

# Morning Side Crag

Spider Brook



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## Spider Brook & Morning Side Crag

To reach both of these venues, continue west over the big hill on the access road. This takes 30-35 minutes by bicycle from Ing Mine Parking to reach the compressor station below the Moose Mountain Ice Caves. Located on the former parking lot before the road was closed to public vehicle access over twenty years ago. On the far side of the big hill continue straight for another 500m to reach the compressor station. Skirt the compressor station to the left (south side). Stash your bikes and take a faint trail about halfway along the retaining wall on the south side that drops south down a small hill then crosses southward over the Canyon Creek drainage. On the far bank a side drainage joins Canyon Creek. Take this side drainage up hill for ten minutes to reach **Spider Brook** and the **Lower Morning Side Crag**. The approach/creek drainage to these venues was damaged during the 2013 floods. To pick the best path to reach Morning Side Crag required a few minutes longer. To improve access Andy Genereux rebuilt the trail during the hot summer of 2017. This new trail is well marked by small rock cairn's, and starts up the right side of the drainage then crosses over to the left side after roughly 100m, from this point the trail generally hugs the left fringe of the creek drainage to reach the newer Spider Brook sector located in the small box canyon at the top of the drainage. The trail dramatically improved over that first summer but still could use a few minor improvements over a couple short sections in the upper creek bed.

## Spider Brook

This is a delightful shaded little box canyon that lies 30m beyond where the trail heads right up to the rising wall for Morning Side Crag from the creek drainage. The small venue is named after a very "BIG" spider and it's web that were hanging out back in 2016 just left of what Andy Genereux thought would be the first climb established at this newer venue. Turned out the route might actually one of the oldest climbs at the Moose Mountain Crags?

During the early fall of 2016 the first four routes were established by Andy. Initially out of the gate, was the obvious water polished groove, done on lead with a power drill via rope soloing techniques. The line climbs the right side of the obvious polished water chute. It's called *Itsy Bitsy Spider*. According to Allan Derbyshire this climb was actually first climbed on marginal trad gear (graded 5.8, "old school" with a possible ground fall potential) back in the late seventies. There was a lone badly hand-drilled self drive bolt with a homemade hanger at the belay (still in place). Andy thought this ugly badly drilled bolt was a residual anchor leftover from passing ice climbers. Allan also mentioned that the wide moss covered chimney/crack on the left side of the bay was also climbed on gear to reach a two piton anchor at roughly 30m, located below a small roof. Details on this line are few but this wide crack line for now is called *Trad Special* and is included for a more complete picture of the available climbing at this venue. If this wide gapping dirty crack/chimney appeals then bring a well stocked trad-rack. The remaining climbs established at this venue all went in top down requiring extensive cleaning. The routes were then rope soloed by Genereux while building these lines over two seasons at Spider Brook.

All the routes at Spider Brook are located in a shady mostly north facing recessed pocket for much of the year this shady sector sees virtually no direct sunlight. This makes for a good venue to avoid the heat of mid-summer. It houses some nice moderate climbing and is a great place to hang out if one is waiting for the nearby east facing Morning Side Crag to come into shade on blistering hot summer mornings. This is usually around 1:30 pm.

**Routes are described left to Right:**

### **Trad Special T-5.10c/d? Gear to 4"?, 30m**

*Allan Derbyshire, Late seventies?*

Takes the obvious wide crack chimney to a two piton belay? Not much is known about this climb the grade is tentative.

### **Sports Plan \*\* S-5.11b, 27m, 11 clips**

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

Some technical face climbing leads up onto a stepped arête where things get a little burly in order to reach the anchor.

### **Tangled Web \*\* S-5.11a, 23m, 10 clips**

*Andy Genereux, August 2016*

Climbs the face just left of the obvious polished water chute. Steady thin face climbing with a definitive crux at half height. This rig keeps the leader engaged with tricky sequential face movement nearly the whole way.

### **Spider in a Tub \*\* S-5.11d, 20m, 8 clips**

*Andy Genereux, September 2017*

Start as for the route *Itsy Bitsy Spider* in the water chute after two moves delicately move left to the first bolt on this climb. Ascend sustained water polished rock to reach an overlap. Move left with difficulty to tackle a steep water polished seam with a few slightly more positive holds.

# Spider Brook

- A) **Trait Special** T-10c/d gear to 5"
- B) **Sports Plan** \*\*\* S-5.11b, 27m
- C) **Tangled Web** \*\* S-5.11a, 23m
- D) **Spider in a Tub** \*\* S-5.11d, 20m
- E) **E is for Escape** \* S-5.10d, 20m
- F) **Itsy Bitsy Spider** \*\* 5.10b, 17m
- G) **Spider Night** \* S-5.10a, 18m
- H) **Spiderman Does** \*\* S-5.8, 18 m
- I) **Marmot Explosion** \*\*\* S-5.8, 20 m
- J) **CMC Plodder** \*\* S-5.10a, 20 m

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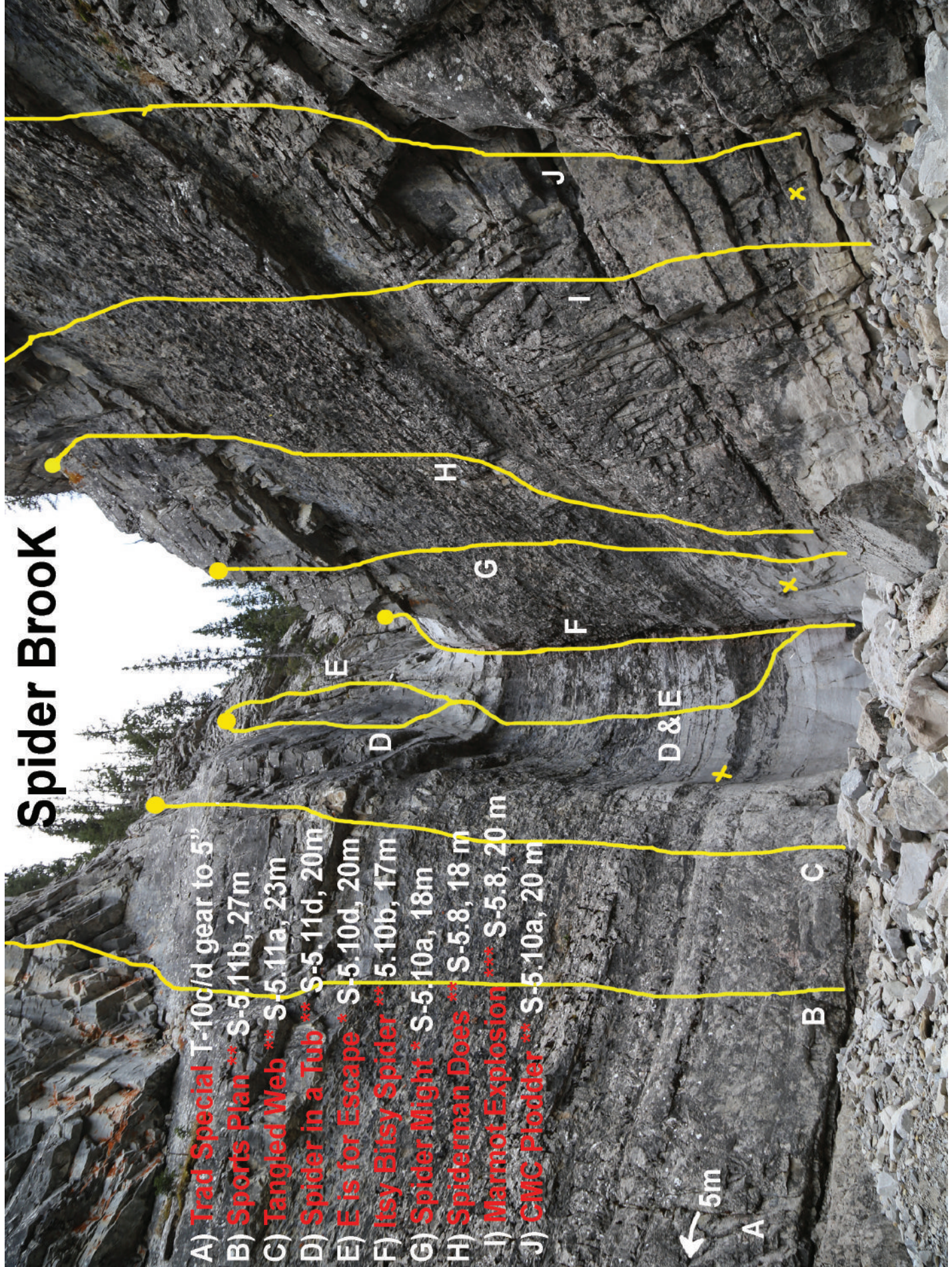
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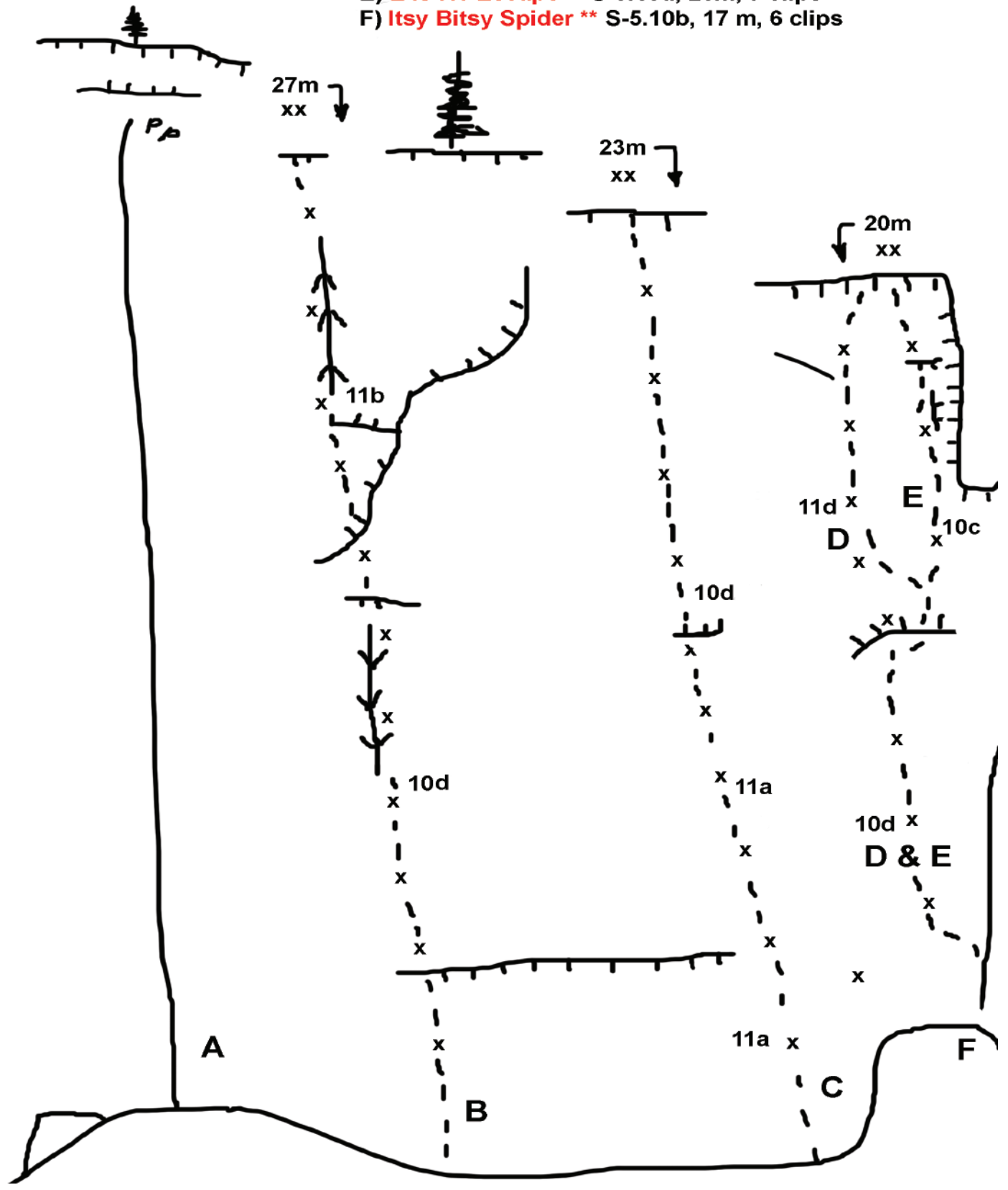
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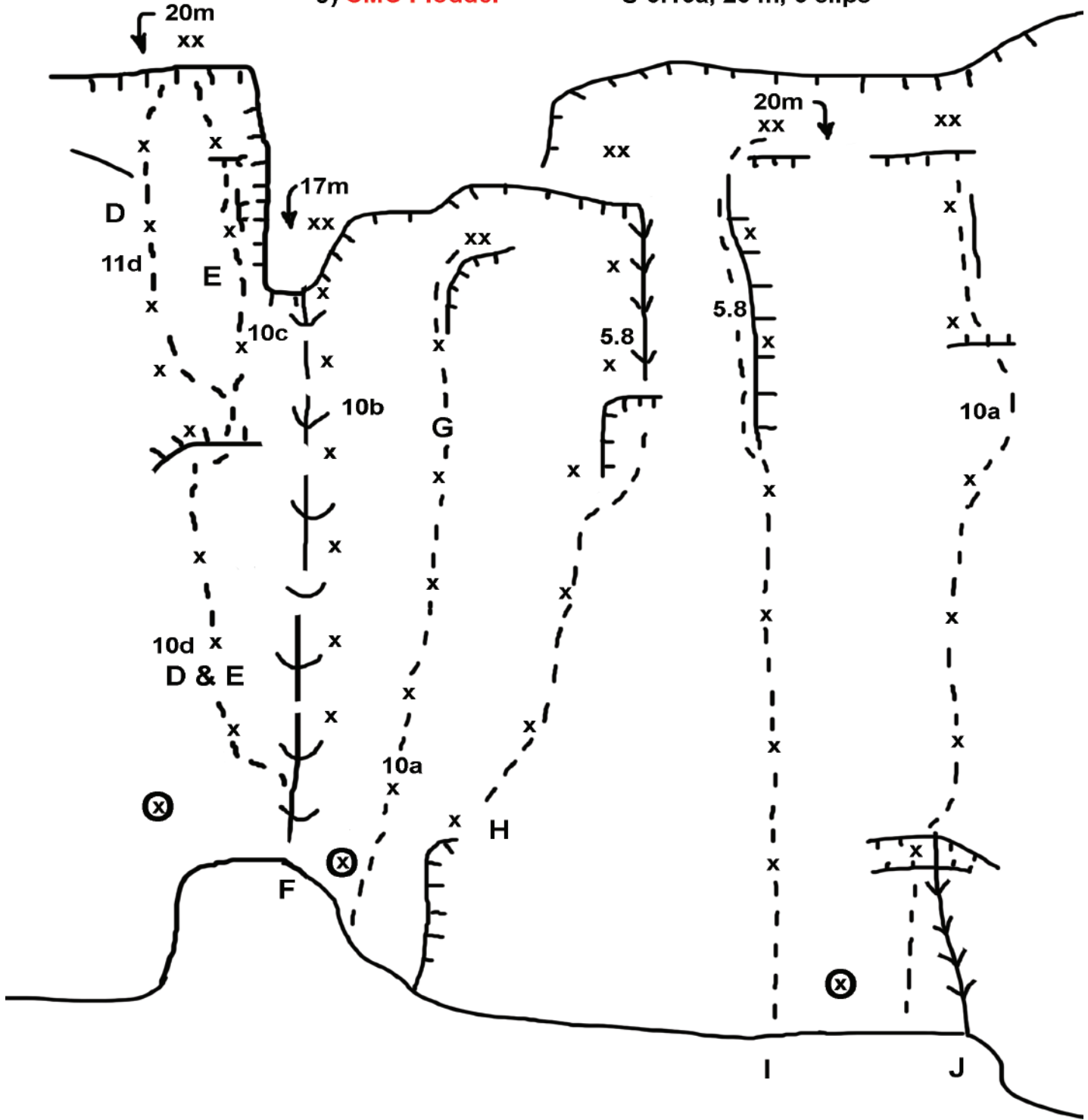
### Spider Brook / Left Side

