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# NORTON SUMMIT ROCKS

Justin Taylor wishing he had trained harder at the summit. Slinkin' Leopard (28) Mt Arapiles



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A CCSA MINI GUIDE TO ROCK CLIMBING AT THE SUMMIT

# The Hole

**WARNING** - Rockclimbing is a dangerous sport. Treat all fixed gear with suspicion, route grades may be incorrect and the rock may be poor. The editors of this document take no responsibility for any injury arising from the use of this information.

## INTRO

Adelaide's premier (only) sport climbing venue The Summit is a site to behold. Carpeted, in situ couch and mats it is a place to sit back, relax and wait for someone else to put the draws in for you! But The Summit is not for the faint hearted, the climbing is powerful and steep. Christ even the slabs are steep! The routes are predominantly bolted with either stainless expansion or glue in rings and are in good condition (at the time of writing) with most routes finishing with lower offs.

## APPROACH

The Summit is located on The Old Norton Summit Road, in the next valley south of Morialta. To get there drive east out of the city and head up Magill Road. Continue straight onto The Old Norton Summit Road for 2.7km, the parking is on the right hand side. The easiest place to turn around is a small pull out 100m past the car park on the right. Once you have turned around, facing back towards town, park on the left hand side being considerate of others as there is limited space. Walk down the hill, west, and the track to the crag is on the left.

Walk up the steep track taking the time to read the sign on the right. Refer to ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS for further important information regarding this topic. After the big steps the track levels off and branches, the left path to the Cave 1 min, and the right heads up the Hole, 12 secs.

## CONDITIONS

The Cave faces north and can get pretty hot in the summer. The Hole on the other hand stays in the shade all the time and is a great place to escape the heat but gets pretty cold in the winter and has a tendency to seep during the wet months. Because of the build up of chalk on the holds it can get pretty greasy when it is humid but a gentle breeze kicks up most afternoons which makes climbing in the heat or humidity fine.

## ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

The Access issue with the Norton summit cliff has been an ongoing one. The mining company which owns the land has allowed climbers access out of their own goodwill. There are however a few conditions which were agreed upon in order for climbers to maintain access. Most of these conditions are simple and straightforward and usually adhered to. The majority of these conditions are written on the sign at the base of the track. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE SIGN if you haven't done so already. If climbers do not follow the rules agreed to, the mining company can simply ban us from climbing on their land, no questions asked. It is in our best interests to follow the rules, tread lightly and maintain diplomatic relations with the mining company and the neighbours in the area. It is a privilege for us to be able to climb at Norton Summit, not a right, so let's do the right thing and maintain access for all climbers. It is really that simple. Here is a brief overview of the conditions for climbing at Norton Summit.

