

# Taipan Wall (Gunigalg area)

## Rock Climbing Information



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## Background

There have been changes to rock climbing in Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park as part of a review of activities in the park, including extensive assessments to understand cultural and environmental values. Following assessments with the Gariwerd Traditional Owners, more than 100 rock climbing areas and 13 bouldering sites were identified. Rock climbing can only occur in these designated areas.

## Taipan Wall (Gunigalg area)

Aboriginal cultural heritage has been identified at Taipan Wall in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. This cultural heritage is important to the Gariwerd Traditional Owners represented by Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation, who have lived in Gariwerd for thousands of years.

Parks Victoria and the Gariwerd Traditional Owners have taken steps to protect this cultural heritage which has resulted in changes to site access and rock climbing routes at Taipan Wall. Access is conditional on climbers adhering to the new restrictions

## Access to climbing areas

Access is available from Camp Sandy, Mt Zero Picnic Area and Stapylton Campground. All these access points converge on to the Mt Stapylton walking track. To access Taipan Wall, proceed on the Mt Stapylton (Gunigalg) walking track to Trackside Boulders where a rock climber's access bollard is located, continue uphill following steps, until arrival at the rock climbing area within 12m of the cliff base. At this location there is signage outlining information on rock climbing access.

## Where is rock climbing permitted?

Signage has been installed which indicates areas where rock climbing is permitted and not permitted at Taipan Wall. It is the responsibility of rock climbers to know where they can and cannot rock climb.

Rock climbing is permitted at Grey and Green Walls. Access to this area and the adjoining Atomic Tadpole area is via Central Buttress only.

Access is prohibited between the Atomic Tadpole area and Taipan Wall.

**Do not access Grey and Green Walls area from Taipan Wall 'Designated Climbing Area' or vice versa.**

Rock climbing is permitted from *Gunigalg Gully Connection to Sordid Orchids* and access to these areas is via Central Buttress only. **Do not access these areas from Taipan Wall 'Designated Climbing Area' or vice versa.**

Rock climbing is not permitted at Spurt Wall. The area south of Taipan Wall, known as Spurt Wall is closed and is outside the designated climbing area. This area requires further cultural and environmental assessments. This includes the climbs south of *Naja* and Spurt Wall and extends to Afterglow. Signage on site will clearly define the boundary between the designated and non-designated climbing areas. **Do not access Taipan Wall via afterglow or Spurt Wall areas.**

**Traditional Owners have supported a nuanced approach to protecting cultural heritage values at Taipan Wall. Climbers must treat the exclusion areas with the utmost respect. Climbing in this area is a privilege, not a right.**

## What climbs are open/closed at Taipan Wall (Gunigalg area)?

Name of climb	Status	Detail
<i>Gunigalg Gully Connection</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Mission over Tokyo</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Atomic tadpole</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Posy</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Tokyo Rose</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Tokyo connection</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Ukrainian geranium</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Sordid orchids direct</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Sordid orchids</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Black adder</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Project (open) "Hanging Groove"</i>	Open	Access from Grey and Green Walls
<i>Dinosaurs don't dyno</i>	Closed	Route decommissioned due to proximity to cultural heritage
<i>Dinosaurs don't Dyno (LHF)</i>	Closed	Route decommissioned due to proximity to cultural heritage
<i>Lure Groove</i>	Rerouted	To rock climb <i>Lure Groove</i> , <i>Clean Sweep</i> , <i>Dance of Life</i> and <i>Clean Sweep Connection</i> you need to carry a slick clip to allow access to these climbs. Start as per the <i>Great Divide</i> , head left at third horizontal and continue up the small, left hand, diagonal crack to the fourth horizontal (avoid the unstable flake). Continue left and up vertical crack to the roof. Head left at the roof as far as the flake. Place cams in the roof horizontal and reach up to stick clip the bolt. Continue as per the original guidebook description.
<i>Clean Sweep</i>	Rerouted	
<i>Dance of Life</i>	Rerouted	
<i>Clean Sweep Connection</i>	Rerouted	
<i>The Mint</i>	Rerouted	<i>The Mint</i> now begins from the start of <i>The Great Divide</i> and follows the initial route description for <i>Lure Groove/ Clean Sweep</i> and <i>Clean Sweep Connection/ Dance of Life</i> (listed above). Follow this to the roof. Traverse right under the roof. Continue as per the original guidebook description.
<i>The Great Divide</i>	Open	The start of <i>The Great Divide</i> is also the start of <i>Lure Groove</i> , <i>Clean Sweep</i> , <i>Dance of Life</i> , <i>Clean Sweep Connection</i> , and <i>The Mint</i> .
<i>Divided Years</i>	Open	Approach only by rappel from above and exit by climbing or jumaring out.
<i>The Chick is Trouble</i>	Open	<i>The Chick is Trouble</i> begins to the left of a tree growing off a small ledge that is denoted with a sign.
<i>Daedalus</i>	Rerouted	Start as per <i>The Chick is Trouble</i> . Traverse right at the second deep horizontal ledge. Continue as per guidebook description
<i>The Seventh Banana</i>	Rerouted	
<i>Chinook</i>	Open	
<i>Sirocco</i>	Open	
<i>Father oblivion</i>	Open	
<i>Pythonesque</i>	Open	
<i>Project (closed)</i>	Open	
<i>Cardigan street</i>	Open	

