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## Mount Roe

This mountain is one of the great southern monoliths containing acres of granite and two distinct summits. Both the northern and southern summits have higher and lower cliffs separated by very distinct ramps and the

longest climb on the cliff 'Roe Couloir'.

It is suspected that Mount Roe was used by Air Observers during WWII as evidenced by the smoke canisters at the base camp fire place.

The climbing is not as abrasive as Franklin or Lindsay, but it is

more exposed. There is great friction without losing your tips.

The climbing is typically sustained until it kicks back. When it eases off it's really pleasant. You gain beautiful vistas over the forest. You can see the soaring eagles.

The lines are all reasonably different.

Access is easy and there are lots of slabs and walls. Some are edgy and totally different such as *Awesome and Infamous*.

While there are only a limited number of places where you can start from the deck and access the cliff, there are extensive boulder fields waiting to be explored.



*First purchase supplies*

## Northern Summit

### The Home of the Black Dog 30m 19

Delicate and exposed climbing up the arête on the north side of the northern summit, which looks

as smooth as a baby's bum. 7BR to DBB. It has only had one other ascent. M. Rosser, J. Truscott 19 Feb 06

### \*\*\*Awesome and Infamous 40m 24

The world famous line on the west end of the northern summit with steep, sustained and humble climbing. It is almost as good as a Kick Arse Kirup Syrup. Smoke lots of cigarettes before leaving the ground. The crux is gaining the higher horizontal break. When you think it is over, it is not. Start right of the flake. Crank and friction to the first horizontal break on 3BR. Traverse left on 3BR. Up on 4BR to DBB. Led with draws pre placed by Matt Rosser and Google Roe on 15 Apr 06.

## Southern Summit

### No Room in the Freezer 25m 19

Descend the southern ramp from the summit to the first obvious corner crack which is only 16 until you get to the bolt. Take a

selection of nuts, friends and slings. Climb up and delicately around or over the bulge. Traverse left until you can climb directly up. Balancy moves to the top with one BR. J. Truscott, M Rosser 15 Apr 06

### Southern Summit - West Face Project

Start at the bottom of the South Summit ramp at the finish of WOTBCDS. Pumpy climbing up the left rising crack

### Southern Summit - East Face Projects

The two thuggish cracks on the eastern side of the south summit

## North Buttress

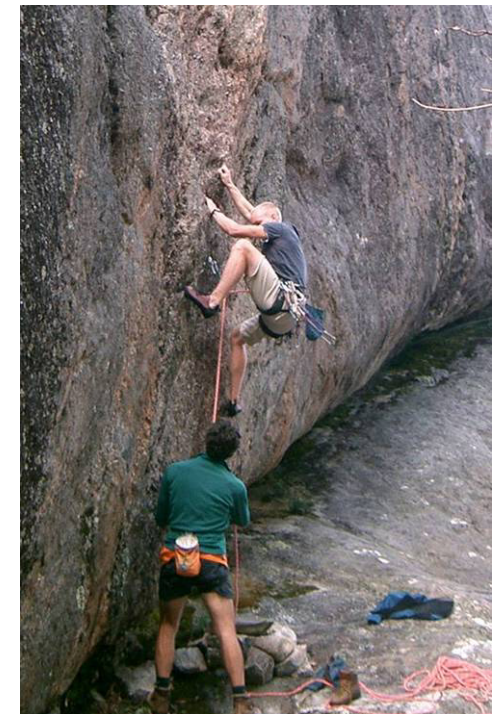
### West Climb 33m 17

Start about 15m left of a table like slab at the base of the crag, at a short right sloping crack. Climb up and slightly left to a series of hollows. Traverse about 3m diagonally left to easier ground and protection in a crack

above. Up awkward bulge where easier climbing leads to the ledge and boulder belay. J. Watson, K Palmer 1 Jan 74

### Little Tree Loves Me 75m 15

(1) 40m 15. Start as for WC. Climb up past small shrub to belay on the very big ledge on small boulders at the left end of the upper face. Scramble to the



*Neil & Jon start a line*





Neil takes Roe Highway

right hand end of the upper face.  
 (2) 15m 12. Climb up crack to the gully between the twin summits.  
 (3) 25m. Scramble to the north summit. S. Bontes, G Drake 16 Jan 03

### **\*Judgement Day Panic Room 55m 17**

Start 50m north of the campfire below the under cling about 2m above the deck.  
 (1) 35m Climb up into the large bowl and continue up the wall above. 8BR & 1½ and 2 Friends to DBB  
 (2) 20m Scramble to the ramp  
 J. Truscott, M. Rosser 28 Dec 05

### **Project**

Start as for JDPR and head up the RHS side of the bowl.

### **Project**

The series of pockets to the left of NPFGM.

### **\*\*No Place for Girlie Men 60m 22**

It's physical; you know that you have been climbing and it goes up with a well defined and stylish crux. It has all the elements of a great climb in a fantastic wilderness setting. Originally graded 23. It has since been climbed twice.

(1) 35m 22. Start at the base of the vertical flake at the LHE of the slanting cave opposite the fireplace. Traverse right after the 3<sup>rd</sup> BR and delicately up to gain the powerful under cling just above the 5<sup>th</sup> BR; from where you reach up high to the right to gain a positive edge. 7BR and 2-3 larger wires to BB and 3½ Friend.

(2) 25m 15. Continue up with 3BR to belay on block

M. Rosser, J. Truscott (alt) 27 Mar 05

### **\*\*\* Roe Highway 65m 22**

Start 5m right of NPFGM. A modern day classic and high speed avenue of approach. Sustained and varied climbing makes for a real pearler of a route. It has had two other ascents.

