

The Ranch

Where Country Folk, Cowboys and Cowgirls come to Climb and have a Great Time.

The Ranch is becoming an increasingly popular climbing spot. It has several completed routes and more under development. This area is in a narrow part of the wadi, both sides stay shaded most of the day. However they get a bit of sun for an hour or so around noon. The rock is very solid and smooth for the first 15-20m where it has seen lots of water wash. Higher up there is loose flakes and rocks. The Wadi has a nice breeze and stays a lot cooler in the summer than other areas making it an excellent place to climb in the hot summer months. The crag is conveniently off of the road with no long approaches. Climbing is dangerous you climb at your own risk.

Shaded: Yes

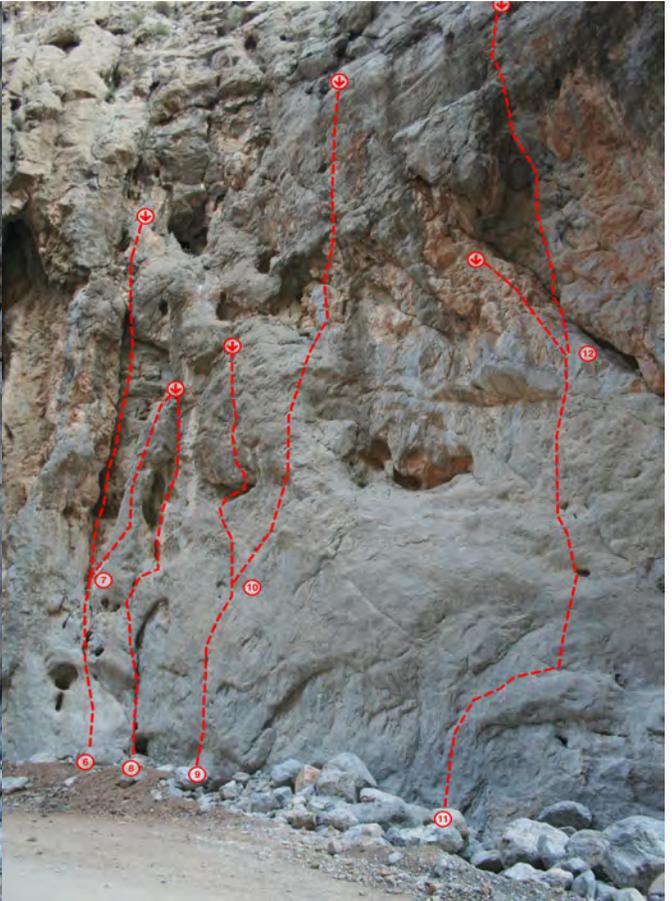
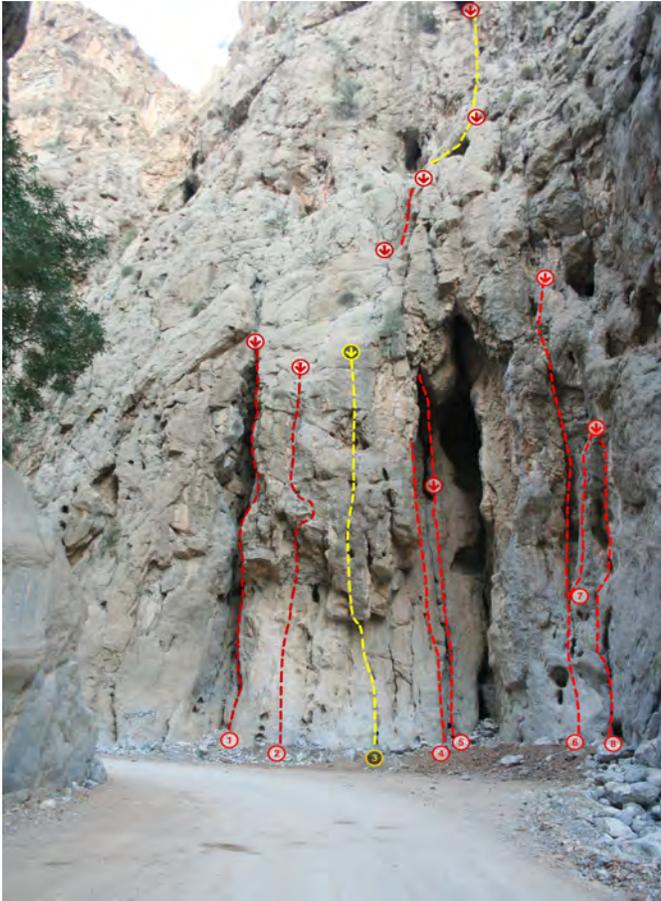
Camping: Lots

If you have a UAE resident visa you may need an entry permit prior to crossing the border. Email me your Passport and Visa copy by Tuesday night and I can arrange the permit. Brian.coones@gmail.com

GPS: 25.747676,56.278409

Directions: Directions can also be found in the UAE Climbing Guide by Bend in the Road, on mountainproject.com ukclimbing.com climbfind.com

