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## Rock Climbing Guide Costa Blanca Rincon de Bonanza

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A series of climbing areas next to the town of Rincon de Bonanza (shown as Raiguero De Bonanza on the map below), close to Orihuela, 50km south of Alicante.

**GENERAL APPROACH**

From Alicante travel south down the A-7 motorway towards Orihuela. Take the junction 80 exit for the N-340 and follow the signs towards Orihuela and just before reaching the town itself, follow the N-340 main road towards Rincon de Bonanza, passing through the tunnel and along the straight section of road. After the bend and once in the town look for a yellow sign "Pinar o Al Monte" on the right and take this turn. Follow a narrow road past the buildings taking a right turn and then left to reach the end of the road. Normally it is necessary to park here. Follow the dirt track on foot, first to the right and then left to a parking area (it may be possible to leave the car here if the road is open, but you risk that the chain is back in place when you decide to leave). Follow a good footpath leading rightwards towards the base of the ridge and the sectors. La Ceja can be reached by walking right along the foot of the ridge for a further 20 minutes.



**Graded List**

Grade	Route name
8b+	<input type="checkbox"/>
8b	<input type="checkbox"/>
8a+	<input type="checkbox"/>
8a	<input type="checkbox"/>
7c+	<input type="checkbox"/> Gullich <input type="checkbox"/> Suicido
7c	<input type="checkbox"/> Galicia <input type="checkbox"/> Piton Golpeador
7b+	<input type="checkbox"/> Varianze
7b	<input type="checkbox"/>
7a+	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Pan
7a	<input type="checkbox"/> Arbolto
6c+	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequimas Funando
6c	<input type="checkbox"/>
6b+	<input type="checkbox"/> Bueno Calor <input type="checkbox"/> The Staircase <input type="checkbox"/> Arejas
6b	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a+	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ASPECT AND CLIMATE**

The cliffs face south and get the sun for most of the day. It sits at the bottom the large ridge and forms a concave wall of good but sharp limestone. The central section overhangs slightly and the two extremes are vertical or just off vertical walls. The face lacks many obvious features and makes identifying the routes difficult.

**GEAR**

All the routes are well protected by 10mm bolts and finish at good belays. A 70m route is recommended although a 60m rope is just sufficient on the longer routes.

**INFORMATION**

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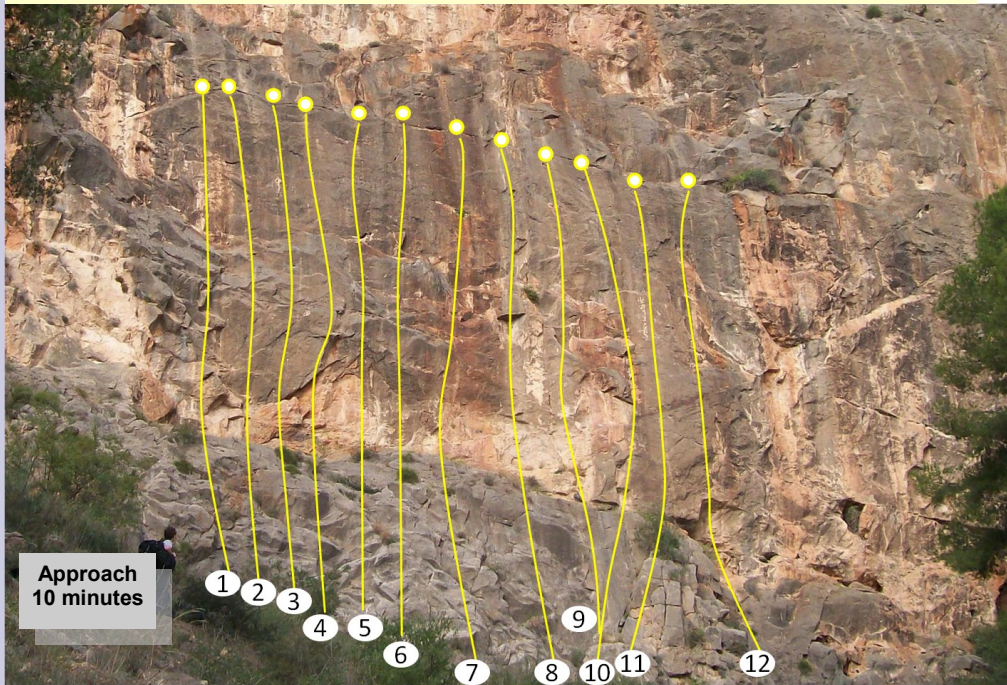
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**Sector 1: Principal (left-hand side)**

