

# Jebel Milehis Climbing Area

The Area is a little spread out but most of the climbs can be found on the Jebel Milehis Massif itself. The rock on the established routes is generally good quality but there's patches of sandy or brittle rock as well. Even though the bolts are not far apart, some climbs will need a bit of personal judgement regarding the quality of the rock. On the particularly soft sections, backing up with slings around natural formations is recommended.

You will find the access to the area via the Valley of Wadi Ghazala.

There are two turnoffs off the main Road, one by the village of Ras Ghazala (GPS(N,E): 28.86859, 34.46593).

The next one is by the "Mahmoud Cafeteria" a few hundred Meters further along the asphalt road.

Here are 2 numbers of some of the Guides/Drivers working in the Area

Salama " Salama Canyon"(closest to the climbs on the mountain): +201123150419

Sayed Mahmood (closest to the climbs near the road): +201008687249

The original Overview Sketch by Marco is shown on the next page.

≡ radjam

(P) parking place

tree

↑ house

↪ pass

cliff

① black pearl  
5 pitches 6b, 6a obl. 22m

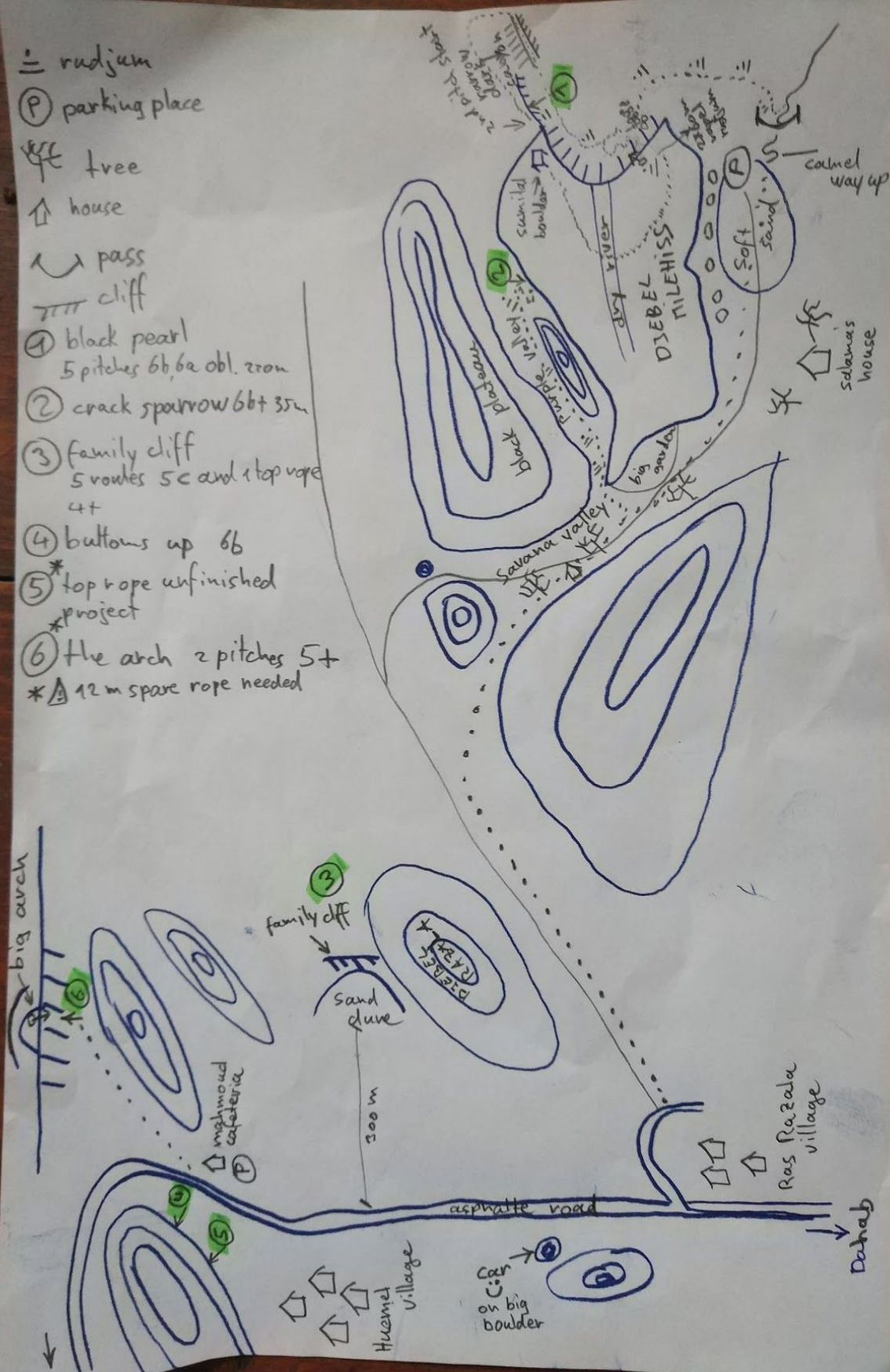
② crack sparrow 6b+ 35m

③ family cliff  
5 routes 5c and 1 top rope  
4+

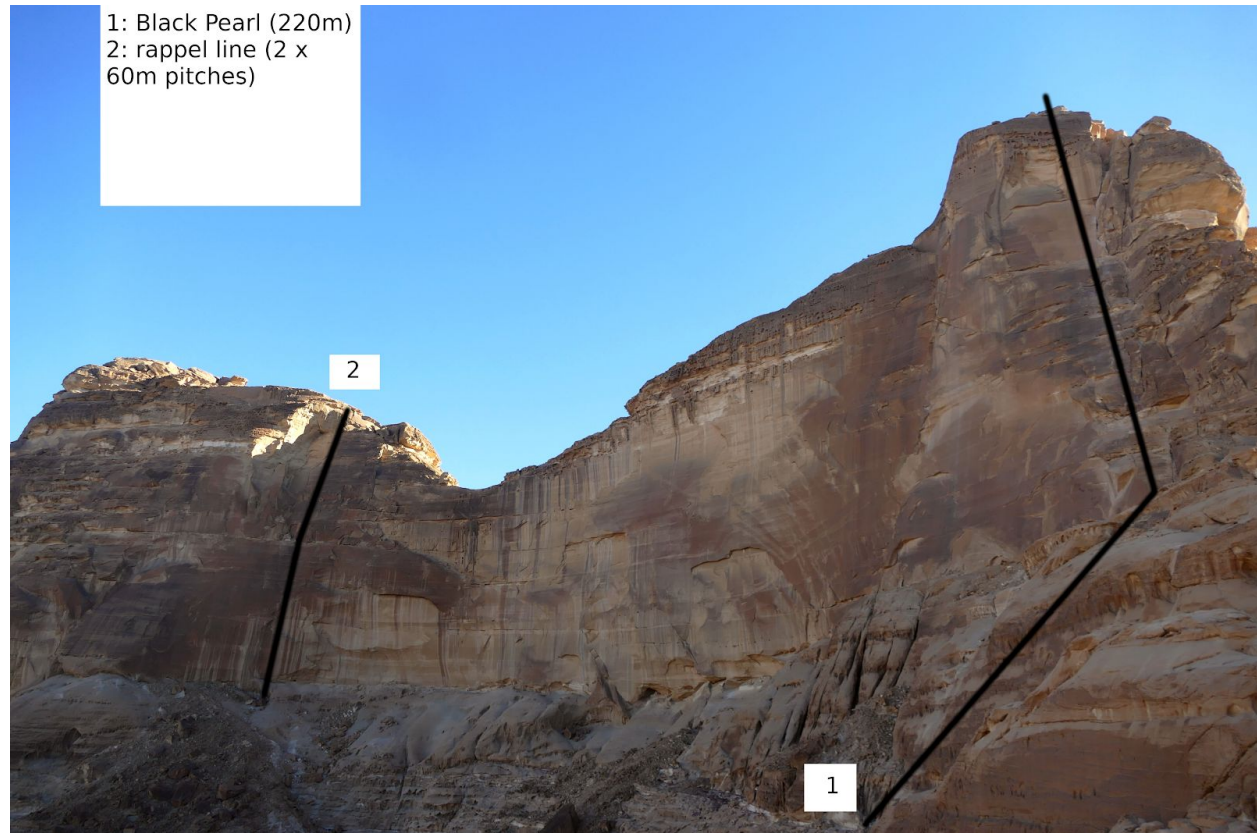
④ buttons up 6b

⑤\* top rope unfinished  
\*project

⑥ the arch 2 pitches 5+  
\* 12m spare rope needed



## Milehis North Face



(start near 28.92143, 34.47338)

N1: Black Pearl: 220m, 5 pitches, 6b(6a obl.), 2x60m rope 14 Quickdraws, 2-3m slings or spare rope. The climb of the area, must do!

