



# Cala Moraig

### Introduction

This is the premier venue on the Costa Blanca, offering a great variety of climbing on caves, walls, fallen boulders, tunnels and prows. The pebble beach and beach bars make this a popular and very busy beach during the summer. Parking is limited at the beach and sometimes requiring parking high up the hill. Do not park on yellow lines here, you will come back to no car and a yellow slicker on the floor telling you the police have towed it away. You have been warned!

Jelly Stone and Cave of Pets are viewable from the shore and have easy access to the tops. All the other areas require an approach by boat or by scrambling, which is not always very safe or desirable during a hot day.

### Approach by car

From the A7 take exit 63 signed Benissa and N332. After the toll go straight on heading North towards Teulada for 3km. Go right at the first roundabout. Straight across at the second roundabout. Left on the third, then immediately right at the last. Continue for 1km through the town, at a strange junction go left towards Benitachell 5 km away on the CV 740. At the second set of traffic lights turn right, signed posted Cala Moraig. Follow the road up a long hill to Cumbre del Sol. Stay on the main road you will then drop down towards the beach.

## Approach by boat

It is possible to launch from the beach using paddle power, motor boats will be refused access to the water by the "Bondi Beach" style life guards. During very rough seas you may not be admitted to the beach, but this is a rare occurrence.





Far Boulder

Best reached by boat or swimming. Short easier boulder. Grades 4 to 6a.

White Elephant & Secret lagoon

Best reached by boat or swimming. Grades 4 to 7 & projects.

Jelly Stone & Bruce Lee Buttress

Can be reached by walking, dry starts. Grades 5 to 6c.

Cave of Pets

Can be reached by walking from the main beach. Swimming and dry starts. Grades 4 to 7c.

Hidden Beach

Easily reached via swimming or traversing. Beach and swimming starts. Grades 6a to 7b.

#### Daniel's Roof

Can be reached by swimming, or scrambling and traversing, but best by boat. Swimming starts. Grades 6c and harder.

Crank Buttress

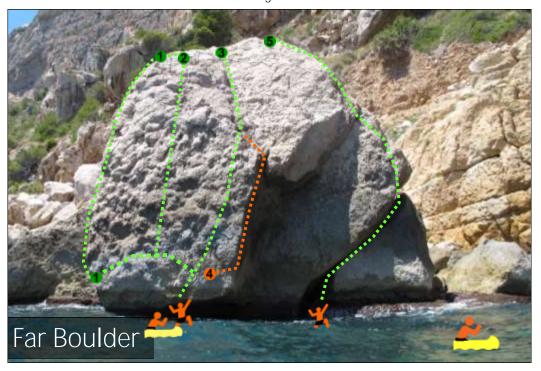
Boat access only. An excellent buttress with easy routes from 4 to 6c. Swimming starts.

#### Pearson's Block

A fallen block which provides only one route at 7b, can only be reach by boat. Swimming start.

Curse Ya Fur Breathin

A hardcore cave with routes in the high 7's or harder, requires a long paddle and can not be reached any other way. Dry bag in to caves and dry starts.



Far Boulder.

Approached by swimming or kayaking South of the main beach. Or climbing the Firestarter traverse to the end, 350m from the beach, were the cliffs become too broken to climb. It is also possible to take the tourist path passing the Secret Lagoon viewing point then scramble down loose ground to the beach. Far Boulder lays 50m past the end of the traverse. Best to exit the water from an inflatable. Descent is by down climbing one of the routes, or a controlled jump being careful to miss the submerged rocks

1 Arete 8m 4+ S2

The arête provides good climbing but only over 2m of water below. FAR Mayfield 17.06.2012

2 Central Block 8m 4+ S2

Straight up the slabby wall on rounded holds, which turn to hidden jugs. 2m of water below. FAR Mayfield 17.06.2012

Climb steeply at first to gain the easier groove at half height. Used as the descent line because it

has deep water.
FAR Mayfield 17.06.2012

Primero

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Overhung Arete 8m 6a SC

Climb the arête on the steep side on good holds to a tricky pull onto the slab.

