

Spud Crag

Farther up the slope, Kanga Crag becomes more broken and finally ends at the easy scree ledges used to descend from the top of the cliff and from EEOR. Immediately beyond the descent route, and about 160 m up from Pit Bull Terr-EEOR, is Spud Crag, a small, featured wall of good rock with a prominent horizontal break at just over half height. The crag is about 40 m long and ends at a left-facing corner/gully with a dead tree high up. It was developed by members of the Yamnuska Mountain School, primarily for teaching purposes, and hence the appalling puns in the route names. Most of the climbs end at the horizontal break although there is some interesting rock above. This is evident in the crag photograph that is very foreshortened.

Green Eggs and Yam 25 m, 5.6

C. Miller & L. Stanier, 1993

The route follows a discontinuous groove line set in a small rib near the left end of the crag and makes a good beginner's climb. A second pitch has been climbed that moves left and climbs a slabby wall to ledges, but presently only the belay is fixed.

Start by a dead tree near the left end of the crag.

- 1) 25 m, 5.6. Move up to a scoop on the right and go up a short corner to a ledge on the rib. Continue up the groove above, moving right at the top to a fixed station at the horizontal break.

I Yam What I Yam 50 m, 5.7

D. Stark & P. Vidalin, 1993

This climbs the wall immediately right of Green Eggs and continues to the top of the cliff via a prominent left-facing corner.

- 1) 25 m, 5.9 Make a tricky bouldering move up over the lower bulge and continue up to the left end of the long, horizontal roof. Climb the wall above heading for a short V-corner and either finish via this (5.8) or go up diagonally right to the horizontal break (5.9).
- 2) 25 m, 5.8 Climb the short groove directly above the belay on good holds and continue up easier ground to the base of the left-facing, exit corner. Make an awkward move up into this and climb the left wall to a bolt belay at the top.

Yamorama* 25 m, 5.10b/d

D. Stark & P. Vidalin, 1993

The grade of this interesting route depends very much on the height of the climber as the crux involves a long reach over a blank bulge near the bottom. Start a short distance right of the previous route, below the widest point in the long horizontal roof near the base of the cliff.

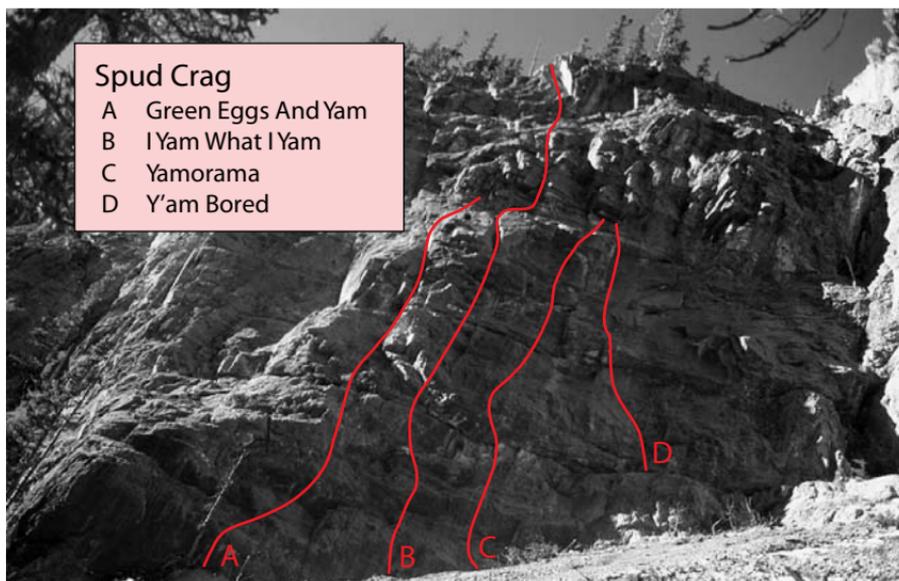
Climb easy rock to the roof and then lunge or casually stretch up to a good layaway hold above the bulge. Move up onto the slab and continue more easily to a short left-facing corner. Climb the steep wall on the left and make another long reach to finish at the horizontal break.