This section is described from left to right. All the routes on the very left side scramble boldly up an easy slab for the first 8 metres to where the wall steepens.



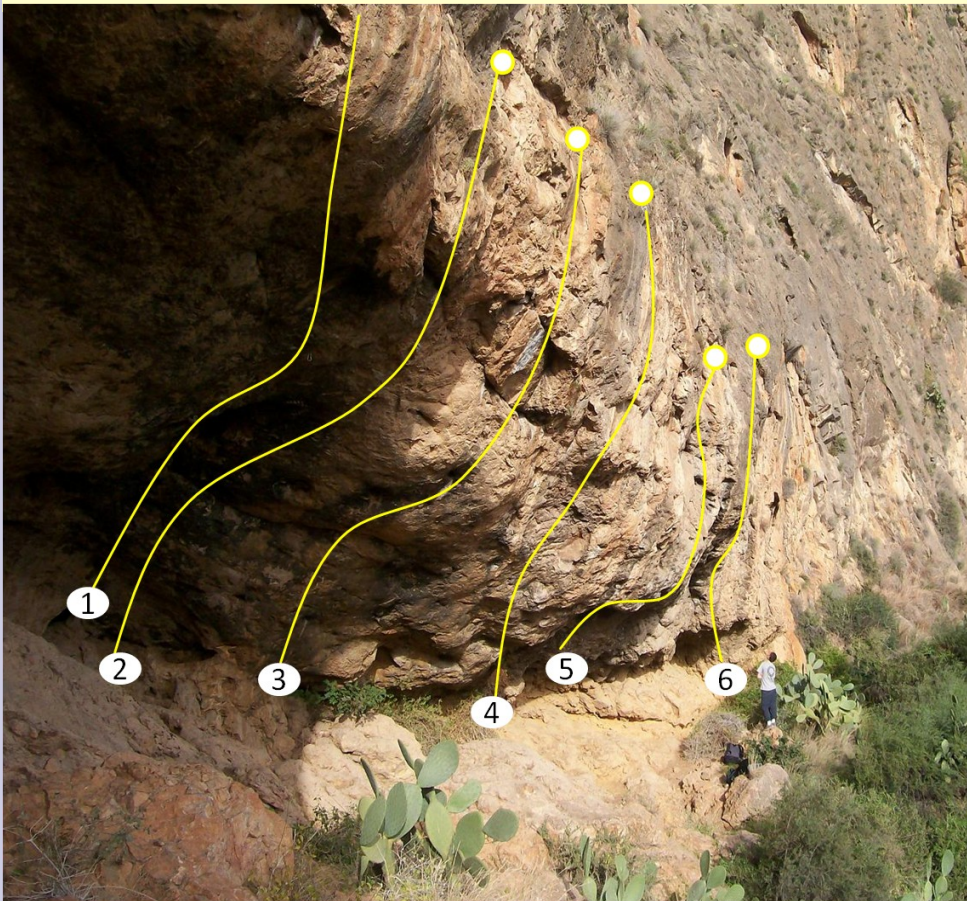
- 1. (The Staircase)** .....  **6b+** ☆☆  
30m. Scramble up the gully until below the route. Climb the series of shelves at the left side of the wall.
- 2. ?** .....  **7b**  
30m. The wall just right of the shelves.
- 3. ?** .....  **7b/+**  
30m. Start 2m to the right and climb directly up the wall.
- 4. ?** .....  **7a+**  
30m. Start at the hanging corner in the middle of the wall.
- 5. ?** .....  **7b**  
30m. 2m to the right.
- 6. ?** .....  **7a**  
30m. 4m right.

