

Blindspot

... is an obvious roadside climbing venue in the Dibba Inland area, about 5km up wadi beyond Damian's Boulders (guidebook p104). It was discovered by Gordon Rech and Hamad Sajwani who bolted the two harder lines on the violently leaning wall on the right side. Theo Giani and Marie Cerati then added the easier routes. The extended grade range makes this a good destination for mixed-ability groups.

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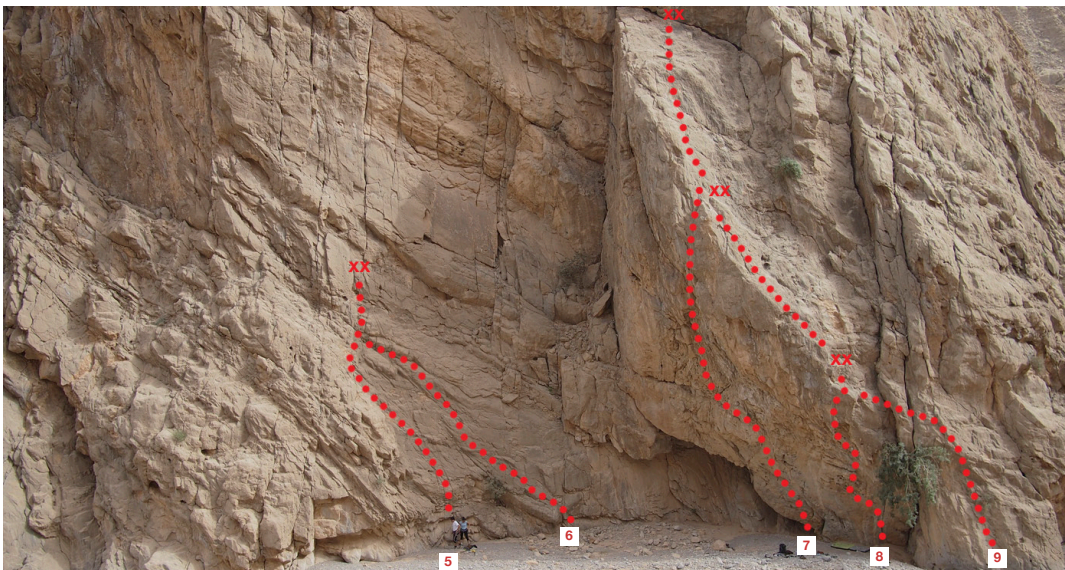


1. [not yet bolted] 15m F4
OK slab route.

3. The Strand 15m F4
Pleasant moderate slab. *Marie Cerati, Oct 2011*

2. East Karakoram 25m F4+
Fun diagonal traverse line. *Rushad Nanavatty, Nov 2011*

4. Delusion 15m F4+
Broken wall with halfway overlap. *Marie Cerati, Dec 2011*



5. Daisy Chain 15m F5+
Tricky steep start to easier slab. *Marie Cerati, Nov 2011*

6. Lily Feet 20m F5
Interesting and delicate slab climbing. *Samantha Sitterson, Jun 2011*

7. Taj Mahal 25m F7a
Sequency sustained climbing up the overhanging wall leads to a welcome rest on ledges to the left. The upper part, which is easier but still pumpy, is currently (Apr 2012) spoilt by chossy rock and very hard-to-clip bolts. The route would be very good if this part were cleaned and re-bolted. *Rushad Nanavatty, Nov 2011*

8. Duct-Tape and Jellyfish 12m F7b+
A superb power-endurance route. Start from the short crack, boulder diagonally leftwards to reach a good thread hold. Gaining the distant slopy pinch above is the crux for most people. Swing left then milk a good kneebar rest before another lurch leftwards and heinous rockover climax. (At Apr 2012 the first two bolts needed moving/chopping, but they can be skipped if a bouldering mat is available.) *Redpointed to last move several times by Gordon Rech, 2011/12. First known full ascent by Toby Foord-Kelcey, Mar 2012*

9. Death Slab One 35m F4
Meander up the slabby arete above the last two routes. Needs a 70m rope. *Gordon Rech Jun 2011 extended by Theo Giani, Dec 2011*