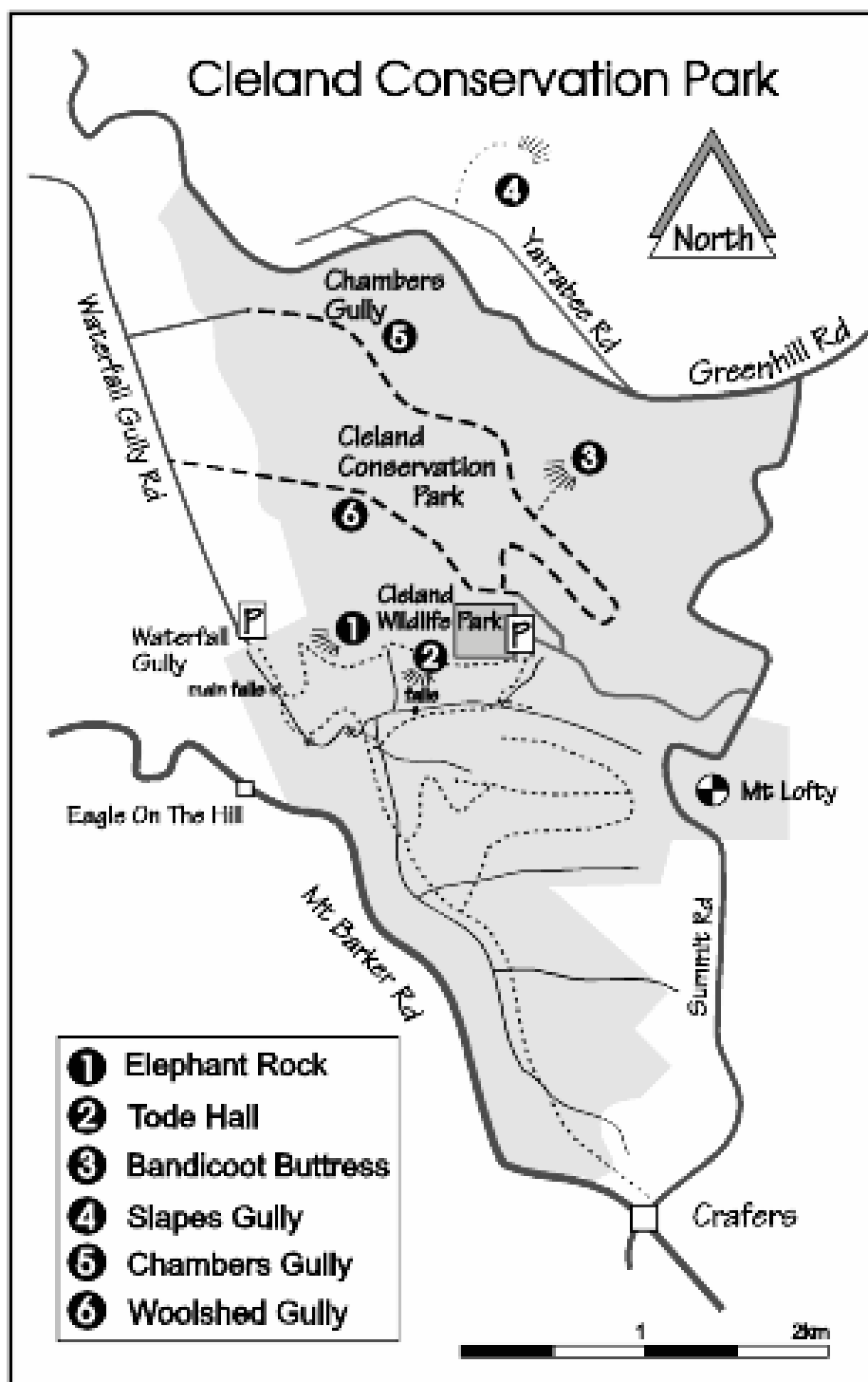
Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Slapes Gully				

19. CLELAND

ACCESS (Description from "The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide" by Nick Neagle)

There are six little crags within Cleland Conservation Park that have received occasional and fleeting attention from climbers. All are limited in extent and height.



