

KINLOCH

Kinloch is on the shores of Whangamata Bay on the Northern side of Lake Taupo, about 15 minutes drive from Taupo. From Taupo head north across the Waikato river then at the top of the hill turn left down Poihipi Rd. After about 10 km turn left onto Whangamata road, then left again onto Kinloch Road.

There are 3 separate crags in the Kinloch area. The first is in Kinloch itself at the Eastern end of the bay. The other 2 are on the same peninsula but further out in the bay and are accessible by boat only.

Access and introduction for all three crags is given in the respective section.

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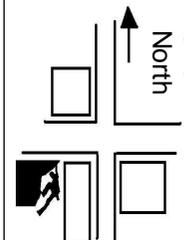
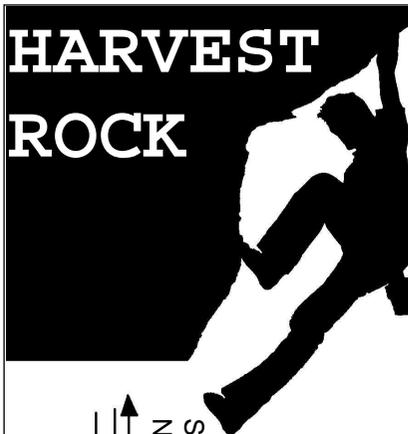
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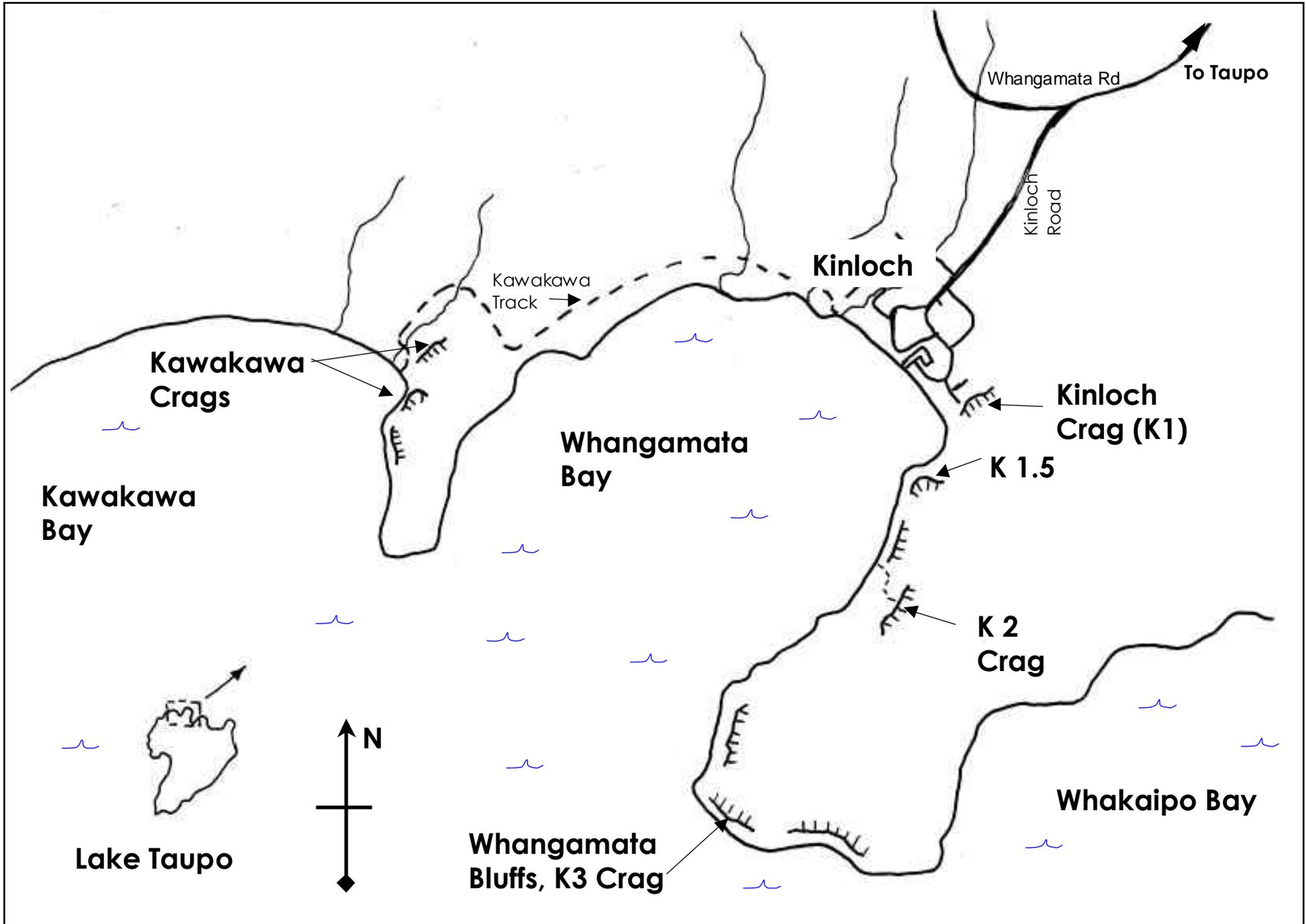
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Figure 1: Kinloch Area & Kawakawa Bay