- 2. ?** .....  **8b?**  
12m. Climb past an obvious hole in the rock and small thread above. Some glued on holds.  
F.A.
  - 3. ?** .....  **8a+**  
12m. Pockets up the steep wall to the right.  
F.A.
  - 4. ?** .....  **7b**  
12m.  
F.A.
  - 5. ?** .....  **7c+**  
12m. The easy looking line is not. Climb across the roof on rounded pockets. Pull up to a corner and span right to the belay.  
F.A.
  - 6. ?** .....  **7b?**  
12m. A couple of metres to the right at the edge of the cave is a groove line. Climb this.  
F.A.
- 50 metres to the right is a wall with two routes.
- 1. ?** .....  **6b+**  
16m. The left-hand of the two lines takes orange rock to gain better rock in the upper part.  
F.A.
  - 2. ?** .....  **7b**  
16m. The steeper right-hand line.  
F.A.

Sector 3: La Ceja

La Ceja is a cave two kilometres along the hillside. It is rather short and steep and is not really up to the standard of other climbing areas in the Orihuea area. It is certainly an acquired taste. From the main area it is possible to take a 20 minutes walk to the right along the base of the face to reach the cave. Leave the path for the multipitch routes and keep below the rock face.

Alternatively this section can be reached more directly by taking the right turn off of the N-340 close to the Conjela Dos building. Full details of this approach are not known. Please send any information/details to [rocktopos@hotmail.com](mailto:rocktopos@hotmail.com).

