

# Dalton

## General Crag Grading



**Rock:** Limestone, pretty solid.

**Routes quantity:** 18 bolted. No trad lines.

**Routes length:** 10-18 meters

**Season:** All year. The crag is north facing, so you can climb here even during the hot days of summer. Afternoon is of course preferable. Winter is also possible, although it's advised you bring something warm to wear.

**Shade:** During the summer shade covers the cliff at about 11:30 AM, and you can climb till dark. No sun problem in the winter.

**Cellular coverage:** yes

**Camping:** It's more appropriate to say: "climbing is possible just under the camping spot". A superb campsite is located just by the car park, above the crag. Fully shaded all day, excellent view and breeze, tent friendly and a fire pit. What else could you ask for? Follow "Getting there" to reach the crag and this lovely spot.

**Please keep the place as clean as possible.**

### About:

Up until 2007, Dalton cliffs were used only as an abseiling site. Located very close to Dalton stream nature reserve, it was never officially approved for climbing until 2006, when the ILAC obtained the approval of the National Park Authority. Later that year, 2 bolting courses took place, training 21 climbers in total to be authorized as route setters. The trainees contributed 11 new lines that were marked, top-roped, cleaned and bolted, all in a single day! The crag development kept on going even after the bolting courses ended, as the relentless Max Suster and other friends bolted the rest of the routes. The crag is known today for its beautiful surroundings, lots of shade and of course, high-quality routes – both easy as well as challenging ones.

### A note on safety:

There have been accidents here before, so we feel the need to emphasize the risk involved with belaying on the narrow shelf under routes 1-6. lock into the safety cable set up for this purpose.

### Gear & conditions:

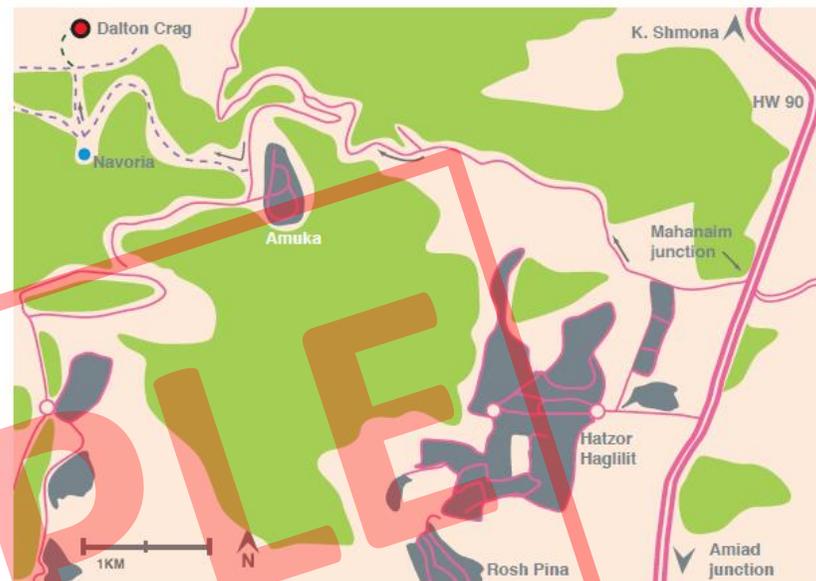
After heavy rain, it can get muddy and slippery. 10 draws and a 50m rope are sufficient for the whole crag.

### Getting there

From Golani junction, above Tiberias, head north on road 65 toward Nah'al Amud T-junction. Turn right and drive up to Amiad Junction. Drive straight through the junction and keep driving north past Elifelet and Rosh-Pina to reach Mahanaim Junction.

Turn left at the traffic-light and drive west, past a small industrial zone on your left. Keep driving west on a partially paved road until you reach a fork. Take the left road, towards Bat-Ya'ar and Amuka. You will reach a T-junction, turn left towards Bat-Ya'ar and Biria Fort. Keep driving on the winding road. About 100m before reaching the entrance to Amuka, turn right to "Biriya Scenic Rd". This road is marked with green postmarks. Keep driving on it until you reach Ein-Navoraya, a small spring located near a small roundabout with a parking spot. Turn right at the roundabout, through a cattle gate, to a small dirt path. Drive on for another 300m to a small path intersection. Park here! Behind the fence you will find the lovely campground mentioned above, as well as the path descending down to the crag.

