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Rock Climbing Guide Costa Blanca La Boveda

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This publication is a rock climbing guide to La Boveda, Orihuela.
La Boveda is a small ravine with a number of very hard routes situated close to the N340 road.

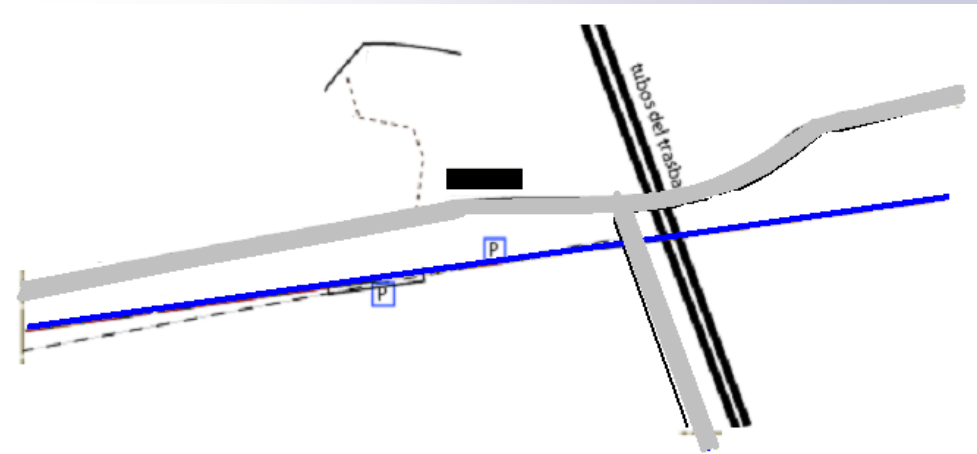
GENERAL APPROACH

From Alicante travel down the A7 motorway to Orihuela. Take the exit number 80 N-340 and follow the signs towards Orihuela. Just before reaching the town itself, follow the N-340 to Ralguero de Bonanza. Pass through the tunnel and continue through the town. When the road bears round to the right look for the large water pipes crossing above you. Take the next left turn and immediately turn right along a direct track. Follow this until it becomes concrete and park here. The crag is the other side of the main road in the ravine. Pass beside the house and follow a path up the hill side to reach the climbing. The approach takes approximately 8 minutes.



Graded List

Grade	Route Name
8b+	<input type="checkbox"/> Akelaarre
8b	<input type="checkbox"/>
8a+	<input type="checkbox"/> Power/Africa Link <input type="checkbox"/> Power Metal
8a	<input type="checkbox"/> Africa
7c+	<input type="checkbox"/> El Grinch <input type="checkbox"/> Kryptonita
7c	<input type="checkbox"/> Sting in the Tail <input type="checkbox"/> THC
7b+	<input type="checkbox"/>
7b	<input type="checkbox"/>
7a+	<input type="checkbox"/> Creando Ambiente <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle Crack
7a	<input type="checkbox"/>
6c+	<input type="checkbox"/>
6c	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillar Route
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**ASPECT AND CLIMATE**

The cliff faces due south and is best climbed on during the winter months. The leftwall goes into the shade from around 4pm although the top of the routes here remain in the shade for the whole day. The right wall is in the shade in the morning. The cliff catches any wind there is, especially in the upper part of the climbs.

GEAR

All the routes are well protected by 10mm bolts and finish at good belays. The routes reach 30m in length so a 60m or longer rope is required. On the harder routes some of the quickdraws are in-situ.

