

Roadside Attraction Crag

This small cliff is located on the north side of the access road roughly 300 meters west of the bridge over Canyon Creek. It lies directly across the road from the dedication plaque to the late Larry Ostrander one of the pioneering climbers in the valley. The plaque is easy to view from the road and is found on the rocky point called Memorial Wall above the creek bed separating Larry's Gym and the Painted Wall sectors on the south side of the road. Yes, even at this recently developed cliff I found one of Larry's old shunting top rope anchors above one of the routes at this now very popular crag. It's called *Thunder Struck*, after a massive lightning strike that day. So the man was here as well...!



This shorter south facing cliff has the easiest approach of all the Moose Mountain Crag. First developed in 2020 it has quickly become a very popular venue amongst the many new offerings at the Moose Mountain. The first 10 routes were established in the early spring of that year despite the daunting issues of the Covid-19 pandemic and the related access issues, social distancing and the lingering winter like conditions on the shady side of the valley that year. Then added to the equation, the usual rock quality issues found in the area. All these factors resulted in these initial climbs taking 5 longer days to complete. A second stint in early July by Genereux saw another four routes added to the left side of this small crag over two more days. In 2022 three more routes were installed on the left side of this venue. The late summer/early fall of 2023 saw Andy build the three newest lines on the left side. All of these routes were built top down and required extensive cleaning particularly the starts and the top few meters. They are now considered to be well protected sport routes. Most are gently overhanging and can make for a very fun cragging day. Several of these climbs provide a significant expansion to the bottom end of the grade spectrum at Moose Mountain. Add in the south exposure making this crag a bit of a heat trap on sunny days in spring and fall. The climbs are only a 15 metre flat approach from the access road. These factors combine to make this small, shorter, venue a very attractive stop for climbers to warm up on before moving over to the longer or harder fare at nearby venues like Larry's Gym, The Painted Wall, The Bench, The Goat Cafe, The Dark Side, and The Moose Patch sectors. Many climbers choose to just spend the entire day playing on these shorter fun sunny climbs. It's become a little "gym like" on weekends with the crowds.

Originally there was an old practice aid line at this cliff established ground up by Steve DeMaio twenty some years ago. It ascended to about two-thirds height on the wall and had a lone protection bolt with some clean protection to a two-bolt (Red-Head style self-drive bolts) anchor with rotting slings. This old forgotten line, was completely reworked and is now called *The Red Head is Dead* ** S-5.10b. This fun climb was extended a few meters and a new bottom half added to straighten the line. These tweaks greatly improved the overall quality of this newer sport version. The original bottom of this old project now forms the start *Do You Need Help?* *** S-5.10b, on the left. The climbing on this cliff is at times devious and is generally slightly overhanging. Although a shorter venue at 15 -19 meters average height the

climbs found on this little crag all prove quite fun with mostly good quality climbing. Altogether is this crag makes a very worthwhile stop on the way to other venues or just to spend an enjoyable day in the sun. In summer this cliff comes into shade by 17:30 for evening cragging options on those hotter days giving some flexibility to your day.

Note: Some of the first bolts on these routes may seem a little low, these placements are to facilitate rope soloing and are considered to be base anchors. Please do not remove or damage this low hanging hardware. Feel free to clip them or not while leading.

The routes are described left to right.

Gigantic ** S-5.12a, 12m, 5 clips

Ross Suchy, March 2022

This route is located about 25m left of the climb *Lean on Me*. It climbs up a bulging light gray streak. It provides for a hard shorter intense bouldery climb on good rock. However, avoid the 4m rubble band directly below the line. Access the base belay anchor using a ledge system. Scramble up to the ledge above the rubble band starting about 20m right of the route. Carefully scramble 5m up the easy stepped rubble to access the ledge, then traverse leftward to start the climb.

Wounded Knee's ** S-5.11c, 19m, 8 clips

Andy Genereux, September 2023

Head up over the easy lower choss band to reach a gently overhanging mid-section. Make a tricky move to a hidden hold to get established, then steady movement with hard reads leads to some easier lower angled climbing to finish.

