

# Shawthing Rock

Stephen Shaw 2019

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- You will need to be a bit organised to climb at our place...Ring/text at least a day before to book in (not after 9pm please), it's a working farm; there may be hazards to tell you about.
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- Access is a privilege. Not a right.
- Probably closed in the wet winter months.
- No dogs, no shooting. The normal stuff!
- Follow the leave no trace guide- so take all your rubbish (Including biodegradable) out with you.
- Only one group per day.

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**Number One, for up to date  
Rock Climbing Information**

Go straight past Froggatt Edge (I know it's hard!) follow Whatauri road up the hill and along the straight. We are rapid number 544, on the RHS. So that's about 5.5 km from the start of the road. Drive down the tanker track until our house, park by the house out of the way of the milk tanker. **We will be expecting you, because you will have contacted us at least the day before.** So, we will not be far away, to give you farther directions.

The climbs are described from the down stream end, which is the top, left hand side (LHS) of the map. Paddock 33 is the easiest access to the down stream cliffs. If you want to go directly to The Rabbit Hole cliff, walk down paddock 26 to 27. On a dry day with a 4WD with off road tyres I drive to with in 2 minute walk of the Cabbage Tree cliff. Use the power line to get your beings. On a wet day, with a car with street tyres, don't go off the gravel! PS. North is the top of the map. Most of the climbs are labelled with old cow tags, with their name and grade.

Anchor bolts are 210mm x 12mm galvanised 4.6 steel engineering bolts (28kN braking strength) that are hammered into an 8-10mm hole. With at least 8mm galvanised chain. Most of the chains have 8 or 10 mm maillon rapides, to abseil from, these are part of the climb anchors!

The runners are 180mm x 12mm galvanised 4.6 steel engineering bolts with rated petzl bolt hangers. We use 'sturdy bond' to keep out the water and help hold the hanger still. It costs around \$12 a bolt and hanger. Food for thought when you count them up!!

It must be noted that these bolts are strong in a sheer load, but are NOT designed for a direct pull out, as it is only fiction that holds them in, so I treat them a bit like Trad. For this reason this method of bolting is no good on big over hangs and roofs.

The rock strength is the weak link not the bolt strength. So bolt spacing is generally closer together than Froggatt Edge, and the first bolts are lower, which is good if you are learning to lead.

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Map 1:



TBC	Triple Bolt and Chain
DBC	Double bolt and Chain
DBC Mr	Double bolt, chain, and Mailon rapide
LHS	Left hand side
RHS	Right hand side



## Off the Grid (Not on the Map!)

A new cliff, near our downstream boundary. So far one climb there. It's around 15-minute walk down stream from "Stream view cliff"

### On borrowed gear (20-21) 14m high?

As the name suggests, I borrowed quick draws and a rope to lead it. Thanks Bryce! As you climb higher the wall gets steeper and the holds get smaller. Hint use the left hand arete at the top. 7 bolts? DBC Stephen 2019

## Stream View Cliff

### \* Janne's Slab (15) 8m

6 bolts. Bryce Martin 2019

### Janne's Chimney (15) 8m

4 bolts Bryce Martin 2019

### Two hammers (17) 10m.

Power straight over the overhang to gain the slab. The top is about (15-16) The name is because I broke 2 hammers bolting the climb. 6 Bolts. The rock is hard as! TBCMr.

Stephen Shaw 2016.

### Three B's (18) 10m

IF you keep right at top. i.e. don't use the ledge above the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bolt. Nice slab climbing on pockets; is closely bolted. The crux is at the top and can be avoided by climbing left towards two hammers. 12 metres. 7 bolts. DBMr. Climb the start of Three B's and the top of two hammers to make a (16)

Stephen Shaw 2016.

## Amphitheatre Cliff

### Tuesdays Ethical Adventure (12 or 20) 20m

Either climb the wall on LHS at grade 12 or the overhang (20) to gain a lovely easy slab. 12+ bolts. TBC.

