

Smack My Pitch Up (20) 120m Sublime Point, Laura.

A fun climb with great exposure, up the steep and interestingly featured wall left of Sweet Dreams. Well protected with ring and U-bolts. Faces south-west, no mid-winter sun, a.m. shade in summer. Take a dozen quickdraws, helmets, prusiks, a long runner or two, and some double slings for equalising bolt belays. Don't risk factor-two falls at hanging belays! – clip a belay anchor, and first bolt early before leaving belay. The route can be rapped to the ground from any point with a single 60m rope, though some bolts would need to be clipped on descent to stay on line and against the wall. Walk in, don't try to rap. Efficient party of two - 4 hours car to car.

Update 21/6/10: All bolts are high quality 10mm 304 Stainless Steel, meticulously glued. Some light surface rust has become apparent (only on the rings) and is due to intensive polishing with a non-stainless wire-brush after fabrication, which in hindsight deposited ferrous material into the surface which has now weathered. This is unfortunate, but be assured purely an aesthetic issue!

Approach - 30m past Sweet Dreams and about 80m after the cable traverse, just left of a steep orange nose. Start as for Whympier. 25 mins walk in from carpark.

1) 25m (18) First pitch of Whympier. Head diagonally rightwards past U bolts through roof and around arête, up corner to ledge and 2 U belay on right.

2) 26m (18) Plumb-line up black wall on ring-bolts to DBB.

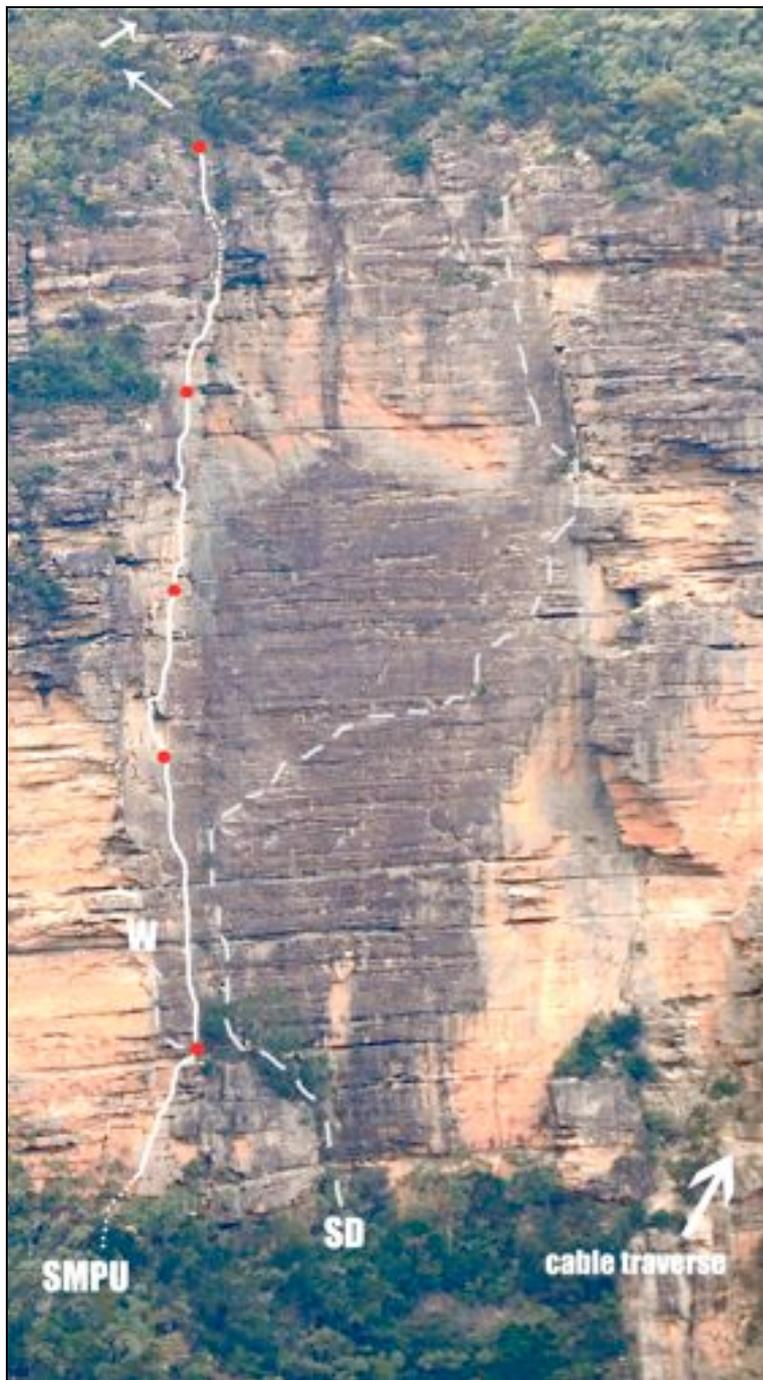
3) 21m (18) Up and left under roof on orange rock (clip 60cm runner on third bolt to minimize rope drag). Bridge up into corner of roof and traverse right through lip and onto wall above and DBB.

