

ADRIAN'S SOUTH WALES SRT GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

South Wales is not an area noted for its SRT potential, but there are a number of trips where SRT is appropriate. I have therefore put together this guide to supplement other publications which describe ladder and lifeline. lifeline.

The guide is up-to-date to the best of my knowledge. More topos will be added over time, and topos will be updated as and when caves are re-bolted. Please let me know if you find any discrepancies or errors and I will make corrections as necessary.

Disclaimer: As always, take care to inspect all bolts and other fixed aids before use. Publication of these topos does not imply that the bolts are in a satisfactory condition to use, nor that the cave can be rigged safely as described.

KEY TO RIGGING TOPOS

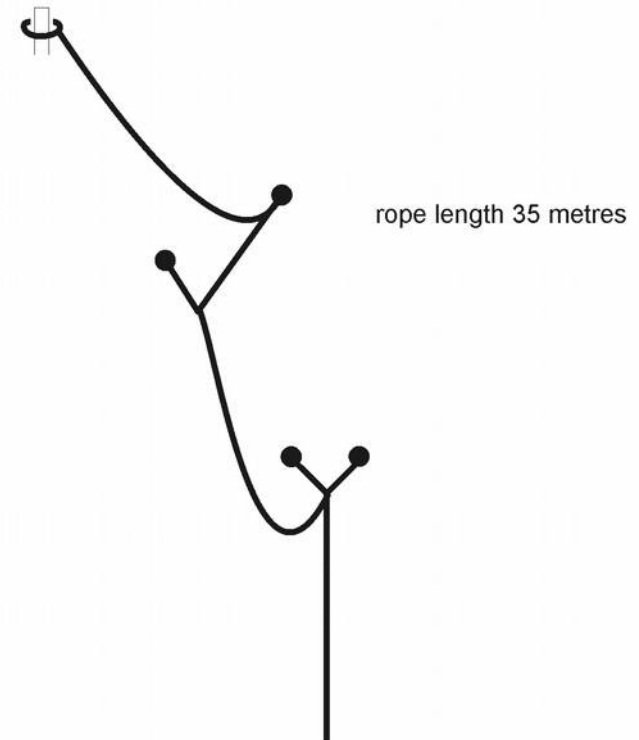
	Stake belay
	Scaffolding bar belay
	Natural thread belay
	Other natural belay
	P-bolt
	M8 spit
	Thru bolt with hanger or rawlbolt
	Deviation
	In-situ rope
	Normal or recommended configuration
	Alternative configuration

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PANT MAWR POT

ENTRANCE PITCH

A stake just outside the fenced enclosure allows the climb down to the pitch head to be protected. The rope runs over the edge of the pitch head where a rope protector could be used, but is not really necessary. It is only a short distance to the main Y-hang, where there is a convenient rock bridge to stand.



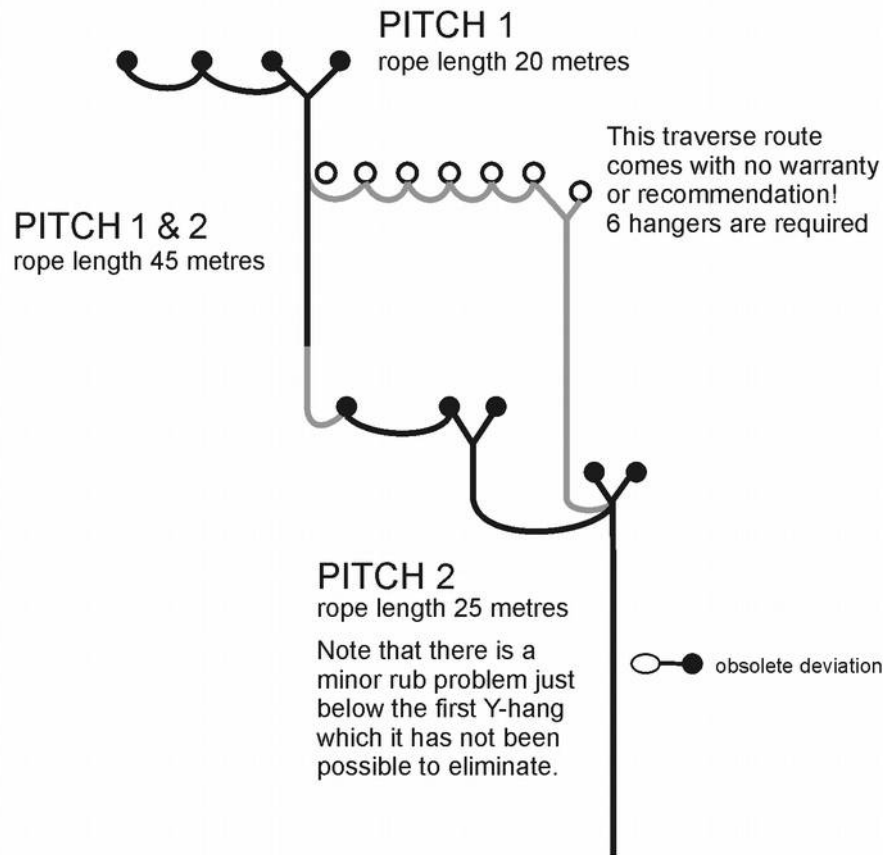
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GENERAL POINTS