Stephen Shaw 2019

### Sunday's test piece (20) 8m

Climb the overhanging pockets, as the wall gets less steep, the pockets get smaller. 4 bolts & DBCMr

Stephen Shaw 2017

### Saturday... the same but different (18) 8m

Climb short face to same DBCMr as Sunday Test Piece. 5 Bolts

Stephen Shaw 2016.

## Water fall Cliff

### \*\*\*Heart strings (15) 9m

Janne's favourite climb and Janne's my favourite person! Same anchor as below. Your will want to extend the anchor about 1.2 metres too top rope. 5 Bolts

Stephen Shaw 2017

### One jug, that's no fun (18) 11 m

It is harder than it looks. Crux is near the bottom. 6 or 7 bolts? TBCMr at the top.

Stephen Shaw 2015.

### Positively bold (17) 9m

Don't stand on the stump, if you fall it might be sore where you do not want it! 4 Bolts & DBCMr. **Climb** the bottom of "Positively bold" and traverse to the top of "One jug ..." to make a 15/16

Stephen Shaw 2017.

Photo 1 – Stephen climbing "On Holiday"





## Bee hive Cliff

### A piece of cake (13)

Climb straight up or traverse up the ledge, starting on the LHS, climbing right past 3 bolts to the belay ledge with DBC with steel Crab.

*Janne Shaw 2016.*

### Yea Right! (21-22)

2nd pitch of *A piece of cake*, It over hangs about 3 metres, with small finger pockets for a crux! Bolting it was a bit of a trick! DBC

*Stephen Shaw 2019*

### \*\*\*Honey comb (13)

The arête left of Leaning corner. Climb past 5 or so bolts to DBCMr anchor.

*Stephen Shaw 2016*

### Wasjiging (21)

Is the top pitch of Honey comb. Use extenders. 7 or so bolts. DBC.

*Stephen Shaw 2018*

### \*\* Leaning corner (18) 20m

Follow the corner, crux is at the top. 8 or 9 bolts. TBC

*Bryce Martin 2015.*

### Unclimbed Project

Climb centre of the face past 4 bolts, to the ledge(slab) and join "For king and country" to the top.

### \*\* For king and country (20) 20m.

10 bolts. Two steep arêtes with an easy slab in the middle. Put extenders on the slab. Loads of bolts. Use the same anchor as leaning corner.

*Bolted and cleaned by Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> lead Jan Desmit 2016*

### Practice/teaching

2 bolts and chain.

### My sweet honey (19)15m

It has a 2-metre traverse at about 1/3 height on to an arête, with the crux above. Use extender's. 8 to 9 bolts & DBCMR.