K1 - Crag

Once you have reach the settlement of Kinloch drive straight past the golf course veering slightly right onto Marina Terrace then left down Ketha Place. Park you car at the far end of Ketha place. The crag is a 1 minutes walk from here. The rock is riolite and very solid and the routes are generally all high quality. Kinloch is not a very large crag with less than 20 routes in total, however offer a great days climbing with easy access and suburb easy to moderate climbs. It gets the sun late morning so in winter the afternoon is best while in summer you can spend the afternoon swimming after a mornings climbing.

Climbing first started at Kinloch in October 1991 when Mark Jones along with others based at the Tiho Venture school started to develop the area. The crag has been developed with an effort to minimise the visual and physical impact of climbing. Native trees have been preserved and naked bolts used on the most visible parts of the cliff, so bring along your key hole hangers or a set or wires. (A lot

Main Cliff – Right Hand End

The main Cliff is split in two, with the climbs on the right hand end being out in the open while the left hand end of the cliff is tucked away in the bush. When you arrive at the crag most people park their bags adjacent to the large right facing corner of *Where to From Here* just right of a small boulder that has a selection of belay bolts. So for no other reason than it seems most logical the routes are described from this end going right to left.

Summer at the Beach (14) 10m

The small corner groove at the far right hand end of the crag . Climb the slab & arete then pull over the small overhanging section onto the slab above. From this point climb the twin crack's in the head wall and belay further back in the bush, DRB bealy. (Pro CD, Wires, Hex)

Richard Dunn , Robyn Wayne, Nov-91

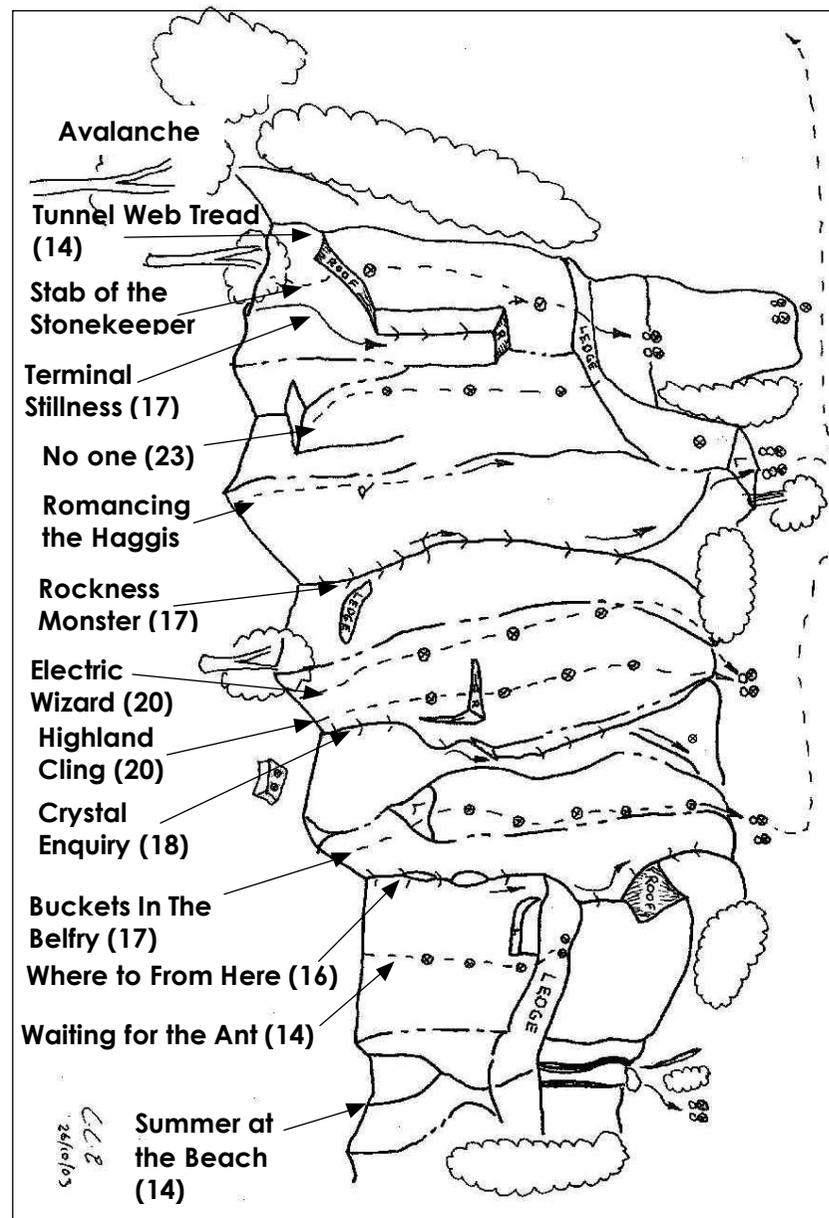
3m to the left in the middle of the face is:

