

MOUNT YARROWYCK

(New England Tablelands)

by Al Stephens (1996)

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Access

Take the Bundarra Road, off Miller St., west out of town, past Invergowrie Village and Booralong Ck. for approx. half an hour, until you come to the Uralla/Bundarra road junction (28km). Turn right to Bundarra and proceed approx. 2 km. to the Mt. Yarrowyck picnic area. This is also the starting point for the track to the Aboriginal Rock Art site. From the picnic area walk along the track to where it forks, take the upper fork and continue along the track, past some big boulders till you eventually come to a metal bridge across a very low angled slab. Jump off the bridge and walk up hill, up the slab, across the fence line then diagonally leftward up to the Icefield. This is probably the easiest way in, even if you want to go to the other cliffs further right, because the scrub is very thick everywhere else.

The best time to visit Yarrowyck is late autumn, winter and spring. Avoid the summer months, the walk in will kill you, and the wasps can be vicious. Take out all your rubbish and no fires please.

Camping

Camping at the Mt. Yarrowyck day use area is banned but you can camp nearby on the Gwydir river. To get there drive south through the T-intersection towards Uralla, for a few kms until you cross a bridge over the Gwydir river. Soon after turn sharply right onto a dirt track and following this back to the Yarrowyck crossing where you can camp.

Mt. Yarrowyck is only half an hour's drive from Armidale so you can easily stay there. There are also an amazing variety of hotels, bed n' breakfasts, pubs and caravan parks in Armidale.

Ethics and New Routes

Basically, the climbers of Armidale are a pretty laid back, free thinking group and as long as you don't go out of your way to put people's noses out of joint you'll be amazed at how helpful they can be. The quickest way to piss people off is by ripping off projects. There are a few devoted locals making an effort and putting up quality new climbs. A lot of time, hard work and even money goes into their endeavours (cracks can be projects too) and there is too much unclimbed rock around to justify destroying someone else's motivation. Any routes marked as such or not in the guide should be left alone. The simple courtesy of asking first may save you from being stripped naked and being staked out for the crows to pick your eyes out.

If putting up new routes is your thing then please feel free. Any new route descriptions can be sent to:

UNE Mountaineering Club

University of New England

Armidale, NSW, 2351

Or visit the club website:

<http://www.une.edu.au/unemc/>

Good climbs

Some climbing guides have a detailed star system for recommending climbs. However comparing climbs between areas can be tricky. So what we have done is simply mark some of the better climbs with a single star ★. This is not to say other climbs are not good, and you may not like the ones we like. Use it as just a general guide.

History

The granite cliffs of Mt Yarrowyck can be easily seen from the Yarrowyck church situated on the Armidale -Bundarra Road. Most climbing areas in and around Armidale require walking down into a gorge to get to the cliffs. This area is just the opposite. Here you have a scrubby walk up to the cliffs. This is balanced by the great views you get from any of the climbs. On a still, sunny, winter's afternoon this place is magic!

Recorded climbing commenced here in 1971 when local climber, Dick Gallimore with Lou Rando and J.Fowler bush-bashed their way to the left-hand end of the cliffs which became known as the Icefield. In those days there wasn't any track to the Aboriginal Rock-Art site, so they probably arrived scratched and sweaty. On that first visit they put up the classic beginners route, British Bikes(11) and a very impressive route for that era, Iridescent Raindrops(13 M1).

1972 saw the greatest new route activity at Yarrowyck. Rob Dixon with Ian Craven put up four new ones, the best being the classic crack, Alpine Wobblygong (12). Dick Gallimore recovered from his scratches and returned with various partners to complete three new ones, the best being Eff(16). Noel Beynon blasted up the strenuous Zex(14), while nearby, rising rock legend Bob Killip completed the very striking and extremely difficult Homogenized (17 M2).

Nothing new was attempted till 1975 when Rob Dixon with Christine May returned to complete the very psychedelic and instant classic, Long Reach To Blue Mushrooms (10). Greg Retallack, with Jill Kelman put up the worst climb on the cliff, Greg's Groove (8).

