

# PARAPORT HILLS

This is a special and holy place. Ancient rock art depicting peacocks and bears can be found in some caves. Despite the blasters most of the original and best boulders around the pinnacles remain. The twin pinnacles which sit on a high hill are visible from far away and approached in about an hour by walk if you don't get lost. Most people do get lost on the way first time but if you find good problems who cares!

The actual pinnacles belong to the monkeys but the boulders around the hill are brilliant. The rock is a superb type of compact granite with hard quartzite in abundance and not many loose flakes. Good areas on all sides of the hill. The blasters have arrived over the years but we persuaded them not to smash the rocks on this hill. Hopefully they will keep to their word! Just be careful about bears and leopards when staying in new places as people in Karnataka and all over India get attacked and mauled/killed all the time.

**Approach 1** From the lake above Sanapur at the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge walk to Egno. Boulderfield top plateau. You can then see the pinnacles to the north so walk first leftwards then straight passing the Eagle rock pinnacle areas on you left crossing two obvious passes until you reach a heavily vegetated valley at the base of the hill. Water here but Paraport hill is then straight above you northwards.

**Approach 2** Going from the tunnel on the canal route. Drive, walk or get dropped at the tunnel which is 1km after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge at Sanapurlake. (ask anyone, tunnel? Not the 'tunnel of death' 10 km further on just the normal tunnel under the canal.) After going through the 'normal tunnel' get back to the canal for 100m or so then go left and up a small slab to vague path on the hills keeping that landmark valley to your left all the way passing Hollow rock area. The jungle valley with the water basically goes all the way to the tunnel but it's best not to walk with it (too much vegetation and obstacles) From Hollow rock hill complex walk across to the Paraport hill (so many ways) which is always to see.

**Approach 3 DRIVING.**(42km instead of 4) From Sanapur head to the Budugumpa cross (everybody knows) then back towards Gangavati just for 1km but turning off the main road right towards Halekumnta(check by asking). It's about 8km from there and then finally 2 km further to Yahedeli and the end of the road which will signal, time for chai and meet the locals. It's less than 2km to Paraport. Park in the village and walk or attempt to drive the maze of tractor routes to Paraport (local knowledge useful).

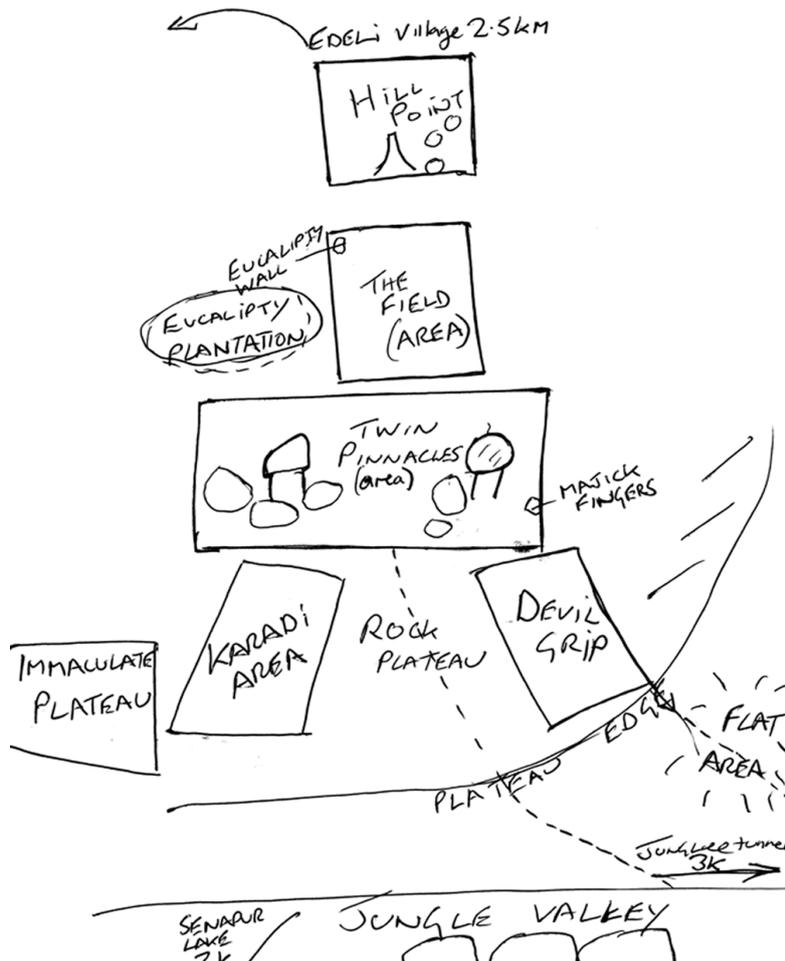
If you get lost walking in the forest just go to a higher place, see the pinnacles, see Rishimukh and get your bearings again. If you get lost driving stop and ask.