*Waiting for the Ant (14) 7m

An awkward start move leads to easy climbing up the middle of the face past 3 naked bolts then mantle onto the large ledge (crux) and belay off the DBC belay. One of the nicest 14 around.

Richard Dunn , Robyn Wayne, Nov-91

Figure 72: Main Cliff Topo – Right Hand End



The large right facing corner to the left is

* **Where to From Here (16) 15m**

Climb the corner crack system at about grade 14 to the large intermediate ledge. Then continue out left round the arching roof crack. A secret hold provides salvation. DRB belay. (Pro, CD, Hex, Wires)

Allan Kane, Richard Dune, Oct 1991

** **Buckets In The Belfry (17) 15m**

The bucket strewn arete just left of *Where to From Here*. Easy climbing onto the ledge then launch up the arete past 5 bolts, the crux is in the middle to top section. Shares the DRB belay of *Where to From Here*.

Mark Jones, Allan Kane – Nov 1991.

The next corner system is

Crystal Enquiry (18) 15m

Climb up the steep right facing corner then through the small over hang, crux. Continue up the crack and groove system above, then break out left higher up onto the head wall (bolt) and the DRB belay of *Where to From Here*. The gear placements are a little difficult to arrange but sound. [Pro: CD, Hex, W, 1 bolt].

Mark Jones, Allan Kane – Nov 1991.

Immediately left

** **Electric Wizard (20) 15m**

Climb up the face left of the corner to the small roof, pull through the roof, crux, then continue up the face. After the top bolt you can either escape out onto the left arete or move over right, both are difficult and both are much of a much ness grade wise. 4 Bolts and a DRB belay.

Mark Jones – Nov 1991.

Immediately Left.

Highland Cling (18) 15m

Climb the face and blunt arete. Pull over the bulge then continue up the face and arete to the belay of *Electric Wizard*. [Pro 3 bolts].

Mark Jones, Allan Kane – Nov 1991.

The next large corner 3m to the right is

Rockness Monster (17) 17m

Climb the obvious corner straight up and over the bulge. This is the crux but it is well protected with fail safe bomber wire placements. Continue up the

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groove above. Move left near the top and finish on the large belay ledge. DBC belay and the protection is good if you take your time arranging it. [Pro: CD, W]

Mark Jones, Sally Rowe Oct 1991.

The face arete and face immediately left is

* **Romancing the Haggis (21) 17m**

Either start out right or do the pleasant little boulder problem start straight up the arete. Clip the peg then continue up on easier ground till you reach the finger crack proper, a cool head is required and a few micro cam placements can be found. Pleasant climbing up the crack to the DBC belay ledge of

Rockness Monster. [Pro: Small & Med CD, W]

Mark Jones, Allan Kane – Oct 1991.