19.1. Chambers Gully

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Park on Waterfall Gully Rd and follow the track past the Chambers Gully dump to a gate. Go through this and about 250m up the footpath is a pile of choss on the right.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Chambers Gully				

19.2. Woolshed Gully Crag

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Woolshed Gully also branches off Waterfall Gully and is the next valley south of Chambers Gully. Continue about 750m beyond the Chambers Gully turn-off and park on the west side of the road by a shed. There's a locked gate at the entrance to Woolshed Gully with a pedestrian access beside it. Walk up the dirt track beyond this to where the valley splits near its head (about 1.25km from Waterfall Gully Rd). Follow the R fork with difficulty for about 400m to a little crag on the R side of the creek.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Woolshed Gully Crag				

19.3. Elephant Rock

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

It's signposted as Castle Rock and has also been known as Sunset Rock in the past! Approach via the waterfall track from the car park at the end of the Waterfall Gully Rd. Cross the creek above the top of the falls and follow the track back up L to the top of the outcrop.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Elephant Rock				

19.4. The Urban Goat Crag

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This crag can be found upstream from the top of the main falls and high on the NE side of the valley. It is rather small, scrappy and easy angled.

Cross the creek via the bridge just above the falls and follow the track to where it jags back left. Leave it here and continue slanting diagonally right up the slope. The crag is soon reached.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Urban Goat Crag				

19.5. Tode Hall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Access involves a pleasant five-minute stroll from the car park. Follow the creek upstream from the top of the falls around a bend to the left, under some little crags on the right, until a buttress appears on the opposite (north) side of the valley and a little way up the slope.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Tode Hall				

19.6. Bandicoot Buttress

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Make your way to the car park at the Cleland Conservation Park fauna reserve just below Mt Lofty Summit. From the northern corner of the car park follow the Long Ridge fire track for approximately 250m to where the Bartril Spur Track branches off R. Turn down this and follow it as it curves back R into a valley. Bandicoot Buttress can be spied directly across the valley as you descend this track. Keep following the track for about 200m beyond where it crosses the creek and bears back L, until a vague track is located on the R. (It meets the track by a burnt stringybark). This leads up through relatively thick bush to the RH end of the cliff. Continue L along the base of the cliff until a short diagonal gully providing access to the top of the cliff is reached.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)

Bandicoot Buttress				
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20. GLEN OSMOND QUARRIES

This is the collection of quarries to the R of the sweeping bend 1.25km up Mount Barker Rd from the Toll Gate intersection.

20.1. The Oasis

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The highest quarry on the Devil's Elbow side of the bend faces north but has a grove of shady trees. The R half of the quarry features broken and chossy rock, while L of centre three large corners separate steeper, though still loose walls.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Oasis				

20.2. The Main Quarry

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the big prominent quarried cliff you see straight head when approaching Adelaide from the Devil's Elbow.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Main Quarry				

21. BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

21.1. Workanda Creek

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Upper Waterfall

This cliff is located within Belair National Park about 10km south of the city. To get there from the city drive south along either Unley or Fullarton Roads. If using the former, turn left onto Blythewood Road opposite the Torrens Park railway station and follow it for 600m to a right turn onto Old Belair Road. Now follow this up the hill for 1.4km to a L turn onto James Road. Turn L again after about 800m onto Sheoak Road. Continue up this road (past a 'No Through Road' sign) for 3.9km to park beside Gate 11. Enter the Park here and follow the fire track to the top of the cliff (about 5-minutes from the car).

If approaching via Fullarton Road, take that road to its end at a roundabout (intersection with Blythewood Road). Go straight through this to join Old Belair Road just beyond. Turn left and follow it for 1.2km to the L turn onto James Road. Continue as above.

