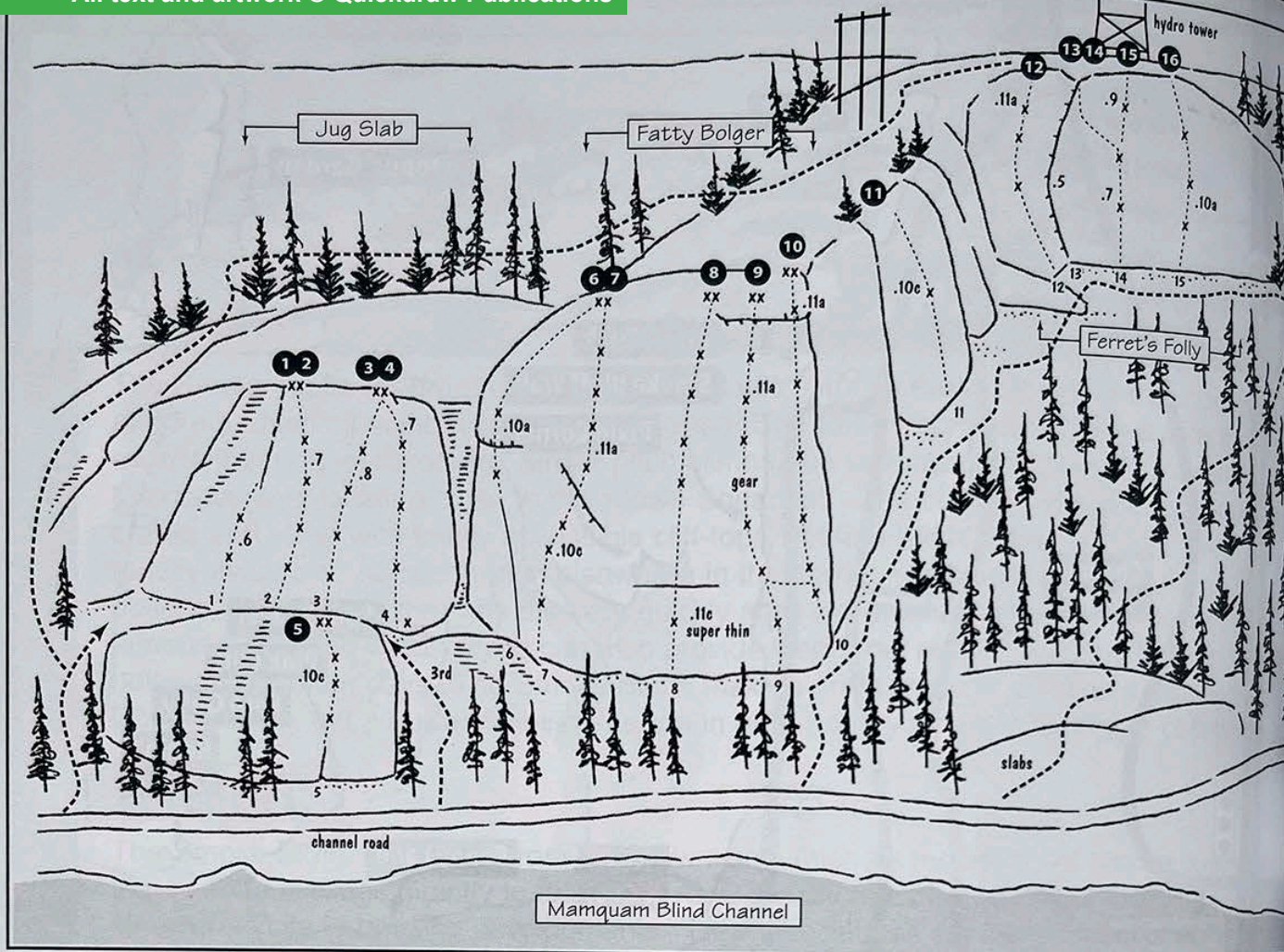


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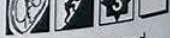
Channel Road is the narrow track that winds around Mamquam Blind Channel, the muddy saltwater inlet below the Smoke Bluffs. There are a number of crags alongside the road that have some good quality routes. Jug Slab is a modest little cliff with well bolted slab climbs, perfect for new lead climbers. Fatty Bolger is home to much harder friction climbs and should tempt those who like steep, technical slab climbing. Ferret's Folly sits under a hydro tower and is perfect for novice climbers and the final crag, The Zip, is home to an awesome crack climb, a very hard arête and some cannon fodder. Together, the Channel Road crags make for a full day of face climbing with a good variety of grades.


