

SHAGADELIC BUTTRESS



Pohara Area: New Area

It's Shagadelic baby. A real live sea cliff - with added animal ambience: shags, stingrays and a certain avian odor. A couple of routes of about 20m high and the added complications of tides adds to the adventure. Because of the tides, you can only climb a few hours either side of low tide. High tide options are to rap down to a hanging belay on *International Man of Mystery* and climb either that route or *The Shag who spied me*.

Access: Continue past Cathedral Rock to the Abel Tasman monument carpark. Take the left hand track. After the zig zags a small track drops down on the left just before a large tree root crosses the concrete path.

To get to the bottom: Turn left at the bottom of the small track, follow blue marker tape left then drop down through a steep gully with a rope.

To get to the top: At the bottom of the track follow blue marker tape right to get to the top of I.M.M. A hidden belay on the first ledge allows a rap to the main anchor, clip rope through runners on way down so you can pull through and not drop it in water.

The two climbs on the right are better options if the tide is higher as there is more beach.

Climbs are only sparsely cleaned.

✳️ **Fancy a shag on the beach?** 21

Start up the overhanging concave wall immediately left end of the small cave. Quite sporty to the first bolt. Surmount a series of bulges to a tricky final move right to reach the anchors. 7B.14m
Mark Brignole 19/2/04

✳️ **The Shag who spied me** 20

Starting from the cave, a rising right trending ramp can be followed past one bolt (lunclip later to reduce drag) to get to the climb proper. An alternative is to start as for *I.M.M.* Climbs on the edge between easier grey and steeper yellow rock. Deceptive. 6B.18m
Phil Castle 8/2/04

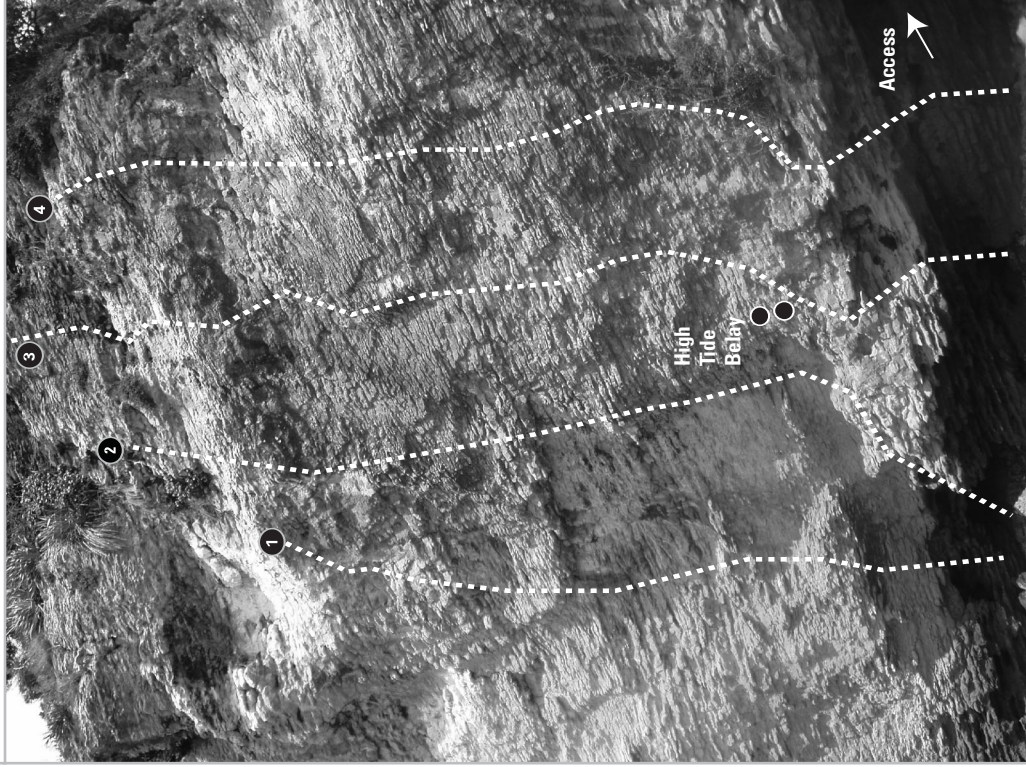
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The right side of the main wall has some wave worn overhangs. On the left side of these, starting at an obvious handle (and bolt), pull up and left to the 2 bolt high tide anchor. Head right again through a fingery crux then progressively easier climbing to the top. You can lead out to the top of the cliff from this anchor. 10B. 22m.
Simon Middlemass 9/2/04

✳️ **A date with Felicity Shagwell** 18

Pull through the overhangs right of *I.M.M.* (past a glue in bolt) then trend right and up the easiest ground. Has a small sting in the tail to keep you on your toes. Don't climb above the anchor as the rock is loose. Escape to top via *I.M.M.* 7B. 20m
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