

Costa Blanca Rock

Rock Climbing Topo for Guadalest

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Guadalest, the 'Eagle's Nest', is located about 25 km inland from Benidorm along the CV-70 road. It enjoys one of the most spectacular locations of any village in Spain, set high up on a pinnacle and carved out of a mountain top in the midst of truly stunning scenery.

There are a number of middle grade bolted routes on the Guadalest walls and boulders. The monumental boulders slipped into their present position about 350 years ago after a huge earthquake. You will notice the stalactite formations on the rocks lie almost horizontally, making for some unusual holds particularly on the steeper routes.

All climbs are well bolted, there are no real run out leads here and routes are up to 80 feet on the slabs and around 40 feet on the steeper routes. All routes have lower-off's in situ and are easily set up for top roping.

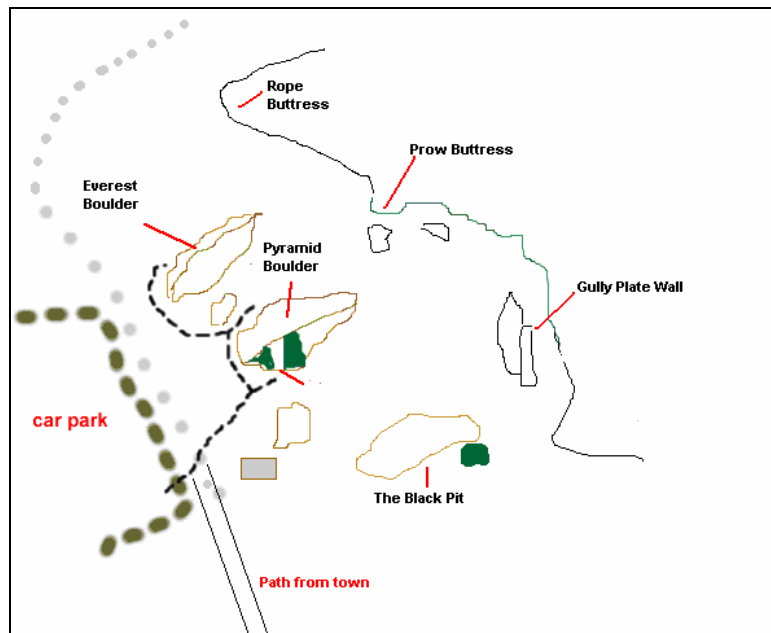
The walls of the boulders are ideal for a few hours bouldering.

APPROACH

From the costal roads approach via Benidorm (A7 or N332) and take the CV-70 sign-posted Guadalest. Alternatively from Calpe and the north take the CV-755 to Callosa and on to Guadalest. Park at the lower car park in Guadalest (see maps) and simply walk over a shallow gully to the obvious huge boulders. The walls are behind these. At night the slab sector is floodlit - so no excuses for finishing early!

There do not seem to be any access problems but a discrete approach is advised.





ASPECT AND CLIMATE

Guadalest is at an altitude of 600m and the boulders have the climbs dispersed on all the faces so it's possible to find routes in the sun or shade as needed. Guadalest is a major tourist attraction and the town can be quite busy. However the lower car park never seems to get busy.

GEAR

All the routes are well protected by bolts with good belays. Pitches can be quite short 2 of three bolts on the boulders. On the walls the routes reach 20 metres in height. The names of all the routes are written on the rock at the base.

INFORMATION

Every effort has been made to make this topo as accurate as possible however the information provided is on an as-is basis. The publication of this topo does not imply any right of access to the area.

New information and updates to this guide are available at

<http://d.1asphost.com/costablanocarock/>

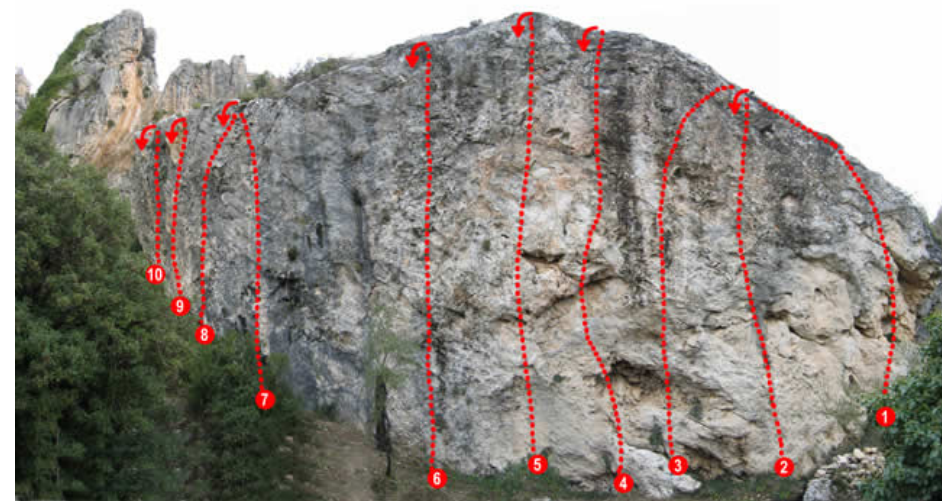
If you have any comments, additional routes or corrections please e-mail these to

