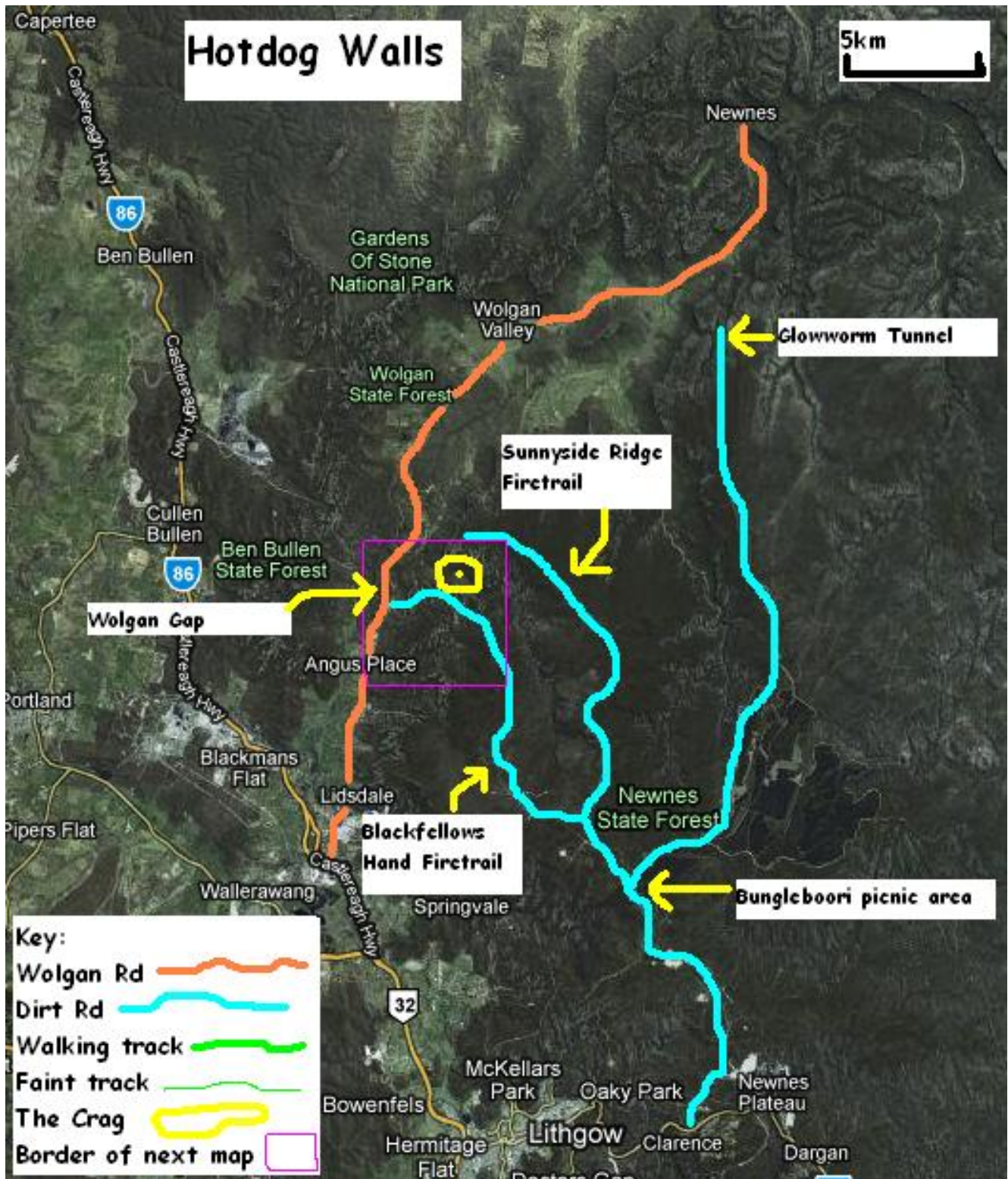


Hotdog Walls



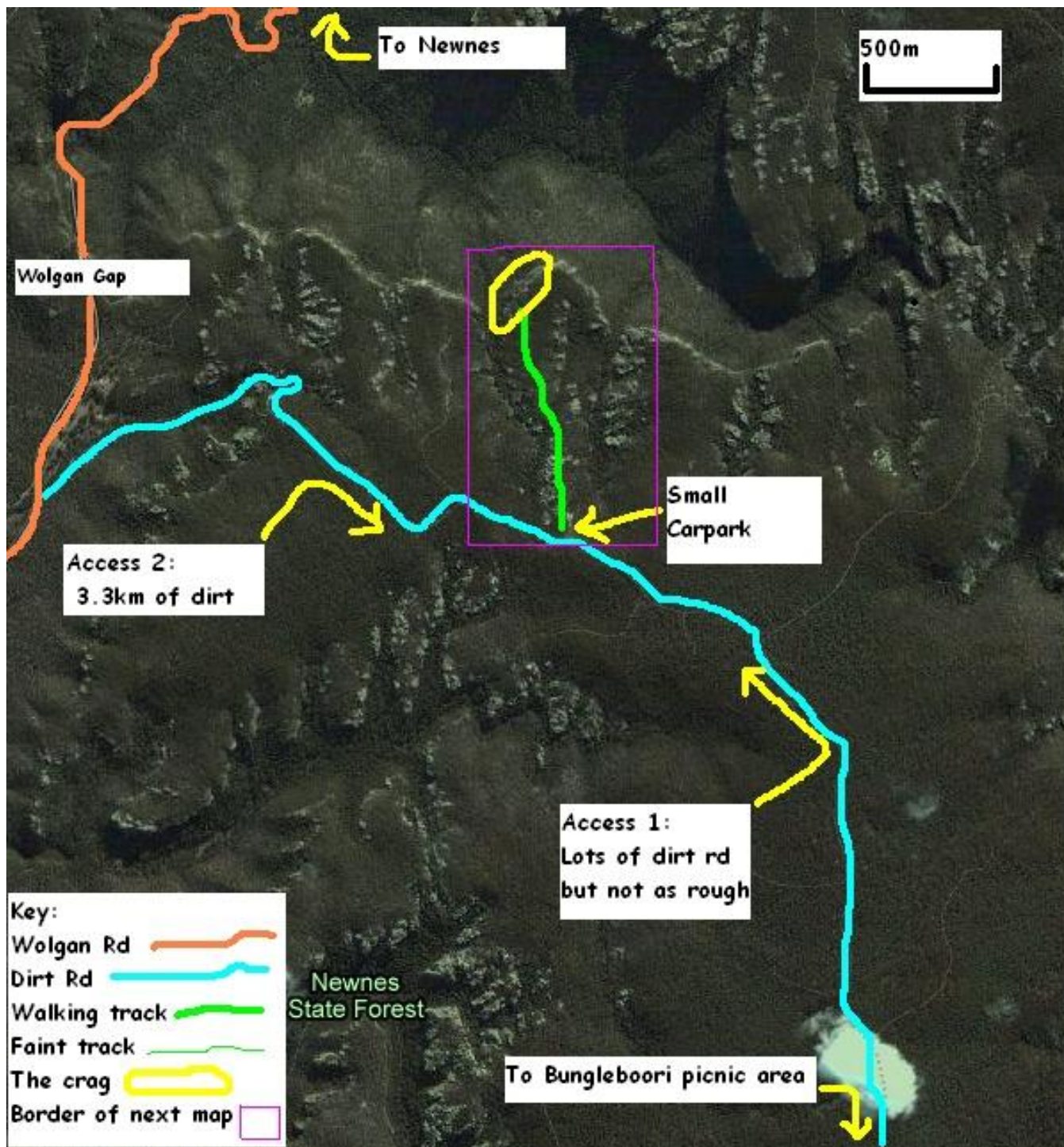
A new climbing area on the rim of the Wolgan Valley. One hour five minutes drive from Katoomba and a flat 20 minute walk along a ridge with crazy pagoda rocks. 13 routes in total from grade 11 to 23. To view photos of the climbs visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/brendanhelmrich/>