## WATER

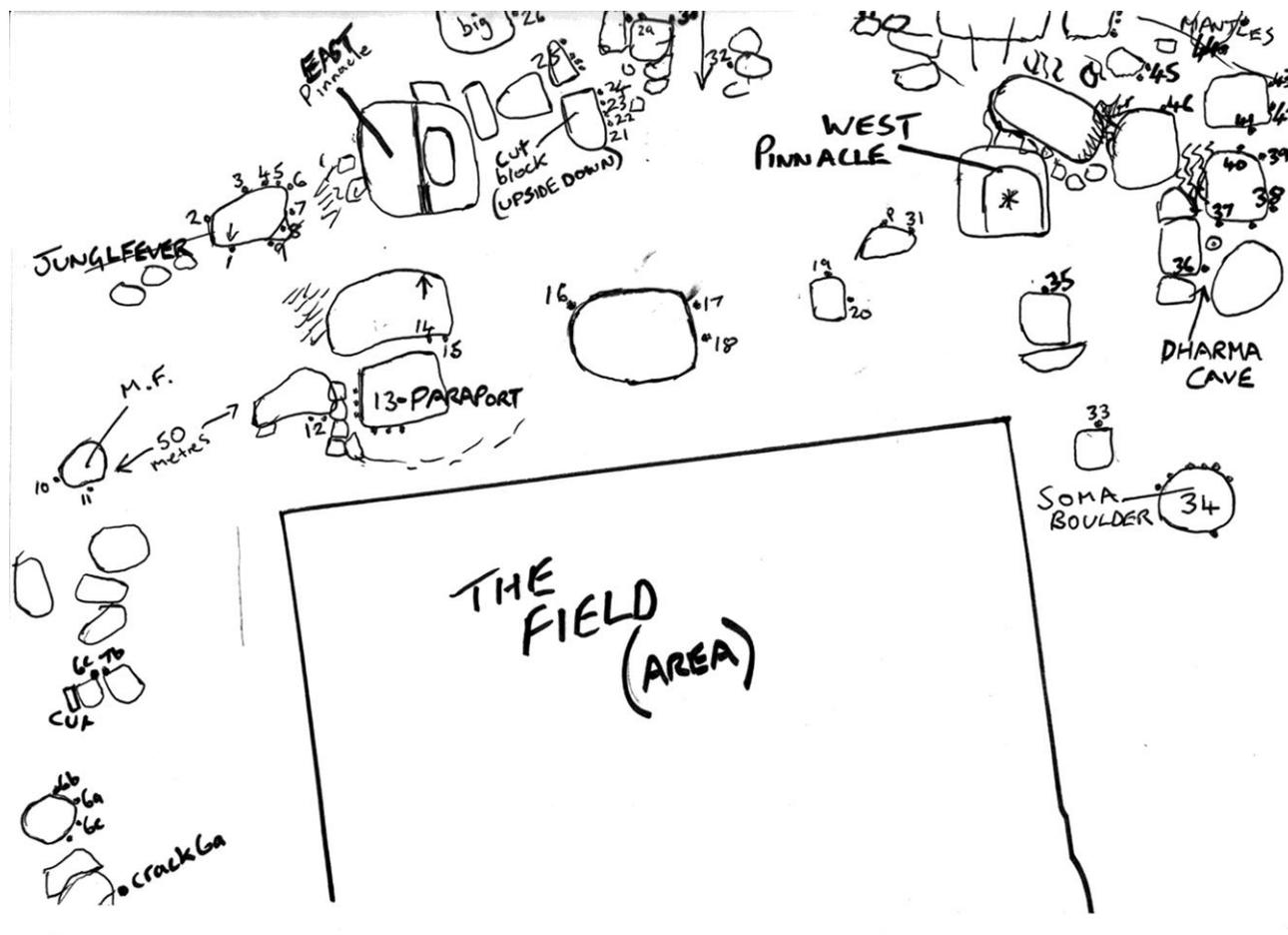
The little village of Yahedeli (Edeli) is just a couple of km but flat after the small pass. Go out the main (west) entrance of the cave slightly rightwards over the small pass then round leftwards through the flat dry fields to reach bigger tracks. They have excellent drinking water there. Tea shop and even small general stores also if you run out of something. Just respect the people and culture as they are very poor and don't see many western tourists over there. The way from hill point area (shown on map) on tractor roads is a bit longer. The jungle water is in the big deep valley you crossed on the walk in. Marked as Jungle valley on the map below. There are fish living in it and we never got sick from it.

## OVERVIEW MAP

The 6 areas each with separate boulder topos to show the problems



PARAPORT TWIN PINNACLES - AREA TOPO



BOULDER PINNACLES AREA - the two big pinnacles on the top of the hill are probably best left for the monkeys only.

- 1 descent (down) route 5
  - 2 arete has been done (Squib)
  - 3 \*\* JUNGL SEE 7a if you look down the valley and see the green rice fields, the cute little houses and all the nice people are there, then climb the big groove r-L with the crux at the top.
  - 4 \*\*\* JUNGLFEVER 7c the superb move to latch the top with a very awkward start just last moves 7b+
  - 5 \*\* 7a+ MAJICK PEOPLE Opposing sidepulls to grab the big hold and grapple out.
  - 6 \*\* 6c good moves and rock on the arete
  - 7 \*\*\* 6c JUNGL PEOPLE beautiful wall and moves starting from positive pockets.
  - 8 \* round the corner a long move on crimps leads to slabish ground
  - 9 6c groove
  - 10 \*6b wall, hard start
  - 11 \*\*\* MAJICK FINGERS 7c The enticing black steep scooped bulge with the problem is perplexing but brilliant when you do it.
- From Majick fingers walk northish through the boulders which are graded not numbered on the topo to turn right and right again. Next to the huge boulder is an obvious line on a not so huge boulder- traverse the break L to go stright up at the arete to an obvious jug. Fantastic - \*\*\* CAPTAIN 5 BEANS 7a+
- 12 \* 6a -7b sit starts to go straight or left



PARAPORT boulder-right to left

- A \*\*\* 6a sitstart and traverse the ramp to the finger hold out left and up
  - B \* 6b sitstart just left beneath the ramp to climb through it going slightly r/wards
  - C \*\*\* PARAPORT EXPRESS 7b+ same sit as D but out right to side pull and up with great moves.
  - D \*\*\* PARATRANCEPORT 7a+/b crimp sit start to the jug and up. Superb problem.
- Next problems on the wall around the corner
- E \* 5 corner groove

F \* 6b moves left and up

G \*\* 7a+ great move from very small holds left to the top or better to the flake on Right and up (harder)

14 \*\*\* SOUL FIRE E6 6b (English grade) slightly overhanging wall is intimidating but brilliant with the crux at the top.

