

Recent Wadi Khab Al Shamis additions from Stephen Hyndman and friends

Criminal Corner

At the bend in the road almost directly across the road from the earliest sport routes with the staple glue-ins, Madness of sheikh george, etc

The rock is top quality and overhanging. Sticky Fingers is the tallest at about 19 meters.



Left to right:

Sticky Fingers 6c+/7a -- Good steep climbing with 2 distinct crux sections. Find hidden jugs to pull the lip of first roof then make some strenuous moves to a good rest in the alcove. Save up some energy for the finish. 8 bolts. About 18 meters. FA- Stephen Hyndman, April 2013

Do the Right Thing 6c -- Fun climbing with a high crux and sustained finish on excellent rock. 5 bolts. About 15 meters. FA- Stephen Hyndman, April 2013

Pick Pockets 7a -- Use a crash pad or stick clip the first bolt. Boulder up past the first bolt to gain a good rest. Then finish by climbing the easier left facing corner. 3 bolts. About 10 meters. FA- Nick Draper, April 2013

Suspicious Mauritius



This route is on the opposite side of the road (left side if you are headed into the wadi) about 50 meters past criminal corner.

Suspicious Mauritius 6a+ Make some balancy moves on smooth rock up past the first bolt. Shake out at the second bolt before making some powerful moves up through the bulge to gain the ledge. After a small runout, clip the fourth bolt from the ledge. Finish past one more bolt. 5 Bolts. About 12 meters. FA- Stephen Hyndman, April 2013

Shannon's Wall

Heading into wadi khab al shamsi, Shannon's wall is on the right hand side about 3km past "The Narrows" climbing area. The wall is located at a sharp left hand turn with yellow arrow signs on the road. The wall is south west facing and gets quite a bit of sun. Early mornings and winter are the best times to climb here.



Inshallah Crack -- Bring a standard rack with large cams up to #5 camalot. Doubles or triples of hand size cams are also helpful on pitch 3. 2 ropes for decent are also ideal as the pitch 3 chains are not directly over the pitch 2 chains. FA- Stephen Hyndman, Sebastien Le Bon, February 2102 FFA: Stephen Hyndman, Shannon Borowy, March 2013

Pitch 1 HVS - Climb the obvious wide crack below the second 2 pitches. The pitch is well protected with a tricky bulge move. Watch out for loose rock on the ledge! Alternatively you can scramble up to the chossy ledge on the right side past the tree (Be careful!). There is a bolted anchor on the ledge.

Pitch 2 HVS - Find some small gear off the ledge and move up to where you can clip a bolt on the face to the right. Move past some crumbly rock (protected by the bolt) to where you can place a medium sized cam. Move up, place another medium sized cam and a large stopper or medium hex. Then move out on the face to the right to find jugs. Make a few committing moves to gain a small ledge. Move carefully up the right facing corner to a top-out jug and a small belay stance. The belay is bolted with chains.

Pitch 3 E2 5c- The money pitch! Climb the hand size splitter crack finding many cam placements past a few bulges until you reach a small roof. Pull the roof on decent jams and place a #4 camalot. At this point the crack will sort of disappear into a seam. Make committing moves on sloping edges on the face to the right to gain a wide flaring crack. A #5 camalot can be placed in the wide crack with hand jams deeper in. Move up to find some more gear before making a short unprotected traverse to the belay ledge. Belay is bolted with chains.

Descent: 2 ropes will make it to the chossy ledge from the 3rd pitch anchor. It is possible to get down with one rope but it involves a scary pendulum to the 2nd pitch anchor. One 50 meter rope will make it to the ground from the chossy ledge anchor. Be extremely careful when pulling the rope!