If coming from the western or southern suburbs follow Main Road through Blackwood to the Belair Railway Station (at the NW end of Sheoak Road), then follow the directions as above.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Workanda Creek				

21.2. Amphitheatre Rock

A small cliff featuring a large arched roof near the southern boundary of the park, just off Melville Gully Road.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Either enter the park at the main western gate and drive down Melville Gully Road until you see the signpost for Amphitheatre Rock (just before the road starts to wind up the hillside on the R), or park at Gate 20 on Upper Sturt Road (just west of the Upper Sturt 'township') and walk down Melville Gully Road to reach the same signpost. The cliff is only 1-2-minutes walk off the road.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Amphitheatre Rock				



22. ALDGATE SUPER CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach via the South Eastern Freeway, exiting at Stirling. Continue on to Aldgate and, rather than following the main road around left at the Aldgate Pump Hotel, carry straight on toward Mylor. The first road on the right is Aldgate Valley Rd. Wind your way along this for 3.7km and the cliff will appear on the left, immediately beside the road. There's room for one car to park on the opposite side of the road by a gate about 100m past the cliff. The main wall is 6m off the road.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Aldgate Super Crag				

23. SOUTHERN QUARRIES

This is a collection of old quarries scattered along the edge of the Hills to the south of Adelaide.

23.1. Brownhill Creek

Southwark Hill Quarry

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Drive past the Brownhill Creek caravan park and park at the playground on the R just over the bridge. Walk up the hill behind the playground via an old vehicle track and go past a quarry on the L before reaching the main one. It faces north-east and 'Southwark', painted in large letters, will be seen near the middle.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Brownhill Creek				

23.2. Car Crash Crag

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Car Crash Crag is a disused quarry just off the Old Belair Road at Mitcham. To get there from the city drive south along either Unley or Fullarton Roads. If using the former, turn left onto Blythewood Road opposite the Torrens Park railway station and follow it for 600m to a right turn onto Old Belair Road. Now follow this up the hill for 1.4km to a parking area on the right side of the road opposite James Road.

If approaching via Fullarton Road, take that road to its end at a roundabout (intersection with Blythewood Road). Go straight through this to join Old Belair Road just beyond. Turn left and follow it for 1.2km to the parking area described above.

From the car park take the dirt track (through a locked gate) back toward town and the upper edge of the quarry is reached within five minutes. Descent can be made either to the left or right, though the left has a more well defined path.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Car Crash Crag				

23.3. Tusmore Towers

The quarry immediately below Windy Point.

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

From the car park at Windy Point (off Belair Rd) head across the road on the bend and go downhill toward town. Curve R and you'll soon meet the edge of an old quarry.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Tusmore Towers				



24. CORO CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Make your way to the Blackwood roundabout via either Shepherd's Hill Rd from the west or Main Rd from the north and east, then drive south-east down Main Rd over the railway line. 2.8km beyond the railway line turn L onto Crane Ave, then the first R onto Avondale Rd. Turn L at the end of this street onto Sitella Cr and follow it around R into a cul de sac. Park here and walk up No. 8's driveway to a gate. Go through this and follow a vehicle track up the gully. In 5-minutes the cliff will appear on the R.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Coro Crag				

25. MOUNT BARKER

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

A line of low cliffs, facing north west and clearly visible from the South Eastern Freeway, lie just below the summit of the mount.

Leave the freeway at the Mount Barker exit and follow the old highway to Nairne, where a signposted RH turn leads back over the freeway to Mt Barker summit. Follow a foot track from the car park along the ridge to the north to find the tallest section of cliff.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Mount Barker				

26. ONKAPARINGA GORGE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

If coming from the city begin by making your way to Clarendon. There are two main choices of route. Firstly, head down Main South Rd to Darlington and turn L onto Flagstaff Rd. This climbs steeply up to Flagstaff Hill. Continue straight through the roundabout intersection with Black Rd and on to turn L at the T-junction (roundabout) with Chandlers Hill Rd. Follow this to the top of the hill where a R turn is made onto Grants Gully Rd. This leads into Clarendon.

The second alternative applies if you're coming from Blackwood. Drive south from the Blackwood roundabout along Main Rd through Coromandel Valley. This very windy road eventually leads into Clarendon.

