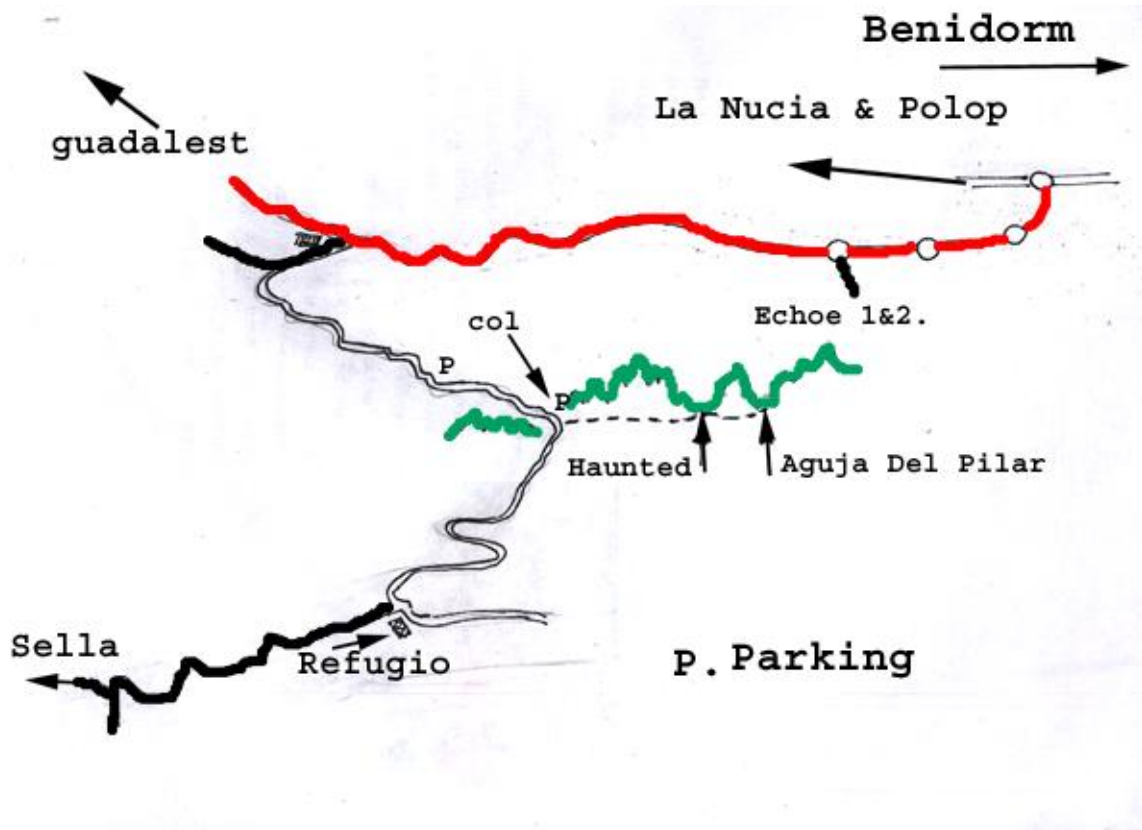


Approach to Aguja Del Pilar.

From the parking area at the col; approach as for Haunted Wall.



Follow that description until at the col, level with Haunted Wall. Continue to contour around the next mountain (Aguja del Pilar) to another col. This is a good place to change and deposit your sack etc. Descend down the gully for 25m to a bolt. Abseil 25m from this to the base of a wall. Walk down the gully passing one deep chimney on the left wall. All the climbs start below this point. See relevant route description for the starts to each climb.

(P). Project. 3 pitches completed. 4b/5c/5a. (V/6a+/V. E2)

The final route on this wall has only had three pitches climbed, the major pitch being the steep overhanging groove on the left of **Rise of the Phoenix**. My intentions are to continue this line up the walls on the left, but, at the moment no real weaknesses have been discovered to take natural gear. Once a line has been found that will take natural protection this route should make an equally enjoyable climb on this wall.

1. Rise of the Phoenix. 152m. 5a. HVS. (V. Adv. 5).

A truly superb route. Every pitch giving interesting climbing on sound rock. The positions on this climb, like all the others in this area, are superb. A real classic adventure route which will justly become popular for those who are in search of climbing in wild areas.

Descend the gully to below an obvious crack high up on the left wall and 5 meters lower than the first deep chimney.

1. 15m.. Very difficult. (3+). Climb the steep up small ledges right of the corner to a good ledge and bolt/nut Belay.

2. 40m. 4c. (V). Climb right and ascend the arete just right of the groove to a good ledge and bolt/nut belays.

3. 20m. 4c. (1V+). Climb up then right to enter the big groove above. Follow this to the top then swing left along a wide crack to reach a good ledge and Bolt belay.

4. 25m. 5a. (V). Climb direct to the steep crack above then move left into the chimney. Climb this to reach a good ledge on the right edge. Bolt.

5. 35m. 4b+. (1V+). Climb across the chimney onto the far wall and ascent this using good but well spaced holds to reach a good ledge and thread belay.

6. 15m. Easy (2). Climb up the groove, then up to a ledge which leads right to the top of the descent.

F/A. R Edwards. D. Whitby. S. Scott. 2/3/2002.

2.Cynical Pinnacle. 175m. 5b. & A1. E1. (E16a. & A1) .

What a route! Superb climbing throughout; each pitch giving well protected and stylish climbing. Another worthwhile classic adventure route.

