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This publication is a rock climbing guide to the Orihuela crag of El Valle in the Costa Blanca region of Spain.

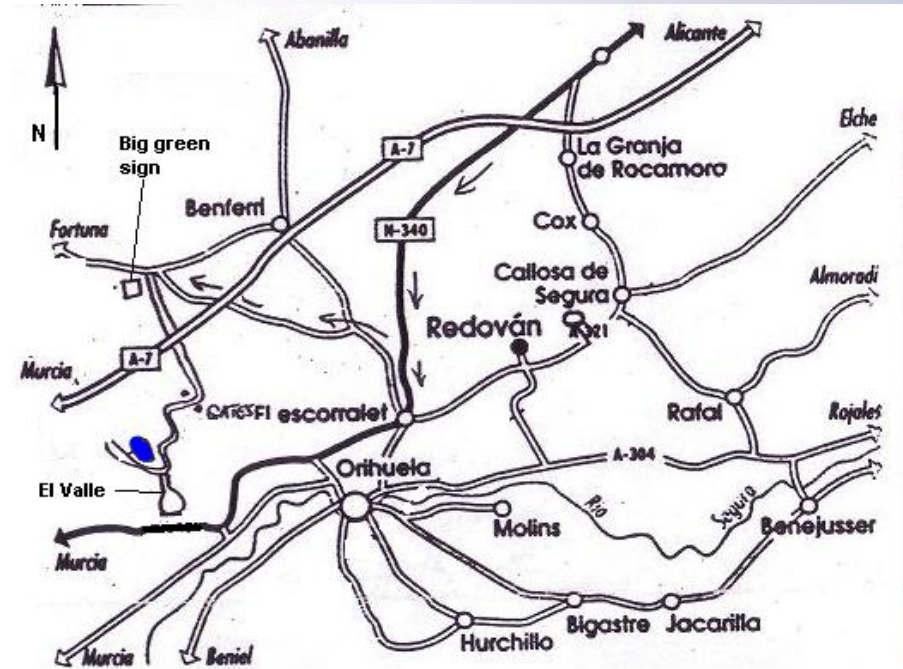
El Valle is a north facing ravine with climbing on both the side walls and the enormous back wall.

The valley is part of a conservation area. Please observe a quite and respectfull approach when climbing here. Your actions will decide the access for climbers in the future.

GENERAL APPROACH

Approaching from the north down the A7 motorway and take the exit 80 for N-340 Orihuela. Follow this towards Orihuela and take the road to Benferri. After a few kilometers look for the turning on the left for Fortuna. Travel along the road, passing a petrol station looking for a big green sign on the left of you at a junction. Take the left turning through the orange and lemon groves. The road take a 90degrees right and then left turning and then passes through some large gates. As the gates may be locked later it is best to park here. Follow the road through the gates and take the right turn at the end. Immediately take the left and pass next to the reservoir. To your left above the tress is a fantastic arch. It is also possible to park here. Walk into the gorge.





ASPECT AND CLIMATE

El Valle is a deep wooded ravine cut in the hillside. The back wall is close to 100m high and provides superb steep routes climbing tufas and pockets.

The gorge runs north to south and receives little sun. The side walls face east and west can be climbed and provide warm options to the cold north facing Pared Naranja.

GEAR

All the routes are well protected by bolts and with good in-situ belays.