Grid references are from Topographical Map - Cullen Bullen 2nd Edition

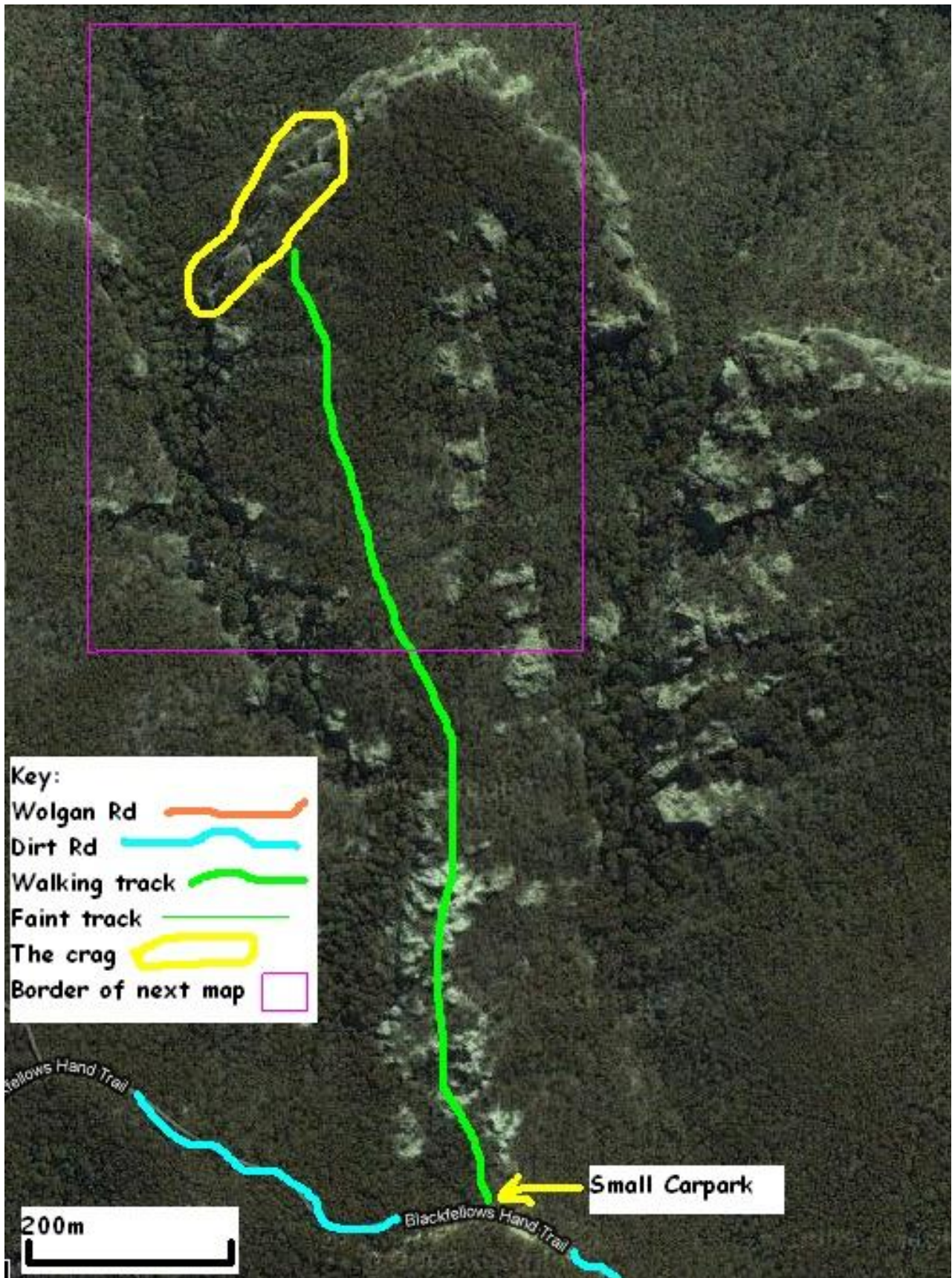
Access 1: (2wd) Find your way to Bungleboori picnic area on the Glowworm Tunnel Rd, Newnes Plateau. Reset your odometer and turn left into Sunnyside road. At 2.6km the road splits. Take the left road which is Blackfellows Hand Fire Trail. Follow this until 13.7km where the road starts to go downhill and left, there is a small parking bay on the left with a small gum tree (GR 333088).