FA Rich Mayfield 17.06.2012

5 Righthand 10m 4+ S1

Climb the crack until a steep move allows access to the easy top half. FA Rich Mayfield .2012

It maybe possible to climb the corner between routes 4 and 5 on thin and fragile holds. Take care the reef below threatens any mistakes.



S0

1 Firestarter Traverse 350m 6b+

This is the start of White Elephant Area, either drop down and climb the wall on big holds returning to the ledge before the cave, or walk along the ledges. The cave entrance has been attempted but is extremely hard and often damp.

the area. Start North to South, with a walk and scramble or swim back to the beach.

At the sea Arch, by the sign "dangerous cliffs"

This was one of the great long traverses that has

since been dramatically out gunned by others in

At the sea Arch, by the sign "dangerous cliffs" take the concreted steps onto the head land. Stand with the huge hole behind, this is the top of "Twisting by the pool".

Start by down climbing "Twisting by the pool", then leave Jelly stone via ledges. Traverse Bruce Lee Buttress via steep but juggy rock onto ledges and small lagoons with a rock bridge walk over this to more fisherman's ledges. This bridge has been climbed about 2m off the high water mark at 6b.

Keeping high, about 5-8m above the sea, passing some remains of fisherman platforms. An arête is reached with ledges just afterwards. It is possible to climb slightly lower on the steeper rock but the grade increases dramatically and swimming is the usual result.

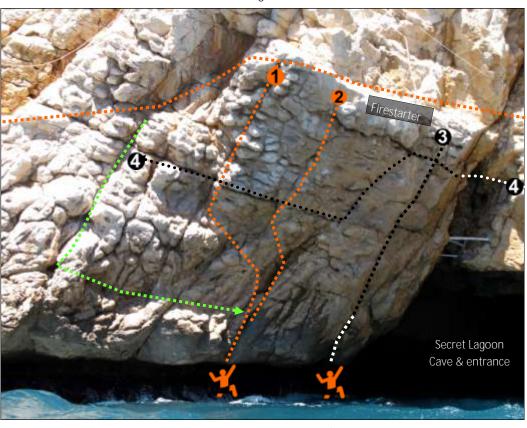
Variation: Climb White Snake 7a

Climb along the ledge where White Rhino and White Elephant finish. Then continue to the far arête, be careful of loose rock this doesn't get done often.

Ledges provide the last rest just after the arête, take it, because the finish isn't a push over and the water does get shallower as you approach the end.

Swim back or scramble up the loose ground in the bay to a tourist path which in turn leads past the secret lagoon to the road.

FA M Robertson & J Lines Sept 2005



White Elephant Area

Approached by swimming, kayaking or climbing the Firestarter Traverse to ledges either jump in and start from the sea or down climb just to the left and traverse in. It is possible to scramble over the top via fisherman installed ropes and cables, but the ground is loose and it is a serious undertaking.

1 White Rino 11m 6b SC

This isn't mis-spelt! The lefthand side of the buttress is climbed on rounded and pumpy holds. FA Marijne Lekkerkerker Sept 2005

2 White Elephant 11m 6c SC

A great climb on steep rock with huge rounded holds. Big moves and long reaches.

FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005

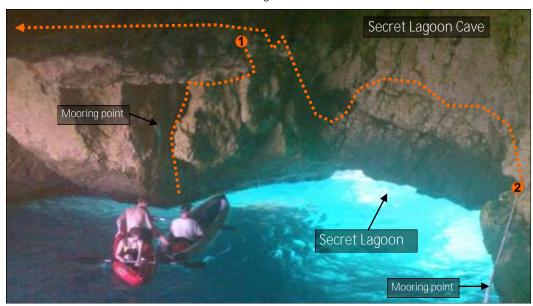
3 Project

Exit the water with difficulty, continue on small holds up very steep rock. We're all falling at about half height! NYS 2011