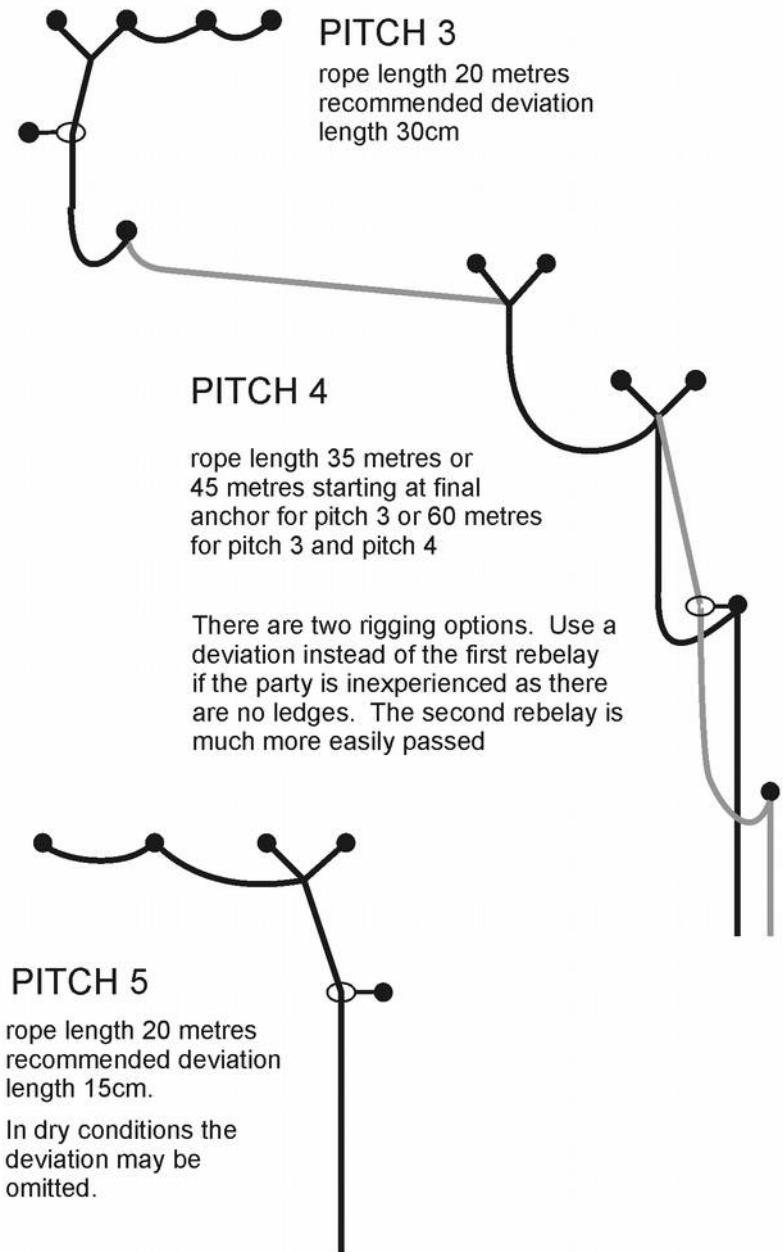
It is possible to rig pitches 1 to 4 on a single 105 metre rope. The two pitches most worth combining are 3 and 4, as a rope is quite helpful when re-ascending the rift between them.