- A) Trad Special? T-5.10d 32m, gear to 5"
- B) Sports Plan\*\* S-5.11b, 27 m, 11 clips
- C) Tangled Web \*\* S-5.11a, 23 m, 10 clips
- D) Spider in a Tub \*\* S-5.11d, 20 m, 8 clips
- E) E is for Escape \*\* S-5.10d, 20m, 7 clips
- F) Itsy Bitsy Spider \*\* S-5.10b, 17 m, 6 clips



# Spider Brook / Right Side

- D) Spider in a Tub \*\*\* S-5.11d, 20 m, 8 clips
- E) E is for Escape \*\* S-5.10d, 20m, 7 clips
- F) Itsy Bitsy Spider \*\* S-5.10b, 17 m, 6 clips
- G) Spider Might \* S-5.10a, 18 m, 6 clips
- H) Spiderman Does \*\* S-5.8, 18 m, 6 clips
- I) Marmot Explosion \*\*\* S-5.8, 20 m, 6 clips
- J) CMC Plodder \*\* S-5.10a, 20 m, 6 clips



## **E is for Escape \*\* S-5.10d, 20m, 7 clips**

Andy Genereux, July 2017

Starts up the same as for *Spider in a Tub* then takes the right hand escape at the overlap past three bolts at a more consistent 5.10+ grade to the same anchor as *Spider in a Tub*.

## **Itsy Bitsy Spider \*\* S-5.10b, 17m, 7 clips**

Alan Derbyshire, Late Seventies? (Using trad, gear)

Andy Genereux, August 2016 (modern version lead bolted via rope solo)

Climbs the water polished rock with an intermittent crack on the right side of the water chute to a belay next to a bathtub shaped pool above. Unaware of the earlier ascent Genereux on-sight climbed this route while rope soloing, drilling the protection bolts from free stances. Only later, finding out about the earlier ascent by Alan Derbyshire. Formally it was a serious lead on gear at supposedly 5.8, (a total sandbag...!). Having climbed the route a few times now, the author feels strongly the mid-5.10 grade stands. The cleaning and new bolt protection makes this now a fun, slippery, but safe outing!

## **Spider Might \* S-5.10a, 18m, 8 clips**

Andy Genereux, August 2016

The first clip on this route should be stick clipped by the more novice climbers as the crux is climbing up to, then past the first bolt with easier fun climbing in the 5.8-5.9 range above this tricky first clip.

## **Spider Man Does \*\* S-5.8, 18m, 8 clips**

Andy Genereux, August 2016

A very fun route that follows a couple small corners connected by lower angled face climbing through the middle section, moving left at the top to reach the anchor.

## **Marmot Explosion \*\*\* S-5.8, 20m, 8 clips**

Andy Genereux, July 2017

The second route in from the right side. This is a very fun route with mostly positive holds. All-be-it too-short of an outing at these moderate grades.

## **CMC Plodder \*\* S-5.10a, 20m 8 clips**

Andy Genereux, July 2017

This climb has a tricky technical crux through a steep section at two-thirds height with very pleasant easier climbing above and below this short crux section.

## **Morning Side Crag**

This east facing venue is one of the furthest sectors away from parking. However, it gets sun first thing in the morning and its a great cliff for early starts on cooler mornings. It offers a good range of grades and wide variety of climbing techniques are encountered. This cliff line has a small developed lower wall with 5 moderate routes just as the trail leaves the creek drainage. A faint trail then heads uphill (climbers right) to the much taller and wider upper wall where you will find another 26 established routes. One of the older venues at Moose Mountain the sector witnessed some significant new route activity the past few years. With seven new routes found on the upper wall and five more on the previously undeveloped lower wall. All but one of these newer routes were established in the busy 2017 season. Most of the new lines are from Andy Genereux filling in the alphabet so too speak taking in some of the better rock available on the upper cliff line. With a fine grouping of moderate warm up pitches on the newly developed lower wall the attraction to come climbing here has improved substantially. Generally there are no crowds due to the extra 30-40 minutes of travel time but the climbing on offer is well worth the extra effort to get here.

**Big News** 2020, saw two older former trad protected routes on the upper wall called *Traditional Moose* \*\*\* S-5.11a and *Sunshine Crack* \*\* S-5.10c become fully **retro bolted** and turned into **sport routes** by the first ascensionist, Andy Genereux. He felt that after so many years nobody besides him, was bringing a rack in to climb these classic crack climbs (now over 25 years old), both were becoming significantly blocked by vegetation. Also during the 2020 retro fitting several of the routes on the right side of the upper wall had new ring bolt anchors installed to improve on the former rusty chain anchors. In the fall of 2020 Genereux also added a new route to the upper wall right of the route *Tiptoe Through The Two-Lips* called *Banana Peel* \*\* S-5.12a, a very technical face challenge with two mind bending crux sections.