Approach: Two good trails link the Channel Road with the road at the top of the pipeline. The first is located in the trees just north of the pipe and roughly follows a small creek bed. The second contours around the base of Ferret's Folly and drops downhill beside the cliff, emptying at the base of Fatty Bolger.


Jug Slab

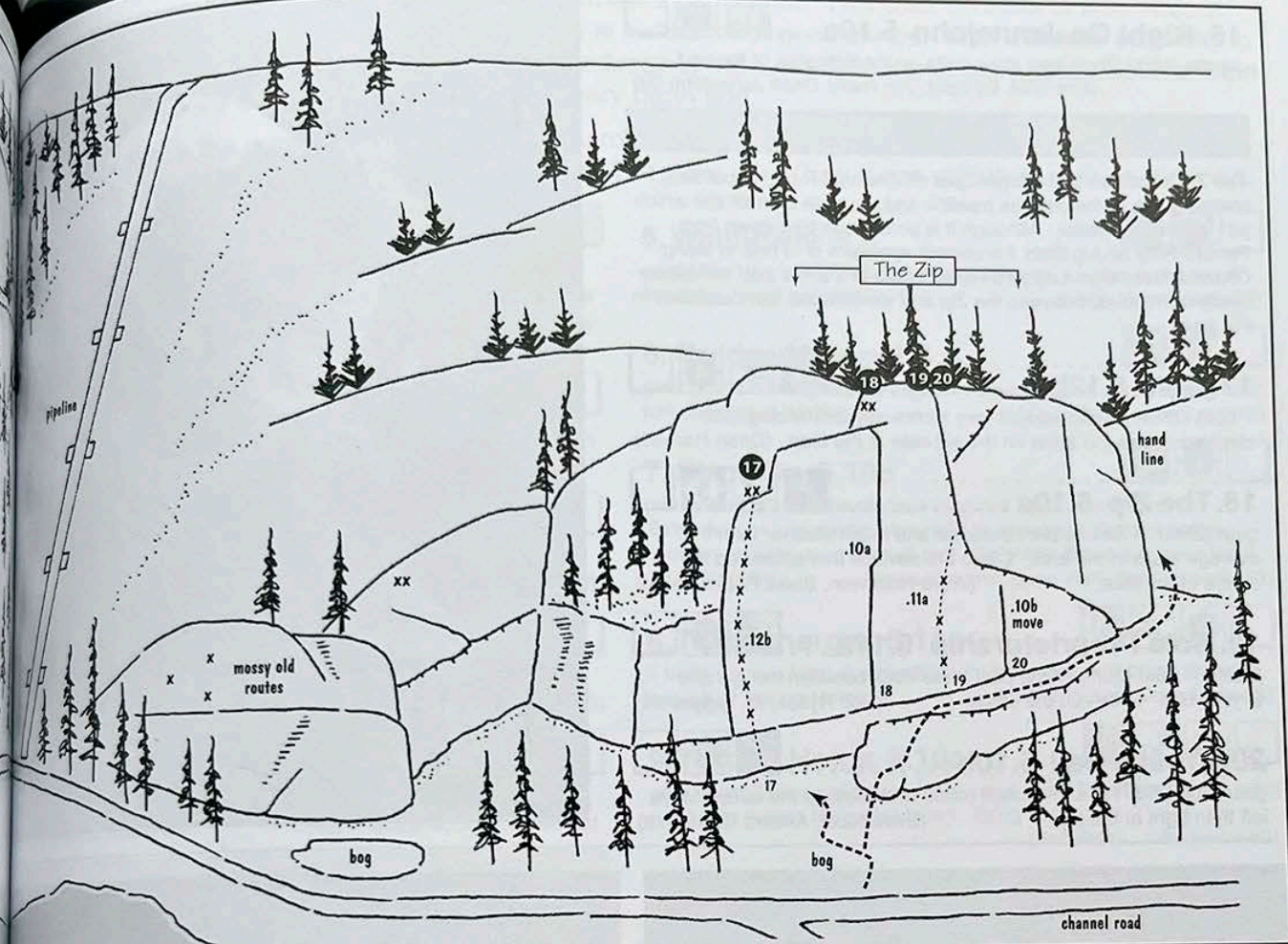
If approaching along Channel Road, Jug Slab and Fatty Bolger will come into view, shortly after passing a small slab with blast holes at the base. A short, scrubbed face with three bolts below Jug Slab landmarks the area and both cliffs have short trails that lead to the base. Alternatively, hike up the road from the Bluffs parking lot to the second hydro tower on top of Ferret's Folly. Contour north along the main cliff band to the top of Jug Slab and descend around the side.