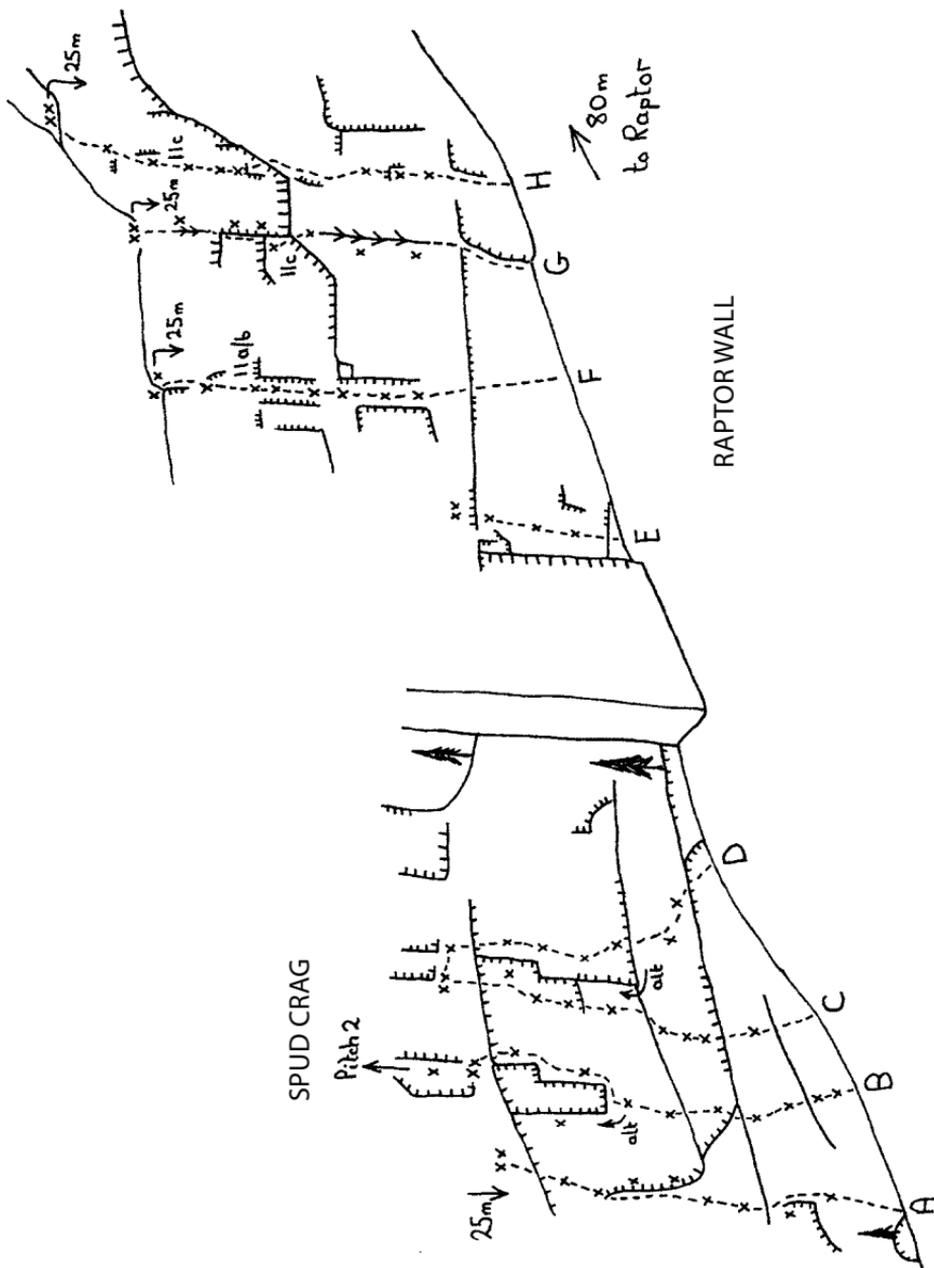
Y'am Bored 25 m, 5.7/9

J. Buszowski & T. Kirwan, 1993

This climb attempts to find interesting rock near the right end of the cliff, but does not manage to do so.

Move up to a small ledge below a short, left-slanting corner (bolt with no hanger). Make a few moves up the corner and then go left (5.7) up a slab to an overhang. Either climb over this with difficulty onto the slab above (5.9) or traverse left to an easy, left-facing corner that leads up to the same point. Continue up a short corner, exiting left onto the break.





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Raptor Wall

Beyond the left-facing corner that marks the upper end of Spud Crag, a flat 50 m-wide buttress sticks out slightly from the main cliff and ends higher up the slope at a right-facing corner. The section of cliff beyond the right-facing corner is called "Raptor Wall." It extends up the slope for about 80 m and then curves around at the top to the rounded buttress climbed by the route Raptor. Immediately to the right again is the large gully of Fumbles and the beginning of the main cliff of EOR.

A prominent feature of Raptor Wall is a curving band of overhangs that extends along almost its entire length at about half height, paralleling the slope and becoming much larger toward the upper end. Four climbs have been done to date, three of which are located near a large, square-cut roof where the band of overhangs begins to curve sharply up and right (see right side of photograph).