INFORMATION

English

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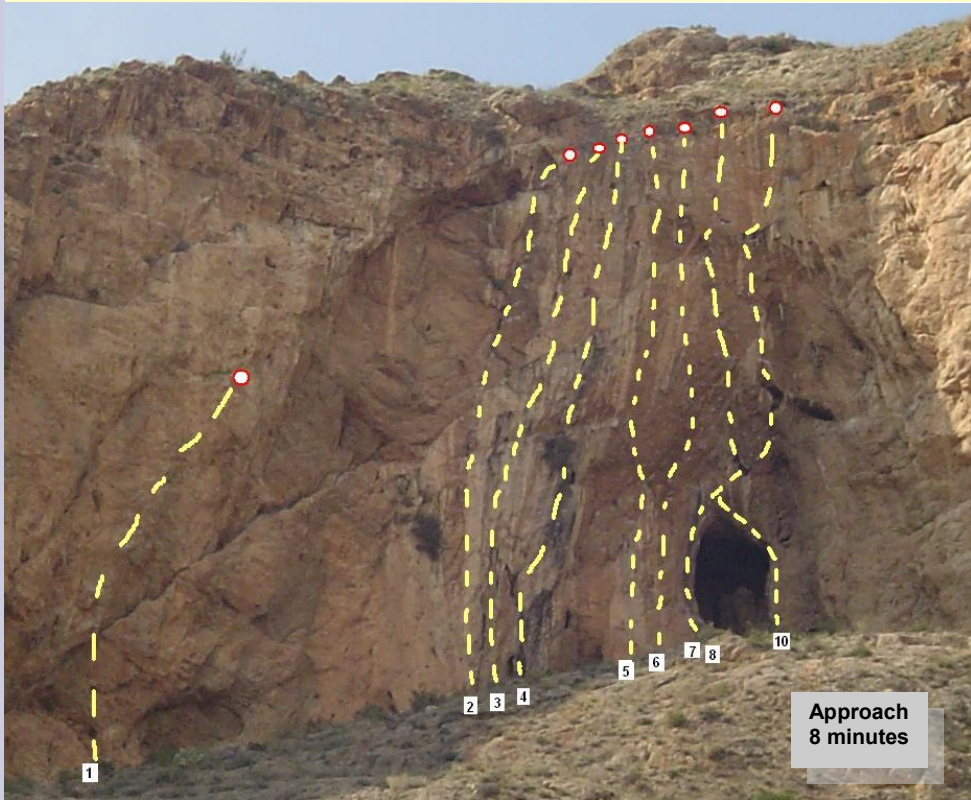
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Sector 1: The Left Wall

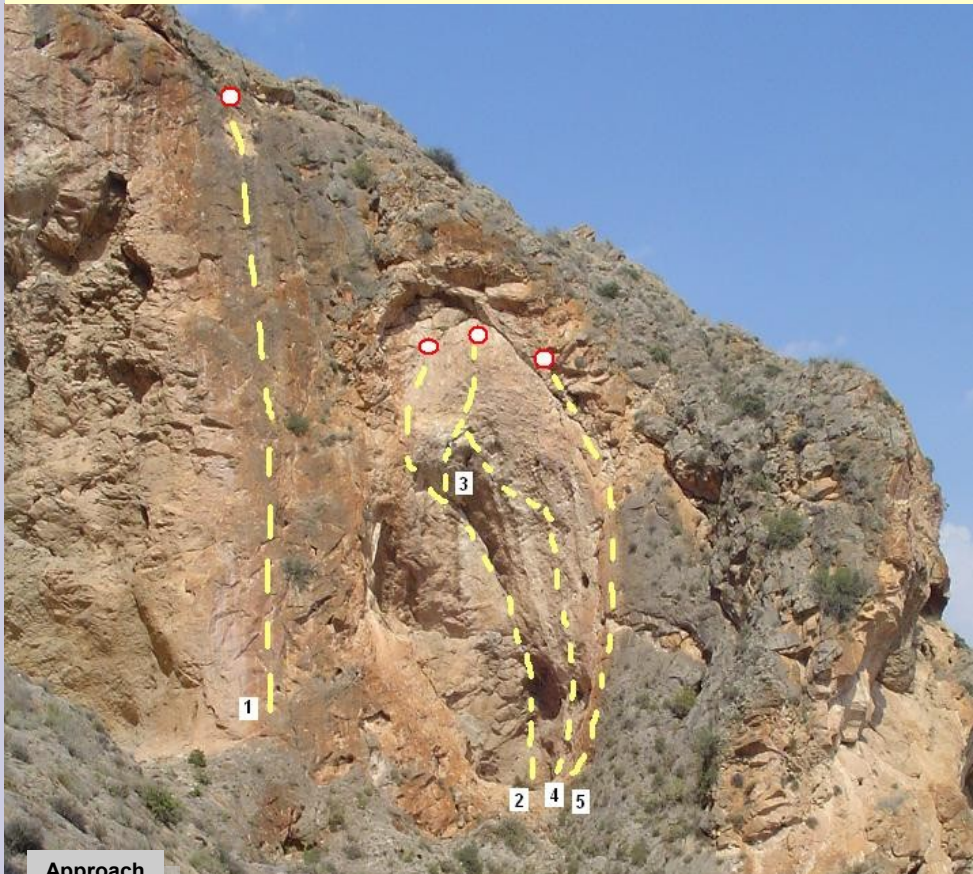
The leftwall provides some superb long, steep and hard climbing. The rock is littered with many tufas and good pockets. The routes overhang their base by more than 10 meters.