1. David's 5.6 
2 bolts (8m) David's is the left-most line on the crag and face climbs past a couple of bolts before moving right to finish up a faint crack system. (Jeff Thomson, Glenn Payan-96)

2. Stepladder 5.7 
4 bolts (10m) A slightly more difficult version follows bolts around some nice, slabby edges. (Jeff Thomson, Glenn Payan-96)

3. Moominland 5.8 
4 bolts (12m) The most challenging line on the face climbs just right of centre. (Jeff Thomson, Glenn Payan-96)

4. Hamish's 5.7 
3 bolts (12m) The longest line on the crag is on the far right. A belay bolt is available at the base as the ledge gets a little exposed in this area. (Jeff Thomson, Glenn Payan-96)



5. Robin's Route 5.10c

3 bolts + gear (10m) A very short climb is located on the face below the belay area for Jug Slab. (Robin Beech-03)

Fatty Bolger

Fatty Bolger is the larger and steeper slab that lies immediately south of the Jug Slab crag. Both may be approached using the same trails, either from above or below, along Channel Road.

6. Rumours 5.10a

2 bolts + gear (25m) Rumours climbs the crack line just right of the gully. Boulder through a small bulge then slab climb to the top. (Glenn Payan, Jeff Thomson-96)

7. Where's Roxie? 5.11a

7 bolts (25m) Named for a missing cat that was never found. Difficult slab climbing leads across the wall to the right of the start of Rumours. (Jeff Thomson, Jack Fieldhouse-99)

8. Bumper 5.11c

5 bolts + gear (25m) A desperately thin slab move off the dirt leads to easier climbing above. Bring some TCUs to supplement the bolts. (Jeff Thomson, Toby Froschauer-96)

9. Fatty Bolger 5.11a

6 bolts + gear (28m) The oldest route on the cliff starts up the arête then moves left at the second bolt, following nice features up the centre of the wall. A little bit of pro might come in handy. A direct start has been bolted as well. (Tami Knight, Peter Croft-81)

10. The Leading Edge 5.11a

6 bolts (28m) Climb the slabby arête on the right side of the face. (Will Dorling, Elise Hunt-96)

11. Beached Whale 5.10c

1 bolt + gear (8m) This small face is found about fifteen metres down and left of Ferret's Folly. (Jeff Thomson, Glenn Payan-01)

Ferret's Folly

Ferret's Folly is best approached from the Smoke Bluffs parking lot by hiking uphill along the gravel road to the second large hydro tower which is anchored to the top of the crag. To reach the base, hike about twenty metres farther along the gravel road and pick up a trail that descends a small creek bed.

12. Cold Metal 5.11a

3 bolts (8m) A few bolts protect a short, steep climb on the left side of the crag. (Larry Ostrander-88)

13. Earth Trip 5.5

gear (10m) The obvious corner on the left. (Ed Spat, P. Paquette-80)

14. Ferret's Folly 5.7

2 bolts (10m) Face climb past a couple of bolts just right of the corner and finish out left. (Ed Spat, Paul Paquette-80)

15. Green and Black 5.9

3 bolts (10m) Climb Ferret's Folly but finish direct past the third bolt. (Larry Ostrander, C. Oliver-88)

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16. Right On Jennejohn 5.10a ...