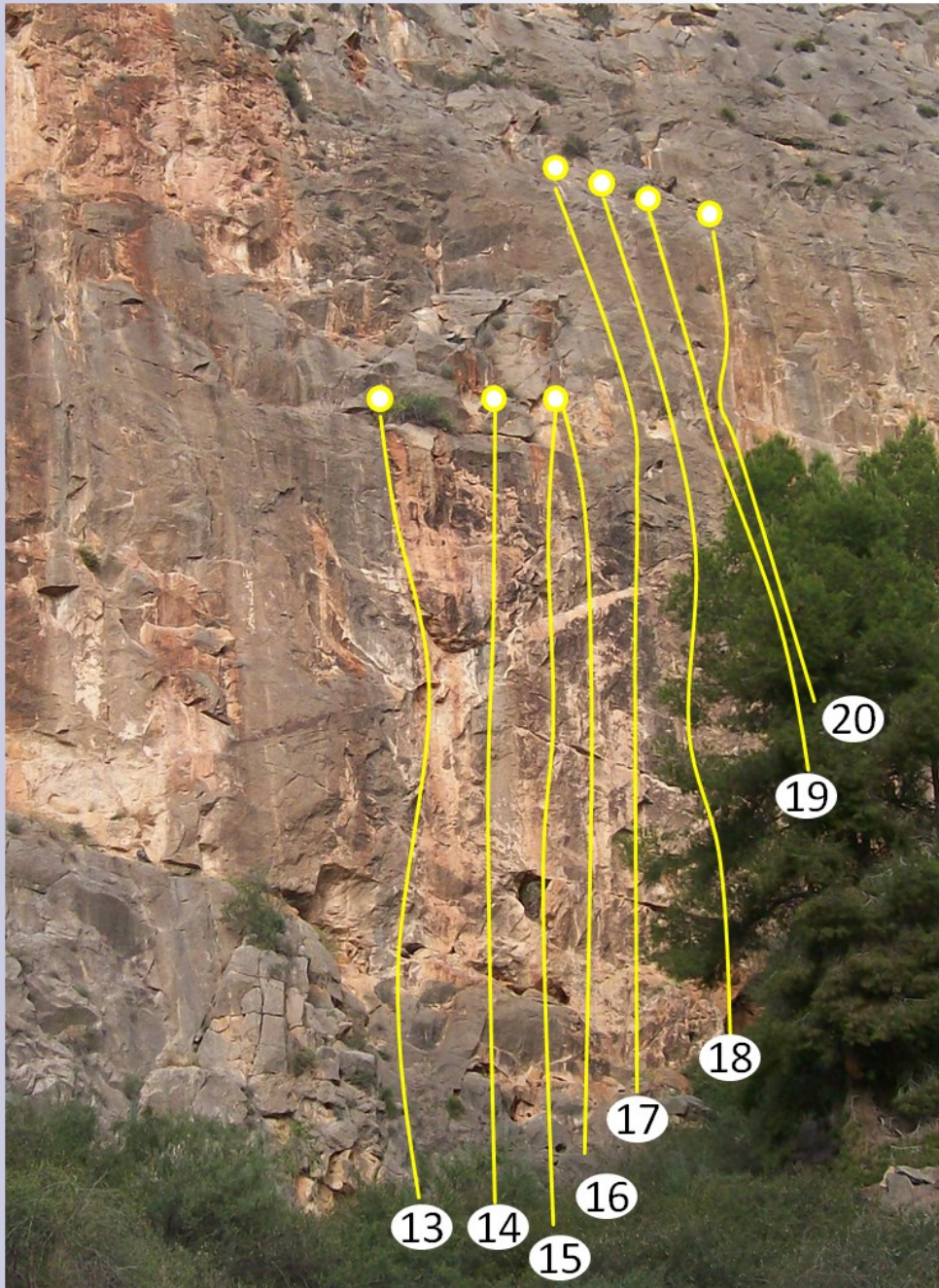


- 1. ? .....  8a?  
12m. Climb using the bolt-on hold.  
F.A.



▶ Jake Rogers on **Bueno Calor** (6b+).  
Photo: Richard Davies

- 7. ? .....  7a  
30m. 4m right.
- 8. ? .....  7b+  
30m. Climb left of the crack line to the triangular roof, to reach the shallow corner running up the face.
- 9. **Sequimas Funando** .....  6c+ ★★★★  
30m. Climb up to the crack. Cross the bulge to the right and climb up the fingery wall to the belay.
- 10. **(Bueno Calor)** .....  6b+ ★★★  
30m. Climb the series of flakes up the rib to the right. The best warm up route.
- 11. **Peter Pan** .....  7a+ ★★★★  
30m. Start just right of the previous route and climb delicately up the slabby wall. The route takes a line parallel to the previous one and is sustained until the better holds are reached. From here the upper wall is easier. Hard for the grade.
- 12 ? .....  7a+ ★★★★  
30m. Climb to the cut out and pass this using fingery moves to gain the sloping ramps above.

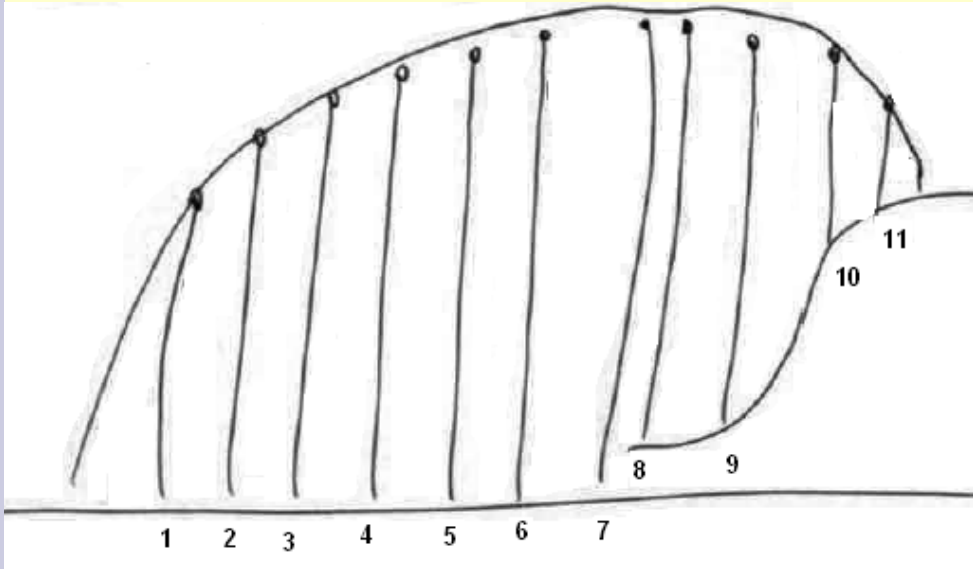


► Jake Rogers on **Pocket City** (6a+).  
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**Sector 2: Facil—continued**

