

# Mount Maunganui

## a climber's guide, by Christoph Devenoges

At first appearance, the scattered collection of crags on the northern side of Mount Maunganui doesn't look like much. Yet hidden among the greenery are more than twenty modern bolted sport routes ranging from 5 to 25.

The jewel of the Mount is the Altar, offering climbing on marble-like rock with 180 degree views of the Pacific Ocean reminiscent of the Cote d'Azur. Most of the newer routes ascend the

faces between the cracks that were first climbed in the early eighties. Of these The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trundle 19 stands out as classic. (First ascended by a young Tauranga climber in his mother's carpet slippers.)

Bolting began with the addition of routes such as Que Es Mas Macho? 23, Auto Erotic Wonder Move 24 and Short Arete 19, also by local climbers, in the late eighties. Most modern routes, however,

were established by Mt Maunganui climbers over the summer of 1995-96. While many climbs are clean and solid, visitors should be aware that on the occasional obscure route the odd loose block may be encountered.

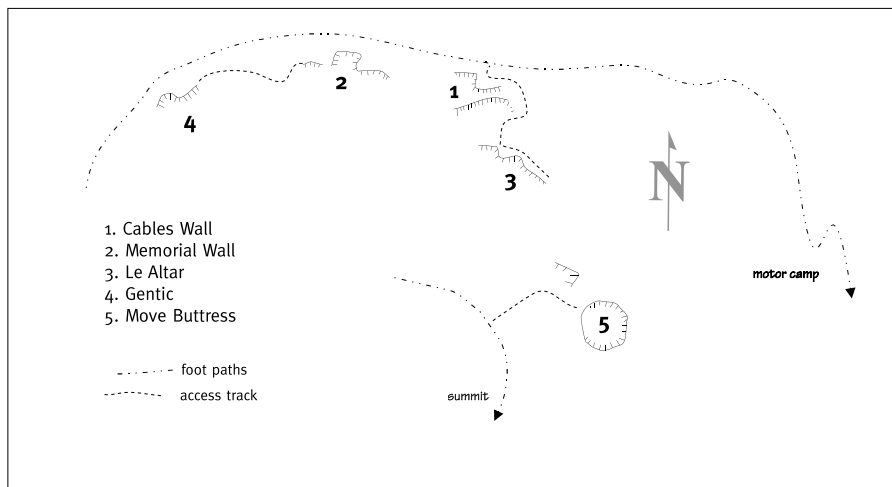
New routes require stainless steel, hangered anchors of minimum 10 mm diameter. (Note that while the potential for new routes on the Mount is considerable the rock quality varies enormously.)



### 1. Cables Wall

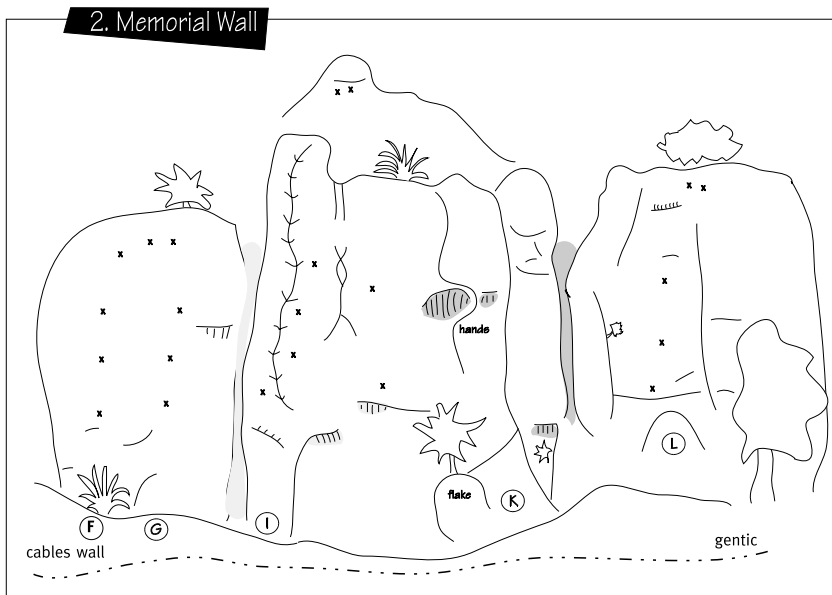
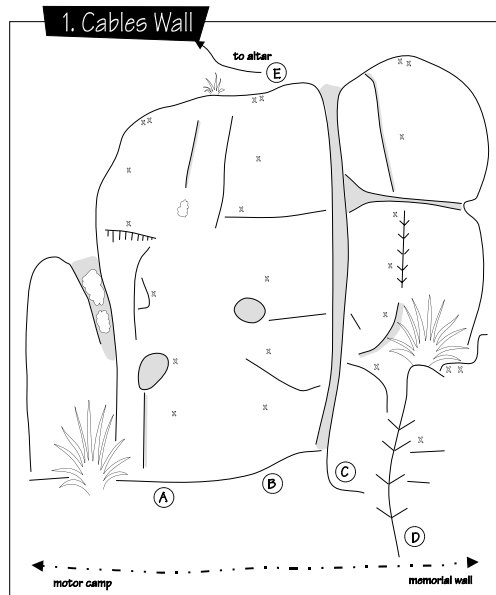
Approach: From the motor camp at the bottom of Mt Maunganui proceed in an anticlockwise direction along the base track. Past the first gate take the steps leading to the left and follow the path up around to the first large peace of rock, this is the Cables Wall.

