

SNAKE ROCK



Joe Horan on Disco Cobra. Photo by Tom Bush.



Snake Rock is a fun little granite crag that is located on the south/east side of the Corin Valley. It is a little unique for the ACT with the main buttress having sharp arêtes and corners, and a flat top. For the

most part the rock quality is good for the local granite. The new access track also crosses a charming section of the Corin creek and a number of boulders with about 30 boulder problems.

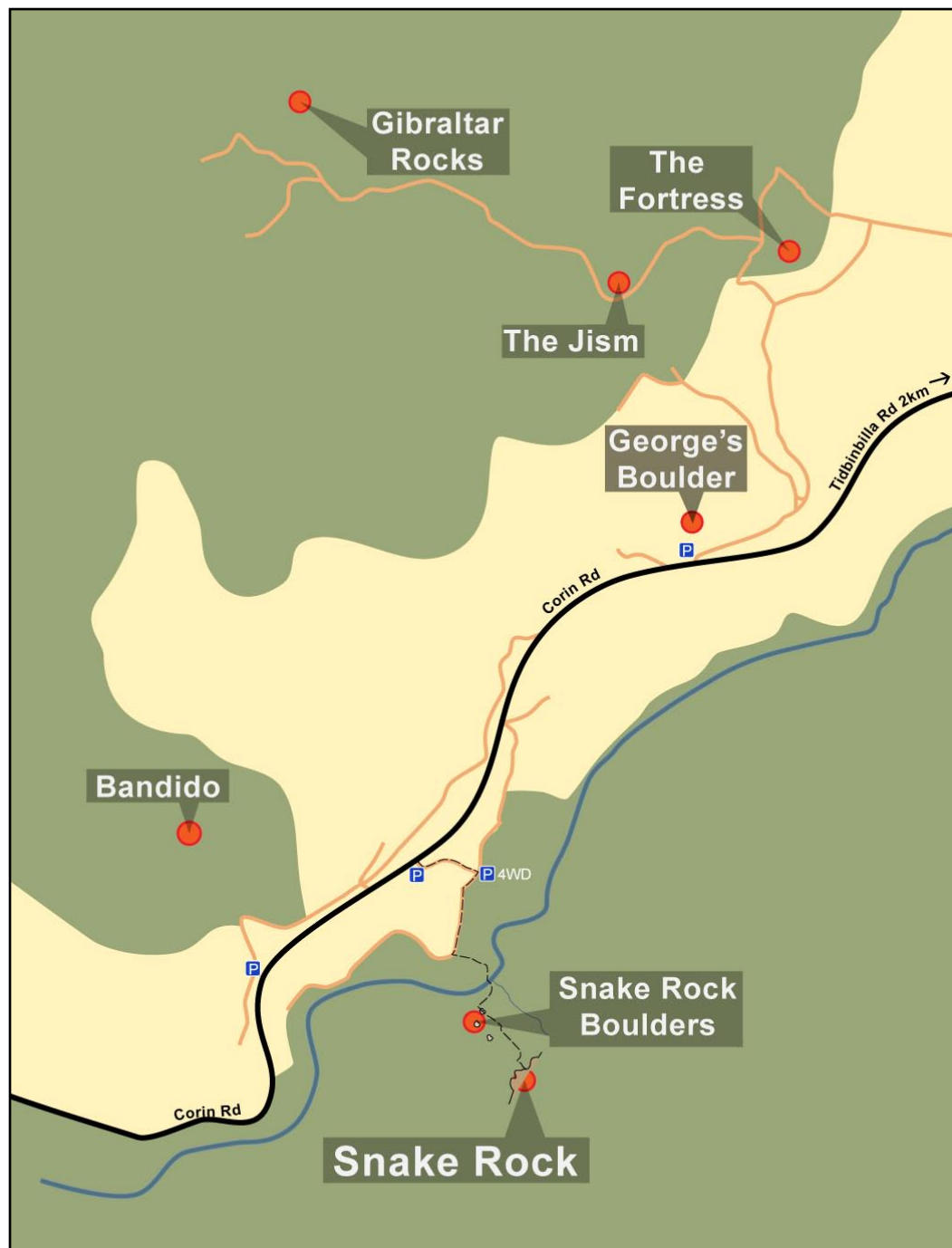
It has a range of grades with a number of easier climbs for beginners, kids and learner lead climbers. There is a mix of styles with sport climbs, natural cracks and mixed routes. Many of the climbs are very short. Top ropes can be set up on many climbs – including all the cracks.