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The guide produced by Abdet provided the impetus to check out the climbing at Guadalest. Further information can be found at <http://www.abdet.com>

Everest Boulder

The steep, slightly overhanging side of this enormous boulder offers short but exciting routes. In particular Brosseta de Peña which has some great horizontal stalactite holds. It is also ideal for a few hours bouldering. Although it faces North it is possible to climb here all year around as it is very sheltered, and it dries very quickly. Easy to set up for top roping

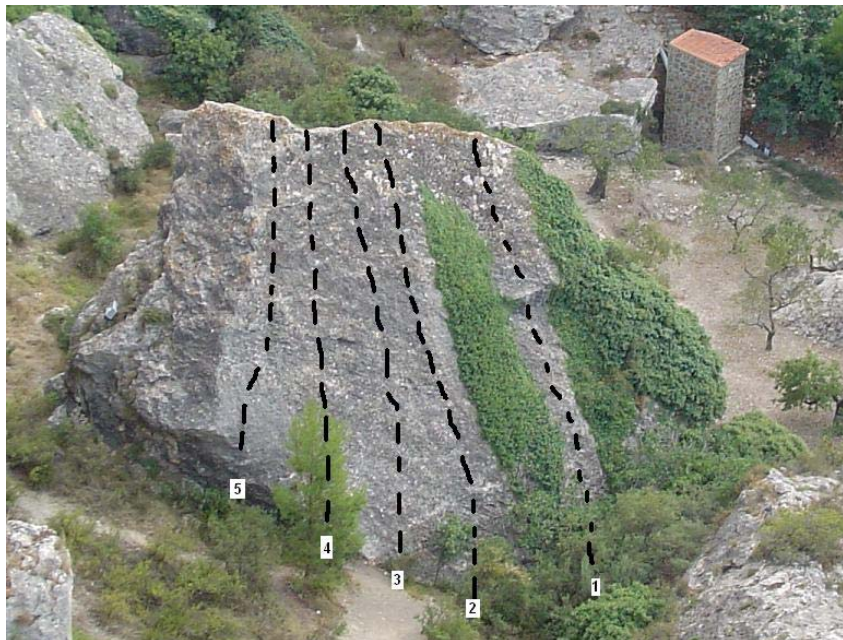


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| 1) ?
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| 2) Turismo Rural
5m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6a+ |
| 3) Glopel de Mel
6m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4) M'han Llevat Mosquetons
6m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6b |
| 5) Arros amb Costra
6m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5+ |
| 6) La Cango del Caro
6m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6a |
| 7) Brosseta de Peña
5m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6a+ |
| 8) Temporal de Llevant
4m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6a+ |
| 9) Aitana
4m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6a+ |
| 10)?
3m. Also very short. | <input type="checkbox"/> | ? |

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Pyramid Boulder

Named as there is climbing on three different faces of the boulder. It is straight forward to climb to the top to set-up top ropes.



1. La Panxa S'enganxa

10m. Takes the overlap direct

2. L'hedra

10m. Climb the slab just to the left of the ivy.

3. Ai mare quina castanya

9m. Parallel line 1 metre to the left.

4. Retovato Glutamato

8m. Behind the tree to the top of the slab.

5. Respeta L'entorn

7m. The left arête of the slab.

6a+

5+

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Round the back of the boulder.

6. La nostra terra

5m.

7. El meucor esta potut

5m.

5+

6b

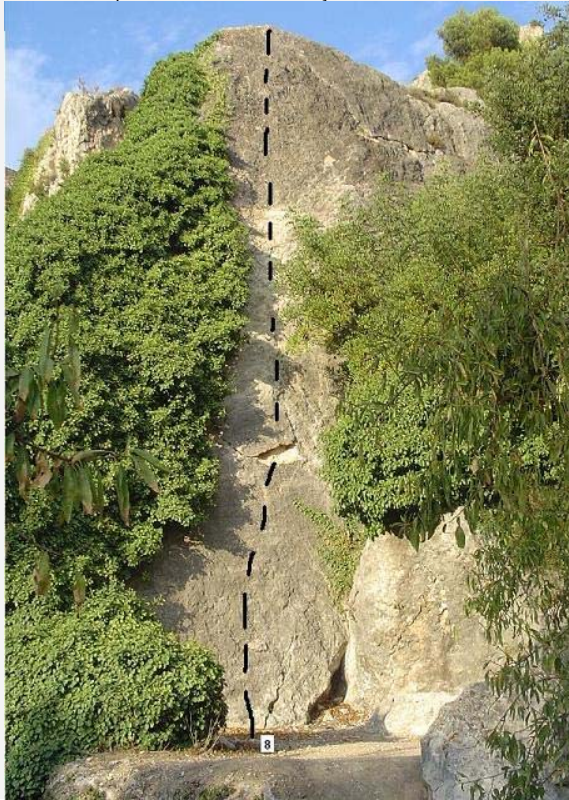


On the side of the boulder facing the pumping station.

8. La Placa Ataka

10m. Direct up the slab between the ivy.

