

Andre's Wall

Right Side

If this topo is found anywhere other than seatoskyclimbing.ca or the Vancouver Rock Climbing Group, then it was appropriated against the wishes of the developers.

Andre's Wall, Right Side is a wall located a 5 minute walk from the Chek Canyon Climbing Area campground. There are 5 new sport multi-pitch routes and several single pitches. These are mostly in the 5.10 range and offer a variety of climbing styles.

The climbs on the left side of the wall were originally put up in 2008-2009 by Andre Munck and Kirk Paterson and have since become overgrown. There are several pitches ranging from 5.9 to 5.11+, and routes up to 3 pitches long. One of the original developers has started the process of re-scrubbing and retro-bolting, and a topo should be available for newly reopened climbs in spring 2024.

Warnings

- These are newly developed climbs, climb at your own risk.
- Wear a helmet, there may be grit and loose rock on the routes.
- Do not hang out under these multi-pitches, as climbers above can drop gear or kick down debris. If you are spectating from a pile of rocks, ask yourself where they came from.
- Do not loiter around gullies (if you don't know why, we suggest joining the local alpine clubs to learn).
- It is inadvisable to tie up pets or children while you climb. Setting up hammocks and lawn chairs under the wall allows the local bears to enjoy meat tacos and burritos.

Rock walls are dynamic environments where rockfall above you and deadfall from the trees around are a constant risk. As recent events around Squamish have proven, increasing temperatures can exacerbate these effects. This is not a climbing gym or sanitized crag. Do not climb here if you do not understand these objective risks..

Please keep off any climbs with removed hangers, red tape or fixed lines. Also keep out of any taped or signed areas. There are several developers working in this area. If they close climbs or ask you to leave for further development or maintenance, please respect their wishes.

Thieves have targeted the developers' other climbs before. They cannot constantly fix up climbs when fixed gear gets stolen or altered by others. It is up to the climber to assess the risk.

Do not take large groups and top rope the first pitches of these climbs. They were developed as multi-pitches. If someone wants to do the full climb, let them through. **Remember that developers and first ascensionists get to jump any line and pass any parties on their climbs!**

Skills

Climbers will need to be adept at a variety of climbing styles for this wall. This includes overhangs, slab, crack, stemming, face climbs, etc. They should be experienced in multipitch. The second should be experienced in ascending a fixed line as there may be sections that are overhanging or traversing where a fall can result in an inability to get back on the route. They should be experienced enough to understand where to unclip on these sections to minimize the swings.

This is not the wall for inexperienced or lazy belayers. While the climbs are well bolted, some involve moves above ledges. A belayer needs to know when to give more slack to prevent spiking the leader, and when to reel it in.

These climbs are rated for the redpoint. It assumes you know all the hidden holds, have the best sequence dialed, are of sufficient height, are in good enough shape, are skilled in the climbing style, and have rehearsed the route a number of times. If you are attempting the onsight or flash then the climb will feel substantially harder. This wall will quickly expose any weaknesses you may have at the grade. The developers do not believe in the recent grade inflation.

Conditions

This wall can be climbed both in the off season and in the middle of summer. The wall sees morning sun and gets into the shade in the afternoon. The climbs are fairly quick drying and can often be climbed a day or two after the rain.

The routes have been climbed as early as April and as late as November. In the summer this might be some of the coolest climbs in Chek once in the shade, as there is often a breeze through the canyon.

Gear

18 quickdraws and a 60m rope are needed for this wall. A stick clip is also highly recommended for some of the routes. The usual multi-pitch gear may also help (jacket, water, prussiks, headlamp, cell phone, cheezy poofs). Hangdogging climbers may find a sling to stand on and a cheater draw (Kong Panic) helpful. If you find quicklink perma-anchors, please do not unscrew them.

Naming

Many of the route names reflect Asian Food and Culture. While some ethnocentric individuals may not like the non-westernized route names, the new reality is that rock climbing is for all ethnicities and cultures. We believe most climbers applaud this diversity.

Approach

From the middle Chek parking (just below Conroy's Castle) walk down the campground road and you will see a trail to your right. This is the Ursa Minor trail. Follow it until you see a bench. The new climbs are to the right of the bench, the older ones to the left.