In 1976 Yarrowyck was chosen by the UNE Mountaineering Club as the best beginner's area. On one of these beginners days Phil Prior and Al Stephens noticed a few new possibilities and came back later to complete five new routes that year, the best being The Sting(12) named after the ferocious wasps that caused Phil to come off-belay as Al was

half-way up the first pitch. The other line of value was Stairway To Heaven (M1), by Stephens and Prior at the bouldering area near the present picnic area. Years later this was freed by visiting climbers Kevin Lindorff and Mike Wust at 22!

Joe Friend arrived in Armidale and with Bob Killip completed five new routes in 1977. The best of these is the brilliant Through The Looking Glass (17) by Friend, and the hard crack start, Go-Pher Guts (18) by Killip.

1978 produced Stumped (13) by Stephens with Geoff Francis, while Francis completed Trial And Error (13).

In 1979 Ed Sharp convinced Stephens to look at the small crag on the Eastern side of the mountain. Dirty Rainforest (12) was the result. Later the same year Ron Masters powered up Mix Master (15) on one of the boulders near the walk in track.

In 1980 Rod McClymont with Sharp put his name in the record books with Sparks (13). Austin Legler also with Sharp did the often looked at but never attempted Legler-Sharp Route On The West Face Of The Icefield (18). Forget about the stupid name...this is a great climb.

1982 saw a jump in standards at Yarrowyck... Seven solid climbs were created this year, most of them by Paul Bayne. They are all good but the best and hardest are Illusions Of Power (22) on the Central Bluff and the fantastic Maybe (21) on Falcon Bluff .

Kevin Lindorff and Mike Wust visited Armidale in 1984 Wust placed the first bolt at Yarrowyck on a boulder that no-one has since been able to find. They did two routes on this boulder. Lindorff did the first lead ascent of Killip's Killer, and also freed the aid line at the bouldering area, Stairway To Heaven at grade 23.

Paul Bayne continued to find quality lines in 1985. The best, on Half Dome, being Masquerade (23), Gourmet (21) and Tripe (19).

In 1989 Jack Lattanzio with Pete Sims freed the one aid move from Iridescent Raindrop, keeping the grade at 14.

Nothing more was done at Yarrowyck until 1993 when Chris Fiddymont discovered the Lower Slab, above the picnic area, and at the same time M.Fischer found the nearby but higher Gum Wall. Both areas yielded a host of easy slabs.

Yarrowyck is nowhere near to being climbed-out. Most crack-lines have been completed but there is plenty of scope for hard and easy slabs and walls. Left of the Icefield are areas of rock that haven't yet been explored. Carrying up bolting gear might put off most people, but it would be worth the effort.

Warning

Rockclimbing, like route-stealing, parking in a one-hour parking zone in Armidale, or eating grass-cookies can be hazardous. The author of this guide-book accepts no responsibility for inaccurate or incomplete information, nor for any controversial gradings of climbs, or reliance on fixed protection, all of which will, hopefully, be reliable. The editor also assumes users of this guide have a high level of climbing ability, will have received training from a skilled rockclimbing instructor, will properly use appropriate equipment and will have great care for their and others personal safety.

The Practice Rocks

This covers an extensive area from beside the picnic area east along the fence line, to a couple of hundred metres up the side of the main hill. Most climbs in this area are boulder problems or top-rope problems and they are hard to accurately describe. This was a popular bouldering area years ago but better quality areas close to town are now used. The most easiest to see is Killip's Killer, a wide crack with a difficult start, left up the side of the hill. On the same boulder is Birchall's Bomber and Lattanzio's Lurch. Near-by is Bayne's Claim To Fame, you'll know when you have done this one because you have to jump off the back! The only climb with a description is Stairway To Heaven.

23 Stairway to Heaven..... 15 m

Start: From the picnic area, follow the fence east for approx. 100m. The climb is on a large boulder with a thin curving diagonal crack starting from left to right. Originally aided, now totally free.

15m. A difficult start followed by sustained climbing to the vertical crack.

-A.Stephens, P.Prior,(aid) Feb 76.

-F.F.A. K.Lindorff, M.Wust,D.Curtis, May 1984.

Gum Wall

This area is located about 400m. directly uphill from the picnic area/car park, above the bouldering area. If you reach the crest of the hill then you've gone too far. The area is good for easy slab climbs, although protection is generally poor. The first bit of rock you come to as you romp up the hill is The Small Slab (approx.. 200m., below Gum Wall).

