

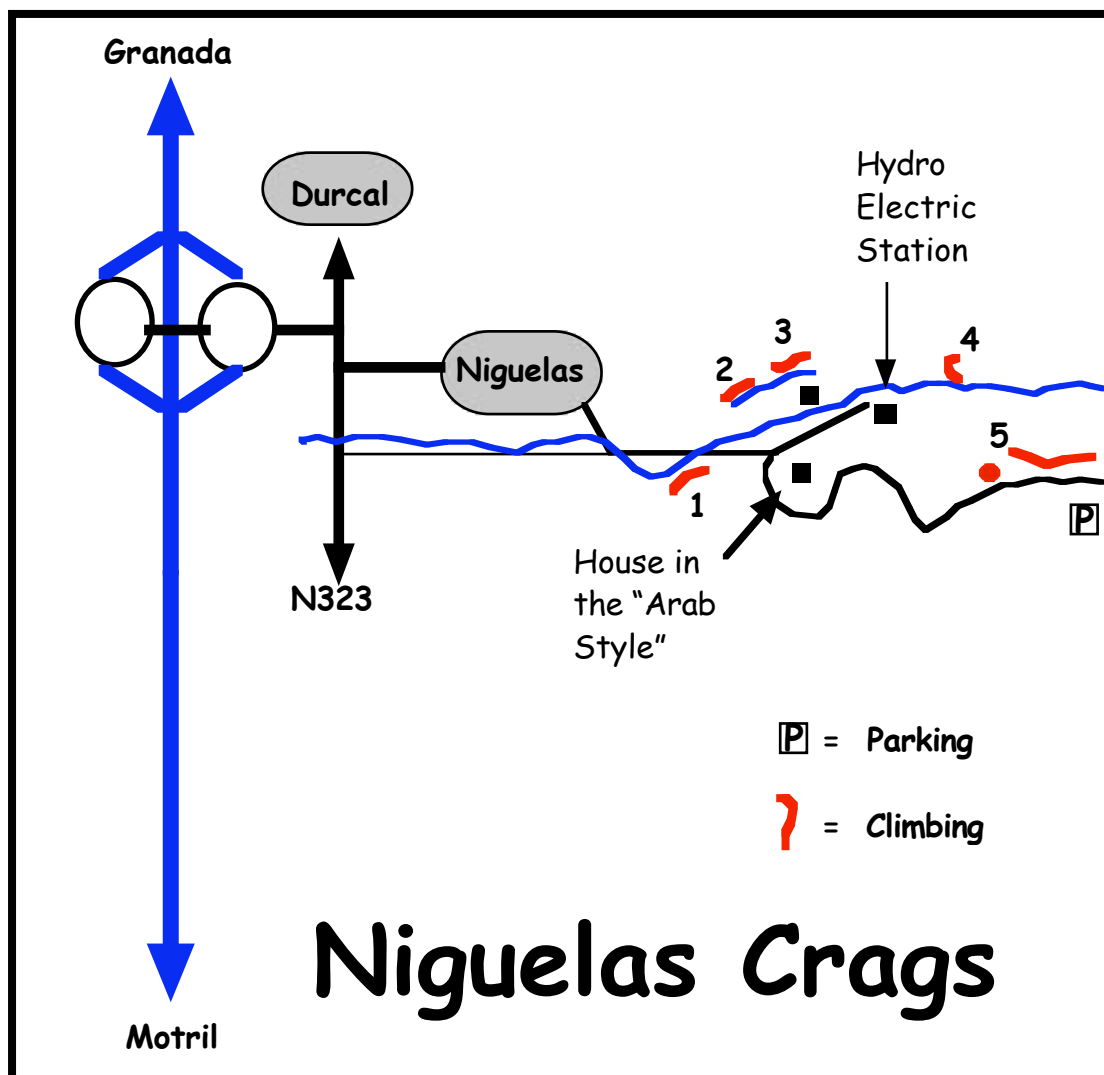
Niguelas

The crags of Niguelas are fast becoming a major climbing area. The newly developed area of "The Pinnacle" (crag 5 on the map) has transformed the venue.