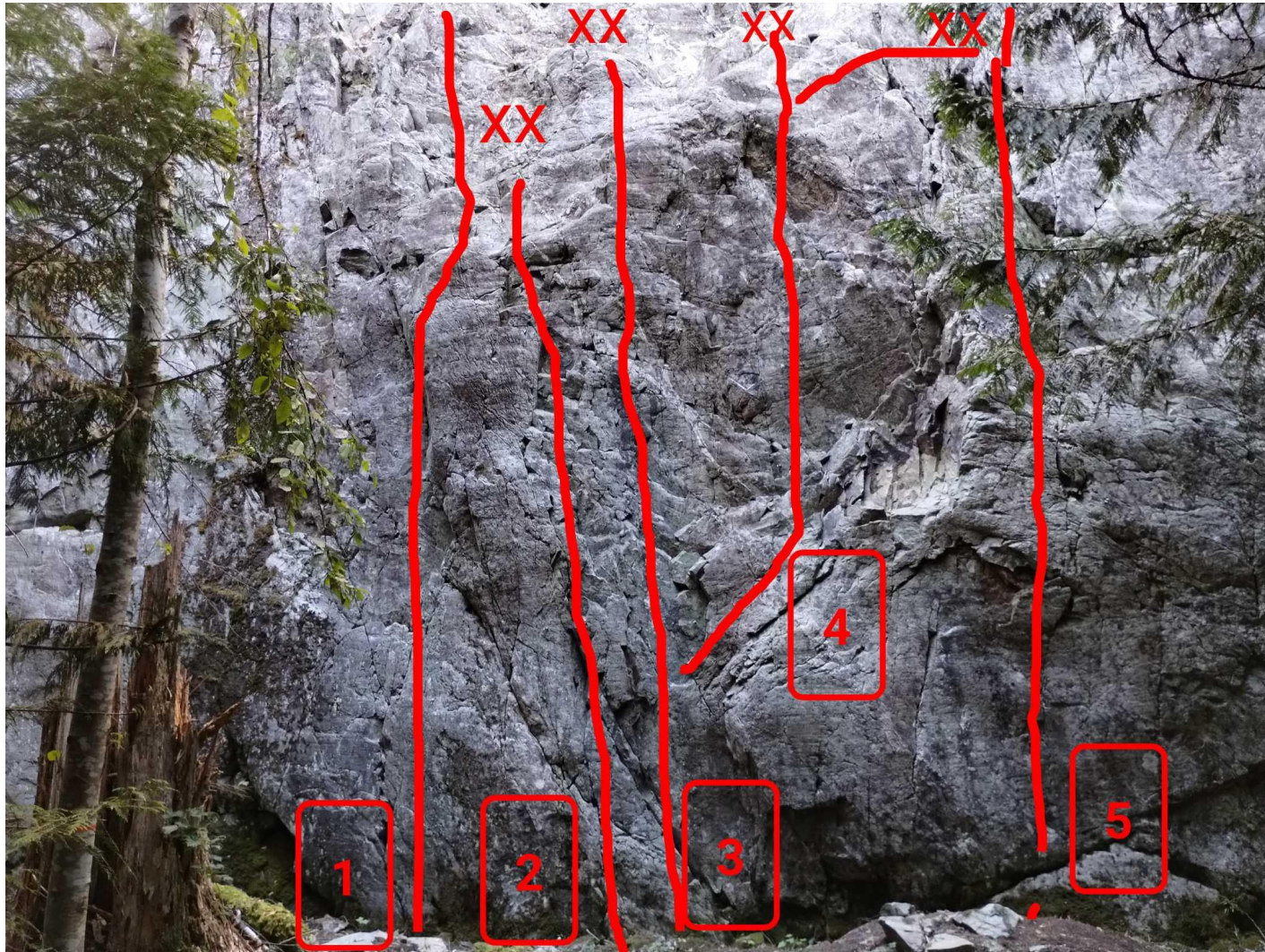


Start of trail



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Climbs Right of the Bench



Start of climbs just to the right of the bench

#1 - The Great Big Carjack Off 5.10b 2p Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2021)



Adam Spilchen on the FA of The Great Big Carjack Off, P1

Pitch 1 - 5.10b, 12 bolts, 25m+

First climb to the right of the bench. Head up the face to a left facing corner. Trend slightly right then straight up into the open facing shallow corner. Multiple cruxes. If you miss the hidden holds or lack the best sequence this will feel much harder than the grade. Exceptionally hard onsight for the grade. Do not hog this pitch if other parties want to do the full climb.

Pitch 2 - 5.7, 10 bolts, 25m+

Climb up the juggy features. Slab crux up higher. Pleasant easy climbing. Can finish up Momofuku 5.7 for a 3rd pitch to the top. Rappel descent. Both pitches can be linked as one by strong climbers.

Named for the extensive use of carjacks by some developers.