15 \*\*\* PARAPORT WALL 7a starting same place climb up and traverse right to the hanging flake crack which goes to the top.

16 \*\*\* WORLDS IN COLLISION 8a the very steep left slanting groove is excellent with fun start and technical balancy moves to good fingerholds as it turns to slab.

17 6c jumpstart

18 \*\*6b good with the big sloper on the right or left also.

19 \*\*7a 2 moves sitstart on the stotty boulder

20 \*\*\* 7b sitstart from the big jug is very interesting

this next boulder has now been BLASTED and landed upside down. They didn't bother to cut the pillars as it didn't land well for them. For us it landed WELL and gives some climbing

L side from flakes short move to top

21 \* 7a from the big slopy ledge move to the top which is smoothed off slightly to avoid cut fingers (check first)

22 \* TOPSYTURVEY LAND 6c sitstart and long reaches up the corner

23 \*6c same to go right to big holds.

24 \* DOWNDOWN SIDESIDE 7a lie down start brilliant foothooks to traverse the crimpy rail then s/pull and up.

25 climb anywhere up the face

26 \*\*ORIGINALSIN 7a+ (E4) hard start in corner to steep rail and high arete

27 6c cornergroove

28 \*6b

29 \*\* 7a crimpy move

30 \*\*\* CENTRALMAGNETISM 7a+ The boulder directly between the pinnacles draws you in for great moves and rock with the nice blob sloper at the start

31 6b sit

32 \*\* 6c+ slopecrimpy sitstart on white slabby scoop

33 \*7a with groove jump to an edge then to the top with great move. The left edge of this boulder has also been cut for pillars

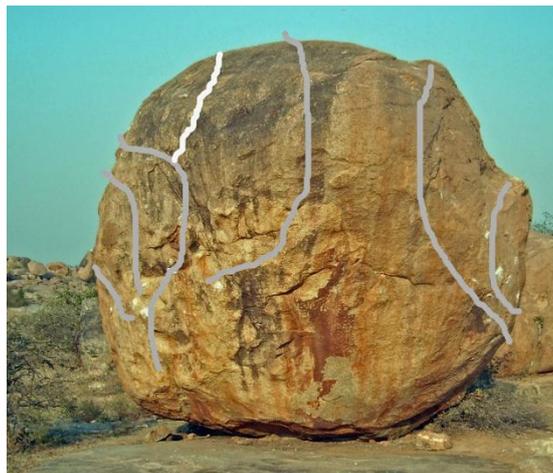
34 SOMA BOULDER

SOMA boulder is packed with quality problems LEFT to RIGHT

1 A \*\* 7a from jug goes left up to catch the arete and over

B \*\* 7a+ Squib goes straight up it seems

C \*\*\* NEWWORLD 7c desperate sitstart on very slopy Right hand (blob hold) low edge Left catch jug then right and crimp tirelessly to go leftwards slightly at the top. Slightly harder Right hand finish is also good with very slopy finger holds to pull through. Stand 7b.



D \*\*\* SEARCH FOR SOMA 7b+ traverse slopy shelves R to obvious jug then up from here with small positive holds

E \*\*\* SUNRISE WALL 6c leftwards up into high flake leads to top

F \* 6b just right sitstart leads up with good holds

\*\*\* 7b links sit to SUNRISE WALL

35 \*\* TOWERS of GOLD 7a excellent line up the middle of the wall with thin start.

36 \*\* 6c good moves on overhanging groove.

37 6c hard start

38 \*\*\* DHARMA KAYA 7b the big line with the thin crack is brilliant.

39 \*\*\* E5 left line finishing on a quartz crack above the scoop

40 \*\*\*E3 slab r/wards

41 \*\* 6c long move to the wavy ledge

42 6a

43 5+

a bit further down and right....

44 \*\* "mantles" boulder Left mantle 7a right 6c all good

45 \*\*\* LITTLE ARETE 5+ from the right and the \*\* CROSSOVER 7b from a sit on arete(left side) goes up and across the wall on beautiful rock and stretchy move

some fingery problems exist on the wall next to little arete

46 \*\* E4 A good highball with the hardest climbing at the start.