Driving through Niguelas requires driving through narrow streets! There is parking just as you enter the village though if intending to visit The Pinnacle, this would give you a long walk.

Proceed up through the village, the road leads up to the village square (some parking and bars). Leave the village square at its top right hand corner. At a fork, keep right and proceed to where the road descends into the Rio Niguelas Gorge. Turn left up the gorge which is now a dirt track. (it is possible to reach this point by driving a dirt track in from the N323).

There are ample parking spots alongside the dirt track.



1. Riverside Buttress

This is 500m up the gorge from where you enter it from the village. A rock outcrop just right of the road immediately before a small bridge. The crag is North facing and in the shade for most of the day.



The routes are described from right to left. At the R.H. side of the buttress a fence adjoins the rock:

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| 1. | 4 | | Climbs the line above the fence. |
| 2. | 5 | Betunero | Climbs the line 1.5m left of the last climb. |
| 3. | 5+ | | 2m left of Betunero. |

Riverside Buttress Main Face

4. 4m left of the previous route. From half height take the R.H. line of bolts.
5. Start for the previous route but follow the L.H. line of bolts from half height.
6. 2m left of the previous route, just left of the crack. Ascends the polished wall to the ledge.
7. 4m left of the previous route. Ascends the polished wall to the ledge and the overhung headwall above.
8. Sangre Pal Vampiro. 2m left of the previous route. Ascends the polished wall and the overhung headwall above.
9. 2m left. Ascends polished wall and the left edge of the overhung headwall above.
10. Aesculiso 3m left. Climbs the left edge of the cliff.

Acequia Buttress 1

200m further up the track from The Riverside Buttress is a prominent house built in the "Arab Style" by a road junction. Above the river on the opposite side of the gorge to this house is an Acequia (water channel). The climbs are on a 10m boulder by a "Parc Natural" sign beside the acequia.

The routes are of a slabby nature and step off the acequia. Left to right:

1. 5+
2. 5
3. 5+

Acequia Buttress 2

50m right of the previous buttress, along the acequia, is a path up to another buttress (20m above the acequia). The 5 routes here are all much harder, but we have not done them!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Riverside Slabs

Follow the Rio Niguélas up from the village passing to the left of the "Arab Style" house. The track brings you to the hydro electric station. Park discreetly here. Follow the path to the left of the hydro station down to the river. The slabs are on the west face of a huge boulder 100m upstream on the opposite bank. Shady in the morning.

The boulder has been water washed in the past and has a polished feel up to half height which takes a bit of getting used to. The 2nd pitches of the longer routes have normal friction! All routes are between 6a and 6c and are described from right to left as you would approach them.

1. 6c The 1st hanger is missing but can be protected from the next route.
2. 6b
3. 6b?
4. 6b, 6c
5. 6a
6. 6b, 6b
7. 6a
8. 6a

Around the corner is a further 2 pitch route:

9. ??