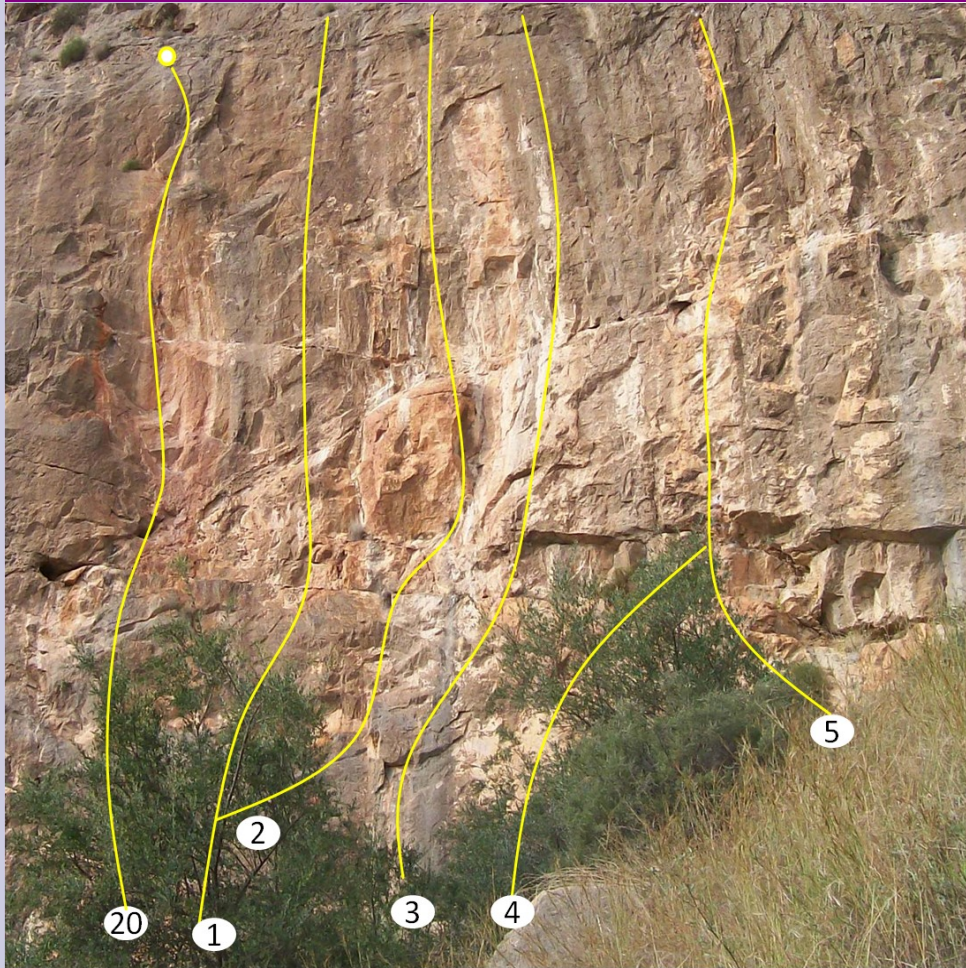
The right-hand part of the wall offers some pleasant routes on good pocketed rock.



- 7. ?** .....  **V+** ★  
 18m. The cracks and pockets past the large flake.  
 F.A.
- 8. ?** .....  **V+** ★  
 18m. The cracks up the slab.  
 F.A.
- 9. (Pocket City)** .....  **6a+** ★★  
 18m. A good climb up the wall past an obvious hole. The difficulties are over once this is reached.  
 F.A.
- 10. ?** .....  **6a** ★  
 18m. Originally started off the higher block it is better to start as for route 9. Climb the smooth wall on generally good holds keeping to the right of the bolts.  
 F.A.
- 11. ?** .....  **V+**  
 10m. A short route starting from the ledge up and right of the previous routes.  
 F.A.