The most difficult new advancement at the cliff is route called *Morning Mojo* \*\*\* S-5.13a. First bolted by Ross Suchy back around 2012 and more or less forgotten about. With some prodding in the 2016 Update to the area Ross finally red-pointed his old project in 2017. This steep route is found 3m right of the route *Dividing Pine* \*\* S-5.12a above a small

stepped pedestal block found at the base of the wall. Roughly 4m left of I'm *Gonna Be Strong* \*\* S-5.12a/b which climbs off the right end of this same blocky ledge. The upper wall just right of this climb is defined by prominent black streaks through the bulging yellow rock. In June of 2017 Andy Genereux added the first two of his five new climbs to expand the scope on the upper wall at Morning Side Crag. On the left side of the cliff he started off with *Red Shirt Bullseye* \*\* S-5.10d/11a, which is a very fun 35m pitch. A week later adding the shorter *Fun Run* \*\* S-5.10c which provides a devious and technically demanding 22m pitch to reach a good belay ledge located at just over half height on the cliff next to a massive pinched block (kind of scary too look at what is holding this pinched block, its interesting!). Both routes climb on some of the better rock available for development on the upper wall of Morning Side Crag. Providing some excellent face climbing options at these grades. These climbs are found about 5m right of the older existing route called *Delicious Dessert* detailed in *Sport Climbs of The Canadian Rockies* by John Martin & Jon Jones.

The blistering July heat never let up in 2017, despite this setback Genereux was back working away. Filling in routes on either side of the very popular route *Special Blend* \*\*\* S-5.10d/11a. Adding two more fine 5.11 additions to the crag. Employing a battery operated leaf blower for the first time dramatically speeding up the cleaning times required on these longer pitches and at the Moose Mountain Crag in general. Both routes are named after Revelstoke climber and friend Dean Flick who sadly passed earlier that same summer. To the right of *Special Blend* is the route *Dean Bean Climbing Machine* \*\* S-5.11b/c which, hosts multiple thin crux sections keeping the excitement going right to the finishing anchor. The second route on the left of *Special Blend* is called the *Dean Flick Memorial Route* \*\*\* S-5.11a/b, which offers up sweet steady upper 5.10 climbing with a couple short sections a bit harder for an engaging overall result.

The final addition to the upper wall the summer of 2017 was at the end of July by Genereux. Located immediately right of *Sunrise Crack*. This mostly juggy route leans a little rightward while overcoming some steeply bulging terrain, called *House of The Rising Sun* \*\* S-5.10d. The devious crux section comes at two thirds height and can be challenging to figure out while holding back the pump working through the slightly overhanging terrain, enjoy!

## Morning Side Crag / Lower Wall

During the heat wave of the summer of 2017, Andy Genereux started working on an afternoon shaded exposure found on the undeveloped lower wall on the Morning Side Crag. On this small sub-cliff adding the five routes now found here over two days of sweaty toil. All are in the 5.10 range for grade and this compact little sector makes for an excellent warm-up venue before heading up hill onto the harder, generally longer and more sustained climbing on the upper wall.

The first route developed out of this grouping was the climb *Trail Blazer* \*\*\* S-5.10a, followed closely by *Sun Seeker* \*\* S-5.10b. The second day of effort saw the obvious *Gateway to Fun* \*\* S-10a/b, which climbs the rounded arête at the left hand edge of the lower wall. The second route built that same day was *Bolts & Sunshine Be Happy Allan* \* S-5.10b/c. This is sort of a tribute route with a harder bottom section to reach easier but more shattered rock on the upper wall. This climb required a massive cleaning effort and you will be happy to know the bolts are in good rock. Probably a Moose Mountain first that saw Genereux completely build and climb three new pitches in a single day. His second day of effort uncovered what might be one of the better of these shorter climbs. Maybe because it involved the least cleaning but more likely the variety of movement on offer that makes things a bit more interesting. The resulting *The CMC Rocks* \*\*\* S-5.10a, adds a fine bit of devious moderate fun to this compact venue.

### Gateway to Fun \*\* S-5.10a, 17m, 7 clips

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

This climb is found directly above the access trail as it heads right to start up the hill to reach the Upper wall of Morning Side Crag. It was intended to be the first route developed on the lower wall but the coolness of the early morning shade that day changed the plan. Andy returning a week later to complete this fun outing. Things start steeply then the line hugs the right side of the rounded arête to finish.

### Bolts & Sunshine be Happy Allan \* S-5.10c, 17m, 7 clips

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

Proves to have some steady climbing overcoming the first three bolts then things becomes somewhat easier to finish. This route had the worst rock quality and required the most cleaning out of the five routes on the lower wall but still ends up being a worthwhile climb.

### Sun Seeker \*\* S-5.10b, 18m, 7 clips

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

The middle of the five routes on the lower wall, it starts off steeply and offers up a steady 5.9 low 5.10 romp to a hanging anchor. Take care the crux section comes overcoming the poorest rock quality on the climb.

### Trail Blazer \*\*\* S-5.10a, 20m, 8 clips

Andy Genereux, August 2017

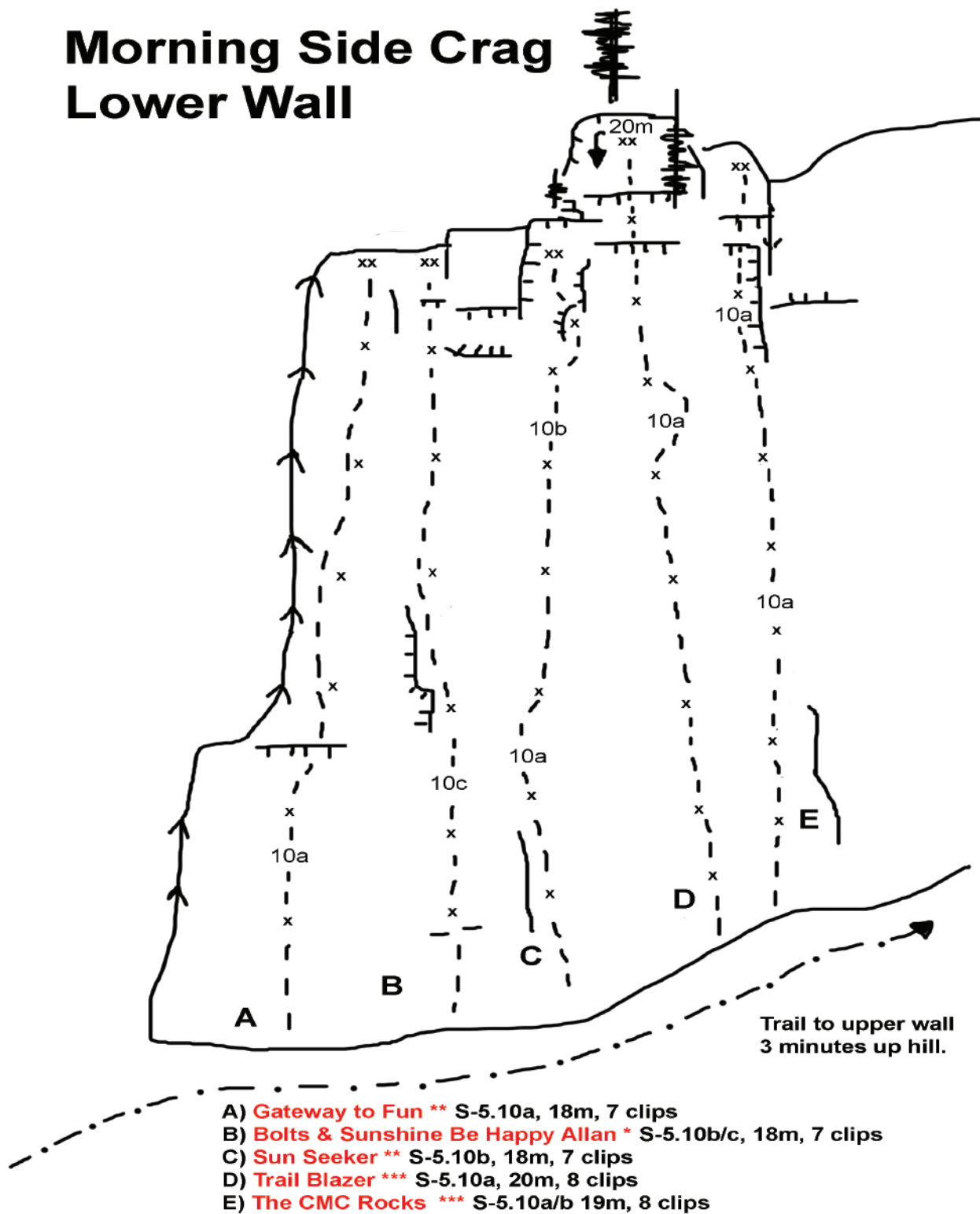
A very nice find amongst the shattered medium found at the Moose Mt. Crags. This was the first route on the lower wall and one of the best. It hosts steady 5.9 and low 5.10 face climbing to reach the ring-bolt anchor above a good ledge.

### The CMC Rocks \*\*\* S-5.10a, 19m, 8 clips

Andy Genereux, August 2017

Starts up the face just left of an intermittent crack. There is a devious crux sequence just by the third bolt. Finally one has to bear hug the arête at the top of the pitch, finishing at a ring bolt belay.

## Morning Side Crag Lower Wall



## Morning Side Crag / Upper Wall

To reach the upper wall at Morning Side Crag head uphill to the climbers right from the lower wall on a faint trail. Takes 2-3 minutes. The the first route on the upper wall called *Wrong Side of The Bed*. It is found just left of a small skinny spruce tree just before the top of the slope. Here the base trail flattens out and traverses the wall over to the climb *House of The Rising Sun*. Here the path drops down a small slope for 15m before it traverses the remainder of the cliff line.

### Wrong Side of the Bed \* S-5.11c/d, 17m, 6 clips

*Andy Genereux, July 1998*

Starts just left of a small skinny spruce tree near the top of the up track to the upper wall. Recommend stick clipping the second bolt. The intense short lived crimp crux has gotten a lot harder with the failure of a key edge critical to getting up to, then past the second bolt before moving up to the shared anchor with *Morning Coffee* to the right. The grade above reflects the latest change in difficulty (formally 5.11a).

### Morning Coffee \* S-5.10c, 17m, 6 clips

*Andy Genereux, June 1998*

Starts at the top of the hill where the trail flattens out. Move left to reach a right facing corner/crack climb this feature then launches left up onto the compact face. Negotiating a bulge at two thirds height is the crux but steady 5.10 climbing is involved nearly the whole way.

### Breakfast Special \*\* S-5.10d, 17m, 7 clips

*Andy Genereux, June 1998*

Climbs the face right of the obvious right facing corner/crack. This route involves tricky thin sustained movement for much of the way to a shared anchor with the climb *Delicious Dessert* to the right.

### Delicious Dessert \*\* S-5.11a, 17m, 7 clips

*Andy Genereux, June 1997*

Climbs a shallow corner on very sustained technical movement. After the corner there is a another crux overcoming thin technical face moves over a bulge before working back a little left to the shared anchor with the route *Breakfast Special*.

### Fun Run \*\* S-5.10c, 22m, 9 clips

*Andy Genereux, July 2017*

Climbs the shallow right facing corner just left of *Red Shirt Bullseye*. The route has several devious moments over steady upper 5.10 terrain to reach a ledge with ring bolts to belay. Make sure you look left of the belay to see the massive pinched block. This should give you something to think about...!