There is an alternative route on spits down the right hand side of pitch 2 which is often wet.

It should be noted that the rock is generally rather shattered around the top of pitch 2, and the whole area should be treated with caution.



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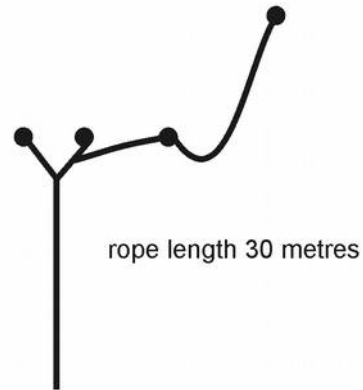


LLANELLY QUARRY POT

ENTRANCE CLIMB

There is one P-hanger for the Entrance Climb. It is not necessary to rig the climb, but a long sling or a 5 metre rope may be useful to some parties.

MAIN PITCH



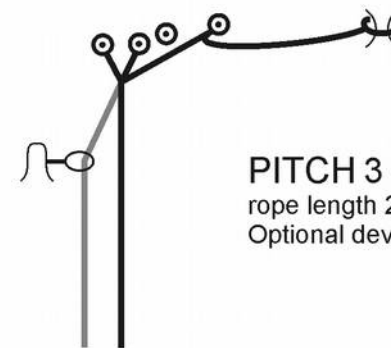
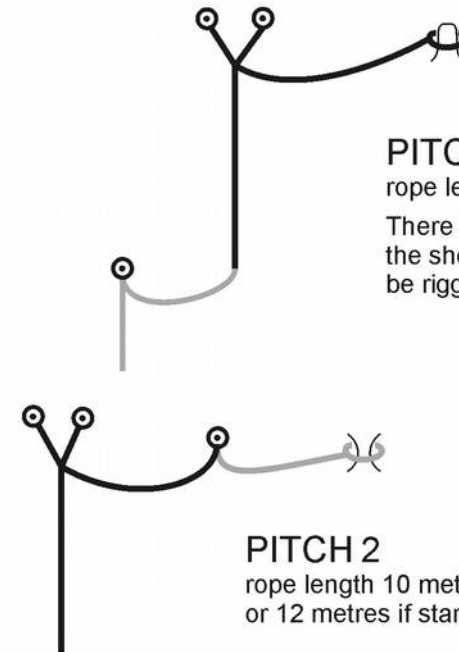
The Main Pitch starts with an assisted free-climb down to the head of the pitch proper. There is still an iron bar in place for the original ladder hang.

TOTEM AVEN

This is a series of 4 pitches ascending from the streamway.
1st pitch is a 17 metre free-climb in a narrow rift.
2nd pitch is 5m and is free-climbable with care. bar/chain belay.
3rd pitch 6m is free-climbable with care. thread belay (sharp edges).
4th pitch 6m needs handline or SRT. There is an ascending line of spits if a trustworthy in-situ rope is not in place.

OGOF NANT RHIN - Pont Gam Entrance

Pitches are straightforward, but jagged rock throughout cave tends to catch on gear.