4 White Snake 12m 7a S0

Gain the top of the cave and the glued in branches, cross them to a slopping ledge, down climb 3m to another ledge and follow this to easy ground. FA Rich Mayfield 2008

To enter the Secret Lagoon, swim into the cave towards the light. Be careful in rough seas as the waves often bounce off the roof. It is possible to access the Lagoon from the above tourist path via scrambling down a boulder choke at the far side of the hole passing some old sport routes, which are sadly no longer safe. This area can be very greasy and damp.



## Secret Lagoon cave

Mooring Direct 8m 6b S0

From the blue mooring rope climb on huge holds into the roof, traverse rightwards, to a very hard move to gain the rest in the roof of the cave.

FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2006

2 Yellow Feet 25m 6c+ SC

One of the very best cave solos around, over deep and clear water. Large fish swimming beneath you can be disconcerting.

Exit via the white mooring rope on the right hand side of the cave looking in. Climb over the entrance to Secret Lagoon on very slimy rock to a rest in a big ledge-pocket. Make a steep raising traverse via a big positive pocket then a desperate move to gain a no hands rest in the roof. This is the top of "Mooring Direct". Swing around the prow on steep rock and difficult to find holds to another rest and some fantastic tufas. Take a breather here! Step around the arête to find some positive crimps and a long step on the pillar and a bridging rest.

Either stay high and continue back to the white mooring rope and do it again!

FA Rich Mayfield 01 07 2012

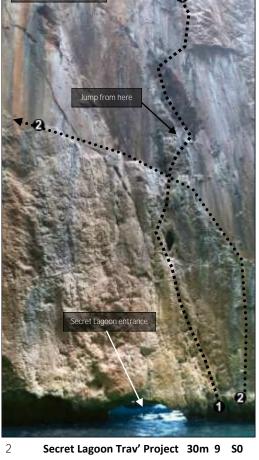
Alteratively

Project. 7a So far. Down climb the pillar, to just above the sea, traverse rightwards through the roof on greasy holds to a huge pocket undercut. Swing wildly to the right and a hidden jug. Campus up to a juggy rail that is traversed to the left. Holds then run out and splash down!

FA So far R Mayfield 2005

Project. 8 or harder. From the huge undercut pocket attempt to traverse out of the cave, one to two very hard moves bar the way. This is likely to be a very bouldery grade 8. It has been attempted by many and in both directions.

Project. To the left (looking in) of the blue mooring rope, a shallow groove is climbed toward the roof. Then a few moves underneath heading left towards the cave front. Yet another solo for the future and splash down for the rest of us! FA NYS 2005



Secret Lagoon

Climb the right hand weakness to the ledges on "Shaft of Light", then hand traverse the rail to the Cave. NYS 2005

Oasis in flames 12m 6a+ S1

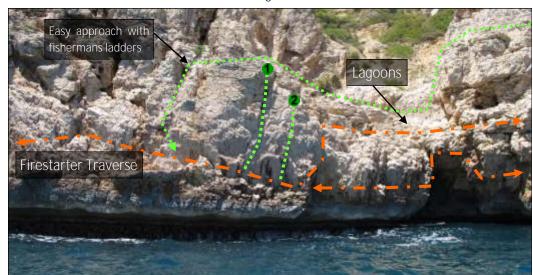
Dry bag in. Climb the steep but juggy corner/groove to the cave. Down climb this to the start or jump. FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

4 Oasis 14m 6b+ S0

Traverse in on ever steepening ground to a super skinny thread, then the tiny vertical overlap to the cave. FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2007







Lagoon Area

Either, walk over the top on a good path which has cables in place as you drop down into the Lagoons area, or climb the start of Firstarter. Getting out of the water here is hard work and if 4s are your grade a swim back to beach may be your only option unless you have preplaced some ropes or ladders. Fishermans ladder and cables aid your access to the Firestart erTraverse.