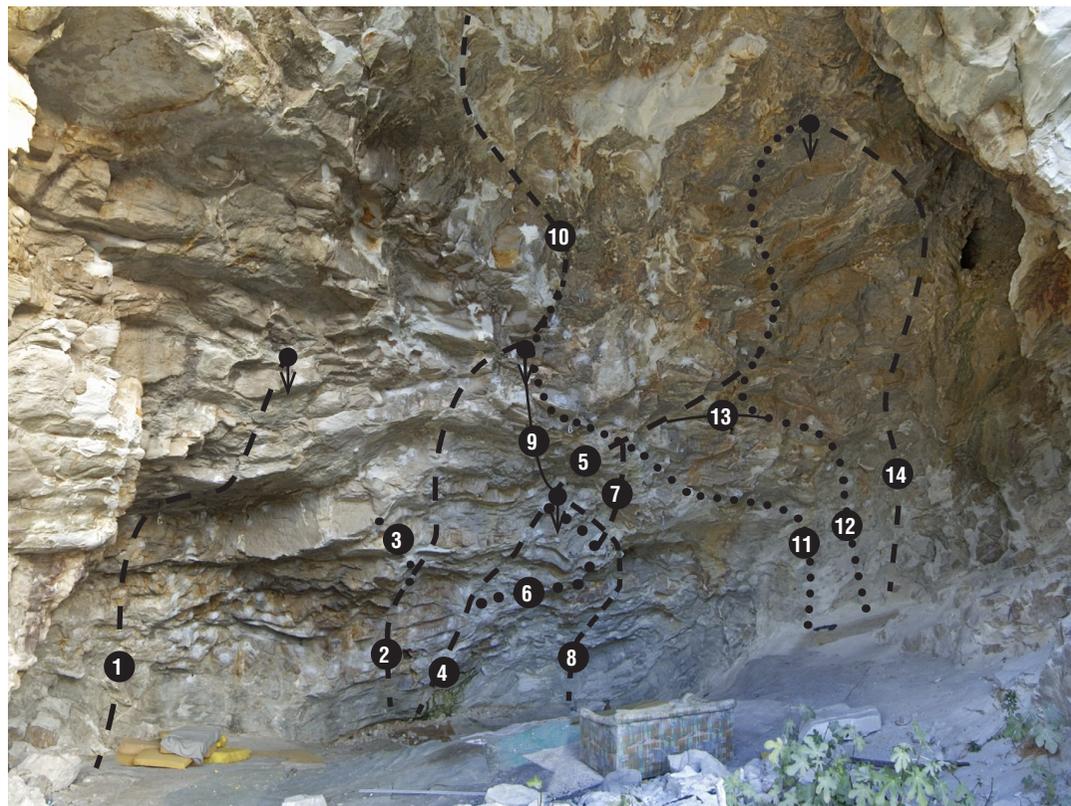
- Climbers' cars must be identified with a CCSA sticker (available at meetings or from president Rob Baker 0439893486 for \$5).
- No climbing before sunrise or after sunset.
- Do not litter or leave rubbish (this includes cigarette butts). If you find some rubbish, take it down with you.
- No climbing on the upper cliffs during the peregrine nesting season (1st July - 31st November). Climbing near actual nesting sites is forbidden at all times of the year. Please refer to the detailed topo regarding peregrine nesting sites and avoid these areas. Peregrines are as rare as good steep rock in the Adelaide area - so let's preserve both. Climbing in the Lower Cave and Hole is allowed all year. Do not enter the quarry under any circumstances.
- No excessive noise or loud music.
- No New bolts are to be added to the cliff (only replacements).
- If planning on climbing on the upper cliffs (i.e. Not the Cave or the Hole), please inform Manfred Heide (83901851).

## OTHER GUIDES

The Adelaide Hills, A Rock climbers Guide, Nick Neagle. 2000

Thanks to...

Everyone who helped put this guide together.



Climbing in the Hole is some what of an acquired taste, as soon as you acquire big arms you may come to like it but there is some fantastic climbing in here if you don't mind the man made atmosphere. It is a great place to escape from the summer heat but don't even bother in the winter.

Due to the very nature of the routes they are all pretty pumpy so the pump symbol has been given only to routes that are really pumpy for the grade.

### 1. Coming Out Fighting

Left hand line of bolts FA: Shark Walker



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### 2. Filipino Furburger

Second line of bolts leading to chains in centre of the roof. FA: Shark Walker



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### 3. The Shining Path

Starts as for Furburger then left at lip. FA: Matt Adams



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### 4. Stugang

Starts 1m right of Shining next to green oozing slime. "It only has one hard move!" JT. FA: Stuart Williams



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### 5. Stugang Willich

Head out right from break. Finishes at Dr Strike chains. FA: Stuart Williams



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### 6. Scartrek the Next Laceration

Starts as for Stugang, head out right to join Diplomacy then up to finish at Stugang break. FA: Simon Wilson



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### 7. Ultra Pleasure Vibe

Start as for Scartrek crossing Diplomacy then straight up to bolt finishing up Stugang Extension. FA Shark Walker.



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### 8. Diplomacy

Climbs the centre of the steepest section of wall to finish at Stugang Break. The start of this route (pockets to the large jug under the roof) can be done as a classic boulder problem at V5



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### 9. Diplomatic Immunity

From Diplomacy continue straight up to chains on Circus Street.