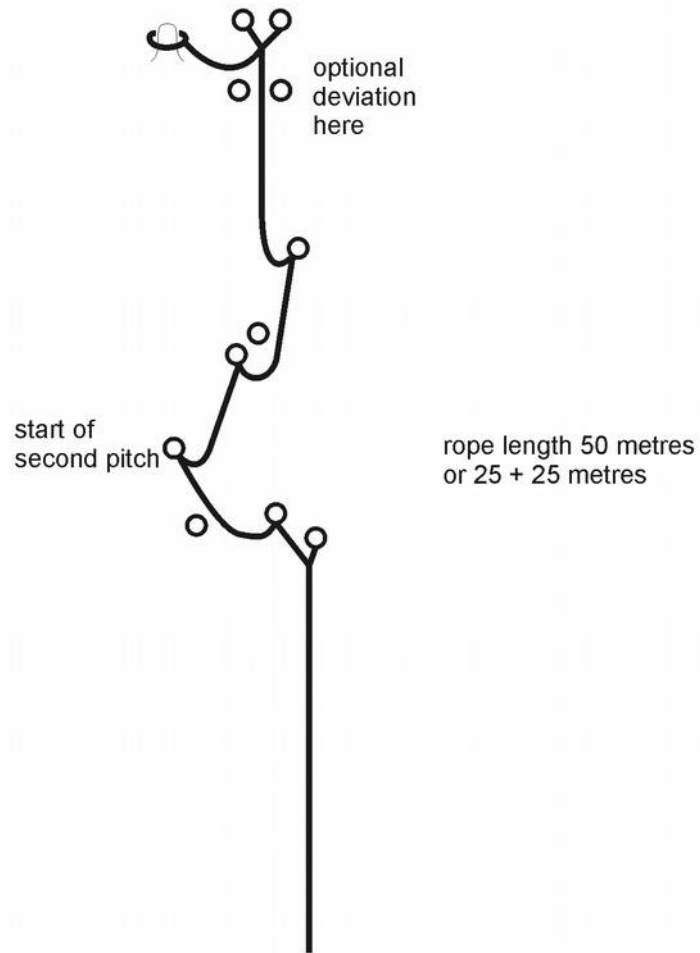


OGOF GARN-Y-BICA

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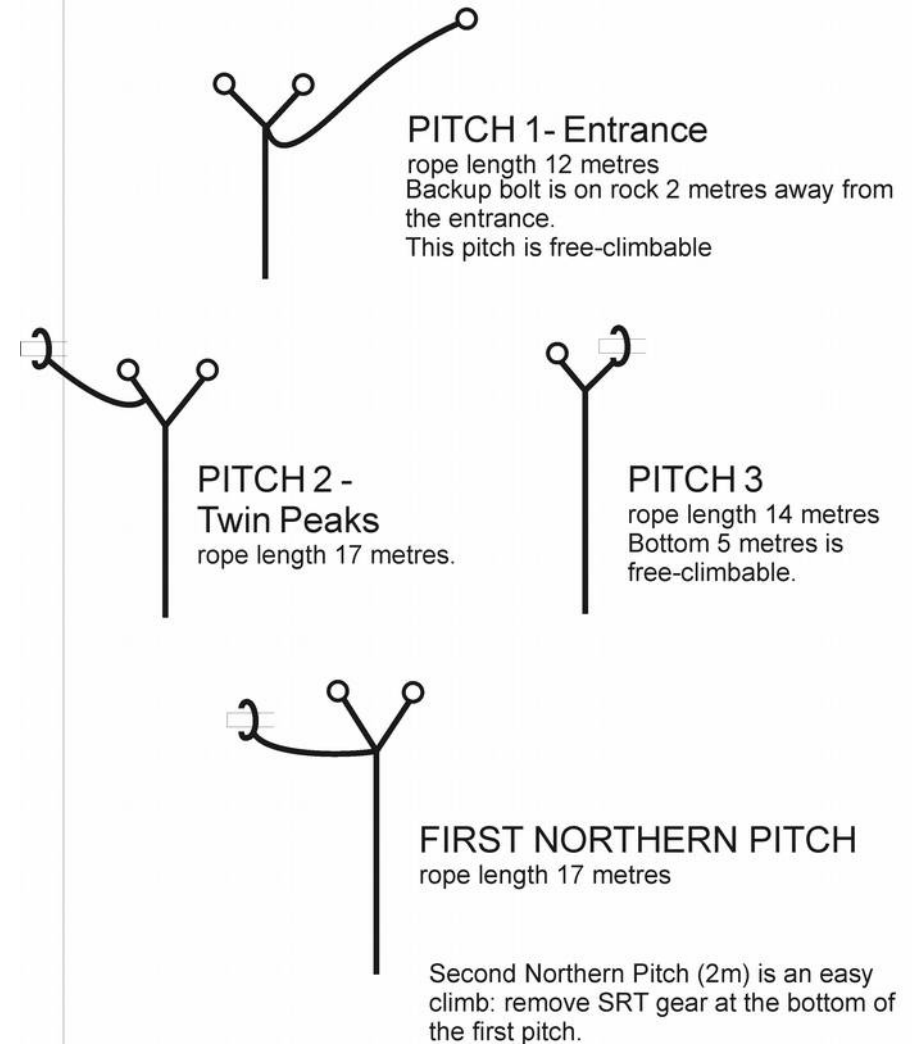
FIRST AND SECOND PITCHES