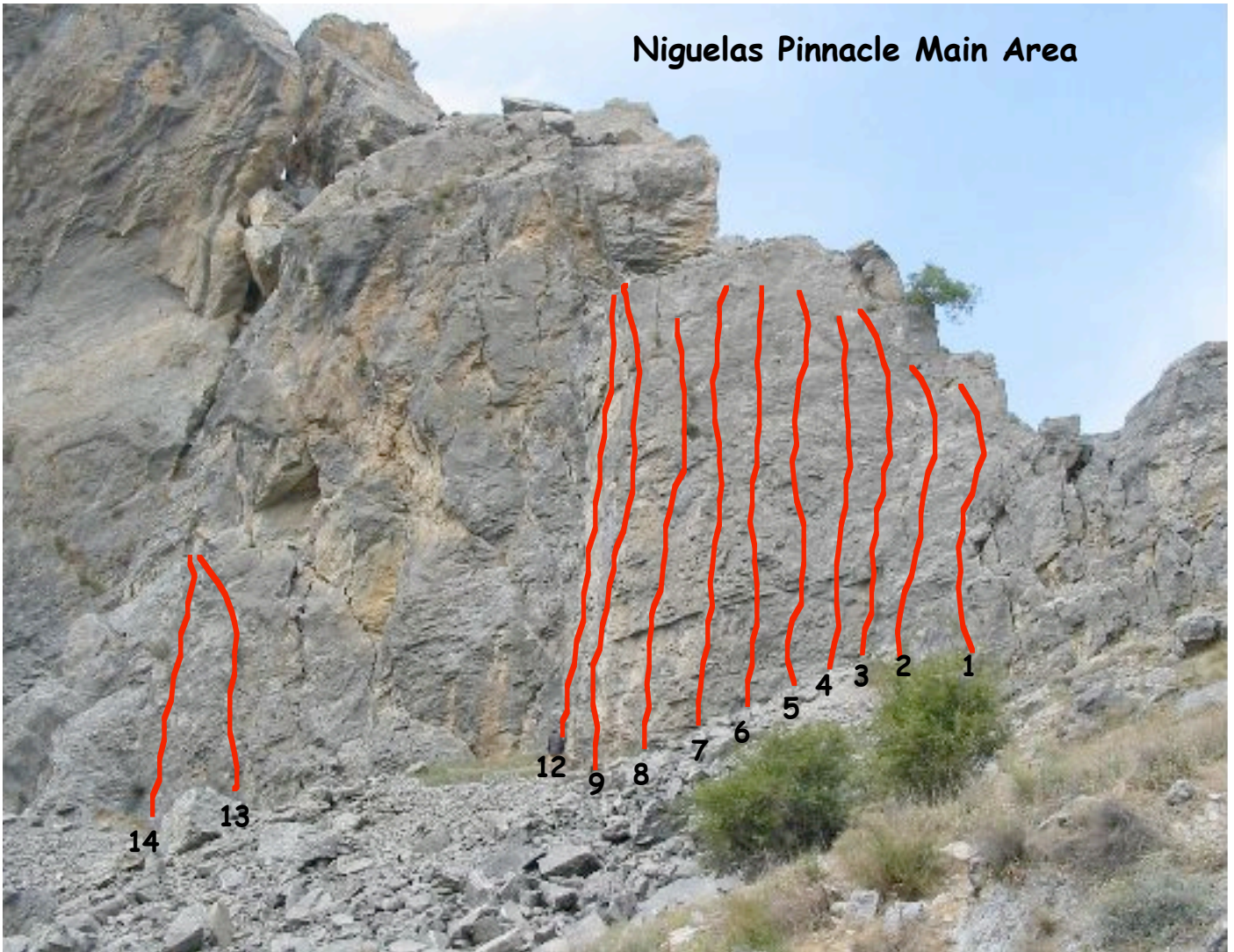
Niguelas Pinnacle

This is a newly developed area (with more scope for development). South Facing. By far the most worthwhile venue in the Niguelas area. The rock is limestone with lots of hidden small finger holds and pockets making for delightful climbing.

From Niguelas follow the track up the Rio Niguelas and fork right at the "arab Style" house. The track zig zags up through impressive rock scenery passing the Pinnacle (on your left). The road levels off at a col, park just beyond where it widens. A faint path leads from the col to the r.h. end of the climbing 50m.



Niguelas Pinnacle Main Area



1. 3 Just left of the R.H. arete.
2. 3. 2m left and right of a small corner.
3. 4+. 2m left. Start at the corner. Excellent climbing.
4. 6a 1.5 m left of the corner.
5. 6b 1.5m left of the previous route.
6. 6c 2m left of the previous route.
7. 6c 2m left of the previous route.
8. 6c 2m left. The right side of a slight arete.
9. 6c The slight arete.
10. 6c 1.5m left of the arete.
11. 6c+ The right wall of the gully
12. 6c+ Start in the gully. Move onto the r.h. wall which is followed until after the 3rd bolt you join the previous route.

The next routes are 25m left of the gully under a large overhanging block at 25m.

13. 5 Climbs the steep slab. Shares a lower off with the next route.

14. 4+ Climbs the steep slab sharing a lower off with the previous route!

On the big boulder 50m off to the left are three further (hard) routes which are shady in the afternoon.



1. 6b

2. 6b

3. 6b+