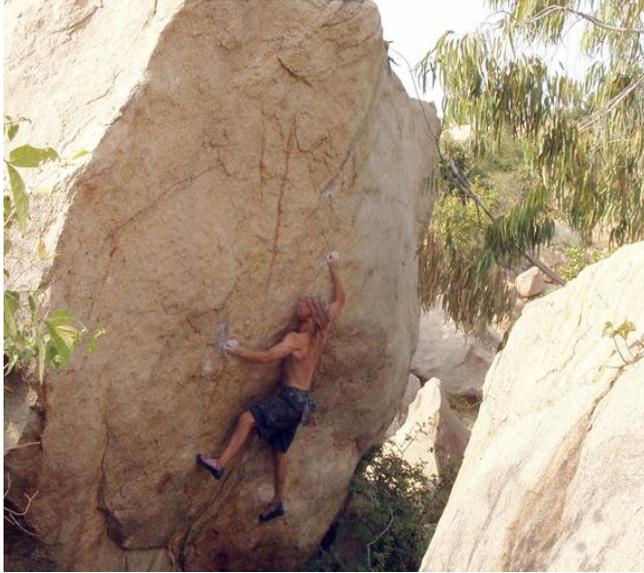
Next is THE FIELD area boulders may be changing but topos are from 2 years back some problems have gone already some will remain.

## THE FIELD area

Beautiful quality EUCALIPTY wall is well worth seeking out and blasters shouldn't bother with it.

1-6 (A-F) SOMA block has photo topo.(pinnacles area)