Now has some extra spits to allow the cave to be rigged for SRT more satisfactorily. Some unused spits are shown to indicate which to use. At the time of writing there are some hangers in situ.

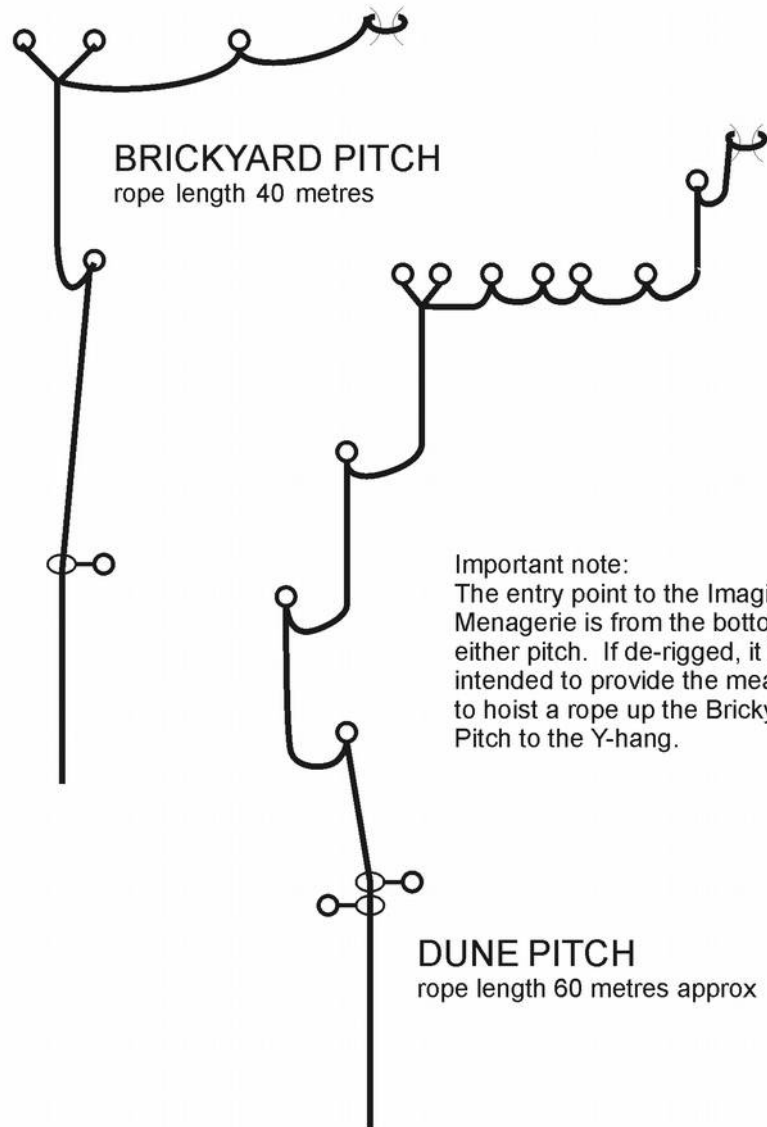


BLAEN ONNEU QUARRY POT

The 3rd pitch would benefit from extra bolts. It is advisable to remove SRT gear before exploring the cave beyond the 3rd pitch.



OGOF CARNO - Imaginary Menagerie



PWLL SWND

PITCH 1

2 spits. 15 metre rope required.

PITCH 2

2 spits. 20 metre rope. One sling and krab required for backup.

