

Gréolières, Chouchou Place

Alpes Maritimes, France

Chouchou Place is the most recent sector of Gréolières. There are 35 routes from 6b to 8a, mostly endurance and technical, opened by Stéphane Benoist and Bruno Montanarini. Despite an elevation of 900 meters, the cliff facing south, is very warm and perfect for winter climbing. The routes are very well bolted but in some places, the rock requires attention.

Location / Access	See "Escalade dans les Alpes-Maritimes V3" guide book.
Best season	Winter, the cliff is facing south and is very hot in the sun but can be cold when it is cloudy or windy.
Routes	35 routes from 6b to 8a. Mostly crimps, technical vertical or slightly overhanging long route.
Bolts	Very well bolted with double bolts with chains for the anchors.

The routes:

1. ?, 6c+ ***. 37m / 18 quickdraws. Lose rock at the beginning then nice endurance route.
2. L1, 6c+ **, technical and sustained. L2, 7a+ *, bouldery, easier for tall people.
3. Arc de Pierre, 6b **, nicer than it looks, 10 quickdraws.
4. Croissant brioche, 6b+, *, technical slab.
5. ?, 6a, ***.
6. Pollux aujourd'hui, 6b, **
7. M'en bati, 6c+, *
8. Lou soleu me fa canta, 6b+, *
9. Haut les pieds, 7a. *
10. Traversée du dessert, 6c+, *
11. Par ou t'es entré (start in 12, ends in 7), 7b, *, interesting start then confusing route.
12. Enfermé dehors, 7a+, ***, amazing route, sustained.
13. Mission Impossible, 8a, *. Lose holds at the beginning then nice climb when reaching Chouchou.
14. Chouchou place, 7c, ***, bouldery crux then easier end.
15. ?, 7c+, ***, fantastic climb, a bit reachy move.
16. Pince moi fort mon petit, 8a, *, bouldery.
17. Les éléphants du PS sont vraiment pauvres, 6c, ***
18. Le mystère de la chambre d'hôtel, 6c+, ***, amazing route.
19. Mi fa cagua le Mt Blanc, 6c, **, technical.
20. Tata rosette : le retour (starts in 19, ends in 23), 6c, ***
21. Un guide dans les étoiles, 7c/+, ***, two power endurance sections with a no hands rest in the middle.
22. Lévitiation digitale, 7c+. *Haven't tried it yet.*
23. BSN perd toujours, 6c+, ***, bouldery crux.
24. La passion ne se dissout pas, 6b+, **, first bolts of 23, then cross right and up.
25. Quand Mougli et Balou ne sont pas là, Baghera équipe (starts in 23 and ends right of 26), 7a, *, rope drag.
26. ?, 7c+. *Haven't tried it yet.*
27. Cho, tres cho, carbo !, 7b+ **, hard for the grade. Power endurance then full rest and technical finish.

Left side



Center



Right side



Extreme left

There are 8 routes at the extreme left of the cliff:

1. La France qui se lève tôt pour équiper L1, 6c+, L1+L2, 7c
2. Y'a pas de planète de rechange, 7b+
3. Les bénitiers des plaisirs, 7b+/c
4. Franca, 7b+/c
5. Copenhague du vent et du blabla, 7c
6. Droit comme un I, 7c
7. Jour blanc, 7b
8. Grande Crevasse, 7a+ *, loose rock.

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