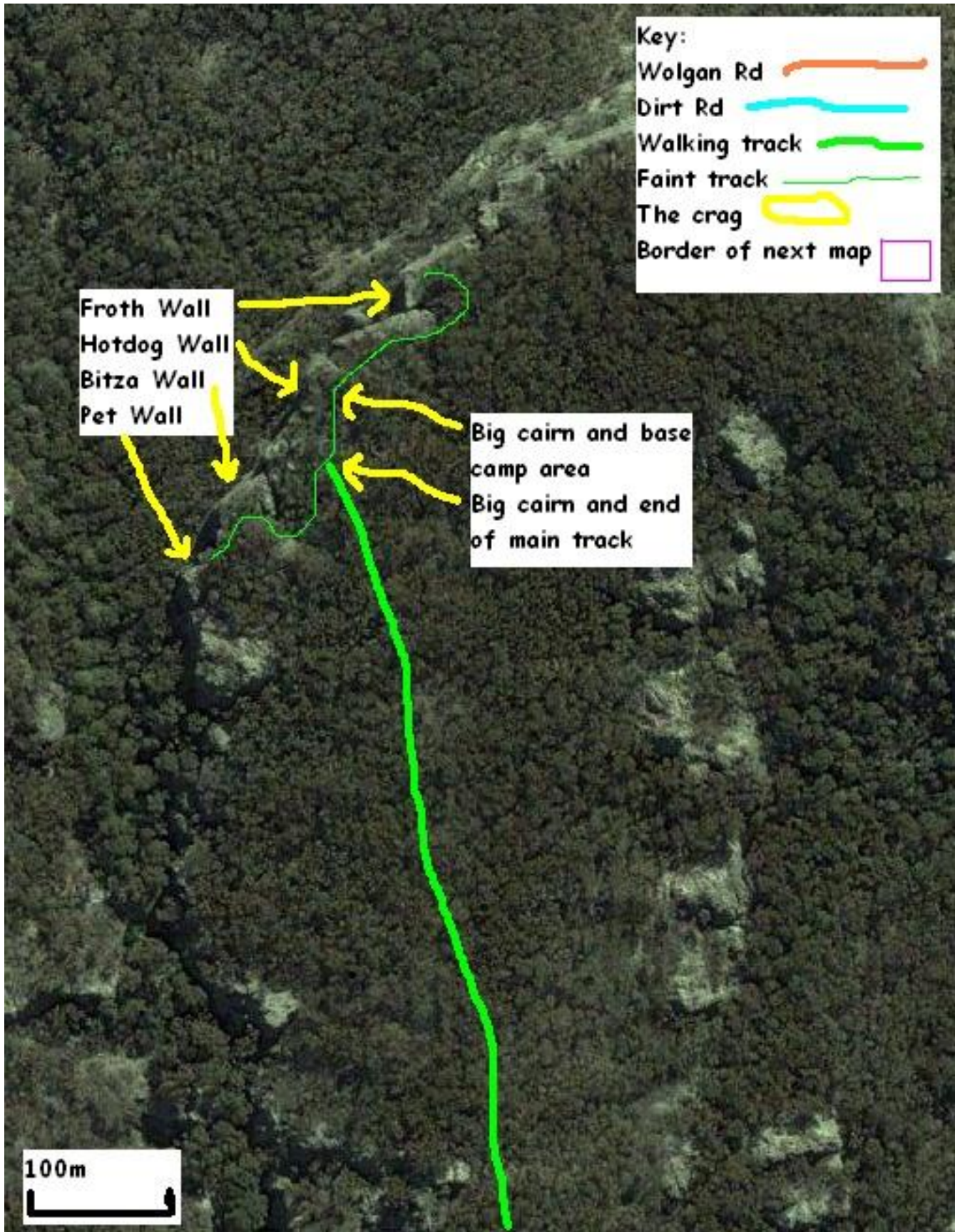
Access 2: (2wd most of the time if you have a bit of clearance) Turn onto Blackfellows Hand Fire Trail a km before Wolgan Gap. Drive for 3.3km As you drive up a hill covered in waterbars, it will turn rightward, there is a small Carpark on the righthand side.