The crag was first developed in the mid 1990's by John Churchill and Mick Peck. Justin Ryan did 5 new sports climbs in 2006-08. In mid-2012 the existing routes were re-equipped, anchors installed and a large number of new climbs put up. The development was undertaken by Justin Ryan, Dave Anderson, Dave McGregor and Oliver Story. This was an initiative of the CCA to develop accessible local climbing areas.

Snake Rock faces north-west. It is perfect on a sunny winter's day. It can be very pleasant at other times of the year when overcast or in the afternoon and evening when the heat has gone out of the sun. It is climbable on an early summer's morning. It takes about 35 min from Civic to drive to the Corin Valley and about 15 min to walk to the crag.

An initiative of the Canberra Climbers Association.

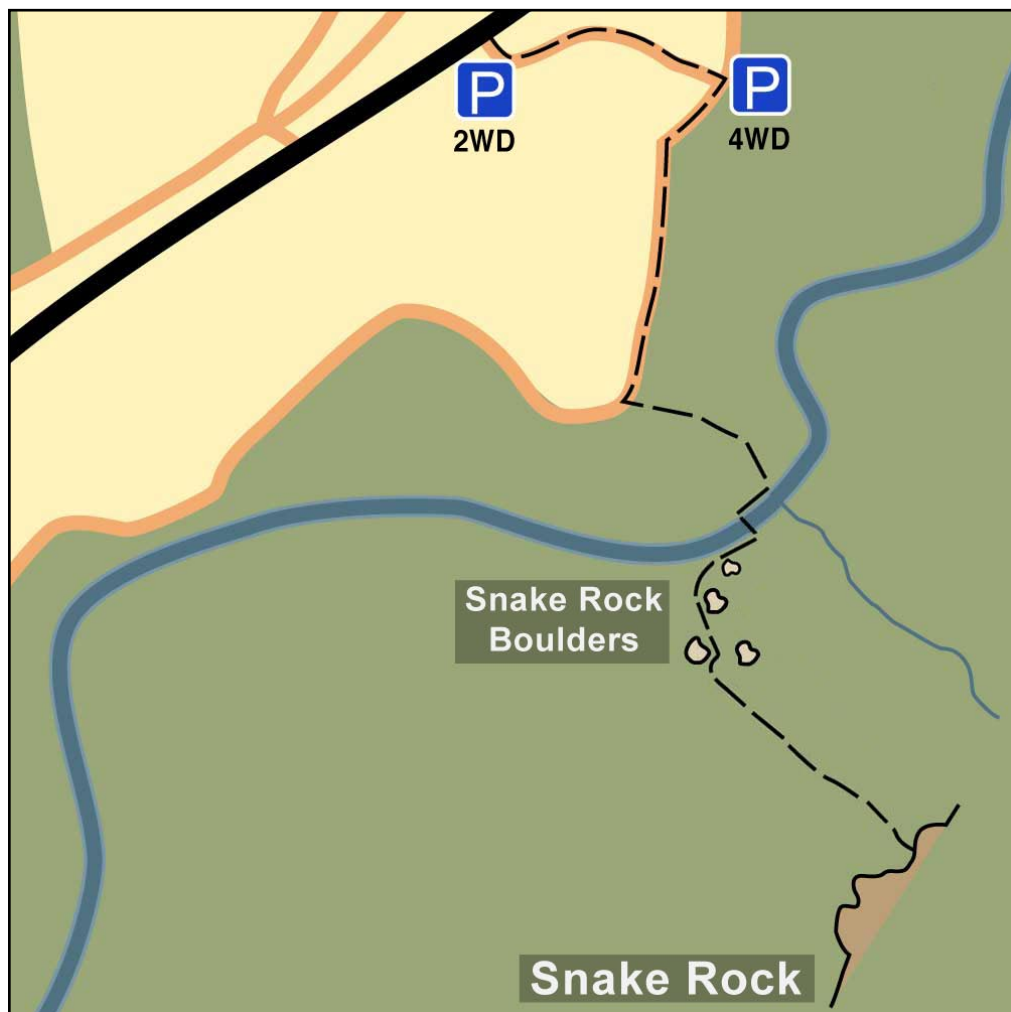




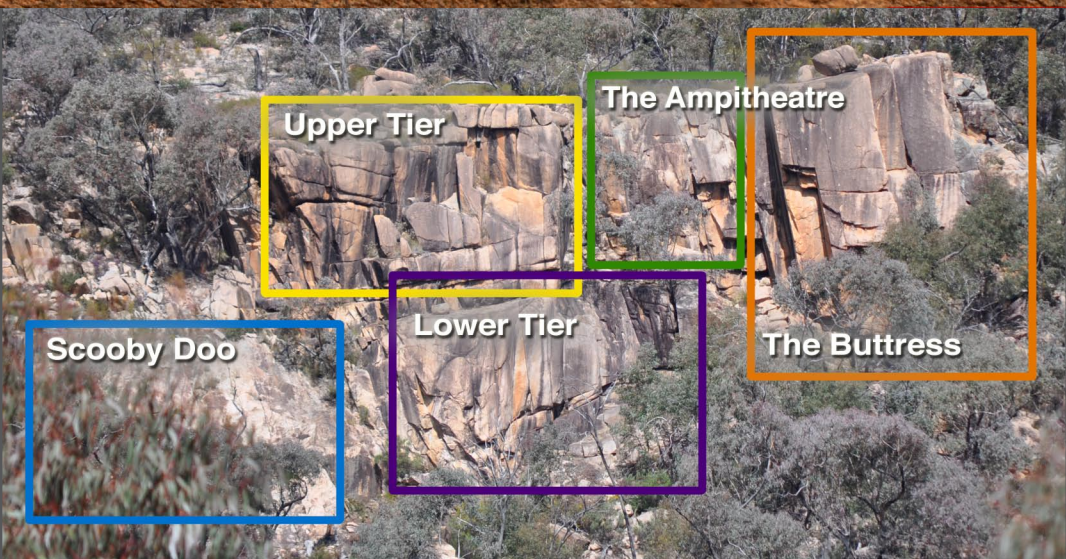
Getting There

Corin Valley is south west of Canberra. Drive out past Gordon (Woodcock Drive) to Point Hut Rd, turn right onto Tidbinbilla Rd, then left onto Corin Rd. Parking for Snake Rock is 3.9km up Corin Rd from the turn off from Tidbinbilla Rd. You can see Snake Rock on the left hand side of the valley as you drive up Corin Road. It is slightly higher than the road on the other side of the valley.

The best idea for 2WDs is to park on the side of Corin Rd at the fire trail. 4WDs can drive down the trail for 200m and park in a clearing. From the clearing turn right and walk down the hill. About 30m before the trail takes a sharp right turn there is a foot track with cairns on the left. Take this down to the creek, go upstream 50m, cross the creek and walk up through the boulders to the crag.



