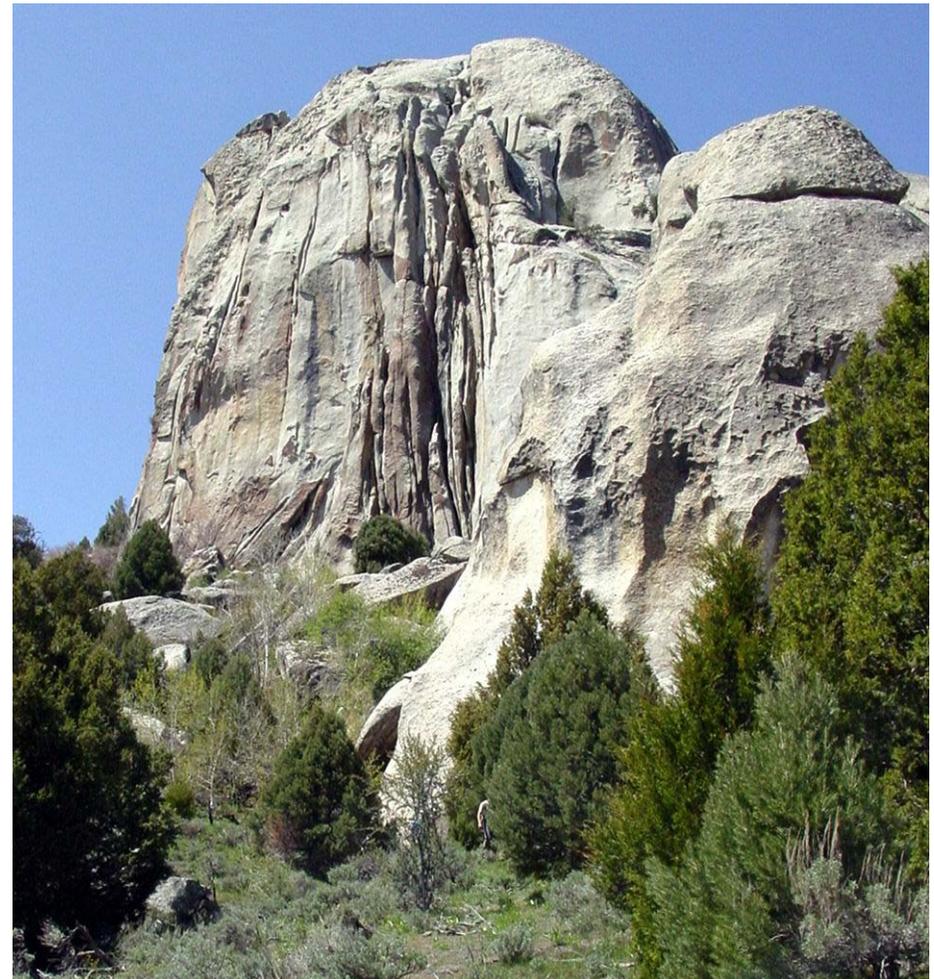


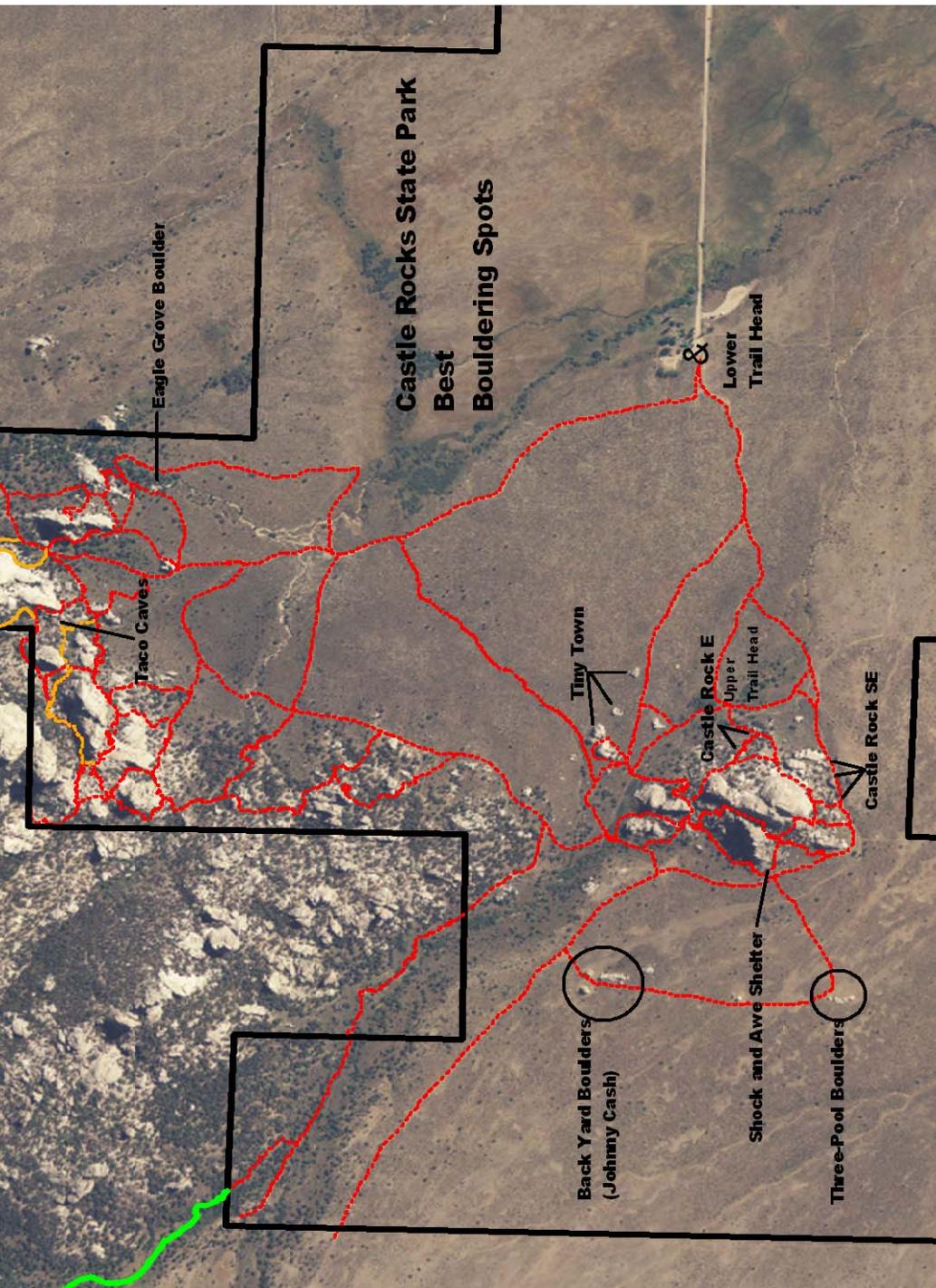
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Climbers Guide to Select Routes In ZONE TWO



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Zone Two(Z2) refers to the second of eight proposed “Fixed Anchor Management” zones in the “Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area” to be opened to drilled fixed anchors(bolts). As of November 2008, only Zones 1, 2, and 2B have been opened to bolting. Note that all public lands in Castles are open to climbing, but only Z1 ,Z2, and Z2B are open to drilling. What follows is a bare-bones guide to selected routes in Z2.

There are numerous routes in Z2 that are not included here due to poor rock quality, obscurity, or poor engineering. The north aspect of Comp Wall hosts several routes that are excluded in this edition, but may be repaired soon. The folds and corridors of the Duke Complex contain several routes that would be difficult to document in this photo format, but are worthwhile routes nonetheless. There are numerous potential new climbs to be had in Z2, watch for changes in 2008! This version of the guide is dated: 11/05/2008.

Almost all routes in Castles are equipped to descend with a single 60 meter rope.

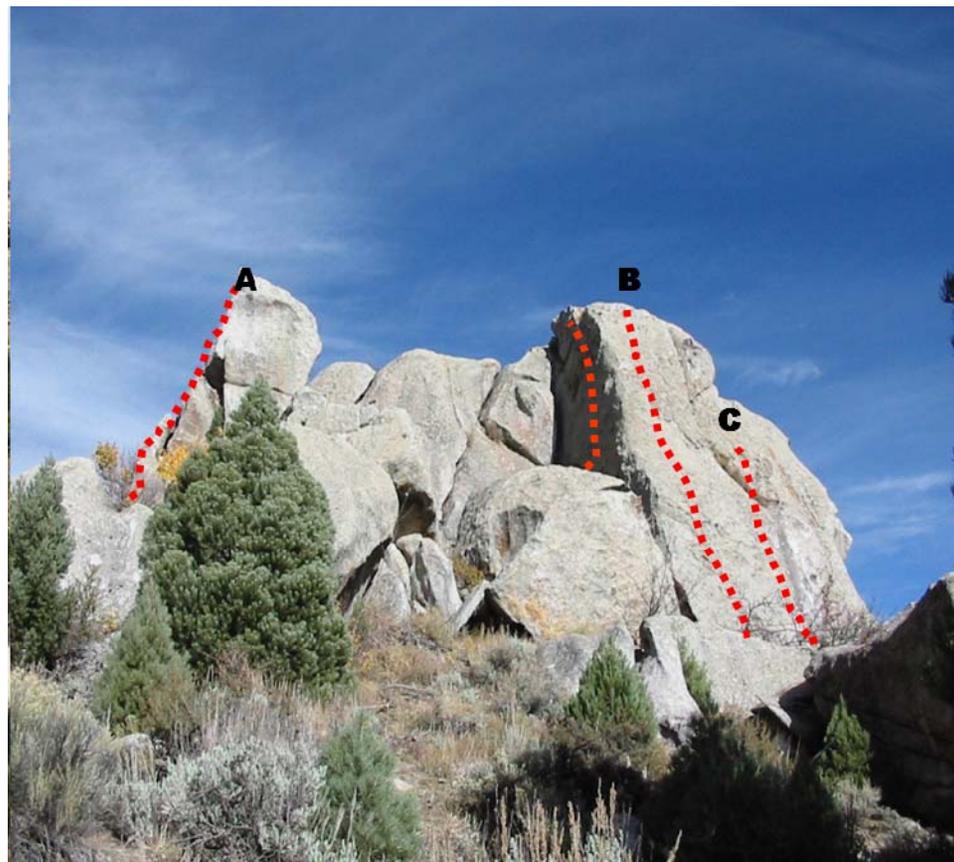
A common strategy is to combine pitches on the ascent, then catch all the raps on the way down.

Persons drilling in Castles agree to a number of “rules” - one of which is not bolting next to protect-able cracks. The result is that many of the routes are “mixed pro”. Be prepared.

Comments, corrections or additions to this guide are welcome!

PLEASE! Be gentle with the park..don't overload the staging areas at the base of the climbs, use the trails provided, and mind your pets! THANKS!!!