It contains two climbs to date....

10 Sneaker Highway..... 15 m

Start: At the left end of the slab on the cleanest section.

15m. Up slab to top.

-G.Low (solo) Aug. 93.

13 Bryafites Climbarescence 15 m

Start: 10m. right of S.H.

15m.Up mossy slab tending left.

- C.Fiddymment (solo) Aug 93

Above this small slab is the main crag, Gum Wall. Climbs are described from left to right. The first climb is Playground.

.5 ★ Playground 40 m

Start: At left-hand end of cliff below large blocky, cracked section of slabs. Fun!

1. 15m. Follow cracks to start of slabs.
2. 25m. Up slabs to top.

- M.Fischer, P.Colley, C.Fiddymment, Aug. 93.

14 Gumshoe Illusion 45 m

Start: Right of P. Below the middle of a horizontal crack. Tricky start to easy slab climbing.

1. 15m. Up on leftward sloping edge to crack, then up easy slab to big tree.
2. 30m. Up slab to top.

- C.Fiddymment, M.Fischer, P.Colley, Aug. 93.

11 Puddle Gum 8 m

Start: Right of G.I. The right-hand end of a horizontal crack that crosses G.I., curves leftward and finishes back at ground level.

8m. Follow crack leftwards, crossing G.I.

- M.Fischer, C.Fiddymment, P.Colley, Aug. 93.

13 Young Gums 40 m

Start: Quite a way right of P.G. Tricky in places.

1. 15m. Up black slab to tree.
2. 25m. Up slab left of crack to top.

- P.Colley, C.Fiddymment, M.Fischer, Aug. 93.

13 Cracked Gum 45 m

Start: 2m. right of Y.G. At crack below rightmost tree on cliff. Tricky start, easy finish.

1. 15m. Up crack to tree.
2. 30m. Up crack/slab to top.

-P.Colley, C.Fiddymment, M.Fischer, Aug. 93.

.9 Gum Runner 30 m

Start: 5m. right of C.G.

30m. Up slab keeping away from tree.

- C.Fiddymment, (solo) Aug. 93

.9 Naked Gum 30 m

Start: 8m. right of G.R.

30m. Up slab to top.

- G.Low,(solo), Aug. 93.

.7 Rain Gum 25 m

Start: 20m. right of N.G.

25m. Up Slab

- P.Colley (solo) Aug. 93.

The next three climbs are located on a separate cliff about 40m. LEFT of Gum Wall, and on the same level of the hillside. The furthest climb left is Heave Ho.

10 Heave Ho 15 m

Start: The furthest of the three lines.

15m. Up tricky slab to easy slab and on to top.

- C.Fiddymment, (solo) Sept 93.

10 Sticks And Stones 15 m

Start: 5m. right of H.H.

15m. Crank up onto slab and on to top keeping about 2m. left of the arête.

-M.Fischer (solo), Sept 93.

10 Starboard Bow 15 m

Start: On the right side of the arête, 3m right of Sticks and Stones.

15m. Up the arête to slab, then to top.

- C.Fiddymment, (solo), Sept. 93.

The Boulders

These are the first large group of boulders you encounter just after the fork in the track to the Rock Art site, on the upper fork. On the left-hand boulder is a diagonal crack rising from right to left. This is Bad Times Just around the Corner. Climbs are described from Left to Right.

21 Bad Times Just Around The Corner 20 m

Start: The right-to-left rising diagonal crack. Very difficult to protect – Aid M0.

20m. Carefully left up rising crack for 4m., placing protection blindly at your feet, then diagonally right for 16m. One rest.

- R.Curtis, A.Stephens, June, 84

The Icefield

This is the largest piece of rock, and to the left of the other outcrops. Access is via the metal bridge on the upper track to the Rock-Art site. From the bridge walk up the slabs, over the fence, then continue slightly diagonally leftwards to the bottom of the Icefield. Most parties usually arrive at the cliff near British Bikes. The climbs are described from left to right, commencing with Raspberry Jam at the extreme left-hand end of the cliff.

.8 ★ Raspberry Jam 15 m

Start: At the extreme left end of the Icefield, a large block leans up against the main face providing a low-angled corner crack. Everyone does this one.

15m. Up the crack.

-R.Dixon, I.Craven, April 72.