Lagoon route 1 5m 4 S0

The first of two short, easy and safe lines that are a good introduction to the climbing here. Follows a crack line on huge holds.

FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005

Lagoon route 2 5m 4 S0

Slightly harder of the two up the blank looking wall to the right of Lagoon route 1. Both routes are viewable from the ledges on the Bruce Lee Buttress.

FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005

The wall just left can be climbed just about anywhere at 3 or 4.



Bruce Lee Buttress

The traverse at the base of this sector is the start of the Firestarter traverse and is 6a+ as far as the lagoon.

Enter the dragon 13m 6b

This can be approached from either side, but is easier from the left. Very steep and not so juggy climbing leads to a powerful pull over the roof. FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

2 Fisheries of Fury 12m 6c

Steep and powerful climbing on sloppers with long reaches passing two large pockets to easy ground and the top. Traverse off to the left on fragile rock. FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005

The Big Boss 12m

The left hand side of the large scoop on sloppy holds, easy to fall from. FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

Bruce lee An easier line on the wall but still good and steep climbing. Traverse off to the left on fragile rock. FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005 5 Kihon The easiest line on Bruce Lee and a good starter. Traverse into the first scoop. Climb directly up onto easier angled rock. Make a rising traverse to top!

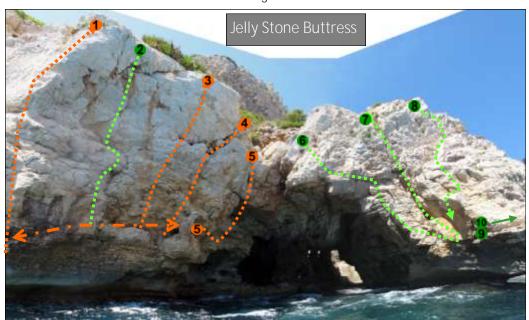
the left to finish on top of the buttress. FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005 To graduate to Shodan do the drop kick from the

11m 6a+

13m 5

S1

Bruce Lee's drop kick. S2+ OK this is a big one, from the very top of the Bruce Lee Buttress where the rock is flat. Start 5m back and run as fast as you can to the edge and leap off! Have a spotter at the edge to ensure there are no swimmers or jet skiers etc before you go. Ledges near the sea threaten any jumper who lacks commitment! Not for the faint hearted.



Jellystone sits just behind the arch at you enter the roundabout at the bottom of the hill. A path leads over the top passed the huge blow hole. A dodgy metal ladder leads down to ledges between Bruce Lee and Jellystone.

The wall immediately to the right of the ladder is climbed almost anywhere on thin but positive holds

Jogi's Jump 12m S1 From the flat top where the ladder is accessed, take a run and jump! A warm up for Bruce Lee's drop kick.

1 Wilma 12m 6a S1

The fine arête which is reached first from the ladders. Keeping right is safest where it is the Steepest. FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005

2 Dino 12m 5 S1

The steep groove has some loose rock at the start, but great fun. FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005

3 Clockwork Orange 12m 6b+ S0
A fantastic climb with a very long reach or dyno at the top. Airtime is common. FAR Mayfield 9 2005

4 Twisting by the Pool 14m 5+ S1

Perhaps the most popular route at Moraig. Huge flakes and steep rock over clean water, complete with a viewing area behind it. FARICH Mayfield 2005

5 **Poet's Eye** 14m 6b S1
Climb around or through the thread and swing

wildly into a groove. Keeping left on large spaced holds . FA Julian Lines 2007

6 Jellystone 14m 5+ S2
From the base of the pillar climb the vertical wall on large flat holds. FA Rch Mayfield Sept 2005

7 Old dog new tricks 7m 3+ S2
An easy groove on big holds. FA Chris Graggs 2007

8 Fisherman's Descent 8m 3 S2

Farewell Mrs L 7m 4+ S0

A safe arête that can be seen from the car park. FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

10 Woof Woof Splash 7m 4 S2 A rounded chimney around the corner. FAC Craggs



The next sectors are reached by walking passed the Beach Bar to the far side. This side is a nudist beach, so if you are easily offended or slightly squeamish best to keep your eyes shut!