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View 2

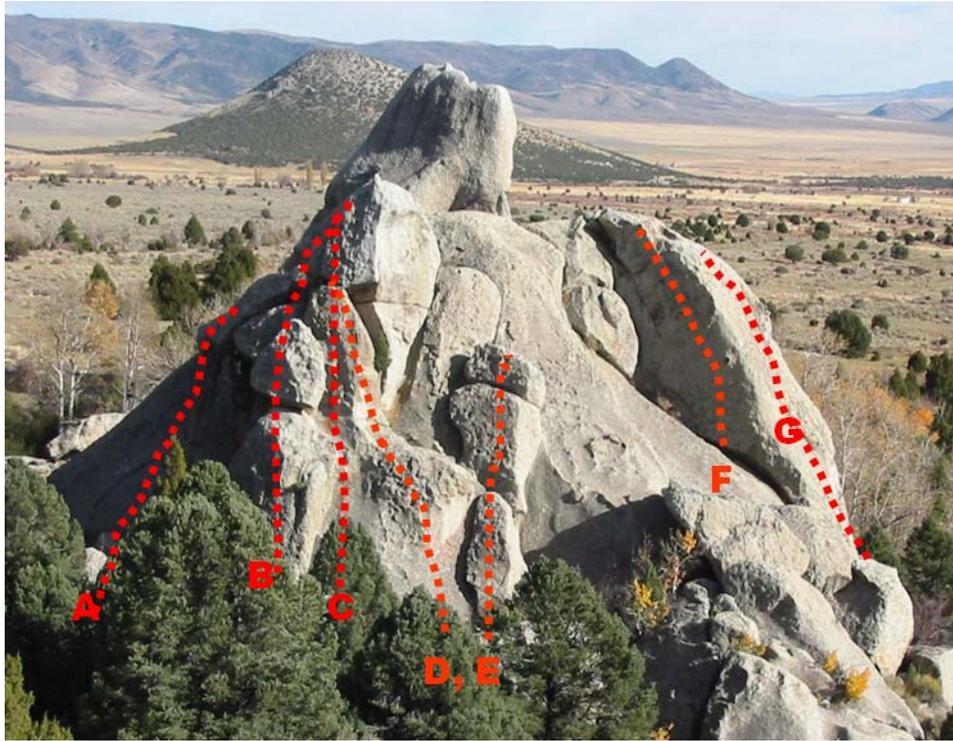
#21 Heffalump, South West Side

A: Eeyore Smiles 5.7*bolts

B: Pork Chop 5.7** bolts

C: Piglet Tip Toes 5.9 bolts

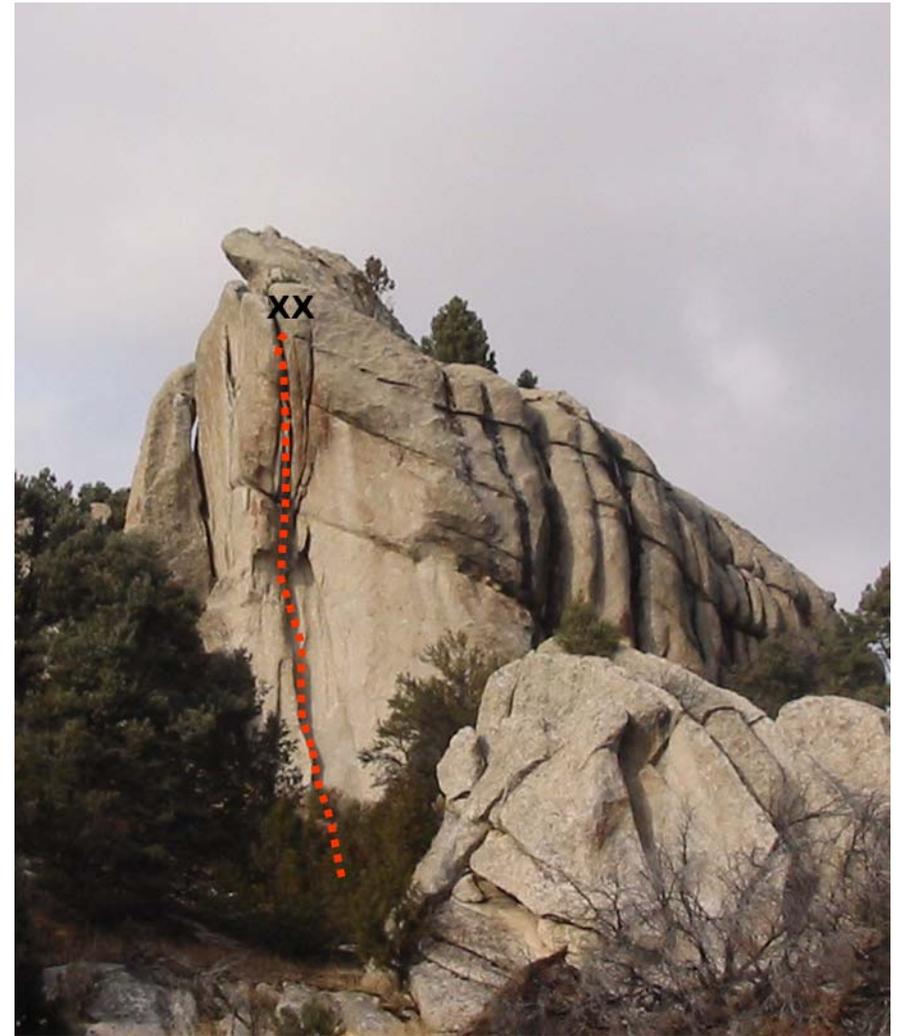
#2 Heffalump, West Side



View 1

- A: Pooh's Honey 5.8 bolts and gear E: Sweet Roberta 5.6* bolts
B: Eeyore Smiles 5.7* bolts F: Humor Me 5.9** bolts
C: Pooh Corner 5.7 G: Pork Chop 5.7** bolts
D: Two Fer 5.8** bolts

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View 1

Rock #4 – Chipmuffin South

Chuting Gallery 5.10c bolts and gear



View 2

Rock #4-Chipmuffin West

A: Original Way 5.8

B: P.B.P.B.P.B.A! 5.10a** bolts and gear

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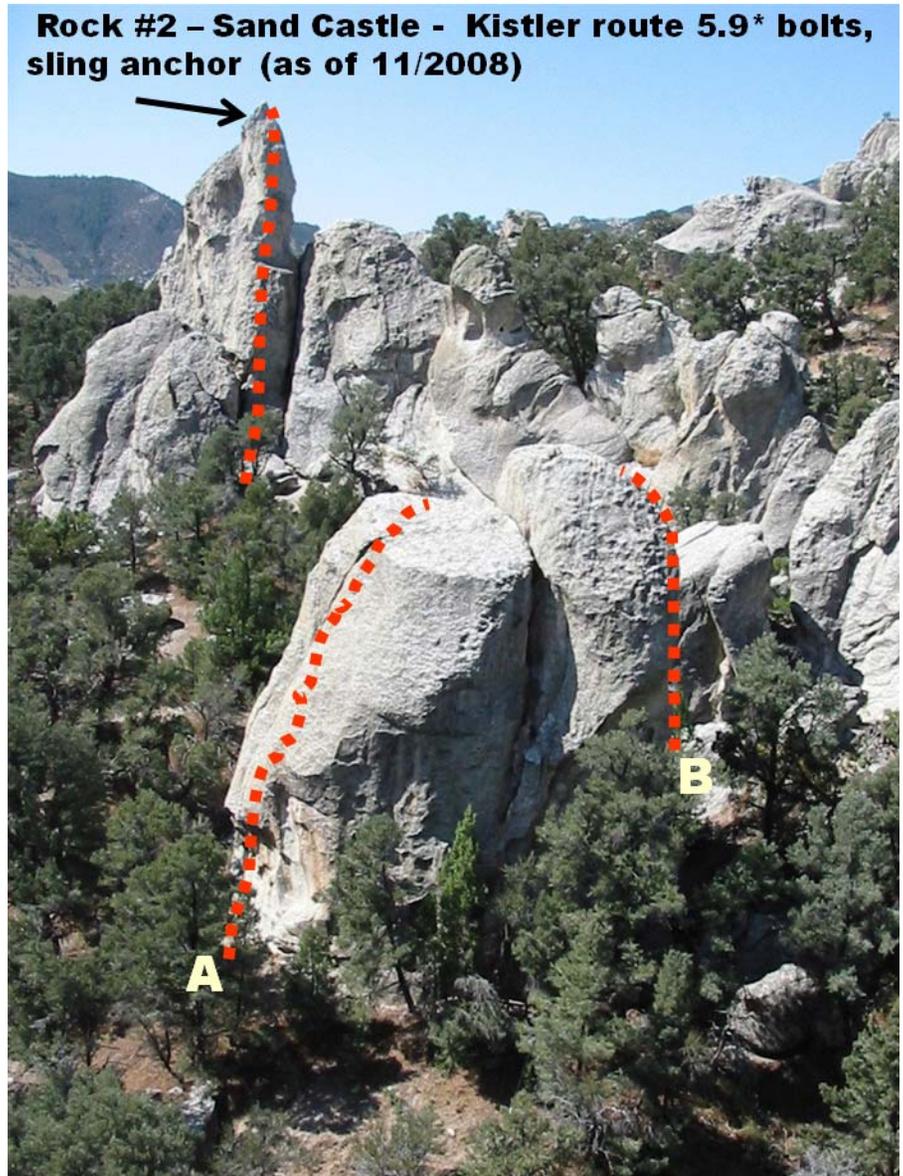


Upper Fence Line Rock S.E. Side

A: Humpty Bumpy 5.11b** bolts

B: Red Ball 5.11d?? Or C2 thin gear

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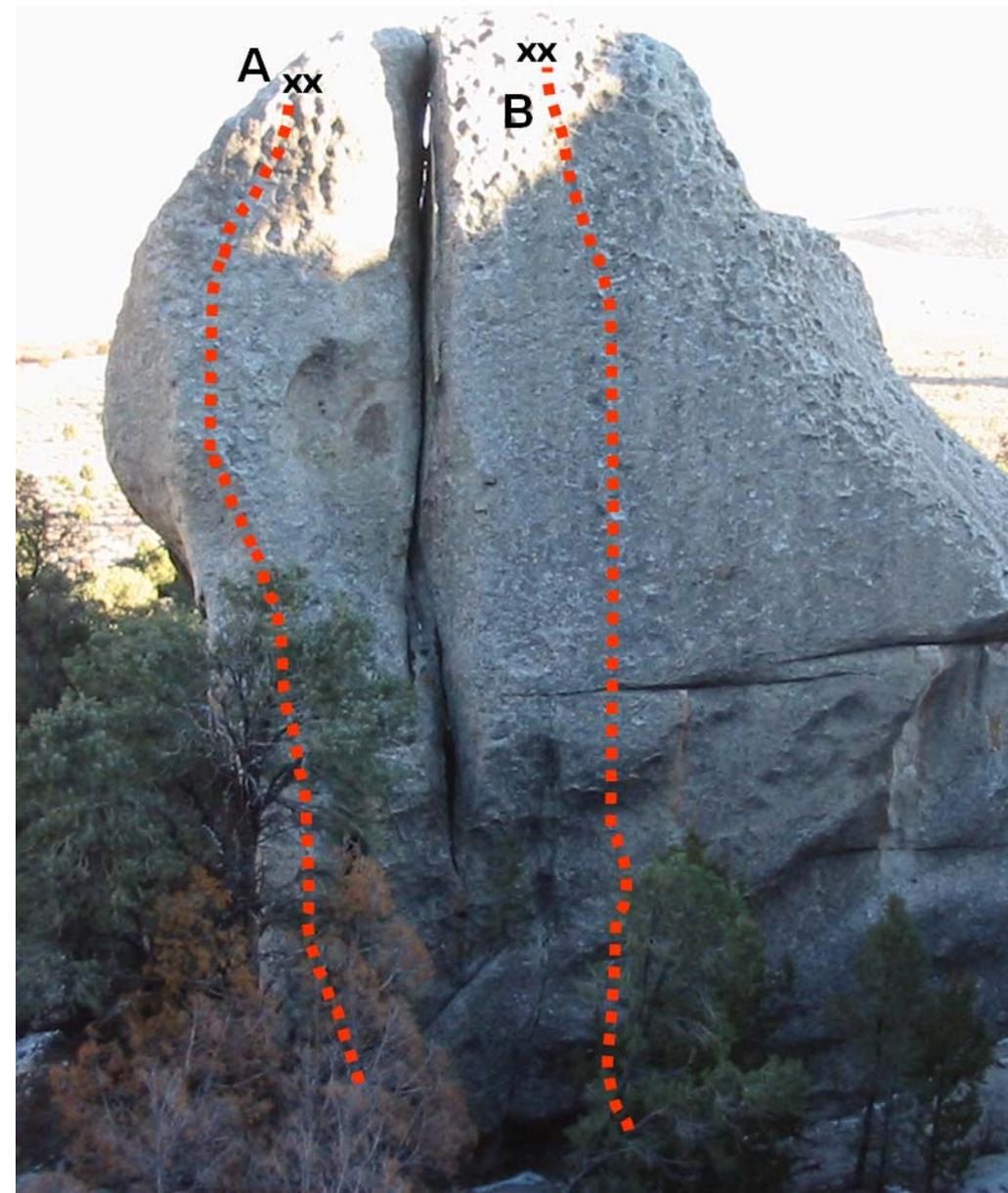
Rock #2 – Sand Castle - Kistler route 5.9* bolts, sling anchor (as of 11/2008)