Drive straight through Clarendon (or stop at the bakery) toward Kangarilla. Turn R 1.5km out of town (and just through a cutting), then veer L immediately onto Baker Gully Rd. Branch R onto Chapel Hill Rd at the 3-way junction after a further 2.4km. Continue along this for 2.5km to a T-junction. Turn R here and after 0.5km a car park appears on the R at the entrance to Onkaparinga River National Park. Park here.

To reach the cliffs hop over the LH stile and follow the L side of the fenceline down toward the gorge passing through one little gate, to eventually reach a larger locked gate. Hop over the stile to gain the upstream end of the Top Cliff. Descent can be made at this end of the cliff – down the new steps.

For all cliffs downstream of this (except the Punchbowl) continue downstream along the top of Top Cliff where a faint track leads down to the river. Access for Snakelands is along the vague track past the Top Cliff descent. Refer to each crag's description for further access details.

26.1. Top Cliff

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Care is needed to negotiate the steep dirt, loose rock and vegetation found at the top of virtually all routes on this cliff. The NPWS have kindly installed a number of big belay bolts along the top of this cliff, thus eliminating the need to tie off to trees or dodgy fence posts.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Top Cliff				

26.2. The Beer Garden

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

To descend from all routes in this area, walk downstream to the fence (atop the R end of The Alcove). About 5m past this an easy ledge system runs diagonally down L (facing out). This brings you to the R end of the Dork Slabs. Alternatively, you can continue past this semi-downclimb and skirt the R end of the cliff (an easier option if carrying a pack).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – The Beer Garden				



26.3. THE ALCOVE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Beyond the RH end of the Beer Garden a grove of thin golden wattles almost abuts the base of the cliff. Here may be found a few little slabs and corners, and a couple of tricky problems that can be fun on a summer evening.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – The Alcove				

26.4. DORK SLABS

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the mossy, easy angled wall at the RH end of the Top Cliff that quickly degenerates into the hillside. The routes are very ordinary at best and I wouldn't recommend them in a fit.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Dork Slabs				

26.5. Snakelands

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Branch R from the top of the steps at the eastern end of the Top Cliff past a sign. Follow a vague track that angles down to meet an old fence that runs directly down to the bottom of the gorge. Follow this; quite steep in places, to where there is a large coil of rusty, old fence-wire. The easiest way to the base of the crag is to walk upstream for about 100m to where a short scramble gets you down to the bed of the gorge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Snakelands				

26.6. Waterloo Wall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Approach from the top of the RH end of the Top Cliff. Follow the track down the ridge line to the bed of the gorge, cross the river, then head back upstream to a small open area opposite the base of the corner.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Waterloo Wall				

26.7. Turkey Wall

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Just downstream from Waterloo Wall the river bends left. Straight ahead (i.e. to the west) and on the northern bank a cliff rises from a pool. This is Turkey Wall. The bottom RH side features extremely loose, thinly bedded rock – definitely to be handled with care.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Turkey Wall				

26.8. HIDDEN WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Slog up the gully at the RH end of Turkey Wall to the top of the scree. Now scramble up L onto a steep, unstable sloping ledge.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Hidden Wall				

26.9. TOP WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Not to be confused with the Top Cliff! This is the short streaked wall further uphill and R of Turkey and Hidden Walls.

**Map:**

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Top Wall				

26.10. SPIDER SLABS

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This area is at the LH (upstream) end of the Red Cliff and consists of a black, off vertical wall with a roofline at half height. Approach as for Waterloo Wall by following the track down toward the river from the RH end of the Top Cliff, but veer off L and head for the next cliff downstream (on the next bend).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Top Wall				

26.11. THE RED CLIFF

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

To the R of the Spider Slabs the cliff rears up in a giant wave with an overhang.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – The Red Cliff				

26.12. WESTERN CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the next crag downstream from the Red Cliff on the southern side of the gorge. It's only a short walk from that cliff. Due to the dearth of good anchors on top you will probably want to set up a spare rope from a tree back to the edge of the cliff as a belay.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)



Onkaparinga – Western Crag				
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26.13. ARAPILES CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Hidden high on the northern side of the gorge opposite Western Crag is yet another little crag.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Arapiles Crag				

26.14. DOOM WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

(aka Tiger Wall or The Temple of Doom)

It lies just downstream from Western Crag, but on the opposite (north) side of the river.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Doom Wall				

26.15. CHRISTIES HIGH CRAG

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is a little crag about 1km farther downstream on the northern bank at grid reference 279700E 6107400N on the Noarlunga 1:50,000 map sheet.