#2 - Ex-Squeeze Me Mr.Asian 5.10c Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2022), 4 bolts + stick clip, 10m

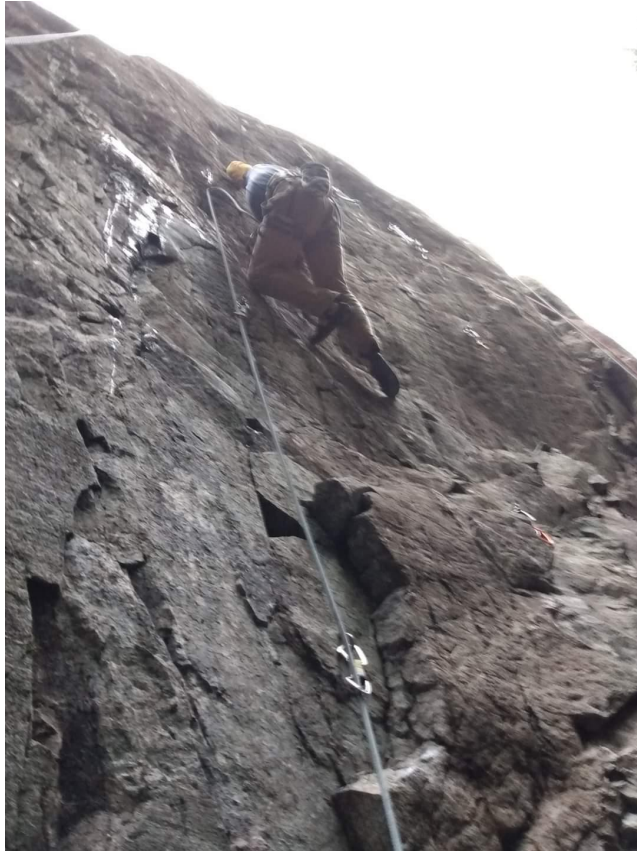


Steven Chua on Ex-Squeeze Me Mr.Asian

Head up the diagonal line. Several tricky sections. It's short but packs a punch! Can link into The Great Big Carjack Off for a harder start. May want a stick clip.

Named for the obvious squeeze job!

#3 - Fuku Superior Instant Noodles 5.12a Sport (FA Adam Spilchen 2021), 5 bolts, 10m



Adam Spilchen on the FA of Fuku Superior Instant Noodles

Shares the first bolt with Fukumi Ramen. Go straight up the face. Not the best crux holds. Finish on the anchors to the left. Or join into the Fukumi Ramen anchors on the right for a harder start. The developers expect climbers to cordially share the start with those wishing to do Fukumi Ramen

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Named for the developer's favorite instant noodles! (source: google.ca)

#4 - Fukumi Ramen 5.11c 3p Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2021-2022)



Adam Spilchen on the FA of Fukumi Ramen, P3

Pitch 1 - 5.10a, 6 bolts, 10m

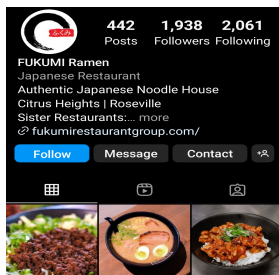
Same first bolt as Fuku Superior Instant Noodles, then go right. Several tricky sections. At the last upper crux bolt go straight up. Avoid going left into the other climb or right into the groove. Go to the left anchors for Fukumi Ramen or traverse to the right ones for All Your Booty Are Belong To Us. Do not hog this pitch if other parties wish to do the complete climb. This is a multi-pitch wall, not a top rope tough guy crag.

Pitch 2 - 5.11c, 8 bolts, 20m

Multiple cruxes make this one stellar pitch. Hard onsight for the grade.