View 1

Rock #3 East, North

A: 5.11a One bolt to wide crack to hand crack

B: AR Zone 5.10a bolts

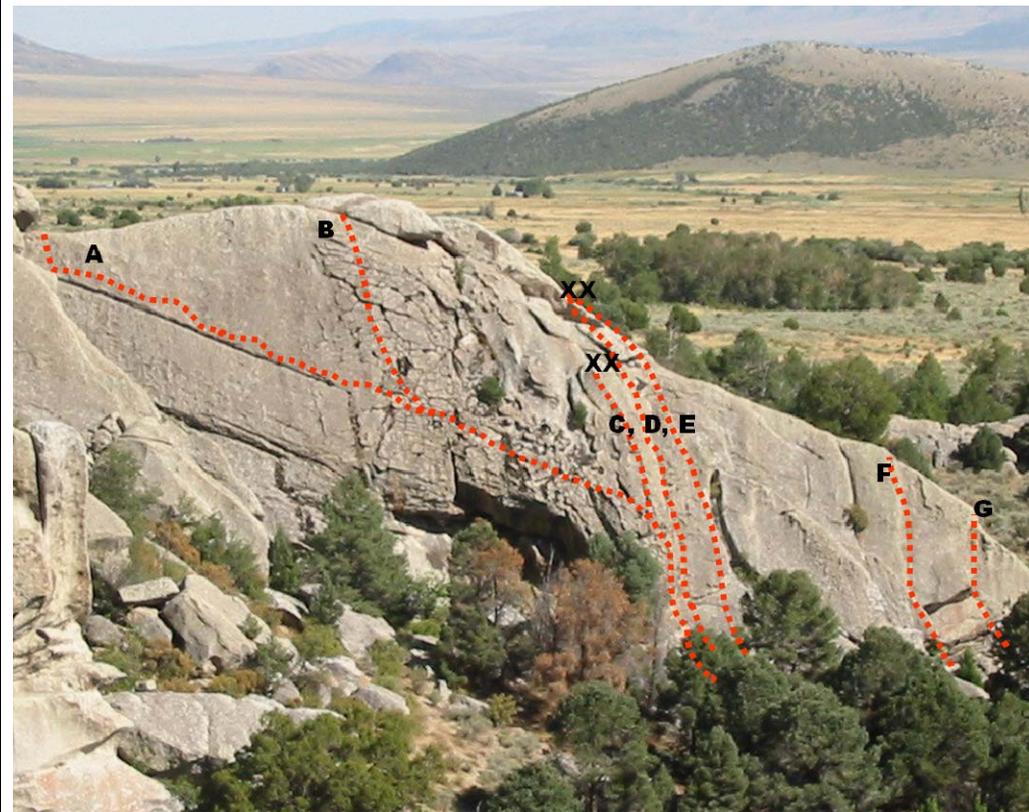


View 2

Rock #3 NW

A: AR Zone 5.10a bolts

B: Jack Rabbit Flash 5.11a bolts



Fence Line Rock South End, West Side

A: Walking the Fence Line 5.8**(no bolts)walk off

B: Original Way 5.8* (no bolts)walk off

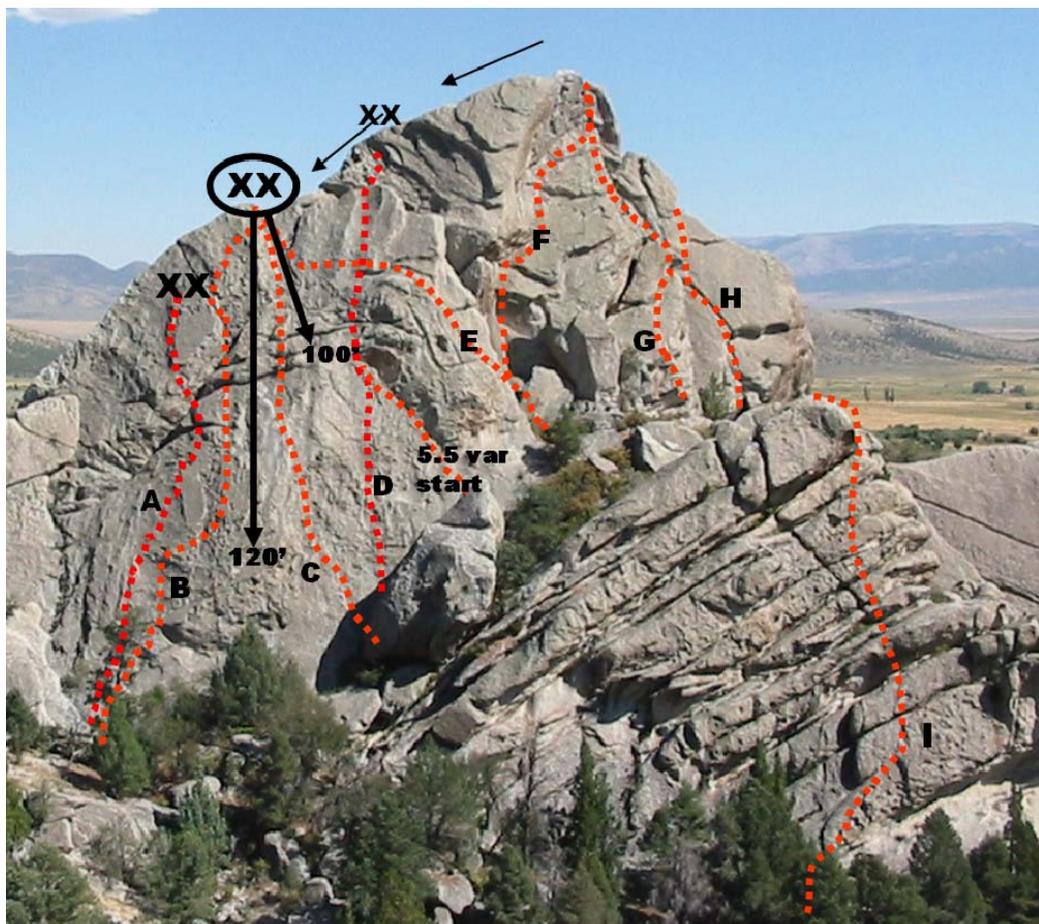
C: Patina Pies 5.8** bolts

D: While You're Here 5.8*gear

E: Really Sweet 5.7** bolts

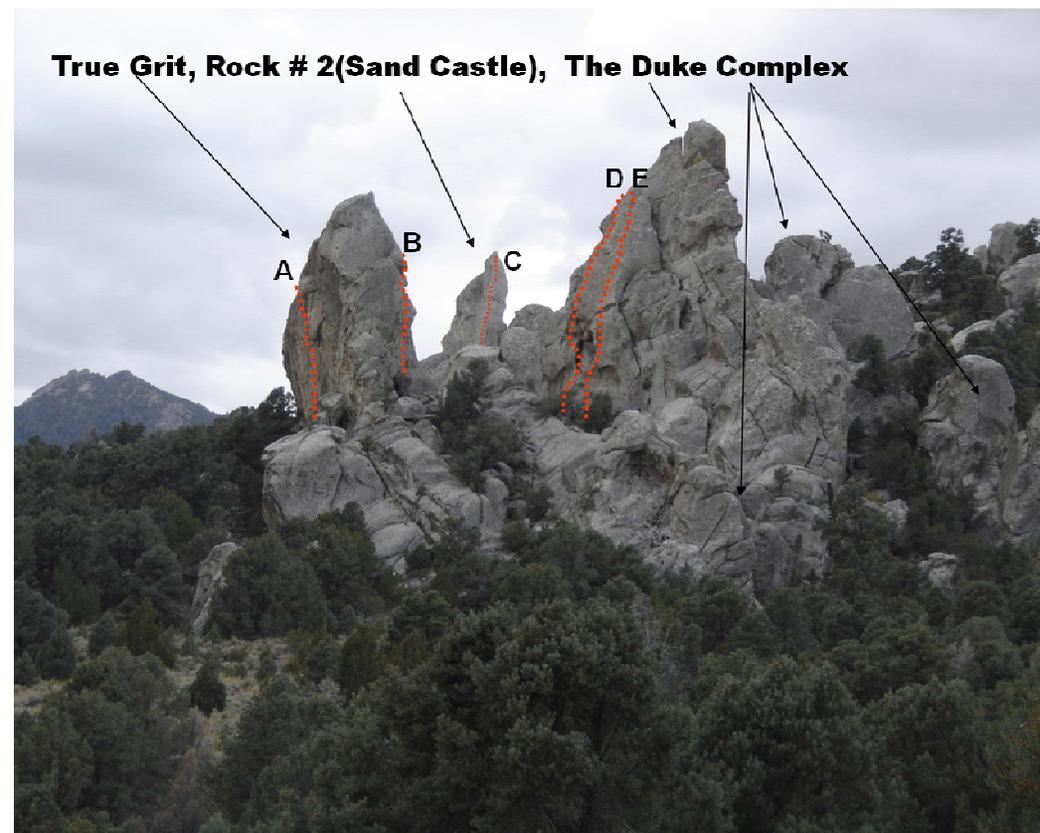
F: Left Corner 5.8** gear

G: Right Corner 5.9** gear



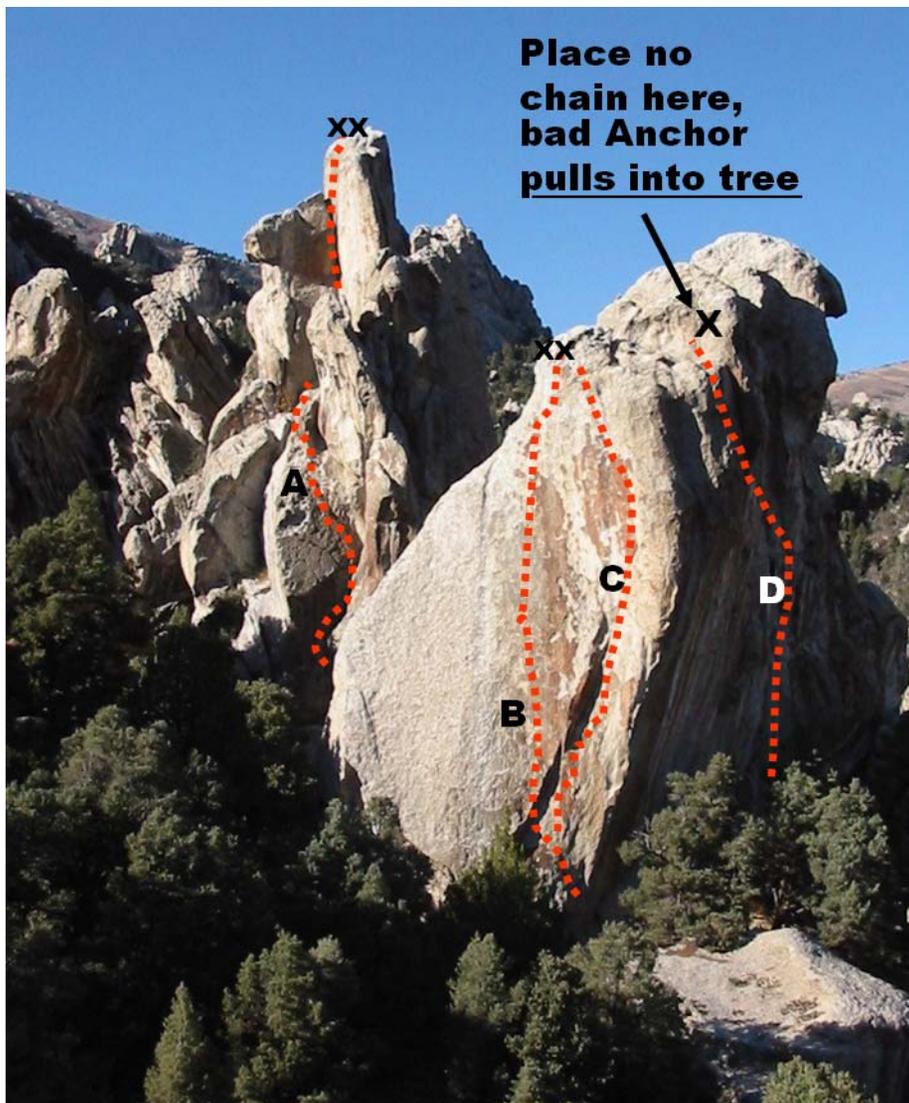
20 - Fence Line Rock, West Aspect

- A: Pop Tart 5.7*** bolts 100 feet
- B: South of the Border 5.8** gear
- C: Crème Brule' 5.8** gear and a bolt or two
- D: Tiramisu 5.8** bolts
- E: Solo 5.5
- F: Breathless 5.10c*** gear
- G: Original Way 5.8** gear
- H: Yawning Maw 5.10c** gear
- I: Breathless pitch one 5.10a* gear



True Grit, Rock # 2(Sand Castle), The Duke Complex

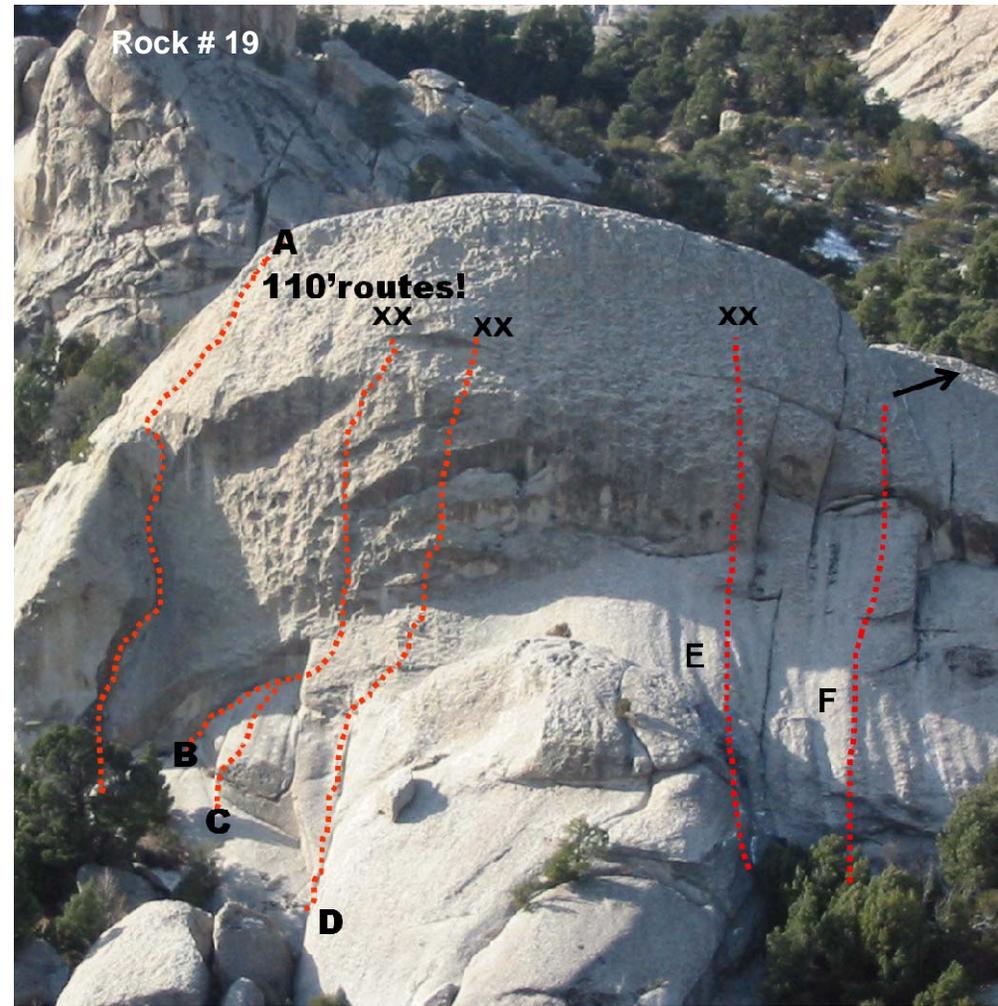
- A: Too Hard Crack 5.10c C2* gear
- B: Cow Boy Yoga 5.12? Bolts
- C: Kistler Route 5.9** bolts
- D: Let 'er Buck 5.10a* bolts and gear
- E: Git 'er Done 5.10a*** bolts and gear



View 1

The Duke Complex(#6) and True Grit(#7)

- A: Ranch Hands 5.10a** gear (wide)
- B: True Grit 5.9*** bolts
- C: Rat Writ 5.11d* bolts
- D: Too Hard Crack 5.10c C2* gear



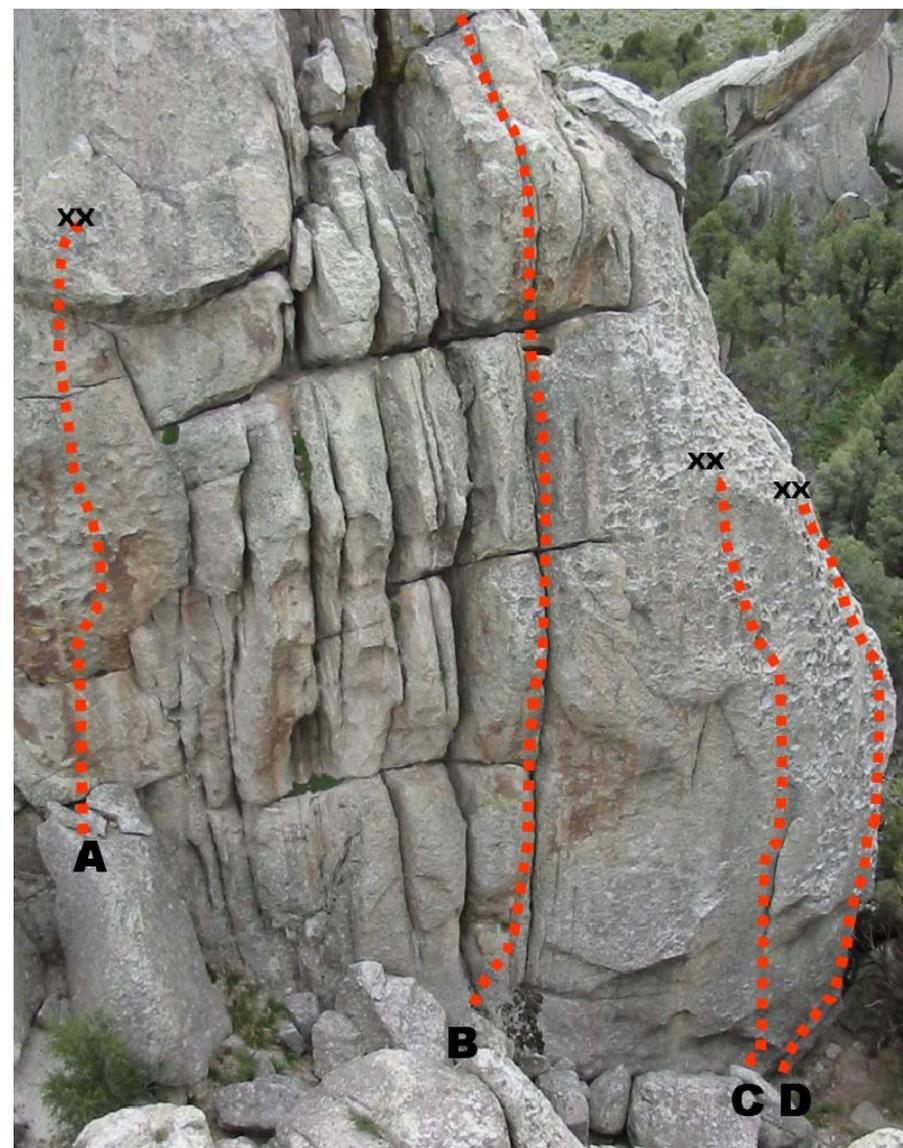
Taco, East Side

- A: Bandido 5.11a **gear, walk off northish
- B: La Cruz de la Norte 5.9*** bolts
- C: Direct 5.10b** bolts
- D: Holy Frijoles 5.10a/b ** bolts and gear
- E: Conejito 5.8* bolts
- F: No Mas 5.7 bolts