.8 Back to the womb. 8 m

A speleological encounter of the squeeze kind

Start: Around the corner from "Raspberry Jam"

Easy crack/face for about 3m then 5m up chimney, the first move once in chimney is the crux if you're over 5'.

Silas Darnell 11/5/97

17 Through The Looking Glass..... 34 m

Start: Around right of R.J. A thin crack below a small fig tree just left of a clean, slightly diagonal crack. Fantastic !

34m. Up to fig tree and crack above to below a steep wall with a huge jug. Swing out left on jug, then up onto easy slab and on up to tree, belay. Rap off.

-J.Friend, B.Killip, July 77.

12 ★ Alpine Wobblygong 40 m

Start: 2m. right of T.T.L.G., a dirty groove that takes you to a clean, classic crack. Excellent climbing with very good protection.

40m. Up dirty groove for 3m. then step right to block. Swing up onto block, then continue up the crack through an overlap, then easier climbing to tree. Belay. Rap off.

- R.Dixon, I.Craven, April 72.

10 Goosey Goosey Gander 10 m

Start: Just near B.T.J.A.T.C. is an easy crack that takes you onto a pinnacle.

10m. Up the corner, then move left into the crack that leads to the top. The best way off is to climb down the back

-R.Masters and party, July 79.

15 Mix Master 20 m

Start: On the split boulders just right of B.T.J.A.T.C., an off-width chimney. Good value.

20m. Up off-width and jams past balancing boulder near top. There is a choice of two exits, take your pick.

R.Masters (solo), July 79.

About 25m. left of the Mix Master boulders is a smaller boulder with a tree nearly touching its downhill arête. Mike Wust and Kevin Lindorff, in May 84, put up one climb on this boulder. They placed a bolt in another route....Yarrowvyk's first bolt! Don't get too excited about this because no-one has been able to find the climbs. If you happen to find them, let me know.

18 Crystalline Ethics 10 m

Start: About 25m left of Mix Master on a boulder.

10m. Take the arête using the tree for protection but not for aid.

-M.Wust, K.Lindorff, May 84.

16 Basil Brush 12 m

Start: On a boulder 30-40m up left of Crystalline Ethics. One B.R. Start on the S.W. arête.

12m. Up past bolt runner to the top.

-K.Lindorff, M.Wust, R.Curtis, May 84.

20 ★ Soapbox Prophet..... 30 m

A really pleasant pump with good gear

Start 6 metres right of "Alpine Wobblygong". The thin crack in a scoop that leads to a block in the roof.

Up the wall and crack to the horizontal under the roof. Slightly right to the block, grunt up and cruise the wall, trending left to the belay tree. Use first fork rather than base of trunk (easier to pull rope).

Gordon Low & Scott Harrison 11/5/97

21Uncarved Balls..... 30 m

Terrific but committing.

Start 3 metres right of "Soapbox Prophet". The steep groove to a corner.

Commit to the balancy start and motor up the corner with occasional good gear to where a smaller, steeper corner breaks left at 20m. Carefully up this to a good 3 1/2 friend pocket and on to the top. Off left to abseil tree, as above.

Gordon Low & Scott Harrison 11/5/97

19Gibberfiend 50 m

Bring your "Uncarved Balls" for this little gibberfest. Committing, technically 18 but gets and extra grade for the "gibber factor" (Editor's note: as in gibber and whimper, not as in gibber desert) .

Start: Line of pockets up the wall 4m right of "Uncarved Balls", 6m left of the "Legler-Sharpe Route" (I thought it was the "Legless Sharp Route" just goes to show how wrong you can be)

1. (25m) Crux - up pockets with fiddly gear to big bucket (#4 Friend). Up, mantle narrow ledge and up wall (being careful of the big pocket with the wasps nest in it) to belay at good friend break and ledge.

2. (25m) Duddle up the easy low angle wall (Thanking god its all over) with good gear to belay under large boulders. Walk down right (facing downhill) to same belay tree as "Soapbox Prophet"

Gordon Low & Scott Harrison & a cast of 1000's 11/5/97

18 ★ Legler-Sharp Route on the West Face of the Icefield..... 45 m

Start: A great route in spite of the name. An incipient groove, slightly diagonal from left to right, several metres right of A.W. Often tried in the seventies but Austin won the prize. I love it. The start is difficult to protect. Take lots of wires.

