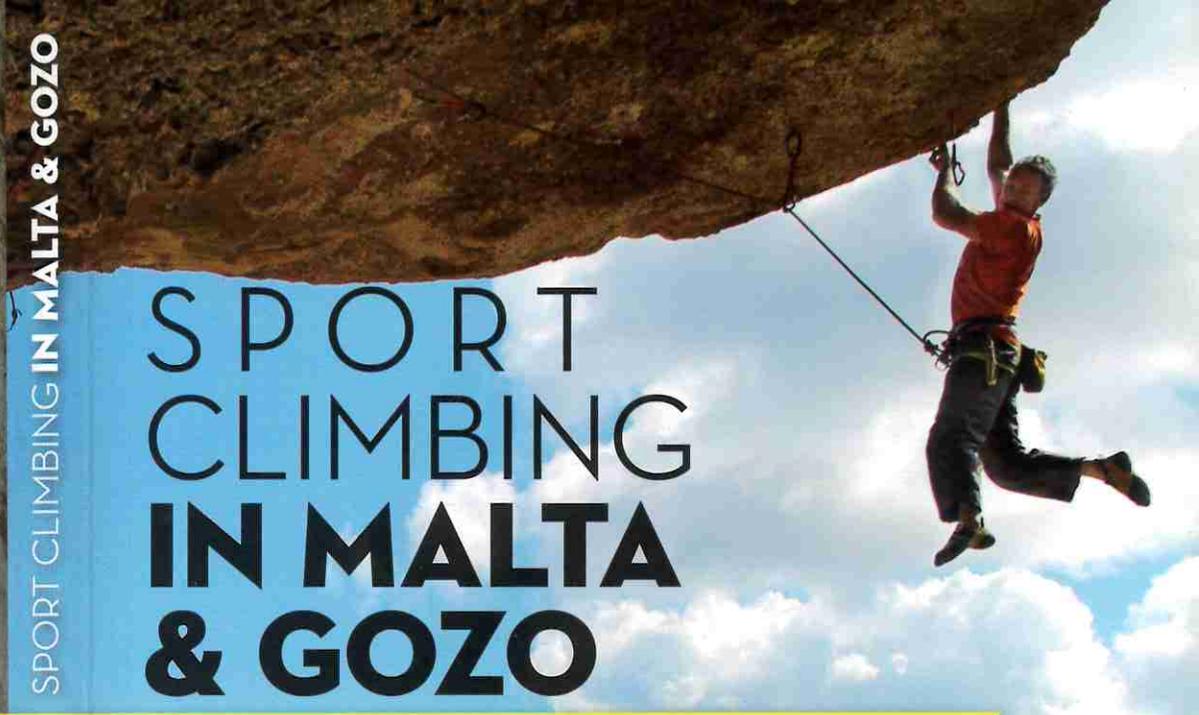




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A guide by Simon Alden, Jeffrey Camilleri and Stevie Haston

The Maltese Islands are a fast-developing sport climbing destination a short flying time away from most European cities. They offer over 500 fully bolted sport routes, easy access to all the crags, short distances and mild weather, giving 12 months a year climbing potential. They are a scenic, interesting place to visit with the family too, with many cultural attractions in a small area.

Sport Climbing in Malta & Gozo is the long-awaited guidebook which will bring climbers up to date with developments since the last guide was published back in 2007. Many of the climbs and crags featured are totally new and include more than 120 routes developed by well known climber Stevie Haston on Gozo during 2012. While there are no mountains in Malta, the beautiful, rugged coastline, inland ridges, caves and valleys provide excellent climbing possibilities on pocketed limestone at every grade, with the hardest so far at 8c+ with potential for even harder routes. We invite you to come and have more fun and success.

Cover Shot: Stevie Haston on Little James 7c+, il-Mixta Cave (Dahlet Qorrot, Gozo). Photo by Laurence Gouault Haston. Above: Jeffrey Camilleri on The Future is Now 8a, McCarthy's Cave (Ghar Lapsi, Malta)