No one (23) 16m

The bolted route up the shallow corner immediately left of the arete.

Just to the left is a large flake, the route up the right hand side is:

* **Terminal Stillness (17) 8m**

A superb route up the right-hand crack of the flake. Protection is good round the flake then one bolt in the face. Belay at the chains or keep going to the higher belay of *Tunnel Web Spider*. (Pro CD, Wires)

Mark Jones, Sally Rowe – Oct 1991

Stab of the Stonekeeper (21) 8m

Takes the flake and over hang directly up the middle. Pull over onto the face above then continue up to the DBC belay out right. [Pro 2 Bolts].

Mark Jones Oct 1991.

Tunnel Web Tread (14) 19m

Immediately left of the overhanging flake. The crack and face above, a little over grown these days. TBC belay.

Mark Jones, Sally Rowe – Oct 1991

Avalanche (11) 20m

A deep crack studded with stumps. Steep at first then angles off at the top and another bolt chain belay. *(I haven't been able to find this climb so can only conclude that it has been swallowed up by the bush)*

Main Cliff – Left Hand End

The next section of cliff is 10m to the left tucked away in the bush, once again routes are described from right to left.

From the Editor (15) 20m

The obvious groove at the right hand end of the wall. Then climb the corner and head wall, D.B.C belay. (Pro 3 bolts, Wires)

Pete Manning, Jo Willet, Bryce Martyn, 2-June-92

Holiday Mode (19) 15m

The face and arete immediately right of the crack line of *There's Wetas in my Porridge*. Climb past 3 bolts then onto the top ledge, continue up easy ground to the DBC belay of *There's Wetas in my Porridge*.

Bryce Martyn, Jo Willet 2-June-92

There's Wetas in my Porridge (14) 12m

Climb the prominent crack line to DBC Belay.

Allan Kane, Richard Dunn, Robyn Wayne, Nov -1991

Ten metre left is another obvious crack, the face immediately right of this is

Working Holiday (16) 12m

Climb the face past 5 bolts and a DBC belay.

