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The eastern end of the Serra de Segaria ridge over looks the plain towards Denia. The cliff forms the very eastern end of the ridge over looking the motorway. The climbs have all be added sometime in the past and this is clearly evident by the old bolts.

The crag is on the hillside above the A7 motorway and is visible up on the left just before the underpass when travelling north.

Many of the 21 routes are shorter than you would expect so don't expect too much. In fact many of the routes would be improved by extending them upwards. The better lines are still waiting to be climbed.

GENERAL APPROACH

Travelling north or south on the A7 motorway take the Ondara exit. Follow the N332 through Ondara and towards Verge and take a left turn onto a road running below and parallel to the Segaria ridge. Pass under the new road and then the A7 motorway and in less than a kilometre some buildings with towers are reached. There is plenty of room to park on the right here.

Pass through the trees to find a good footpath. The footpath leads up the hillside – aim for the obvious brick pillars and cairns. As you get closer to the crag the path becomes more obvious again. The walk in takes 5-10 minutes.



Graded List

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

ASPECT AND CLIMATE

Most of the crag faces east and loses the sun from mid-day onwards. It catches the wind and can be quite cold if you're in the shade. The motorway is just below and the noise of the traffic is always a constant drone.

GEAR

All the routes are protected by old bolts. Belays may be linked by bits of wire or tape. A number of routes are missing the first bolt and in other cases the first bolt can be quite high up so it's a good idea to take a talented climber or clip stick.

GRADES

Only a handful of the routes have so far been climbed when preparing this topo. Where the grade is not known a ? has been used together with the best guess of the grade based on the knowledge on the other routes.

The guesses may be wildly out! If you climb here please send any grades, details or comments to rocktopos@hotmail.com.

**INFORMATION**

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Sector 1: Bay Sector

The first section of the crag has a low roof running around the base. The sector forms a south facing bay. The routes here are short but fierce.



- 1. Route 1** **6a?**
 10m. Climb to the roof, pull over and up the slab.
 F.A.
- 2. Route 2** **6c?**
 10m. From the right side of the cave pull up and step left above the roof. Climb the slab rightwards to the belay.
 F.A.

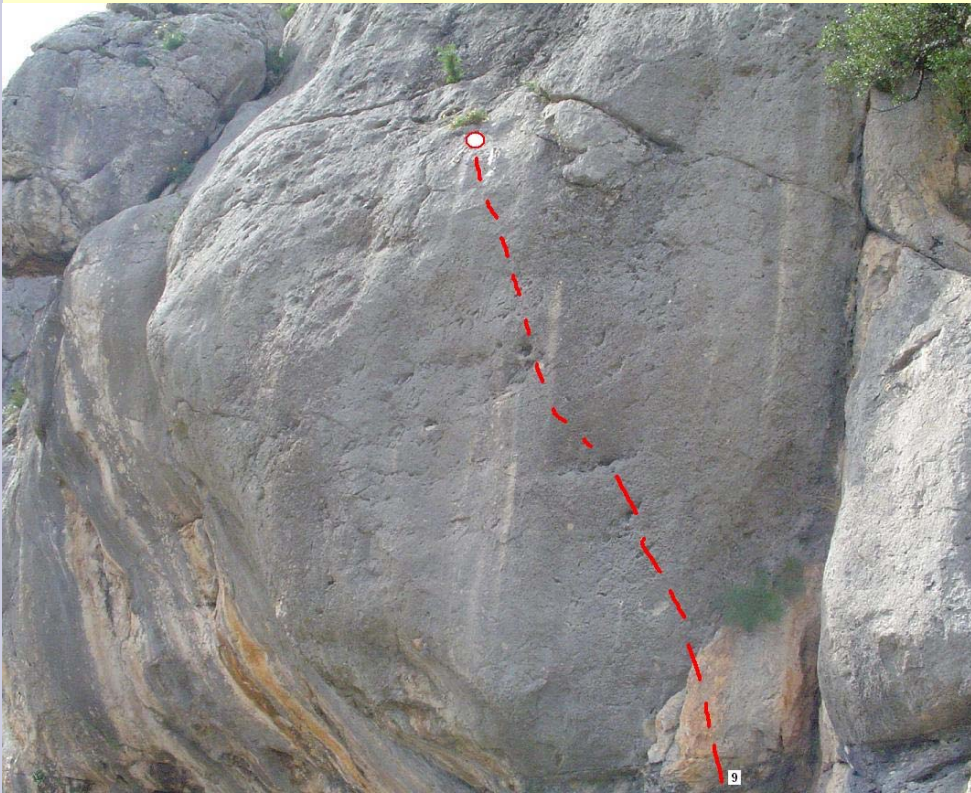
Right of the cave is a crack line leading to the large roof. Crossing the roof is a thin crack with a lonesome bolt on the slab below. The next routes start from the cave to the right.



- 11. Block 11** **6b?**
 10m. The centre of the wall between the two cracks.
 F.A.
- 12. Heathers Nirvana** **5 (HVS 6a)**
 25m. Traditional. Start 10m right of Block 11 at a sinuous crack just left of the arete. Up the crack for 5m to a niche, move out onto the rib, up this on excellent rock until it turns into a slab. There is a situ 2 peg abseil station and nut belays.
 F.A. Heather Lewis, Al Evans 30th May 2006.