Map: Noarlunga 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Christies High Crag				

26.16. THE PUNCHBOWL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The Punchbowl is an isolated little crag several kilometres downstream from the Top Cliff.

Take Main South Rd to Hackham, then turn L onto Penneys Hill Rd. Follow this to the roundabout at the T-junction with States Rd. Turn R and follow this for 1.4km to another T-junction, this time with Piggott Range Rd. Go L and drive a further 2.4km to where a large water tank (No.4 painted on the side) will be seen on the R by Gate 15 leading into Onkaparinga River National Park. This is directly opposite a house. Park here. Step through the gap provided in the fence and follow the track past the end of the fence, a little brick building and a dam to reach another fenceline at right angles to the gorge. Follow this south-west down the crest of a spur to the corner of the paddock.

Now you have two options. You can either hop over the fence here and wander down the R side of the spur to eventually reach a faint path atop the cliff (steep in places), or follow the fenceline off R around a L turn to the next R turn, jump it here, locate a faint path down R toward the gully, and follow it as it angles down and L to the top of the cliff. The crag can be located on the Noarlunga 1:50,000 mapsheet at grid reference 278400E 6106500N.

Locating the descent to beneath the crag is more tricky. The cliff runs up the hillside from the river at an acute angle so you need to scramble down the LH or uphill end. The descent gully is short and open.

Map: Noarlunga 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – The Punchbowl				

26.17. ECHO BEND

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This little crag is on the northern side of the river and is best approached from that side. Follow the directions as for the main Onkaparinga cliffs from South Rd to Chandler's Hill Rd and on to Grant's Gully Rd. Follow this for 800m, then turn right onto Piggott Range Rd. Drive 5.2km along this road to where it meets Cox Hill Rd (the sealed road actually makes a sweeping bend and becomes Cox Hill Rd, while the continuation of Piggott Range Rd is dirt). Turn left at this intersection onto Gosse Rd (also a dirt track) and follow this for 1.2km (over a grid where there's a sign saying 'Private Property Keep Out', but it's OK cos it's a public right of way) to its end at Gate 18 by some stockyards. This gate marks the boundary of the Onkaparinga River National Park and beyond it is the Baker's Gully Track. Park here – out of the way of the yards.

DO NOT walk down through the paddock before the house at the end of the road as this is private property. Instead, climb over Gate 18 and follow the fenceline down left to some big olive bushes in the corner of the paddock. Go through the fence here and the top of the crag is soon reached. The cliff faces north-east.

Map: Noarlunga 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – Echo Bend				

26.18. THE WALL

ACCESS (Description from *“The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide”* by Nick Neagle)

This little crag is only a short (7-minute) walk from Echo Bend. Approach as for that cliff, then head upstream and cross to the opposite bank. Go around a bend and a short undercut wall will soon be seen up to the R.

Map: Noarlunga 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Onkaparinga – The Wall				

27. MYPONGA

ACCESS (Description from *“The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide”* by Nick Neagle)

Take Main South Rd south from the city past Noarlunga and the Victor Harbor turn off. Continue on past Aldinga and turn R about 6.5km beyond Sellicks Hill at a sign posted turn off to Myponga Reservoir. A car park is reached on the L after 5km and just before the road descends to the dam wall. Park here and walk back (in the opposite direction from which you’ve come) down a dirt track toward the reservoir. The cliff is soon reached on the L in what was once a landscaped picnic area. These days there is a locked gate across this dirt track with a sign on it advising the area is closed due to rock fall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Myponga				

28. RAPID BAY

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Follow Main South Rd south from the city beyond the Victor Harbor turn off and continue toward Cape Jervis. The turn off to Rapid Bay is a bit under 5km beyond Second Valley. This road leads down steeply through bald hills to the small seaside town. On entering town turn R toward the beach, then L along the waterfront toward the jetty. The cliff appears on the L overlooking the sea and above the access road to the quarry.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Rapid Bay				

