

# New Route Update for California Central Coast Climbs- San Luis Obispo

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## **Figueroa Mt.\*\*\***

A high quality new area that opened in the winter of 2007 up on Figueroa Mountain above Los Olivos. Over 40 routes, from 5.3 to 5.11. A variety of climbing -- cracks, slabs, overhanging face, and amazing spires. Visit [slatervision.com](http://slatervision.com) for info on the mini-guide.

## **Miller's Crossing**

**Tempest\*\*\* 5.10c/d** 5 bolts. Starts on wall opposite *Sith*, above the seasonal creek. Look for a large cave half-way up. Climb up past some bolts to the ledge and cave. Then make the unnerving move out the cave and onto the steep face, then pull the final exit moves. Best to pre-set your anchor. FFA Tom Slater & Kristi Hall 4-19-07. FTR Ken Klis & Tom Slater 3-07.

## **Bishop Peak**

### **P-Wall- Left Side:**

**Garden Party\* 5.7** 4 bolts. From the top Garden Wall anchor, head right across the top of the slab, step across the gully, and then onto P-Wall's left side. Then head up a steep featured face past 4 bolts to anchors. FFA Ken Klis & Tom Slater 7-11-08, on sight, on lead using one bad cam. Bolts put in on second ascent (TS), 7-14-08.

**The Backdoor 5.8\*\*\*** 3 bolts. You can start with any route on Garden Wall, then climb *Garden Party*, and then *Sunnyside* on the Summit Slab up to the top of the peak. Finish with one of the summit routes and it makes for an enjoyable 4 pitch climb. FA Tom Slater and Ken Klis, 7-11-08

**Mountaineer's Route 5.4** Pro: .05" to 4". Not new. Been done for many-a-moon. The dirty vegetated chimney that slices the lower portion of the left side of P-wall, located above the gully between Garden Wall and P-Wall. FA Unknown.

### **P-Wall- Main Wall:**

**Sofa King Great 5.11a\*\*\*** Pro: 1 cam at start, 4 bolts. Just below and left of *Rusty's Cave* (left of TR *Flinging Moss*). Steep, with nice positive holds. FA Ken Klis & Tom Slater 4-21-07.

## **P-Wall- Right Side:**

**Pump Floyd 5.10b/c\*** Just left of *Dark Side*. Steep start up face past 5 bolts to anchor. FFA Ken Klis 2008 FTR John Knight.

**Dark Side of the Moon 5.8** 7 bolts. Just left of the wide *Motor Mouth*, climb the face past 4 bolts to anchors. Continue up past 3 more bolts and upper anchor. FA John Knight & Theron Moses 11-07.

**Summit Slab Area:** Climb to the top of P-Wall, then take a small climber's trail for 100' to the bottom of the 90' wall (below East Summit Blocks, below *Arriba*).

**Sunnyside 5.9\*** 4 bolts + pro: .05" to 1". From the center of the wall, climb up past 4 bolts, over a short wall, and up a mini-slab past a crack to anchors. Cams needed to protect upper section of route. FA John Knight & Tom Hipp 12-07.

## **Garden Wall:**

**Doggie Style 5.9** 2 bolt variation to *Wandering Woofs*. Located on extreme far right side of Garden Wall. New anchors. FA Theron Moses '05.

## **East Summit Block:**

**Arriba Su Vientre 5.8** Not a new route. This is the dirty wide chimney on the P-Wall side of the summit blocks. FA Unknown Pre-1978.

**There and Back Again 5.8\*** 3 bolts. Climb the left side of the formation (around corner, left of *Arriba*) up a steep face past 3 bolts to anchors. FA Tom Slater, Matt Geyer, Ken Klis 7-08.

## **East Gully:**

**Owl's Staircase 5.8** 4 bolts. Climb the east rib up the "staircase" to summit anchors. FA John Knight 5-08.

**Private Pepper 5.7\*** The small slab above the notch between Midnight Spire and the mountain. Climb up the face below a small hole in the rock, up past a bolt and then up some small seams/crack to anchor. FA John Knight & Chris Manning 2-08.

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