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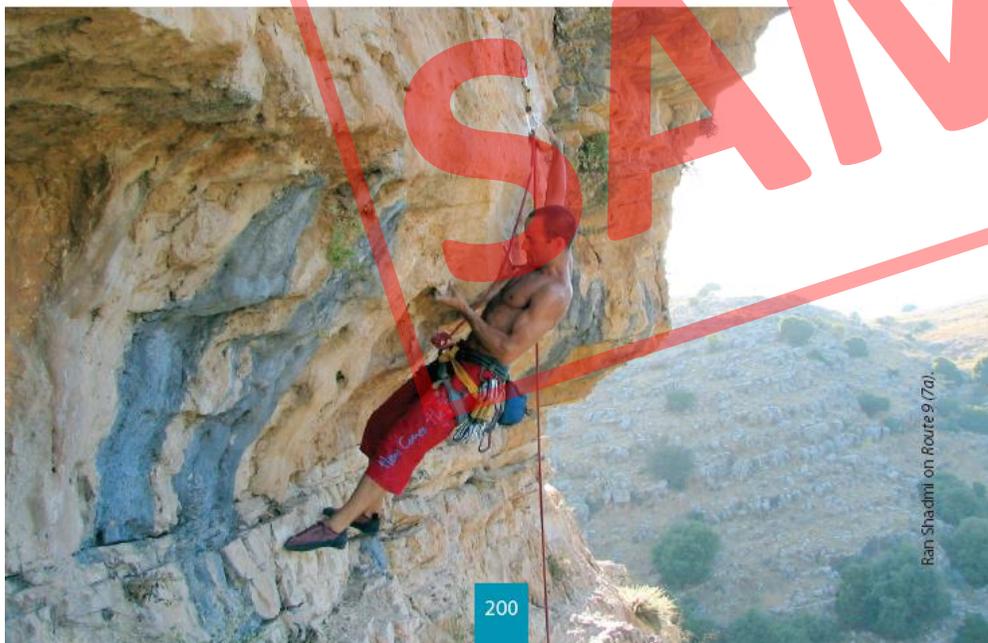
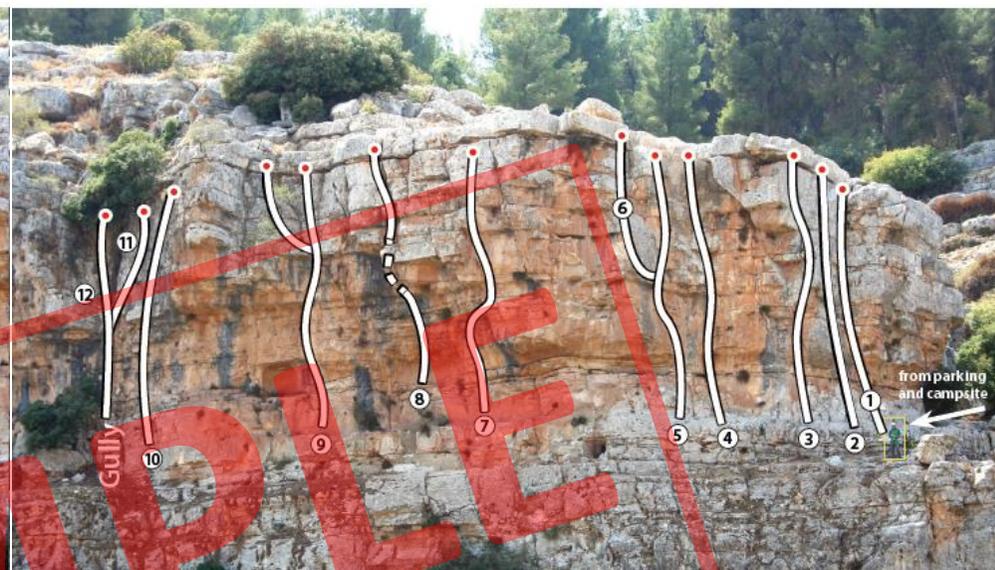
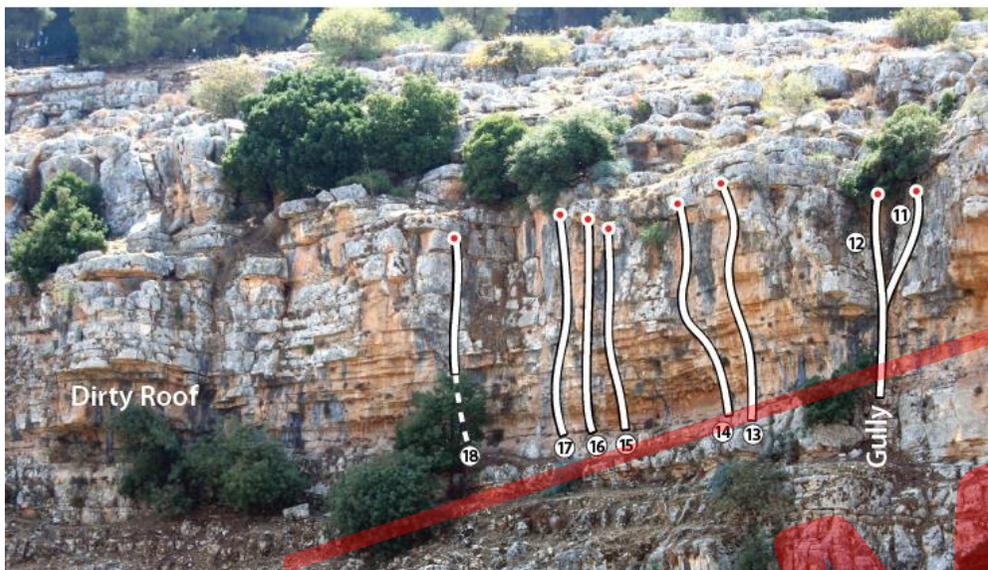
"Swinging away" with Dalton stream and Hula valley in the background. Photo: Ran Shadmi