1. 30m. A tricky start, delicate pro, then nice moves up the groove till it ends on a small ledge.

2. 15m. Easy climbing to top.
- A.Legler, E.Sharp, (alt. leads) May 80.

14Iridescent Raindrop..... 70 m

Start: Approx.. 10m. right of Legler Sharp etc. route. A slab below a large fig tree on a ledge. Originally had one piton for aid, now free. Right and left hand variants have been done also, for the 2nd pitch.

1. 20m. Up the slab to fig tree, then up crack to ledge.

2. 40m. Up the nose of the buttress to a steep wall, across the base and up to ledge. Continue up to the top of the blocks, traverse left across slab (peg used for aid here) Up over nose and up to ledge.

3. 10m. Up crack and wall to top.
- D.Gallimore, J.Fowler, L.Rando, (one point of aid), Oct 71.

- F.F.A. J.Lattanzio, P.Sims, Dec 89.

12Rocking Horse 55 m

Start: Right of I.R. on a block above the next fig tree.

55m. From the top of the block, up to the left of large block at half height and a crack/groove to top.

- J.Friend (solo), July 77.

13Trial and Error..... 71 m

Start: On top of the same block as for R.H. This one goes right, whereas R.H. goes left.

1. 25m. Up to wall then diagonally right to belay on top of large block.

2. 46m. Down and traverse left (6m.) then straight up to small wall at top.

- G.Francis, A.Stephens, Oct. 78.

12 Japanese Bikes 60 m

Start: The next slabby area right of Trial and Error. This route goes up the lower slabs then goes left.

1. 30m. Up slab to the right of blocks. Then right onto slabs and up wall into corner on the left of large blocks.
2. 30m. Up slabs trending left above the 1st belay ledge.
- J.Friend (solo), 1977.

11 ★ British Bikes 60 m

Start: As for Japanese Bikes, but go right after the 1st pitch. A beginners classic. A great easy double pitch climb.

1. 30m. As for pitch one of J.B.
2. 30m. Up corner and diagonally right, then up slabs to top. What a view!
- D.Gallimore, L.Rando, Oct. 71.

13 Sparks 60 m

Start: 17m right of B.B. Start on ledge 6m. up.

1. 25m. Up slabs to corner, traverse right to belay on small tree.
2. 35m. Up corner left of belay, right onto ledge then traverse left to tree, then along ledge and up wall and slab to a dead tree.
- R.McClymont, E.Sharp,(alt. leads), Jan.80.

10 ★ Long Reach To Blue Mushrooms.... 55 m

Start: 7m. right of S. A beginner's classic.

1. 20m. Up slabs to the right of a large block, to a prominent horizontal crack.
2. 35m. Diagonally up corner/crack to top of large block, left and slightly down for 3m. , then up wall to top.
- R.Dixon, C.May, June 75.

12 ★ The Sting 66 m

Start: 2m. right of L.R.T.B.M. is a large low-angled slab that goes through an overlap. Named after the very nasty wasps that used to live near the start of the climb. Nice moves through the overlap.

1. 36m. Straight up the slab, through the gap in the overlap, continue up, then move right to a groove and up this to a large ledge.
2. 30m. Straight up wall to top.
-A.Stephens, P.Prior (alt leads) Feb. 76.

15 Not Even a Pretty Face 66 m

Start: Just right of the sting. Not really recommended. The first pitch has no runners on hollow rock!

1. 36m. (crux) Up short corner (on hollow rock and no runners) then step right and straight up to belay ledge as for The Sting.
2. 30m. Straight up wall and slab to top(as for The Sting).
-M.Colyvan and party, Aug. 81

.9 Frog Face 60 m

Start: 15m. right of T.S. slabs that lead to a crack.

1. 39m. Up slab and crack to the first major ledge.
2. 21m. Straight up wall to top.
- A.Stephens, P.Prior, (alt leads) Feb.76.

11 Alpine Start-Left-Hand Side 15 m

Start: 15m. right of F.F., near the right hand end of the cliff. A block that has a crack going up both sides,take the left-hand side side.

- 15m. Up slick groove and crack on left.
-A.Stephens, P.Prior, Feb, 76.