INFORMATION

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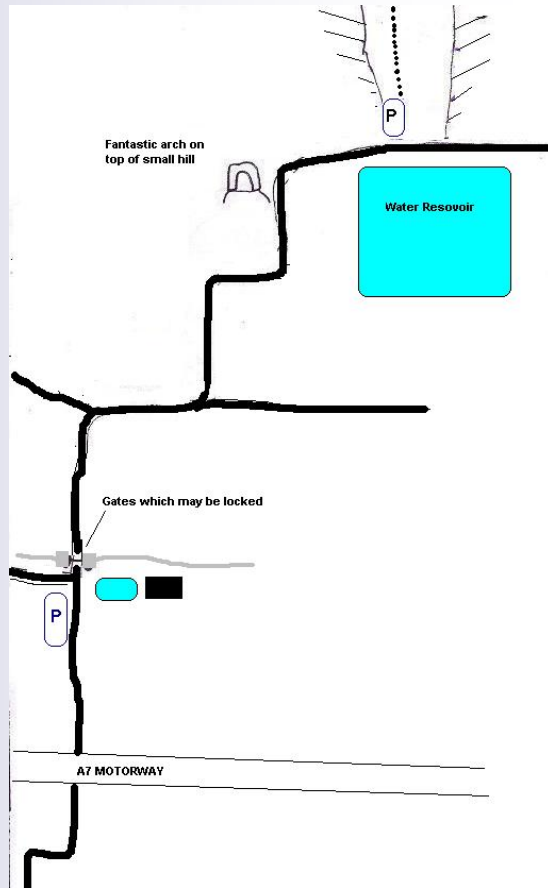
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The Sectors



Graded List

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7b+	<input type="checkbox"/>
7b	<input type="checkbox"/> Techo <input type="checkbox"/> La Polen
7a+	<input type="checkbox"/> La Final <input type="checkbox"/> La Pirata
7a	<input type="checkbox"/>
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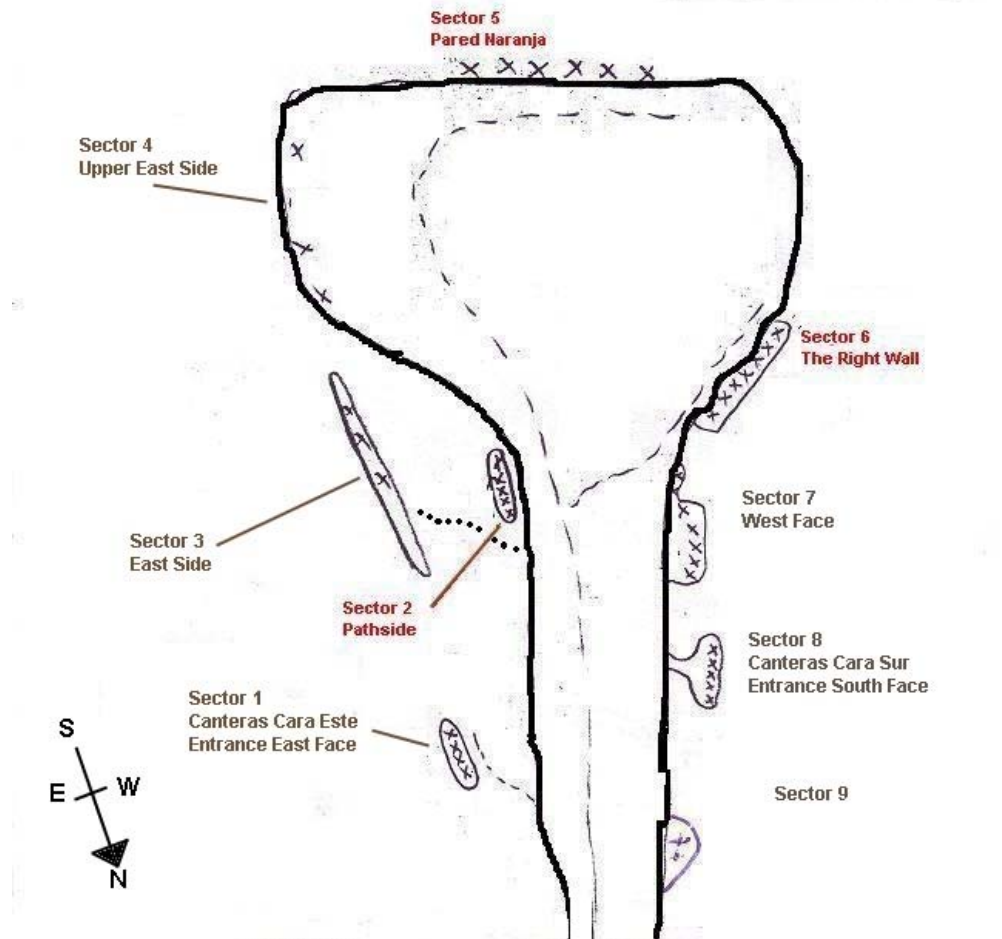
THE SECTORS