Taco West Side (Rock 19)

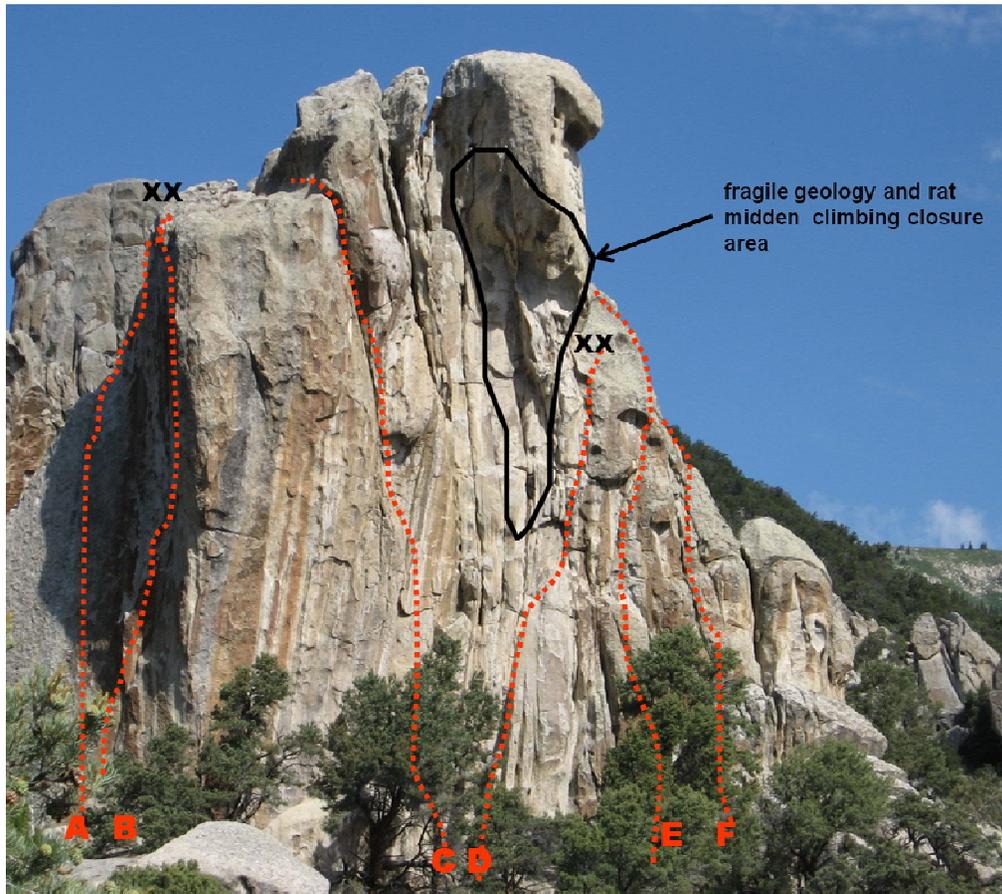
- A: Taco Left 5.8** bolts and a sling for horn
- B: Taco Time (5.9 bouldering start then 5.4) retro-bolted in '08
- C: Nacho Libre 5.8* bolts and gear
- D: Vote For Pedro 5.9** bolts
- E: Taco Right 5.8/9** bolts and a yellow TCU or equal
- F: Mole Poblano 5.8**(var to crack after bolt #3 "Horchata" 5.8)
- G: S. Ridge 5.8** gear and one bolt high up
- H: 5.9 layback in east side of boulder scramble down south



View 2

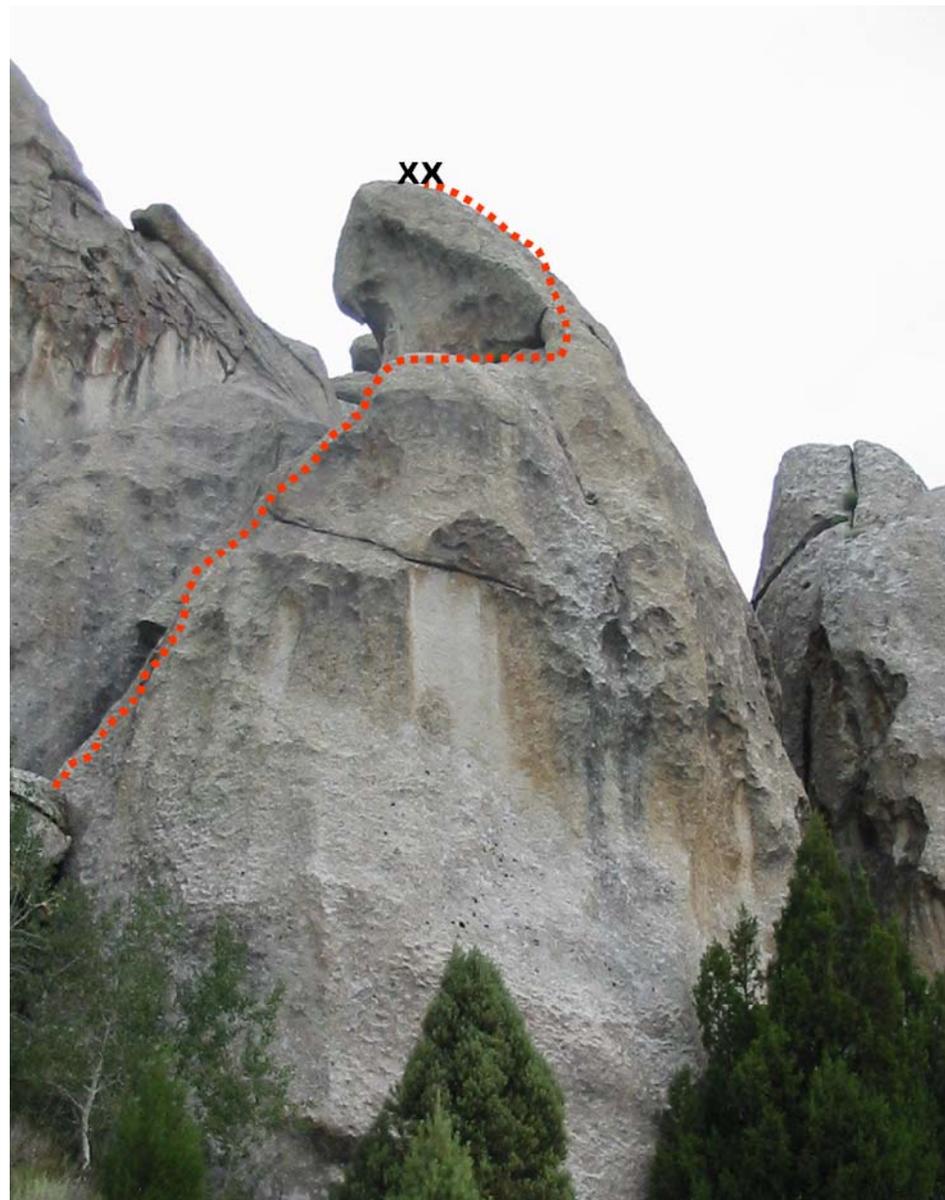
True Grit West

- A: Cowboy Yoga 5.11/12? bolts
- B: Hang B 5.9* gear descend True Grit
- C: Western Family Values 5.10c* bolts and gear
- D: D: Broke Back 5.11c bolts



True Grit Spire, East Side

- A: True Grit 5.9*** bolts
- B: Rat Writ 5.11d* bolts,
- C: Too Hard Crack 5.10 C2 *gear descend True Grit,
- D: White Whine 5.11a?*** bolts and thin cams
- E: Fats Light 5.10b* gear descend Cowboy Yoga,
- F: Emotion Potion 5.10a** gear descend Cowboy Yoga



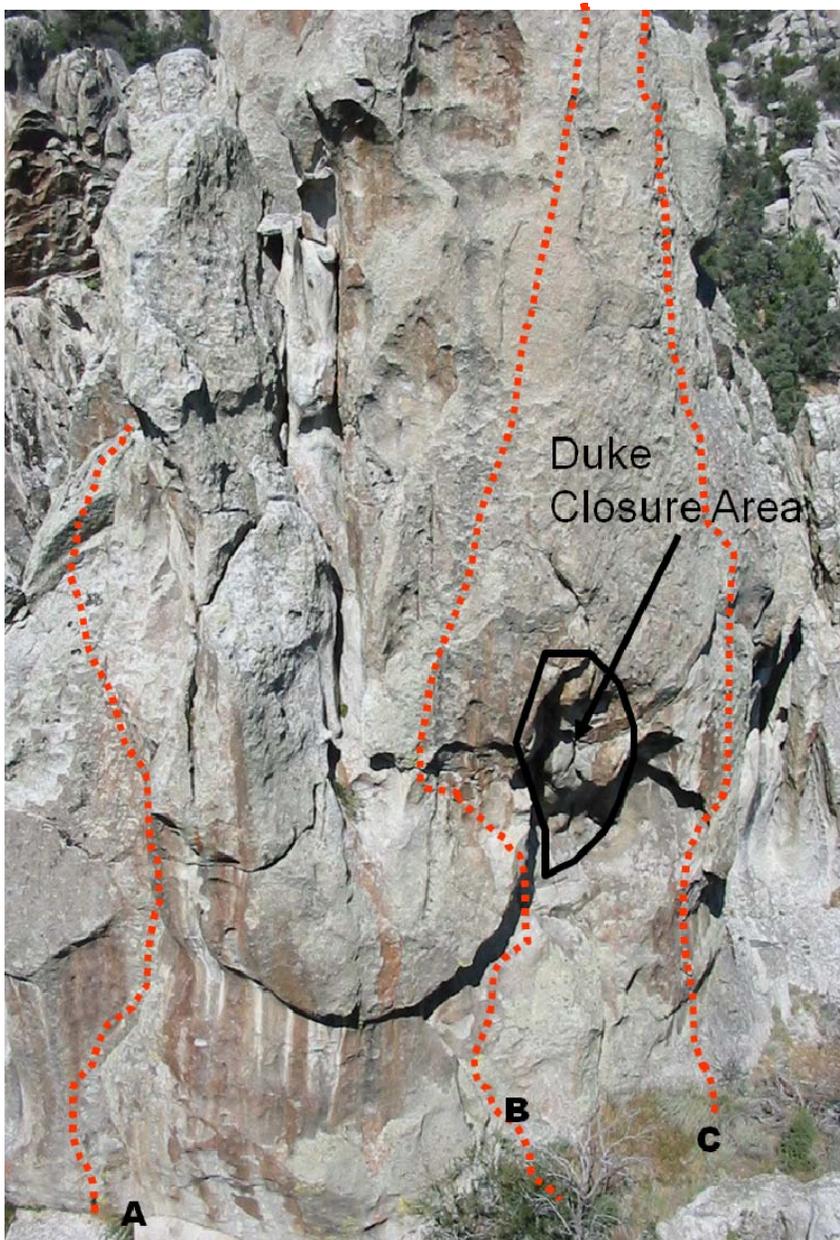
#18 Central – Pin Cushion

Elf's Cap Route 5.7* bolts and gear



18 Upper – Wedding Bell
The Engagement 5.9+ gear

The Duke (next page) is surrounded by numerous smaller spires that form the “Duke Complex”. The closest of these is within ten feet to the north west. Several good routes begin out of this narrow gap. Put Em Up is a 5.10 thin crack that was the first route to the summit, and is the left of the two cracks that begin at the high point of the gap. The right hand crack is called “Marion Morrison” and is rated 5.9+ A bolted route was established just left of Put Em Up (“Whiskey Talk” 5.10d**) that is so close that the two routes share holds. Left of that is “Ol’ Dollor” 5.7 bolts and gear, then “Mad Anthony” 5.6 gear to the Ol Dollor anchor. Left more is “Fill Your Hands” 5.7 gear. From the top of this a tricky traverse is required to reach the ‘Ol Dollor anchors. On the west aspect of the farthest west rock in the complex are three or four routes on bad rock that lead to a common anchor. Like much of Z2, the Duke Complex is far from fully developed. Both quality clean climbs as well as bolted routes will continue to be put up here—watch for changes in ‘08!