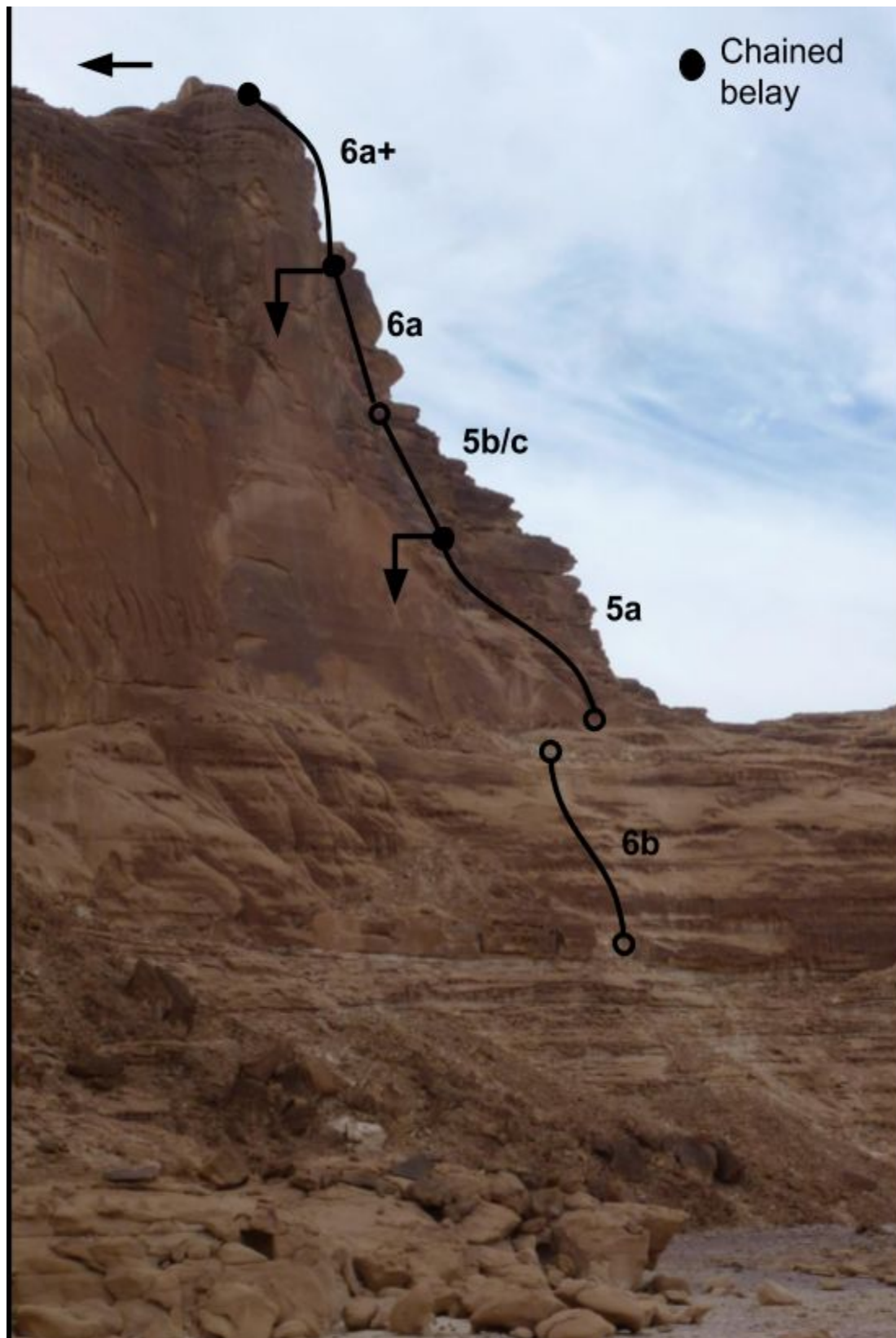
by Marco and Hassan El Dahan with help from Hazem El Shamy in winter 2018

N2: Rappelling Line, 2x60m



## The Black Pearl

220m, 5 pitches, 6b(6a obl.), 2x60m rope 14 Quickdraws, 2-3m slings or spare rope



### Approach:

From the beginning of the sandy area (28.91600, 34.48035) walk north-northwest until you get onto the camel path(see Overview Sketch). As soon as the camelway turns east to follow the side of the mountain to your right, you leave it to stay on the side of Jebel Milehis (on your left). This path following the shoulder of the mountain is marked by Rojums (stonemen) and leads you along the side of the mountain at roughly the same altitude and through the scree field at the bottom of the big black face(dry waterfall). You will be looking at the route as depicted in the image above most of the way, so make sure you can spot it.

