

New Routes - Mount William



The new routes listed below are those which have been submitted, and which are not in the existing published guidebooks (*Grampians Select*, Mentz & Tempest 1998; *South Eastern Grampians*, Baxter 1991; the online [South Eastern Grampians Update Part 1](#); the online [South Eastern Grampians Update Part 2](#); and are not in the October 2003 online [Grampians PDF guide](#).

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LITTLE JOE HILL ?

200m from Belfield Caravan Park on the crag across Fyans Ck is a small unnamed crag, (at least I cant find it in any of my guides nor does any of my climbing mates know of this crag)

**** Christijana** 25m 17

Take the prominent and committing crack up until it disappears and finish at the ledge Pete Holmes & Rob Collier 10/3/03

50m to the left of Christijana and down one rock shelf.

Ellejana 23m 12

Up the flake, traverse left 2m and up the right leading crack, break through this and up to the top Pete Holmes & Rob Collier 10/3/03

Chris Baxter comments: The 'new routes' Christijana and Ellejana are most likely on Little Joe Hill and are unlikely to be new routes. In any event, a 'new' cliff in this well visited area is unlikely. See page 24 of the online [South Eastern Grampians Update Part 1](#).

Philip Armstrong adds: Before accepting this verdict it should be noted that there is quite a lot of unclimbed rock at Little Joe Hill including a couple of lines which appear to have been cleaned and [presumably] climbed but not yet recorded. There are also a number of scattered buttresses of a decent size on the hillside L of Little Joe Hill. We didn't see anything at Little Joe Hill that matched the descriptions of Christijana and Ellejana.

Male Bonding variant finish 25m 17

Diagonal crack as for P2 of MB, step R then directly up face above via thin seam. Philip Armstrong, Jeremy Maddox 24 September 2005.

FIRST DIAL

The walking track and Dials Track junction is becoming more indistinct than it used to be and requires care to locate it. The steps at the start, as mentioned in the guide, are nearly gone. from Wayne Maher.

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UPPER CLIFF

Upper Crust 40m 17

Steep and enjoyable face climbing. Around R of Tweedle Dum there is a buttress with a prominent free standing pinnacle high up [landmark]. About 10m L of this buttress is a clean face with a seam/crack up the middle. 25m [crux] Follow seam 15m Short walls and crack.

Philip Armstrong, Jeremy Maddox 11 March 2006

Lower Orders 40m 19

Approx 50m R of the buttress with the prominent pinnacle locate a short steep buttress with a thin crack leading to a bulge. [This is about 70m L of the King Billy Buttress] **1.** 20m [crux] Crack then up and R through bulge. **2.** 20m Up to and up obvious crack Jeremy Maddox, Philip Armstrong 30 December 2004

REDMAN'S BLUFF

(This route/cliff (Redman's Bluff) needs an abseil station at the very top of this pitch to improve access as the single mild steel bolt in the scrubby and dangerous descent gully - above a small overhang - looks to be in very poor condition)

Triple bolt belay (single dual expansion FIXE bolt with single ring at top, two glue in HILTI HVU capsules with G304 stainless bolts and dual FIXE rings). 50m to 1st belay station on Peanuts below

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small overhang (can be a little difficult to swing into this - beware. **TIE KNOTS IN YOUR ROPES BEFORE DESCENDING HERE!** Installed with Jane Rusden and Simon Pateman mid 2002.

Peanuts second pitch Direct 25m 18

Consistent climbing. 2a. After getting off the new FIXE DBB (2 x M10 x 90mm G304 Stainless bolts with Ramset HAC10 glue)/Abseil (26m) station at the top of pitch one and tackling exposed and technical corner past ledge to thin crack on face, (original route moves into second corner here) start on left side of arête (small wires) up thin moves on arête to ledge, past crack to top. Joe Goding, Tara Garson. 22.9.01

Uncertain Daze 25m 16

Approx 100 metres right of Peanuts is a small cairn at the base of a nice crack, which takes good wires to a horizontal break at 4m. Dance between twin cracks to unlikely looking steep bulge, which is well protected (0.3+0.4 BD) and much easier than it looks on good holds. When on the face above move left to large ledge with tree abseil. Rap approx 25m to ground. Joe Goding, Steve Holloway. 17.11.01

MT WILLIAM - UPPER CLIFF

This buttress has very easy access for this cliff [no scrub bashing], is clean and has good rock. Walk up the Mt William Summit road about 800 metres to the 4th and last switchback. A rough track leads to the cliff top 30metres away. Descend by abseil.

King Billy IV 33m 18

Good . The buttress directly below where you reach the cliff. There is a distinctive boulder/pinnacle at the L edge of the face. 25m Up line behind pinnacle, trend R through small overlap into R hand seam. Up this through bulge to ledge. 8m Step out R from ledge to finish up steep crack. Philip Armstrong, Chris Armstrong 27 February 2005

Mrs Jordan 22m 16

From top of pillar, 4m R of KB. Steep wall, short flake then L hand seam. Philip Armstrong, Chris Armstrong, Jeremy Maddox 13 March 2005

Royal Bastard 28m 19

Excellent, sustained climbing. Start 4m R and 8m below MJ. Easy square cut chimney to ledge on L [possibly better to start from here]. The surprisingly frantic groove and seam exiting Rward to finish up short cracks and steep head wall. Jeremy Maddox, Philip Armstrong 14 March 2005

William Who? 27m 17

Nice varied climb. The next buttress R of the King Billy buttress has a steep bushy gully in the centre [about 10m R of RB]. 12m The clean arete just R the gully moving R when the angle eases to belay on large banksia. 15m Corner then out R to finish up steep line. Jeremy Maddox, Philip Armstrong [alts] and Chris Armstrong 13 March 2005

Last Will 18m 11

About 10m R of WW starting on top of the platform 8m higher. Take crack up R side of short pillar and continue up through bulge to foot of large chimney. Climb R arete of chimney. Philip Armstrong, Chris Armstrong, Jeremy Maddox 14 March 2005

WHOOPY DOO ROCK

(Ed: I can't find which guide describes this crag ... can anyone help!?)

Access notes describe this cliff as "follow south over one saddle, until about 100m before the second one, where orange rock will be seen through the trees 100m up on the right". As the cliff is now hard to see at this point, a better description might be...Follow the 4WD track south over a crest, then down across a couple of gullies to a second crest (a vague saddle).

Woopydoo Rock is 100m back, northwest through light scrub. It has a grey rock overhang/shelter on the left with orange rock to the right. The climbing is on the other, western or Bellfield side, of the outcrop. The slab route description for "unnamed 19/20" by Pawson appears to be a bit vague if not inaccurate. This route may go up the centre of the face and the (flake) line on the left of the face may have been soloed by Greg Aimer around the same time. from Wayne Maher.