*Stephen Shaw 2017.*

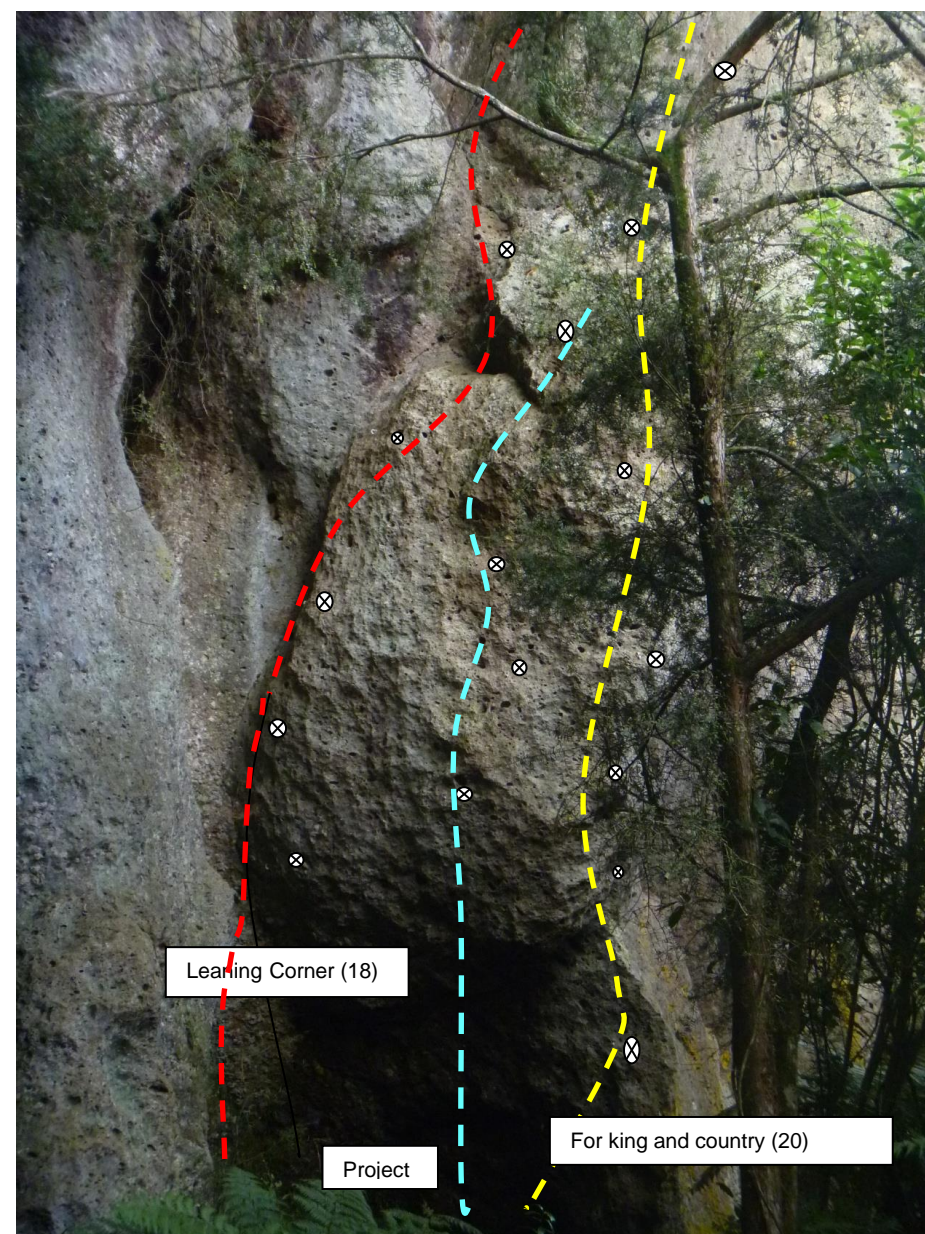
Half way between Bee hive cliff and Cabbage tree cliff is:

### Last light (18) 14m

Bryce's 2nd route at my place. He led it in the half light with no head lamp as the sun went down! Start climbing from a tree fern stump. Classic pocket pulling climb. The pockets get smaller as you climb! At the top use a root to gain a ledge. 6 Bolts and DBCR.

*Bryce Martin 2015*

*Photo Topo 1 - Beehive Area (shows bottom 2/3 of cliff)*





## Cabbage Tree Cliff

### \*\* Take 5 (15)

Use the rock to gain a slab, and then follow the bolts up the left-hand arête, 8 bolts. TBCM

*Stephen Shaw, 2015*

### \*\*Just arête (17)

with an 18 start, and a little sting in the tail! 8 bolts.

*Stephen Shaw 2015*

### \*\*On holiday (16,18) 22m

1<sup>st</sup> pitch (16) some find it easier than "take 5". Climb the arête, into a slab that leads to the belay ledge. TBCM.

Pitch two (18) Commit, straight up from the belay ledge, can be done as one awesome pitch. Lots of bolts. TBCM.

*Stephen Shaw 2015*

### \* Got a job (18)

From the belay ledge climb left then up a steep wall, crux is between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bolt. Use a right leg knee bar to rest the arms. Then hang on to the top! 6 or 7 bolts.

*Cleaned by Nathan Kelly, bolted and climbed by Stephen Shaw 2015*

### Almost Fifty (17-18)

From the ledge of On holiday clip the first bolt and then follow the right hand line of bolts to the top.