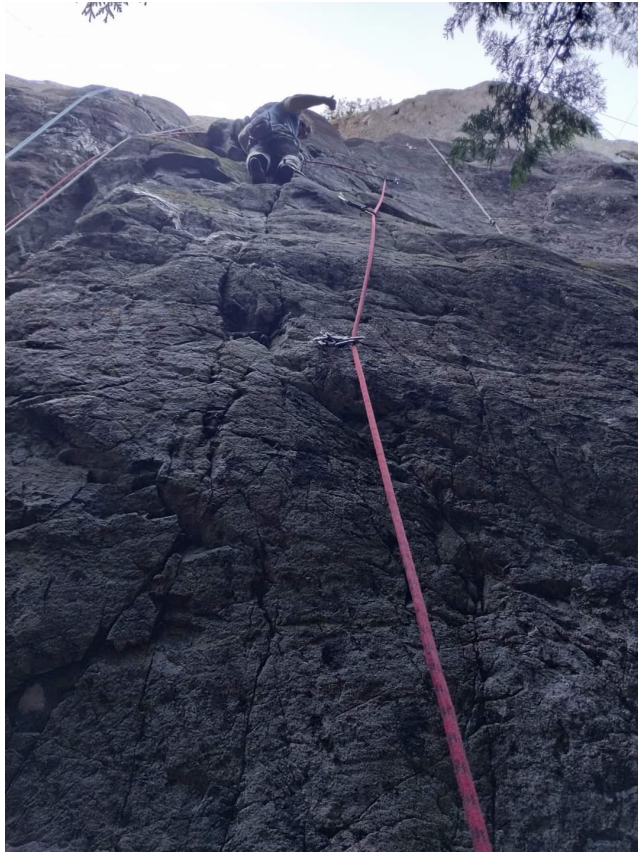
Pitch 3 - 5.10a, 11 bolts. 25m+

Start off with an awkward bulge crux going left (the chain is for Salty Wine Over Asian Climbs). Secondary crux near the anchors. Rappel the route or traverse and finish on Momofuku.



Named for a very good ramen restaurant chain. (source: instagram)

#5 - Fukumen Mania 5.11a Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, 2023), 4 bolts + stick clip, 10m



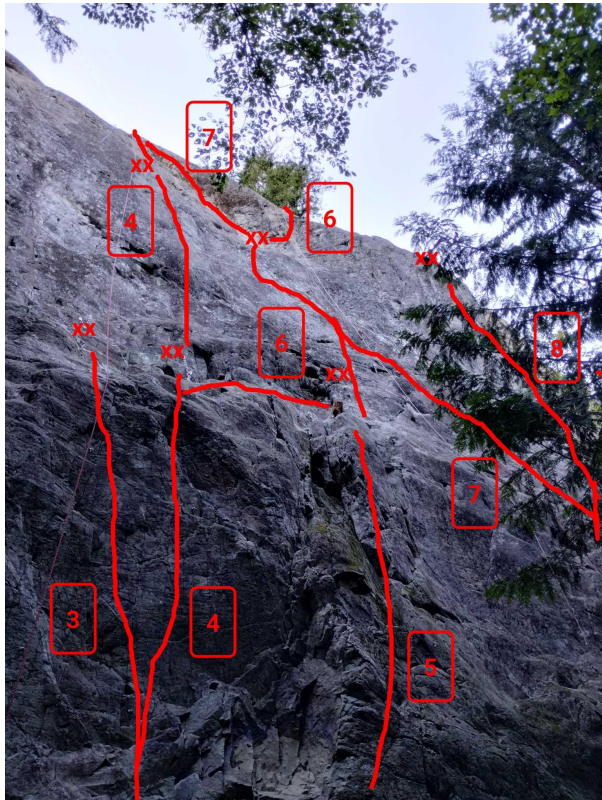
Adam Spilchen on the FA of Fukumen Mania

Hard moves at the start, easy after the first bolt. Can link up into All Your Booty Are Belong To Us for a harder start. Climbers are expected to stick clip the first bolt.

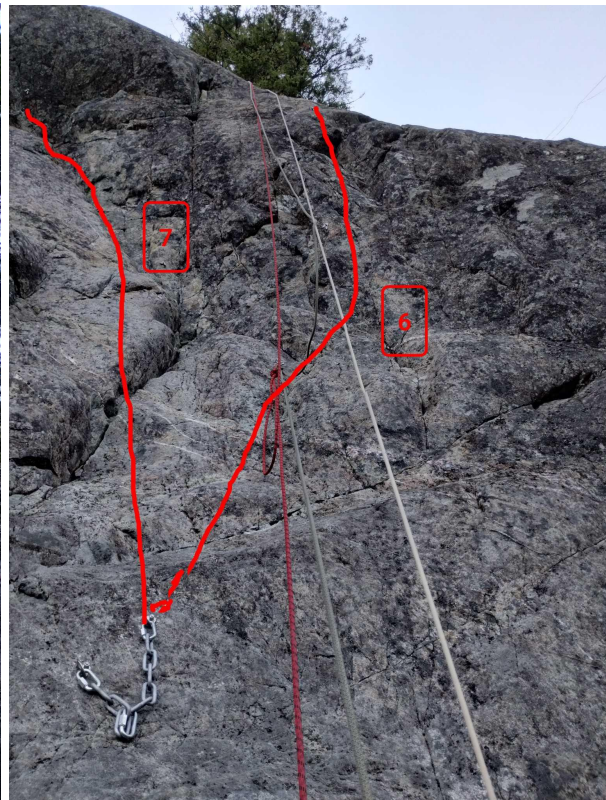
FUKUMEN MANIA
Professional Wrestling Entertainment



Named for the Japanese Lucha Libre Association (source: fukumenn.com)



Upper pitches



From the upper All Your Booty belay

#6 - All Your Booty Are Belong To Us 5.10a 3p Sport (FA Rob Mackenzie, Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2022)

Pitch 1 - 5.10a, 7 bolts, 10m

Start up Fukumi Ramen P1, but traverse to the right anchor after the last crux. Alternatively, do Fukumen Mania for a harder start.