The sectors are shown on the diagram below. At present only the Pared Naranja sector has been checked in detail.

For the other sectors details are based on a brief exploratory visit and information obtained on the Internet.

No climbing should be undertaken on the walls in-between the sectors to safeguard the wildlife.

No new routes should be developed on these walls.



Sector 1: Canteras Cara Este—Entrance East Face

The wall on the left just as you enter the ravine. There is thought to be 5 routes.

**Approach
10 minutes**

The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. ? ?
m.
F.A.
- 2. ? ?
m.
F.A.
- 3. ? ?
m.
F.A.
- 4. ? ?
m.
F.A.
- 5. ? ?
m.
F.A.

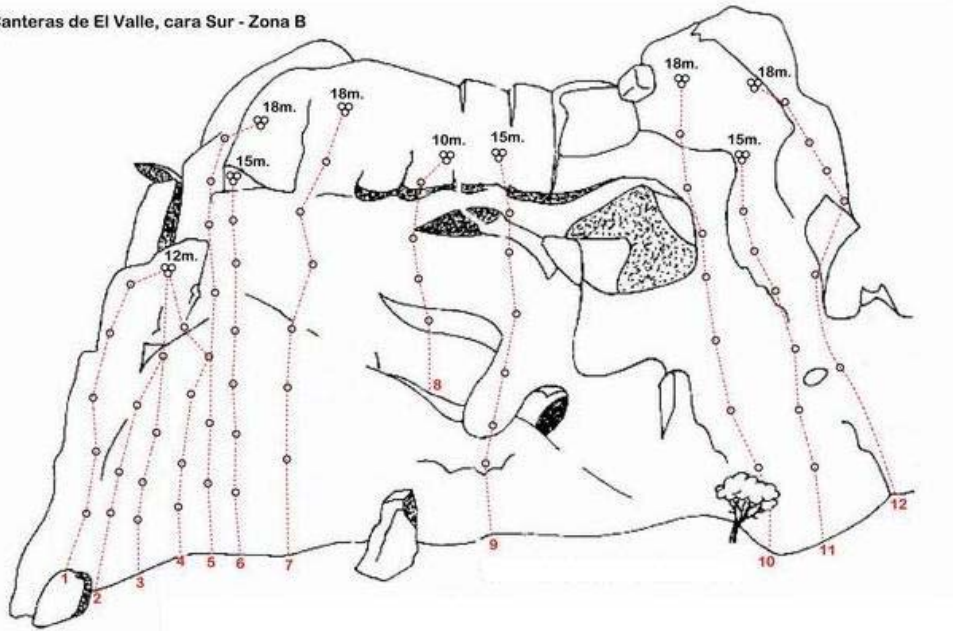
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- 1. **Sexo Adiccion** **6c**
20m.
F.A.
- 2. **Asco de Mujeres** **V+**
20m.
F.A.
- 3. **Pitupausia** **6a**
20m.
F.A.
- 4. **La Paraplejica** **6a**
20m.
F.A.
- 5. **Calma** **6a**
20m.
F.A.
- 6. **Sosiego** **6a**
20m.
F.A.
- 7. **Tranquilidad** **6b**
20m.
F.A.
- 8. **Inimaginable** **7b**
14m.
F.A.
- 9. **Poca** **6c**
14m.
F.A.
- 10. **Mas Nicotina !Capullo!** **6b**
14m.
F.A.
- 11. **!Que Frio!** **6a**
14m.
F.A.
- 12. **Ayla** **6a**
14m.
F.A.