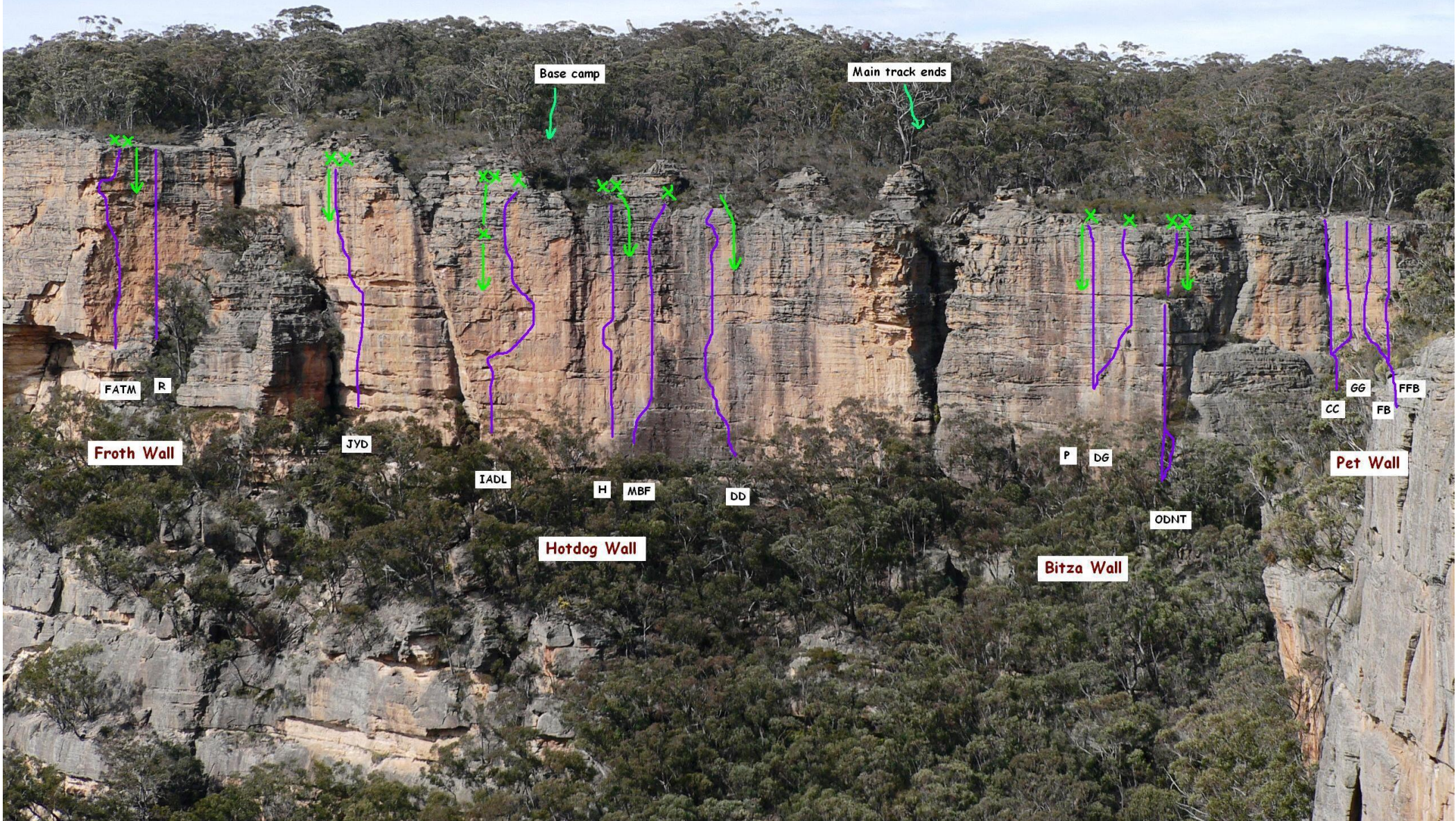
Opposite the Carpark is a ridge heading north covered in pagoda rocks. Follow cairns and marked track along ridge to GR 330099. Comfortable 20 mins walk.

