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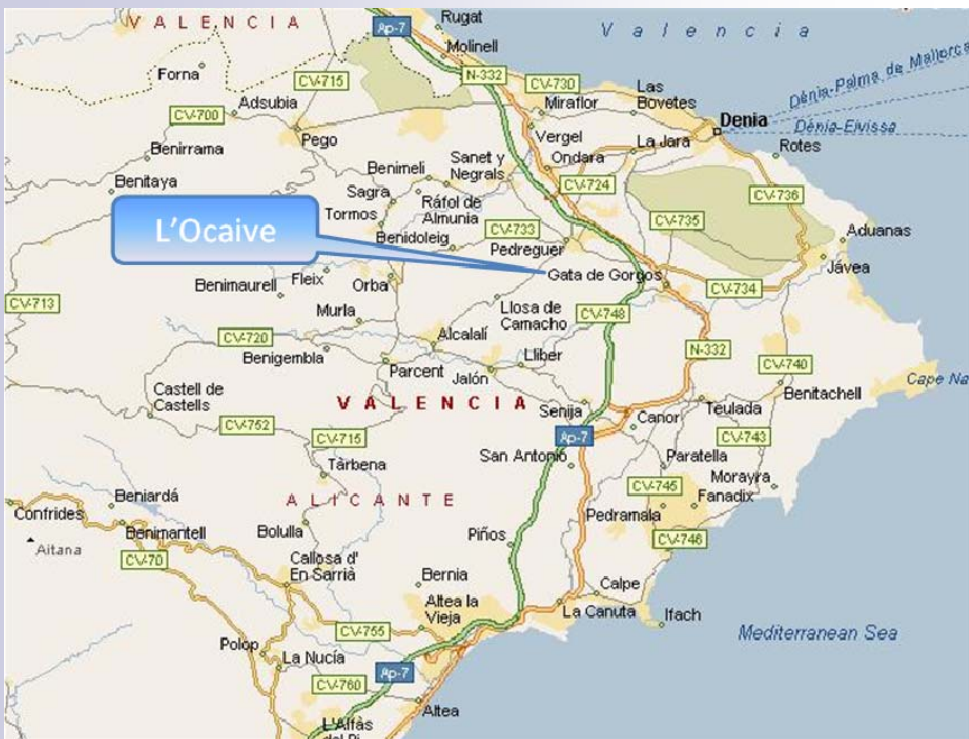
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L'Ocaive is a large crag with two distinct sectors offering routes for most climbing abilities. The main face is made up of slightly vegetated slabby walls. The routes here are in the lower grades and give pleasant climbing on pocketed slabs. The alternative sector is also the most impressive feature of the crag, a large overhanging bay on the right-hand side and here the routes provide more difficult climbing.

GENERAL APPROACH

Approach by following the A7 and leave this at junction 62 N332 Ondara. Follow the N332 and turn right towards Gata and right to Pedreguer. At the outskirts of Pedreguer follow the road signed to Llosa de Camancho and Alcalali. Follow the road up the valley checking for the crag on the left. Turn off left up a short tramaced road (approx 50m after the 7km post) which soon deteriorates. Somehow navigate the first bend and proceed to a suitable parking spot. Unless you have a 4x4 leave the car here and follow the road to it's end. A path leads up from here. Keep following this even though you seem to heading away from the crag. At a tree the path bend back left. Follow this to the Cuevas section. Continue down the path to the Sector Placas Tochas. If you are not on a good footpath you've you have missed the path.

Alternatively tavel north from Calpe along the N332 towards Benisa and take the turning to Jalon (Xalon). From Jalon take the by-pass to Alcalali. At the T-junction turn right towards Llosa and Pedreguer. Continue down the windy road passing through the village of Llosa de Camancho. Continue until the crag is visible on the right and find the track mentioned above.