Pitch 2 - 5.10a, 10 bolts, 20m

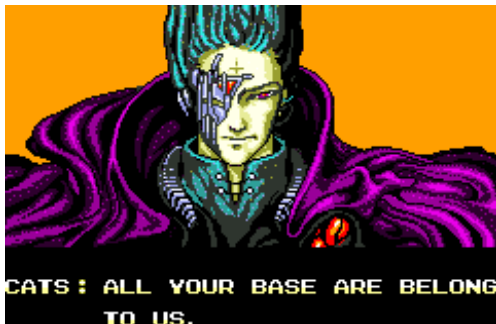
Start up the slopy features. There are 2 chains to prevent rope drag. Mantle onto a ledge and traverse left. Technical fingery crux where footwork is essential. The second should be careful unclipping too early on the traverses to prevent swings.



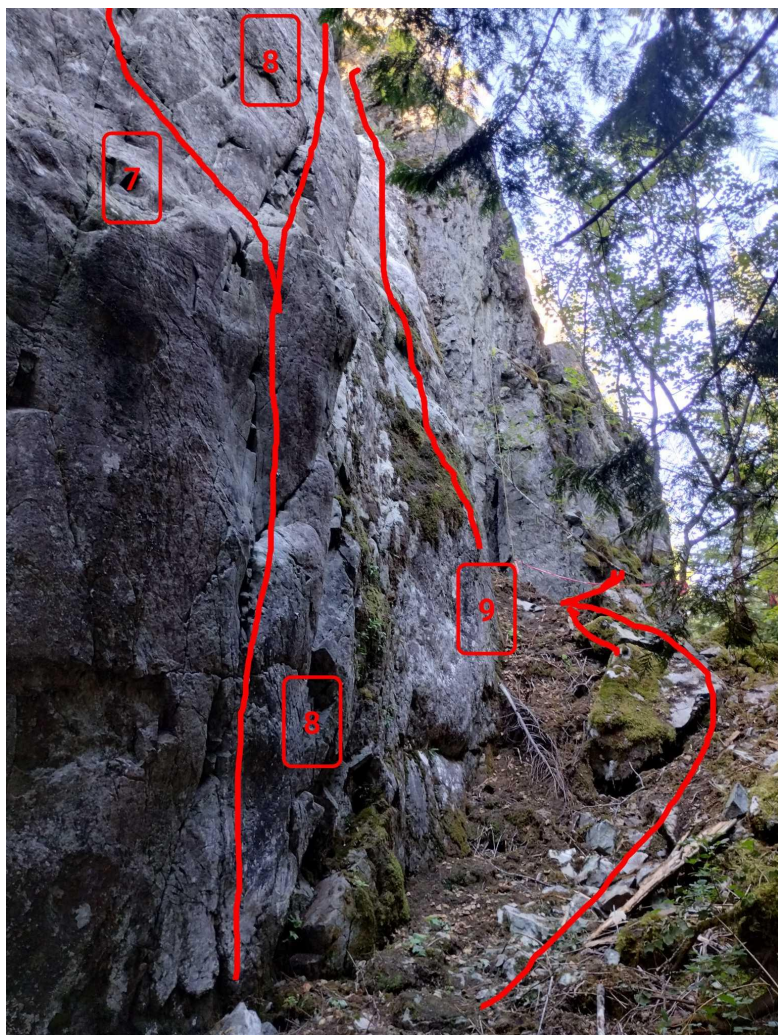
Rob Mackenzie on the FA of All Your Booty Are Belong To Us

Pitch 3 - 5.9, 14 bolts, 30m

Head right above the belay into an overhang. Mantle onto a slab then easy climbing to the top. Shares the top anchor with Fukumi Ramen. Rappel down Fukumi Ramen or traverse and finish on Momofuku.



Named for a classic quote from a Japanese 80s arcade game and the relentless quest for booty gear on certain local climbing groups. (source; Wikipedia)



Far right side of Andre's Wall

#7 - Salty Wine Over Asian Climbs 5.10b 2p Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2022)

Pitch 1 - 5.10b, 17 bolts, 30m+

Start up Sencha Fukuyu, but go left after the first crux. Traverse into All Your Booty Are Belong To Us P2. This pitch is exceptionally well bolted to protect the second. The second should be careful unclipping too early on the traverses to prevent swings. There are 2 chains to prevent rope drag.



