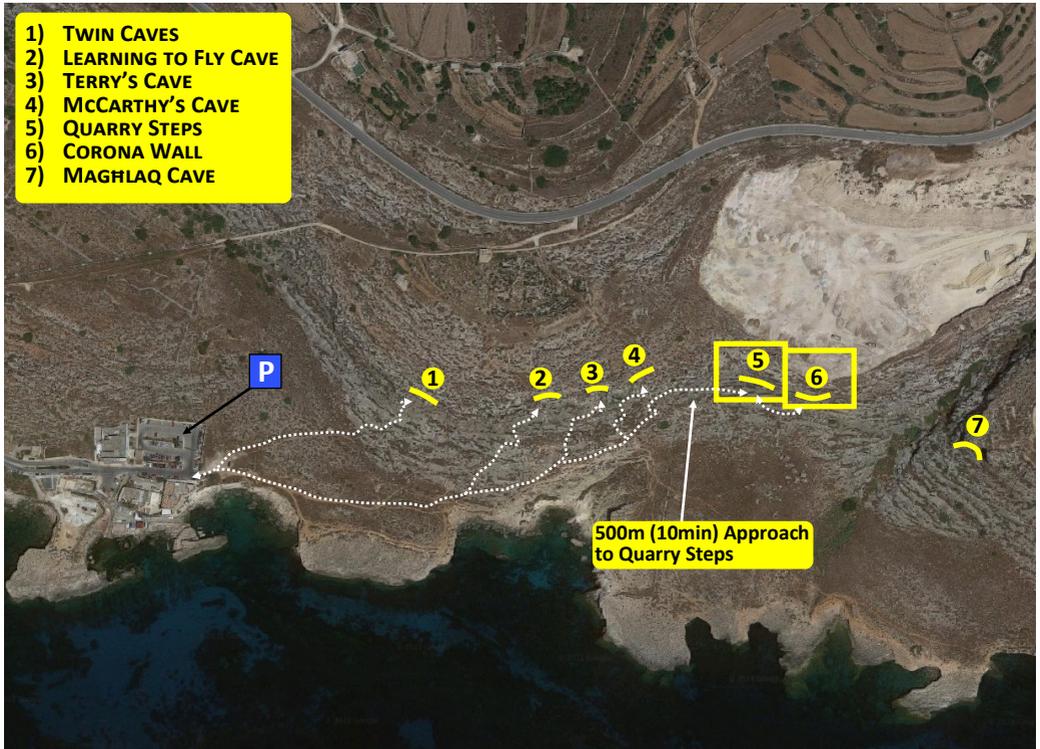


# QUARRY STEPS & CORONA WALL CRAGS (CLIMBING AREA: GHAR LAPSI)

TOPO, MAP & ACCESS INFO (UPDATED - 11/04/2021)



**THE CRAGS:** Quarry Steps (an already established trad climbing crag), and the adjacent Corona Wall are both within the popular 'Ghar Lapsi' climbing area.