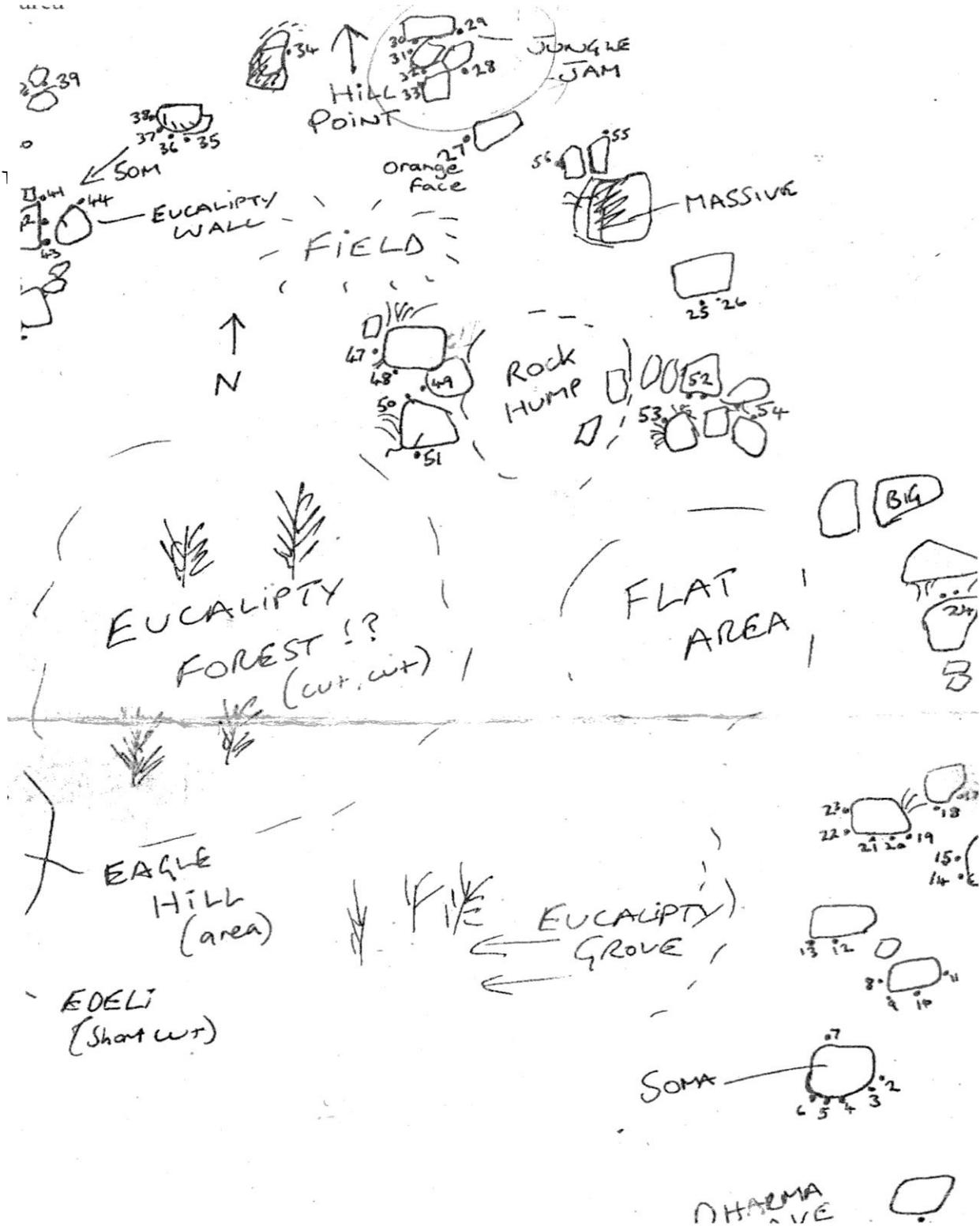
7 \*\*6a from thin break straight



Above - EUCALIPTY WALL 7C

- 8 5 9 5 10 5 11 7a slopey ledge
- 12 \* 5 nice mantle
- 13 \* 5+
- 14 \* 6b moved up to trav into...
- 15 \* 6a high direct
- 16 interesting possibility on north face (unclimbed)
- 17 5 scoop
- 18 5+
- 19 \* 6c sitstart
- 20 \* 6a through overlap
- 21 \* 6b
- 22 \* 6c+
- black face 6b
- 23 \* 7a arête from crimp
- 24 \*\* 6c grey wall with nice fat pinch, flattened bushes.
- 25 \*\* 5+ u cuts sitstart
- 26 \* 5 slab
- 27 \*\* 6a classic orange face to high crack finish
- 28 \* 6b long reach to start
- 29 \*\* JUNGLE JAM 7b sitstart on nice rock to jam the crack or slopey sidepulls. Superb and unusual.
- 30 \* 6b
- 31 good project
- 32 \*\* 7b excellent slab is also desperately addicting
- 33 6a and scoop to R also
- 34 \*\* 7a superb crimp moves from the very positive starting hold.  
A nice boulder with FAT BREAK all the way around. Bushes may have come back now.
- 35 \*\* 7a+ hard top out !!
- 36 \* 6c sit direct
- 37 \* 6b sit just L
- 38 5 sit
- 39 \* some problems over there
- a beautiful little area hidden in the corner of the field gives good sport....EUCALIPTY area
- 40 \* 5+ grooves
- 41 \*\* 6a scary arête
- 42 \*\*\* EUCALIPTY WALL 7c classic up the nice grey wall passing tiny crimp and small slopey ramp.
- 43 \*\* 6c the arête from sit is great
- 44 sitstarts available.5+
- 45 slabby prow \*
- 46 \*\* 7b+ tricky line with the flake hold.
- 47 \*\* 7a good problem with arête hold and crimp to topout
- 48 \* 6a wall/slab with the big hold
- 49 \* 7a from crimps take the sloper out L and grab slopey gritty top.
- 50 \*\* 7b superb crimp wall from horizontal break, excellent sit project

- 51 \* 7a good sitstart on thin crack
- 52 \* some interesting here also
- 53 \* 6c good sit (flattened bush)
- 54 \* 6a smooth prow
- 55 \* 5
- 56 \* 7b stubborn gritty mantle
- FIELD TOPO



IMMACULATE PLATEAU

- 1 6c sitstart to mantle through
- 2 \*\*\* 7b from as far left traverse right and up night jam
- 3 \*\* NIGHT CRIMP 6c sitstart to go direct on micro jugs
- 4 \*\* 7a sitstart break then long move to good edge and up
- 5,6 short black boulder gives some climbing
- 7 \* 6c from big hold leftwards
- 8 \*\* 6c+ smart wall
- 9 \*\* 7a+ bad crimps with good foothold then big jump for jugs
- 10 ledges

11 \* groove

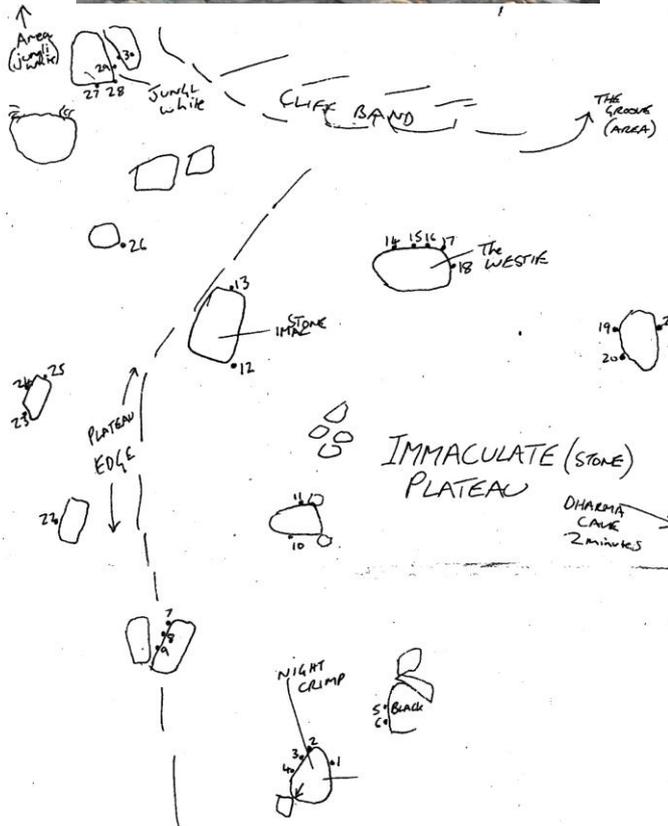
12 \*\*\* STONED IMMACULATE 7b hanging arete with sidepulls to the right. Excellent ! One of the oldest problems here (december 1999)

13 \*\* CACTUS CRACK 7b+ desperate jumpstart then layback the crackR-L

### THE WESTIE STONE

WESTIE STONE in the shade all day ! Gritty rough but good.

14 6b straight up R side



The next 3problems all sitstart at the same place in the centre of the wall

15 \*\* WESTIE TRAVERSE 7b+ along the gritty break to thin holds onto slab

16 \*\* THE WESTIE 7b straight up with a fantastic move to catch the white jug then direct to finish up blunt arete.

16A \*\*\* LEFT WESTIE 7b+ Maybe the best version leftwards and up high scooped slab, great moves.

17 \*\* 6c arete with holds on both sides then direct topout

18 6a scruffy wall and leftwards also possible (loose top)

19 \*\* 6a nice rock on the sit from s/pull

20 on nice rock

21 \* 6a+ the line with tricky start.

22 6b

23 \*\* 6b from low on arête up into scoop and great top move.

24 \*\* 7a wall from nice start hold turns mean.