About midway along the face you will cross the dried up waterway. At the top of the waterway you will end up after the rappel, so you can leave unnecessary equipment at this point.

Then after the end of the big face you will get to the beginning of the route. An Arrow on the floor points towards it.

If you follow the way too far and you find yourself in a black colored canyon you will be already on the way to the easy second pitch. In that case walk back.... If you have the guts! ;)

### Pitches:

1. Pitch: 60m, 6b (6a obl.): Epic smearing, fun and well protected, perfect warm up pitch.  
Can be avoided by circling onto ledge at foot of second pitch.
2. Pitch: 55m, 5a: Easy peasy, Chain for rappelling at the top.
3. Pitch: 35m, 5b/c: Enjoyable Climbing with short crux.
4. Pitch: 25m, 6a: Nice steep section to chained belay (Watch out, rope might get stuck on escape by rappel!)
5. Pitch: 50m, 6a+: Very steep beginning, then slab to boulder problem at the top.  
Avoid rope drag and protect seconding by unclipping at least 1st bolt, maybe 2nd too if worried about second. (Avoid boulder at the top by using 1st bolt on boulder and sling (~2m) around block for belay if worried about ground fall).

### Descent(2x60m ropes required, prussik recommended!):

From the top of the route look to the other side of the sandy dry riverbed. At the top of the blackest streak of rock you can already spot a huge Rojum if you look carefully (28.92024, 34.47574).

Hike over there then begin rappel:

1st rappel: almost exactly 60m, ending on huge good ledge, where you can untie and walk to the side avoiding rockfall.

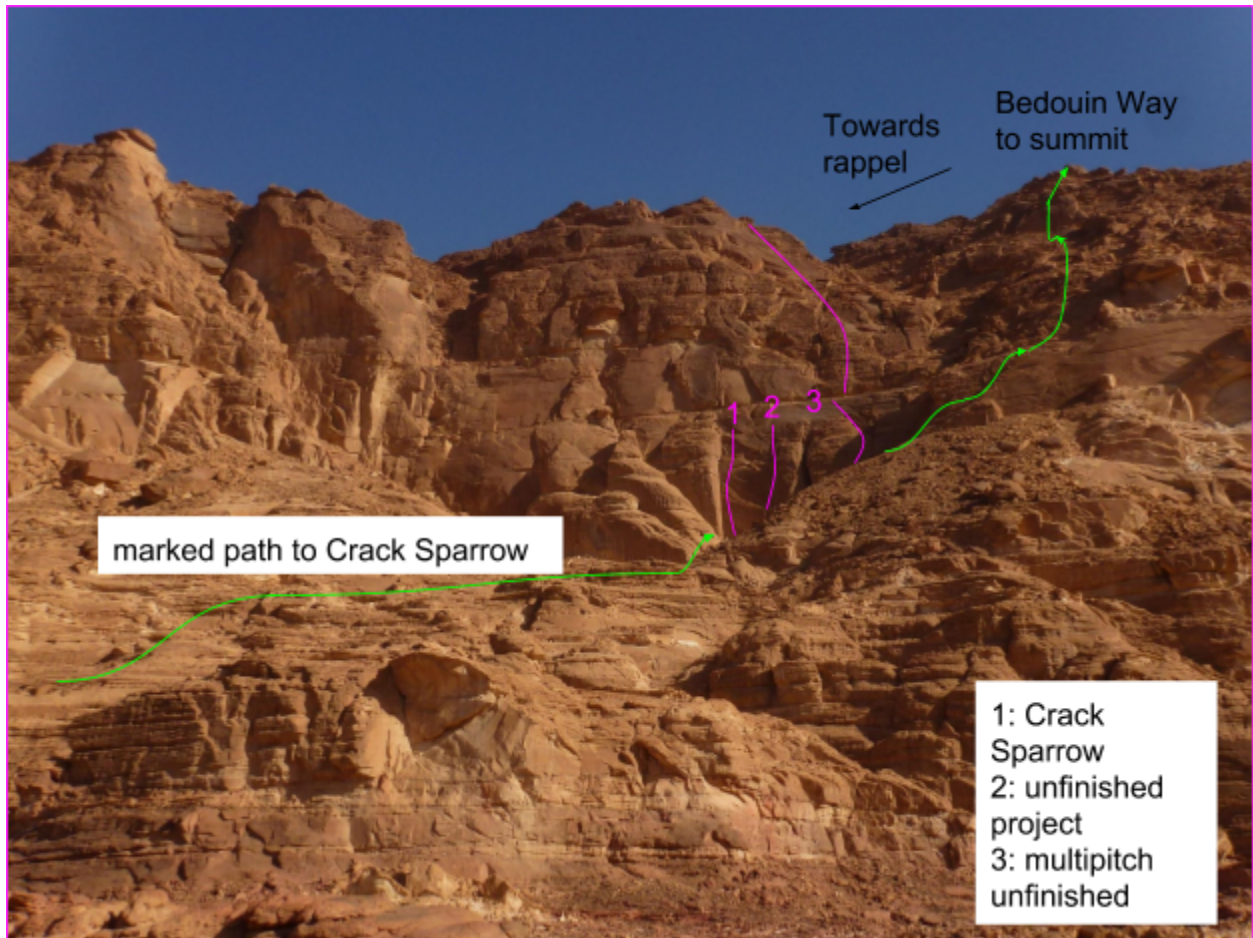
2nd rappel: miraculously also exactly 60m onto ground, enjoy!