**CLIMBING:** Both crags are mostly vertical face climbing with occasional slight overhangs and slabs.

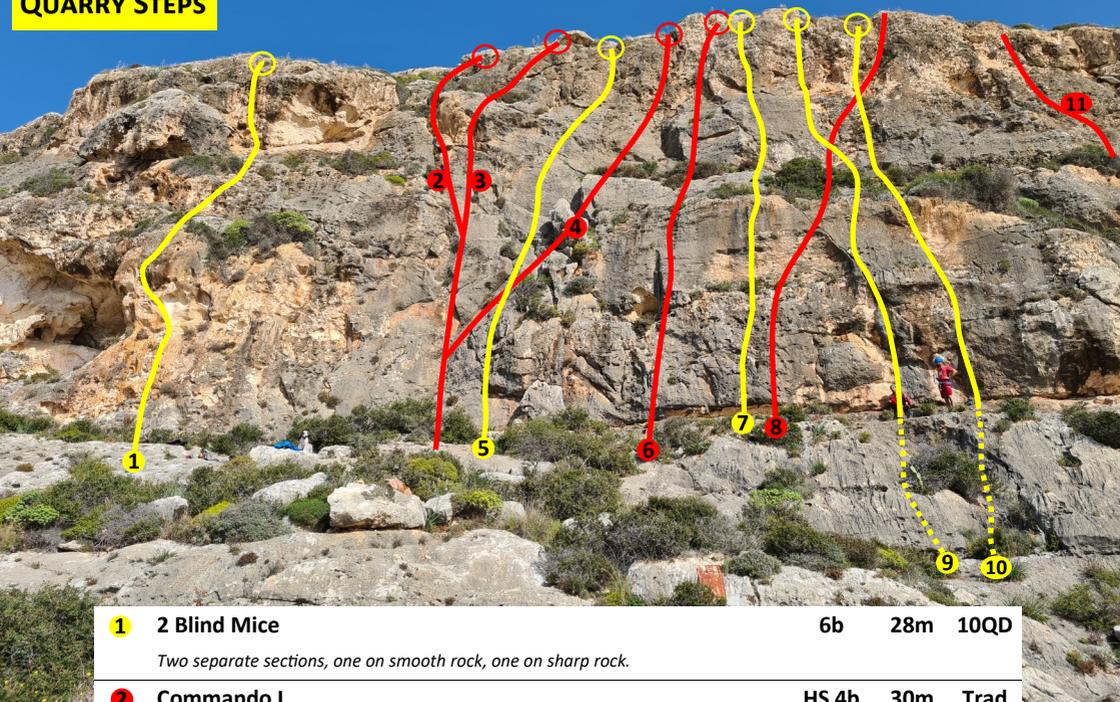
**EXPOSURE:** Both walls are South facing so sunny most, if not all, day.

**ACCESS:** Same as with the other Ghar Lapsi sectors, park at the Ghar Lapsi car park and walk eastwards with the sea on your right 100m past Terry's & McCarthy's Cave.

All routes have been bolted with titanium bolts and anchors provided by the Malta Rock Climbing Club (MRCC) and sponsored by the MTA and various climbers' donations.