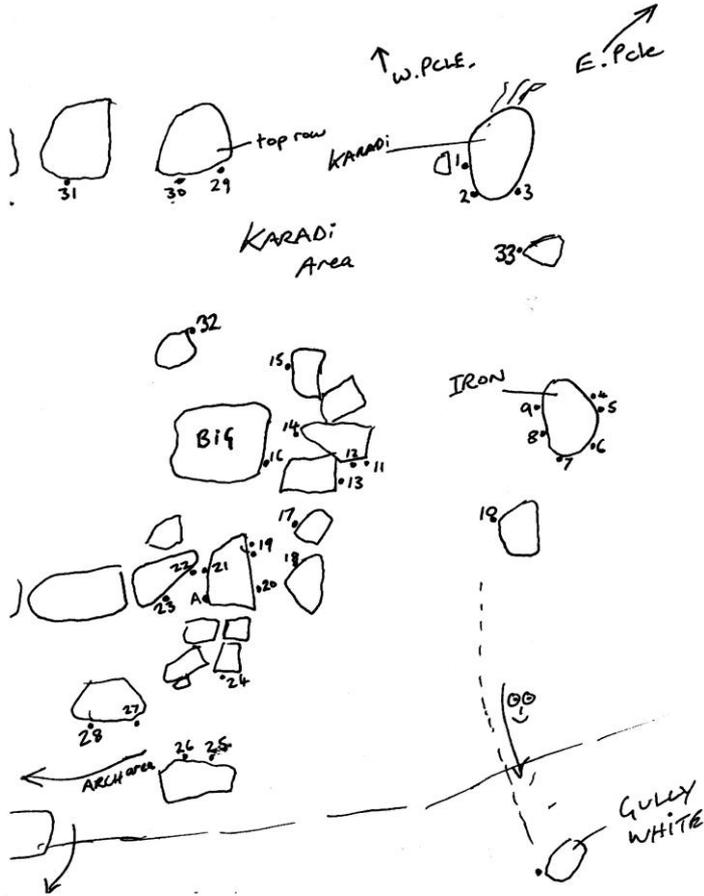
25 6a 26 6a+

27 \*sitstart 5+

28 \*sit 5+

. 29 \*\*JUNGLWHITE sitstart and keeping right on the groove to a great finish

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- 1 \*\*\* KARADI KREAM 7b+ the scoop with slopers is started from crimp pinch. Slopers Classic
- 2 \*\* 6b classic groove with arête
- 3 \*\* KARADI COMING 7a from lowest holds up and over slab.
- 4 6b stand
- 5 \*\*\* IRON GRIP 7b+ from sitstart on perfect "crimpjugs" a huge move up R and fighting R wards to catch the big hold . Brilliant!!
- 6 \*\* 5 Great sitstart
- 7 \* 6a
- 8 \* 6c

- 9 \*7b from standing. Ouch! Watch thin skin Sit to do .....
- 10 7a+ groove with holds on R also.
- 11 \* 5+ sitstart in jam crack
- 12 \*5 sit
- 13 6b
- 14 \* wall
- 15 5
- 16 \*\*6b high wall great rock.
- 17 sit 6a
- 18 5
- 19 \*\* 7a hard sitstart to crank wall on good flakes
- 20 7b+ pathetic crimps to left rib 1 move ouch !
- 21 \* 6b 21A \*\*THE RABBIT RUN 6c+

Next is this superb wall with two contrasting problems (sloper and crimps) both classics.

- 22 \*\*\* A CRIMP in TIME 7c the testing scoop has crimps , semi static movement is the way
- 23 \*\*\* THE MILKING WAY 7b+/c the break (jumpstart) to the blob sloper (milk it) and up. An excellent friction problem.
- 24 6b
- 25 hard p
- 26 6a

Just DOWN and right from here (not on map) is the excellent boulder \*\* WESTERN MOON 7b on a groove shaped like a moon good sit 6b on wall to right



The Sloth bears of India are the best climbers of all bear species in the world !! Sloth is not slow he can run fast as well ! Local word for bear is karadi

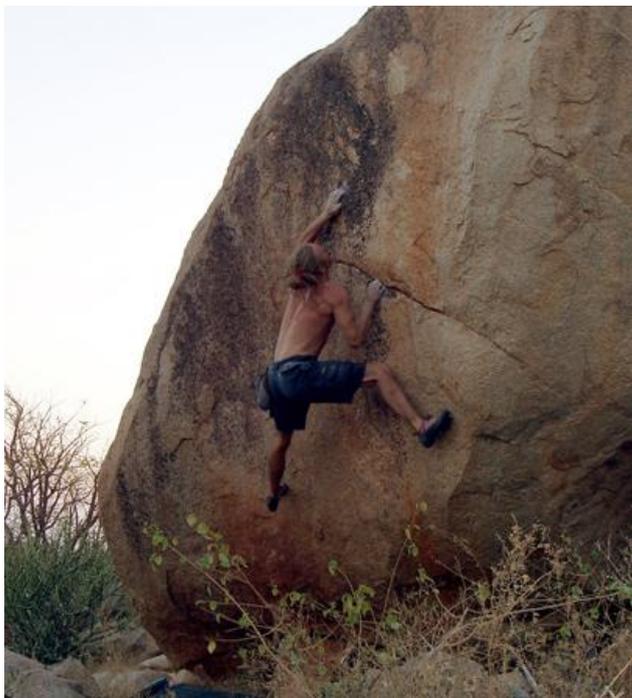
- 29 \*\* 7a great sitstart with undercuts to arete then take groove left and up.
- 30 ...overgrown
- next boulder is to the left again after dissapointing steep wall with loose hold
- 31... \* 6c stand start in groove
- just down from iron grip in the gully ( 100 meters ) is this beautiful white boulder worth seeking out
- \*\*\* WHITE GOLD 6c/7a sitstart to pull through on nice edges one slopy one small.
- 32 \*\* 7a+ HARD SKIN the steep thin crack with help from one sloper at the arête .great.
- 33 \*\* 7b small sitart with sidepull and edge to swing right into little groove on arete. Powerful.