The track begins by following a motorbike track for about 50m, which then veers left. Look for cairns at the base of a couple of gum trees going straight ahead along the ridge. The cairns weave in, around and over the pagodas for a few hundred metres then continue along the ridge.





Hotdog Walls



Base camp

Main track ends

FATM

R

Froth Wall

JYD

IADL

H

MBF

DD

Hotdog Wall

P

DG

Bitza Wall

ODNT

CC

GG

FFB

FB

Pet Wall

Routes are described from left to right (base of cliff).

Rap in and climb out.

Take a few rope protectors.

All routes start from ledges or semi hanging stances.

Mixed gear routes.

You will need a rack of wires and friends #00 to #4 with doubles of #1 #1.5

Bolts are glue in stainless steel bolts requiring bolt brackets. Plus one carrot

Cliff faces N/W. Don't go on a hot summer's day!

Froth Wall (Orange wall at left end of crag)

Foaming at the mouth 35m 21

Has all types of rock, solid, chossy, iron stone etc. Great position but take care. Originally had 7 bolts. Brendan did a classic self sandbag, felt weak, got scared on some runouts with suspect rock and cried for a top rope. It now has 12 bolts and is much more pleasant.

Anchors: 2 belay bolts at the top. 2 belay bolt at base (spacious ledge 8m off the ground)

Access: Rap down the wall between Foaming and Rabies

Straight up the line of scoops, 3m right of the arete. 12 bolts plus micro cams and #2.5 friend.

Up past 9 bolts then micro cams in horizontal, up to #2.5 friend at large break (long sling required). Move left and easily up pockets then back right. Through overlap and up past 3 bolts.

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Rabies 33m 21

Nice straight climb with some good moves.

Anchors: 2 belay bolts at the top. 2 belay bolts at base (small ledge 8m off the ground)

Access: Rap down the wall between Foaming and Rabies

Up crack, small to medium friends and wires. Straight up past 7 bolts.

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Good looking orange rock to the right of Froth Wall past pillar.

Junk yard dog 38m 23

If we only had young forearms again. Cruxy. Good fun.

Anchors: 2 bolts at the top. 2 belay bolts 37m down and 15m above the ground on small footledge.

Access: Rap down the wall and swing right 3m when nearing the belay.

13 bolts and a friend #2.5 after 11th bolt.

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Hotdog wall (Main Wall)

It's a dogs life 40m 23

Very nice wall. Sweeping orange expanse at the left end of Hotdog wall. Has some sporting runouts in the upper half, so bring some extra undies and have fun.

Anchors: One bolt and tree belay at the end of the route. One belay bolt plus #2.5 friend at base (semi hanging belay) Note: anchor is high.

Access: Locate 2 rap bolts a few metres back from edge. Abseil down steps and dinner plates or scramble with a prusik for approx 12m to bolt on ledge one metre above where vertical rock begins. Rebelay/attach rope to bolt and continue to rap another 28m to small ledge 8m above the ground (you will need to swing and clip a bolt about 10m above the belay stance to be able to reach the belay anchor).