Little Big Man ** S-5.11b, 19m, 9 clips

Andy Genereux, September 2023

Climb easy stepped ground to the first bolt. Things get steeper and a little funky with some excellent moves getting onto and through the mid-section. Generally there are good holds but not always where you expect to find them.

In My Blood ** S-5.11a, 19m, 9 clips

Andy Genereux, August 2023

Located 4m left of the climb called *Sweet Treat*. One of the latest additions to this crag. Easy movement over suspect rock to the first bolt. Steady 5.10 climbing heads up a shallow corner to reach a short tricky crux at half height. It's somewhat steep in the middle but overall a really fun route.

Sweet Treat * S-5.10c, 18m, 9 clips**

Andy Genereux, September 2022

Start up on easy ground left of *Lean On Me* to the left-most of three bolts on this easy stepped band with some suspect rock to reach the fantastic steeper climbing on the upper headwall. Head up to a short shallow left facing corner on positive moves. The climbing is fun the whole way on this newer addition, sure to be a classic roadside attraction.

Blunder Bust * S-5.11a, 18m, 9 clips**

Andy Genereux, September 2022

Start up below *Lean on Me* and angle left to the middle of three bolts on the rubble band. Head up a steep shallow left facing corner on good holds. At mid height tackle the bulging face. The final third provides the crux with a big move to a small hidden hold with sustained climbing finishing up just right of the anchor. Removing a big block in the lower corner resulted in a chopped rope. Other than the easy start through the rubble band the rock is now quite solid on this route.