Bonus: Unfinished Project, currently Toprope. Get lowered by your partner only the first 25m of the second rappel until edge of overhang, then Toprope up until you get back onto the ledge. Amazing Climb on pockets and tiny ledges (yes on sandstone!)

From the rappel follow the prominent waterway down until you hit the Rojumed path.

## Milehis West Face

The West Face does not have a lot on it yet, one route was put up in January but there are lines to be discovered and a very nice bedouin(scrambling) way to the summit.



W1: Crack Sparrow: 35m, 6b+(proposed grade), 14 bolts and chained belay. Intense and sustained corner crack, well protected.

(28.91341, 34.47390) by Marco and Timo in January 2019



## Milehis East Face

On the East Face there has been a lot of development lately, including a couple of very nice trad climbs discovered by Amir p. Gilead, Dan Spiezer and Marco Richon. Furthermore it's sporting a couple of entry-level bolted routes just to enjoy life ;)

The Access to the whole face is pretty straight forward, scramble up to the foot of the wall (you can find rojums here and there marking a quick path but many ways are possible. Hold on far enough away from the wall to spot the climbs on your way up.

### Trad Climbs



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1. Reborn, 6a, 200 meter.

FA: Amir p. Gilead, Dan Spiezer

2. Crack The Skye, 6b, 200 met

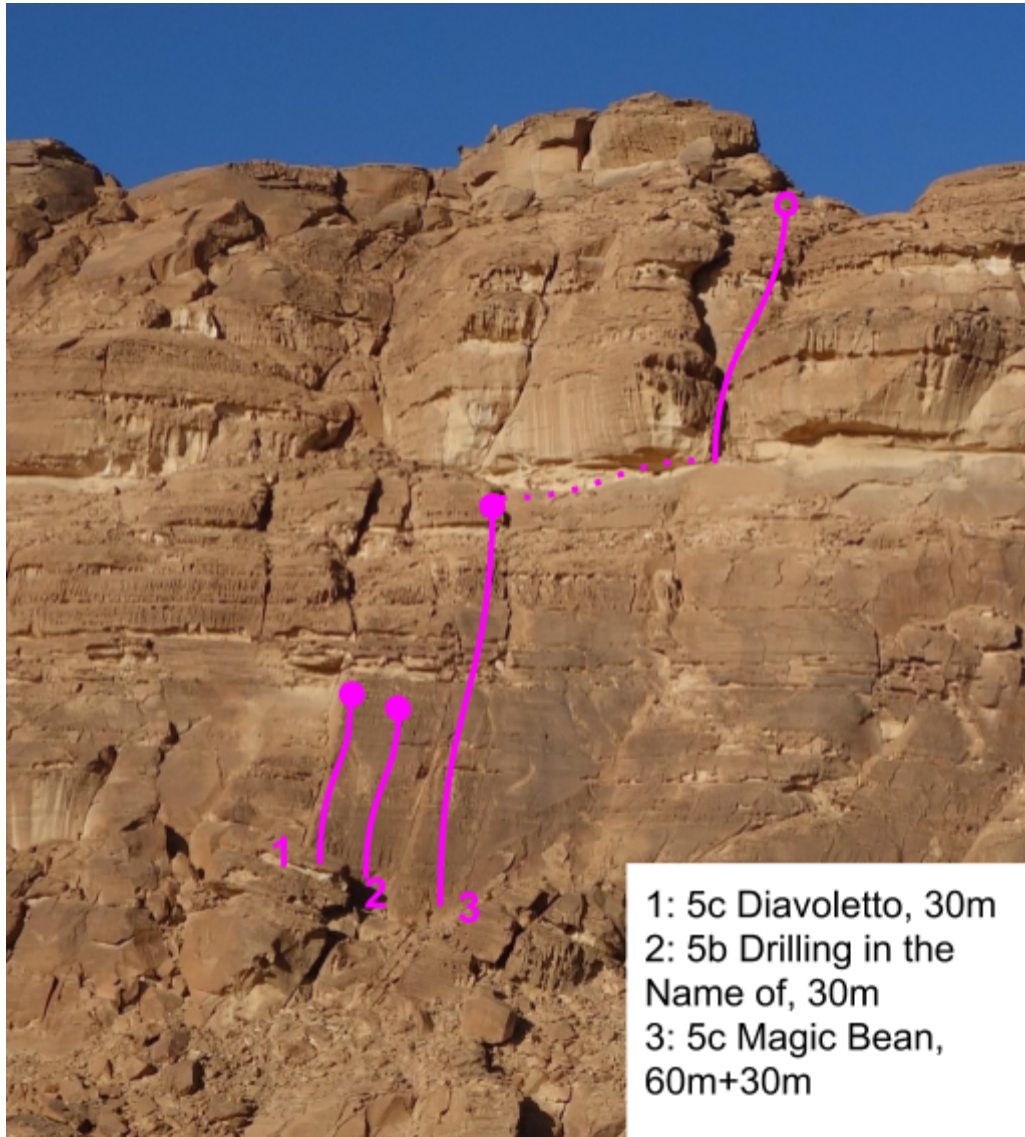
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Marco verti.



The first pitch of Crack the Skye can be belayed from a chain which has been bolted straight up in line of the prominent crack