29. HINDMARSH FALLS

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Head south from Adelaide toward Victor Harbor. Turn R about 12km past Mount Compass onto Pambula Rd and follow this for 6.5km to a signposted turn off on the L to the falls. A dirt road of a bit over 1km leads to a small car park. Walk down the cement path to a lookout, then nip under the rail and continue to the creek. Turn R and head back to the pool beneath the falls.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Hindmarsh Falls				

30. GREEN BAY

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

To find this little cove follow South Rd to Victor Harbor and turn L (at the sweeping RH bend by the squash courts) onto the Port Elliot Rd. Drive in to Port Elliot and turn R onto The Strand and head for the beach. Before reaching it turn R again into Merrillilli Place and the crag is down on the L beyond the houses.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Green Bay				

31. GRANITE ISLAND

ACCESS (Description from "*The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide*" by Nick Neagle)

A soft, quarried wall facing the walking track on the mainland side of the island.

The area is now off limits to climbers.

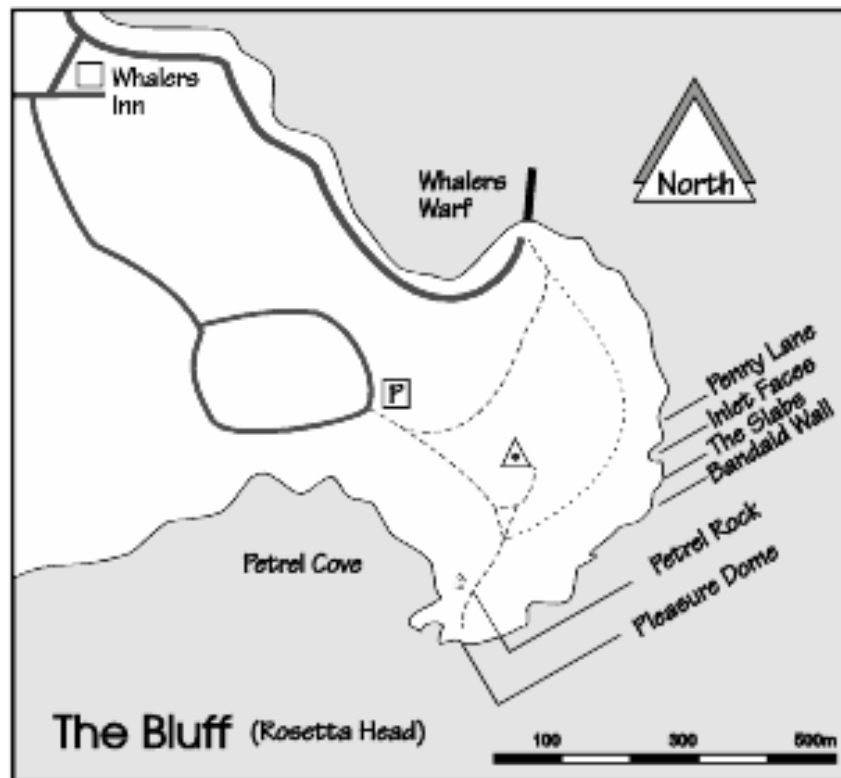
Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Granite Island				

32. THE BLUFF

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Take Main South Road from Adelaide to Victor Harbor and continue through town to a T-junction roundabout. Turn R here and follow this to another roundabout, just over the Inman River, where you turn L. Pass a caravan park on the R and a hospital on the L before turning L onto Bartel Bvd. This leads down to the foreshore where the Bluff will be clearly visible. Follow the foreshore around and either turn L at the Whaler's Inn and park at the end of the road by a short wharf (a few spaces only), or (the better option) continue past the Inn to the Bluff car park overlooking Petrel Cove.



32.1. PETREL ROCK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Seen easily from the car park, this is the large boulder high on the slope on the east side of Petrel Cove. Follow the main track almost to the shoulder of the Bluff, then cut down along a narrow footpath to the top of the boulder. Scramble down the left side (facing out).