To access Cave of Pets scramble up the hideously polished rock and boulder hop for 100m to the flat topped cave.

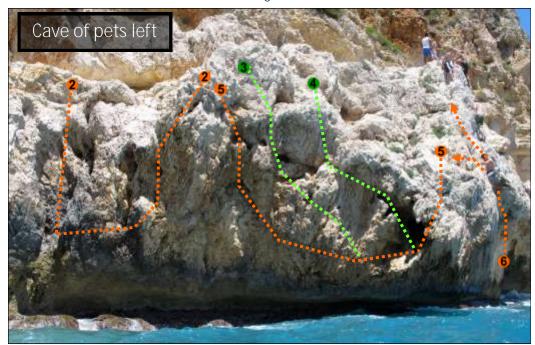
A nice and easy traverse which is best done in the "all together". Leave the beach and traverse out with your feet just above the water to where the rock angle eases. Usually hordes of holiday makers throw themselves off this headland, thinking it's high! FA Everyone at DWS Fest 2005

Nudey Beach Traverse 30m



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Cirus Dog



These routes are best accessed from the top by climbing down either Brutus Stanton or Trouser Snake.

**Brutus Stanton** S2 11m

Climb down and swing into the line on the right, taking the prow directly. The Reef at the base of this climb is distracting! Once you get on the main Wall it is safe. FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005

Sleek Pussy S<sub>0</sub>

A nice short route on steep and juggy rock. FA Mike Roberston Sept 2005

Blackie Collins

A variation of the above but shorter and easier. FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005

Trouser Snake 11m 6a S1 The best route of this wall. FA M Robertson Sept 2005

Velcro Twins 18m 6b S0/1

A brilliant little traverse. Start from inside the cave. Make a committing step onto the right (facing out) wall, a reef below threatens and the wall is steep. Large holds and two rest are passed to the far arête. Reach blindly for a side pull jug and swing up to easier ground, or continue climbing into Trouser snake.

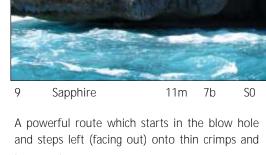
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The Holes S0/1 14m

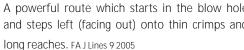
Follow Velcro twins to the last no hands rest. Then quest up the steep ground on large rounded and difficult to use holds, to a tricky pull onto the NOSe. FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

JP Route 12m 7с S0/1

A test piece of the area. Desperate hard moves lead to the roof which is avoided by climbing to the left. FA James Pearson Sept 2006



Cave of Pets



10 Project 11m ? S1

As far as we know this still hasn't been climbed. The steep prow just keeps repelling all climbers. Surely someone out there can do it! NYS First attempted 2005

11 The Fun House S1 11m 6C+

Walk into the start over the narrow reef, you will have wet shoes. Climb carefully for 3m to a rest. Now the wall steepens and the climb becomes safer. Side pulls and crimps lead to the top. FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005

An excellent steep line, either down climb through the cave to the reef, or Lady's Ladder to the reef. Either way you'll have wet feet. Make a steep pull on jugs onto a low prow. Climb poor pockets to the roof. Pull through the roof, heading rightwards, trying to keep your feet on something. Finishing on huge jugs. Extra points for wearing a mask and snorkel and nothing else! FA Julian Lines Sept 2005

11m

**Blow Hole** 

Pets Jump 12m

The top of cave of pets is a large flat platform idea for sun bathing and leaping off. The exit point is very clean and no run up is required, unless you want to of course! Have a spotter this area is swimmable from the beach and popular with snorkelers and peddles boats.