- A. Sans Travail 16
- B. Cables I 17
- C. EEC ☺ 17
- D. Short Arete ☺ 20
- E. Cables II 5



### 2. Memorial Wall

- Approach: 30 metres west of the Cables Wall stands the historical Memorial Wall.
- I. Dropkick Wizzer ☺ 18
  - J. The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trundle ☺ 18
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  - L. De Homme Semence 18
  - F. Mike Memorial 16
  - G. Roland Gerade Gemacht ☺ 20

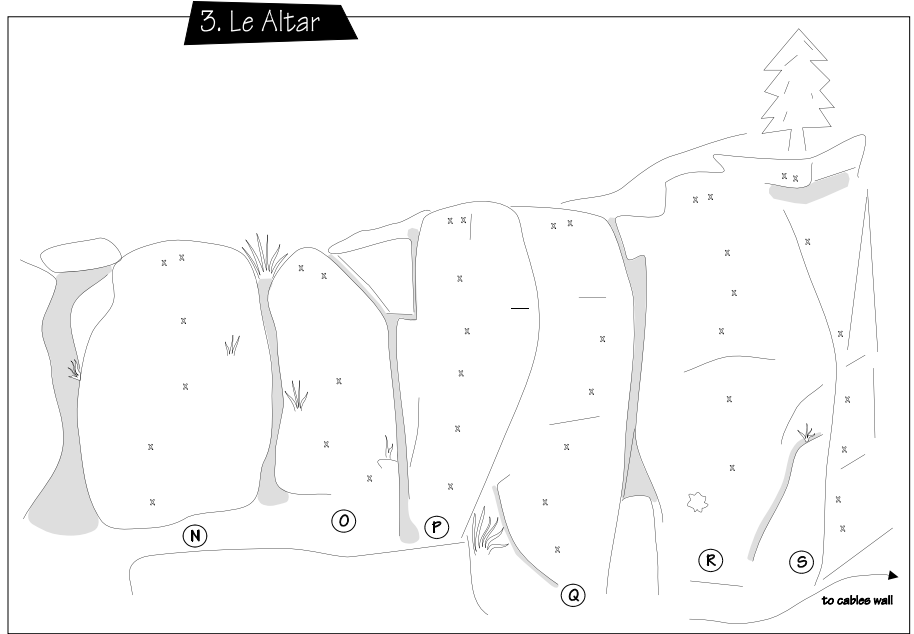


### 3. Le Altar

Approach: To prevent erosion don't use the obvious loose dirt bank instead, From the top of the Cables Wall climb Cables II and head up and right over a large block to reach the base of the Altar. Route's Q, R & S start from here. To reach the start of N, O & P move right to gain the "Obvious" belay ledge.

Decent: Directly below the large block climbed to reach the base of the Altar there is a rap station, 25 meters to base of Cables Wall.

- N. Voluptuous ☺ 16
- O. Astrolabe 20
- P. Weeping ☺☺☺ 23
- Q. The French Way ☺ 21
- R. Trance Route ☺☺ 25
- S. Litigation ☺☺ 21



### 4. Gentic

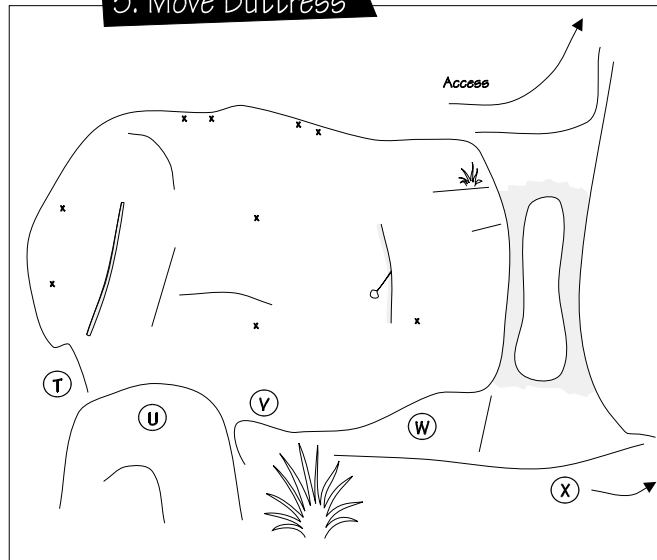


### 4. Gentic

Approach: From the Memorial Wall follow path west for about 80 meters to the last large piece of rock. Gentic ascends the face to the right of the offwidth.

- M. Gentic 18

### 5. Move Buttress



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Approach: From Gentic continue around on path till the summit road is gained, head up summit road till the windsock becomes visible. From the road opposite the windsock a path leads down to the windsock. Downclimb easy ground (belay off windsock) to reach the top of Move Buttress.

- T. Que Es Mas Macho? \* 23
- U. Gorse 101 19
- V. Phil 101 18
- W. Auto Erotic Wonder Move \* 24
- X. Gordon is a Moro 22