(1) 30m 22. Launch from the cairn on a series of positive holds. Continue up on a mixture of reachy and delicate stances. 8BR to DBB.

(2) 35m 11. Scramble up right of the cave with BR and small Friends to DBB.

M. Rosser, J. Truscott (alt) 1 Jan 06

### **Boya Boys Bash Bolts 18/15 70m**

Start near the campfire.

(1) 30m 18. Boulder up from the gum tree to the overlap, place some Friends and clip the BR. Commit on small edges to gain the slab above. Alternatively (15) turn the overlap to the right by using the bolt on PIITSOS and then traverse back left. DBB in the scoop.



Jon - No Place for Girlie Men

(2) 25m 14. Climb up to the right with 3BR and 3½ Friend to belay on PISTSOS.

M. Rosser, J. Truscott (alt) 15 Apr 06

### **Trust Me, I'm a**

#### **Cartographer 55m 16**

Between BBBB and PIITSOS goes up past 2 Mammut bolts. A. Rokich 1992

#### **\*Paradise is in the Shadow of Swords 70m**

Start 10m from the campfire just to the right of the overlap.

(1) 25m 19. Climbing all the way up the right trending slab with some reachy friction moves. 7BR & #1 Friend to DBB on ledge. (2) 25m 18. Lumpy and bumpy with delicate stances. Juggy finishing moves up the head wall. 8BR & #2 Friend.

M. Rosser, J. Truscott 28 Dec 05

#### **\*Roe Couloir 85m**

The Couloir separates the North and South Buttress.

Blast up the water streak between the two summits. It was bolted for an ascent in hot rubber and has only had one other ascent.

(1) 40m 18 12BR to DBB

(2) 45M 16 15BRto DBB

M. Rosser, J. Truscott (alt) 18 Feb 06

### **South Buttress**

#### **Carrots are a Girl's Best Friend 60 m**

(1) 25m 18. Start at RC.

Traverse delicately up right then straight on up. 8BR to DBB behind the large block. Take a wire of wider plate for the 5<sup>th</sup> clip. (2) 35 m 14. Continue on up with 4BR to DBB. J. Truscott, M. Rosser 15 Apr 06

#### **Adventure School 45m 15**

Climb log against face to belay on ledge. Up slab to obvious break in the skyline about fifteen to twenty metres above where the first protection can be placed. Up through the breaks over on to easy slabs till a large crack is encountered that can be followed to the left up a small wall to the belay position. (The same as for Screaming Grog Pockets). D. Moyses, M. Brebner, I. McCann 1992

#### **Icarus Rescues Adonis 40m 19**

Start as for WOTBCDS but head up towards the sun. 9BR plus ½ dozen small and medium Friends to DBB. Delicate climbing past

the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bolts. M. Rosser,  
J. Truscott 19 Feb 06

### **Screaming Grog Pockets**

45m 18

Right of IRA. M. Brebner, D.  
Moyes, I McCann 1992

### **\*\*We Own the Beach;**

#### **Charlie Don't Surf 70m**

Start at the big Marri tree just  
downhill from the large log  
leaning against the face.

(1) 25m 20. Follow the rising  
right trending runner with a  
series of high step ups and some  
bold friction moves. 9BR to DBB.  
(2) 35m 18. Continue up and  
turn the lip on runnels to finish.  
7BR to boulder belay.

M. Rosser, J. Truscott 27 Dec 05

### **Unnamed Slab 45m 18**

Bold slab somewhere near  
blocks leaning against wall. D.  
Moyes 1992

### **Southern Crack Project # 2**

100m

Start just below the tree which is  
10m above the deck and growing  
in the cliff. The left rising  
undercling crack which goes all

the way up to the southern  
summit ramp.

### **Southern Crack Project #**

**2.1 100m**

Start just below the tree which is  
10m above the deck and growing  
in the cliff. The crack which goes  
straight up through the skyline  
head wall.

### **\*Gunner Roe's Route 200m**

The razor like rib at the very  
southern end which forms the  
southern arête. It was probably  
first done as a mountaineering  
expedition by a Committee of  
Rock Climbing Scholars in the  
absence of Japanese attacks in  
1943.

(1) 40m 17. Start at the very  
bottom of the slab for added  
value, then head up the rib with  
5BR and wires to DBB.

(2) 35m 12. Continue up to an  
Observation Post. 2BR to DBB  
(3), (4) & (5). Scramble up to the  
southern summit.

J. Truscott, M. Rosser 1 Jan 06



FA by Gunner Roe

## Base Camp Boulder Area

### Base Camp Boulder 9m 23

The overhung crack beside the fireplace. S Bontes 16 Jan 03

### Son of Taipan 16 10m

Just right of BCB. Thrutchy crack climbing to FB. J. Truscott, M. Rosser 31 Dec 05

### Treescott 15 10m

Start right of SOT. Tree Runner and BR to FB. J. Truscott, M. Rosser 31 Dec 05

### Projects

The left, back and right sides of the boulder

## Access

Locked gates bar access to Roe Rd. Park at either the:

- Thompson Rd and Roe Rd junction; or
- Rockey Rd and Roe Rd junction.

Walk or cycle to the access track located on Claude Rd. Track is marked by a cairn and or tape. Cycling is preferred as Roe Rd is in good condition.

The access track is approximately 2.5km from the Rocky Rd gate or 9km from the Thomas Rd gate.

Note that locating Rocky Rd can be confusing due to the large number of logging coop roads that go nowhere. It is worth checking this out on Google Earth prior to heading south. Notwithstanding this the map opposite works.

CALM appears to be closing and opening Rd as is their want however permission can be sought.