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### 10. Nirvanoxyne and Good Karma

Climb Scartrek and continue up past Circus Street Chains. Don't stop but punch on through to the chains at the entrance of The Hole. FA Frederic Bonnet



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### 11. Circus Street

Follows obvious line of big holds and ring bolts to the centre of the roof. FA: Adam Gower



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### 12. Dr Strike

One of the best routes in the Hole, climbs wandering line starting 1m right of Circus Street. FA: Matt Adams



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### 13. Strike-Circus

Start up Dr Strike, traverse into Circus Street at 3rd bolt.



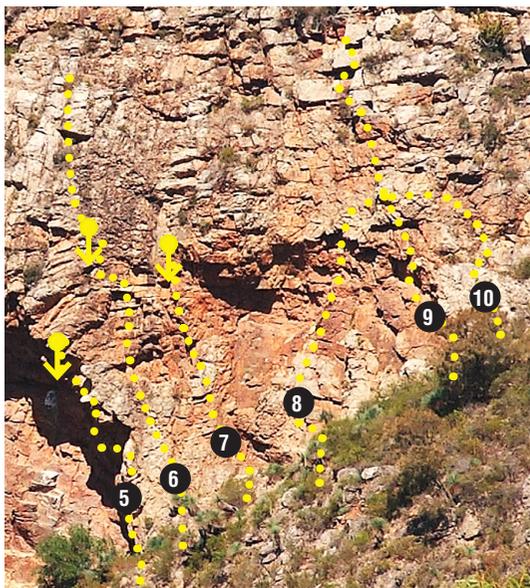
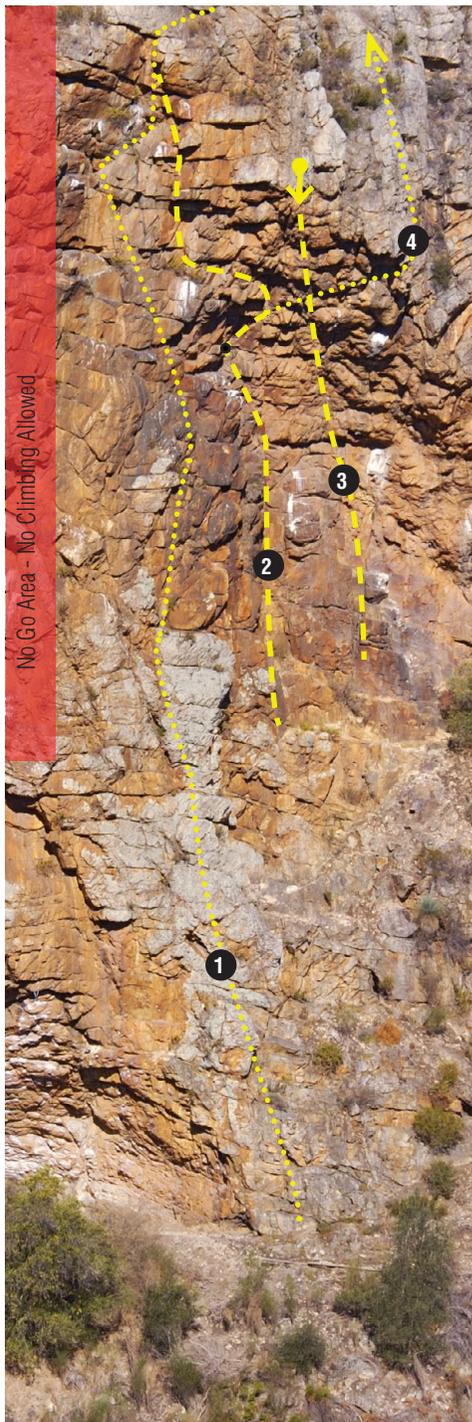
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### 14. Gorgeous Guys and Lipstick Lesbians

Very hard but not very fun climbing following right hand side of the Hole. FA: Luke Geelen