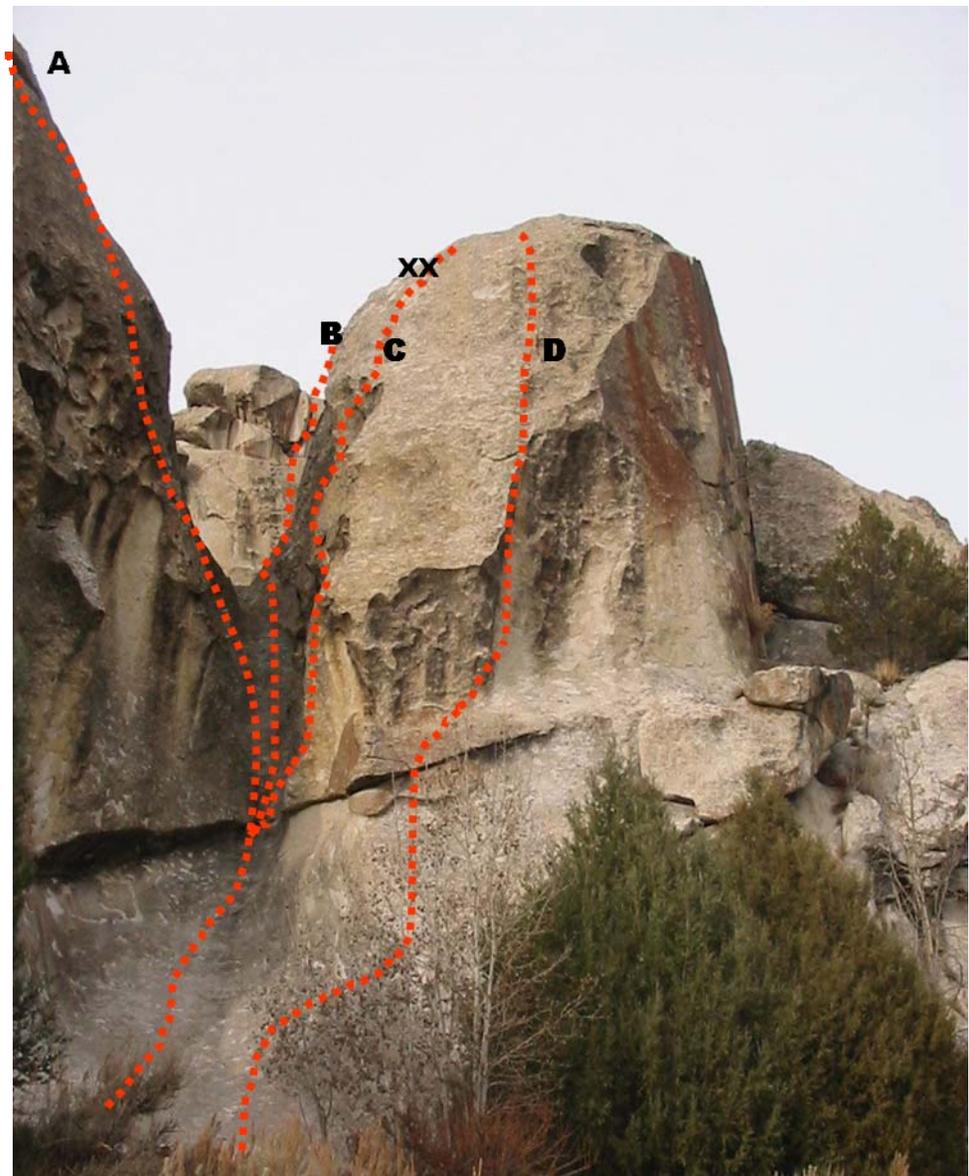


Duke South East

A: Ranch Hands 5.10a** wide gear, long slings

B: Let 'er Buck 5.10a* bolts and gear

C: Get 'er Done 5.10a*** bolts and gear



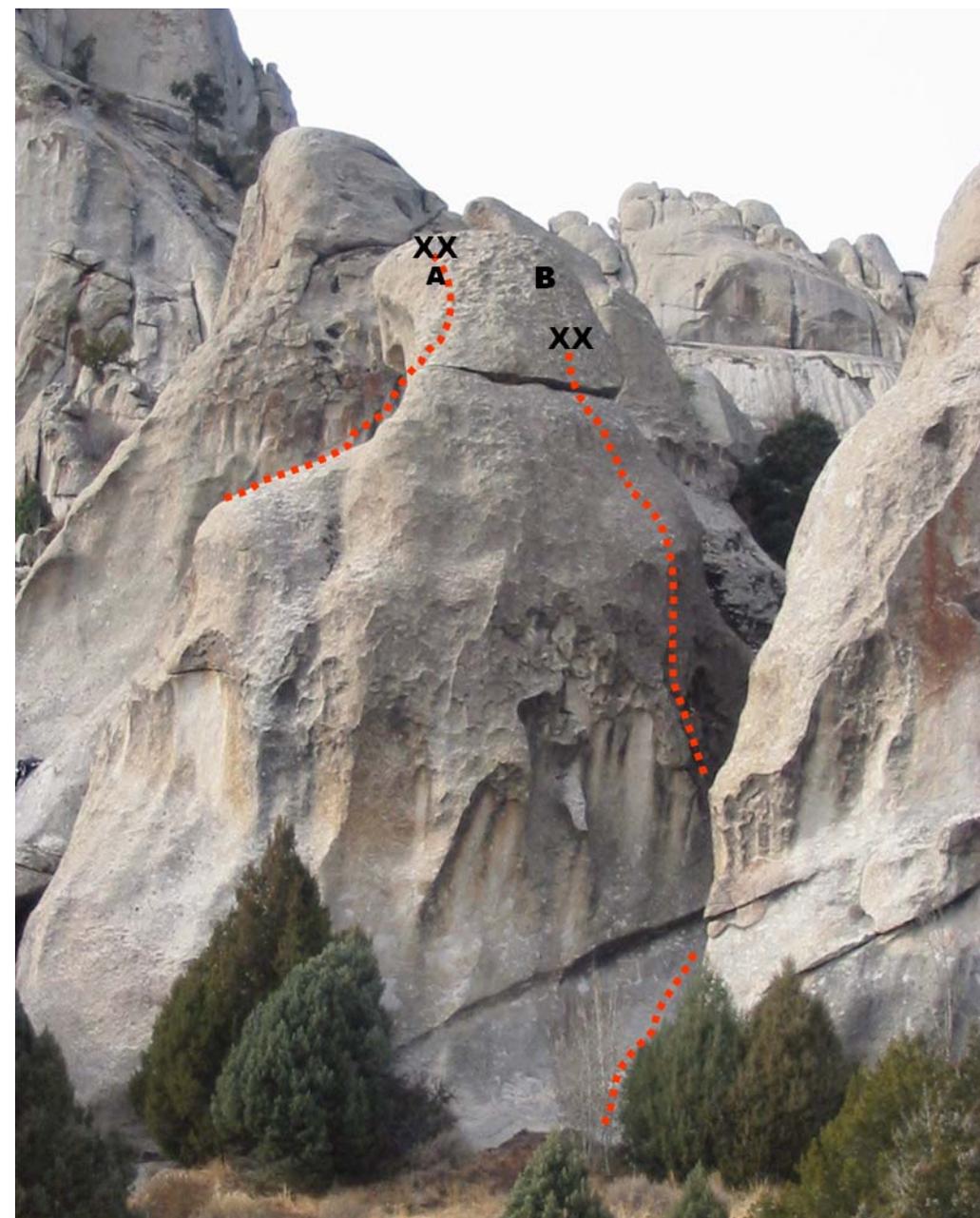
#18 Lower – Bullet Rock

A: Iraq and Back 5.8**bolts

B: Gullet 5.8** (bolts to crack to summit)

C: Cleft Palace 5.9***bolts

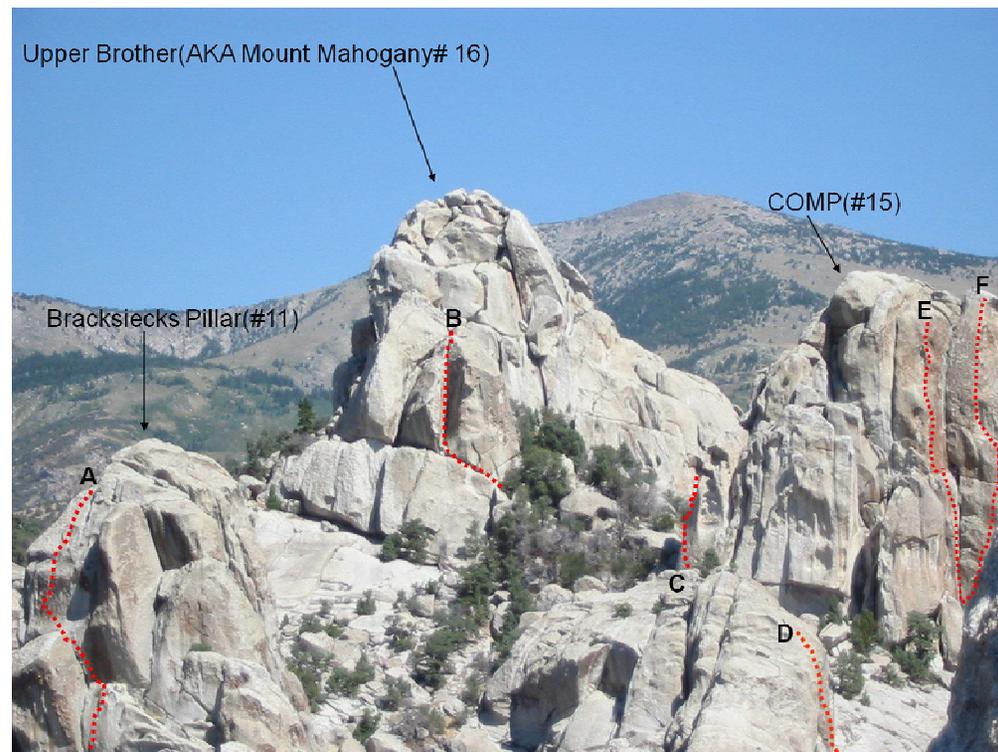
D: Special Forces 5.11* bolts to summit anchors



#18 Central – Pin Cushion

A: Elf's Cap 5.7* bolts and gear

B: Iraq and Back 5.8** bolts



A: Crack Class 5.10a*** gear

B: Jeff Rhodes Crack 5.11b** gear

C: Sancho-Rama 5.10c*** bolts

D: Picture This 5.8** bolts and wires

E: Companeros 5.10b*** bolts and gear

F: Shop and Compare 5.9**** bolts and gear



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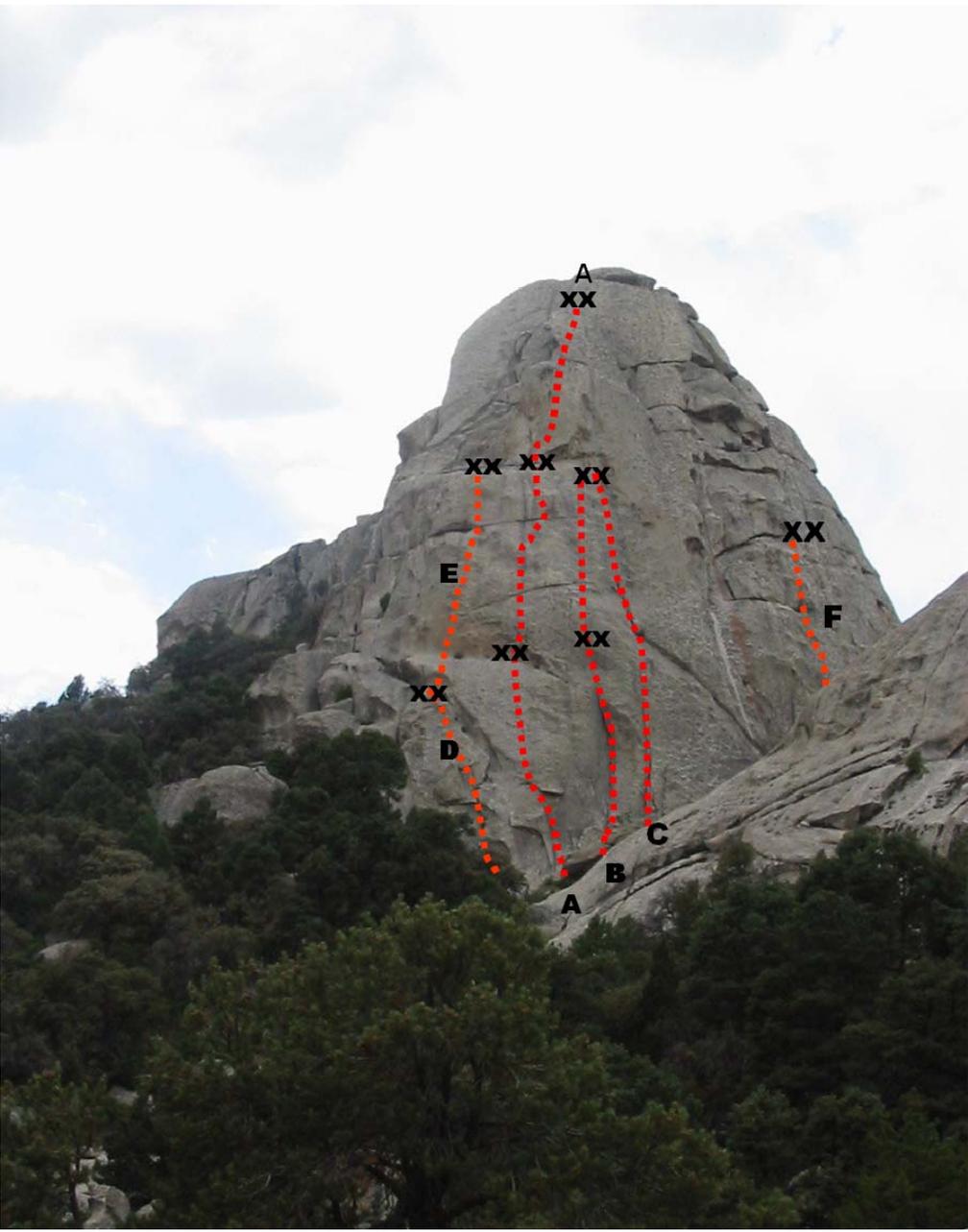
11 Bracksiecks Pillar, South Aspect

- A: Cool Crack 5.11a** gear
- B: Crack Class 5.10a*** gear
- C: Oatmeal Stout 5.12a** gear