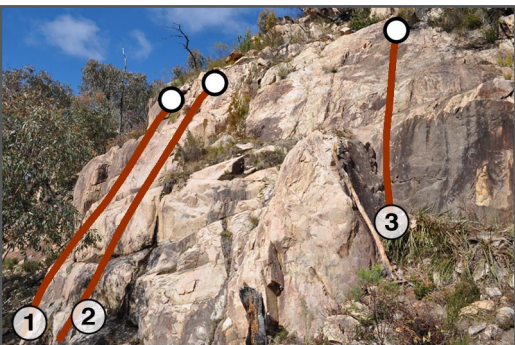
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Scooby Doo

These climbs are currently set up with top rope anchors only. They may have lead bolts placed in the future.

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| 1 | Scooby | 7 | Top Rope | 7m |
| | Technical for the grade
Willem Grant-Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 2 | Shaggy | 7 | Top Rope | 7m |
| | Willem Grant-Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 3 | Fashion Fairytale | 3 | Top Rope | 9m |
| | Ingrid Grant-Ryan 2012 | | | |



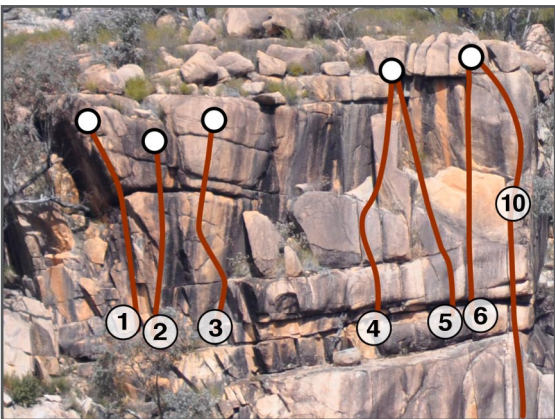
The Tiers

***WARNING:** There is a high potential for someone to fall off the ledge between the two tiers. Please be very careful when moving around on the ledge. A rope hand line can be placed from the anchor at the base of Usain to the anchors on Snakes and Ladders.*

Upper Tier

Jamaican Sprinters Wall

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|---|--|-------|-------|----|
| 1 | Yohan | 19 | Sport | 7m |
| | Rare overhanging grade 19 sports climb on granite.
Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 2 | Usain | 22/23 | Sport | 7m |
| | Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 3 | Asafa | 20/21 | Sport | 7m |
| | Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |