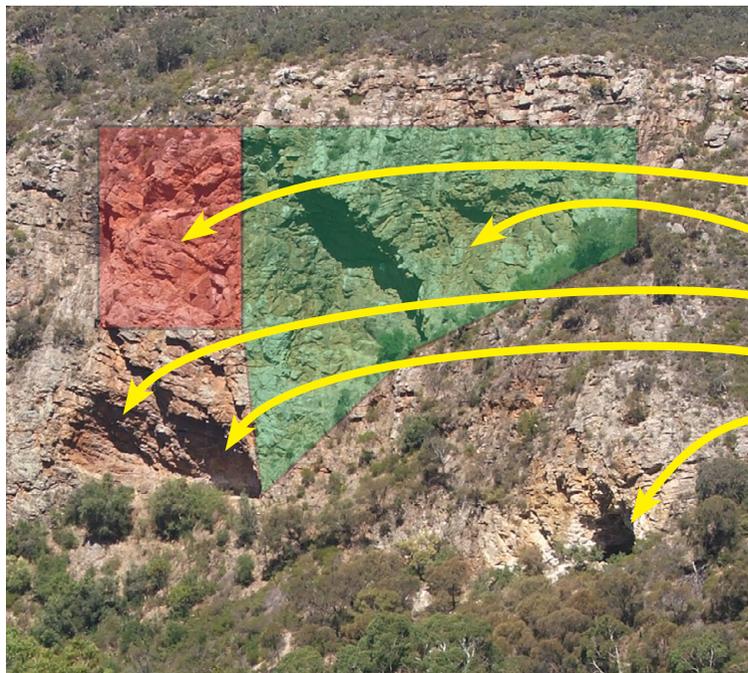


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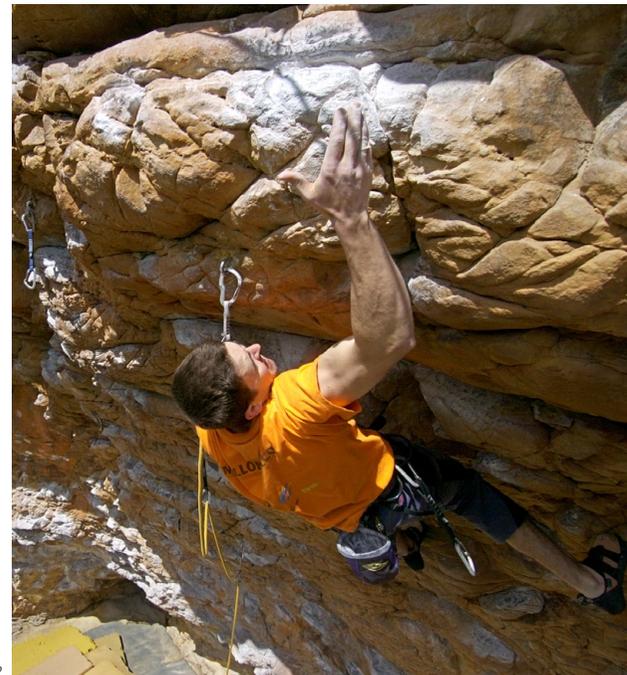
This area is only accessible to climbers from the 1st Dec. until the 31th of June due to nesting restrictions. Please abide by this regulation. Failure to do so may (will) result in the closure of the whole cliff to climbers.