21 Alpine Start-Right-Hand Side 15 m

Start: The harder looking of the two cracks, deceptively hard.

- 15m. Follow the diagonal crack leftwards to join the Left variant at about half height, continue as for the left variant to top.
-P.Bayne and party, Aug. 81.

Central Bluff

Now if you walk right from the base of the Icefield to the next prominent bluff you will be at Central Bluff. The climbs are listed from left to right.

At the left hand end of Central Bluff, just as you come around a large buttress you will see a striking corner with a thin crack higher up. This is Koala Sprint.

18 ★ Koala Sprint 15 m

Start: At the left -hand end of Central Bluff. A great little climb.

15m. Up corner and thin crack to top.

- P.Bayne, J.Lattanzio, Mar. 82.

22 Illusions Of Power 30 m

Start: On the wall right of Koala Sprint. You'll need real power for this one.

1. 15m. Up the slab moving right to the obvious horizontal crack. Semi-hanging belay using the crack and a small ledge.

2. 15m. (crux) Up past a small fig tree and a slab to a crack that goes through a roof, continue above to belay on a ledge.

- A.Stephens, P.Bayne, (alt leads), Apr. 82.

21 Drug Sport 30 m

Start: Wooh....another M0. Someone please come and free it. Up in the gully to the right of Illusions Of Power. A thin diagonal crack. Two hard pitches.

1. 10m. Up the crack to a large ledge.

2. 20m. (crux) Up the crack and through the roof (one rest), then continue to the top via a large crack.

- P.Bayne, G.Croft, A.Stephens, -Pitch 1- Mar.82.

-P.Bayne, J.Lattanzio- Pitch 2- Apr. 82.

Right, across the gully on the next wall is a beautiful flake crack. This is Holiday Magic.

12 ★ Holiday Magic 30 m

Start; The flake crack approx. 30m right of Koala Sprint. Unfortunately the crack doesn't go on for ever. Nice.

30m. Up delicate flake crack which continues into a series of small corners.

- R.Dixon, I.Craven, May 72.

16 Eff 60 m

Start: 3m right of H.M. A short overhanging crack. This climb has a great 1st pitch and a great last pitch with a bit of mank in the middle.

1. 10m. Up short overhanging crack to large ledge at the base of wall.

2. 20m. Up obvious crack splitting the wall to large ledge.

3. 30m. Up slight chimney, left out in crack under overhanging block, around lip and then crack to top.

- D.Gallimore and party(Pitches 1 and 2) July 72.

- B.Birchall, C.Southwell(Pitch3) April 76.

.8 Greg's Groove 10 m

Start: 10m. right of Eff. A short wall/groove. Some people will do anything to get their name in a guide book.

10m. Up the wall/groove.

- G.Retallack, J.Kelman, Jun. 75.

Half Dome

This steep little wall is located to the right of, and higher than Central Bluff. From the top of Half Dome it is a short stroll to the ridge top of Mt. Yarrowyck. At the left-hand end of this buttress is the off-width/chimney Zex. Climbs are listed from left to right.

14 Zex 20 m

Start: At the left-hand end of the buttress, a chimney. A struggle.

20m. Up the off-width/chimney to top of block, then up groove on right.

- N.Beynon and party, July 72.

23 Masquerade 20 m

Start: Right of Zex is a thin vertical crack that crosses the Go-Pher Guts traverse.

20m. The direct line, straight up the crack to the traverse line, then straight up the wall above.

- P.Bayne, A.Stephens, May 85.

18 Go-Pher Guts..... 20 m

Start: 11m. right of Z. Two starting cracks, the right-hand one being easiest, then left along the traverse.

20m. Tricky protection and moves at the starting crack, then swing left along the traverse till you come to a diagonal crack. Up this.

- B.Killip, J.Friend, July 77.

19 Tripe 20 m

Start: As for Go-Pher Guts, but this goes straight up to top. Take a #4 Friend.

20m. The crack as for Go-Pher Guts, then the shallow groove above

- P.Bayne, M.Ralston, May 85.

17 ★ Homogenized 20 m

Start: 4m right of G.G. At one time a real test piece. Even today many climbers are defeated by the aid start. Well worth the effort.

20m. 3 or 4 M2 aid moves to start, then jam up crack to top.

B.Killip, M.Davies, July 72.