1 Fear of Flying 10m 7a S2

A hard and dangerous route. Make a tricky move above the hideously sharp reef into a groove. Then launch your way up the prow on the left, the upper section is much safer, may prove useful to have a spotter to start.

FA Mike Robertson Sept 2005

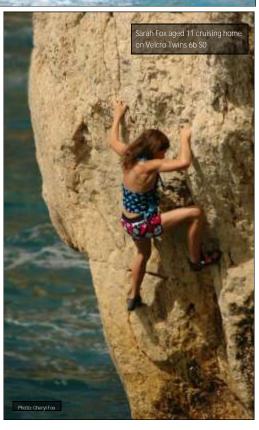
2 **Lady's Ladder** 18m 4+ S1

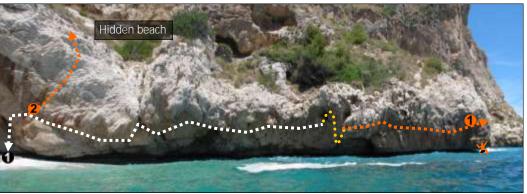
A brilliant little traverse which is mostly safe and on good rock. FA Sam Mayfield Sept 2005

3 **Lady's Limp** 16m 4 S1

From the small platform climb direct via huge holds. The Rock is broken and care should be taken when climbing this one.

FA Rich Mayfield Sept 2005





1 Hidden Beach Traverse 120m 7a+ SO

From the Hidden Beach make hard moves into a cave, pull around this to make some hard moves on steep ground, crux. The climbing then eases slightly, until you reach a cave (yellow line above) enter the cave and climb through it to exit into a roof. Powerful climbing leads to much easier ground and then the arête.

Round the arête, a thin move at 6a leads to easier ground and the far arête.

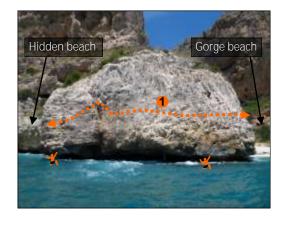
Round this and climb all the way to the beach. The lower line goes at 7a and is only over shallow water, but you are only 1m above it.

It is possible to carry on traversing up the beach at a reasonable grade of 6a, provided there are no sun bather in the way. Can be done in either direction. Possible to walk back over the headland. FA M Roberston, J Lines, S Fritzpatrick Hidden Beach to first arete Sept 05 & R Mayfield continuation to Gorge Beach 07.

2 Three Legged Tufa 11m 6b+ S1

From the cave climb directly up the steep prow to easier ground and a scramble off. Depending on the state of the peddle beach you may or may not have water below you.

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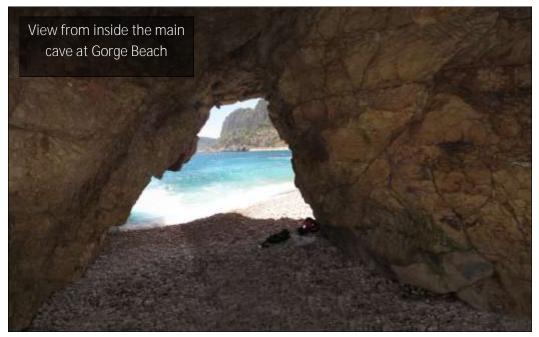


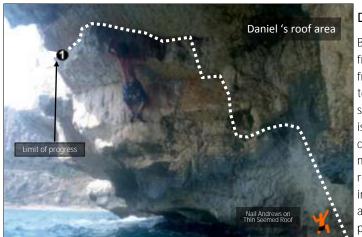




# Gorge Beach

It is possible to walk into the Gorge Beach by following a path which leaves the top car park, via some concrete steps and a good path. It is 300m from the main beach so swimming is only an option for people at home in the water, or those who have an inflatable. The beach does provide some decent bouldering in the cave on the left hand side of beach and the wall just before it. The landings are excellent and the rock generally reliable. Not really DWS so not described here. Just go and have fun!