Lean on Me ** S-5.10c, 18m, 9 clips

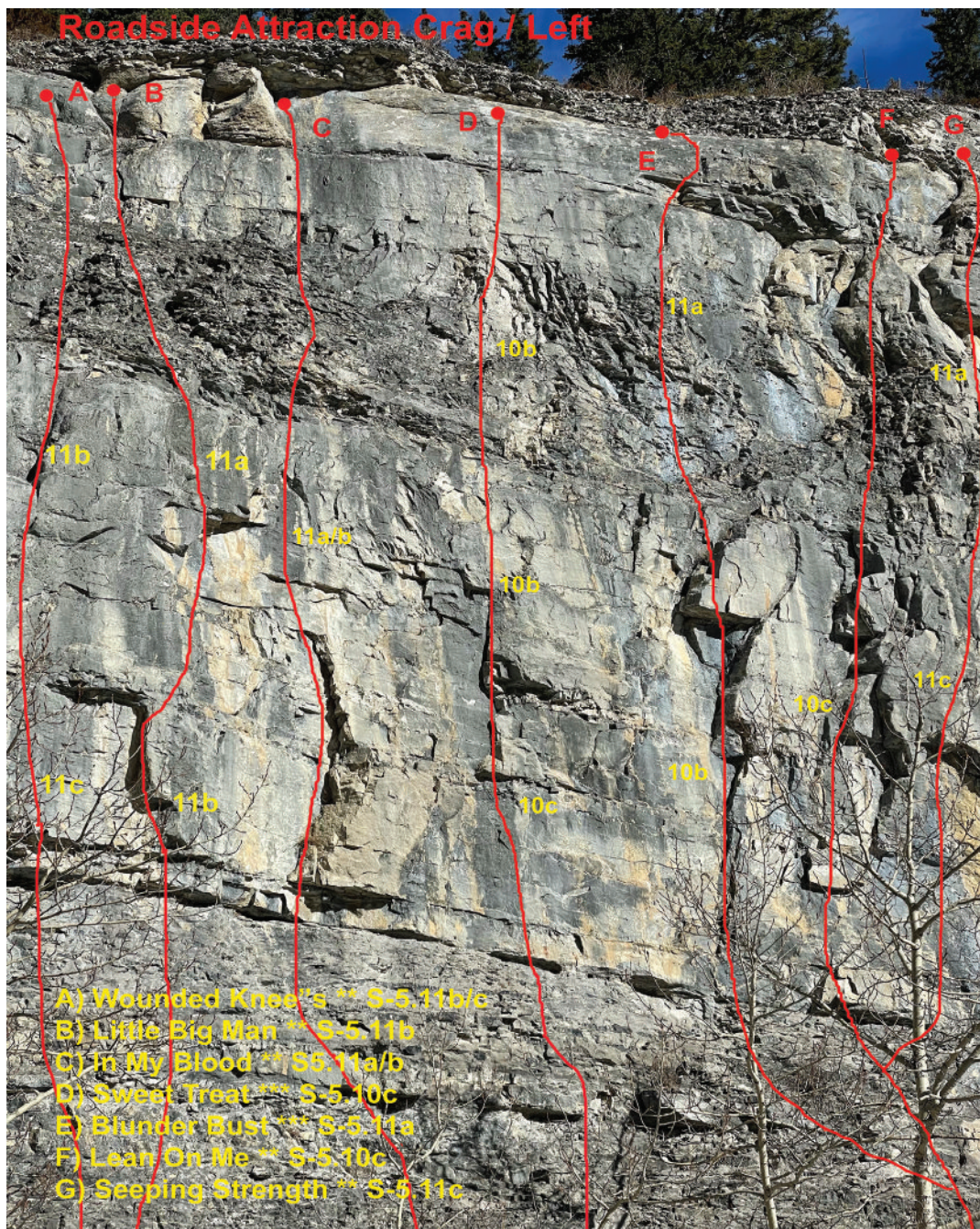
Andy Genereux, July 2020

In 2020 this was the left most route on the cliff. Access a shallow corner above the easy loose chossy lower band. There is a bolt that protects through the easy approach bit over the suspect rock band to get up to the start of the real climbing. Make a few difficult thin moves on slightly overhanging ground to gain access to the right-leaning corner (crux). Afterwards continue up on steady low-end 5.10 climbing as the leaning corner diminishes in prominence to the anchor.

Seeping Strength ** S-5.11c, 18m, 8 clips

Andy Genereux, July 2020

The best access is to start up the easy stepped ground below the route *Lean on Me* then work right to the first bolt on *Seeping Strength*. Steady devious thin climbing past the first three bolts (stick clip to the second bolt recommended), works onto somewhat easier ground above. A fun short powerful route over some gently overhanging terrain. Be aware the lower crux portion seeps water for several days after heavy rains.



Big ** S-5.11b, 18m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, July 2020

Takes the thin bulging face up to a ring bolt anchor. A thin start to a "Big" reach with steady 5.10 climbing to a second "Big" move to gain the anchor (recommend stick-clipping the second bolt). Climbers may find this route easier if they are taller. Climbing is often a reach problem. This climb proved to be just that for the builder.

Thunder Struck * S-5.11a, 17m, 7 clips**

Andy Genereux, June 2020

Thin moves work up just left of a hollow flake onto better holds then things moves slightly leftward before tackling the bulging headwall to a small mantel ledge which provides the final obstacle to achieve the anchor.

Do You Need Help? * S-5.10b, 18m 8 clips**

Andy Genereux, April 2020

Starts immediately left of the shallow corner of *The Red Head is Dead*. Climbs on good holds to a devious crux at two-thirds height through a bulging section to reach the anchor. Named after the concerns and offers of help by several people walking into to access the ice caves (Non-climbers, who inadvertently wanted to die under the cleaning bombardment. Maybe better than dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions at the time?).

The Red Head is Dead ** S-5.10b, 18m, 7 clips*Andy Genreux, April 2020*

This is the reconfigured old practice aid route by Steve DeMaio's that was cleaned, straightened, and extended. Now, turned into a well protected sport route. It starts up lay-backing an intermittent crack to a short devious steeper section at half height. From here continuous physical climbing leads to an anchor above a small ledge.

Stepping Out ** S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips*Andy Genreux, April 2020*

Climb up onto moderate obvious blocky stepped terrain working slightly leftward. From the last step move out onto technically challenging slightly overhanging rock heading to a ring bolt anchor above a small ledge.