Graded List

8c	Epsolon de L'Ocaive
8b+	
8b	
8a+	
8a	
7c+	
7c	
7b+	
7b	
7a+	
7a	
6c+	
6c	
6b+	
6b	
6a+	
6a	



► Mick Gardener on Blob on the Wall (7b) in the sector Cueva Grande.

ASPECT AND CLIMATE

L'Ocaive is north west facing and remains in the shade until mid-day. The Cuevas section doesn't seem to get too much wind whereas the faces to the left can be windy.

GEAR

All the routes are well protected by 10mm bolts and finish at good belays.

INFORMATION

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Sector 1: Placas Tochas

- 1: **Lagarto Cachas** 7b+
 8m. A powerful but poor boulder problem on tiny holds on the edge of the wall. Start at the painted name. 4 bolts.
 F.A.
- 2: **Signs of Life** 6c
 10m. Short-and difficult climbing up the black tufa.
 F.A.
- 3: **The Fly** 6a
 8m. To the same lower-off as Signs of Life.
 F.A.
- 4: **El Bordillo de Llustro** 4
 12m. A short pitch (3 bolts) to a good stance at the base of more impressive rock.
 F.A.
- 5: **Cuerpo de Mujer** 6a 
 18m. The excellent left-hand line off the stance, tricky early on then again approaching the lower-off.
 F.A.





- 13: **(The Unknown Wall)** 7c+
 25m. Take the steep start shared with Route 13 but instead of moving right climb direct up the centre of the blank wall using a number of small glued on edges.
 F.A.
- 14: **(Glue to Go)** 7b+ ☆☆
 35m. A steep start on large glued on holds is followed by a blank wall passed via two glued on holds. Above the good climbing leads rightwards to the belay.
 F.A.
- 15: **(Rubble)** 6c+
 Take the loose rock above a bush to the right of Glue to Go. Very poor and not worth attempting.
 F.A.

- 6: **La Esquina Asesina** 6a+ ☆☆
 18m. From the same belay as the previous route, step right and follow the long rib with the crux moves reaching the lower-off.
 F.A.
- 7: **Chimney Route** 4+ ★
 20m. The long twisting chimney/groove is pleasant and mild.
 F.A.
- 8: **Aluncina con la Esquina** 5+ ★
 20m. A good pitch. Start up the chimney but climb the steep juggy wall to its right via a series of ring bolts.
 F.A.
- 9: **Si ta Cais ta Codos** 6a ★
 12m. Start on the ramp at a hollow and follow the ring bolts.
 F.A.
- 10: **No M'aclara** 6a ★
 12m. The blunt rib is reached via a tricky start and followed with interest.
 F.A.
- 11: **El Grajo del Carajo** 6b ★
 18m. Start at the right-trending ramp and climb the slab on small pockets and edges to a tricky bulging finish (ring bolts).
 F.A.

Sector 2: Maniaticos

The tall central 'Maniac' wall offers the best of the easier graded routes. The wall looks to be quite vegetated on first appearances but the climbing takes the cleaned rock in between.

- 1: **Plac Manía**  6a+ ★★
 1) 6a+, 20m. Climb the pocketed wall to a smooth section, pass this to reach a lower-off.
 2) 6a, 26m. Continue up the face above.
 F.A.
- 2: **No t'as Veras**  6a ★
 16m. Head slightly right following some twisting cracks. Good climbing.
 F.A.
- 3: **Ampárate, no me Toques**  6a+ ★
 16m. Start up the crozzly rock and continue up smooth rock above.
 F.A.
- 4: **Hombres de Papel**  6a ★★
 18m. Start below an orange streak. Climbing to this and continue direct to a lower-off.
 F.A.
- 5: **El medio de Lcaro**  6a, 6c+ ★★
 1) 6a, 18m. Take the rib and climb the long and rather rambling pitch to a small stance.
 2) 6c+, 12m. A thin wall prooves to be the crux of the route. Possible to combine into a single pitch.
 F.A.
- 6: **96 Octanos**  6a+ ★★
 1) 6a+, 18m. A long, sustained and excellent rib.
 2) 6a, 18m. The tufa and holes above lead to a belay.
 F.A.
- 7: **Piel de Gato**  6a+ ★★
 20m. New bolts. Climb the face which is sustained and a little bold.
 F.A.
- 8: **El Incrédulo**  6a ★★
 14m. Start behind a large fallen block. Climb to and past a rock scar. Go on up a white rib before stepping back left to the lower off.
 F.A.