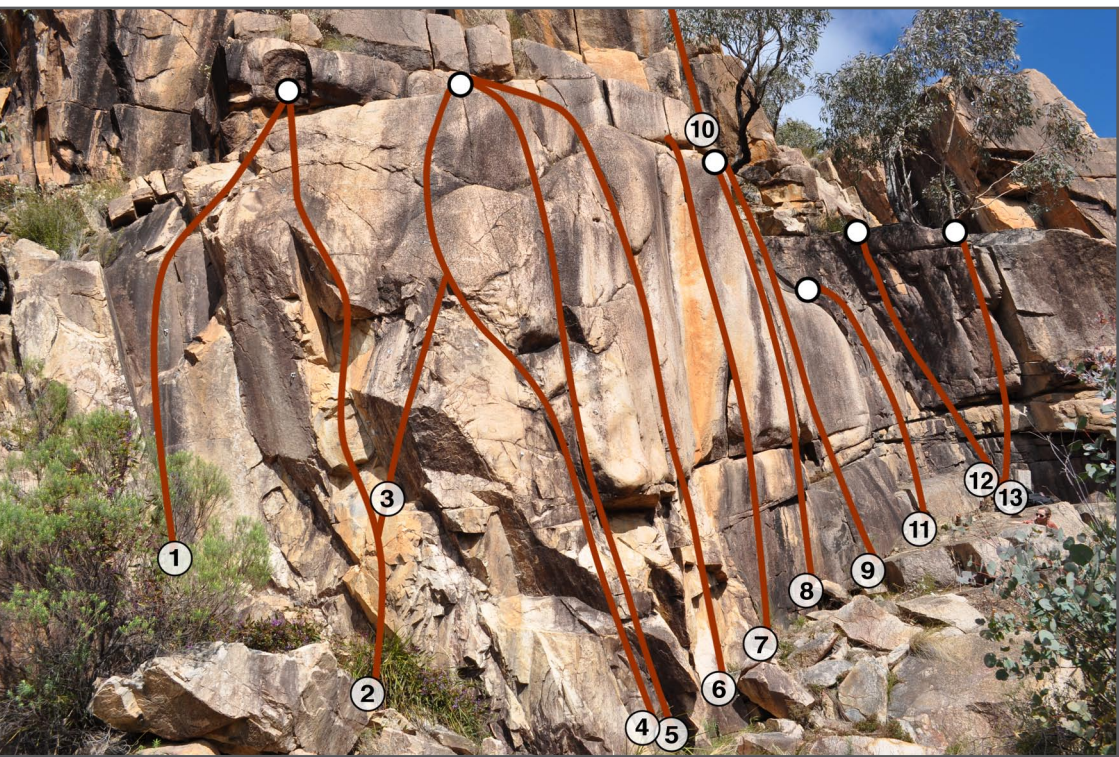


The following routes start from the ledge.

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| 4 Scaled | 14 | <i>Sport</i> | 7m |
| Dave McGregor 2012 | | | |
| 5 Non-Venomous | 13 | <i>Sport</i> | 7m |
| Dave McGregor 2012 | | | |
| 6 Twin Set | 18 | <i>Trad</i> | 7m |
| Jonathan Edwards, Jamie Valdivia 1997 | | | |

Lower Tier

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| 1 A Garden Lost | 9 | <i>Sport</i> | 7m |
| Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 2 It Was Complicated | 24 | <i>Sport</i> | 10m |
| Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 3 Conflict Therapy (hard start) | 22 | <i>Sport</i> | 10m |
| Justin Ryan 2008 | | | |
| 4 Conflict Therapy (easy start) | 19 | <i>Sport</i> | 10m |
| Justin Ryan 2012 | | | |
| 5 Little Cherie | 18 | <i>Sport</i> | 10m |
| Justin Ryan, Lionel Meynadier 2008 | | | |
| 6 Puff Adder | 18 | <i>Sport</i> | 10m |
| John Churchill, Mike Peck 1997 | | | |



- 7 Chasing Amy** 24 *Trad* 10m
Quality thin crack climbing
Jonathan Edwards, Jamie Valdivia 1997
- 8 Electra Luxx** 24 *Sport* 10m
Good holds on quality rock. Pity there is not more of it.
Justin Ryan 2012
- 9 Snakes and Ladders** 16 *Trad* 10m
Great introduction to natural pro climbing. Also easy to set up a top rope from the end of the ledge.
Mike Peck, John Churchill, Catherine Eadie 1997
- 10 Snakes and Ladders Direct Finish** 17 17m
Past a bolt and up to anchors
- 11 Jelly Bean** 8 *Sport* 7m
Dave McGregor 2012
- 12 Wires in the hand** 14 *Sport* 7m
Dave Anderson 2012
- 13 Energy Efficiency** 17 *Sport* 7m
Justin Ryan 2012