Another Fun Run * S-5.10d/11a, 18m, 8 clips***Andy Genreux, May 2020*

Start up as for the climb *Stepping Out* then after the first bolt, climbs a sustained slightly right leaning line. Definitive crux coming at the third bolt and again at two-thirds height working a leaning corner onto a ledge, with an awkward exit.

Puzzler * S-5.11a, 19m, 9 clips***Andy Genreux, May 2020*

Work out a devious path up a somewhat sustained wall to a ledge. Off the ledge overcome one final hurdle (friable rock) mantel up to gain easier terrain to reach the anchor.

Fine Line * S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips***Andy Genreux, May 2020*

Climbs the steep face immediately left of a right leaning corner of the climb *Corner Man*. This route hosts sustained moderately steep lower 5.10 climbing for most of its length, a very fun route..!

Corner Man ** S-5.10a, 18m, 8 clips*Andy Genreux, May 2020*

Involves a variety of techniques to succeed. Climbs the right leaning corner, initially stem the lower corner to lay-off a crack section surmounting the final bulge at the top of the corner proves to be the crux moment.

Social Distance ** S-5.10b, 17m, 8 clips*Andy Genreux, May 2020*

Has a somewhat bouldery start. It then continues up on steady ground until two-thirds height where a few steep moves work up and slightly right to reach a hidden short crack before coming back left to the next bolt. The top anchor was replaced in 2023 due to the rock starting to fail. All good for now but that's the Moose!

Last Spike ** S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips*Andy Genreux, May 2020*

There were three badly drilled bolt studs sticking out at the base of the wall a few inches above the ground (all removed). However, the route is named for the weird 9 inch spike (nail) driven into a thin crack left of the second bolt (it's still there!). This climb starts off with a tricky mantel move at the first low bolt (rope soloing base anchor). Climbers may want to stick-clip the second bolt to avoid a potential ground fall on this committing opening. Steep climbing continues up to some open handed moves to negotiate before reaching easier terrain leading to the anchor.

Road Side Attraction ** S-5.9+, 16m, 7 clips*Andy Genreux, May 2020*

The most right hand route on the cliff. This shallow corner line looked to be around the 5.7 grade from the ground. It proved to be a bit harder, devious, and steeper than it appeared. As the easiest graded route at this little venue it has become the popular warm up. It starts steeply past the first two bolts then climbs the shallow corner at mid-height past a tricky crux onto more tricky lower angled ground to reach the anchor.



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- A) Wounded Knees ** S-5.11b/c, 18m, 9 clips
- B) Little Big Man ** S-5.11b, 18m, 9 clips
- C) In My Blood ** S-5.11a/b, 18m, 9 clips
- D) Sweet Treat *** S-5.10c, 18m, 9 clips
- E) Blunder Bust *** S-5.11a, 18m 9 clips
- F) Lean On Me ** S-5.10c, 18m, 9 clips
- G) Seeping Strength ** S-5.11c/d, 18m, 8 clips
- H) Big ** S-5.11b/c, 18m, 6 clips
- I) Thunder Struck *** S-5.11a/b, 17m, 7 clips

- J) Do you Need Help? ** S-5.10b/c, 18m, 8 clips
- K) The Red Head Is Dead ** S-5.10b/c, 18m, 7 clips
- L) Stepping Out ** S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips
- M) Another Fun Run *** S-5.10d, 18m, 8clips
- N) Puzzler *** S-5.11a, 19m, 9 clips
- O) Fine Line *** S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips
- P) Corner Man ** S-5.10a, 18, 8 clips
- Q) Social Distance ** S-5.10b, 17m, 8 clips
- R) Last Spike ** S-5.10c, 18m, 8 clips
- S) Roadside attraction ** S-5.9+, 16m, 7 clips