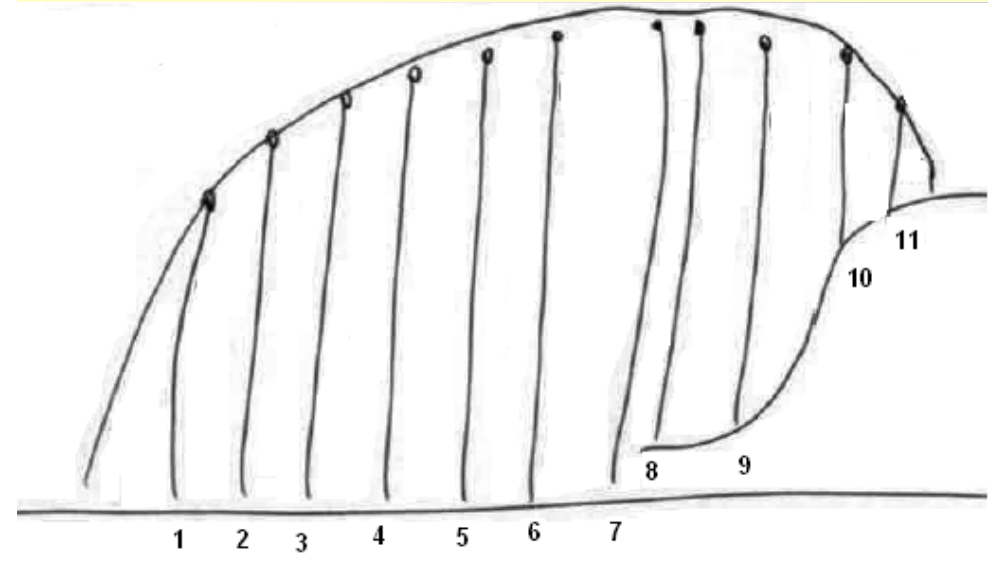
- 13. ?** .....  **7a+**  
 25m. Shallow scoop up the middle of the cliff.
- 14. Galicia** .....  **7c**  
 25m. 3m to the right up the red scoop.
- 15. ?** .....  **7c+**  
 30m. Line up the wall to the right.
- 16. Gullich** .....  **7c+**  
 30m. Start below a obvious small roof and flake. Climb past this to an obvious bolt on hold. Continue up the easier upper wall.
- 17. Piton Golpeador** .....  **7c**  
 30m. As for previous route and climb wall to the right.
- 18. Suicido** .....  **7c/+**  
 30m. Start just right and climb a vague rib past two bolt on holds.
- 19. ?** .....  **7c+/8a**  
 30m. Climb to the small roof and pull into a shallow groove. Join the next route at a hole and then follow a line up the wall left of the corner.
- 20. (Jumping Jack Flash)** .....  **6c+** ★★★  
 30m. The obvious overhanging pocketed corner. There is a hard move (crux) to leave the flakes just right of the corner in the upper wall.

Sector 1a: Principal (right-hand side)



- 1. **Variance** .....  **7b+** ★★  
30m. Climb the shallow steepening groove to reach a good horizontal break. A fierce pull leads to better holds.
- 2. ? .....  **7b**
- 3. ? .....  **7c**

A few metres to the right up the slope is a slabby section of rock. The lines are a mixture of old 8mm bolts and new 10mm ones. The rock is very good and many of the routes are worth the trip.