21 ★ Gourmet 17 m

Start: A beautiful thin crack, just right of H. Protection on the crux moves is sparse but you can step right and avoid it if you get the wobbles. Excellent.

20m. A strenuous reachy start then straight up the thin crack till it joins the diagonal Stop-Go which comes in on your right near the top.

- P.Bayne, A.Stephens, May 85.

13 Stop-Go 14 m

Start: The diagonal line right of Gourmet.

14m. Up the steeply rising, leftward trending crack.

- J.Friend, B.Killip, July 77.

13 Peanut Alley..... 12 m

Start; Approx. 4m. right of Stop-Go, at the right-hand end of the wall.

12m. Up the broken groove .

- D.Gallimore and party, July 72.

Wall below Half Dome

A small wall exists below Half Dome. Best access is from Central Bluff, by dropping down below Central Bluff and moving right. Alternatively, drop down the right-hand end of Half Dome and cut back left. There is only one climb here but it is a good one.

12 ★ Malcontent..... 20 m

Start: An elegant lay-back crack which leads up a wall.

- D.Gallimore, M.Copeland, June 72.

Falcon Bluff

This area is located about 20m. down and to the right of half Dome. The climbs start in the gully and continue round and along the entire cliff. A great variety of grades exist here. The first climb is the mantle-shelf corner called Bells.

12 Bells..... 30 m

Start: The staircase corner at the left-hand end of the wall.

30m. Up the corner with several awkward mantle / shelf moves.

- D.Gallimore, R.Dixon, May 72.

13 ★ Stumped 30 m

Start: 20m right of Bells, slab leading to a corner. A great beginners route.

30m. Up slab to corner. Up corner then easier to top.

A.Stephens, G.Francis, Oct78.

19 ★ If I Were You..... 30 m

Start: Several metres to the right of Stumped. A water-worn crack split higher up by a small projecting buttress. Jack the Slack was always telling climbers..."If I were you, I'd go for it.." In reality Jack was a cautious climber. This is good fun.

1. 20m. (crux) Up the crack and move right of the buttress where the crack ends, continue up wall and large flake to belay.

2. 10m. Easy scramble to top.

- P.Bayne, G.Croft, A.Stephens, Apr. 82.

20 I'd Go For It..... 30 m

Start: One metre right of I.I.W.Y. A companion route but much more serious.

1. 20m. (crux) Mantle onto ledge, then up the wall and crack to a large ledge. Continue up fine crack/corner.
2. 10m. Easy scramble to top.
-P.Bayne, G.Croft, A.Stephens, Apr. 82.

20 The Aging Experience..... 30 m

Start: One metre right of I.G.F.I. The start onto the ledge is a real struggle.

1. 20m. (crux) Up onto ledge, a struggle, then hand and fist crack to next ledge. Continue up crack corner above ledge to belay.
2. 10m. Easy scramble to top.
- A.Stephens, P.Bayne, G.Croft, April 82.

21 ★ Maybe..... 30 m

Start: Five metres right of T.A.E. A diagonal layaway in a yellow corner with a bulge /roof up high. Maybe 21, or maybe 22? This is an excellent climb. Highly recommended.

1. 20m. (crux) A short slab and an awkward mantle shelf onto the ledge at the base of the diagonal crack. Delicate moves lead to strenuous layaways and a tricky little roof to finish.
2. 10m. Easy scramble to top.
- P.Bayne, A.Stephens, G.Croft, April 82.

.8 Fibreglass Man 30 m

Start: Approx. 20m right of Maybe on the easy section of cliff. Slab leading to grooves.

- 30m. Up slabs to small groove, then up this and continue to top.
- A.Stephens, L.Stephens, C.Collins, 1976.

**Captain Pugwash Memorial
Buttress**

As you drive to Mt. Yarrowyk from Armidale, on the Eastern side of the mountain, up high is a small buttress. This is Captain Pugwash Memorial Buttress. There is only one route here to date. I doubt that there will be many more.

12 Dirty Rainforest 12 33 m

Start: At the centre of the buttress below a large ledge with many trees.

1. 16m. Up wall to crack, over bulge, then slabs to tree belay.
2. 14m. Up corner to ledge, then up wall trending left to top.
- A.Stephens, E.Sharp, April 79.

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