### Things to do around

Lots! Biriya forest has many attractions: numerous bicycle single-tracks, downhill and cross country routes, water springs, 4X4 trails, saint graves, view points, picnic areas and if all that isn't enough, you can also visit Bat-Ya'ar farm which can serve you excellent steaks, horseback riding trips, children's Gymboree and much more. Visiting Rosh-Pina is a good option as well.

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## Dalton Cliff



Ran Shadmi on Route 9 (7a).

- 1. Pinchas HaKatan: 5 12m** פנחס הקטן  
7 (close) bolts, up the corner. Can also be trad climbed. Nitzan Auerbach 2007.
- 2. Her Royal Highness: 6a 14m**  
6 bolts on the grey face. Dudu Ifrach 2007.
- 3. Blocks: 6a 14m** 7 bolts.
- 4. Crowbar: 6b 14m**  
6 bolts. Mishael Rosenthal 2007.
- 5. The Lost Bolt: 6a+ 13m**  
6 bolts, sharing the first 3 with route 6. Uri Assido 2007.
- 6. Into The Mind: 6b+ 15m**  
7 bolts, sharing the first 3 with route 5. Noam Weis 2007.
- 7. Camelopardalis: 7a+ 15m** ★★  
Shay Hackim 2007.
- 8. Moldavian: 7a 15m** ★★  
Clip the first bolt while standing on the shelf. First move is demanding and interesting. Jenya Papeer 2007.

- 9. Resolving: 7a** ★★  
Big glued undercling at the beginning. Max Suster 2008. Harder left exit variant.
- 10. Picasso: 6c+ 8 bolts.** Max Suster 2008.
- 11. Not Get Carried Away: 6a**  
7 bolts, sharing the first 3 with route 12. Max Suster.
- 12. Great Siq: 5**  
7 bolts, sharing the first 3 with route 11. Max Suster.
- 13. Grizzly: 7c** ★★  
6 bolts, stick-clip recommended. Max Suster 2007. FA by Ofer Blutrich.
- 14. The Testpiece: 6c** ★★  
5 bolts. Nimrod Nachmias 2007.
- 15. Grippit 1: 6c 14m**  
6 bolts, stick-clip recommended. Ofer & Shmulik 2007.
- 16. Unknown.** Slava Rubin, Evgeny Burshtein 2014.
- 17. Grippit 2: 6b+ 13m**  
7 bolts. Ofer & Shmulik 2007.
- 18. Ukraiin: 6b+ 12m** ★★  
5 bolts. Yotam Orchan 2007.