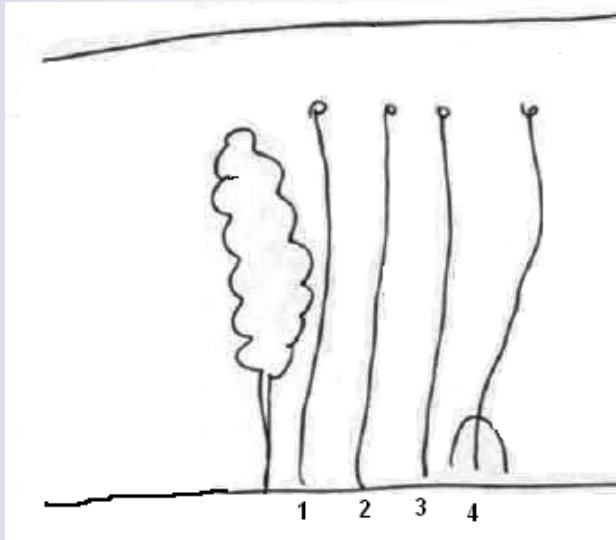


- 1. ? .....  **6a**
- 10m. The left line over a small roof.  
F.A.
- 2. ? .....  **V+**
- 10m.  
F.A.
- 3. ? .....  **6a**
- 10m.  
F.A.
- 4. ? .....  **6b** ★
- 18m. Climb the shallow groove to the triangle roof. Pull over this to the belay.  
F.A.
- 5. ? .....  **6c** ★
- 18m. The vague rib to the right which is followed by an easy upper wall.  
F.A.
- 6. ? .....  **6a+** ★★
- 18m. A good line. Move up and left to climb pockets in the wall. The upper section is easier but remains interesting.  
F.A.