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<i>Mirage</i>	Open	
<i>Arabic Mint</i>	Open	
<i>Orange Desire</i>	Open	
<i>Snake in the Grass</i>	Open	
<i>Hydra</i>	Open	
<i>Medusa</i>	Open	
<i>The Seventh Pillar Left Variant</i>	Open	
<i>The Seventh Pillar Free Variant</i>	Open	
<i>Seventh Pillar Direct Finish</i>	Open	
<i>The Seventh Pillar</i>	Open	
<i>The Seventh Pillar Right Variant</i>	Open	
<i>Slytherin</i>	Closed	Route decommissioned due to proximity to cultural heritage
<i>Project (closed)</i>	Open	
<i>Quetzalcoatl</i>	Open	
<i>Feather boa</i>	Open	
<i>Kundalini</i>	Open	
<i>Askleipos</i>	Open	
<i>Lawrence of Arabia</i>	Open	Do not lower into area around <i>Serpentine Direct start</i> . This only includes a small section of the traverse between <i>Feather Boa</i> and <i>Serpentine</i> .
<i>Scud Buster</i>	Descent Rerouted	Do not lower into area around <i>Serpentine Direct start</i> . This only includes a small section of the traverse between <i>Feather Boa</i> and <i>Serpentine</i> .
<i>Serpentine direct start</i>	Closed	Route decommissioned due to proximity to cultural heritage
<i>Angst left Hand Start (Project)</i> <i>Angst</i> <i>Rage</i>	Descent Rerouted	Abseil Station at <i>Serpentine</i> first pitch ledge moved north
<i>Serpentine</i>	Descent Rerouted	Abseil Station moved north to protect cultural heritage.
<i>Sidewinder</i>	Descent Rerouted	Abseil Station on the ledge of the first pitch of <i>Serpentine</i> moved north to protect cultural heritage.
<i>Sneaky snake</i>	Open	Can only be accessed from <i>Naja</i> .
<i>Naja</i>	Open	
<i>Nether</i>	Closed	All climbs south of <i>Naja</i> are closed
<i>Groovy</i>	Closed	
<i>Groove Train</i>	Closed	
<i>Snakes on a Train</i>	Closed	
<i>Snake Flake</i>	Closed	
<i>Le Serpent de' Pantalon</i>	Closed	

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<b><i>Snake Flake Southern delight linkup (Project)</i></b>	Closed	All climbs south of Naja are closed
<b><i>The invisible Fist</i></b>	Closed	
<b>Southern Delight</b>	Closed	
<b><i>Fisting Party</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Jumping viper</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>World Party</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>The World Party into Anaconda</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Constrictor</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Anaconda</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Forked Tongue</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Mt T</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Mr Joshua</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Sheek Naja Ket</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Project (formally known as the Old Dog)</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Tourniquet</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Venom</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Rattler</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Rattlesnake Shake</i></b>	Closed	
<b><i>Kaa</i></b>	Closed	
<b>Spurt Wall (all routes)</b>	Closed	The area south of Taipan Wall known as Spurt Wall is closed and is outside the Designated Climbing area. This area requires further cultural and environmental assessments. Rock climbing is not permitted in this area until further advice. This includes the climbs south of <i>Naja</i> and Spurt Wall and extending to Afterglow.
<b>Afterglow Wall (all routes)</b>	Open	Access is only permitted from the south/ Between the Sheeps area. Access is not permitted from Taipan Wall/ Spurt Wall areas.