WISHING WELL PITCH

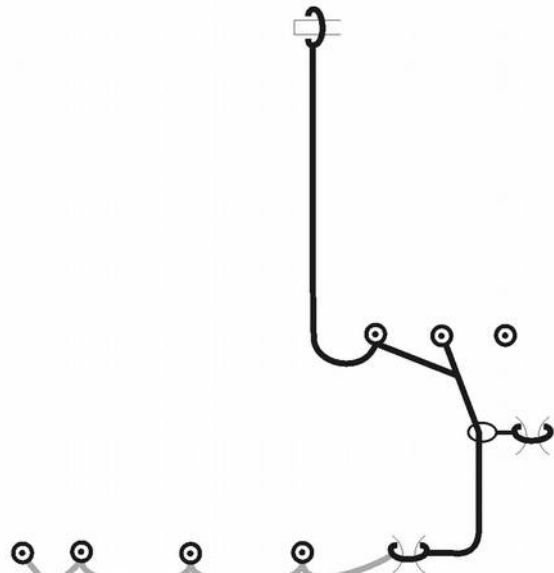
1 spit. A 10 metre rope is required to rig this pitch, however it can be free-climbed.

BASEMENT PITCH

There are no bolts provided on this pitch. There is metal bar which can be used with a 15 metre rope. From the Ringing Chamber a 25 metre rope, sling and krab would be required.

TUNNEL CAVE

ENTRANCE PITCH, TRAVERSE AND CLIMB



pitch:

rope length 35 metres for SRT

rope length 55 metres for pull-through

traverse:

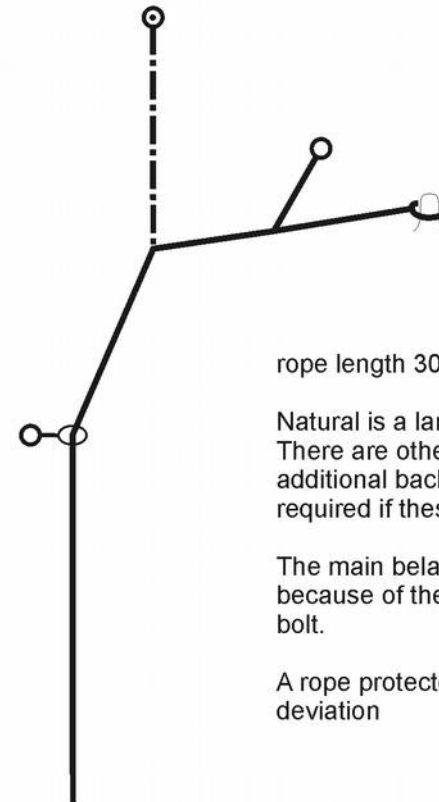
rope length 25 metres

climb down calcited slope:

rope length 25 metres

OGOF DRAENEN

BIG BANG PITCH



rope length 30 metres

Natural is a large rock slab.

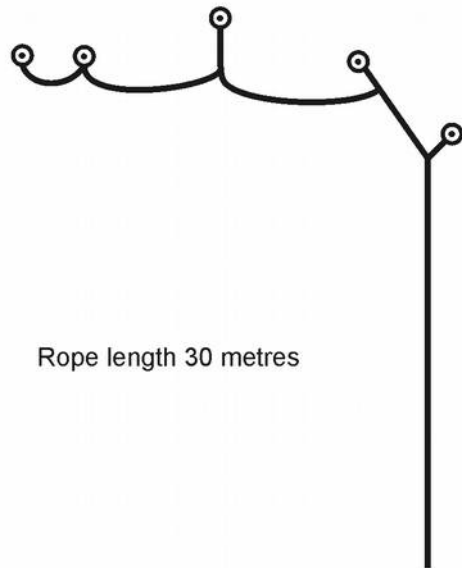
There are other rocks that can be used for additional backup, and extra rope will be required if these are used.

The main belay has a 5 metre rope in place because of the relative inaccessibility of the bolt.