Beach Front Buttress

Overall this cliff is a very fun moderate warm-up venue for climbers going to the Moose Mountain Crags. The Beach Front Buttress was first developed in the spring of 2019 with a couple more routes added in the spring of 2026. This small satellite crag, is located just north of the access road 70m before the only road bridge over Canyon Creek, heading into the main valley for the Moose Mountain Crags. Until the recent addition of **Creek Side** further downstream, this crag was the first climbable cliff encountered. It has fifteen routes along its sunny south facing aspect. The crag is tucked in behind a treed shoulder with generally good sun exposure, out of the wind. Hosting moderate climbing (twelve routes are in the 5.10 range or less) making this an ideal stop to warm up before heading up valley for harder possibilities. This small crag provides a pleasant day of low intensity moderate cragging. The only drawback is the overall height of the cliff at around 20m or less, it simply leaves climbers wanting more. In spring/late winter this small buttress catches the sun roughly an hour before the Moose Patch sector located another 5 minutes up the road. Stopping off here allows climbers to start their day bit sooner. This crag is usually out of the wind and a bit of a sun trap. Thus making it ideal for late winter and early spring rock climbing if fighting with marginal temperatures. Named after the unusual sand beach found below the cliff on the northern flank of Canyon Creek. The sector makes for an excellent hang. The creek bed was dry during the development in March and early April of 2019. However, later in the year be aware that water levels can change rapidly. Crag access may require proceeding upstream crossing over the road bridge and then working back along the north bank of Canyon Creek during spring runoff or following heavy rains from intense summer thunder storms.

The routes are described Left to Right: All climbs on this crag are well protected, most require six or seven draws plus a couple for the anchor. All top anchors are from two staggered ring-bolts. **Note:** There are some very low first bolts on some routes along with a couple, two-bolt base anchors detailed on the photo-topo. These low height bolts are intended for base anchors to back up tied off trees to allow lead rope soloing on these climbs. Please do not remove these lower hangers. Feel free to clip these bolts while leading or ignore them. Please don't remove or vandalize this low hanging hardware.

Last Moose In ** S-5.10a, 17m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, April 2019

The left most route and the last to be developed on Beach Front Buttress. The line ascends a steepish slabby face. Delicately work past the first bolt on thin opposition holds reaching somewhat easier but still fun engaging climbing to finish to a bolted anchor.

Slab-a-Lilaceous ** S-5.10a, 17m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, April 2019

There was a lone bolt found on this climb when the cliff was first developed but no other information as to whom this piece of steel belonged. Establishing this climb demanded extensive cleaning and it is now a fully equipped sport route above this original first bolt. No other indications of progression past this mystery-bolt were found. The crux actually comes getting past this point but a second steeper more sustained bit keeps climbers on their toes at two-thirds height.

Corner Jam * S-5.9, 17m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, April 2019

Climbs the obvious left facing corner. Start by working up onto a base pedestal with a bolt above, make an awkward move up into to the corner to place a key hand jam (crux). Basically climbs the less difficult corner clipping bolts on the left wall to reach the anchor located above a small ledge.

Moose in a China Shop * S-5.8, 15m, 4 clips

Andy Genereux, April 2019

Climbs the rounded arête to an anchor, getting past the first bolt is the crux. There is a base anchor to keep the belayer on the small platform. The climb only has four clips plus draws for the anchor. A fun climb, it's one of the easiest routes to be found at the Moose Mountain Crags too bad it's so short! A great introduction to the climbing in the area, just wish there was more....

Fun at The Beach * S-5.10a, 16m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, March 2019

Starts up a little right leaning groove moving a bit left to the first bolt, basically climb straight up to access a small ledge with an anchor above.

Butterflies ** S-5.10b, 17m, 7 clips*Andy Genereux, March 2019*

Named after the numerous butterflies fluttering around this venue in mid-April. We climbed it only wearing t-shirts with winter like conditions still holding strong on the north facing aspects less than 100m across the valley. The butterflies and climbers all enjoying the sunny warm spring day. Start up a groove to reach a shallow corner at just over mid-height. Work through a steep bulge with fun movement to tackle the short steep upper corner to a bolted anchor.