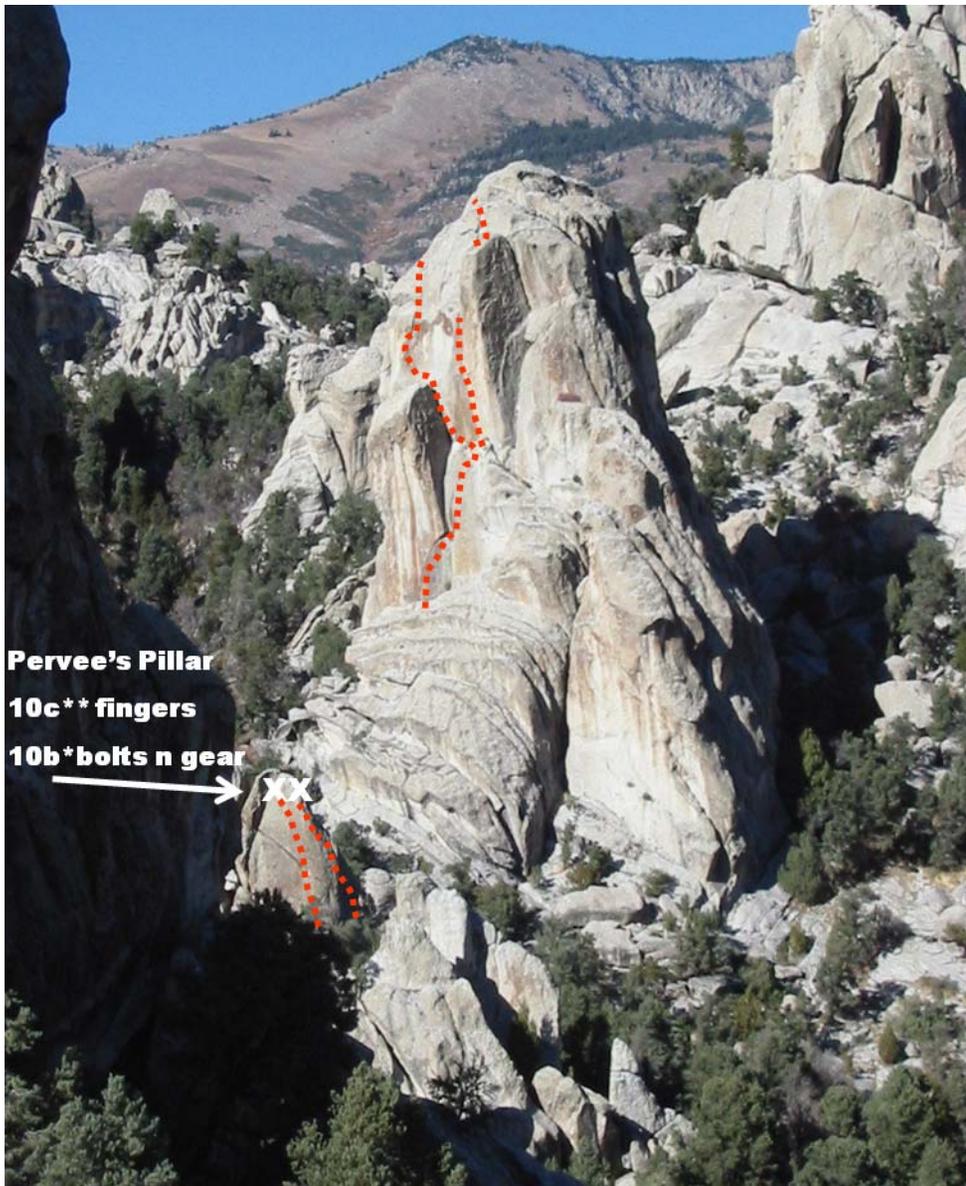


Three Spires Area. Wedding Bell, Pin Cushion, Bullet

- A: Trigger 5.11a*** bolts and gear
- B: The Engagement 5.9+ gear
- C: Elfs' Cap 5.7 bolts and gear
- D: Freedom isn't Free 5.9** bolts
- E: Cleft Palace 5.9*** bolts
- F: Wall Candy 5.10c***bolts



Upper Brother, SE Buttress AKA " Mount Mahogany"



Pervee's Pillar
10c ** fingers
10b *bolts n gear
→ XX

View 2

Bracksiecks Pillar, South Aspect

Bracksiecks Pillar

North Face

In order to keep rope drag down, almost all of the bolted top anchors are below the edge of the actual summit. If a summit experience is desired, use the "Rap Route" for descent, as these anchors are easy to reach.

A: Penny's Lane 5.10a** gear – wide finish (Two # 4 camalots useful)

B: Eye-Gear Sanction 10a** gear

C: Mid-Eye Collision 5.9**bolts and gear

D: Rhoda's End 5.10a (original- no bolts, wide finish)

E: Eye-Full Tower 5.9***bolts

F: High Center 5.7**bolts

G: Pre-Emptive Strike 5.10a/b**bolts

H: Twilight Years 5.11b? bolts and gear

Upper Brother, SE Buttress AKA "Mount Mahogany" (next page)

A: Arctic Breeze 5.10c/d* bolts and gear

B: Vagabond Shoes 5.10a**bolts and gear(line approximate)

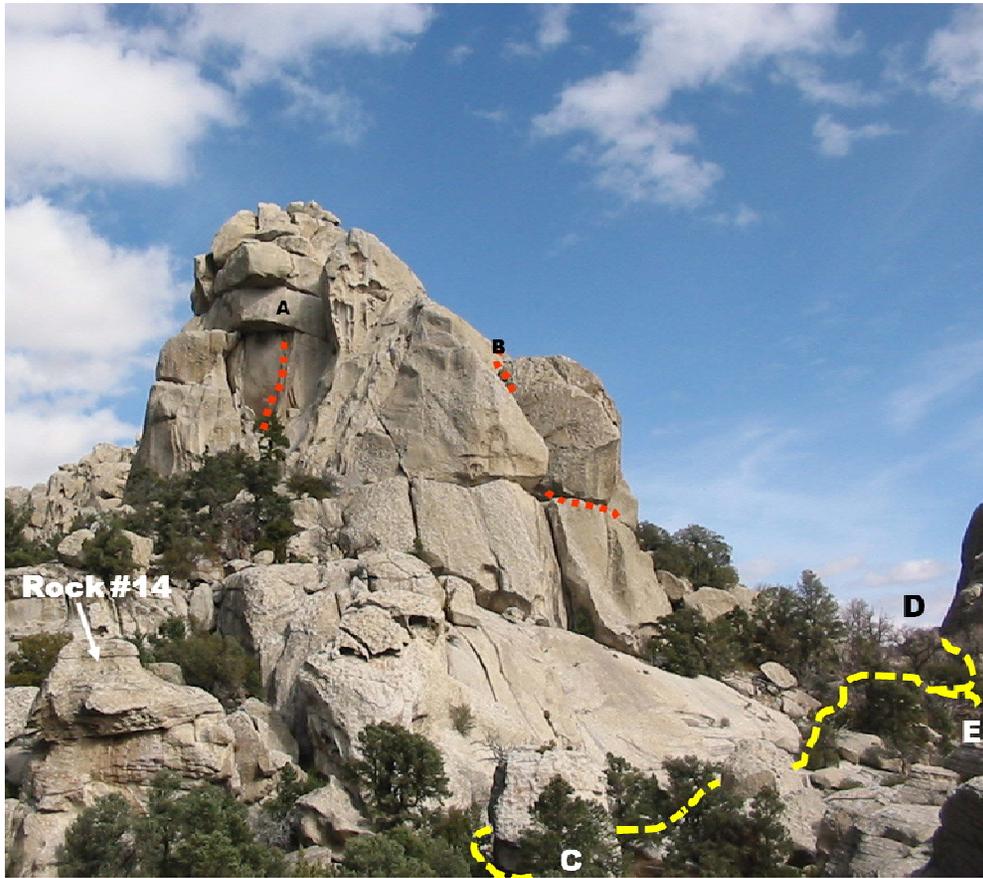
C: Mystery #5 5.? Bolts and gear

D: Bloody Flapper 5.10?

E: Without a Mark 5.11?

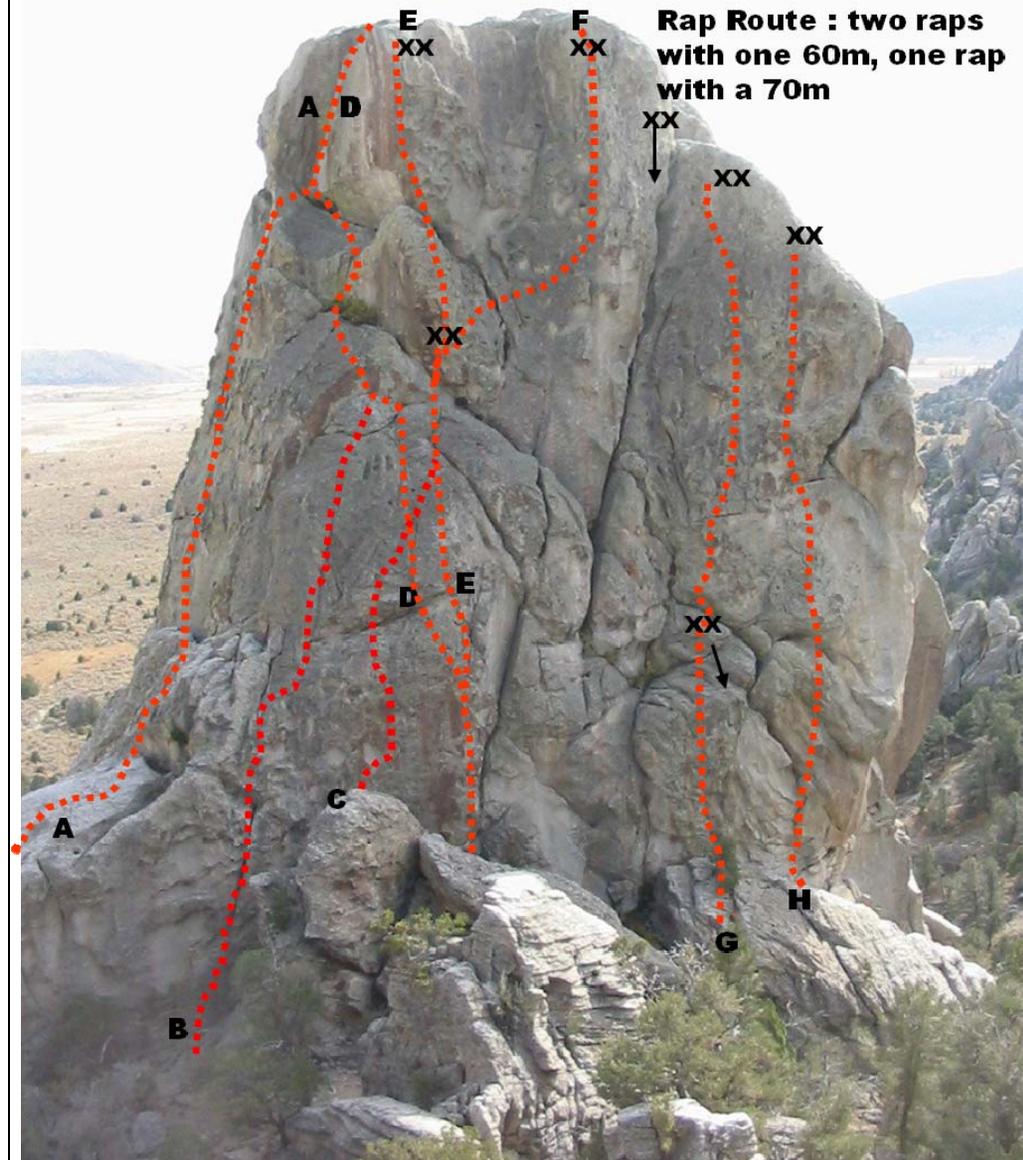
F: Another Gene Kistler Route 5.8R** "Mount Mahogany" great route though a bit run out. Take some gear for the last bit to the anchors at about 140 feet.

Note: as of 11-2008, I've only done the first pitches of route "A", and the route "F". Any additional beta would be appreciated.



Upper Brother, SW Aspect

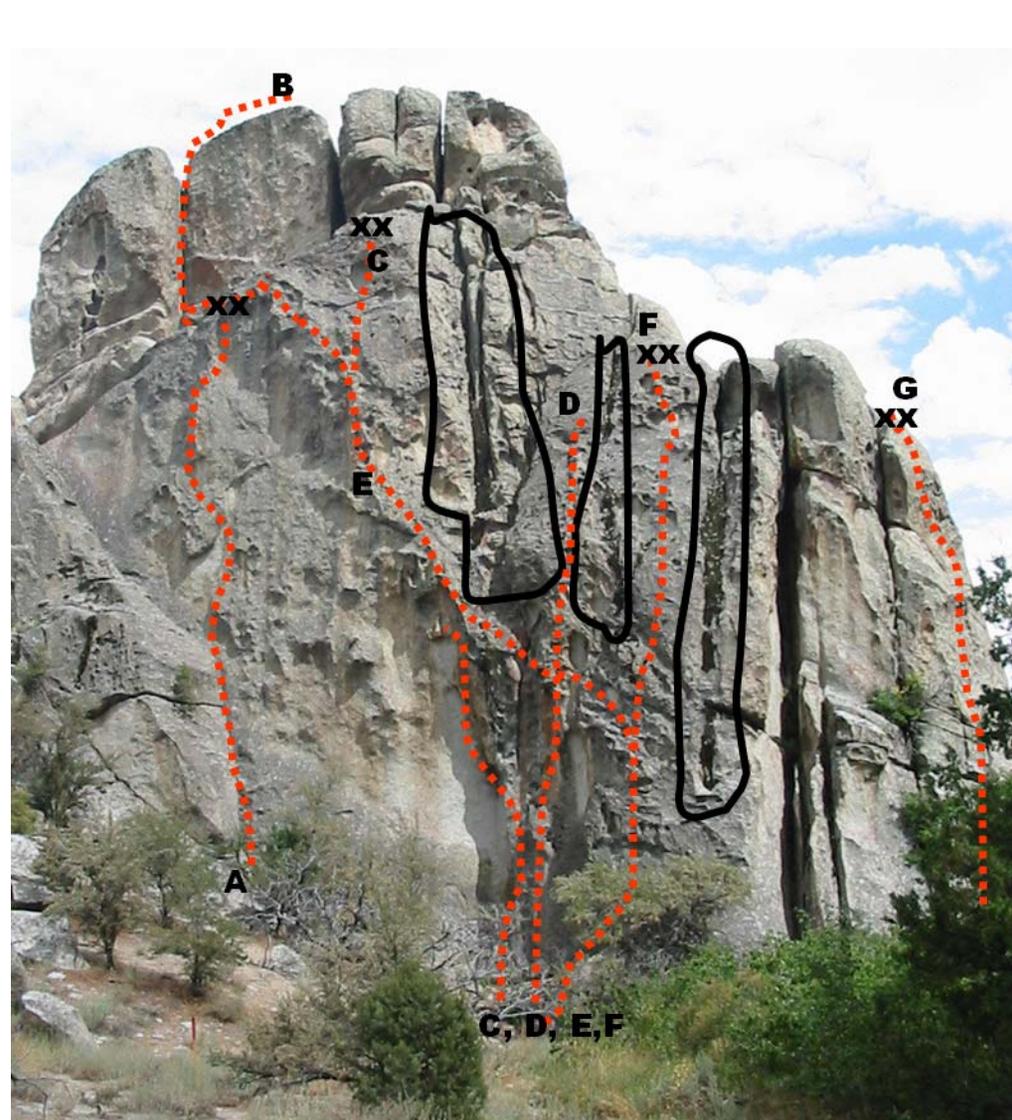
- A: OH-Kay's Crack 5.9** off fist crack
- B: Jeff Rhode's Crack 5.11b** thin and smooth
- C: Trail to Bracksiecks Pillar, Lower Comp
- D: Trail to Comp North Side
- E: E: Trail to Comp South Side



