**FIRECRACKER FREE ‘*23*’**

**WITTEBERG, CAPE**

***HILTON DAVIES***

**Approach:** Approach as for Exposure in F Major.

**Start:** The route starts about 5m left of Exposure in F Major and about 5m right of the original Firecracker P1.

**Pitch 1 20m 17:** Start up a shallow recess with a clean, blunt arête to the left. Head up the recess then a nice wall to land on a ledge;

**Pitch 2 30m 19:** Go to the right and up an easy break to a ledge. Come back left a bit and then up towards the left end of the roof. Below the roof traverse right and stance just beyond it;

**Pitch 3 20m 20:** Make a difficult start up the overhanging rock on the left and then climb the obvious big crack. Top out and make a semi-hanging stance on the left;

**Pitch 4 25m 22:** Head up the overhanging wall and straight up to a hanging stance with a good rail for cams;

**Pitch 5 25m 18:** Head up the messy recess to an overhang, climb up to the left of it, then up and right, then up and onto the Blocky Tower for a ledge;

**Pitch 6 25m 21:** Head out left over the void, then up the attractive brown dihedral. Then exit left onto a blunt arête and then up to a rail. Traverse right until above the previous stance, to make a hanging stance;

**Pitch 7 35m 23:** Climb the chimney on the right. Meander upwards on tricky ground then head up a bit leftwards towards the big obvious notch in the overhangs. Find an original piton. Climb the overhanging blocks (hard) then onto easier ground. Head up rightwards to a comfortable stance below a big roof;

**Pitch 8 30m 18:** Traverse right off the end of the little ledge to gain the vertical break. Head on up;

**Pitch 9 100m** Amble up.

**Descent:** As for Exposure in F Major.

**First ascent:** Andy Court, Guy Paterson-Jones and Hilton Davies, 19-20 January 2019