- 1. (Pillar Route)..... **6b+** ***
30m. Superb route up the centre of the pillar on the right wall on immaculate rock.
F.A.
- 2. (Cycle Crack) **7a+** *
20m. Start below the crack line and climb into this. Follow the line left to where the holds stop. Make a very hard move (crux) to gain a good hold in the bulge and finish easier to the chain.
F.A.
- 3. (Cycle Crack Direct) **7b** *
20m. From 2/3rd's up the previous route pull direct through the bulge to gin the obvious holes. Pull right and up the blunt arete.
F.A.
- 4. Al Sur Del Peich..... **8a+** **
20m. Climb the white side wall of the shallow cave, going slightly right. Gain high holds in the wall and drop down left to the good pockets in the steep bulge. Use these to finish up the blunt arete.
F.A.
- 5. (Derecha Routa)..... **6b+**
20m. Climb the right side of the shallow cave on good rock. Trend leftwards to the belay.
F.A.

Sector 3: Right Wall

The right side of the ravine comprises a shallow cave which is hidden from the road below. To the left of this is the pillar which provides the best easy climb here.

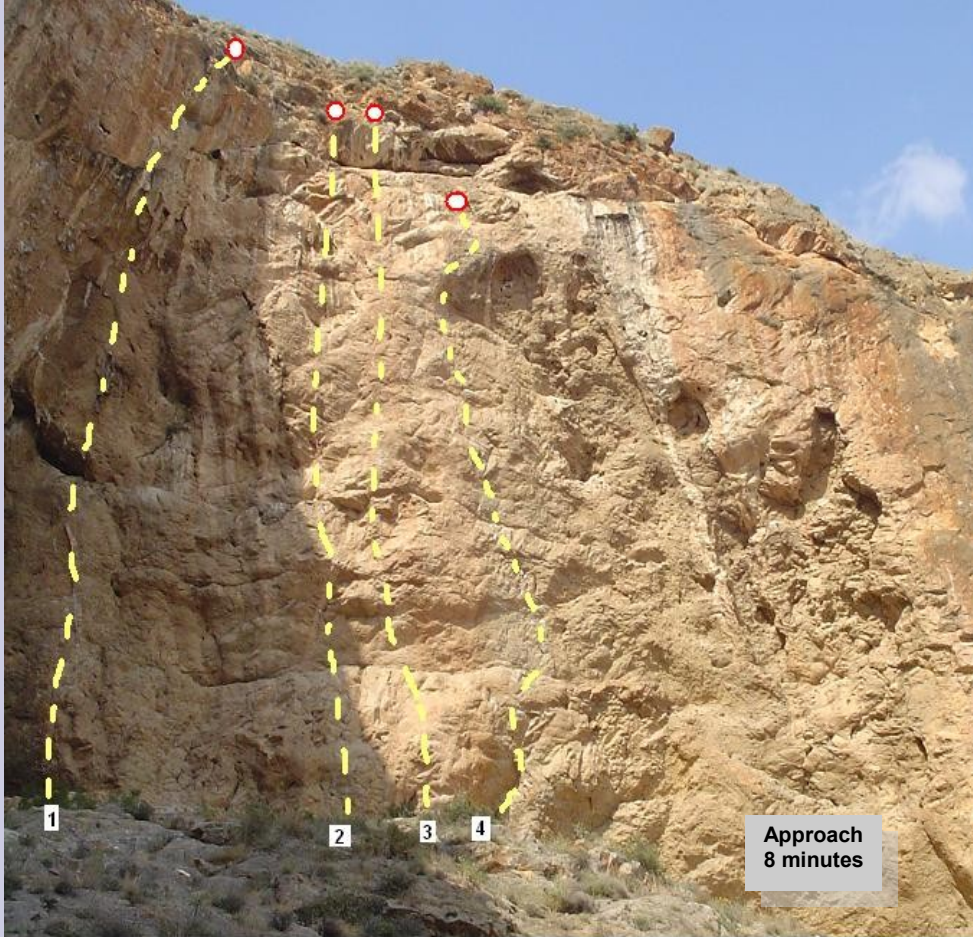


Approach
8 minutes

- 1. **7b** *
20m. Start down the path and climb the diagonal line to a lower off halfway up the cliff.
F.A.
- 2. **Creando Ambiente** **7a+** ***
30m. A fantastic route. Cimb to a high first bolt and continue up the crack line to make a hard pull to gain the final scoop. Reach right to the belay.
F.A.
- 3. **THC** **7c** ***
30m. Take tufa's up the wall to the right, moving right to a good rest at a ledge. A difficult section on thin tufas brings good pockets before a final crux move to gain the belay.
F.A.
- 4. **Kriptonita** **7c+** ***
30m. Follow the black tufa's up the wall past the bush. Continue leftwards through the bulge on yet more tufas before pockets lead up the headwall.