Some good problems walking from here back round towards Immaculate area, see and do.

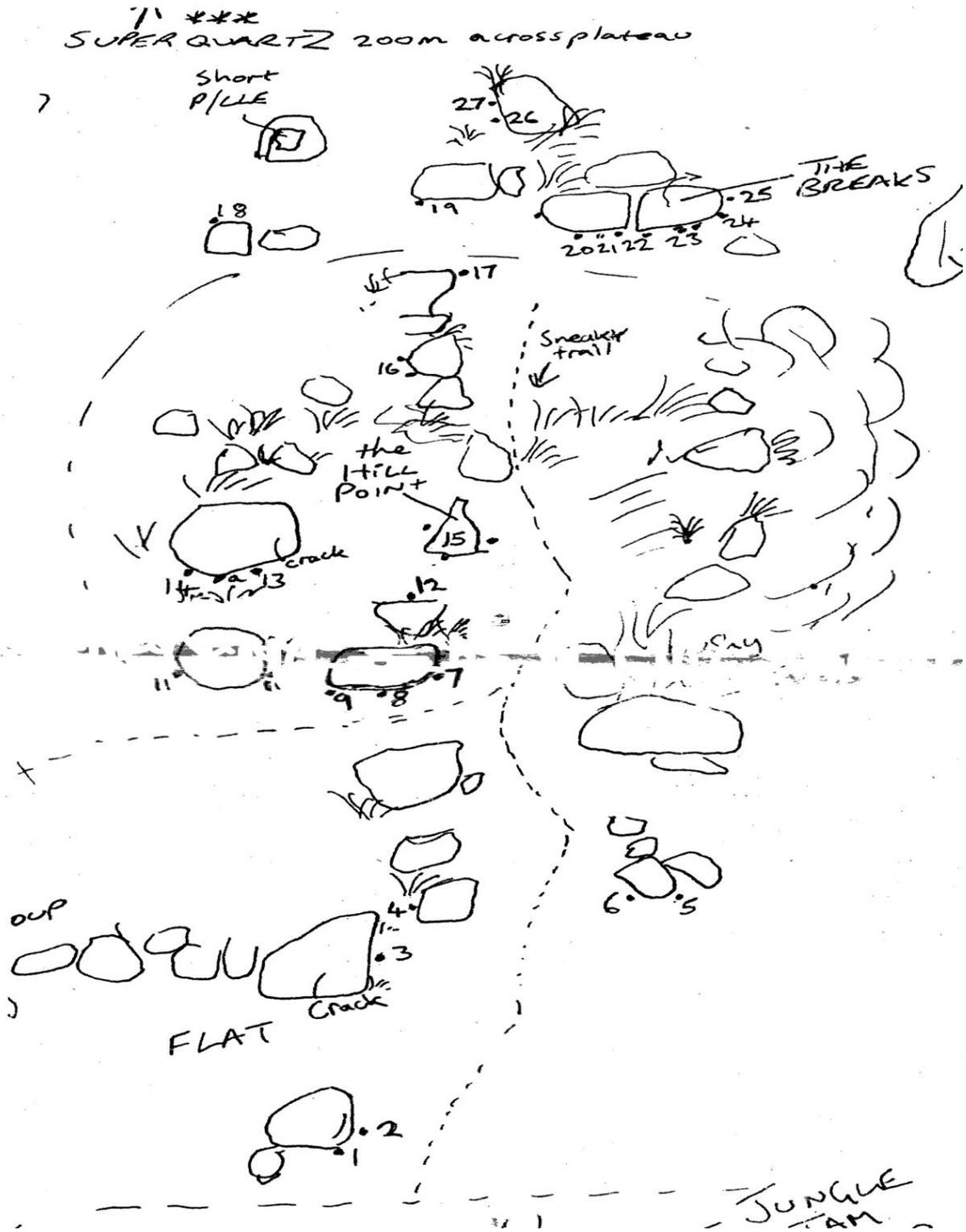
**THE HILL POINT** this area may have lost some problems from blasters but the breaks is a testament to 'rock survival' It wouldn't break!

Check it.