**Bracksiecks Pillar
North Face**

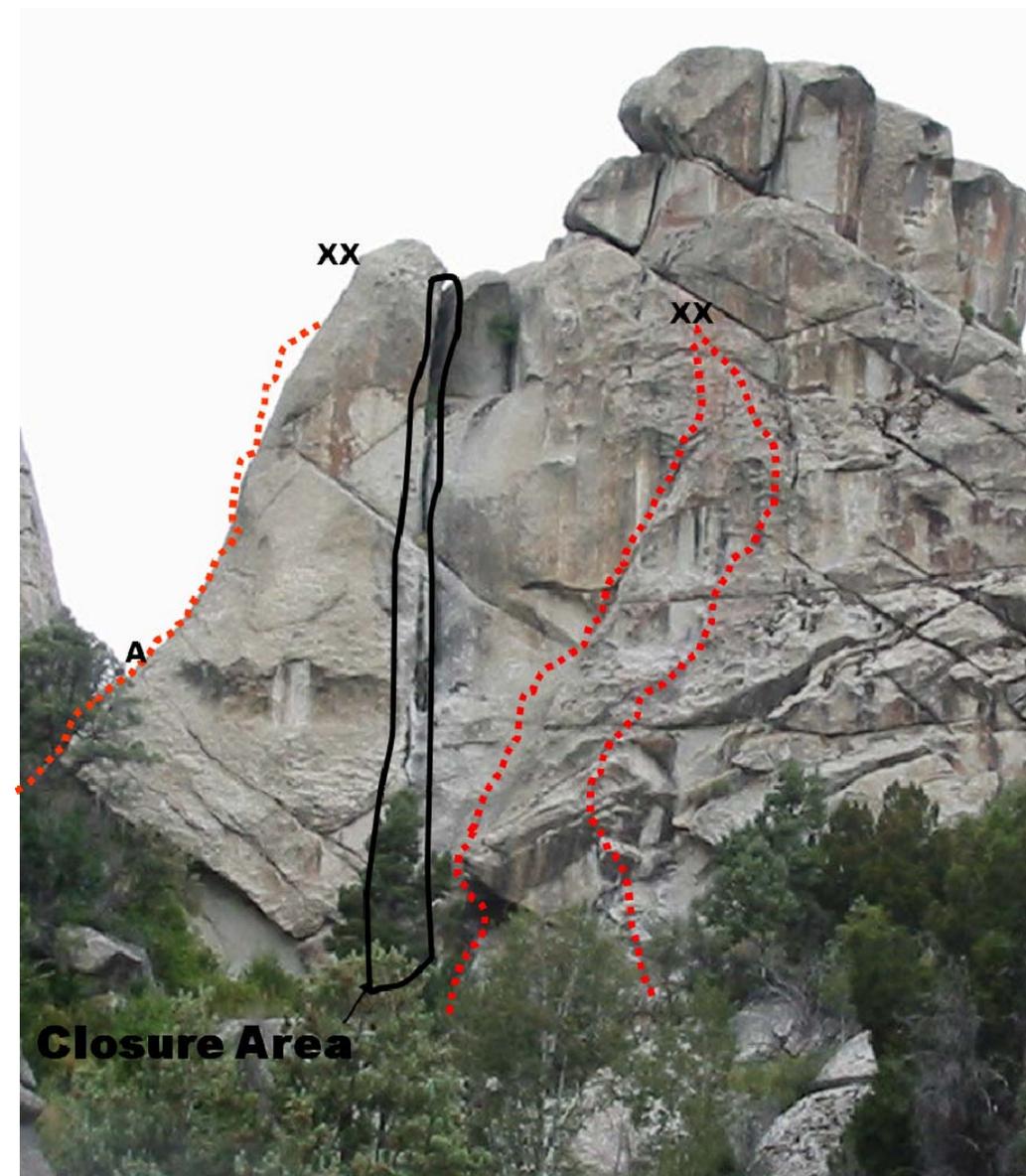


Bracksiecks Pillar East



#17 West Side

- A: Jump! 5.10a** bolts and gear
- B: Left Summit Crack 10a gear-down climb chimney
- C: Monkey Funk 5.11c* bolts
- D: Comb-Over 5.10a** bolts
- E: My Favorite Subject 5.9R** no bolts
- F: MO 5.8** bolts and gear
- G: Big Brown Eyes 5.10b* gear



#17 East

A: Wall Candy 5.10c*** bolts

B: Super 5.8/9* gear

C: Duper 5.10a(TR)

Bracksiecks Pillar East

A: Mano Izquierda 5.10a** Bolts and gear. Farthest left route on the face. Start on Lil Buckeroo. Cut left across chimney to belay from B-Bro anchors. The next set of chains are for descent with one 60m, but it is possible to belay there. The crux is the steep section just above. A good option is to pass the top bolted anchor, belay off gear, and then descend the N. Face rap route.

B: B-Bro 5.9** Bolts and gear. Long and beautiful chocolate rib. Start as above. Again, the second set of chains are for descent with one 60m rope, not as a belay anchor.

C: Lil Buckeroo 5.8** bolts and gear

D: Alpinista Sista 5.9*** Bolts and gear The second set of anchor bolts(no chains) are for a belay on the way up, not for descent. My favorite on the face. (ALL THE ROUTES ON EVERY FACE OF BRACKSIECKS ARE GREAT)

E: Noise Pollution (Lucy In the Sky With Diamonds) 5.10d** gear

F: Coo Coo Cachoo 5.9** Bolts and gear

G: Walrus 5.10a** Bolts and gear

H: Pennys' Lane 5.10a**gear One of the original routes on Bracksiecks. Straight up thinness! Veer not left or right but go ye straight up. Two #4 Camalots are handy for the original Rhodas' End finish. descend the N. Face rap route



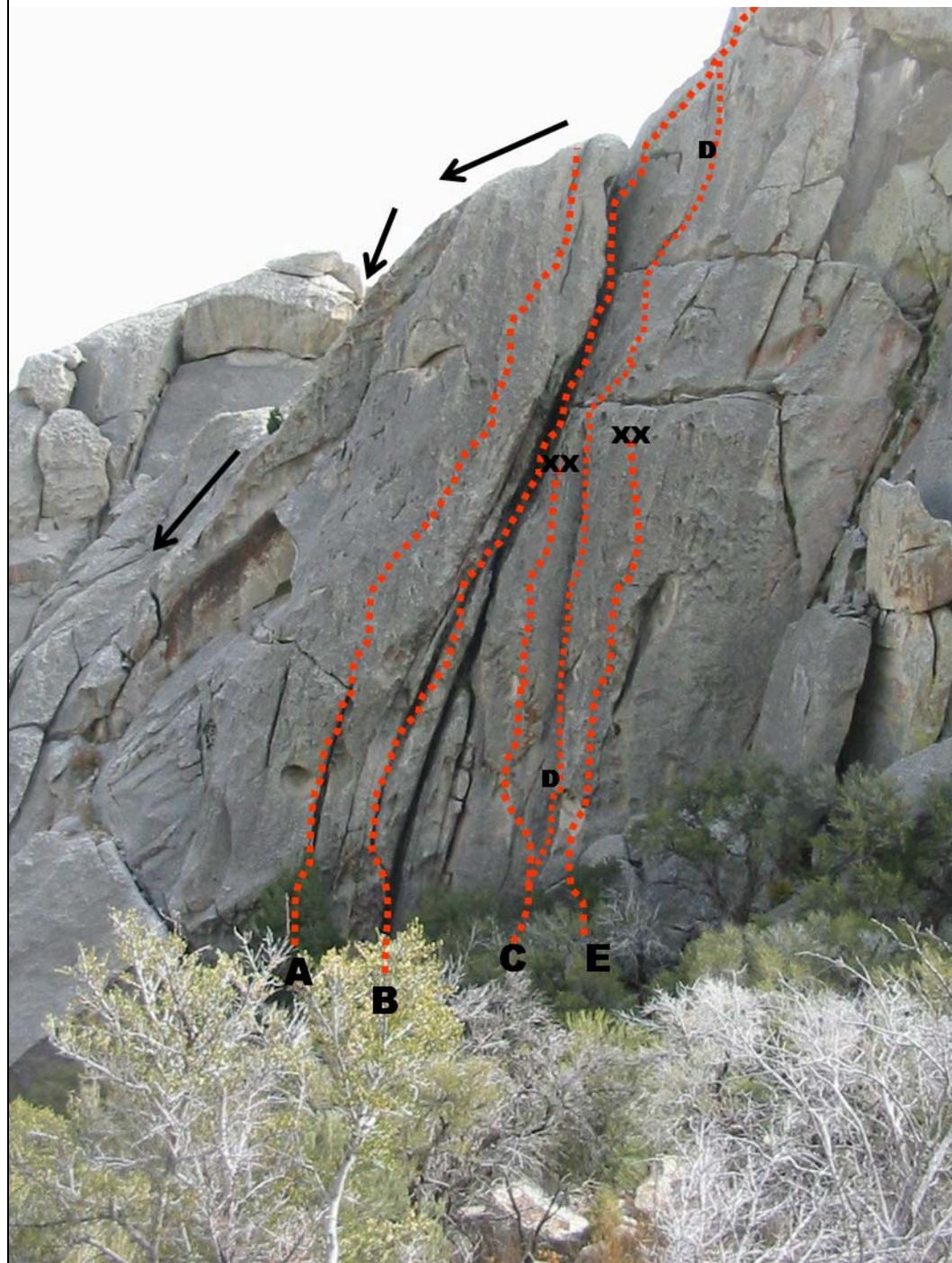
Lower Comp, West Aspect

A: Sirens Of Almo 5.10a*** (Mixed bolts and gear from small to mid sized—nuts useful)

B: Handsome Sailor Boy** 5.8 Bolts

C: Ancient Mariner 5.10d 1 bolt and gear. Crux start then easy.

D: Nicely, Nicely 5.9** gear --original route on wall goes to top 70M+



Comp Wall North Side, West End

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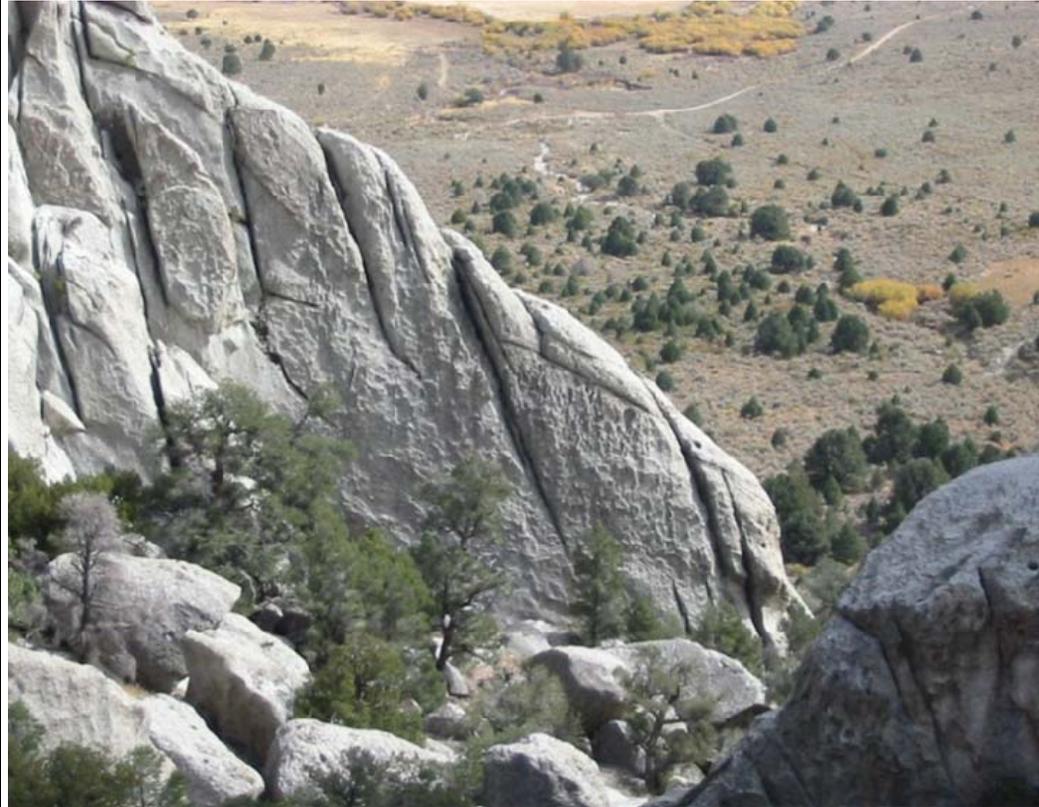
A: Eye, Eye, Eye!! 5.10c ** gear. Second pitch is 5.5 and has no pro -- just incredible holds!