F.A.
- 5. **Akelaarre**..... **8b+** ***
30m. Follow the left line of chalk marks up the face left of the cave. Much of the gear is in-situ.
F.A.
- 6. **8b+?** ***
30m. The middle line up the steep wall.
F.A.
- 7. **Power Metal** **8a+** ***
30m. Climb the left edge of the cave and continue up a line of tufas and pockets to pull through the final bulge.
F.A.
- 8. **Africa**..... **8a** ***
30m. Starting as for Power Metal go right into the big hole. Exit this and climb straight up the wall. Step right and take the headwall to the belay.
F.A.
- 9. **Power/Africa Link** **8a+** **
30m. Leave Power Metal at the 6th bolt to move into Africa.
F.A.
- 10. **8b** **
30m. Take the right side of the cave and cross the roof to join and finish up either Africa or Power Metal.
F.A.

Sector 2: The Back Wall

The wall faces down to the road below. The rock is smoother and the climbing relies on edges and pockets rather than the tufas on the side wall to the left.



- 1. El Grinch** **7c+** ******
 30m. Start just right of the big cave and climb a short wall on undercut pockets, continue to a big tufa and pull to a hole above. The steepening wall above is climbed on tufas and pockets to a belay on the lip.
 F.A.
- 2.** **Project**
 30m. The line of new bolts. Take the first bulge and continue over the next roof to gain a series of overhanging grooves.
 F.A.
- 3.** **8a/b?** ******
 30m. A direct line straight up the very centre of the wall.
 F.A.
- 4. (Sting in the Tail)** **7c** ******
 26m. Take the weakness through the bulge which is much tougher than expected and continue up the bulging wall passing two obvious slots to gain a shallow scoop. Leaving this is the crux but awkward climbing remains to the belay.
 F.A.