

Beit Arye

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Tech

General crag grading: ★★

Rock: limestone, mostly stable

Routs length: 10-25M

Routs quantity: 39 sport, 21 trad
(and more optional)

Season: best in summer, prefect refuge from the boiling hot days.

Shade: in mid summer, the crag gets shade around 13:00 and you can climb till dark. During winter, it's shaded most of the day. In fact, it can get pretty cold.

Cliff coordinates: 154950/1161213
(Israel old grid)

The Boulder coordinates: 155300/1160550

Cellular coverage: yes

Other attractions in the area: a great view on beautiful virgin and ancient landscape, you can get a close look on the separation fence being built and can only shed a tear on the technically unclimbable crags on the opposite side of the valley and the fence.

Useful numbers: Beit Arye entry gate: 08-9297888

Area security officer: 050-3889919

Getting there...

Arriving from the north or T-A via road 5: from Kesem junction, turn right (south) towards Rosh-Haain to road 444 (not on road 6). Pass kibbutz Einat, Nachshonim and Elad to arrive at Givat-Ko'ah junction. Turn left, East To Beit-Arye. Drive a few kilometers, past an army post and arrive to the gate of Beit-Arye.

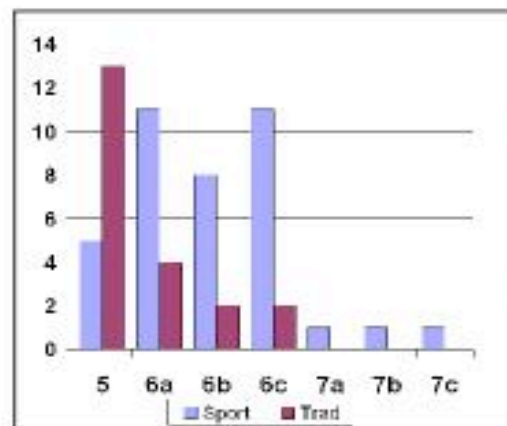
Arriving from Jerusalem via road #1: drive on road #1 to Ben-Shemen interchange, take the very right lane up to a T, turn right and then left at the lights.

You are now driving north on road 444. Pass Beit-Nehemia, Shoham and another stop light, you will reach Givat-Ko'ah junction, turn right to Beit-Arye. Drive a few kilometers, past an army post and arrive to the gate of Beit-Arye.

At the gate of Beit-Arye: If your planning on going the cliff, please deposit an ID card at the gate-keeper. You will receive a "Climbers Key" in return, that will later on open the small gate for the path leading down to the cliff. No need for a key in order to reach "The Boulder", a small piece of rock located inside the perimeter with a bunch of easy and short stuff to do.

In both options, after passing the gate, continue straight up the road. Take the second turn right, just after a school. After about 50m, there is a right turn to a small parking lot with a roundabout in the middle of it. At the left corner of the lot, there is a small path leading down towards the town's perimeter road. When reaching it, you have 2 options:

Option 1, RIGHT to "The Boulder": turn right and drive about 200m until you see the small wall on your right hand side. Please park without blocking the road.



Option 2, LEFT to "The Cliff": Turn LEFT when reaching the perimeter road and drive about 1km on the half-paved road. Enjoy the view on your right and keep driving until you see a small gate in the fence you're driving along. A green sign will also announce your arrival to Beit-Arye cliffs. Park by the gate without blocking the gravel road. Remember your key? Use it to open the small gate and please, lock it behind you! Walk down the path veering left and reach a small groove just at the clifftop. You can scramble down a few meters to find a rap anchor on your right, just aside a small tree, another option, yet more dangerous, is to scramble all the way down, do that with cushion! The third option is to walk around to the bottom of the cliff, in that case, just follow the blue marked path all the way down from the small gate to the bottom of the cliff, a 10 minute walk.


About the Crag

Beit Arye, originally located outside the "green line" territory used to be one of the main climbing sites in central Israel, good shade, good breeze and cool sport and trad routes use to attract lots of climbers from T-A and around. When the second Intifada began in 2001, Beit-Arye's isolated location became a disadvantage rather than an asset. Climbers seeking a different crag eventually settled in Shilat, only a few kilometers south yet on more "politically stable grounds". In 2006, after the place calmed again, the Israel Alpine Club acted together with the local council to bring the cliff "back to life". Today, the cliff is maintained entirely by ILAC's volunteers and hosts many climbers every weekend. As mentioned, it is best for those burning summer afternoons; when even the beach seems like an inferno, this cliff will welcome you with cool hill breeze and a great view.

One last thing to mention, the cliff is located within a nature reserve, therefore behave accordingly and enjoy your stay.

The boulder: this is a small wall, located close to the houses, offers short but pretty sport and trad routes. Please notice there are no anchors on this wall, just bolts. An easy walk brings you back down again. This is your chance to pull out your tricams and nuts and belay your partner from above.