Moose at The Beach ** S-5.10c, 17m, 7 clips*Andy Genereux, March 2019*

Climbs up to a bulge where physical climbing with good holds (if you find them) leads to an anchor located immediately on the left side of a big spruce tree at the top of the cliff.

Sand Dollars ** S-5.11a, 19m, 8 clips*Andy Genereux, April 2019*

The crux comes getting up to, then past the first bolt on tricky hard to read face climbing (boulder problem). Then heads up the steep bulging face on mid-5.10 climbing to finish off on generally good juggy holds to reach the anchor.

Beach Front Property ** S-5.10c, 20m, 8 clips*Andy Genereux, April 2019*

Climbs the obvious upper gray groove in the center of the main buttress. The start is undercut, gaining a crack helps overcome the difficulties. The upper groove is easier than it looks but technique is still important in order to reach the spaced ring bolts at the anchor.

Beach Head * S-5.11a, 20m, 8 clips***Andy Genereux, March 2019*

Initially thought to be much harder, a good sequence out left off some thin side-pulls, helps to reach the anchor unlocking the problem. It proves to be a very fun, devious romp on the steeper upper half of this climb.

Surfing The Curl ** S-5.11c/d, 18m, 8 clips*Andy Genereux, April 2019*

This route had several holds fail after the initial build. It required a couple more efforts to fully re-clean, what remains hopefully makes for a short, fun, now harder bouldery sequence surfing through the curl found at two-thirds height.

Spring at The Beach ** S-5.10b, 17m, 7 clips*Andy Genereux, March 2019*

Starts up a short very shallow corner on fun steady movement (look for the bigger hidden holds) on the way to the anchor, fun if you find them, harder if you don't.

Squeeze Job * S-5.10c, 18m, 7 clips***Choc Quinn & Andy Genereux, May 2026*

A fun addition to the beach scene, with the technical challenge coming just before the anchors. This is an independent route marked by black hangers. Slightly squeezed, good rock and some devious movement.

Above The Beach * S-5.10a, 18m, 7 clips*Andy Genereux, April 2019*

The beach was littered by lots of rock shrapnel after the vigorous cleaning required on the upper portion of this route. The result, provides a very nice climb hosting less strenuous face climbing than other routes at the same grade on this cliff. The short crux comes getting past the first bolt at a bulge entering a small corner. Work out left at the top of the short corner heading up onto fun but generally less difficult juggy climbing to snag the anchor.