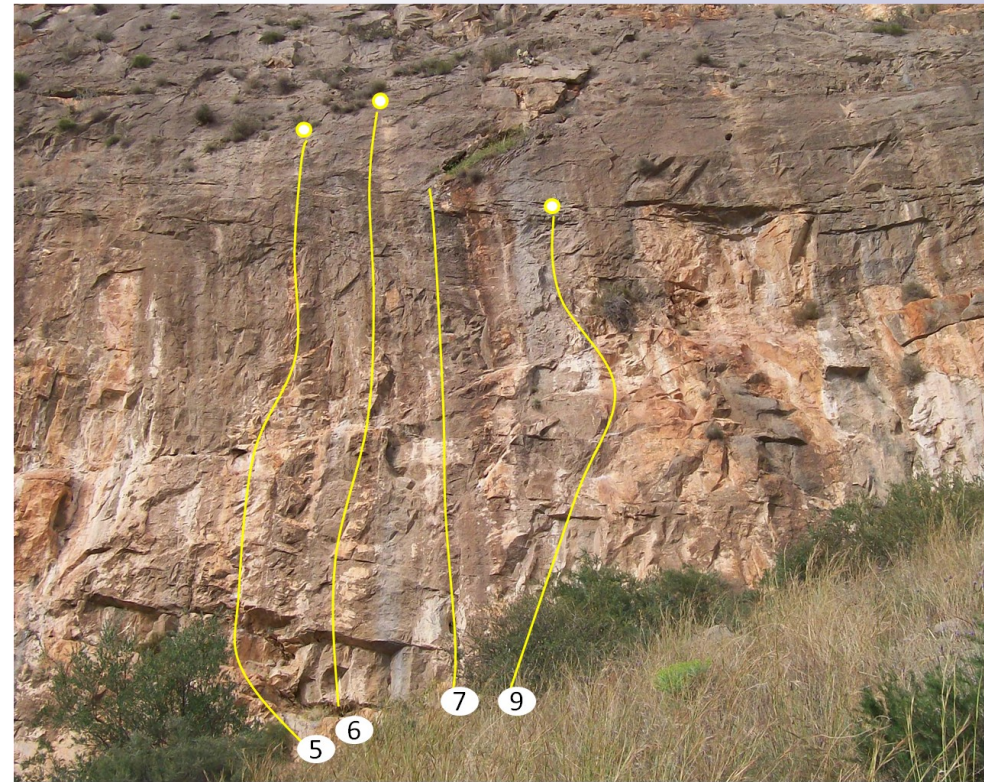


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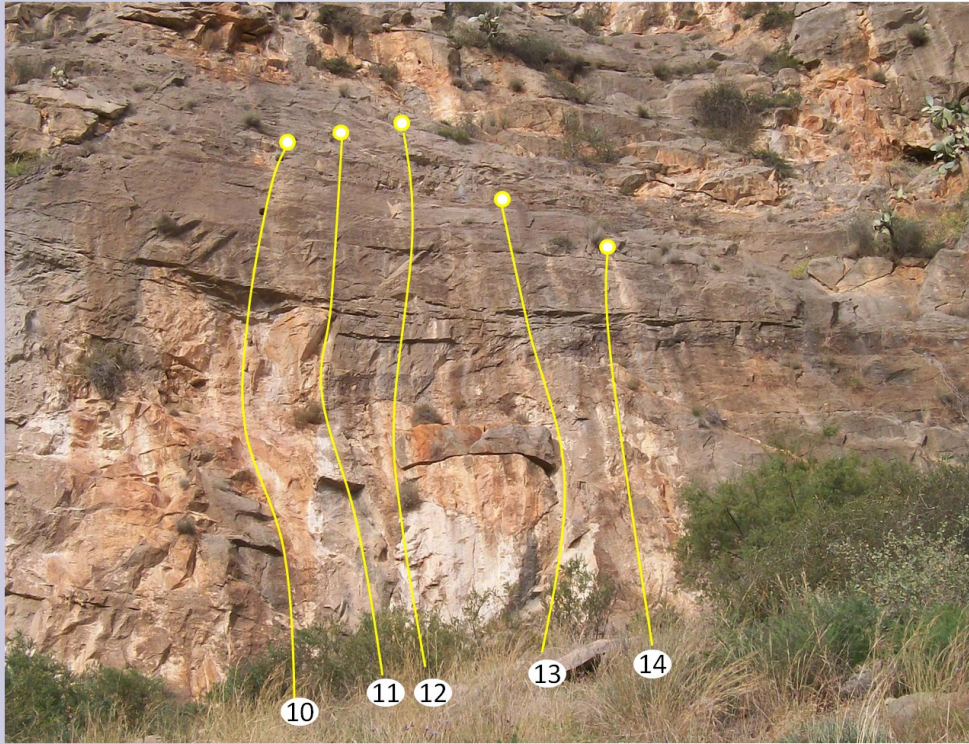
20 metres to the right up the slope is a slabby section of wall. There are a number of easy lines here. The first climb starts just right of a tree. Many of the bolts are old 8mm so some care is required.



- 1. ? .....  V  
10m. Start right of the tree climb the slabby wall. The route reaches a sloppy ledge and then stops. From here it is best to move right into route 2 to the belay. F.A.
- 2. ? .....  6a  
16m. The corner crack line is steeper than initial appearances suggest. Worth doing. It is advised to make the two moves up the wall above the belay to reach the new belay on route 3. F.A.
- 3. ? .....  6b+ ★  
18m. The best route here. Climb steeply the pockets and flakes to gain a respite. Continue up the easier ground to a large ledge and the final wall. F.A.
- 4. ? .....  6a  
18m. A poor route up the corner/cave to the right. F.A.



- 4. ? .....  7c+ ★★  
30m. Gain the obvious lump and balance to the break using invisible holds. Step left and climb the upper wall.
- 5. ? .....  7b ★★★  
30m. Easily to the break, step left and pull through the bulge on good pockets and finish as for the last route.
- 6. ? .....  7a+  
30m. Straight through the bulge above the same start.
- 7. ? .....  6c+  
30m. Climb to the hole at 4m and wall above.
- 8. ? .....  7b  
30m. Climb to the hole at 4m, move right.
- 9. Arejas .....  6b+ ★★  
18m. Start behind the bush and climb a white groove to reach the lower belay.



- 10. **Arbolto**.....  **7a**  
 25m. Straight up to the triangular roof and across the widest part.
- 11. ? .....  **7b**  
 20m. To the hanging V groove just right of the roof.
- 12. ? .....  **6c?**  
 20m. At 5m are some large blocks. Start left of these.
- 13. ? .....  **7a?**  
 15m. Start up the groove at the right side of the blocks.
- 14. ? .....  **7b+**  
 15m. The shallow groove line 2m right leads to good holds below the bulge. Pull round the bulge (crux) to the belay. Very small and sharp holds.
- 15. ? .....  **6b+**  
 15m.

To the right the wall is bounded by a shattered gully. Round to the right on the rib is a single route – no details known.



▶ Jake Rogers approaching the crux move of **Jumping Jack Flash** (6c+).  
 Photo: Richard Davies