4) 23m (20) Trend slightly right past interesting features and small overlap, to good holds and stance under roof. Strenuous moves left onto black wall above and up past flake (caution!) to DBB.

5) 25m (17) Fun juggy climbing through steps, to corner with short pocketed wall on left. Bridge up then step right onto final short wall and up toward tree. A final U-bolt is hidden just below cliff edge, as a

directional. Recommend sling belay from tree 5m further up slope, and extend yourself back to edge with the rope (take extreme care with loose rocks!).

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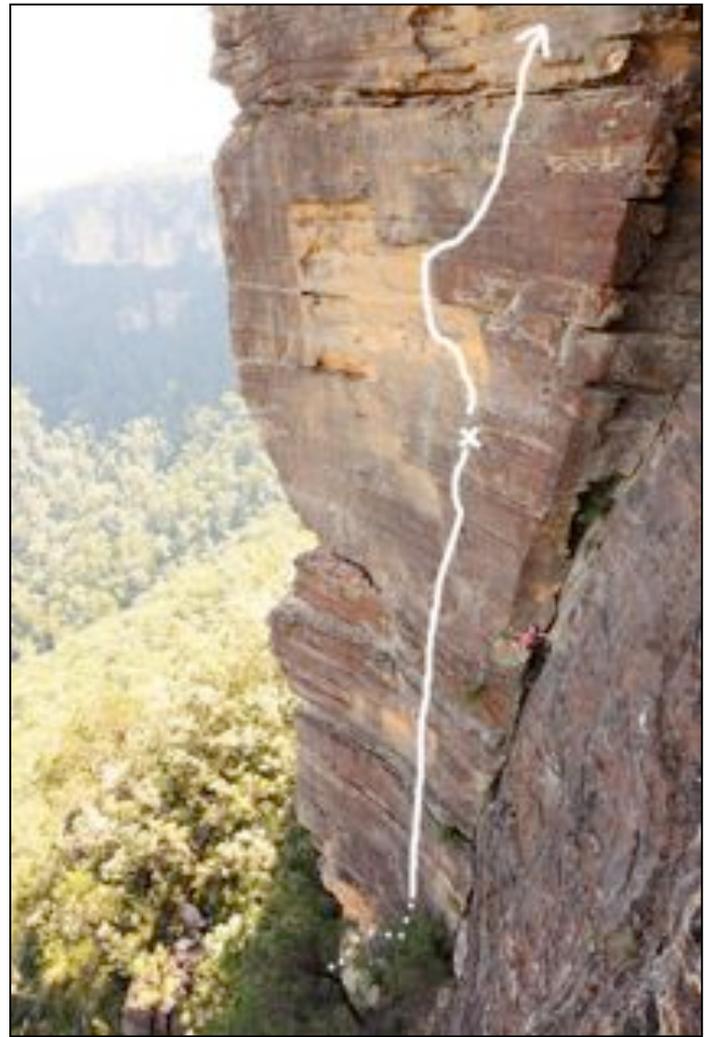


Walk off – from tree, up and left a few metres, then scramble right up boulder onto rock platform. Obvious track up and right to main track (<1 min). Turn right to lookout and carpark (<5 mins).

Note: If careless, there is a risk of rock fall onto the first belay (shared with Whympier). Pitch 3-5 are directly above pitches 2 and 3 of the popular Sweet Dreams. Take extreme care if climbers are below you! Belays 2-4 are semi-hanging stances, and for comfort the route isn't recommended for parties of more than two.



Looking down pitch 4 from belay



View of pitch 2 and 3, from Sweet Dreams



Looking down from below the crux roof, Pitch 4.



Looking up at roof moves, Pitch 3