A rope protector may be used instead of a deviation

BIG SINK (SYMONDS YAT)

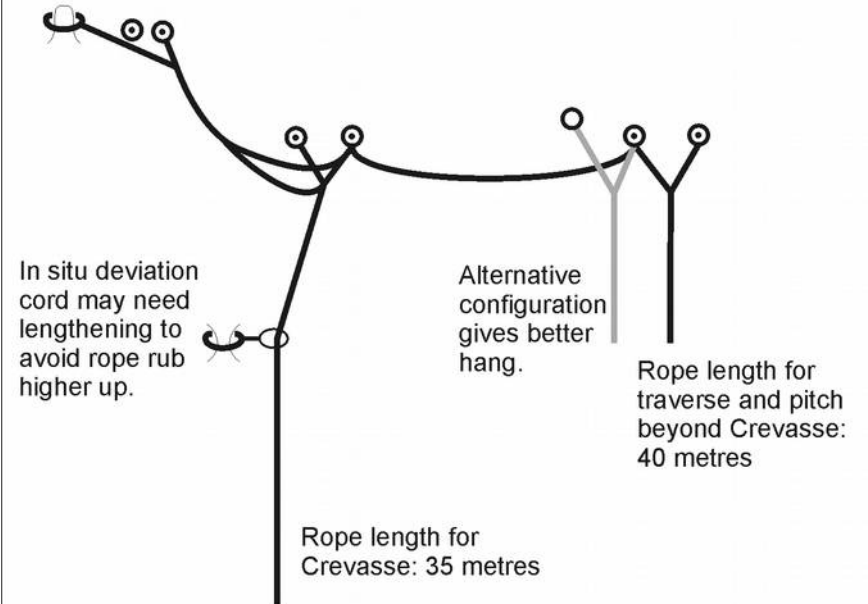
MAIN PITCH



Rope length 30 metres

OGOF FFYNNON DDU

THE CREVASSE



In situ deviation cord may need lengthening to avoid rope rub higher up.

Alternative configuration gives better hang.

Rope length for traverse and pitch beyond Crevasse: 40 metres

Rope length for Crevasse: 35 metres

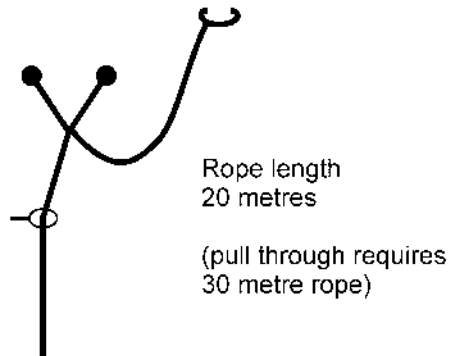
PENDULUM PASSAGE

First pitch: belay to boulders followed by 2 spits
Rope length 20 metres.
Can alternatively be free-climbed

Second pitch: 3 spits; Rope length 15 metres

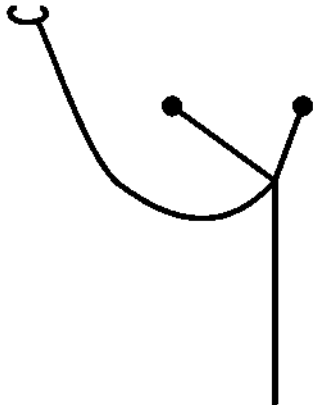
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THE NAVE FIRST PITCH

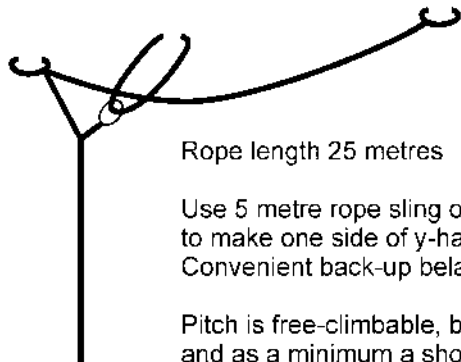


SECOND PITCH

Rope length 20 or 25
metres (or even longer!)
according to boulder
chosen for backup.



THIRD PITCH



Rope length 25 metres

Use 5 metre rope sling or two long tape slings
to make one side of y-hang.
Convenient back-up belay is difficult to find!

Pitch is free-climbable, but top section is exposed
and as a minimum a short handline is recommended