10 bolts and 2 cams. 5 bolts then #3.5 friend after another metre, 3 bolts, #3 friend after another metre, 2 bolts. If you hate rope drag, unclip 3rd bolt runner after you clip the 4th and put long draws on the 6th and 7th bolts.

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Hotdog 35m 20

Nice climb.

Anchors: 2 belay bolts at the top. 2 belay bolts at base 8m above the ground. Semi hanging belay.

Access: Rap down from Hotdog anchors.

Friends #1, #1.5, #3 and #4 plus 8 bolts.

Go left at second cam break then back right.

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Mans best friend 35m 19

Great route. Good warm-up.

Anchors: One belay bolt at the top plus a #3.5 friend. 2 belay bolts at base 8m above the ground on ledge.

Access: Rap down from Hotdog anchors.

Rack of wires and small friends plus 8 bolts.

Up crack then step right at the bulge towards a bolt. Up past bolts. Veer right after last bolt to anchor.

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Dirty Dog 38m 21

Has a sting in its tail.

Anchors: Tree belay at top. 2 bolt belay at base. 8m above the ground at the base of the flake/crack. Semi hanging belay.

Access: Use tree belay anchor. Rap on the right hand side of the bulging rock at the end of the route.

6 bolts and a rack of friends, doubles on #1 and #1.5. Up flake/crack which trends left. Straight up orange rock. Need to look for gear in upper half. Take some extender quickdraws. Go left after last bolt or straight up to add a grade or two.

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Bitza wall

Pedigree 18m 16

Good wall for a warm-up.

anchors: One bolt plus cluster of small gum trees 5m back at cliff top. 2 bolts at base of route semi hanging.

Access: Rap down 1/2m left of the route.

Rack of friends plus 3 bolts. Up

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Dog gone 20m 16

anchors: One bolt plus medium gum tree 5m back at cliff top. 2 bolts at base of route semi hanging.

Access: Rap down 1/2m left of Pedigree.

Rack of friends #1 to #4. Up 2m then diagonally right for 5m. Up past 3 bolts.

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Old dogs new tick 35m 22 or 19

Some fine arête moves.

anchors: 2 bolts at the top. Natural belay at base of arête/crack on small foot-ledge. Wires and small friends.

Access: Rap down the right side of the route.

11 bolts. Up. Optional belay at 20m.

A nice 19 if you climb the crack then traverse to the arête just above 2nd bolt. (Using crack for gear or second bolt).

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Pet Wall (Compact wall at right end of crag)

Canine corner 23m 11

Not a bad little corner despite appearances.

Anchors: Tree belay at top. Large ledge at base

Access: Rap down Georgie Girl

Rack of cams and wires. Up the crack. The start is unprotected unless you have some very large cams.

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Georgie Girl 23m 19

This was going to be the crag warm-up at 16.

Anchors: Tree belay at top. Large ledge at base

Access: Rap down slot right of Georgie Girl

4 bolts and small to medium gear

Up easy wide crack then small to medium gear in crack (need sling to extend).

Large jug on right plus a bolt. Straight up past another 3 bolts, then last piece is Friends #1 and smaller in horizontal.

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Fluff Ball 25m 21

A few thin moves up an aesthetic wall.

Anchors: Tree belay at top. Take #1 and #1.5 friend for belay at the bottom, 10m above ground on good ledge.

Access: Rap down arete and **preclip first bolt**

Start as for Fiery Fur balls. After third bolt veer left a couple of meters via #4 friend and small cam slot, then straight up past 6 bolts

Mark Wilson and Brendan Helmrich October 2010

Fiery Fur Balls 25m 21

Anchors: Tree belay at top. Take #1 and #1.5 friend for belay at the bottom, 10m above ground on good ledge.

Access: Rap down arete and **preclip first bolt**

7 bolts, sling, friends # 0.5 #1.5 #2.5

Start 1m left of the arête. Past bolt then #1.5 friend then sling over big jug. 5 bolts then slot the #0.5 and/or #2.5 friend in the horizontal, one more bolt to the top.

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