Sector 8: Canteras Cara Sur—Entrance South Face

The sector is passed on the right when walking up the gorge. The sector is quite slabby with some vegetation between the routes.

Canteras de El Valle, cara Sur - Zona B



Approach
15 minutes

Sector 2: Pathside Slab

Next to the path is a gentle leaning slab with a few short easy climbs running up it.

Approach
12 minutes

The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. ? ?
10m.
F.A.
- 2. ? ?
10m.
F.A.
- 3. ? ?
10m.
F.A.
- 4. ? 6a
10m.
F.A.
- 5. ? V
10m.
F.A.
- 6. ? ?
10m.
F.A.

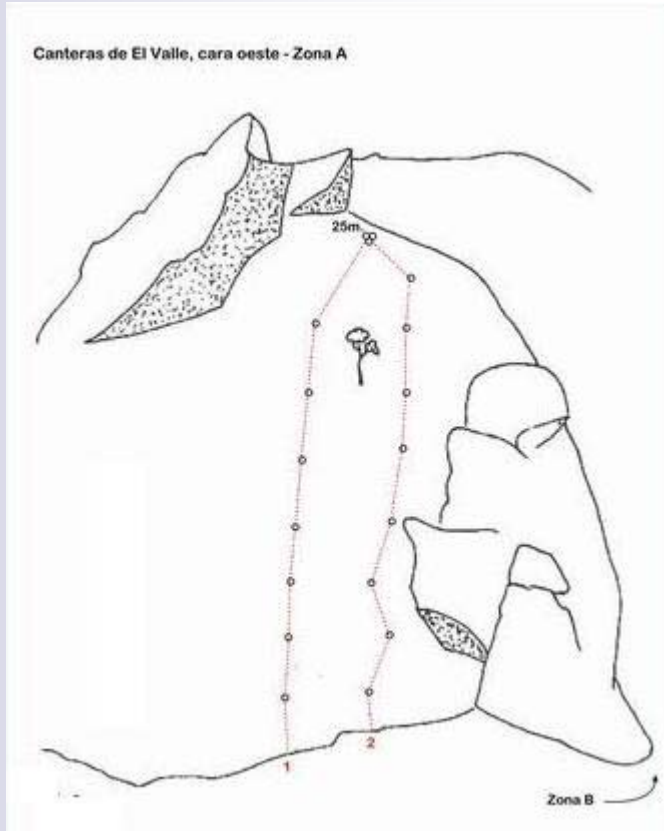
The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. **MCM** V
25m.
F.A.
- 2. **Ness** IV
25m.
F.A.

Sector 8: Canteras Cara Sur—Entrance South Face

The final sector is the right side of the entrance to the gorge and set back up a slight slope.

**Approach
10 minutes**



Sector 3: East Side

Above and behind the Pathside Sector is a further wall. No details are know, although there are thought to be 3 routes here.

**Approach
12 minutes**

The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. ? ?
14m.
F.A.
- 2. ? ?
14m.
F.A.
- 3. ? ?
14m.
F.A.

Sector 4: Upper East Side

The upper side wall of the upper gorge provides some poor routes between the vegetation. The sector is reached from the approach path leading to Sector Pared Naranja.