Kiu Lee and David Pham on the 2nd Ascent of Salty Wine Over Asian Climbs, P2

Pitch 2 - 5.9, 14 bolts, 30m

Go left above the belay into a stellar traverse under the overhang. Smeary footwork needed. There is a chain to prevent swings at the crux. It is essential that both the leader and second know how to ascend the rope as they may not be able to get back on the route if they fall on the traverse. Joins Fukumi Ramen P3 after the chain. Rappel off Fukumi Ramen or traverse and finish on Momofuku.

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<https://mtltimes.ca/life/> ...

Have you ever heard of salty wine?

Some of the world wine appellations that yield the greatest saline wines include C tes de Gascogne, Loire Valley and Saint-Bris in France. In Spain, there are ...



Named for the new hipster trend of salty wines, with which the FA was celebrated! (source: google.ca)

#8 - Sencha Fukuyu 5.10c Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2022), 16 bolts + stick clip, 27m

Start up the overhanging crack. After the first crux go right into a series of lower angle sections. The real fun starts afterwards with multiple stepper cruxes and a heartbreaker finish. This is basically the 5.10 version of The Incredible Journey (5.12a, Forgotten Wall). Remember to bring up 16 draws for the route and an extra 2 for the anchor. Top roping a 16 bolt 5.10 brings great shame and dishonour to one's family!



Adam Spilchen on the FA of Sencha Fukuyu



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Sencha Fukuyu

Traditional Japanese Sencha Fukuyu green tea with pronounced vegetal and marine notes. Its flat and fi...



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Named for the developer's favorite Japanese tea. (source: google.ca)

#9 - The HUANGdog 5.8 2p Sport (FA Daphne Huang, Adam Spilchen, Eric Tran 2022)



Kirk Paterson on The HUANGdog, P1



Daphne Huang on the FA of the HUANGdog, P2

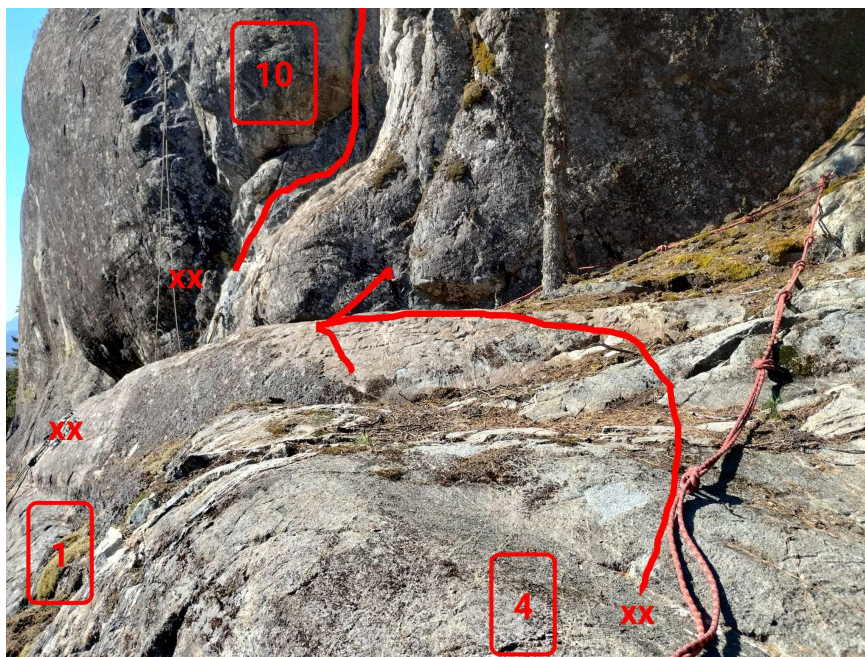
Pitch 1 - 5.8, 14 bolts, 30m+

From the top of the rubble pile, start up the offwidth crack then head up a slab. Get into an overhanging crack with a roof crux. Go up another slab to an anchor on the left. Multiple cruxes with steep moderate climbing. There are 2 chains to reduce rope drag, prevent ledge falls and reinforce a bolt. Do not loiter or picnic on the rubble pile under the gully for obvious reasons. Do not top rope or lower off this climb (60m may not reach) as you may damage your rope over the bulge and it would prevent other parties from doing the full climb. Remember, it's OK to HUANGdog!