### Red Shirt Bullseye \*\* S-5.11a, 35m, 14 clips

*Andy Genereux, July 2017*

The longest route on the cliff. It involves steady upper 5.10 climbing much of the way with a hard to read thin face crux section at half height which has two ways to tackle it. One slightly harder than the other. There is a short corner crack at two-thirds height that will also keep your mind working overtime while figuring things out.

### Dean Flick Memorial Route \*\*\* S-5.11a/b, 30m, 13 clips

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

Mostly sustained mid to upper 5.10 face climbing with a couple bits a little harder. Some route finding is required to connect the dots. An excellent pitch dedicated to Revelstoke climber and friend Dean Flick who passed in 2017.

### Special Blend \*\*\* S-5.10d, 30m, 11 clips

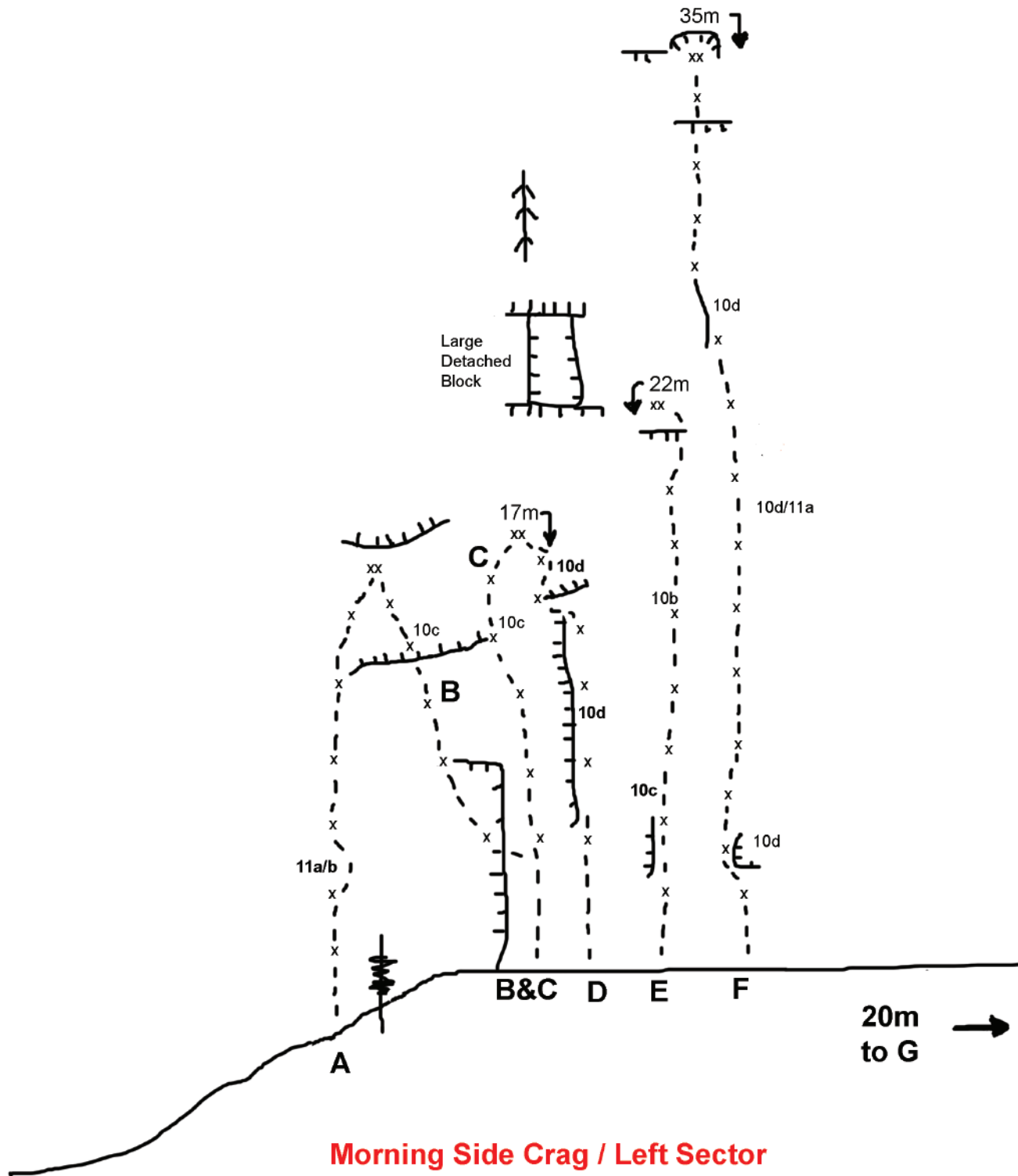
*Andy Genereux, August 1998*

One may want to stick-clip the first bolt as devious climbing works past it to reach a stepped left leaning shallow corner. Move left along the corner until juggy holds allow more upward progress onto the face then work back right to a higher shallow left facing corner. Climb this to a pedestal ledge. Commit up onto a bulge. Sustained face climbing continues until the final bolt. From here hook out left which has somewhat easier climbing, going strait-up is significantly harder.

### Dean Bean Climbing Machine \*\* S-5.11c, 30m, 13 clips

*Andy Genereux, August 2017*

Climbs a thin sustained path to gain the top of a pedestal at half height. Take the good shake on top the pedestal ledge as more thin devious face climbing awaits in order to reach the anchor above.



### Morning Side Crag / Left Sector

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| A) Wrong Side of the Bed * | S-5.11a/b, 17m, 6 clips    |
| B) Morning Coffee *        | S-5.10c, 17m, 6 clips      |
| C) Breakfast Special **    | S-5.10c, 17m, 6 clips      |
| D) Delicious Dessert **    | S-5.10d, 17m, 7 clips      |
| E) Fun Run **              | S-5.10c, 22m, 9 clips      |
| F) Red Shirt Bullseye **   | S-5.10d/11a, 35m, 14 clips |

**Stones In the Path \*\* S-5.11b, 25m, 9 clips**

*Andy Genreux, September 1998*

Ascends the yellow colored rock with a hard move past the first bolt, up to a hanging shallow left facing corner. Climb the leaning corner, very strenuous to gain a seam. The bolting is a bit old school (good, but a bit spacious) on this one. Recommend a stick clip to the second bolt.

**Wake-up Call \*\* S-5.12a, 25m, 10 clips**

*Andy Genreux, September 1997*

Found immediately left of *Sunrise Crack* on the dark rock. Intense thin face climbing leads up to a bulging section where harder and several more devious sustained thin pulls are required to succeed. The climbing easing off a bit to reach the anchor which is shared with *Sunrise Crack* on the right.

**Sunrise Crack \*\* S-5.10c, 25m, 9 clips**

*Andy Genreux, June 1997*

This burly wide crack used to be climbed on gear along with three protection bolts. It was fully bolted in 2020 by the builder and first ascensionist. There is a very physical section through the middle that requires an awkward change of direction in order to succeed on the wide upper crack. This fun old school route just gotten a little friendlier.

**House of the Rising Sun \*\*\* S-5.10d, 25m, 10 clips**

*Andy Genreux, September 2017*

Starts immediately right of *Sunrise Crack*. Generally steep fun juggy climbing to be found on this slightly right leaning line. The wall has gently overhanging upper 5.10 climbing most of the way with a definitive crux at half height.

**Morning Side \*\*\* S-5.11d, 27m, 11 clips**

*Andy Genreux, June 1998*

The first bolt line at the bottom of the small hill. Steady excellent low 5.11 climbing almost the entire way. There is a sustained thin crux at two-thirds height but keep something in reserve, still more steady climbing to reach the anchor.

**Morning Stiffy \*\* S-5.12a/b, 27m, 11clips**

*Andy Genreux, August 1998*

Some friable rock but excellent movement with multiple cruxes to keep the climber engaged and fighting the pump right to the anchor.

**Dividing Pine \*\* S-5.12a, 27m, 11 clips**

*Andy Genreux, July 1998*

Named after a large spruce tree crowding the cliff that was removed. This is a steady 5.11 route with a definitive crux pulling through a small flaring corner just under half height. There is a lot of 5.11 on this gently overhanging route.

**Morning Mojo \*\*\* S-5.13a, 25m, 10 clips**

*Ross Suchy, September 2017*

Takes a bulging face off the left edge of a small ledge at the base of the wall. Look to see some black streaks on the upper wall just right of this bolt line. This route houses some sustained movement with three cruxy sections.