- 1 \*5
  - 2 \*5+
  - 3 \*\* 6b from break around bulge into scoop
  - 4 \* 6b spikey bushes may take over
  - 5 \*\* 7b PARA POINT very crimpy moves up to arete. Sitstart obvious hard link project. Get it done.
  - 6 \*5
  - 7 \*\*\* 7b+ THATS THE POINT hard move up from break, tricky friction top as well. Class !
  - 8 \*\* 7a sit starts on the smooth perfect ledges to go straight up the wall
  - 9 projected arete would be very hard and good
  - 10 Not done !
  - 11 \* 6c from groove to slopy topout
  - 12 \* 7b+ CENTRE POINT much harder than it looked wall.
- Below DEVIL GRIP 7b+



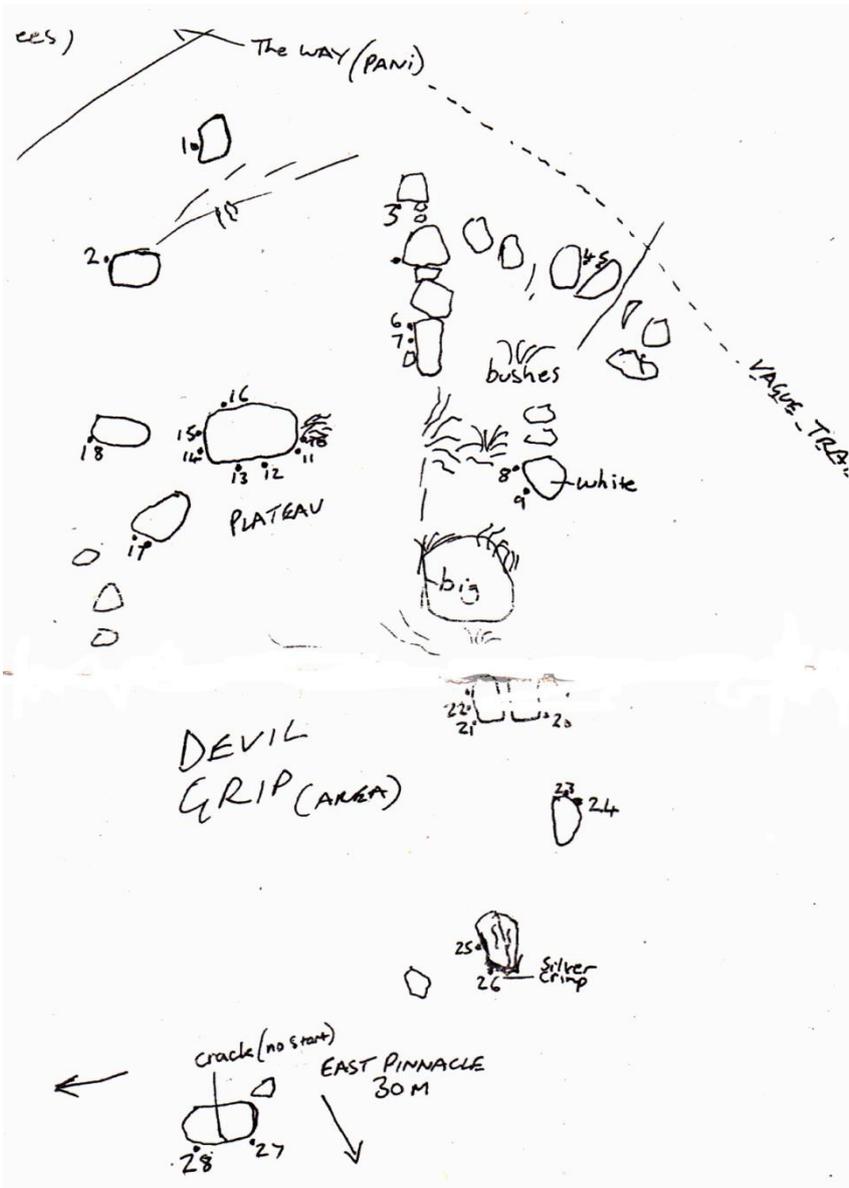
13 a 14 excellent big problems still to do



- 15 The hill point boulder itself is not that good but has a few ways up and down
- 16 \* 5+ groove and arete to R also ok
- 17 \*\*\* CURVING PROW 7a the fine prow feature manages to be both slabby and slappy at the same time !!.
- 19 \* 6b high wall
- 20 \* 5+
- 21 \* 6a
- 22 \* 5+ chimney aretes left and right
- 23 \*\*7a thinwall from break is good \*7a wall to right also okay
- 24 \*\* 7b DESTROY THE FUTURE from break up to thin pinch and crimpy snatches. Brilliant.
- 25 6a
- 26 \*\*7a+ up to crimpy pocket and slap for top
- 27 \*\*\* 7a steep gritty groove will give you a brilliant move to the jug

# DEVIL GRIP AREA

1 \*\*\* DEVILGRIP 7b+ The superb scooped wall with quartz break up to "that hold" and up. Must try but not too many times.



- 2 \* sit with groove and arete.
- 3 \* 6b sitstart with bad landing.
- 4 sitstart 5
- 5 \*\* CAVE TRAVERSE 7a sit on right to fingery break across to bigger hold and over
- 6 up to edge on R wall
- 7 \*6b wall from big edge
- 8 \*7b hard move up from white edge
- 9 \*\*\* 6b the white boulder on nice rock
- 10 6a
- 11 5
- 12 6b sitstarts on pockets
- 13 quartzite wall
- 14 \*6c awkward moves up
- 15 6c
- 16 6b
- 17 6c crimp wall left also 6c+
- 18 5
- 19 white quartzite block on right
- 20 \*\* 7a arete from R \*7a+ same arete from left
- 21 \*\* 6c sit to go direct
- 22 \* 6a sit to groove
- 23 5
- 24 \* 6b groove line
- 25 \* 7a tricky steep wall
- 26 \*\*\* SILVER SCOOP 7a+ from the nice edge left undercut right up to sloper top. Brilliant moves.
- 27 \*\* SLIDEOVER 7b+ from cracks up to desperate friction crux on top. Good fun in cold dry weather!