## Further information:

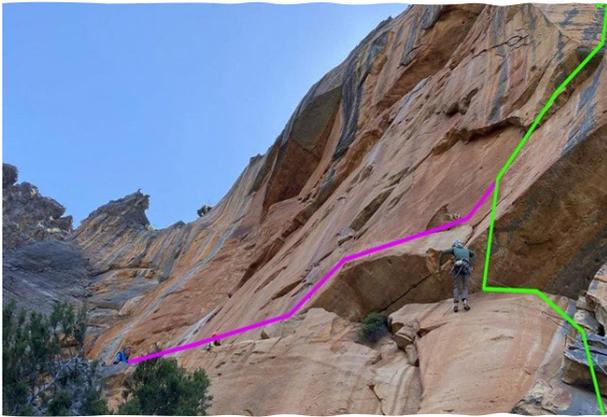
Please see the next page for images showing changes to climbs and exclusion areas.

For more detailed information regarding rock climbing in Gariwerd please refer to the Gariwerd

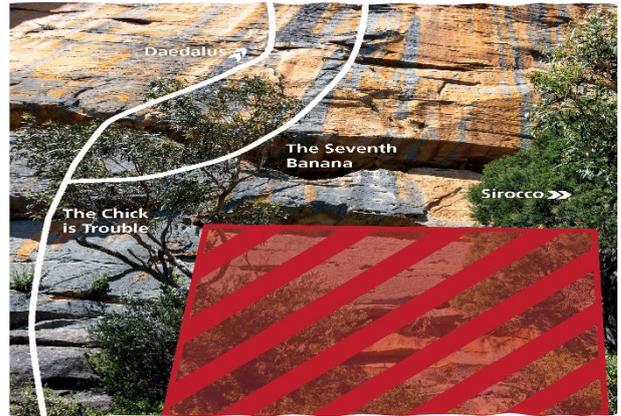
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## Dance of Life

New route is highlighted in green  
 Closed route is highlighted in purple

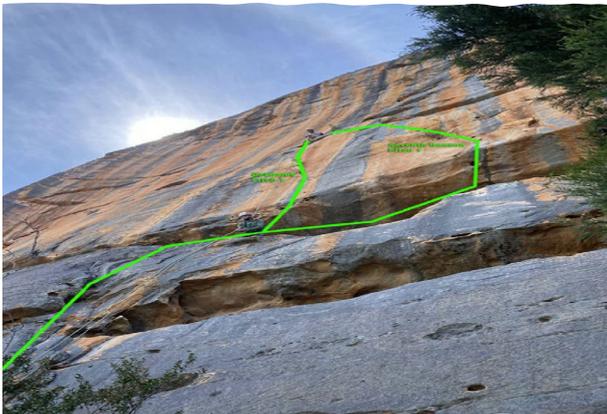


### Exclusion Zone 1 – No climbing area



## Daedalus and Seventh Banana

New route is highlighted in green

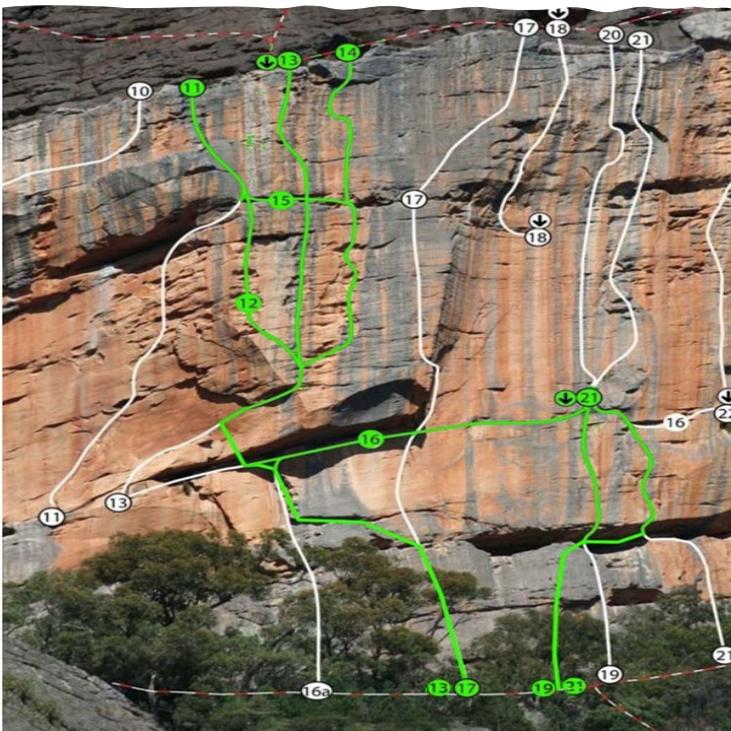


### Exclusion Zone 2 – No climbing area



## The Great Divide, Dance of life and the Mint

New routes are highlighted in green (Source: The Crag)



### Exclusion Zone 3 – No climbing area