**I'm Gonna Be Strong \*\* S-5.12b, 23m, 10 clips**

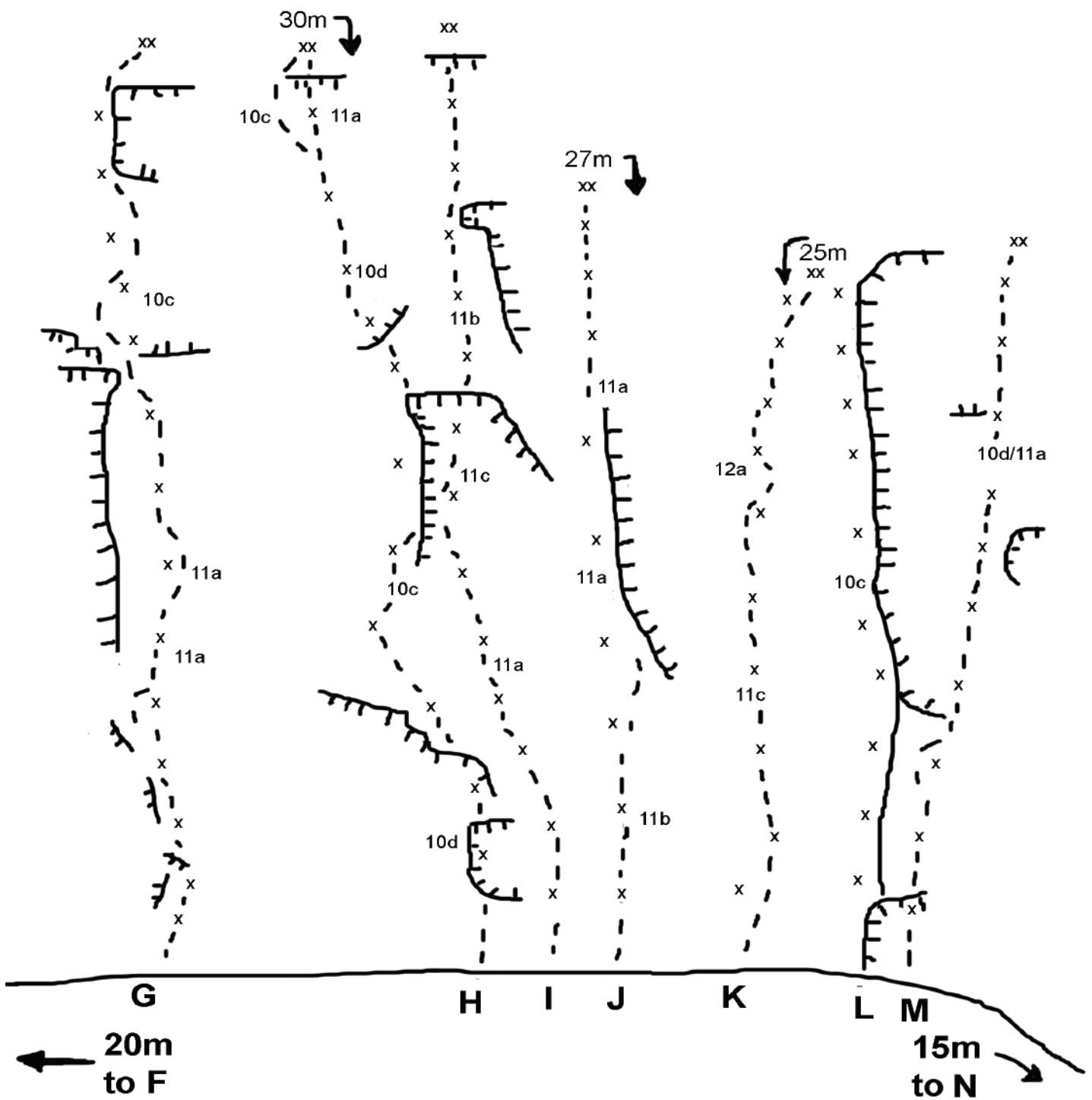
*Andy Genreux, July 1998*

Starts off the right side of a little step at the base of the wall. Steady thin face climbing to the definitive crux at half height. Then it wiggles up a shallow groove with more demanding upper 5.11 movement to finish.

**Traditional Moose \*\*\* S-5.11a, 23m, 11 clips**

*Andy Genreux, June 1995*

This climb was originally done on clean gear along with a lone bolt. After 25 years nobody seemed to be interested in hauling a rack in for the two trad pitches on offer at this cliff. The crack had grown back in with vegetation. The first ascensionist decided to fully bolt and re-clean this wonderful pumply crack line. Fully retro-bolted in 2020.



## Morningside Crag / Center Sector

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**Early Riser \*\* S-5.11c, 23m, 9 clips***Andy Genereux, June 1997*

Step up onto a small ledge 2m above the base. Climb the left hand bolt line off the ledge. At the overlap make some challenging moves up the arête to gain the face above. Steady face movement to an anchor shared with *Tiptoe Through the Two-Lips* the other route starting off the base ledge.

**Tiptoe Through the Two-Lips \*\* S-5.11d, 23m, 10 clips***Andy Genereux, June 1995*

Climb up onto a small ledge 2m above the base of the wall. Traverse to the right end of the ledge to start. Pulling through the two small overlaps using big reaches you need to hang onto some very thin crimps through the crux but steady movement is still required on the upper wall to reach the shared anchor with the climb *Early Riser* to the left.

**Banana Peel \*\* S-5.12a, 23m, 11 clips***Andy Genereux, September 2020*

This well protected route is shaped like a banana with two intense tricky technical face sections requiring precise sequential thin movements. Watch that you don't peel off!

**Rise and Shine \*\* S-5.11b, 20m, 8 clips***Andy Genereux, July 1997*

This older route has a lot of steady climbing and can be a hard read. Be prepared to both think and pull hard.

**Mr Sandman \*\* S-5.11a/b, 20m, 8 clips***Andy Genereux, August 1997*

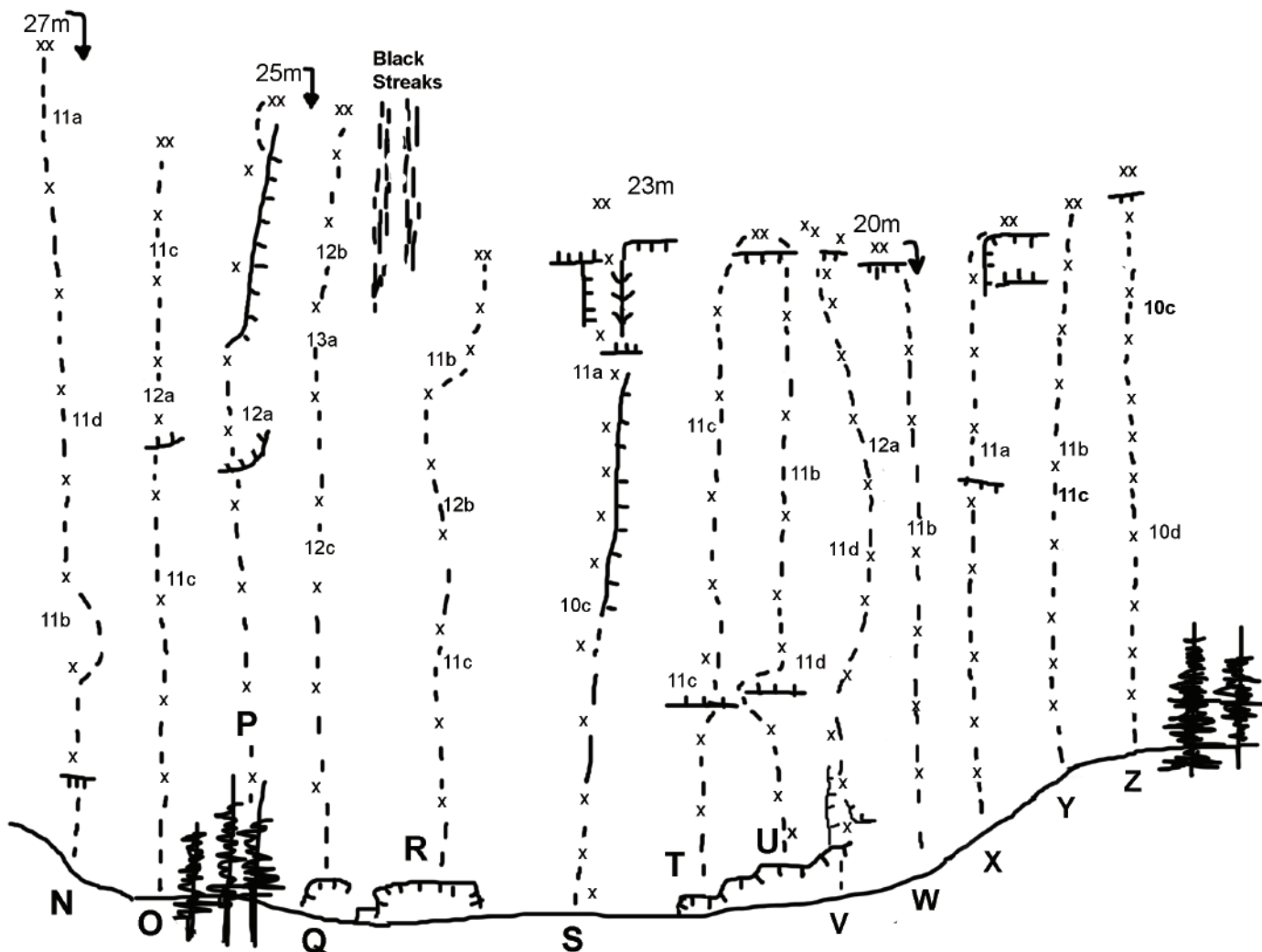
A bit more friable rock than the routes to either side but steady fun mind bending movement to reach the anchor.

**Morning Light \*\* S-5.11c, 20m, 9 clips***Andy Genereux, June 1997*

The grade was pushed up a notch or two on a recent revisit after a key hold failed. This route is sustained and technically challenging almost the entire way to it's new independent anchor.

**Twin Pines \*\* S-5.10d, 20m, 10 clips***Andy Genereux, June 1997*

Like most routes on this part of the cliff the climbing is sustained and intense with a definitive crux at mid-height. Over the upper third a note of caution, you need to pull delicately using a thin hollow flake in order to reach the anchor. Don't worry the bolts are in good rock.



### Morning Side Crag / Right Side

N) Morning Side ***	S-5.11d, 27m, 11 clips
O) Morning Stiffy **	S-5.12a/b, 27m, 11 clips
P) Dividing Pine **	S-5.12a, 27m, 11 clips
Q) Morning Mojo ***	S-5.13a, 25m, 10 clips
R) I'm Gonna Be Strong **	S-5.12b, 23m, 10 clips
S) Traditional Moose***	S-5.11a, 23m, 11 clips
T) Early Riser **	S-5.11c, 23m, 9 clips
U) Tiptoe Through The Two-Lips **	S-5.11d, 23m, 10 clips
V) Banana Peel **	S-5.11d/12a, 23m, 11clips
W) Rise and Shine **	S-5.11b, 20m, 8 clips
X) Mr Sandman **	S-5.11a/b, 20m, 8 clips
Y) Morning Light **	S-5.11c, 20m, 9 clips
Z) Twin Pines **	S-5.10d, 20m, 10 clips

## The Moose Dome

This is the newest area to see development at Moose Mountain. It's the main south facing aspect on the main summit dome for Moose Mountain. The ice Caves are off left from this photo. Mostly developed by climber Mark Carlson over the past few seasons. He has been kind enough to furnish these details. This south facing sector is a fantastic venue for winter rock climbing due to its unobstructed position high above the valley floor. The sector is approximately 500m across and is 70m in height. For now the wall is broken into three sub-sectors 1) Mosaic Crag, routes A-D for now. 2) Core Collapse Crag, routes E-G for now. 3) TRAPPIST Crag, routes H-R for now. There has been little feedback on stars and grades. These will be in flux for a while. There is sure to be more development the potential seems staggering. Hopefully a better trail gets established to access this crag.



**Approach:** For now the best approach is to come over from the Anti-Moose Sector, traversing climbers Left (westward) along the base of the cliff past the waterfall streak for *Mr Hanky & Bullwinkle*. **Caution:** Be aware leaving the **Anti Moose Sector** the trail has a bit of exposed 3rd class working around corner. It takes less than 10 minutes from the Anti-Moose (See page 63 for a photo depicting access from the Anti Moose). The approach details for the Anti Moose sector are also on page 63. In Good conditions and using an e-bike this approach option takes about 60 minutes from parking the longest of all venues at Moose Mountain. Plan for at least 1.5 hours each way, if walking. There is no defined trail to directly access this venue at present. Depending on conditions this approach can be quite tricky in the winter months. Mark says its possible from the Y-junction at the bottom of the big hill on the road to bushwhack directly up the slope through the trees to an open scree slope as an alternative option. Another much longer option is to use the Ice Caves approach further west which has a better trail for height gain. Then work your way back east on loose scree to reach these climbs. Both of these options adds roughly an half hour to the approach time. Hopefully, next year will see a defined independent trail established to improve the approach scenario.