3 bolts (10m) Climb past three bolts on the right side of the wall.
(Kris Wild, Ed Spat, Jen Reilly, Dana Jennejohn-00)

The Zip

The Zip is located in the forest, just off Channel Road, about sixty metres south of the obvious pipeline and opposite a small spit which juts out into the water. Although it is possible to hike down from Ferret's Folly or Jug Slab, the easiest approach is to hike in along Channel Road from Logger's Lane. There is a small slab with some overgrown routes, between the Zip and the pipeline, not described in this book.

17. Gaia 5.12b

7 bolts (25m) Sustained and very technically demanding face climbing scales the arête on the left side of the crag. (Dean Hart-89)

18. The Zip 5.10a

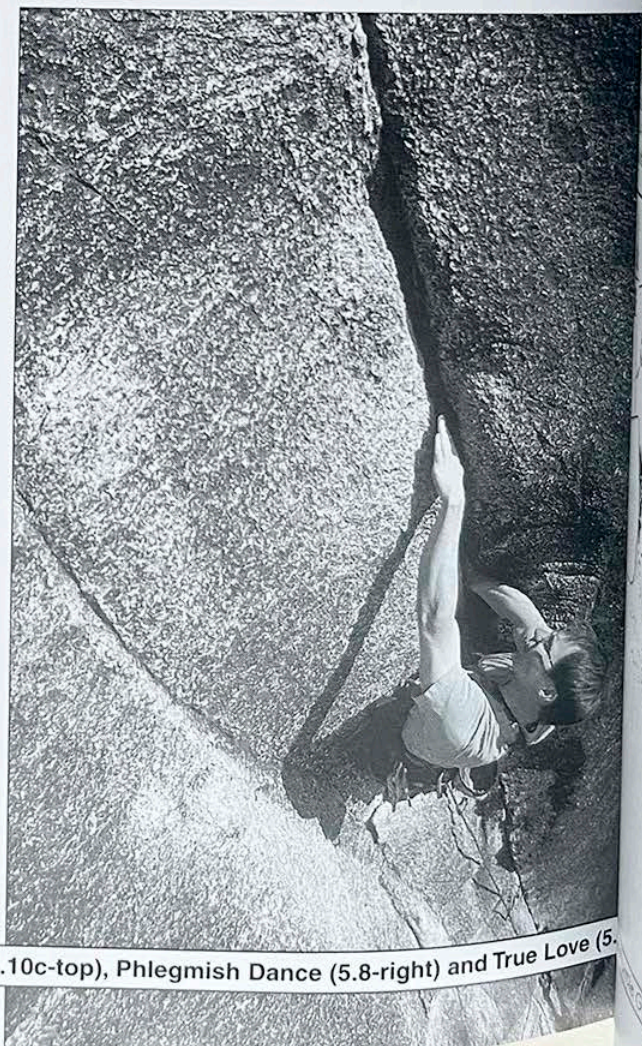
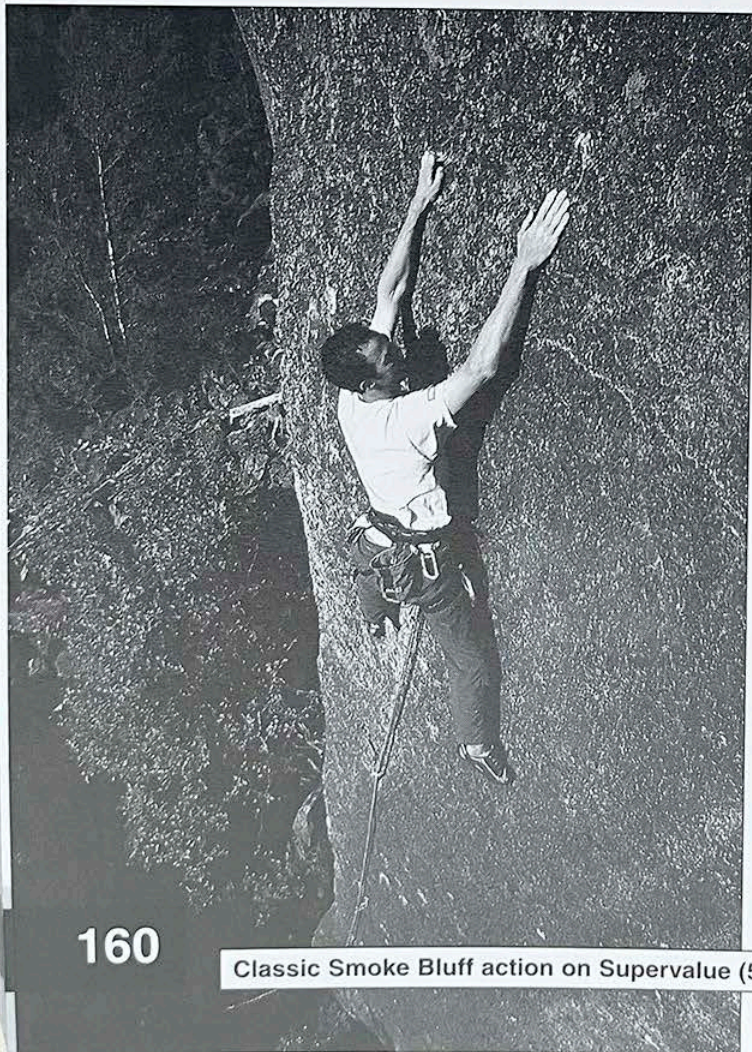
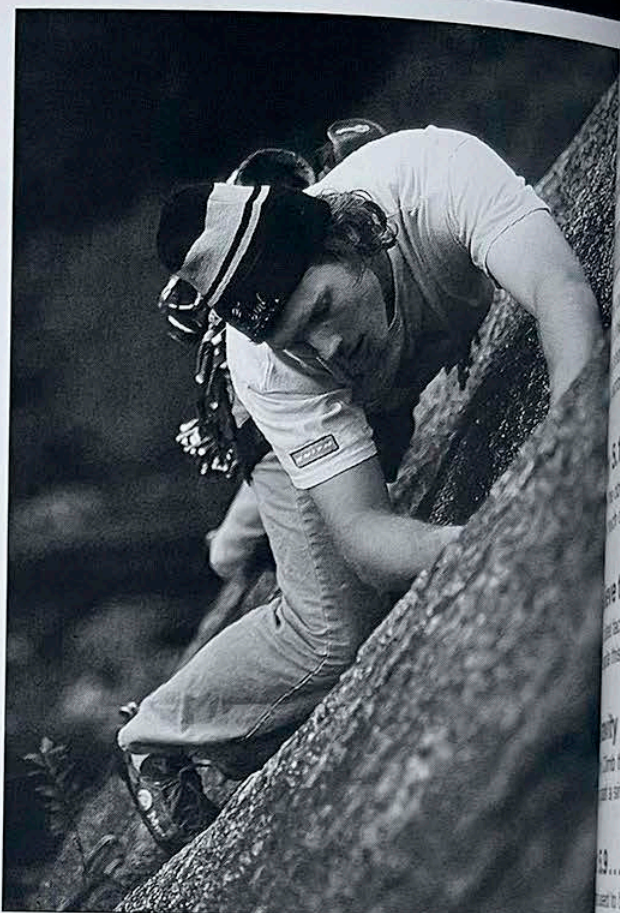
gear (25m) A Smoke Bluff's classic and much steeper than the average crack in the area. Climb the obvious thin splitter up the centre of the face.
(Ward Robinson, Blake Robinson-79)