- 1. The AUMC Route 15  
Takes a wandering line up the wall starting 1m R of the Cave. Usually done in 3 pitches  
*FA Peter Lawrence, John Wells*
- 2. Trout Fishing In America 22  
Start directly below main overhang about 10m up a ramp from ground. (1) Climb steepening corner to overlap passing it on the L. Follow L trending weakness to ledge and belay. (2) Move right to peg then up to double overhang. Traverse L in between overhangs to bolt then up through smaller overlaps to finish up bottomless corner. (3) Ramble on up to the top.  
*FFA Colin Reece, Mike James*
- 3. Matrimonial Bliss AKA Chad's Project Looks pretty cool, line of bolts through centre of the roof.
- 4. Endive 23  
Climb TFIA's first pitch, from belay head out L on obvious horizontal to small Cave. Pull around the arête on the right to easier ground. *FA Kim Carrigan, Colin Reece*
- Upper Right Wing.** Scramble up the wall through the olive and box, the first obvious arête is:
- 5. TB or not TB 25  
Start in alcove at R side of upper R Cave. Climb groove to roof, head L under roof, then back up R to jam. Pull through next roof and onto ledge. Up corner to ledge, (optional #1 Friend), pull L through bulge to stance and DBB. Take 5 long slings. *FA Tony Barker*
- 6. Continental Drift 19  
Start 2m R of TB climbing wall snaking up to large roof. Continue up and L to small roof crossing this in the middle then head left to bolt belay. The climb originally continued on past this but it is crap so lower off rather than waste your time. *FA Tony Barker, John Nitschke*
- 7. Tectonic Plates 21  
8m further along is a steep layback crack. Climb a corner to ledge, then go L past a bolt to another small ledge beneath the overhanging crack. Power up this to steep, bolt protected finish. *FA Tony Barker, John Nitschke*
- 8. Karstaways 21
- 9. Bloggs Direct 17
- 10. Subduction Zone 19



- No Go Area - No Climbing Allowed
- Upper Right Wing - Climbing permitted from 1st Dec. - 31st June
- Left Wing - Climbing permitted all year.
- Right Wing - Climbing permitted all year.
- The Hole - Climbing permitted all year though goggles and a snorkel may be needed during the winter.

- Naturally protected route, requires nuts, cams and some skills not often associated with The Summit
- Powerful climbing requiring big arms
- Technical, tricky climbing, may require some use of feet.
- Crimpy, small holds
- Pumpy climbing
- Dyno, some dynamic climbing involved.
- Reachy, hard for the short. "There's no such thing as a reach problem just a power problem" Lynn Hill.
- Fantastic climbing, defiantly do it. Get stronger, fitter, whatever just do it!
- Great climbing
- Good climbing



JT slapping for the jug on Tim or is it Dudley?



The left wing is found by following the track up to the Cave then taking an extra five steps east to the large open Cave. Less popular than The Cave proper it does contain some of the best routes at the summit. All routes start from the un-even ledge skirting the base.

- 1. Uptown Eugene**   19  
The far left edge of the Cave. Start beneath large bulge, right of dark streak. Up to bulge passing it on the left. Follow thin seam above to large ledge. Belay from large Sheoak. *FA Stuart Williams*
- 2. Trundle Down Rundle**   25  
Fantastic climbing up the ever steepening wall. Left most line of bolts to chains. *FA Lincon Shephard*
- 3. Gawler Bypass**   24  
Another trad route that doesn't see too much traffic but may feature some bolts come the spring. Start at large holds 2m right of Trundle. Head up on large holds trending right to rest under big roof. Blast straight through to ledge and single lower off. *FA Mike Law-Smith*
- 4. Space to Rent**   24  
What! More trad? Start 2m right of The Bypass in the middle of the ramp. Head up right wards to Box Thorn then left to stance beneath roof. Keep going through roof being very wary of loose block, you don't want to scratch your car with it when it comes off. *FA Kim Carrigan, Louise Shephard*
- 5. Anzac Highway Amble**   24  
One of the newest and also one of the best routes at the summit. Starts at big buckets 2m right of Space to Rent. Climb rightward trending line of big holds to headwall then follow obvious line up and left to lower off chains. 7 bolts. *FA Anthony Barker.*

- 6. Grurper Direct Start**   22  
Not for the sport climber! Easy climbing on huge holds to mantle, it is much easier to keep going rather than backing away from the mantle and down climb to the last bolt, (don't be scared). *FA Colin Reece, Lincon Shephard*