Guide's Key

 <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">Bolted sport route Trad route no bolts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> •• Standard bolted anchor <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> x Bolt <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> ★ ★ ★ A "must do" route. Don't miss it! <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> ★ ★ Interesting route, recommended. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> ★ Nice to do... <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">(Star grading system is based on author's opinion and climbers rumors only, no responsibility taken...)</p>
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the cliff South Sector



This sector, located at the very south of the crag, doesn't see much crowd; Its a shame, it has good potential. You can also scrambel back up to the gate left of route 1.

- 1. Happy Ending: 6a 10m**
4 bolts
- 2. Monte Carlo: 6a 10m**
5 bolts
- 3. Unnamed: 5c 10m**
5 bolts
- 4. On Shawn: 7a 8m ★★**
4 bolts to anchor. Arik Lerner & Adi Boyanjo 1993.
- 5. Quantum Leap: 6c 10m ★★★**
Arik Lerner 1993.
- 6. The crazy Traveler: 6b 25m ★★**
Kobi Ben-Hemo 1994
- 7. Unknown: 5+**

the cliff Natural sector



Once used to be the main attraction of this crag until bolts conquered climbing lifestyle, it now sees less people. None of the trad routs here are harder than 6a, most are graded 5 and below.

- 1. Unknown
- 2. Unknown
- 3. Unknown
- 4. Unknown
- 5. Unknown
- 6. Unknown
- 7. Unknown
- 8. Unknown

- 9. **Thank you Grandma: 6B 17m**
7 bolts. Shares the same first 3 bolts with route 10.
Nitzan Auerbach 7/2007
- 10. **Complex Simplicity: 5+ 18m**
7 bolts. Shares the same first 3 bolts with route 9.
Mishael Rosental 7/2007
- 11. Unknown
- 12. Unknown



the cliff Prison 4 sector

This sector is the busiest. Nice easy routes along with some slightly overhanging stuff provide a fair interest for its visitors.

1. Hitchcock: 6c 15m ★★

Excellent moves on the upper face. Take a few nuts and slings for the unbolted beginning. Daniel Shalit & Arye 2001

2. Unknown: 5

3. Circumcision: 6c 22m ★★

Delicate beginning to a crux at the end. 8 bolts. Kobi & Yaniv 1997.

4. Take it or live it : 7b+ 23m ★★★

7 bolts. Shares the same first 2 bolts with routes 5 & 6. Gets harder as you go higher. Easy start, mega dynamic move, series of small pockets on the overhanging red wall and a slaby mantel for desert, its all there! Go for it! Note that there is an easy runout section between 2'nd and 3'rd bolt. Yaniv Shezifi 199?

5. Vegemite Sandwich: 7c / 6c 25m ★★

9 bolts. Shares the same first 2 bolts with routes 4 & 6. Why the grade? The final exit is the story, if you climb straight up to the anchor (on invisible holds) congratulations, you just ticked at least a 7c. if you steal a few holds from route #6, that would be a 6c/6c+. Either way, its worth doing. Yaniv Shezifi 199?

6. Piccadilly: 6b 23m ★★

6 bolts to the anchor. Shares the same first 2 bolts with routes 4 & 5. Nice moves at the top.

7. The piece: 6a 22m ★

7 bolts

8. Unnamed: 5 25m

The big and dirty crack right of route 7

9. The snake: 6b+ 10m

A mixed route, 2 bolts seen from the ground, take a few nuts and tricams for the rest.

10. Keyhole: 6c+ 10m ★

4 bolts, extremely painful on your fingers. Yaniv Shezifi 1993.

11. The pitons: 6c 10m

Allegedly climbed on natural protection, if you ask me? today, i wouldn't dare to take a fall on those rusty pitons.

12. Midlife: Variation start for route 13.

13. Unnamed: 6c 8m ★

4 bolts. Short and powerful. Yaniv Shezifi 199?

14. Unnamed: 5+ 30m

15. Yair's stairs: 6b 21m ★★

8 bolts. Interesting moves in the middle and at the top.