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – Petrel Rock				

32.2. THE PLEASURE DOME

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Take the main track from the car park up to the southern shoulder of the Bluff, then bear right and follow a path on top of the ridge. Follow this until a lesser path is seen leading down left toward a peculiar umbrella shaped rock – the Pleasure Dome. To reach the first routes scramble west over boulders to a large platform beneath an overhanging wall, then descend a short wall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – The Pleasure Dome				

32.3. TAI CHI LYCHEE BOULDER

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the prominent boulder (there's two together actually) 75m uphill from the Pleasure Dome on line with the summit of the Bluff.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – Tai Chi Lychee Boulder				

32.4. BANDAID WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

For access to the rest of the cliffs return to the southern shoulder of the Bluff and locate a vague footpath (starting behind the little wooden signpost) that leads north-east along the contour. About 200m from the shoulder are two broad gullies leading down toward the water. Head down the first one – the western of the two. (The second, and larger, leads down to steep ground at the top of the Inlet Faces and should be treated with extreme care. It is the more distinctive of the two from above due to the orange lichen on the rocks of its eastern side). This brings you down to large ledges above the water. Bandid Wall is to the right (facing out), and the Shaft Slab Area is on your left. Take care here as the sloping platform at this end of the wall is often swept by waves.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – Bandid Wall				

32.5. THE SHAFT SLAB AREA

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

There is another low cliff line above the top of Bandid Wall. Here lies...

There are two tiers of slab split by a broad ledge. It's easy enough to set up a top-rope here, and the platform beneath the main slab is generally safely out of reach of the waves.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – The Shaft Slab Area				

32.6. THE INLET FACES

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The Inlet can be very exciting as the rock is at best wet, and at worse pounded by waves. However, once in the back of the Inlet you should be safe from the water. To continue further, scramble up the far side to the big ledge 10m off the sea. This is Penny Lane. The Inlet may also be accessed from the eastern side; either along Penny Lane (see notes below) or by scrambling directly down the ridge from above just outside the Inlet.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – The Inlet Faces				

32.7. PENNY LANE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the broad platform on the Granite Island side of the Inlet. It is easily approached from the Inlet but care is required at the other end.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
The Bluff – Penny Lane				

33. WAITPINGA

ACCESS (Description from “*The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber’s Guide*” by Nick Neagle)

The main access to the Waitpinga cliffs is across private property. The owner, Bernie Carmichael, is willing to allow access as long as you ring in advance – (08) 8552-3799 – and call in at the house on your way home.

Follow the main road through Victor Harbor to a roundabout just over the Inman River on the western side of town. Turn L here and follow Waitpinga Rd past Bartel Boulevard (the L turn for the Bluff) towards Yankalilla. Veer L approximately 5.2km from the roundabout and follow the narrower road (leading to the Waitpinga Beach road) a further 4km to the ‘Santa Cruz’ homestead on the L in the Waitpinga settlement. Stop at the house if so requested, then enter through the gate just past the house and follow the track around R behind the sheds to another gate.

Follow the track along the fenceline to another gate in the corner of the paddock. Once through this, head diagonally across the next paddock. Go through another gate, then follow the track on the R side of the fence. This leads uphill to another gate. Go straight through this and keep heading directly toward the sea past a tank. Near the top of the last rise before the sea go through a gate in the fence on the L, then turn R and drive toward the edge of the scrub. Follow the edge of the scrub a short way back toward the Bluff and park near the sandy blowout. Be careful in the sand here.

To get to the L end of the walls (facing in) walk down toward the sea through the blowout, where the sand has been scoured from the earth, to the top of a steep gully. Sidle L through dense low scrub and descend the L (facing out) side of the gully all the way to the rocks at the bottom. Now rock hop around L to face the sea and scramble up to a ledge at the L edge of Mollusc Wall.