Descend the gully until just left of the wide deep chimney at the base of the gully.(The buttress on the right is the start of La Espada.)

Start below a shallow groove left of the chimney.

1. 28m. 5b. (6a) . Enter the groove from the left and climb direct (two old bolts) to where it divides. Move right, and climb the steep crack to a good ledge and bolt/nut belays.

2. 25m. 5b. (6a). Ascend rightwards (old bolt) then right again to reach a shallow groove with two belay bolts on the right (belay of Carretera del Angels). Climb the groove above direct and a short slab to a good ledge and old bolt/nut belays.

3. 50m. 5a. (V+). Climb right and up into a steep corner (old bolt) moving left at the top onto a narrow ledge. Climb the steep short wall and move left to the edge of the pinnacle. Climb up left onto the large flake/block to a good crack which is followed to the left edge of the pinnacle. Climb the wall on the right to reach a narrow ledge and bolt belay.

4. 25m, 6a. OA 4c. & A1. (6b OA V-. & A1). Climb the pinnacle to the top. Using the 2 bolts on wall on the left, gain the left arete. Climb the wall above to a good ledge and bolt belays

4a. Variation. 25m. 5b (6a+). Good steep crack climbing. From the belay bridge over the gully and climb the steep crack to gain the arête. Climb the wall above to a good ledge and bolt belays.

5. 30m. 4c. (V-). Climb the short wall below the boulder, moving left, and then climb the steep wall direct to a good ledge just short of the top. Thread/nut belays.

6. 15m Easy. Scramble up the gully on the left, over ledges to a wider one going right. Follow this to gain the descent.

F/A. R Edwards. M. Brohan. 11/2/2002

3. Original route.

4. Carretera Del Angels. 171m. 5b. E1. (6a).

A superb climb taking the right edge of the buttress. Some of the climbing looks far harder than it is. Well protected.

Start as for Cynical Pinnacle below a shallow groove left of the lower chimney.

1. 28m 5b (6a). (Pitch one of Cynical Pinnacle) Enter the groove from the left and climb direct (two old bolts) to where it divides. Move right and climb the steep crack to a good ledge and bolt/nut belays.

2. 18m. 4b. (1V). Ascend rightwards, passing an old bolt, to a small ledge and two bolts belays at the base of a steep wall on the right.

3. 30m. 5a. (V+) Ascend rightwards into the shallow scoop. Climb directly up the steep wall passing two in situ thread runners. A third thread is passed on the right(out of reach), you then climb direct to a small ledge and bolt belay.

4. 30m. 5b. (6a-). Climb directly above the belay to a bolt in the wall above. Move up and right, then up to a crack which ends on the edge of the buttress. Go up to a small narrow ledge(two old bolts) and climb the steep wall above to reach a good ledge(slightly easier by the chimney). Bolt belays

5. 20m 4c. (V-). Climb rightwards, around the arete, to reach the base of steep wall. Climb this to a good ledge at the top of the pinnacle. Bolt belays.

6. 30m. 4c. (V-). Climb the short wall below the boulder, moving left, and then climb the steep wall direct to a good ledge just short of the top. Thread/nut belays.

7. 15m Easy. Scramble up the gully on the left, over ledges to a wider one going right. Follow this to gain the descent.

F/A. R Edwards. K Martin. 13/6/2002

5. La Espada. 163m. 5c+ OA 5b. & A1. E2. (6b. OA 6a. & A1).

A very varied and interesting climb taking the full length of the wall.

Descend the gully to the lowest point of the wall, just right of a deep chimney.

- 1. 50m. 5b. (6a).** Climb rightwards onto the base of the pillar to a shallow groove and climb this to its top. Move left into a crack which is followed to a ledge. Move left into a groove and up this and the short walls above to reach a ledge and bolt/peg/nut belays.
- 2. 35m 6a OA 5b & A1. E2. (6b. OA 6a+ A1).** Climb the pillar up until level with two bolts in the steep wall on the left. Use these and a nut to get onto a small ledge on the left. Ascend rightwards passing three bolts to the right arete. Move round this and up into a crack. Move right into a wide crack then up to belays on the edge of the wall. Bolts.
- 3. 28m. 5a Hard Very Severe . (V.+).** Cross the gully onto the rib on the right. Up this and ascend rightwards to a crack. Climb this using the wall on the left to a small ledge and thread /Bolt belays.
- 4. 35m. 5c AO 5b & A1. E1. (6b. OA 6a & A1).** Climb up into the groove on the left and at its top move right onto the steep wall using a rock spike. Use a bolt to gain the wall above then up this and the slabs above to reach a thread belay.
- 5. 15m 2. (Easy)** Climb the groove then up to a ledge, which leads to the top.

First ascent. R Edwards. B Birch 7/3/2002.



Phoenix-Cynical Pinnacle connections. 20m. V. (5a UK.)

Connecting the first two pitches of, Rise of the Phoenix with the middle and upper pitches of Cynical pinnacle, produces a superb grade **5a (V.)** rock climb.

The connection. Just before you reach the top of the second pitch of Rise of the Phoenix it is possible to step right onto the far wall. Once on this wall, climb direct to a good ledge and bolt belay, or continue rightwards (5m) around the arete into the second belay of Cynical Pinnacle. (Old bolt and nut belays). From here continue up the third pitch of that route and follow the remaining pitches to the top of the mountain.