- 6: **(Moon Route)**  7a ★★
 20m. Starting at the same point as Los Primos move right across the wall to vry unhelpful flake. Above it easies and joins Los Primos. Lower off from the mid-height cave.
 F.A.
- 7: **(Blob on the Wall)**  7b ★★
 24m. Start near the edge of the rock shelf. Good climbing direct up the wall to gain an obvious tufa. Make a number of long reaches that eventually lead to the good pockets. Easy climbing follows to the mid-height cave.
 F.A.
- 8: **(In the Sky)**  8a ★★★
 25m. Start in the cave entrance and the leaning groove. Follow the tufas up the much steep upper wall.
 F.A.
- 9: **Epsolon de L'Ocavie**  8c ★★★
 40m. Start just right of the previous route and follow the bolts which lead up the fantastic arete.
 F.A.
- 10: **??**  7c ★★★
 20m. Start just to the left of the central crack line. Climb through the bulges using some thin tufas to reach the belay partway up the face.
 F.A.
- 11: **(Main Central TRoute)**  6b, 6c+ ★★★
 1) 6b+, 25m. The crack-line makes an excellent single pitch. 2) 6c, 18m. Good climbing up the wall after the initial.
 2) 6c+, 15m.
 F.A.
- 12: **(Hole in One)**  7c ★
 25m. Start 3m right of the central groove and climb through the initial bulge (hard) to gain a slot. A final hard move gains the hole. Take the easy wall above to join and finish at the mid-height belay of Main Central Route.
 F.A.

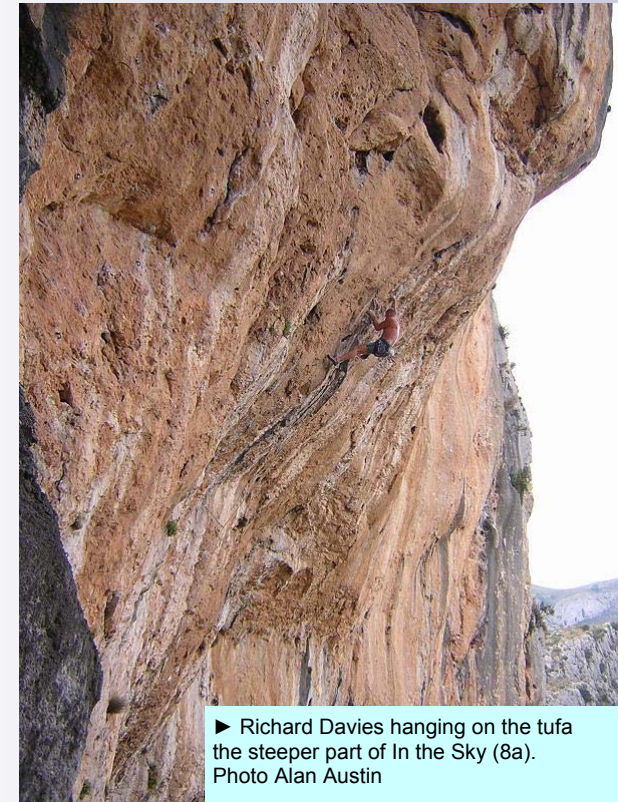


► Mark Goodings on Main Central Route (6b) in the sector Cuevas. Photo R Davies.

- 9: **Corazón Salado** 6a+ ★
 14m. Climb a pillar and a narrow right-trending ramp. Continue up a crack-line before moving right to the belay above the ledge.
 F.A.
- 10: **Ella la Araña** 5+ ★
 18m. Climb over a boulder and go up the groove to its end. Step left at the top to use the lower off on Corazón Salado.
 F.A.