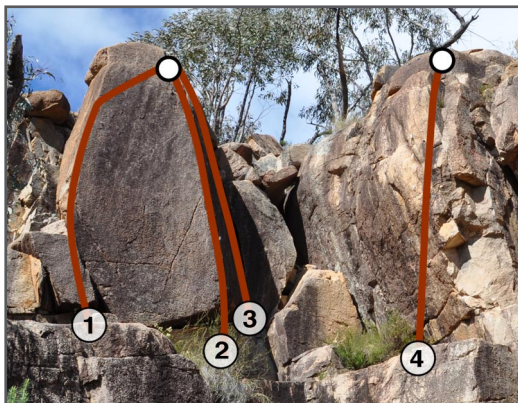


Justin Ryan on Spitting Viper. Photo by Tom Bush.

The Ampitheatre

- 1 Bergenhardia** 23 *Sport* 7m
The second bolt is a hard clip. For added safety, pull on the first draw and pre-clip the second bolt before you start climbing.
Oliver Story 2012
- 2 Copperhead** 21/22 *Sport* 7m
Dave McGregor 2012
- 3 Legless Lizard** 11 *Sport* 10m
Dave McGregor 2012
- 4 Arrow of Time** 21 *Sport* 7m
Justin Ryan 2012
- 5 Slithering Sideways** 16 *Sport* 12m
Dave Anderson- Smith 2012

- 6 Slithering Sideways Direct Start** *Sport* 10m
STILL TO BOLT



The Buttress

7 Black Adder 19 Sport 10m

John Churchill, Mike Peck

8 Disco Cobra 26 Sport 12m

Start with the first one or two bolts clipped. Technical start with a crux getting over the rooflet.

Justin Ryan 2008

9 Crawlin King Snake 23 Mixed 14m

Wires and small cams for the crack

John Churchill, Mike Peck

10 Spitting Viper 26 Sport 14m

A climb of two contrasting styles

Justin Ryan 2008

11 Snake in the Grass 20 Mixed 15m

A crag classic. Medium cams in the break.

Mike Peck, Catherine Eadie 2007

12 Reptilian 25 Sport 15m

Thin steep slab. It was bolted by Nathan Wales and Justin Ryan in the late 90's, but soon left to local slab master Dave McGregor. Shoe edging technology is important and take the grade with a grain of salt.

Dave McGregor 2002

13 Red Belly 22 Mixed 15m

Small wires and two bolts

Mike Peck, John Cherrill, Catherine Eadie 1997

14 Pythonista 24 Mixed 15m

Medium cam in the break at half height.

Oliver Story 2012



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15 One Eyed Trouserssnake 18 Trad 15m

Now with anchors for top roping.

John Churchill, Mike Peck 1997

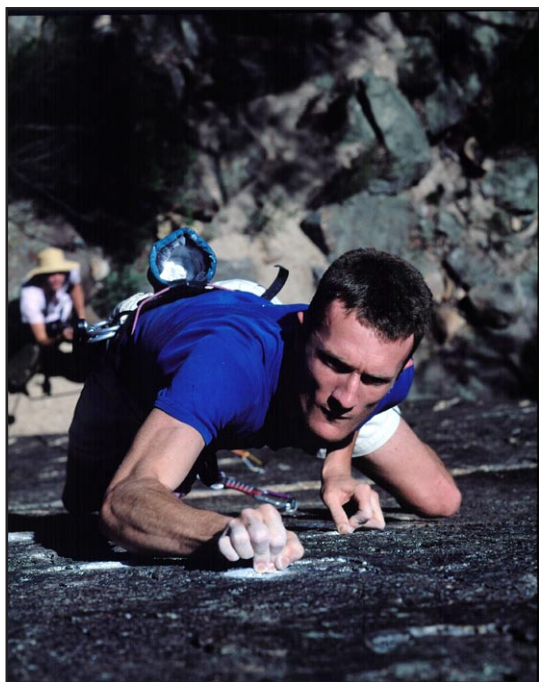
16 Snakeskin Shuffle 19 Sport 15m

Mike Peck, Catherine Eadie 1998

17 Anacondan 20 Mixed 15m

Bolder than the other routes around this grade at Snake. Small-medium cams and/or wires. On the other side of the arete from Snakeskin Shuffle

Daniel 2012



Nathan Wales on Reptilian. Photo by Justin Ryan.