To reach the R end of Cephalopod Wall (facing in) head straight across the blowout from the car (parallel to the sea), then angle down L through the very thick scrub. Fortunately it’s only a fairly narrow band of mallee and you’re soon out in more open country. Head down the second major gully you reach. This is quite steep and there’s not much of a track. Once down on the rocks scuttle back R to the platform beneath the wall.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Waitpinga – Mollusc Wall				
Waitpinga – Cephalopod Wall				



33.1. Waitpinga Beach Cliff

(Newland Head Conservation Park)

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Park at the Waitpinga Beach campground, then follow a walking track east from this, for about an hour, to reach a cliff overlooking the sea. Continue east along the cliff top for about 500m, then scramble down the second gully in the cliffs. This (hopefully!) will lead to the shore at an oblong strip of rock separated from the climbing cliff by large boulders. An extra rope should be run from boulders at the top of the vegetated slope down to the edge of the slab to provide a belay at the finish of the climb.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Waitpinga Beach Cliff				

34. DEEP CREEK GORGE

(Deep Creek Conservation Park)

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Deep Creek (Cape Jervis 1:50,000 map grid reference 250000E 6051000N). The NPWS have, however, declared that CLIMBING IS NOT PERMITTED HERE.

A walking track from Tent Hill campground to Deep Creek Cove gives direct access. About 30-minutes walk. The top of the crag is only a few metres from the track. Abseil down a gully to the base of the crag.

Map: Cape Jervis 1:50,000

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Deep Creek Gorge				

35. CAPE WILLOUGHBY

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

These windswept granite sea cliffs lie beneath a lighthouse at the eastern end of Kangaroo Island.

35.1. LIGHTHOUSE WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This neat wall lies directly below the lighthouse. Approach via abseil to the broad platform at its base. Take care at the top of the routes here as most finish on vegetated ledges where belays are tricky to arrange. The vegetation consists mainly of succulent ground covers. Treading on these in friction boots can be very dangerous.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Cape Willoughby – Lighthouse Wall				

35.2. UGLY DEATH WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

This is the biggest section of cliff on the western side of the major gully to the R (facing out) of the lighthouse. Needless to say the rock is not good.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Cape Willoughby – Ugly Death Wall				

35.3. SCHWEPPE'S WALL

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

L of Ugly Death Wall is a corner containing two huge jammed boulders. L again is a low angle wall with a huge flake at its L end.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Cape Willoughby – Schweppe's Wall				

36. REMARKABLE ROCKS

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

100m east of the main rocks is a large outcrop split by a wide crack.

**Map:**

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Remarkable Rocks				

37. RED ROCK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

When approaching Red Rock from Port Augusta, drive south along the Lincoln Highway. After about 24km the Eyre Highway branches off right. A further 12.4km, on the Roopena Station turn off appears on the right, 300m beyond Myall Creek. You now follow this dirt track for 11km across the station (over several stock grids) until a T-junction is reached. At this point the cliff may be seen off to the left, 800m away beyond a locked gate, while 2km to the right is the homestead.

Map: Pandurra 1:50,000 map at grid reference 278 759

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Red Rock				

38. BUCKARINGA GORGE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Red Rock				

39. WARREN GORGE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Warren Gorge				

40. DEVILS PEAK

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

The cliff is best accessed from the eastern side. To do this you must drive along the southern side of Quorn and follow the tourist signs to Devil's Peak. Drive in to Quorn (335km from Adelaide) and, rather than turn left down the main street after the railway crossing, continue straight on past the hospital to branch right at the end of the road. Follow this dirt track (treacherous when wet), making one right turn just after a ruined building by a creek, through a gate (please leave it as you find it) to a bulldozed car park (about 10km from town).

The walking track up from here provides a mini-Moonarie style ascent to a saddle just below the summit (allow 25-30 minutes). The walk is approximately 30 minutes long to the saddle passing the Eastern Wall on your left. From the saddle you can continue on the walking trail to the "Nerve Test" or walk around the back to the Western Walls. The best way to access walls south of the "Nerve Test" is to walk across the slab staying on the left.

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Warren Gorge				

41. MOONARIE

ACCESS (Description from *"The Adelaide Hills, A Rock Climber's Guide"* by Nick Neagle)

Map:

Crag	Land Access	Grid Ref	Latitude / Longitude	H (m)
Moonarie				