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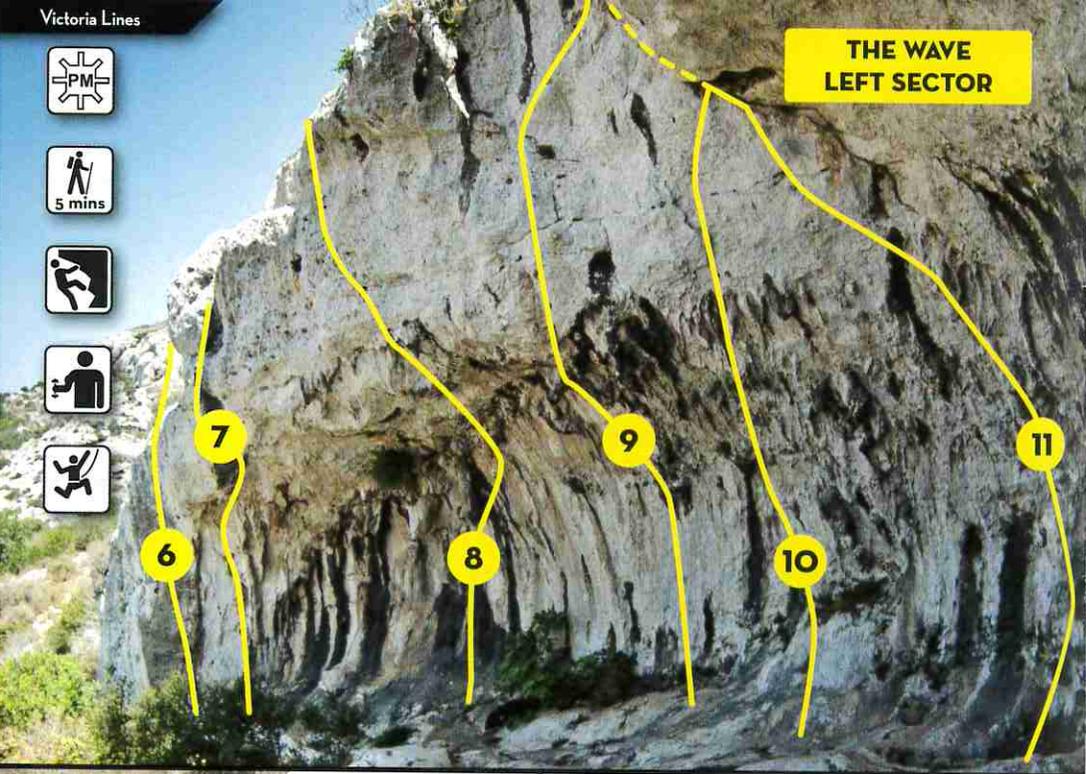
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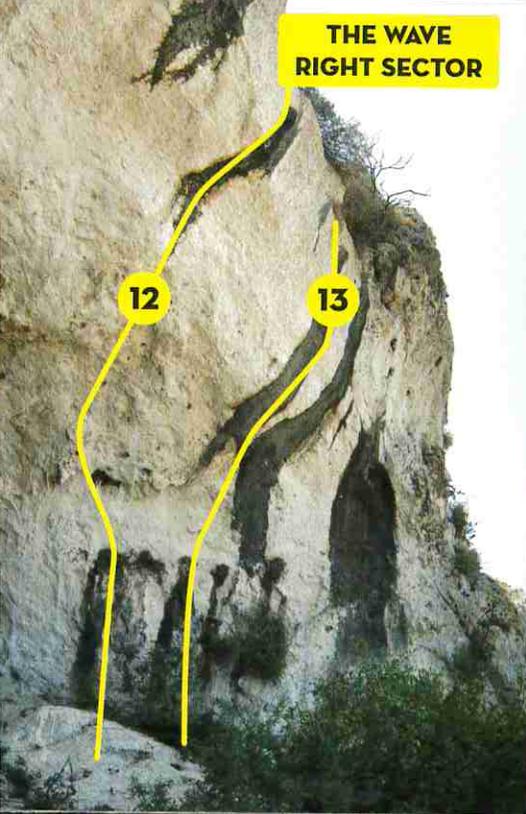




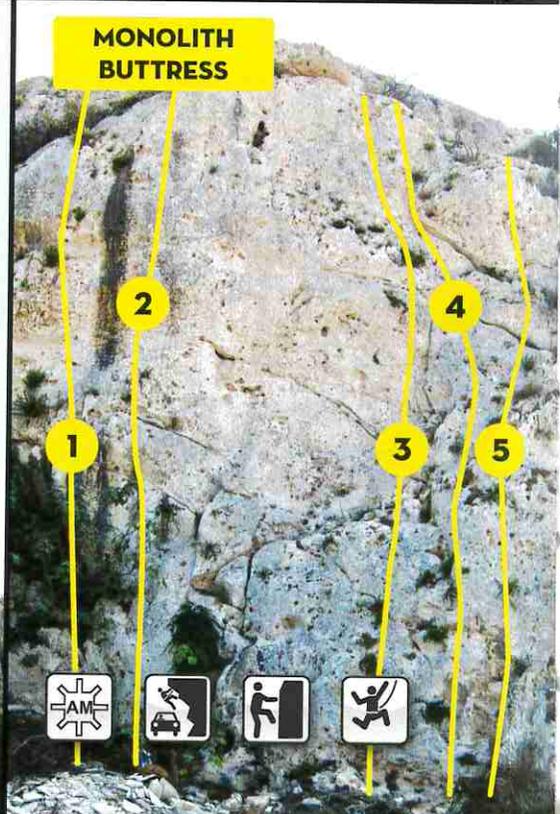
**THE WAVE
LEFT SECTOR**



**THE WAVE
RIGHT SECTOR**



**MONOLITH
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35°55'39.95"N 14°26'40.59"E

A small crag first climbed by the commandos, probably in the late 50s. It has only very recently been bolted and the base cleaned up to provide easier access. Ideal for beginners, it's a good warm up location before heading for the harder routes at Crucifix Cave and the Wave.

1 Alden Grinder	5c	16m	4 Meander	4+	16m
2 Sunset Boulevard ★★	5c	16m	5 Hole and Corner	4+	12m
3 Lobrockster	5a	16m			

THE WAVE

35°55'40.28"N 14°26'44.88"E

The "hard man's" area of Victoria Lines offering steep powerful routes up a frozen wave of sound white limestone. As usual, access is very easy and the cave is a short scramble from the rather limited parking area.

6 Open your Arse ★	6a+	13m	10 Xafra bla Mahfra ★★★	7b	10m
7 Sajjetta fil-Bnazzi ★★★	7b+	13m	11 Nighthawks at the Diner ★★★	7a	12m
8 Mewġa Manijaka ★★★	7c+	12m	12 Project	??	10m
9 Talk Less Bolt More ★★★	7b+	12m	13 Project	??	10m