**Approach
20 minutes**

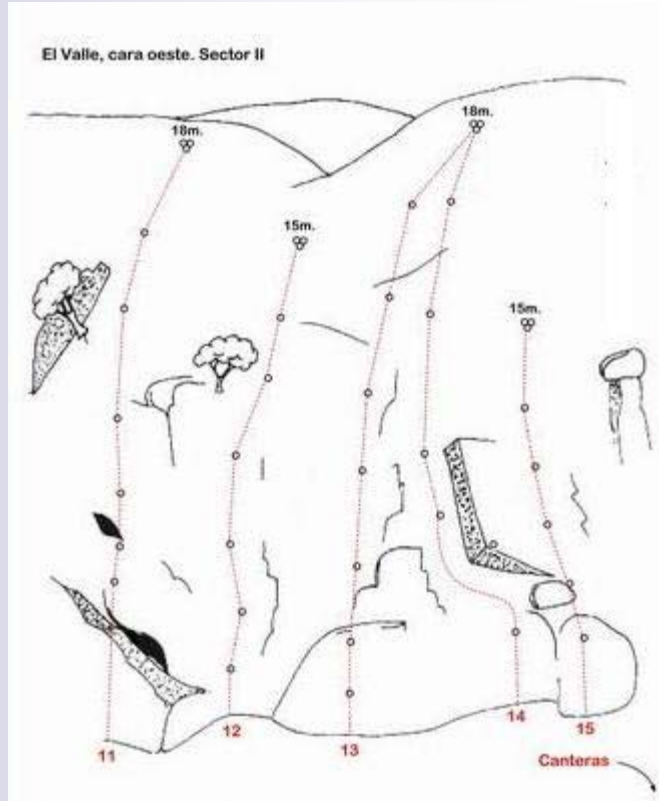
The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. ? ?
20m.
F.A.
- 2. ? ?
20m.
F.A.
- 3. ? ?
20m.
F.A.

- 11. **Me Gustas Verde**..... IV
18m.
F.A.
- 12. **Con el Popy al Aire**..... IV
15m.
F.A.
- 13. **Viabit** V
18m.
F.A.
- 14. **Andy**..... IV
18m.
F.A.
- 15. **Ayja** IV
15m.
F.A.

Sector 7: Cara Oeste—West Face

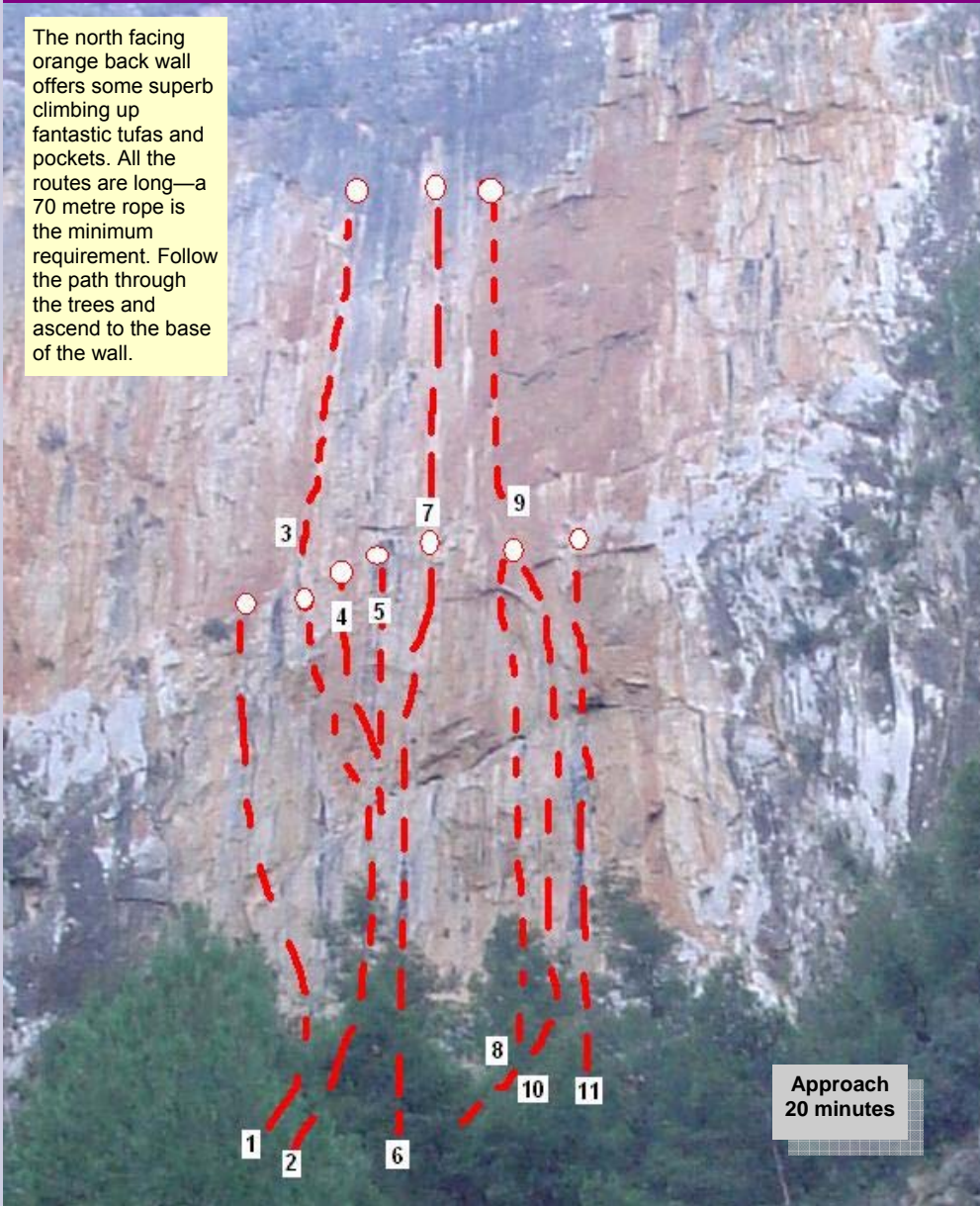
The continuation of the West Face.