4: **(Tufa City)** 7a ☆☆☆
 20m. The line of tufas left of Los Primos provides a superb route that steepens to a belay level with the midway cave.
 F.A.







5: **Los Primos** 6c+ ☆☆☆
 1) 6c+, 20m. The line of cracks and pockets leads to the midway cave below the upper corner. Straight forward apart from a single move. This pitch is worth doing on it's own.
 2) 6c+ 26m. Climb the wall right of the large corner on large pockets to the top of the cliff.
 F.A.



► Richard Davies hanging on the tufa the steeper part of In the Sky (8a).
 Photo Alan Austin

Sector 4: Cueva Grande

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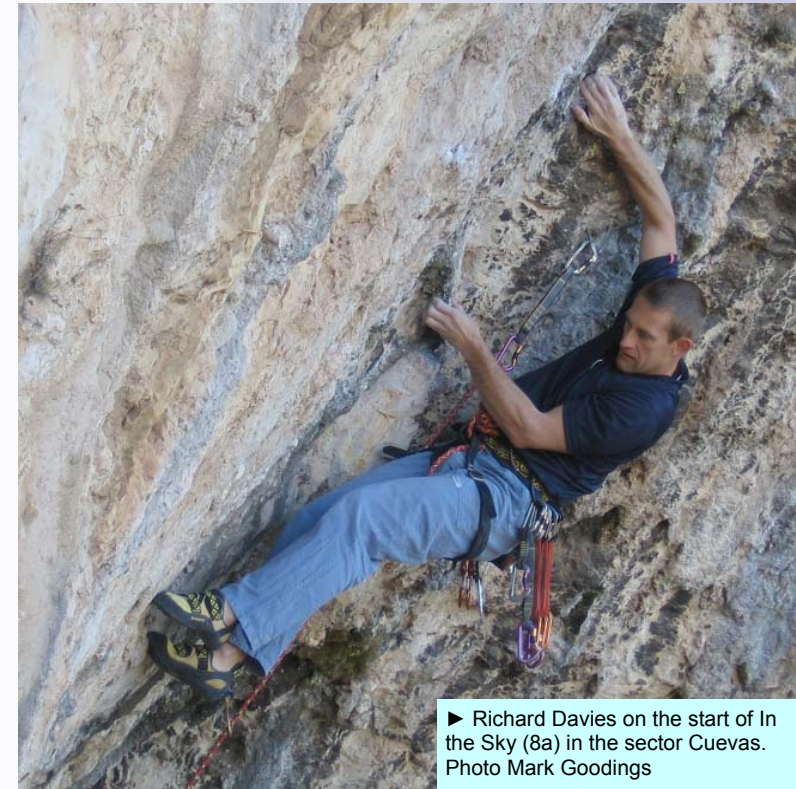
- 1: **(Rib Route)**.....  6b+ 
 20m. The left-hand edge of the cave on pleasant pockets. Move up the edge of the rib to a final steep finish.
 F.A.
- 2: **Project**.....  ?? 
 20m. Start at the back of the cave and follow a line just inside the left edge through a series of roofs, moving right to the tree. Currently it is 7b to the last move.
 F.A.
- 3: **(Unknown Tufa)**.....  7a 
 15m. Climb the tufa at the back of the cave moving rightwards to below the tree. Low in the grade.
 F.A.

Sector 3: Cueva Pequena

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- 1: **Pib** 7c ★
 24m. Climb the slabby wall left of the cave to gain a wide groove. Follow the left-hand side of this and continue up the wall above.
 F.A. Pedro

- 2: **Basket Case** 7b ★★
 18m. Start in the lower cave below a hole in the right wall. Climb to the hole then swing right on good holds before making the crux pull to reach a big flake. Quite Steep!
 F.A. Richard Davies



► Richard Davies on the start of In the Sky (8a) in the sector Cuevas. Photo Mark Goodings