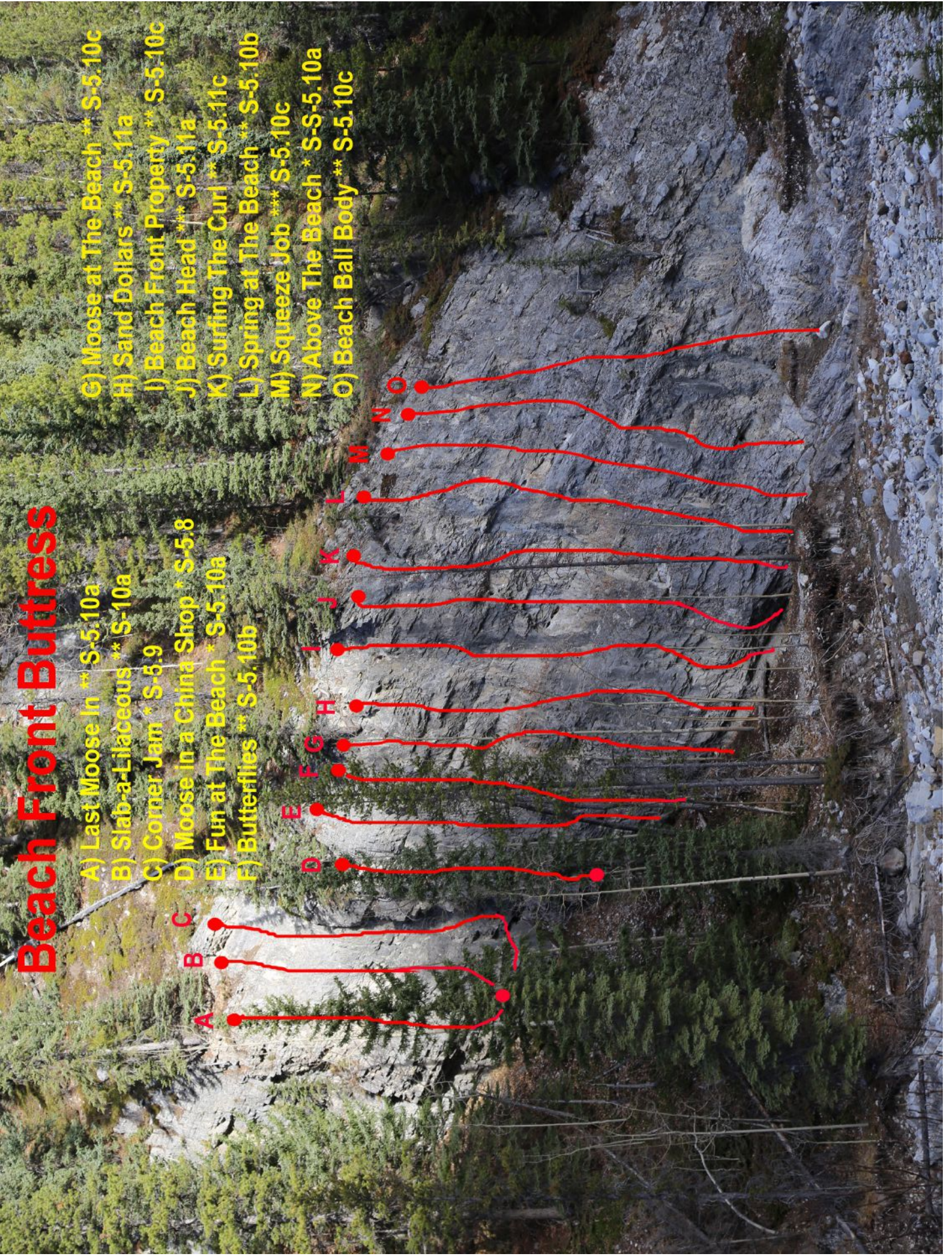
Beach Ball Body ** S-5.10b/c, 16m, 6 clips*Andy Genereux & Choc Quinn, May 2026*

The right most route, marked with black hangers. Getting past the third bolt is the crux. Overall it turned out better than expected. It's a worthwhile little adventure to expand your day at the beach.

Beach Front Buttress

- G) Moose at The Beach ** S-5.10c
- H) Sand Dollars ** S-5.11a
- I) Beach Front Property *** S-5.10c
- J) Beach Head *** S-5.11a
- K) Surfing The Curl ** S-5.11c
- L) Spring at The Beach ** S-5.10b
- M) Squeeze Job *** S-5.10c
- N) Above The Beach * S-S-5.10a
- O) Beach Ball Body ** S-5.10c

- A) Last Moose In ** S-5.10a
- B) Slab-a-Lilaceous ** S-10a
- C) Corner Jam * S-5.9
- D) Moose In a China Shop * S-5.8
- E) Fun at The Beach * S-5.10a
- F) Butterflies ** S-5.10b



Creek Side

One the latest cliffs to undergo development at the Moose Mountain Crags. It's another small stand alone satellite cliff. As it's name suggests it's found on the eastern bank of Canyon Creek. The cliff face rising directly above of the creek bed. The last sector described in this update. However, it actually has the shortest approach of all the Moose Mountain venues coming from Ing Mine parking. It's found about 400m north of the first compressor station on the east side of the approach road. Located on the east bank of Canyon Creek. A lookout spot by some large boulder's on the right (east) side of the road just before it drops down a small hill provides a good viewpoint. The cliff photo below was taken from this vantage point. To access this venue continue down the hill on the road, at the bottom of the hill access an open meadow on the right leading into the creek bed. Once at the creek-bed, park the bikes and cross over to the east side heading down stream (south) for about 150m to reach this cliff. Here Canyon Creek usually only runs wet during spring runoff or after large thunder storms. These factors could make this venue an issue to reach, climb, or belay during these wet periods. Use sound judgment before trying to cross the creek if water levels are up go elsewhere. Have a look from the viewpoint mentioned above to assess creek conditions before you need to commit.