► Richard Davies in the middle section of La Polen (7b) sector Parad Naranja.

Sector 5: Pared Naranja

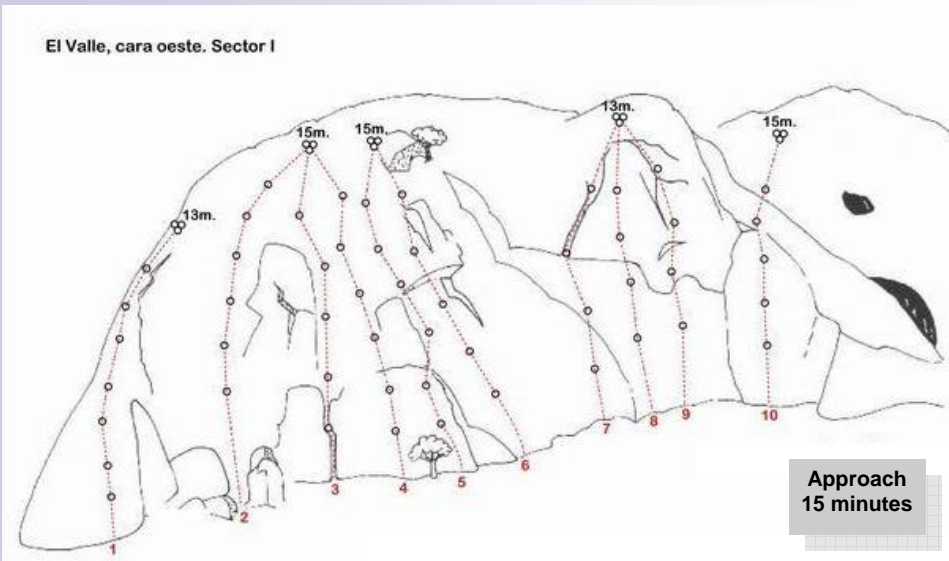
The north facing orange back wall offers some superb climbing up fantastic tufas and pockets. All the routes are long—a 70 metre rope is the minimum requirement. Follow the path through the trees and ascend to the base of the wall.



- 6. Ricky Lacoste..... IV+
16m.
F.A.
- 7. El Canalla..... V
13m.
- 8. Sigue las Chapas V
13m.
F.A.
- 9. Besos Traidores..... V
13m.
F.A.
- 10. Siendo Zurda..... IV
15m.
F.A.