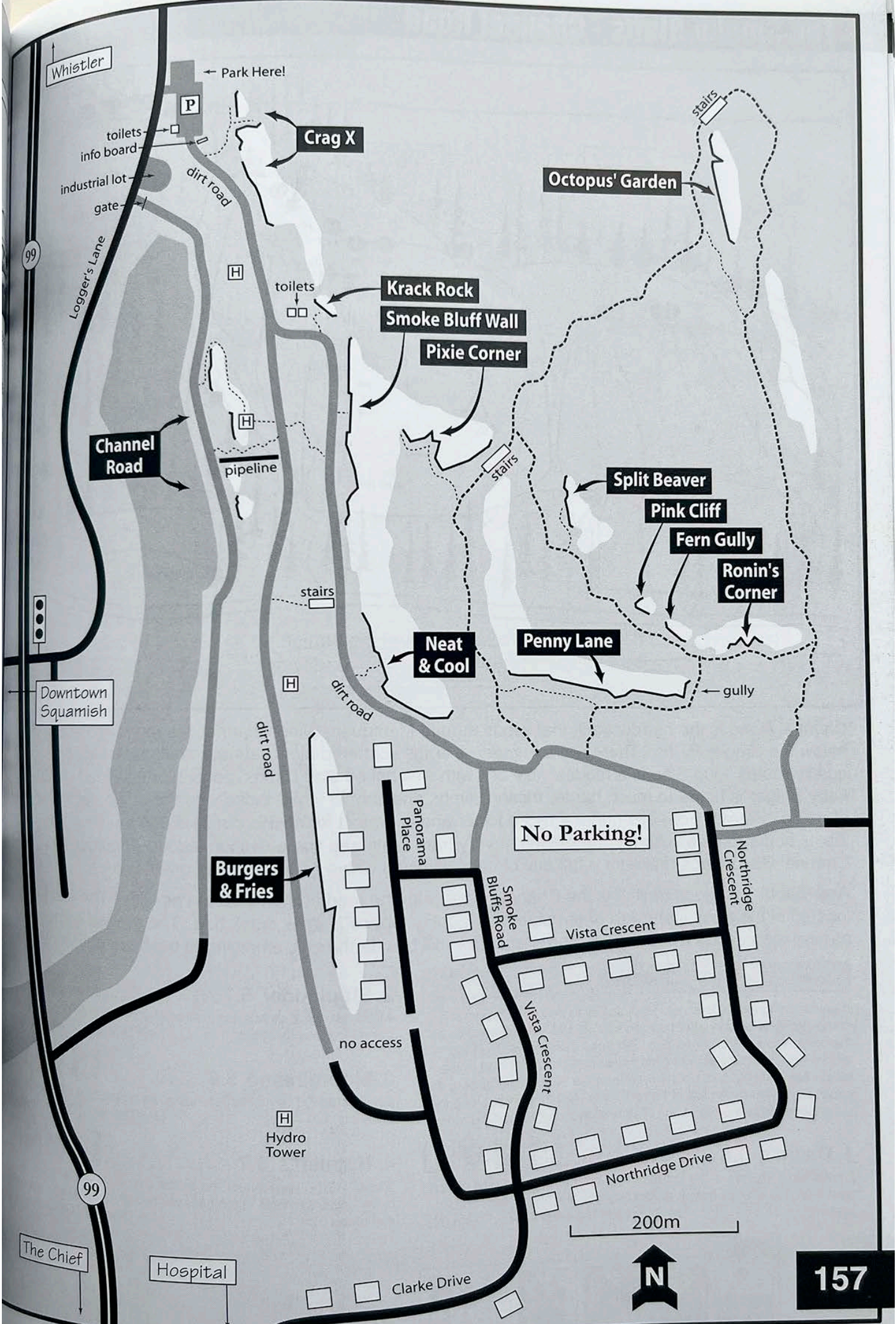
19. Sole Proprietorship 5.11a ...

3 bolts + gear (20m) Climb past three bolts between the Zip and Crystal Ball. Finish up the crack.
(Rolf Rybak, M. Tygges-94)

20. Crystal Ball 5.10b

gear (20m) Start in a thin crack (crux) and climb to the ramp. Move left then right at the top.
(Dave Nicol, Anders Ourom-79)





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Octopus' Garden

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Pixie Corner

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Fern Gully

Ronin's Corner

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Panorama Place

No Parking!

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Smoke Bluffs Road

Vista Crescent

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Hydro Tower

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Northridge Drive

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