B: Chimney 5.9* gear. Two pitches

C: Xtasy 5.10c*** bolts and gear

D: Aid Way 5.8C2* gear two pitches C2, 5.8

E: Baby Free 5.10a***bolts



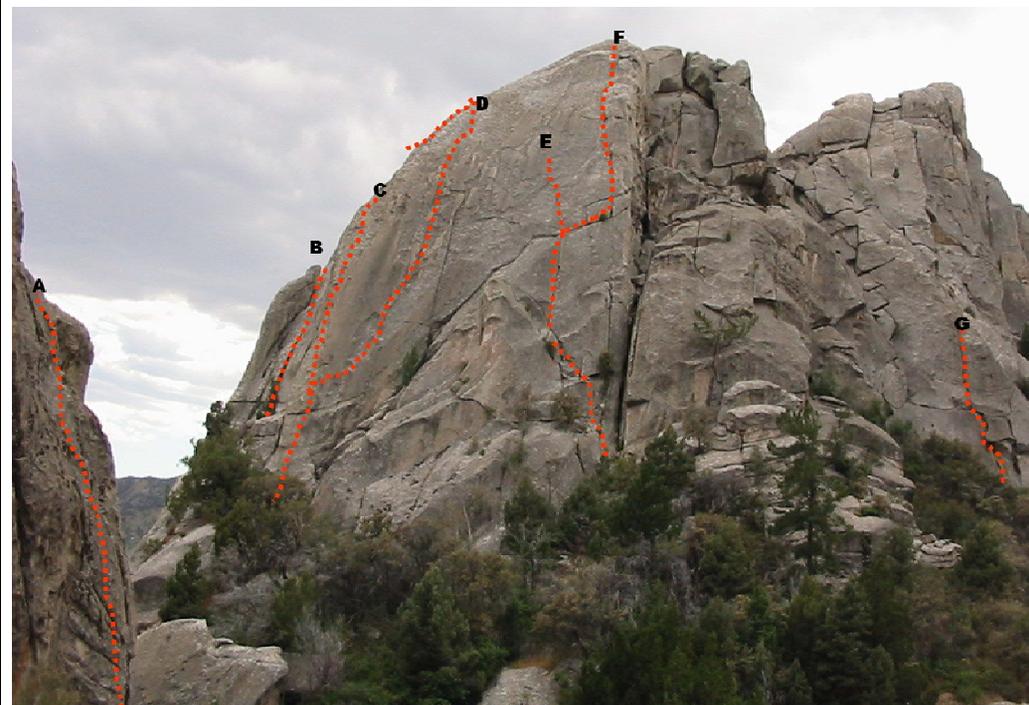
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Lower Comp, West Aspect



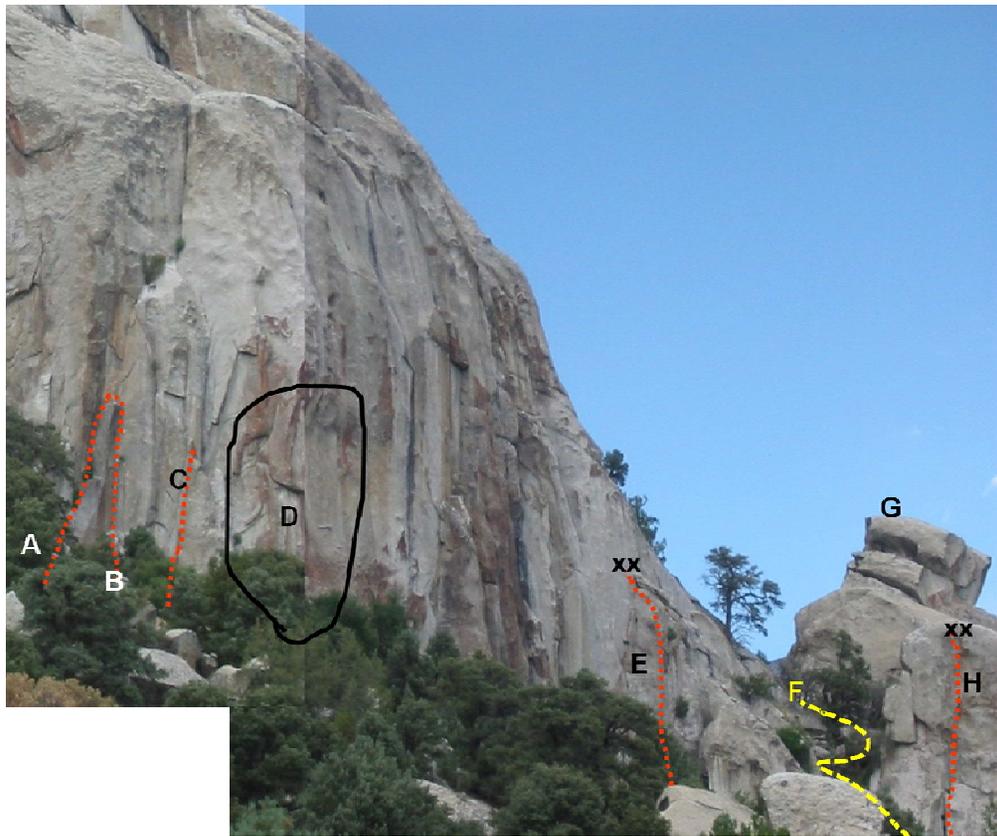
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Lower Comp, West Aspect



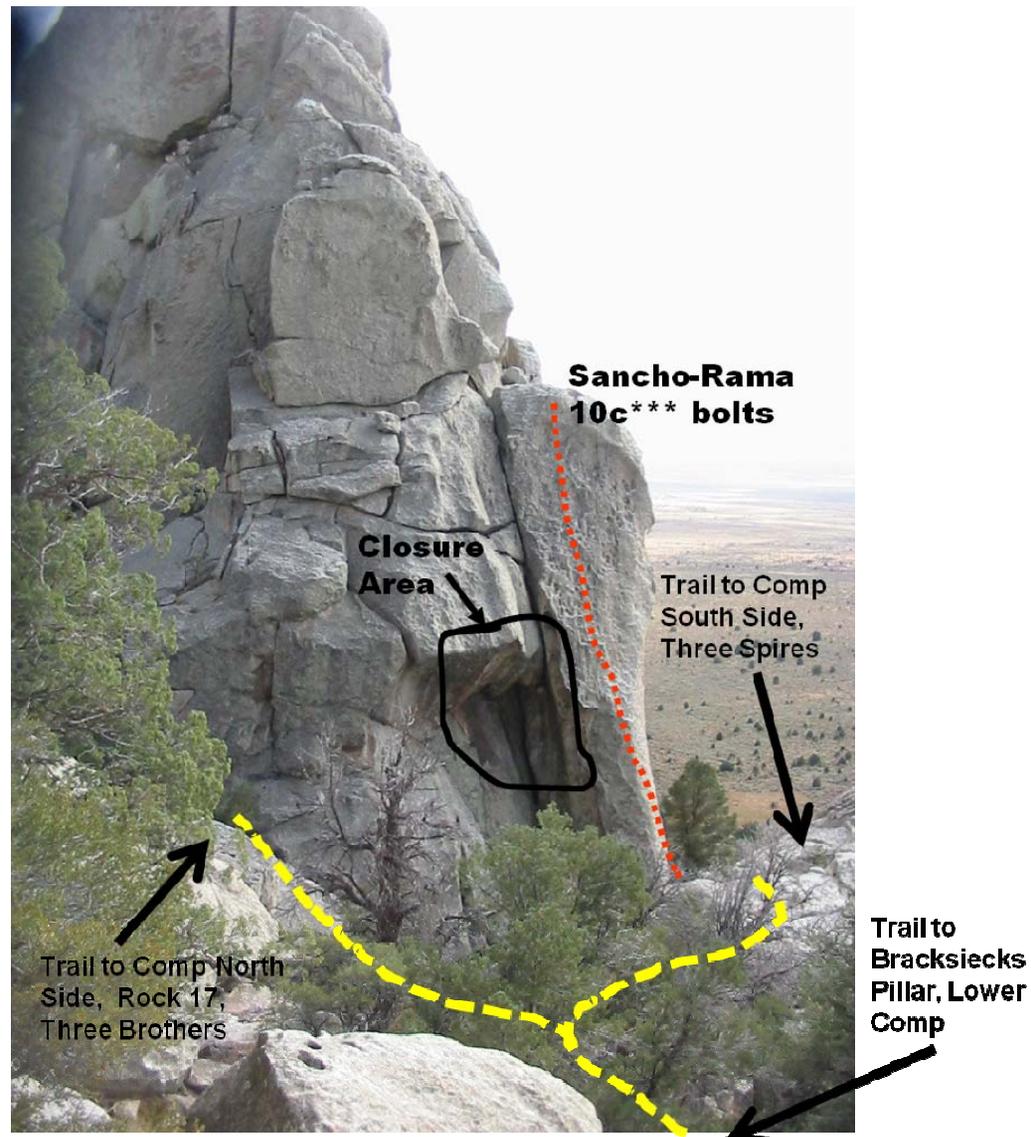
Comp Wall, East Buttress and North Side

- A: MO 5.8** bolts and gear(Rock 17)
- B: East Buttress 5.9R gear -goes to Continental anchors
- C: Mantle Dynamics 5.10a*** a bazillion bolts
- D: Continental Crust 5.10a*** bolts, shares start with Mantle Dynamics, either use two ropes or rap to Mantle anchors
- E: Handy 5.7*** gear and bolts- splitter!
- F: Already Been Done Cracks 5.10c** gear
- G: Cujo 5.11c* gear



Comp Wall South Face, East End

- A: Rose Crack 5.8* gear
- B: Unnamed 5.10d* gear
- C: Crack 5.8* gear
- D: Closure Area-No Climbing
- E: Trigger 5.11a*** bolts and gear
- F: Trail to Rock 17, Comp North Side, Mantle Dynamics
- G: Rock 17 (Sweet Seventeen)
- H: Wedding Bell, The Engagement 5.9** tricky gear



Comp Wall NW Buttress

A: Companeros 5.10c**** bolts and gear - one of the best! Can use the first set of anchors of Shop and Comp to descend with one rope

B: Big Red Corner 5.10a** gear(bolts have been added to the start) leave the main corner on the first pitch into thinner cracks on left side. Pitch two crux starts wide, two #4 Camalots recommended. Descend "Shop n Comp" or wander off north east

C: Shop and Compare 5.9+/5.10a**** bolts and a couple of pieces of gear(#1,#2 Camalots, wires). My favorite route in all of Castles!

D: Comp Splitter 5.11a*** Take extra #1 Camalots(#2 Friends) Pitch two is wider.

D+: No Competition 5.11c** bolts – stick clip first bolt

E: Jorb Well Done 5.12c?

F: Natural Line 5.11a** cracks to the WQ anchors. Start in black right leaning hand crack.

G: Woman's Qualifier 5.11a ** bolted crack courtesy of the Competition Organizers. Stays dry in the rain!

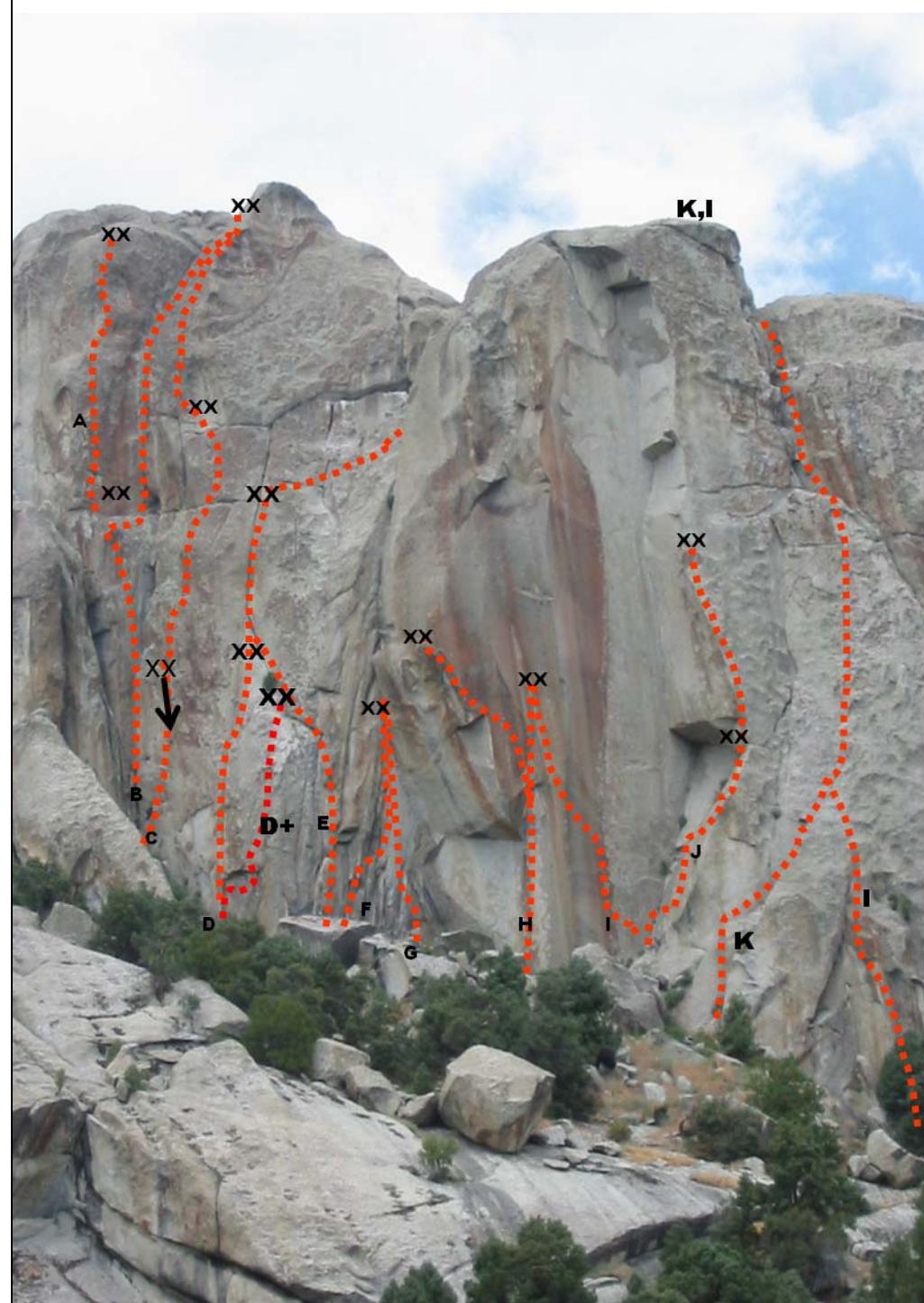
H: Redrum 5.13c/d? Bolts. A chip and glue extravaganza! The mens final during the '89 competition.

I: Aid route A0 stick. This one had artificial holds bolted to it for the comp. They are gone now– good luck!!

J: Workers Comp 5.11??Bolts. Pitch one 10c slab. Pitch two 5.11c? arete.

K: Mr. Sneezy 5.10b* gear. Pitch one is short 5.10 O.W. Pitch two is long 5.8R face. Pitch three goes to the summit via a crack on the N face .

I: Shake-N-Flake 5.10c* gear. Finish on Mr. Sneezy



Comp Wall South Side Central