Sector 7: Cara Oeste—West Face

The face is situated between the steep Right Wall and the curving bay of the Entrance West Face.



- 1. ?Donde esta la tuerca?..... IV
13m.
F.A.
- 2. El Pepe Iberico..... IV+
15m.
F.A.
- 3. Fumate el Ingles IV+
15m.
F.A.
- 4. Adios Tristeza..... 6a
15m.
F.A.
- 5. Lizards Laught..... IV
15m.
F.A.

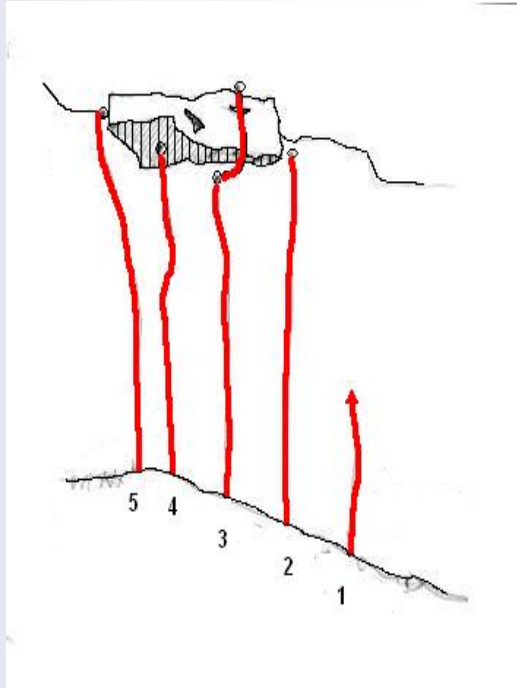
The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. ?..... 7b *
35m. From the platform climb straight above up a wall. Move left and follow thin tufas up the continuation.
F.A.
- 2. La Final 7a+ **
35m. Climb to the big white tufa. At it's top move left up the groove line to reach a short corner. This provides the meat of the route.
F.A.
- 3. ?..... ?
35m. The upper pitch taking the corner flake line.
F.A.
- 4. ?..... 8a *
35m. Takes glued on holds up the wall to the right of La Final. Start up the large white tufa.
F.A.
- 5. ?..... 7c+ **
35m. The hard line left of La Polen, again starting up the large white tufa/
F.A.
- 6. La Polen 7b ***
35m. A superb route. Take the black tufa in the middle of the wall. Pull more easily through the first bulge and move right to a rest. A difficult pull back left over the final pull.
F.A.
- 7. ?..... ?
35m. Upper pitch. Climb the centre of the wall above the belay of La Polen.
F.A.
- 8. Techo 7b ***
35m. Start to the right and climb the slab rightwards to reach some tufas. Continue in a direct line up the wall to a reasonable rest. Take small tufas up the wall above and make difficult moves through the roof to the belay.
F.A.
- 9. ?..... ?
35m. The upper pitch above the belay of La Pirate.
F.A.
- 10. La Pirata..... 7a+ ***
35m. Takes the long tufa high up in the wall. Climb the slab as per Techo. Step right to a massive tufa and continue up the wall to the break. Pause before taking the soaring tufa above. A final technical pull between the roofs brings the belay.
F.A.
- 11. ?..... 7b **
35m. The black streak finishing at the left side of the right-hand roof.
F.A.

Sector 6: The Right Wall

This sector is seen from the base of the Pared Naranja wall looking down the gorge. It is hidden behind the trees.

Approach
15 minutes



The routes are described from left to right.

- 1. Route ? 6c+
30m.
F.A.
- 2. Route ? 6c
30m.
F.A.
- 3. Route ? 6b
30m.
F.A.
- 4. Route ? 7b+
30m.
F.A.
- 5. Route ? 7b+
30m.
F.A.