Overall the quality of the yellow rock at this short cliff is not great. OK it's very bad...! However, that said, the climbing established so far has proven quite fun despite the extremely scrappy nature of the rock found at this venue.

Caution: Highly recommend wearing helmets while climbing or belaying at this crag. So far four routes are complete with anchors established on another five potential projects. Although extensive cleaning has been carried out, still expect the possibility for the rock to loosen or key holds to fail without warning. The adage "the Moose is loose" definitely applies here! There is potential for 10-14 routes to eventually be established if the builder can stay interested and overcome the hard work this cliff has requires. The average 16m pitch, so far has taken 6-8 hours to clean and bolt...! Once fully developed this mostly west facing venue might provide a fun after work crag? Requiring only 10 minutes to arrive from parking using a bike. Two thirds of the cliff (down stream portion) has a west exposure the last third (up-stream) has a northwest exposure. The west facing segment gets the sun from about 3:30 in the afternoon until sunset during the peak summer months. Thus allowing the evening crowd to linger and soak up the rays. On hot days it provides shade in the mornings. Still much work needs to be done to make this little crag a happy place!

Fools Pride * S-5.10c/d, 16m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, March 2022

Fun bottom section as the line climbs the arête left of a shallow open book corner of the route *Creeking Senility*. Easier climbing to finish. Caution is required as there is more suspect fragile rock over the upper third to reach the anchor.

Creeking Senility ** S-5.10b/c, 16m, 6 clips

Andy Genereux, March 2022

The first lead route developed at this venue. Near the center of the cliff it climbs a shallow open book over a bulge. There was a lone bolt found near the bottom of the cliff on the left wall but no other evidence of cleaning or advancement.

Creekside Fun * S-5.10d/11a, 16m, 7 clips

Andy Genereux, March 2022

Climbs the crack feature to the right of the shallow open book of *Creeking Senility* to a steep face with some sustained pulling to overcome the top half of the climb. **Caution:** The anchor needs to be replaced due to the removal of the massive boulder from the top of the cliff in 2024. It's now sitting in the creek bed below the route. For now skip the final bolt and use the anchor on *Creeking Senility* on the left until repairs can be made.

Closed Project: Purple Haze 16m,

Found 2m right of *Creekside Fun* this line has an anchor but no cleaning or bolting. There was a purple piece of fabric stuck to a scrub bush at the top of the cliff above the anchor. This bit of cloth was the first thing that attracted the builder to look at the possibilities of this shattered venue. This purple flag might have clouded his vision? Lots of work awaits on this one. Hopefully a good climb will result from Andy's continued scree slope and dam building madness....

Closed Project: Creek Slide 16m,

Roughly found near the center of the cliff. There is an anchor established but nothing else at this time. Climbs a shallow corner groove. Will see how much slides off or fails and what holds get left behind?

Closed Project: False Gold 16m,

Ring bolts for an anchor. The potential name describes the rock perfectly. Starts steeply over some yellow stuff, I'm hoping for the best.

Closed Project: Happy with Crappy 15m,

There is an anchor above a ledge a couple meters below the top of the cliff by Andy. There was a lone bolt discovered near the base by a previous party. No cleaning has yet been carried out on this project other than a few death blocks near the top. Lots of excavation still awaits.

Closed Project: Up the Creek 17m,

Another possibility! Anybody want to have a go? So far an anchor is in place. No cleaning or bolting yet.

Shitze Creek ** S-5.10c/d 17m, 6 clips*Andy Genereux, September 2023*

A figment of my imagination, after 6 filthy long hours to clean and bolt this line it actually has good movement. **Note:** The base start is a full metre lower resulting from the massive rock pile deposited in the creek bed after cleaning this route!