## Sport Climbs



GPS: (28.91963, 34.47817)

E1: 5c Diavoletto: 30m, (5b using the wall behind you, you lazy basterd!) , chained belay, an enjoyable climb following the arete. by Marco and Timo February 6th 2019

E2: 5b Drilling In The Name Of: 30m, chained belay. Up the face on the left of the corner crack. by Marco and Timo February 6th 2019

E3: 5c Magic Bean: 90m, 2 pitches, 2x60m rope, 14 Quickdraws needed. by Marco and Timo February 6th 2019

Pitch 1: 60m, 5c, face climb with crux at beginning and a very smooth and easy top to chained belay

Pitch 2: 30m, 5b, walk up and to the right into chimney to start pitch, varied climb and great feeling

## Wadi Ghazala and surrounding climbs

1. Family Cliff: 25m, 4 Routes 5c, 1 top rope 4c, 8 bolts each and chained belays, 5c should be a comfortable level due to the runout between some bolts. From left to right:
  - 1.1. 4c Let The children play
  - 1.2. 5c Léou léo
  - 1.3. 5c No cash no h
  - 1.4. 5c Pasta farism
  - 1.5. 5c Türkmüch(28.87085, 34.45245) by Marco, Hümeýra Ince and Mohammed Saad in winter 2013
2. Bottoms Up: 20m, 6b !WARNING! Need to back up belay by 12m spare rope, belay in soft sand but 18cm deep, same for #5  
(near 28.86806, 34.44762) by Marco and Humeira in winter 2013
3. Top rope belay(unfinished Project) next to Bottoms Up by Marco and Hümeýra, back up with spare rope like #4
4. The Arch: 2 pitches, 5c, 2x50m rope for rappel, slings to thread protection, 1st pitch strange and diagonal(rope drag), 2nd pitch short and beautiful, possible rope swing at the top  
(near 28.86919, 34.44640) by Marco, Hassan in 2016

All Bolts  $\varnothing$ 10mm glued, steel.

## Family Cliff