Little Corner Climb 15 m, 5.5

This short teaching route goes up the slab immediately right of the right-facing corner that marks the beginning of Raptor Wall. It ends after three bolts at a fixed station at a bulge.

About 30 m up the slope from the right-facing corner, a small groove and a shallow open-book corner above lead up to the left side of the large, square-cut roof. The next three climbs are located in this immediate area.

Shark Attack* 25 m, 11a/b

G. Golovach & A. Sheppard, 1994

This interesting climb begins about 5 m left of the small groove below a square-edged yellow pillar in a bulging, black-streaked wall. Climb easy ground up and left to a short right-facing slot and go up this to the base of the pillar. Layaway moves of the edges of the pillar lead to sustained climbing on the steep wall above.



Ian Perry climbing Shark Attack.

G. Golovach & A. Sheppard, 1994

Climb the small groove to the base of the open-book corner and follow it past three bolts to the left side of the large, square-cut roof. Make desperate moves up around the roof and continue up very steep rock past two more bulges to a short groove near the top. Move up left to chained anchors.

Blue Wonder Power Milk 25 m, 11c

B. Firth & J. Josephson, 1997

The climb starts below a short, left-facing corner about 10 m right of the previous route. Climb the slabby left wall of the corner and continue up to the right side of the large, square-cut roof. Move up left onto the steep wall and go directly up this, moving right past a small overhang near the top to a fixed station.

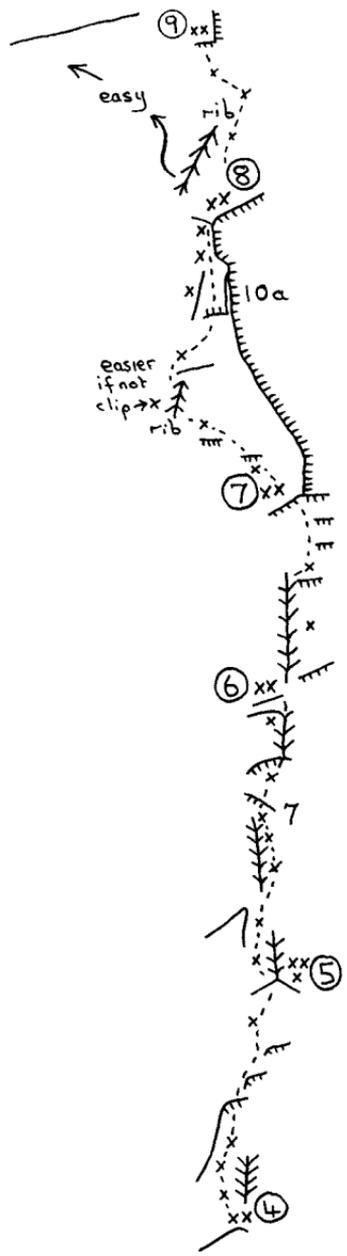
Raptor** 220 m, 5.10b

M. Whalen & D. Bartrom, 1994

This popular, multi-pitch sport route has some excellent climbing although the middle section is relatively easy and lacks interest. The climb is entirely protected by bolts and it makes a good introduction to the longer climbs. It begins up a small rib immediately left of the Fumbles gully and climbs a wide, open corner system in the upper part of the cliff (see photograph in the EEOR section).

Start on the left-hand side of the scree cone below the Fumbles gully to the right of a small rib. The first pitch is the crux and can be climbed either by moving directly over the bulge or by making a steep move left and down slightly from the bolt to gain good holds that lead up and back right into the scoop above. The latter seems easier for tall climbers and a number of extravagant grades have been assigned to the direct version past the bolt. The second pitch has some excellent slab climbing and leads up to the more broken middle section of the route where some of the pitches may be combined for a faster ascent. Pitch 8 is awkward. The third bolt draws the climber too far left around a rib and is best left unclipped, and the crux section in the chimney is far from obvious and the bolts seem misplaced. There is a bolted pitch 9 although the obvious finish is to move left around a rib and wander off up and left on easy ground, as shown in the topo. The bolted pitch (5.4) goes straight up above the belay past two bolts and then angles over to the left past two more bolts to a fixed station below easy terrain. Extra care is necessary near the top not to dislodge loose rock, particularly using the former finish.

Descent Use the alternative descent route from EEOR (see next section) that drops down from the ridge and joins the approach trail just below Spud Crag. It is possible to rappel the route with a single 50 m rope but this is not recommended. Not only is the climb often congested with parties trying to make upward progress, but retrieving the rope is likely to generate rockfall.



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