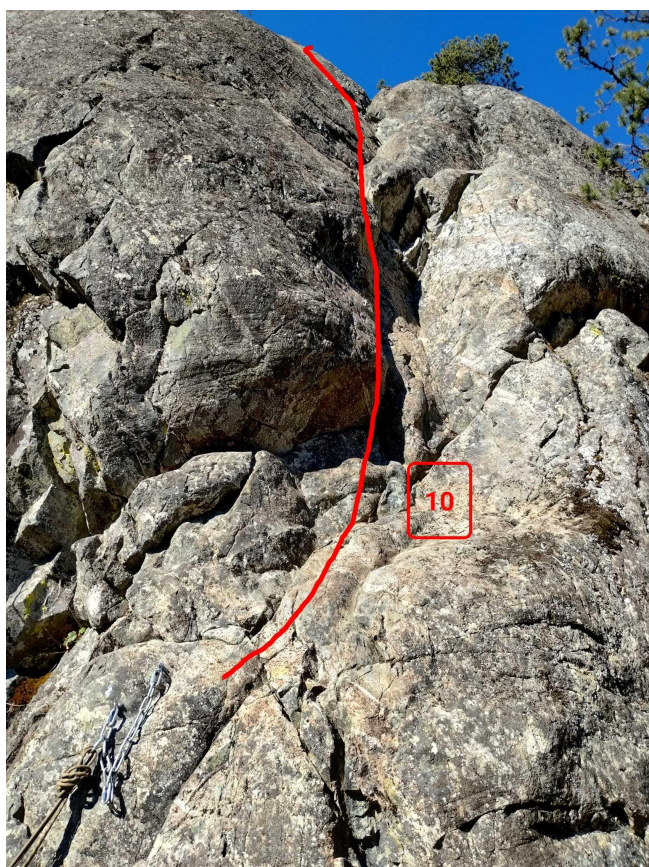
Pitch 2 - 5.2, 11 bolts, 30m

Head up the easy slab. Same anchors as Fukumi Ramen. Rappel off Fukumi Ramen or traverse and finish up Momofuku.

Just as there are routes named for legendary local climbers (Channel Your Wheaties, Payanoia), there are now some named after Asians!



Traverse to Momofuku from Fukumi Ramen anchors



Momofuku start

#10 - Momofuku 5.7 Sport (FA Adam Spilchen, Kirk Paterson, Eric Tran 2023), 8 bolts, 20m



Adam Spilchen on FA of Momofuku

Final pitch off the ledge right above The Great Big Carjack Off. Can also traverse in from the Fukumi Ramen anchors. The line on the right goes up an overhang, then into a crack corner. The line on the left is an older one being rescrubbed. Rappel back down to the ledge. Do not walk off.

Momofuku

Restaurant company



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Momofuku is a culinary brand established by chef David Chang in 2004 with the opening of Momofuku Noodle Bar. It includes restaurants in New York City, Toronto, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, a bakery established by pastry chef Christina Tosi, a bar, and a quarterly magazine.

[Wikipedia](#)

Founder: [David Chang](#)

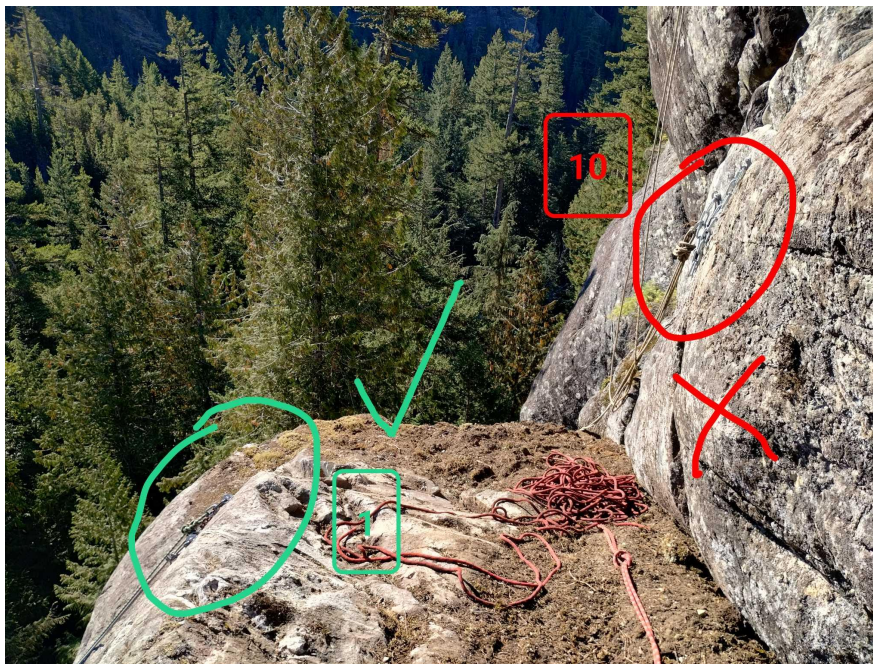
Founded: 2004

Named for the developer's favorite restaurant! (source: Wikipedia)

Descent

This wall can be rappelled with a single 60m rope in 2-3 rappels. Tie knots in the end of your rope. From the big upper ledge rappel off either The Great Big Carjack Off or Fukumi Ramen depending on which route has less traffic below. Do not rappel off the Momofuku belay anchors or you may end up on the older climbs on the left

While some of the 1st pitches can be done by themselves, if you try to lower off some of them you may not have enough length with a 60m and may damage your rope. The anchors are placed for multipitch, not cragging. Tie a knot in the end when lowering. The developers do not recommend walking off as you risk falling off trying to find the way down, as well as kicking stuff down on others.