*Stephen Shaw 2018*

### \*\*\*Marking Time (20)

Balance on finger tips, zig zag, ledge to ledge, to the belay ledge of on holiday.

*Cleaned by Nathan Kelly, bolted and climbed by Bryce Martin, 2015.*

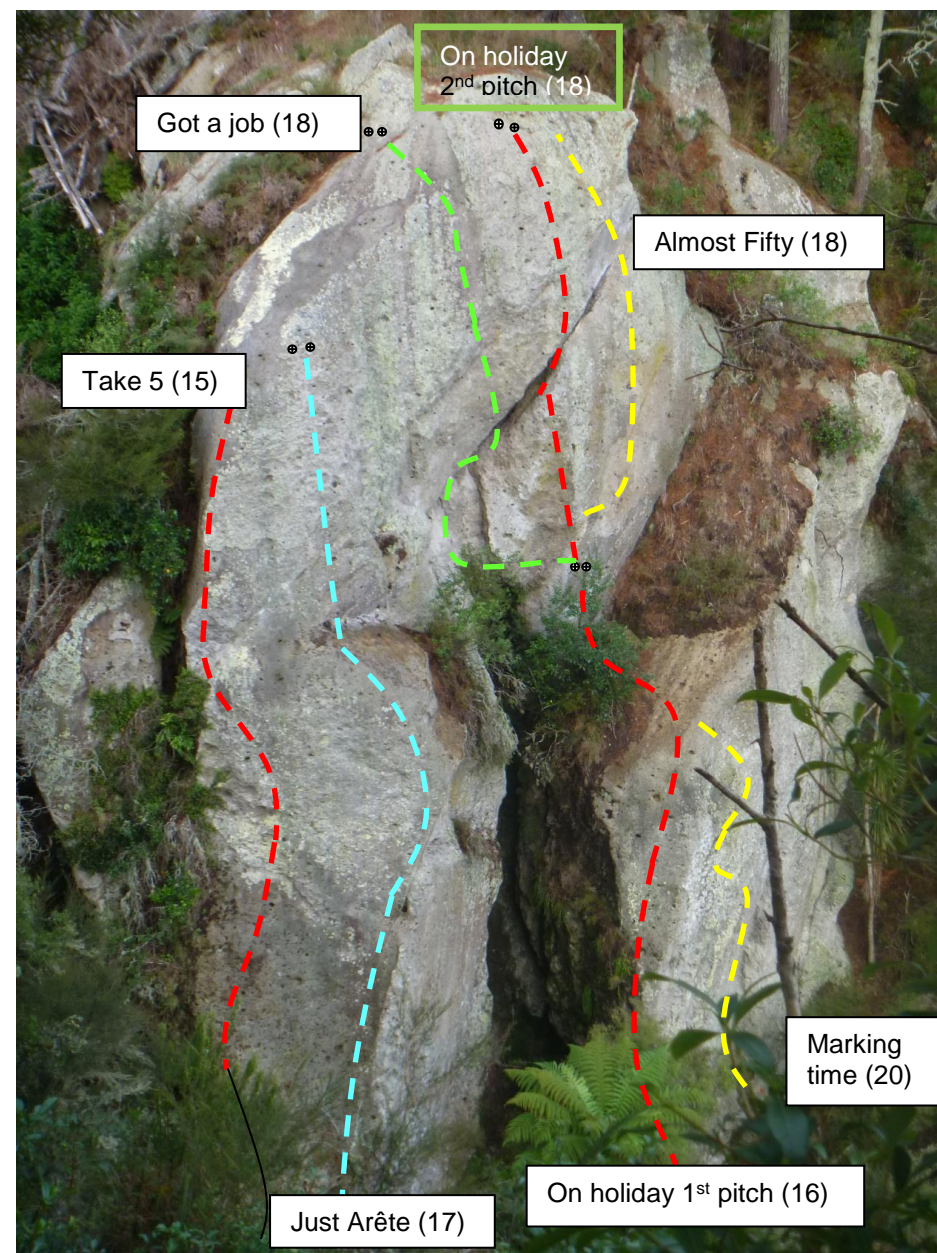
Follow the track up stream, half way to the Deer Gully is:

### Thin Totara (22)

Trad!, small cams, and a sling on the totara tree near the top! With DBC.