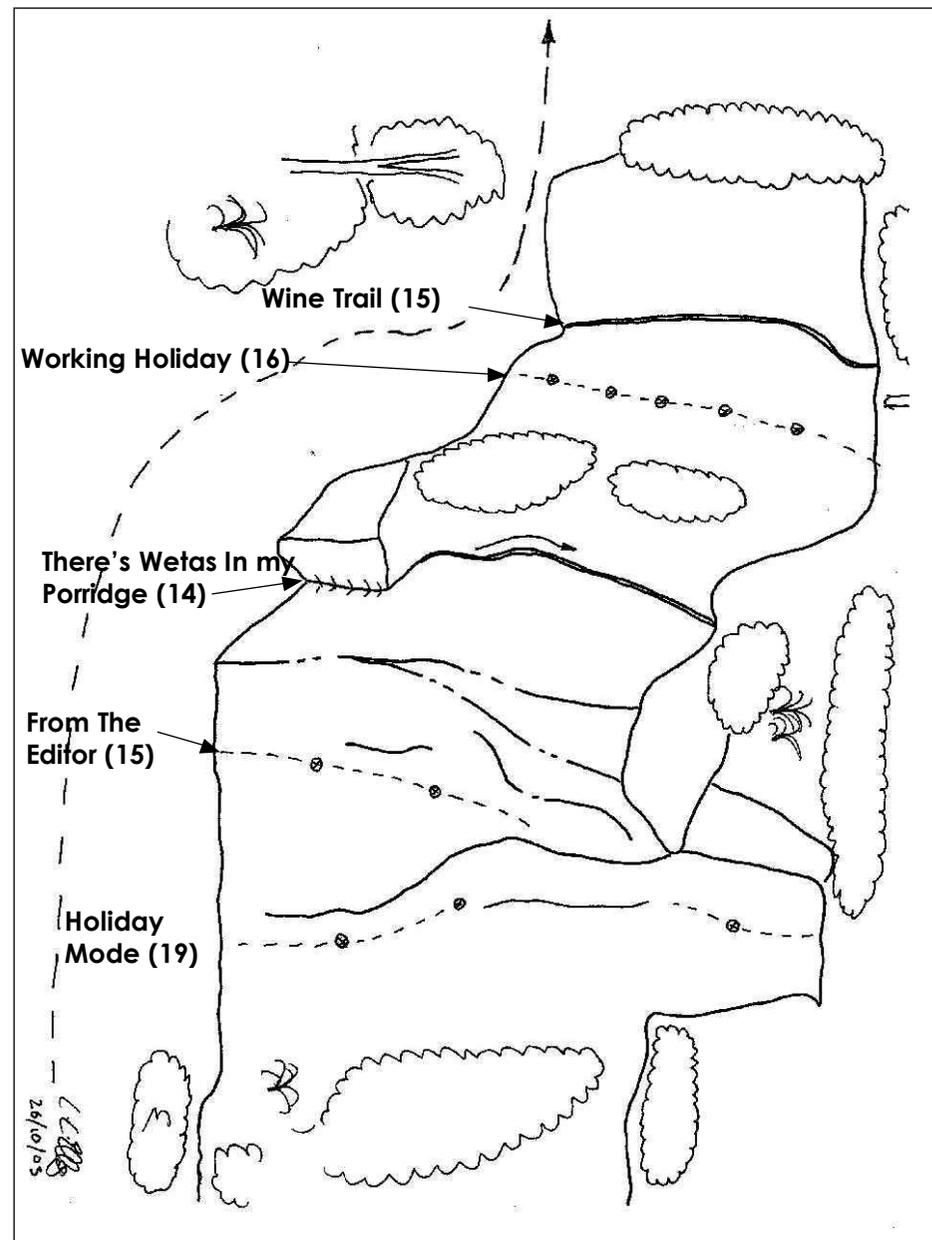
Bryce Martin, Craig Martin 21/7/97

Wine Trail (15) 10m

The obvious crack at the far left hand end of the crag. DBC Belay.

Allan Kane, Richard Dunn, Robyn Wayne, Nov -1991

Figure 73: Main Cliff Topo – Left Hand End



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Whangamata Bay Crag.

Access to these crags is by boat only. All are on the eastern peninsula, the same peninsula the Kinloch (K1) crag is on. The first crag can be seen from the beach.

K 1.5 – Boat Anchorage Crag.

Directly out from the Kinloch beach above the boat mooring. After a 5 minute paddle and a 150m crash through the bush you should be at the base of the crag. At present there is only one line, the obvious crack line of.

Smoking Crack (20) 17m

Climb the widen crack to the offwidth, easier than it looks. Belay & Abseil off tree. (Pro CD 3+, Hex).

John Dawkins, Freddy Gates

K2 -Crag

K2 is fearsomely steep overhanging crag that rises out of the bush above Whangamata bay. It is a riolite cliff with a fully welded conglomerate layer which produces large holds and makes climbing at this angle possible.

The crag is situated on the eastern side of Whangamata's (Kinloch) bay eastern peninsula and about 800m from the lake. It is **not** the series of lake side cliffs that can be seen from the Kinloch beach. Access to K2 crag is by boat only. Head out into the bay, about 2 km from Kinloch, and on the left hand side is a small beech just past the lake side cliffs. Just up from the beach is a small cliff & cave with a few steep boulder problems. Head round the right-hand side of the cliff where you'll find a rough track. The track leads up the hill to the base of the crag.

Down the left hand end of the crag are 2 bolted routes.

**** Short mans shackles (19) 25m**

Climb the left hand side of the lower pinnacle past 2 bolts. From the top of the pinnacle clip the bolt/chain (height dependent), then blast through the steep ground. The angle then eases and the holds get smaller. Climb to the left of the small roof (crux) then top out moving right. DB belay. (Pro: 7 Bolts, 1 Large hex or cam optional between 2nd and 3rd bolt)

Cliff Ellery, Kevin Barratt, & Stepehn Barratt, 29-Nov-05

**** White Rose Whinging (22) 25m**

Climb the right hand side of the lower pinnacle. From the top of the pinnacle traverse right, then at the 4th bolt pull through the overhang and into the right facing corner. The steep climbing may be over but the crux is the delegate bridging higher up. Move left at the top of the corner (bolt out on left face). Climb the arete and face above to the DBC belay of SMS (Pro: 8 Bolts, 1 medium hex or 2 friend between 2nd and 3rd bolt)

Cliff Ellery, Stephen King, 30-Nov-05

5m to the right,

*** Mojo Moan (24) 25m**

Climb the conglomerate layer to the right of the buttress then move onto the top of the buttress and the large ledge. From here move up the steep wall past 3 more bolts (difficult) then traverse right into the small corner. Climb faint corner and arete system, the crux is at last bolt. (Pro: 8 Bolts & DBC belay)

Cliff Ellery, Kevin Barratt, 31-Sep-06

20m to the right,

**** Man Over Board (25) 25m**

Climbs the steep bulgy ground to the left of the arete. Difficult start up the corner then easier climbing through the steep and bulgy ground. At the 4th bolt move right via a difficult sequencing including jamming the horizontal break, crux. You may be through the crux but the climbing doesn't let up, continuing up the steep ground above till you can step right onto the arete.