Sector 5: Perched Block Wall—continued

The final section of the crag comprises some walls and cracks.



8. Block 8..... **7b?** ★★
 15m. The steeper and more difficult line right again. The first bolt hanger is missing.
 F.A.

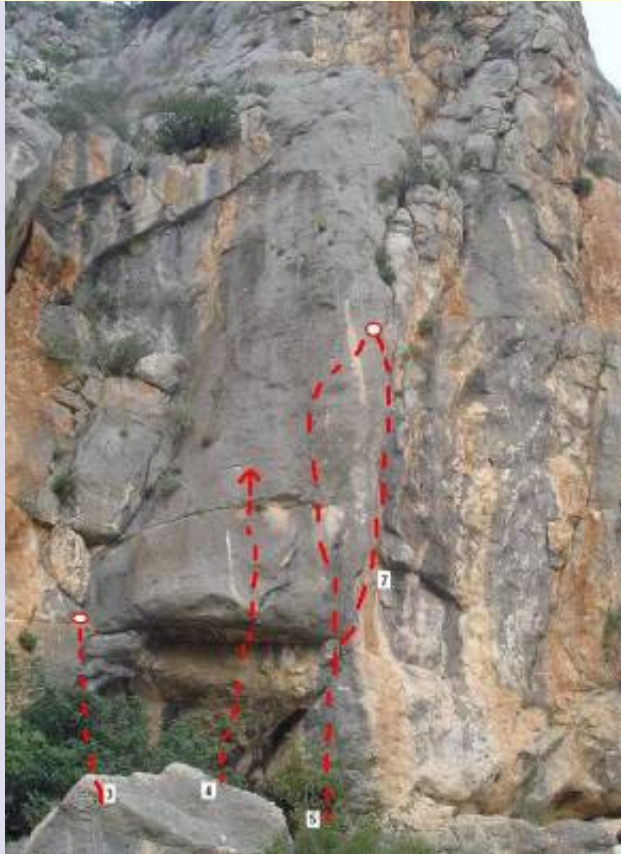
9. Block 9..... **7a+**
 10m. The side wall. Start of off the block and use pockets in th wall. First bolt is again missing.
 F.A.

10. Block 10..... **7a?**
 10m. The pocketed wall left of the crack. Missing first bolt.
 F.A.



Sector 2: Cave

To the right is a cave with a boulder sitting in front. Route 4 is worthwhile but would be further improved by finishing high up the face/



3. Route 3 ?
 6m. A short and poor route up the left side of the cave, passing a single bolt to a ring bolt.
 F.A.

4. Route 3 A2
 8m. Aid climb through the roof on old bolts to reach some pegs in the crack above. After this the route peters out.
 F.A.



4. Block 4
 8m. 2 bolts to a belay hidden behind the bush.
 F.A.

6c?

5. Block 5
 Old 8mm bolts mark the line of the route up the crack in the wall to the right.
 F.A.

6b+?



6. Block 6
 8m. The impossible looking line up the blank wall to the right.
 F.A.

?



7. Block 7
 15m. Climb the crack line to the right.
 F.A.

7a+?



Sector 5: Perched Block Wall

Continuing to the right is an obvious overhanging wall with an obvious block hanging precariously on the lip. This is Perched Block Wall.. The first routes are on a shorter wall to the left which has a small overhang at the top.



1. Block 1 **5?**
 8m. A poor route up the leftside of the short wall.
 F.A.

2. Block 2 **5?**
 8m. The parallel line to the right.
 F.A.

3. Block 3 **6a**
 10m. A hard start past the missing first bolt is followed by much easier climbing.
 F.A.

The next two routes take the edge of the cave and arete above. The belay appears much too soon and both routes could be extended up the wall.

5. Route 4 **6c+** ★★
 12m. Hard moves up the wall gain a good block. Pull up pockets and step left onto the slab. There is a very high first bolt so take a stick to clip it.
 F.A.

6. Route 5 **6c+**
 12m. The righthand line is not as good. Take the same start as the previous route but pull right into the groove. Climb this awkwardly with the bolts out on the arete until a move left onto this is possible.
 F.A.

There is a belay visible above the imposing wall to the right.

Sector 3: Main Wall

To the right is the highest part of the cliff. There's scope to add more worthwhile routes to this section.



1. Main 1

10m. Climb the hanging rib – looks short and hard.
F.A.

7a?

2. Main 2

25m. A very good but wandering line. The upper wall rock is superb. Start on the left and pull up past a low bolt before traversing rightwards to the holes. Pull up past these and then reach left to a good flake. Step right across the wall to reach a shelf and use good pockets lead to the belay. Probably the best route of the crag.
F.A.

6c



Sector 4: Cave

Right of the main wall is a cave entrance. Although quite small it appears to go back for some distance and offers a cool place to sit when the sun is on the crag. Two routes take the right wall of the entrance.



1. Cave 1

12m. From the floor of the cave follow the pockets up the leaning wall. High first bolt.
F.A.

2. Cave 2

14m. 2m to the right on the very edge of the cave and climb right of the bolts. The more direct line is much harder (7b).
F.A.

6c+ ★

6a+



3. Main 3

25m. Start in the middle of the wall. Use two chipped pockets to get started and continue up the fingery wall..
F.A.

7a+? ★★