*Bryce Martin 2015*

Photo Topo 2- Cabbage Tree Cliff



## Deer Gully

### \*\* Second chances (21?)

Slabby arete with two crux over laps (steep bits). A good bunch of bolts. DBC.

*Stephen Shaw April 2018*

### Sheet Web spider (18)

Up the Deer Gully on the RHS is a steep wall with good pockets. I have dug a belay ledge. 6? Bolts, 1<sup>st</sup> one is for the belayer. At the top belay off a tree, walk off. *Stephen Shaw*

### A deering escape (17) 22m

12-13 bolts. Keep to the left at the top if you can! DBCMr.

*Stephen Shaw*

### Hot n Sweet (17) 22m

15 bolts A steep start on big holds, then a slab, followed by the crux on the steep face. Heaps of bolts, same anchor as above.

*Stephen Shaw*

### Long Ridge (15) 15m

Down the track then turn left b4 an overhanging rock, walk up gully, you will see it on the RHS. Starts with an easy slab arete, then steepen to the crux at the top. DBC

*Stephen Shaw 2018*

Follow the track down to the swimming hole, picnic area, then walk 48 metres up stream. You will find:

### Dave's crack (20)

A trad climb. Take lots of #2(maybe!) cams. And tape your hands! I first cleaned it and decided it was too dangerous (and hard) due to a pillar, so about a year later Dave Garrity cleaned it some more, levering off the big 2m high pillar, which now lies at the bottom. Behind it was a nice as crack! DBC.

*Bryce Martin FFA 2015.*

300 meters up stream is: PS Thanks Janne and Dad for the Track building

## The Rabbit Hole Cliff

### Tweddle dumb (20) 12m

Climb the RHS of the arête, crux is the start. DBC

*Stephen Shaw 2015*

### Tweddle dee (19) 12m

Traverse past 2 bolts up the left side of the arête. Same finish as above climb. 7ish? Bolts. DBC.

*Stephen Shaw 2016*

### Noisy neighbours (22) 12m

Only two people have climbed it, could be 21 or 22, 7 bolts DBC

*Cliff Ellery 2015*

### \*A pleasant surprise (19) 12m

Climb the face, to the diagonal crack, use some jams and jugs to the top. Don't go left and rest at top of Cheshire cat. Sustained. DBC

*Bryce Martin 2015*

### Cheshire Cat (16) 9m

Trad. DBC

*Dave Garrity cleaned 2015, Stephen Shaw 1<sup>st</sup> free lead 2016*

### The Mad Hatter (16) 9m

5 bolts? A steep start on to an edge, then another steep awkward bit. Rest in the narrow chimney before climbing to the top. 5 bolts DBCMr.

*Stephen Shaw 2016*

### I got this (18) 11m

Up the face on small pockets. Same last bolt as "Think fast act slowly". DBC Maillon.

*Stephen Shaw, 2015*

### Think fast act slowly (17) 11m

Climbing in a grove; the small overhang past the 2<sup>nd</sup> bolt is the crux. Go right at the top around a larger over hang. The last bolt could be lower!! Oh it is now! DBC Maillon.

*Stephen Shaw, 2015*

### \*\* Bloody blackberries'! (18) 14m

Named be/c of all the black berries I had to bash through to get the anchor bolts and chain put in! But worth it. A great climb. Hard for an18, but lots of bolts. Same first bolt as "Think fast act slowly", then climb left heading for the small roof at the top, which is the pump-e crux. DBC Maillon,

*Stephen Shaw, 2015*



Go through the rabbit hole in a down stream direction (or around the track) to the next cliff, up past a large pine tree and in the corner is:

Photo Topo 3a- Rabbit Hole left-hand side

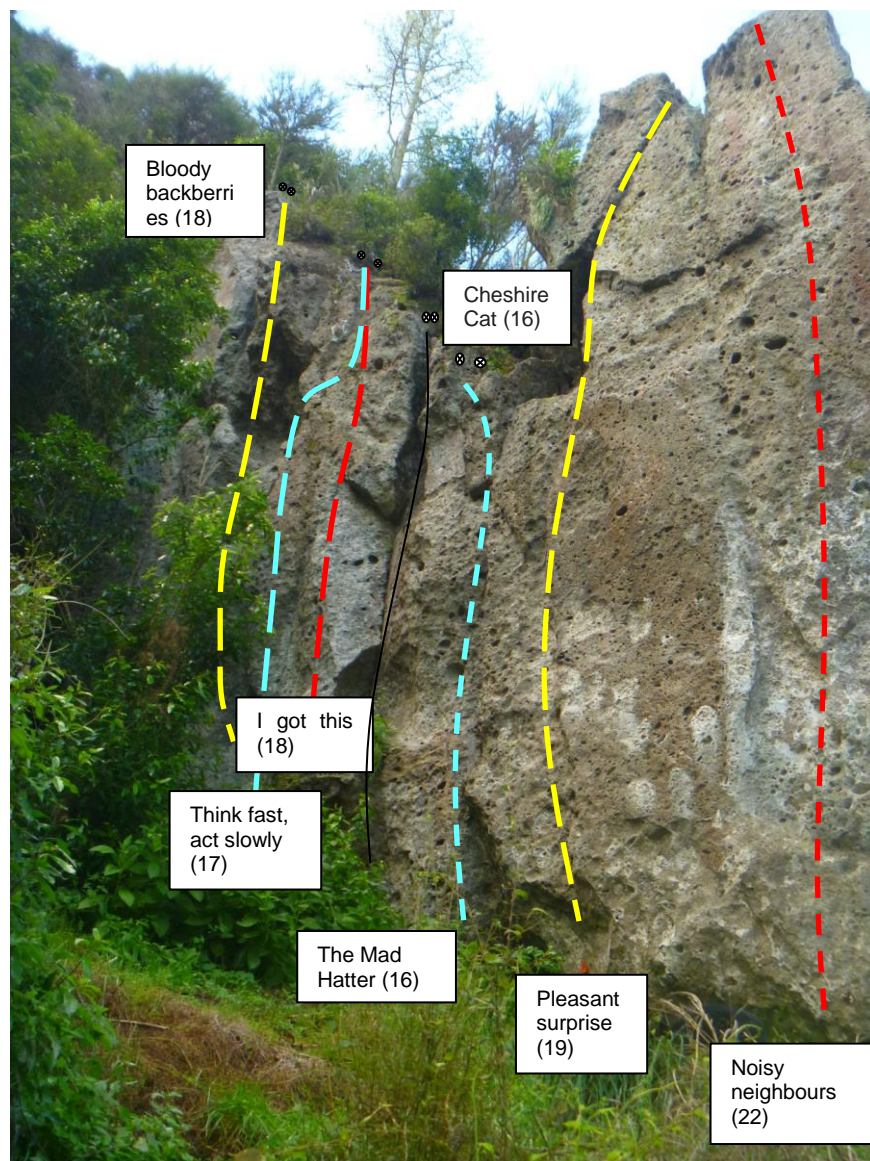
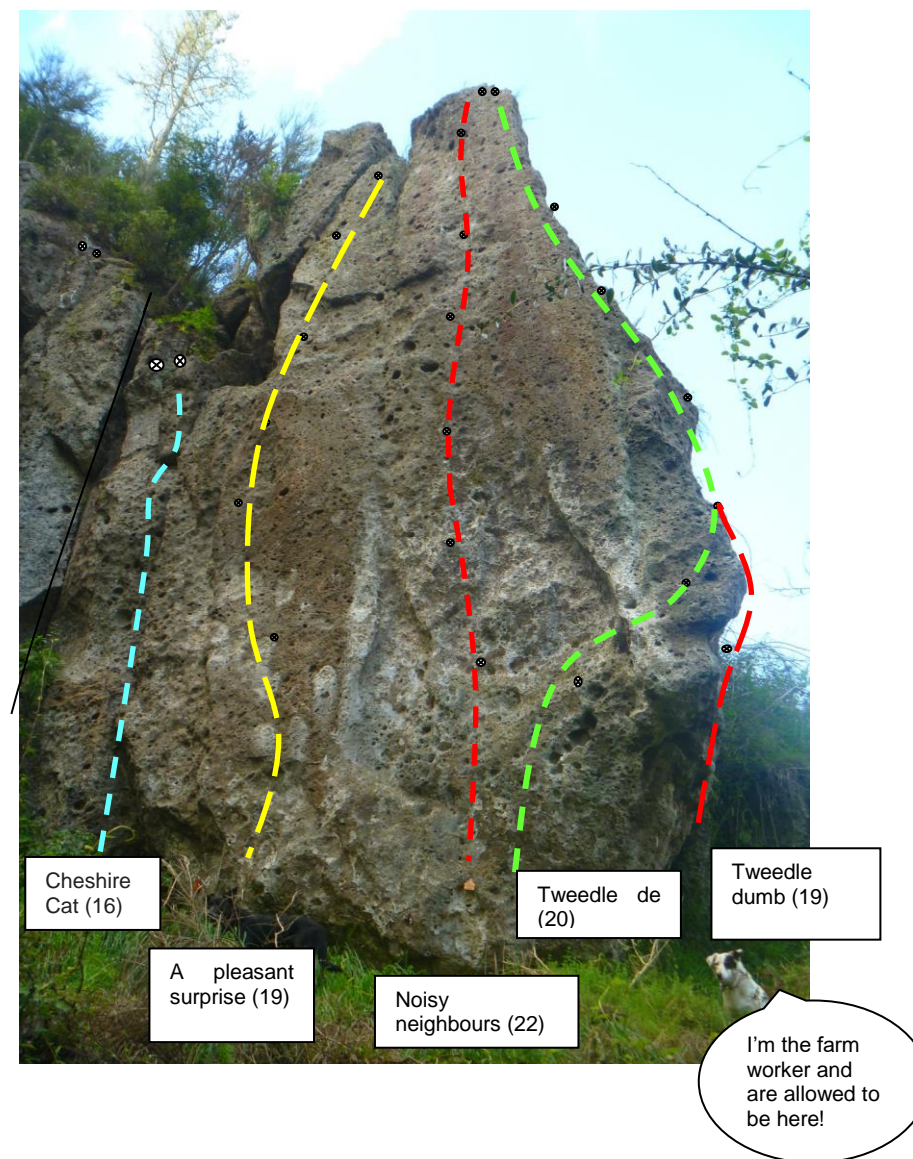


Photo Topo 3b- Rabbit Hole right-hand side





**A Bridge to no where (17) 22m**

The first third of the climb is trad. Followed by 11 bolts. This climb has it all, a crack start, with bridging moves, good rests for placements. And a lay back (take a #1 or 2 cam) leads to the crux at the 1<sup>st</sup> bolt, climb through the overhang, then a slab turns to an easier arête finish. Three bolts and chain at top. In 2016 I added a belay station above the overhang, so can be done as 2 pitch.

Stephen Shaw, 2015.

**\*\* I'm thinking about it (18)**

A trad route, good pro, crux is at the bush. Maybe a 19 if you don't use the bush as a hold! A No. 4 or 5 camolot is good at top. DBCR at Top.

*Tim Shaw 2013*

**Beached whale (19)**

The left-hand arête. Be careful not to barn door off!. 6 or 7 bolts. Has a pull cord to the top anchor bolts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> to last bolt is a bit high, you may want to pre clip it, if it's at your grade limit. One day someone may move it or add a foot of chain, maybe you?

*Nathan Kelly 2015*

Photo Topo 3b- Rabbit Hole right-hand side



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(19)

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