A few nice link ups can be done from this belay are,  
Head left into A.H.A. to make a nice long pitch \*\*23  
Head right to join Crossroads at it's 5 bolt to finish up that \*\*24  
Traverse right to cross Crossroads finishing up The Stroll \*\*24

- 7. Grurper 2nd pitch**   22  
Or you can do the second pitch of Grurper. Straight up from the belay to the corner. Follow this to the roof turning it on the right and up to big ledge. Walk off left to descend. *FA Colin Reece, Gary Scott.*
- 8. Crossroads**   25  
Nice. Probably the longest pitch at The Summit. Starting from the right side of the Cave 3m right of Grurper Direct follow wandering line of bolts to finish heading rightwards on headwall to the chains on The Stroll. *FA Peter Daish*



- 1. Grurper**   21  
Bring your trad rack. Takes left leading crack to horizontal breaks, up these then left to chains. *FA Col Reece and Gary Scott.*
- 2. North Terrace Stroll**   25  
Outrageous climbing through the big roof. Climb to the ring bolt right of Grurper. Up and right to bolt with fixed biner then up and left to break in large roof. Crank on through the roof past one more bolt to the chains. *FA Lincon Shephard.*
- 3. Kensington Park Duck Massacre**   27  
Takes the right hand line through the roof. Head up The Stroll to the second bolt then blast on through big roof on it's right. Back jump from the headwall, fixed biner, to clean. *FA Malcom Matherson.*
- Pain on Payneham**  26  
Climb The Duck to the large roof and then traverse into The Stroll, finishing up that. *FA Stefan Schiller*
- 4. Intellectual Property**  28  
Finishes what Matt started. Climb horrendous small crimps past 2 bolts to clip second bolt on The Stroll, continue over small overlap to finish up The Duck. *FA Steve Pollard.*
- 5. Itchy Fingered FNG**   27  
Climb Intellectual Property to second bolt on The Stroll then traverse right to Peregrine belay. *FA Matt Adams.*
- 6. Peregrine Left Hand Variant**  21  
Climbs almost direct to the chains. Big sharp holds lead to hard final move to finish. A good introduction to climbing at the summit. *FA Kim Carrigan, Jon Chester and Greg Moore.*
- Brotherhood of the Black Chicken**   24  
Starts as for Peregrine LHV and goes straight up to chains avoiding the holds on the RHV. *FA Andrew Beckworth*
- 7. Peregrine RHV**   22  
Fallen of more times than it has been climbed. Easy climbing to a hard move left past ring bolt, continue up and left to chains. *FAMikeLaw-Smith.*
- 2. North Terrace Stroll**   24  
A great link up. From second bolt on Peregrine head up and right (crux) past 2 more bolts to Eddie chains.
- 8. Eddie Misses the Point**   25  
Fantastic. Head straight up from first bolt on Peregrine to bolt then left on small holds. Continue up and right to finish at long chains. *FA Stuart Williams.* It is possible to continue past the chains to finish at second belay of Peregrine.
- 9. Tim in the Gym**   26  
Same start as Peregrine and Eddie and Pussy. Climb straight up to second bolt then head right to big dyno and easier climbing to Eddie/Pussy/Dudley chains. *FA Stuart Williams, Tim Fry, Fergus Donald*
- 10. Dudley in the Gym**   25  
Starts 2m right of Tim. Climb directly past 2 bolts to join Tim for the big Dyno. Continue straight up this to the chains. *FA Jared McCulloch, Fergus Donald*
- 11. The Natives are Restless**  21  
Starts 2m right of Dudley. 1.(20) Straight up past bolt to another at huge horizontal. Head out right on good holds to awkward moves over bulge to big ledge and chains 2.(21) From the ledge swing out left pass bolts to join 2nd pitch of Peregrine.
- 12. Black Dwarf**  21  
Climbs black streak 1m right of natives, take some nuts for the first section clipping 2nd bolt of Easy. *FA Stuart Williams*
- 13. Easy Peasy** 20  
Pretty easy but also pretty crap, sharp holds past 2 bolts to chains on R hand side of the Cave.