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Rope Buttress

This is the main edge starting from the base of the ridge running up to the town. The names of the routes are written at the base.



1. Borroxa de neu

16m. Pillar on left – start up the steps

6a+

2. Neu de marq

16m. From the first step climb the wall and groove line.

5+

3. Menix caxat

16m. Steep start to the right and the blunt arête above.

6a

4. Baix la loua baix de llus

14m. Start 4m right. Follow the line up the wall on the rightside of the arête.

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5. Pajarito

16m. Climb right of the large hole in the rock

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6. Carabassa than donat

16m. Climb the thin crack to the small tree.

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7. Project 1

16m. This line is marked by the bolts – but no hangers.

Project



- 8. Sangtait**
20m. Climb up right past the bush.
- 9. Confest llegendes**
20m.
- 10. La senda del parabolit**
20m.

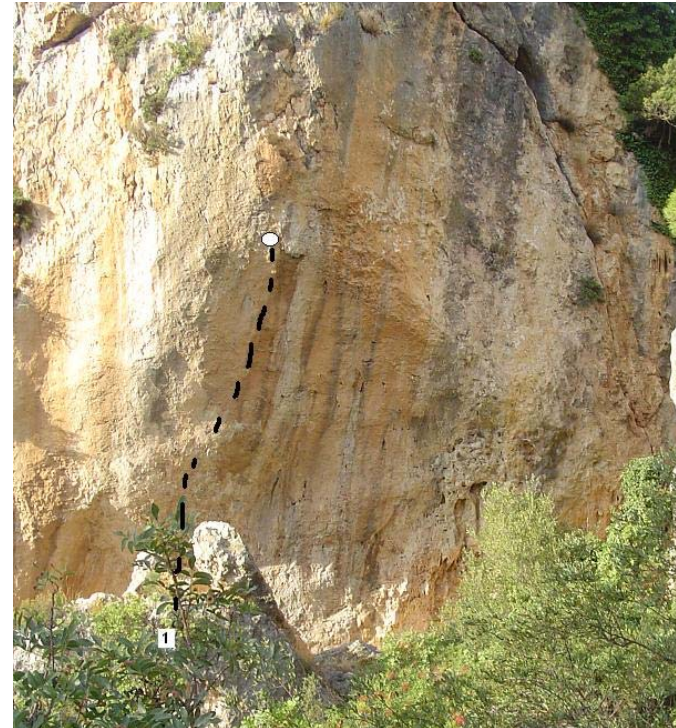
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Prow Buttress

Further up the hillside is a very steep prow overhanging a boulder.



- 1. Reuniod pastors petdicio del ganao** ?
10m. The project line starting behind the boulder. The belay appears once the climbing looks possible. The first bolt hanger is missing but it is possible to clip the second using a clip-strick.

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The Gully Walls

The path leads to a boulder blocking the gully. This has two knotted ropes hanging down. Pull over this and into the gully beyond. On the left is a vertical wall with a crack line running up the right side.

1. ???

18m.

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The Black Pit

This buttress is approached from the path leading from the town down to the car park. A third of the way down the leaning black buttress is on the right, its right side shrouded by trees. This buttress is the best for bouldering on.

1. ??

5m. Direct up the centre of the face.

2. ??

5m. Hidden behind the tree. Short but very steep.

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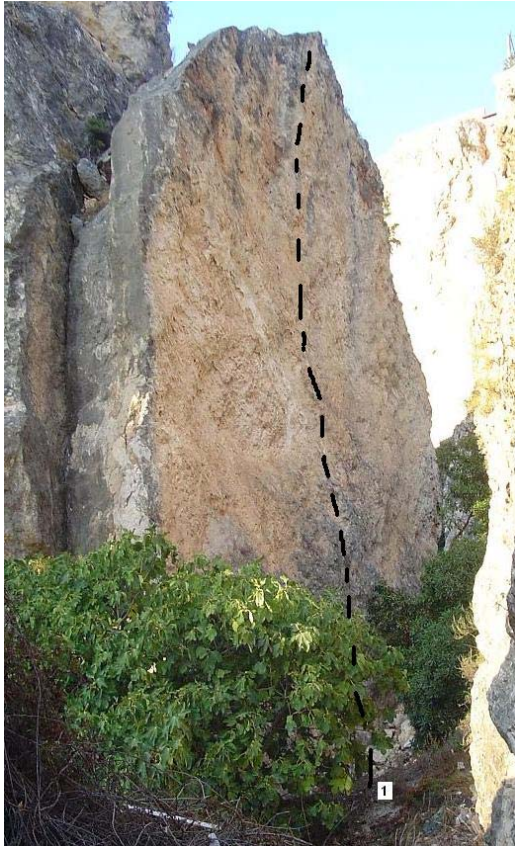


Gully Plate Wall

Continue along a path to the right and enter the gully. On the left is a plate of rock forming the left side of the gully.

1. ???

20m. Direct up the centre of the plate of rock. Don't lean out too far as this may be enough to topple it. ?



Graded List

9a
8c+
8c
8b+
8b
8a+
8a
7c+
7c
7b+
7b
7a+
7a
6c+
6c
6b+
6b
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6a