1 Thin seamed roof 10m 7a Project S0

Gain the purple reef and dry off your hands with a towel from your dry bag. Climb the wall to the roof, which is easier than it looks. Hand traverse the thin seam in the roof using side pulls and undercuts, whilst desperately trying to keep your feet on. Where the roof finishes make a huge slap for something, if you find anything please let me know where it is! To this point about 7a ish. So far attempts by R Mayfield, Nail Andrews 2011

2 **Daniel's Roof** 12m 6c S0

From the purple reef make hard and reachy moves to gain good holds at the base of the roof. Some may prefer to have a spotter here. Follow the break in the roof on mostly good finger locks and jams. Very thin for your feet as you go around the hanging prow. Finish on the wall above the roof. FA Rich Mayfield Aug 2011

Ailice Traverse 150m 7b S0

### Daniel's Roof Area

Best reached via inflatable 500m from the Main Beach or 200m from Gorge Beach. It is possible to scramble around after a hard start from Gorge Beach. The crag is very steep and all the routes can only be started from swimming starts. The sea can get rough here so a boat is an important safety consideration, it also provides a platform for pier pressure!

Several other projects exist here, included are the open projects. Some regarded as secret and therefore have not be included. A very hard traverse (the Ailice Traverse) is being projected here see below. These routes take so much effort that people tend only to have two or three attempts in them per visit.



This monster traverse is awe inspiring! As the "Daniel's Roof Area" becomes a roof drop down via steep moves through a series of difficult to read corners. Then Climb a white vertical wall with thin moves which force you closer to the edge of the roof just as the wall steepens slightly. This is only the half way point. Pull through to easier ground and rests. Stay on the vertical avoiding the temptation of ledges above. The wall becomes featureless and vertical, apart from an insane block. You will know when you see it! Pull on it to pass onto the blank wall, make a hard move down and traverse for two more metres. This is where we fall. Only 10m to go before the rests so close yet so far! So far FA RICH Mayfield & Dave Ayton.



Crank Buttress

Best approached via inflatable, the wall is 300m from the Gorge Beach or 600m from the Main Beach. It is possible to scramble, walk, climb and swim your way around, but not advisable.

All the routes have swimming starts and have jump descents or down climb the route.

1 Nails' Line

55m 5 S0

Exit the water up the corner for 4m until the angle of rock eases, gain the slab and traverse left for 50m to easier ground. It is possible to access the pirate cave from here, you will know what I mean when you see it! FA N Andrews 2011

2 Chev Chelios 8m 5 S0

Exit the water and follow the rightward crack feature to ledges. FAR Mayfield 2011

3 Amy Smart 8m 5 Si

Steep from the water but not for long, join the next route to ledges. FAR Mayfield 2011

4 Jason Statham 9m <mark>6a</mark> SC

Climb the black rock to the roof on good holds, step left under the roof and continue to the ledges.

FA R Mayfield Sept 2011

5 Carlito 50m 6b S0-S3

Start as Jason Statham, stepping right straight into a hard move, then continue traversing on good holds to where the reef threatens any carelessness. Down climbing onto the reef or jump before Carlito orders your demise!

FAR Mayfield Sept 2011

6 High Voltage 10m 6a+ S1

Straight up the wall to the roof, pull through on hard to find holds finishing on ledges.

FAR Mayfield Sept 2011

7 Crank 14m 6a+ S1

Grab the huge undercut flake, put your foot next to it and crank out the water for all you're worth! Follow the under cut easily to the roof, there is slabby rock beneath you here. A line of holds lead rightwards to ledges. Jump Descent.

FAN Andrews & R Mayfield 2011

8 Don Kim 10m 6a S1

A good line with sustained climbing all the way to the top.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FA\,R\,Mayfield}}$ 



1 Crank Boulder Traverse 50m 6b S0

At the far right hand side of the Crank Buttress a large boulder is attached to the main land via a partly submerged reef. Gain this reef from either side. Traverse over easy ground to the seaward side (North). Big holds but thin feet made this a little pumpy. At the far arête it is much safer to scramble on top and not finish traversing because of a large reef and fragile rock. Jump descent or scramble back over the boulder to where you

FA R Mayfield & M Leckerkerker Sept 2012

started.