Rappel off The Great Big Carjack Off anchor, not the Momofuku belay anchor

Rehabilitated Boulders

On the start of the trail to Ursa there are 4 (re)cleaned boulders with perhaps some of the highest concentration of easy problems (15 V0-V1) around Squamish. These were (re)scrubbed and (re)sent by Simon Duguy and Tanya Mireault. Some of these are undoubtedly first ascents, judging by the trundling and carpet moss that had to be removed. Others are older problems that have been sent before.

Unfortunately the toxic nature of online Squamish rock climbing groups and lack of proper documentation makes it exceptionally difficult to determine what was climbed before and when. The (re)developers of these boulders (different from the developers of the sport routes in this topo) don't care about such online shenanigans and would rather see them climbed.

Note that some debris may have fallen on these boulders since they were (re)scrubbed. It is up to the claimants of these FAs to go out there and clean off their claimed boulders. The (re)developers have already put in a full season of work.

No names will be given to these problems at this time due to the aforementioned issues.



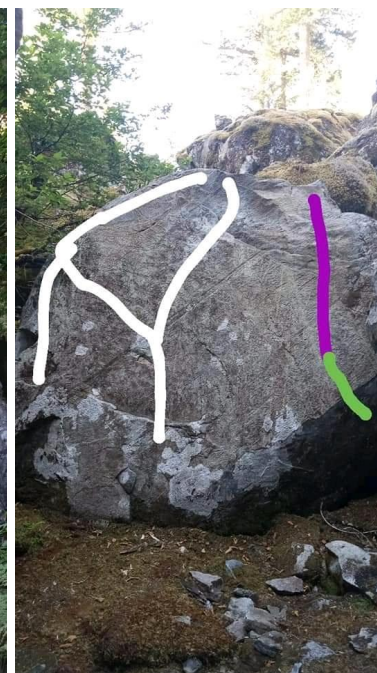
Tanya Mireault on a V3 offwidth

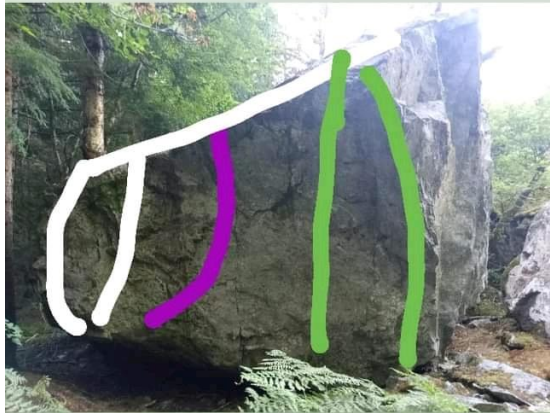
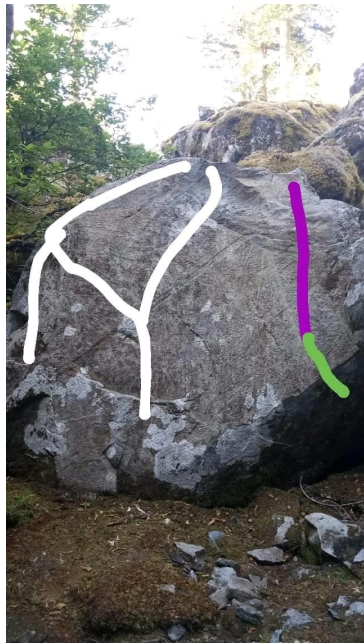


Simon Duguy on a V0 offwidth

Legend

- White V0-V1
- Purple V2-V4
- Blue V5+
- Green, ask Simon he drew the pictures!





Thanks

The developers would like to thank the Sea to Sky Bolt Fund who supplied half the bolts and hangers on these new climbs. Please make a donation to them at www.seatoskyclimbing.ca for more moderate well bolted climbs.

MEC and Mad Rock provided discounts on fixed gear, please consider them for your next climbing purchases. Members of the Vancouver Rock Climbing Group and the Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver also generously donated old gear for development.

Andre Munck and Kirk Paterson deserve much thanks for discovering the wall, putting up the original climbs, and building the trail and bench. Simon Duguy and Ryan Block also helped out in the development.