## The Moose Dome

This massive cliff has three sub-sectors detailed for now. Climbers should avoid this venue on clear sunny summer days. It elevated exposure means no relief from the sun for most of the day. It's a great venue for spring, fall, and in particular winter climbing options. There can often be wind exposure. Cloudy days can be OK. I visited in late May with a breeze and cloud cover, it was perfect climbing conditions. Direct sun in summer this venue is a broiler oven. Remember the option to head to the shade in the afternoon at the Anti-Moose could be a good option if the sun proves too warm.

## The Mosaic Crag

This bowl shaped amphitheater is slightly more wind sheltered than the two sub-sectors located to the east (climbers right). For now some nice easy climbs that can be done even in very cold temperatures. Potential for some very high quality taller pumpy climbs on what looks to be impeccable rock. There are two difficult looking projects out left (35m from the climb *Cosmic Ray*) the left most of the listed routes detailed. These projects are in Yellow on the photo on page 60. please stay off these climbs they are not finished or safe. However, there plenty of potential for more climbs to be established on this impressive wall.

### A) **Cosmic Ray** \*\* S-5.10a, 32m, 16 clips

*Mark Carlson, November 2025*

Tie a knot in the end of your rope! Climb *Cosmic Microwave Background* and either skip or back clean the first few draws if you don't the rope drag will be horrific. Excellent easy lie-backing, jamming, and stemming. Marred only by the "Mice Cream" on one side of the crack.

### B) **Cosmic Microwave Background** \* S-5.5, 15m, 5.7

*Mark Carlson, November 2023*

Climb up a few meters then traverse left to the third bolt line use long slings on the first few bolts to avoid drag. An easy slab. Best to have the second clean this warm up. Above the anchor is *Cosmic Ray*.

### C) **Zone of Avoidance** \* S-5.5, 15m, 7 clips

*Mark Carlson, November 2023*

After the common start takes the middle bolt line after a short leftwards traverse.

### D) **21 Centimeter Line** \* S-5.7, 15m, 7 clips

*Mark Carlson & Adam Hasiuk, November 2023*

This is the shared start to all the easy routes in this bowl feature. It climbs directly to an anchor.

## Core Collapse Crag

This small central sub-sector has a nice trio of shorter well protected moderate climbs. Hopefully more development is the plan to expand the winter rock climbing options at Moose Mountain.

### E) **Magnetar** \* S-5.10c, 12m, 8 clips

*Adam Hasiuk, October 2023*

The left most line in this middle sector.

### F) **Quark Star** \* S-5.10b, 15m, 7 clips

*Adam Hasiuk, October 2023*

This looks to be blocky off vertical climbing over dark gray rock.

### G) **Strange Star** \* S-5.9, 15m, 8 clips

*Mark Carlson, February 2023*

With more feedback, I'm sure we get better descriptions and possibly higher star ratings.

## TRAPPIST Crag (Transiting Planets and Planetesimal Small Telescope)

The East most sub-sector at the Moose Dome it has the most development so far. Excellent ambiance and exposure at this sub-sector. Do not let your water bottle roll away at the base...! Some less desirable rock on the left side, but the routes on the right all climb well and their shorter length, lends well to colder days.

### H) Closed Project:

*Mark Carlson,*

For now this is the left most line found at the right most sector on Moose Dome.

### I) Closed Project:

*Mark Carlson*

This is a second pitch above the route TRAPPIST-1. It appears to be quite hard on good quality rock.

### J) TRAPPIST-1 \* S-5.11c, 30m, 16 clips

*Mark Carlson, December 2023*

Some fun climbing before and after the choss band in the middle (Moose factor) it looks good to me.

### K) Closed Project:

*Mark Carlson*

A parallel line to the climb TRAPPIST-1, located just right it has good looking rock on this harder project.

### L) Supernova Scum \*\* S-5.11c, 35m, 16 clips

*Ariel Constantino, January 2023*

Nice looking technical climbing on this left leaning longer line. Pay attention to rope length, tie a knot.

### M) It's Not Rocket Science \*\* S-5.10c, 18m 8 clips

*Albert Martino, September 2022*

Very nice rock on this excellent face climb, enjoy.

### N) Closed Project:

*Mark Carlson*

An upper pitch above Cosmic Web, a very long extension that drives up to an obvious triangular roof to skirt its right side.

### O) Cosmic Web \*\* S-5.10b, 18m, 7 clips

*Mark Carlson, January 2021*

Good rock and its another fine moderate face route.

### P) Supercluster Complex \* S-5.10b, 18m, 8 clips

*Mark Carlson, December 2023*

The right-hand variation off the climb Cosmic Web it follows a shallow right leaning corner.

### Q) Accretion Disk \* S-5.10b, 18m, 8 clips

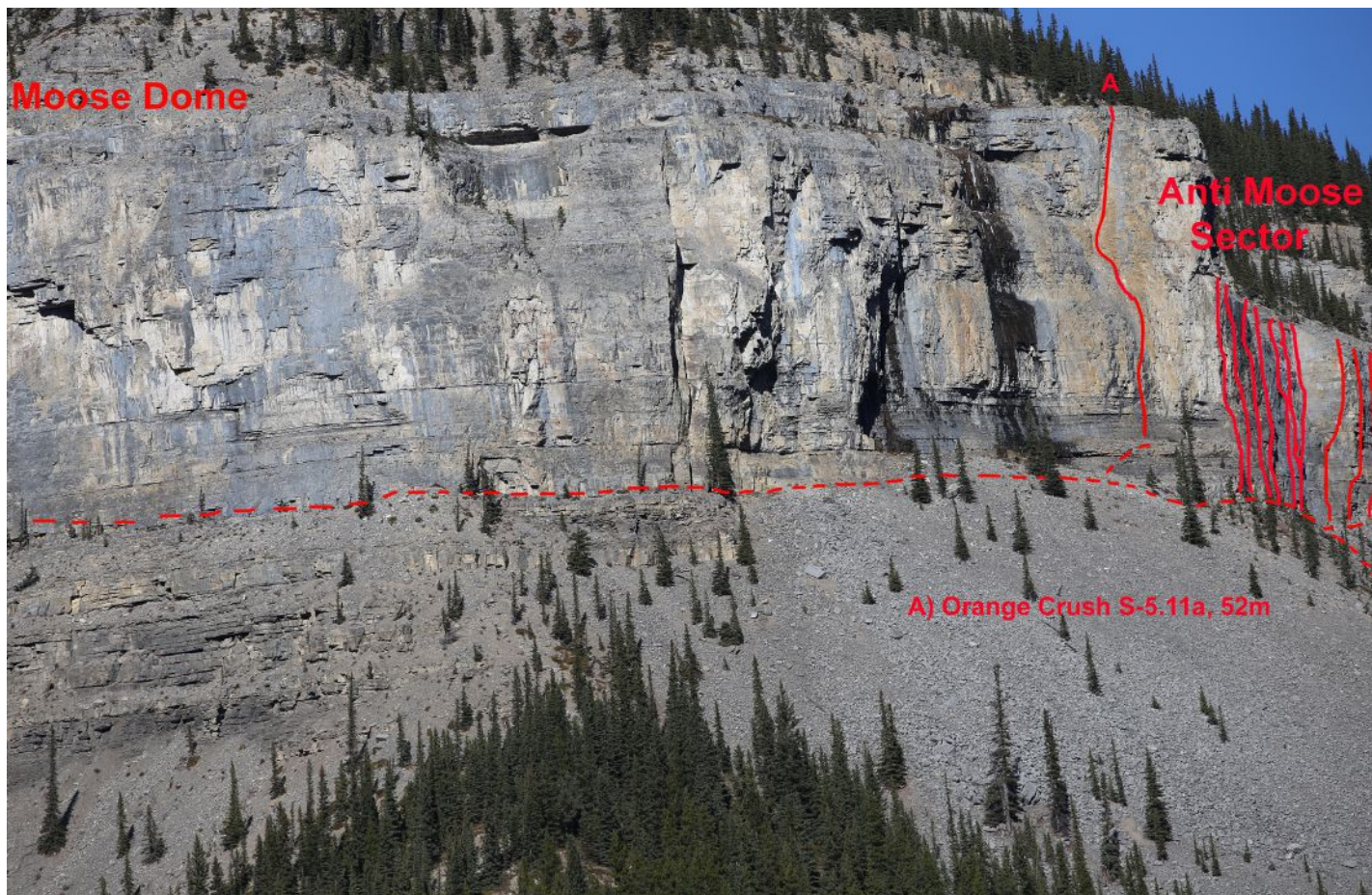
*Mark Carlson, November 2023*

The rightmost line at this sector for now. It climbs more or less straight up. The climb Comet Trail is the right branch a third of the way up.

### R) Comet Trail S-5.10b, 18m, 10 clips

*Mark Carlson, November 2025*

The right-hand branch off the right most bolt line for now. Fun moves over some suspect rock, Mark gave no stars...! Maybe he is not used to Moose Factor?