2 Lekkerfield Traverse 60m 6c+ S0

A further 50m brings you to this little wall. And a wealth of projects, including this fab traverse.

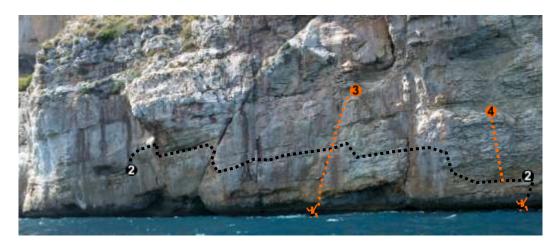
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3 Kasier Chiefs 12m 5+ SC The rightward slanting crack to ledges. FAR Mayfield & M Leckerkerker Sept 2012

4 Boob Wall 5/6a 10m S0 Almost anywhere on this wall is climbable! Then either down climb or jump.

FAR Mayfield May 2012

Many more lines exist here! Roll on DWS Fest 2012......





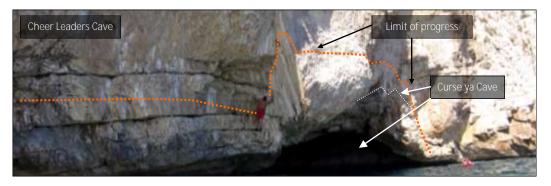
2 **Pearsons' Boulder 11m** 7b S0

A further 100m North a fallen boulder sits in the sea. The seaward arête has been climbed. Gain the reef, and dry your hands off. Launch up the 45 degree leaning wall on good holds making long powerful reaches. Topping out is painful on the skin being on very small and sharp crimps which have a nasty habit of snapping.

FA J Pearson & R Mayfield Sept 2006

More projects may exist on this boulder we have not look yet!

These two monster traverses lay 800m from the Gorge Beach and just over 1km from the Main Beach, and therefore must be accessed by boat. During rough seas these caves have rip tides that exit the caves making access virtually impossible and extremely dangerous. From the beach you can not always tell how rough it will be around the corner.



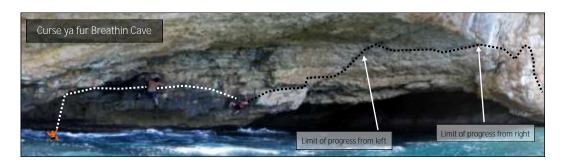
Dip me in Chocolate and feed me to the Cheer Leaders.

120m 7c and harder project

S2

A monster traverse that starts off very amicably following two horizontal cracks on good holds, beware of the reef below, this section is 50m of grade 4. At the corner things get really hard. Gain the top of the groove via powerful lay-back moves, then make desperate moves to the arête. This is where we fall off. If you're strong keep going through the slab and over the "Curse Ya fur Breathing Cave".

FA So far Rich Mayfield 2010



Curse ya fur breathin ya slacked jawed idiot!

80m

7c+ Project

SO.

Difficult and dangerous in rough seas. Dry bag into the left hand side of the cave, climb the reef and enter a shallow cave. Dry off here, chalk and dry shoes will make a difference. Traverse the ever steepening wall 3m above the sea, until the wall runs out. Pull through the roof on a powerful undercut to a juggy break. Make desperate moves up and right via a hidden "o" jam. Climb steeply to the just below the roof. Harder now a hold was pulled off. The rock here is weak and still shedding holds. This is the limit of progress so far. The rest does not look too hard apart from the roof crux at the end! FA Attempted ascentists so far are R Mayfield, M Lekkerkerker, M Downing & Nail Andrews & T Pearson over a three week period Sept 2011/2.