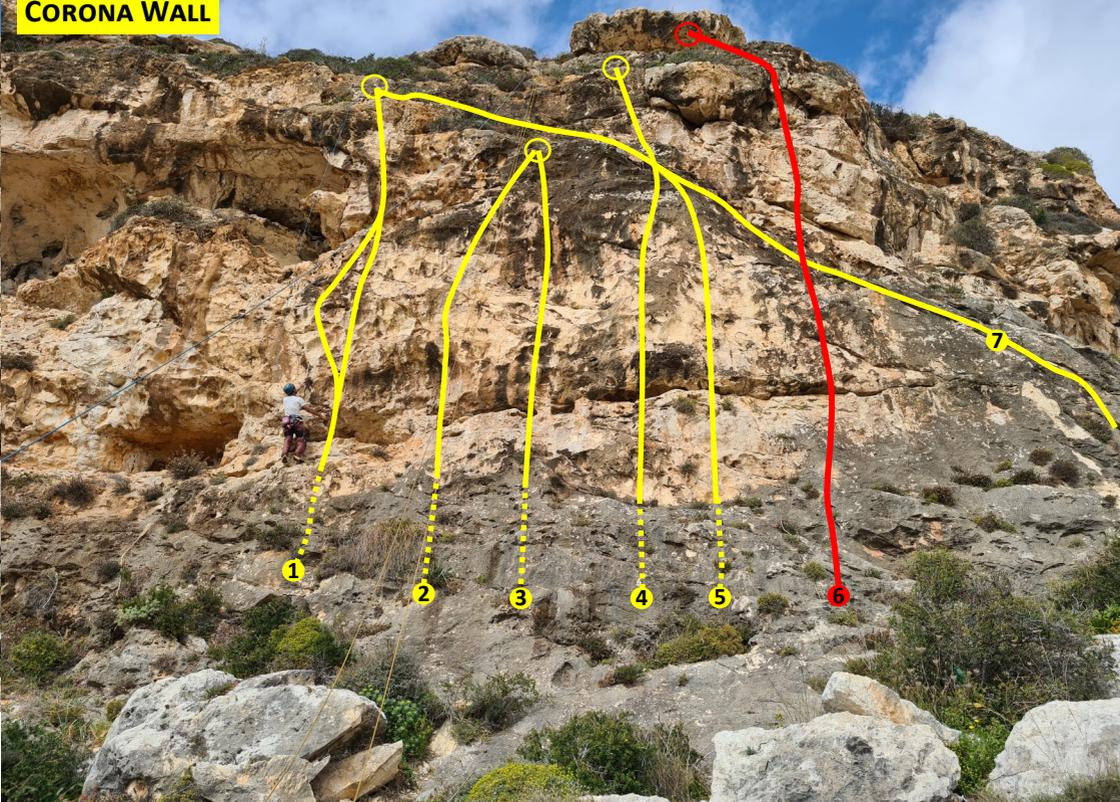


## QUARRY STEPS



<b>1</b>	<b>2 Blind Mice</b>	<b>6b</b>	<b>28m</b>	<b>10QD</b>	<i>Two separate sections, one on smooth rock, one on sharp rock.</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commando I</b>	<b>HS 4b</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>The left fork of a Y shaped crack finishing up another crack which overjangs at its base.</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Civilian Route I</b>	<b>E1 5b</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>Start up the Y shaped crack as for Commando I but continue over the front face between the cracks and the bulge above, exiting right. Take the overlap and the final bulge above a ledge.</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commando II</b>	<b>MS 4a</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>The right fork of the Y then right to a large flake, follow the shallow crack above to finish. Alternately, start beneath the large flake and climb direct.</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>All the Thyme in the World</b>	<b>6a</b>	<b>28m</b>	<b>10QD</b>	<i>6a going straight on the bolts, easier (5b/c) staying right of the bolts at the slabby crux.</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chi Commander, Fire Engine</b>	<b>VS 4c</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>An easy but enjoyable long line starting on a slab below a craggy hole, then continuing up easy slabs to follow the obvious crack (nuts) to the top</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>Thymeless</b>	<b>6c+</b>	<b>28m</b>	<b>11QD</b>	<i>A first tricky section at the beginning, but nothing compared with the puzzling crux at the end, with too many crimps to choose from!</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>Commando III</b>	<b>VS 4c</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>Start about 10m to the right of the 'Y' over a shallow undercut. Climb the wall to gain a narrow ledge then right to a scoop, and up to a shallow red cave. Layback the crack on the right to finish.</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>Summer Thyme</b>	<b>6b+</b>	<b>28m</b>	<b>10QD</b>	<i>33m if belaying from better stance below. Similar finish to Thymeless, but with a couple of life-saving holds more.</i>
<b>10</b>	<b>Walk in the Park</b>	<b>5c+</b>	<b>28m</b>	<b>?QD</b>	<i>33m if belaying from better stance below. A great warm up route with good holds all the way ending at a small overhang.</i>
<b>11</b>	<b>Perched Blocks Crack</b>	<b>VD</b>	<b>35m</b>	<b>Trad</b>	<i>Up the chimney to exit via perched blocks.</i>

# CORONA WALL



<b>1 Covid Rising</b>	<b>6a+/6b</b>	<b>20m</b>	<b>7QD</b>
<i>1st 5m scramble. Vertical wall with tufas and some classical sharp holds towards the top. 6a if you steal to the jugs on the left.</i>			
<b>2 Pfizer</b>	<b>6b+/6c</b>	<b>15m</b>	<b>5QD</b>
<i>1st 5m scramble. Vertical wall on crimps.</i>			
<b>3 AstraZeneca</b>	<b>6b</b>	<b>15m</b>	<b>5QD</b>
<i>1st 5m scramble. Vertical wall with interesting features.</i>			
<b>4 Moderna</b>	<b>6a+</b>	<b>18m</b>	<b>8QD</b>
<i>1st 5m scramble. Vertical wall then easier at the top on sharp holds.</i>			
<b>5 Sputnik V</b>	<b>6a</b>	<b>18m</b>	<b>8QD</b>
<i>1st 5m scramble. Vertical wall then easier at the top on sharp holds.</i>			
<b>6 Antivaxxers Unite</b>	<b>VS 4c</b>	<b>20m</b>	<b>Trad</b>
<i>Start at the slab past two shallow horizontal &amp; diagonal cracks and on into the steep, broken overhangs to end in the cave formed by the capping boulder.</i>			
<b>7 Herd Immunity</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>25m</b>	<b>?QD</b>
<i>Lovely ramp up from the right coming across all the other routes. Nicely exposed for a beginners' experience.</i>			