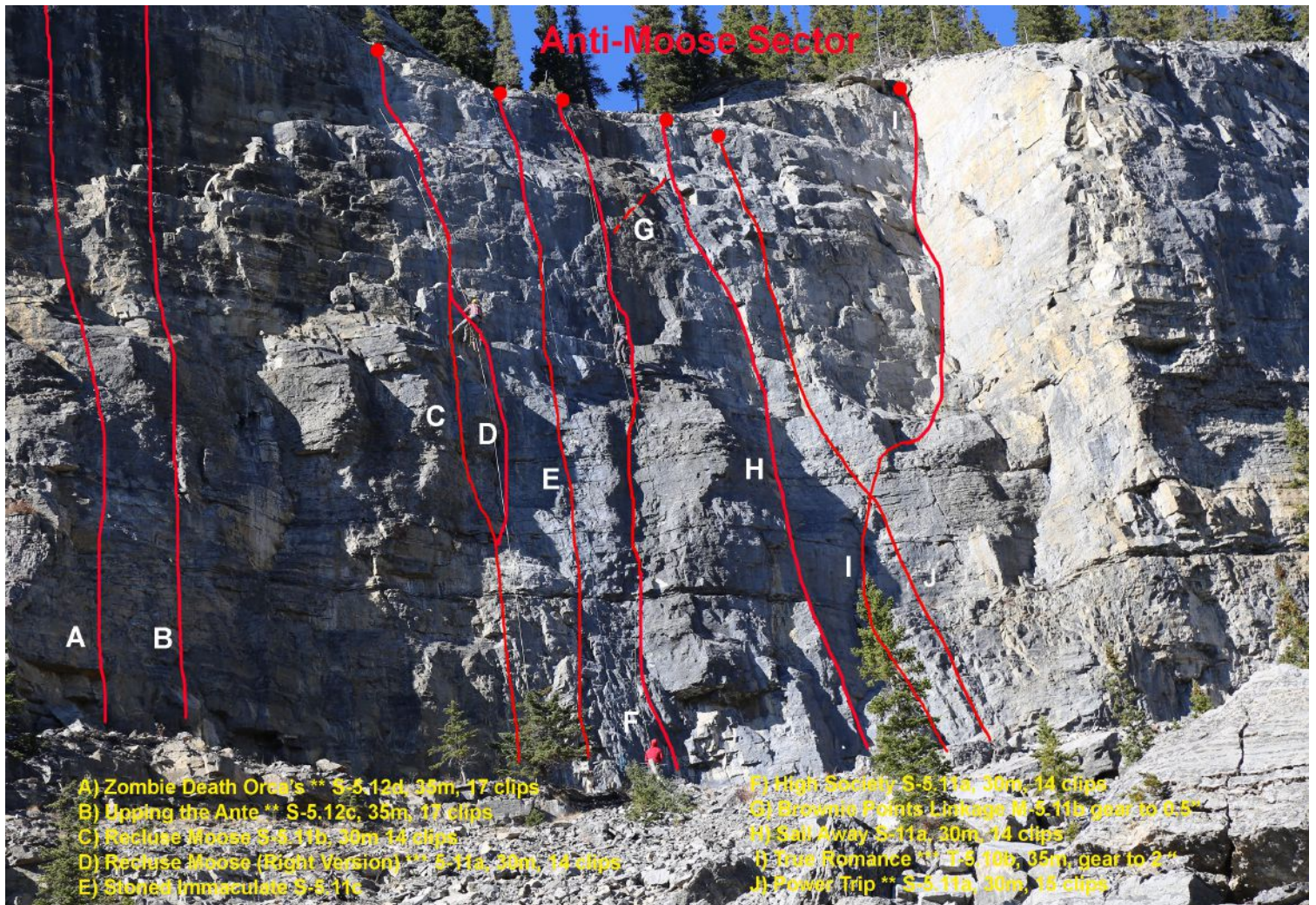


## The Anti Moose

Located on the north side of Canyon Creek up the side valley. This sector is found on the east side of the main Moose Mountain Dome. This predominantly east facing cliff line sits up higher from the valley floor than most other venues at the Moose Mountain Crags developed so far. Located east and north from the popular Moose Mountain Ice Caves. It's one of the latest sectors to be exploited out of the vast unexplored potential found at the extensive Moose Mountain Crags. Unlike much of the area this cliff seems to have some consistently great rock, with a bits of traditional (gear) climbing thrown into the mix. It also has one of the longest approaches in the area which helps to give it the name. Tired of the crowds, loose rock, short approaches found at other venues at Moose Mountain The Anti Moose sector could be the place for you..!

The fall of 2021 saw the first routes established in late October by Ross Suchy and his wife Nica. Also keen interest by Steve McNally soon afterwards saw several quality routes installed despite the cool late fall weather and the shorter days. This crag is a great place to come for early morning sun. Similar exposure to **Morning Side Crag** it goes in the shade by about 1:30 making it's a good hang on hot afternoons. Fortunately, it doesn't suffer having trees shading the lower wall like at Morning Side Crag. This means early morning sun can quickly heat things up for very early starts on cool days. All together these features make this venue a great early spring and late fall climbing destination. The star grading is tentative but the generally superb rock quality and comments from the first ascensionist seem to support these lofty heights for now. There is massive potential for more development to either side of the first climbs. In 2024 through the spring of 2026 the onslaught of development has continued with several more additions during mid winter and through the long wet spring.

**To approach:** Take the access road over the big hill west of the Dust Bowl and drop down the other side. At the bottom of the hill taking a right turn at the T-junction onto a road that's heading north up the side valley. Immediately grind your way back up a steep hill on the road until it flattens out after about half a kilometer. From the first power pole (orange guide-wire) at the top of this flat section head up on a faint trail (marked by rock cairns), heading up the slope in the trees generally angling a bit rightward until reaching the bottom of a scree slope, diagonal right on a rising trail to reach a big boulder field. These large blocky boulders Marked by cairns can be negotiated more or less directly upward to reach the heart of this new sector. Takes about 20 minutes walking from the access road. Plan on about an hour to approach from parking using a bike on the road. The trail has improved significantly the past two years.



See the cliff photo for the location of this newer sector on page 63. Routes are described Left to Right:

### **Orange Crush S-5.11a, 52m, 15 clips (3 Shoulder length draws)**

*Rob Fulton & Brian Zurek, May 2023*

This is a two pitch route is located on the upper east facing wall of the main Moose Mountain dome. Walk about two minutes left from the heart of the Anti Moose sector to reach this climb. The line is detailed on the overview photo on [page 63](#). Originally I shared a few details, saying that the rock looked to generally to be good. No star quality applied until after a few people have had a chance to repeat this rig. This route was re-climbed in March 2024, the second ascent team found it to be poorly cleaned and noted some weird bolting in places. **Caution:** The route is not recommended until some further cleaning and repair work is carried out. The second ascent team climbed it as one long pitch trying to protect the belayer from the constant rock fall. They found some bolting strange, felt it generally was a poor overall cleaning, building effort.

**P1) S-5.11a, 20m.** Recommend using a stick clip to the second bolt to start on the pitch.

**P2) S-5.9, 32m.** Recommend using some long slings (shoulder length draws) for the moves right to reach the orange rock on the second pitch. Steady mostly positive climbing ascends the orange rock. Make sure too crush it, not your partner...!

### **Big Orange Menace \*\* S-5.13a, 35m,17 clips**

*Ross Suchy, March 2026*

Located just left of *Zombie Death Orca's* this is the latest hard-man route at Anti Moose. Still need the full details from Ross. This is the left most bolt line for now at the Anti Moose. The business looks to be the final third on great rock.

### **Zombie Death Orca's \*\* S-5.12c, 35m, 16 clips**

*Ross Suchy, February 2024*

Built in January, Ross climbed this rig Feb 01! We also found several "ticks" that day as well. The line gets progressively harder the higher you climb. The final three bolts hold the crux sequences. Ross says the climb was named by a friends, 4 year old boy with a wild imagination.

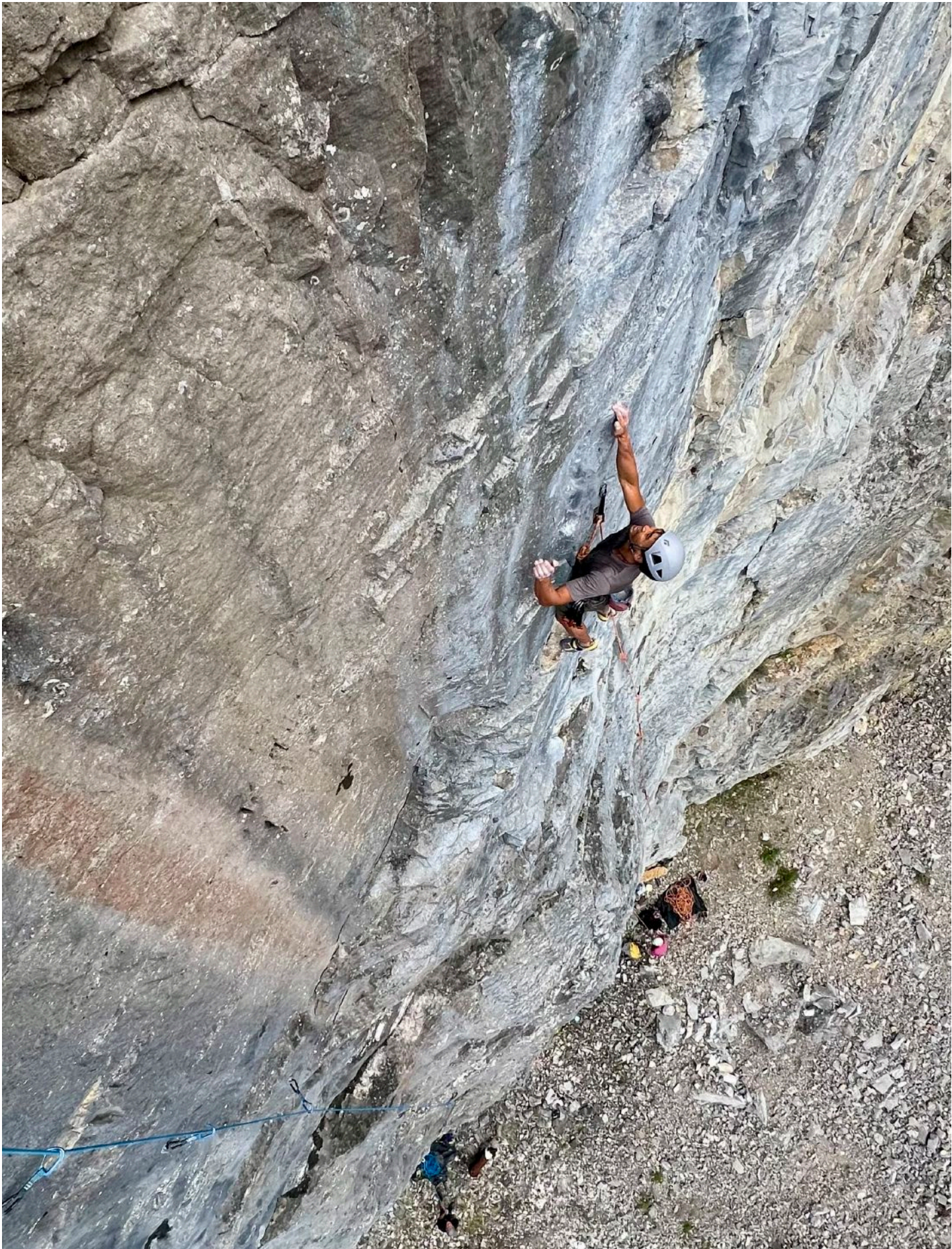


Photo by Ross Suchy: Rich Cosstillo on Sail Away \*\*\* S-5.11a, having a blast at the Anti Moose.

## Upping the Ante \*\* S-5.12d, 35m, 16 clips

Ross Suchy, March 2024

Similar to *Zombie death Orca's* this baby gets harder the higher you climb, only it's a bit stiffer at the crux. Over all great rock by Moose standards. Adding yet another fine harder challenge to the upper grades at the Moose Mountain Crag.

## Recluse Moose \*\*\* S-5.11b, 30m, 15 clips

Steve McNally, October 2021

Find the line with glue-in bolts. This route looks easier than it is! Great stone and good face climbing sees you up this steady upper 5.10 climb with harder cruxy bits that will keep you on your toes to the finish.

## Recluse Moose (Right Version) \*\*\* S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips

Steve McNally, October 2022

Takes the shallow corner out to the right at mid-height for four bolts for a slightly easier version of this fine climb.

## Stoned Immaculate \*\*\* S-5.11c, 30m, 15 clips

Ross Suchy, October 2021

The crux section comes up high with a few hard pulls and a not so easy read moving right. This is a beauty enjoy.