Coming into Dibba from E87 go through the first RA turn left at the Dolphin RA. Continue Strain at the next RA then you will come to a small RA. Directly in front of you will be The Main Border crossing. You can try to get through here if not proceed to the Corniche/Seaside Border. From the Main Border follow the road to the RA by the Big Mosque. From The Corniche Border follow the road straight to the Shell/Bon Burger Gas Station. At this roundabout go left towards the Big Mosques (if you're going DWS go right here towards port) From The Big Mosque carry on straight towards mountains Just before the road abruptly ends there is a road left take this. Road will head towards dam wall At dam wall junction go right up steep hill. Go down other end Tar road will end here and turning into graded dirt track You are now in Wadi Khab al Shamis. Zero car counter at end of tar road. The road will curve left and right through wider section of the wadi and you will eventually pass the Six Senses Ziggy Beach Spa sign on your right. You will also see a new large sign stating that this road is closed to no GCC residence (yes it is closed but much further ahead). The road drops down and turns right and left and up and follows the right edge of the wadi. The road drops down again crossing the wadi and you will see a very large square boulder on your right. This is the beginning of Damian's Boulders you can park here if your bouldering. If not carry on up short hill at crest of hill the road turns right at this spot you will notice another small car park area on the left of the road this is the parking for Wadi Hilti and the Strip Club if you are sport climbing stop here (old broken houses on right). If not carry on down steep short hill with small village of goats on left and watering spot for goat on right. Follow the road for approx 14 km from where tar road ended At the 14km marked the road takes a sharp turn while crossing the wadi, on your right behind you in your blind spot is Blindspot. You can park directly under crag. Carry on past Blindspot you will eventually reach an area where the wadi becomes very narrow The Ranch is the area before sharp left hand turn. Just after the turn on the left side of the road is Bend in the Road. Carry on past The Ranch to the next narrow part of the Wadi and this is The Narrows.



1. Bare Back Rider 27m 6a FA Ilaria Zavarise 2012

Chimney climb at the bottom then it widens and turns to a face climb and narrows again back into a chimney climb. Crux is coming out of the chimney. All the bolts are to the right. Follow the direct line of bolts.

2. Hillbilly Hell 26m 6b+ FA Chistopher Pike 2012

For a harder climb stay on the direct line of bolts up the bouldery slab. For an easier climb stay right of the bolt. Up the overhang with a right heel hook to the ledge then up the groove with small holds.

3. LisFranc 26m Not Yet Graded FA Aiden Laffey

A line that I was going to bolt however Aiden Laffey climbed it on trad and am not going to bolt out of respect to his wishes for it to remain as a trad line. There are chains on this route and it is possible to top rope if you dont mid a little swing coming if you come off below the overhang. Access the chains by climbing the chimney cave and abseiling done the front from the chains on Whips and Spurs.

4. Whips and Spurs 30m Unknown

Not Finished Yet

5. Reverse Cowgirl 2 Pitches 45m 6a Bolted FA Brian Coones and Zoe Bray 2011

1st Pitch 15m Grade 5 Bolted

2nd Pitch 30m 6a Bolted Up the Chimney/Cave that exits higher up.

3rd Pitch Unknown Trad Used to access the right hand cave from above. Exit the left hand side of the cave and continue up. Lots of choss. Chains in the Cave bring you down inside the cave. There are another set of chains in the cave for lowering the next pitch.

6. Dirty Bandits 28m 5+ FA Adele Burkinshaw 2012

Follow the groove/arete then exit the slight overhang. Fun and enjoyable. Still has some small loose flakes.

7. Outlaws and Angles 15m 7a

Not yet complete. Might end it at the chains for Rough Rider or at the Chains for Dirty Bandits.

8. Rough Rider 15m 6b FA Brian Coones 2012

Stay to the left of the bolts using the obvious crack until you are slightly above and too the left of it. Rock over to get the nice big left hand pocket. Go right using a high right leg to gain access to the ledge. Stay in the corner groove. The crux section in in the corner from the 6th to just above the 7th(last) bolt.

9. Cowboy Up! 16m 6c FA Brian Coones 2012

Smooth moves with a balancy and delicate sequence. First crux is a very balancy move from a smear and a side pull to bring the left leg to the ledge and balancy over. Second Crux is pulling the overhang from the ledge. Right hand slopper and left hand crimp with high feet and throw up the left hand to the sidepull pocket.

10. Cowboy ReUp! Unknown

Not Yet Complete

11. Six Shooter 15m 6a FA Rushad Nanavatty 2011

The crux is at the start up the face on small holds mantle to the ledge. Follow up to the chains on the left.

12. Six Shooter Deluxe 30m 6b+ FA Hamad Sajwani 2012

Start up Six Shooter instead up going left to the chains follow right to the next bolt and up the overhang. The crux is at the overhang and just above it. Try not to get sucked in.

13. Hang Em' High 25m 7b

Open Project. If you get the FA please video it and send it to me.

14. Holy Flying Goats 25m 6c+ FA Brian Coones 2012

Use a clipstick or a bouldering pad and spotter for the first clip. First crux is the start to the ledge. Nice climbing with side pulls and a layback to the second crux at the overhanging section.



1. All Hat and No Saddle 30m 6a FA Christopher Pike 2012

This is currently a single pitch route with plans to make it multi pitch. Follow the direct line of bolts. For an easier climb stay to the right. Slab Climb on smooth rock to the ledge. About half way up the rock get a bit more rough. Very small hand and foot holds with a delicate sequence higher up. Pretty sustained after the ledge.

2. Pike's Pass 30m Trad 5b E1 FA Christopher Pike and Brian Coones

Follow up the smooth overhanging groove and exit. Fun climb with some hard moves.



- 1. Square Dance 8m 4b VS FA Stephan Hyndman and Jesslyn Hobson**
Really fun 8m corner crack easy to protect. No chanis, easy walk off.

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