Rick McGregor & struggling on behind Bryce Martin & Cliff Ellery, 11-Jan-06

On the other side of the arete 10m to the right of Man Over Board is the crack system

**** Tricks of the Trad (23) 25m**

Climb through the steep bulge & crack, moving right onto the large ledge. Climb the corner crack then move into the hanging corner and crack system out left. Gear can be placed high in the right arching crack and flake before making this move. Climbing the step little corner with an awkward mantel onto the ledge followed by a delegate move to stand up on this ledge Place a 4 friend up high in the shallow parallel sided scoop, then move up and into the chimney. Easy climbing to the belay. A must for the trad climbing guru, double ropes recommended. (Pro: CD x 2 , W)

Cliff Ellery, Kevin Barratt Feb-06

Down the far right hand end of the crag, past all the steep overhanging stuff , is the following 2 trad lines

Who Done it (17) 20m

A hard move to get established in right corner, DB belay. Belay of trees. This line was lead on site so it is a little dirty in places. (Pro. Trad)

Stepehn Barratt, Kevin Barratt 29-Nov-05

Further right again and starting further up the hill is;

Causal Slabby Rake (19) 20m

Poorly protected start moves lead to easier climbing higher up. Belay off trees. (Pro Trad)

Stepehn Barratt, Kevin Barratt 29-Nov-05.

K3 -Whangamata Bay Heads

On the very southern tip of Whangamata Bay eastern peninsula, the same peninsula the Kinloch crag is on, is a large series of cliffs. The south facing lower wall, is a riolite crag with a number of crack lines. Access to this crag is by boat only, there is no beach and you therefore require a fairly charm day or one with winds from the north. In a howling south westerly getting onto the rocks would be fairly trechous. Never the less there are a few places you can pull your small tinny (boat) out of the water and onto the rocks. Crash through the bush to the base of the cliff, 100m from the lake shore. The lines are described from left to right.

**** German Lessons (19) 30m**

Pitch 1 (19) 20m: About 10m in from the left-hand end of the crag and the second obvious crack line. Climb up through broken ground then follow the crack through the step wall above (crux). From here continue up to a large belay ledge at about half height. DB belay. (Pro CD, Wires, Hex)

Kevin Barratt, &, 23-Jan-05

Pitch 2 (17) 10m: Step right at the belay and continue up the obvious crack and groove. Move left at the top pulling up onto ledge and DBC belay. [Pro CD, Wires, Hex]

Cliff Ellery & Kevin Barratt, 31-Sep-06

**** The Fridge Block (21) 30m**

The centerpiece of the crag, the obvious crack line right up the middle of the face. Start up a small corner to gain the large ledge at the base of the crag. From here just blast up the crack, no rests and few face hold makes for 25m of pure sustained jamming. At the top of the face continue up the crack for another 5m then traverse out right to the large pine tree (belay). (Pro CD, Wires, Hex). The name comes from the fridge size boulder I removed from the overhanging section just prior to leading the climb.

Cliff Ellery, Richard Knott, Bryce Martyn, Miles 23-Jan-03

Chimney Sweep (18) 30m

5m to the right of *The Fridge Block* is a large pinnacle. Having gained the large base ledge (see *Fridge Block*). Start in the left facing corner climb past the small tree to the bottom off-width section. Bridge up the next section using the crack on the left hand wall. Then using a pocket on the pinnacle, move back into the chimney/offwidth. Sling the chockstone then move up an into the chimney proper, crux. Once in the chimney the line can be protected using a thin crack in the middle of the pinnacle. Climb out and over the top boulders/roof. Once on top of the pinnacle climb up the face to the pine tree & belay.

Richard Knott, Cliff Ellery 23-Jan-03.

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