## High Society \*\* S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips

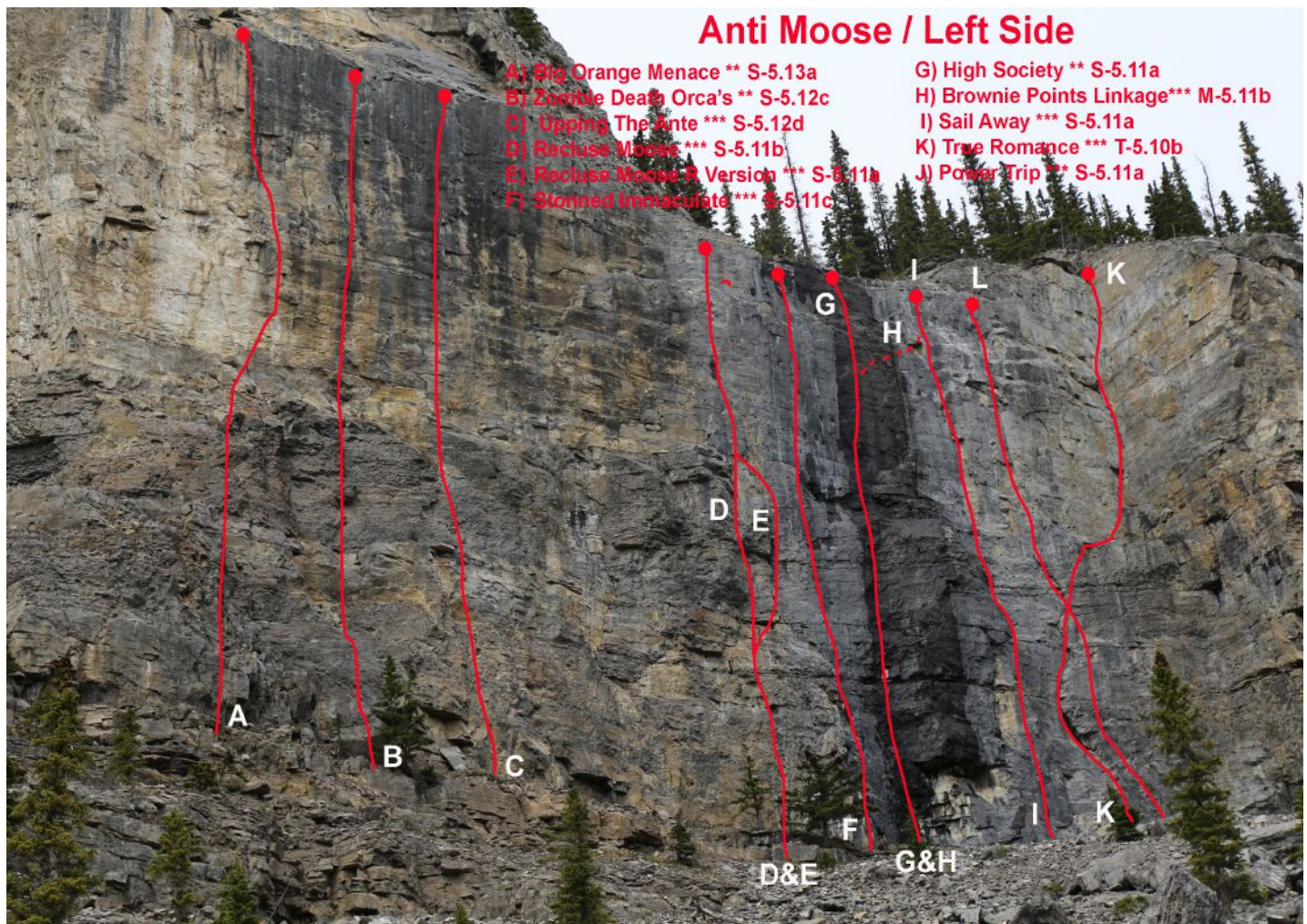
Ross Suchy, October 2021

Follows a shallow groove corner to the upper head wall. Really fun climbing.

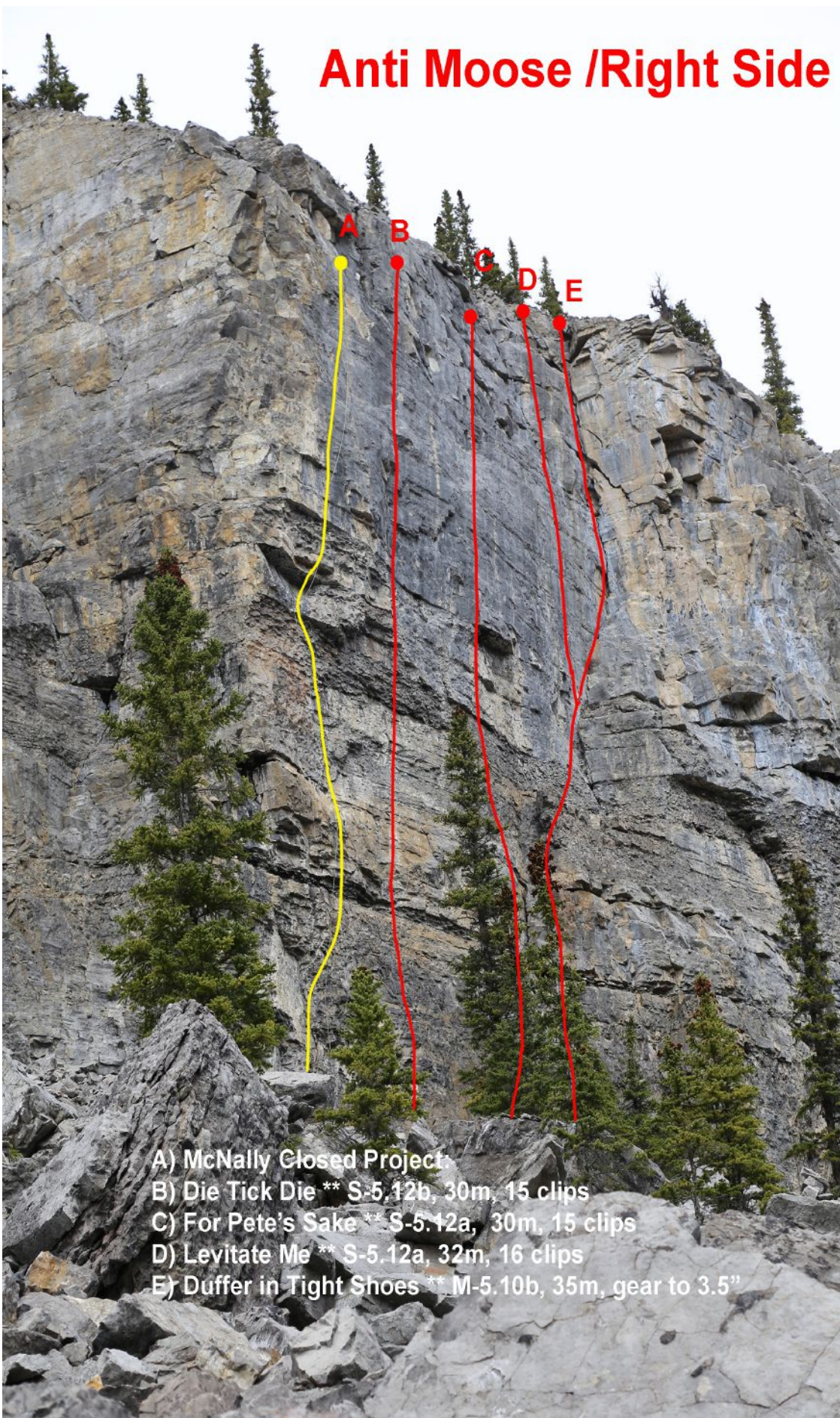
## Brownie Points (Linkage) \*\*\* M-5.11b, 15 clips & gear to 0.5"

Ross Suchy, October 2021

Climbs the first 11 bolts on the route *High Society* then angles up and right (the crux) placing a few small cams to link up with the top of the route *Sail Away* for a great combination, placing some fiddly bits of gear at a slightly harder grade.



## Anti Moose /Right Side



**Sail Away \*\*\* S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips***Ross Suchy & Nica Ngo-Saito, October 2021*

After discovering the area while opening up the route *True Romance* this immaculate rock found just out left was simply too good looking and inviting to refuse.

**True Romance \*\*\* T-5.10b, 35m, gear micro cams to 3"***Ross Suchy & Nica Ngo-Saito, October 2021*

The route that jump-started this new sector. Pushed ground up, it was originally done as two pitches. Having a few longer slings and a bit of bigger rack allows the line to be linked as one longer pitch. Using a 70m rope, just allows you to lower and just make it back to the ground. Climbs a crack feature on the lower wall, work through a steep bit, then angle up and right on a short face section past two bolts to enter the obvious open-book corner on the upper wall. Really fun moderate climbing requiring a wide variety of techniques.

**Power Trip \*\*\* S-5.11a, 30m, 14 clips***Ross Suchy & Jeff Moore, March 2026*

Named after Using Jeff's e-bikes to access the crag during some mild mid-winter days. Another fun route that starts just right of *True Romance* then heads straight up on excellent rock crossing over *True Romance* as it jogs right into the obvious upper corner.

**McNally Project, Closed: 30m***Steve McNally, bolted 2025*

Located on the right side of the prow line found a few metres right of *True Romance* upper corner. Ross thinks this might be another low 5.12? There was a fixed rope in the late spring of 2026.

**Die Tick Die! \*\* S-5.12b, 30m, 15 clips***Ross Suchy, April 2024*

Found on the buttress about 20m right of the *True Romance* corner. The upper half of this line the rock looks awesome. Still need more info from Ross. Early reports say it's quite good.

**For Pete's Sake \*\* S-5.12a, 30m, 15 clips***Ross Suchy, July 2024*

Located left of a corner crack system, bolted but still needed some work at mid summer. The name and grade are both tentative and the name is my prose. Get Current info from Ross.

**Levitate Me \*\* S-5.12a, 35m, 16 clips***Rowan McNally, June 2024*

Shares the same start with *Duffers in Tight Shoes*, it's 5.10 past the first 8 bolts, then head directly up the bulging headwall left of the *Duffers* corner. Finish on some hard slabby face moves past the last 4 bolts to reach the anchor.

**Duffers in Tight Shoes \*\* M-5.10b, 35m, gear to 3.5"***Steve McNally, June 2024*

This route into the upper corner is shaped like a question mark. Requires a rack to 3.5". Established ground up, climb up past 8 bolts. Now move right to the corner. Steady 5.9 gear climbing to reach the anchor. For now the furthest route right at the Anti Moose Sector?

**Note:** There seems good potential for a few shorter but very steep routes to be established right of these climbs.

**Caution:** The Anti Moose can be a haven for ticks in late winter and spring. Make sure to do a check.