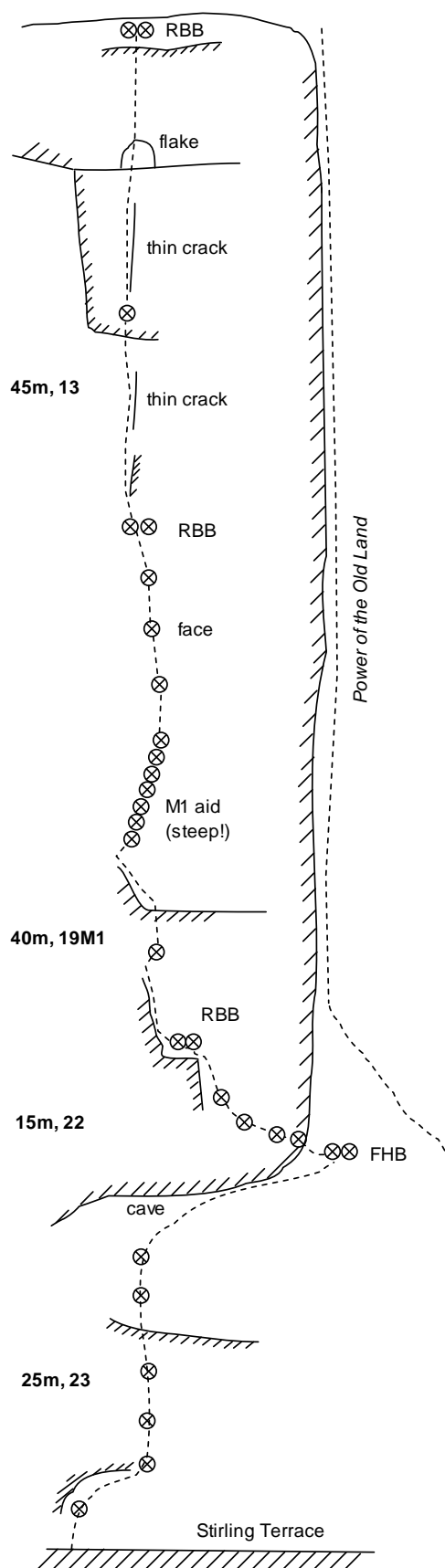


New climb – Peak Head

Transformer (125m, 23)



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The longest climb at Peak Head. It's a trad route, sport route, aid route, crack climb, face climb, slab climbenjoy the many transformations! This varied line is just west of *Power of the Old Land*, on the South Face.

Approach: locate rap anchors on the south (ocean) side of the highest point of Peak Head. Abseil down in three lengths using the belays at the top of pitches (ii) and (iii) to reach Stirling Terrace.

(i) 25m, 23 The start is 15m L of *Power of the Old Land* on Stirling Terrace. Clip RB then crank up the sickle-shaped undercling flake, place #2 Camalot, then bridge to stance and next RB. Crank the crux on thin edges, gain the massive overlap and traverse 6m R to FHB. 6RBs and #2 Camalot.

(ii) 15m, 22 Traverse L onto and across face. The crux move is reaching the corner. 4RBs and #2 Camalot above.

(iii) 40m, 19M1 Take the R facing corner/layback crack past 1RB to an aid ladder through bulge. Up 7 aid bolts, then free climb face above past 3 more RBs to DBB. 11RBs total, plus trad gear.

(iv) 45m, 13 Up past tiny L facing corner and thin crack above to overlap with bolt. Pull through, then another thin crack to flake resting against face. Directly up the easy final face to DBB at summit.

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Route notes:

1. All bolts are ringbolts, except for belay on top of pitch (ii) which has fixed hangers.
2. Pitches (i) and (ii) require only one piece of trad gear, a #2 Camalot. The top two pitches require a full trad rack up to #3 Camalot. If approaching by abseil, leave the rack at belay (ii).
3. For the aid section you will need two shoulder length slings to use as foot slings. The aid bolts are close together, even a short person can reach between them while standing in slings.
4. RB – ring bolt, RBB – ring bolt belay; FHB – fixed hanger belay; L - left; R - right.
5. Pitches (iii) and (iv) were climbed by Ross Weiter and Dena Rao in Jan 2010. All the pitches were climbed by Ross Weiter & Phillip Calais in Jan 2011.