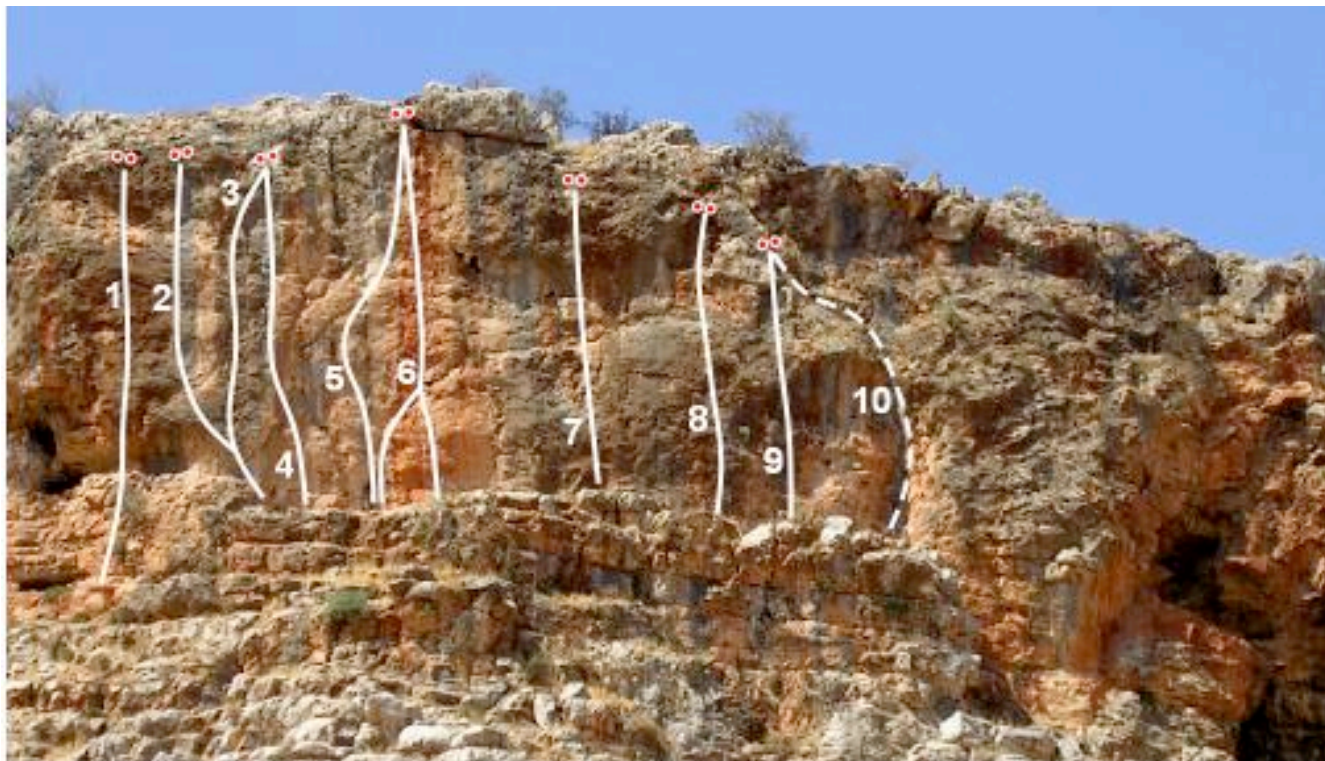
16. Prison 4: 6a+ 22m ★★★

A classic! Varied moves and styles all the way up. 7 bolts. Yaniv Shezifi 199?

17. Never Upset Mom: 6b+ 21m ★★

Very nice as well. 8 bolts.

18. This is the scramble path up and down the cliff. Chain rap anchor for those who wish to rap down.



the cliff The Shelf Sector

Very nice balcony with some cool routs on it, it can keep you busy for a whole afternoon. Don't skip it.

- 1. Judah&Samaria Express (Yehuda ve Shomron): 6a 17m**
9 bolts to anchor. Noam Weis 10/2007
- 2. Hare Krishna: 6a+ 14m ★★**
From the balcony, traverse far out left and then up, ground bolt for the belayer.
6 bolts.
- 3. Unknown: 6a 14m ★**
Crimpy. 6 bolts to same anchor as route 4.
- 4. Hard left: 6b 14m ★**
6 bolts to same anchor as route 3.
- 5. King's Road: 6c 15m ★★**
7 bolts to same anchor as route 6. You can make it interesting by climbing right of the first 2 bolts or make life easier by climbing left of them. Notice the atomic bolts securing the giant flake, courtesy of Alon Malahi. Arik lerner 1994.
- 6. The lizard: 6c/6b 15m ★★**
Tricky boulder start, making it a 6c, nice&easy moves on the left make it a 6b. Recommended both ways. 7 bolts, same last bolt and anchor as route 5. Amots 1994.
- 7. Maya the Bee: 6c 12m ★★**
6 bolts, Crimpy crux. Oded Levinson 1994.
- 8. Is it far? : 6c 13m ★**
6 bolts, Crimpy crux. Chen 1994.
- 9. S.M.C. : 5+ 12m**
6 bolts. Chen 1994.
- 10. Unnamed: 5 12m**
Very dirty, not recommended.

The Boulder



As said, no anchors on this little gem. Walkaround, toprope or set up an anchor to belay from the top. Wouldn't you love one these in your back yard? All routes are around 10 meters long.

1. Balance: 6a+

4 bolts. Trad variant for a different finish.
You can also try to toprope left of this route.

2. Tendentious: 6b+

4 bolts. Adi Boyango 1993.

3. Unnamed: 6c+

2 bolts.

4. The Holes: 5+

no bolts, toprope or solo...

5. The Clown: 6a

6b when not using route 4's Juggs.
3 bolts. Tal Azuly 1993.

6. Bridged: 6a+

1 bolt.

7. The Stomach: 6c

3 bolts. Fingery

8. Left Fork: 6c

3 bolts

9. Right Fork 6b

10. Unknown 5

11. Unknown 5-

12. Uri's Garden: 5+

4 bolts. Arik Lerner 1993.

13. The Cone: 6a

4 bolts.