

Fortress Creek, Tom Thumb Tower

Aw Well - Grade 12, 135m

Takes a route starts 15 M to Left of Tom Thumb, directly to the left of the abseil descent.

Pitch 1: 15m Start on the arête 5m to the left of the last abseil from Tom Thumb Tower at AW mark. Climb on large jugs, well spaced natural pro. Belay at wall.

Pitch 2: 40m Start on 5m vertical wall and climb to left of overhang to arête on large jugs, at grassy ledge (use caution due loose boulders) move right and climb to wall above third abseil belay rings - belay from small block. Well spaced natural pro.

Pitch 3: 40m Climb on large jugs to left of overhang - crux is move onto easy face past ledge at left side of the overhang. Well spaced natural pro. Belay from wall near second abseil rings.

Pitch 4: 40m Shift belay to chimney gully 10 metres to left/ 5 metres up from second abseil rings. Climb short chimney and traverse left to easy wall with several small trees. Continue on large jugs & well spaced natural pro to belay at large boulder at top.

Alan Silva, Roger Green Alt. Leads 11 Apr 2010

Photo: Alan Silva just past crux leading Pitch 3. The final pitch of the Ramp is seen in the background.



The Ramp - Grade 13, 135M

Takes a line starting 4 Metres left of Aw Well and follows a parallel path up the to final pitch where it exits up an obvious ramp that traverses the orange head wall. The route is unbolted.

Pitch 1: Start 4 Meters left of Aw well. Climb up wall to obvious break in bulge on good jugs. Easy rambling to belay at Banksia tree. Grade 10

Pitch 2: Climb directly behind belay. Wander up easy angled wall on good jugs to main terrace. Grade 10

Pitch 3: Scramble up terrace to belay below obvious corner on left. Climb wall to left of corner on good jugs. Belay in corner adjacent to the start of the Ramp. Grade 10

Pitch 4: Make a low traverse on good jugs to gain easy angled ramp. Proceed up ramp on good protection to bulge on airy perch. Climb very exposed bulge then make a low traverse across lip of overhang to the sculpted rock of the final ramp section. Ascend easily to top. Grade 13.

Roger Green, Alan Silva alt leads 17th April 2010



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Photo: Hayden Brotchie

Black Solid Line: Aw Well Grade 12, 135m

Blue Solid Line: The Ramp 13, 135 m

Black Dotted Line: Abseil descent route 3 pitches, 2 x 50m ropes required

White Dashed Line: Tom Thumb Grade 12, 150m