



# The Drop Bear

## 13a – 9 Pitches

The Drop Bear (*Thylarctus Plummetus*), a species of marsupial, can be told apart from its close cousin the Koala by its sharp claws and unusually pointy teeth. It is named for its unique hunting strategy of dropping onto unsuspecting people from above. Although native to Australia, the Drop Bear has recently found a happy home and easy prey on the cliffs of coastal British Columbia. Be careful out there...

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## **The Drop Bear - 9 pitches, 13a**

Jacob Cook and Drewpert Marshall - August 2021

Rack: Doubles to .75 camalot, singles to 3 camalot, offset microcams, small nuts.

A major variation to Teddy Bear's Picnic adding 4 new pitches on the lower wall. Making one of the more sustained outings on the Prow Wall.

**Pitch 1:** Climb the first pitch of Teddy Bear's, This pitch is often wet and nasty, it is possible to avoid by climbing the first two pitches of The Prow Wall then bushwhacking right along the ledge.

**Pitch 2:** Climb the Chimney that looks pretty hard, stop at an early anchor during the traverse left. Or avoid the chimney by climbing 5.10 ledges on the left as for Unbearable.

### **Pitch 3: The Bear Hang 13a**

Climb up and right past bolts leading to glorious twin cracks infested with Squamish jugs. Once at the roof, get really psyched and swing out to a cryptic sequence at the lip... Watch for rope drag and save a number 2 camalot for after the roof.

### **Pitch 4: Thylarctus Plummetus 11c**

Traverse left and a bit down around the arête to a hanging stance in the corner.

### **Pitch 5: The Bear Hug 13a**

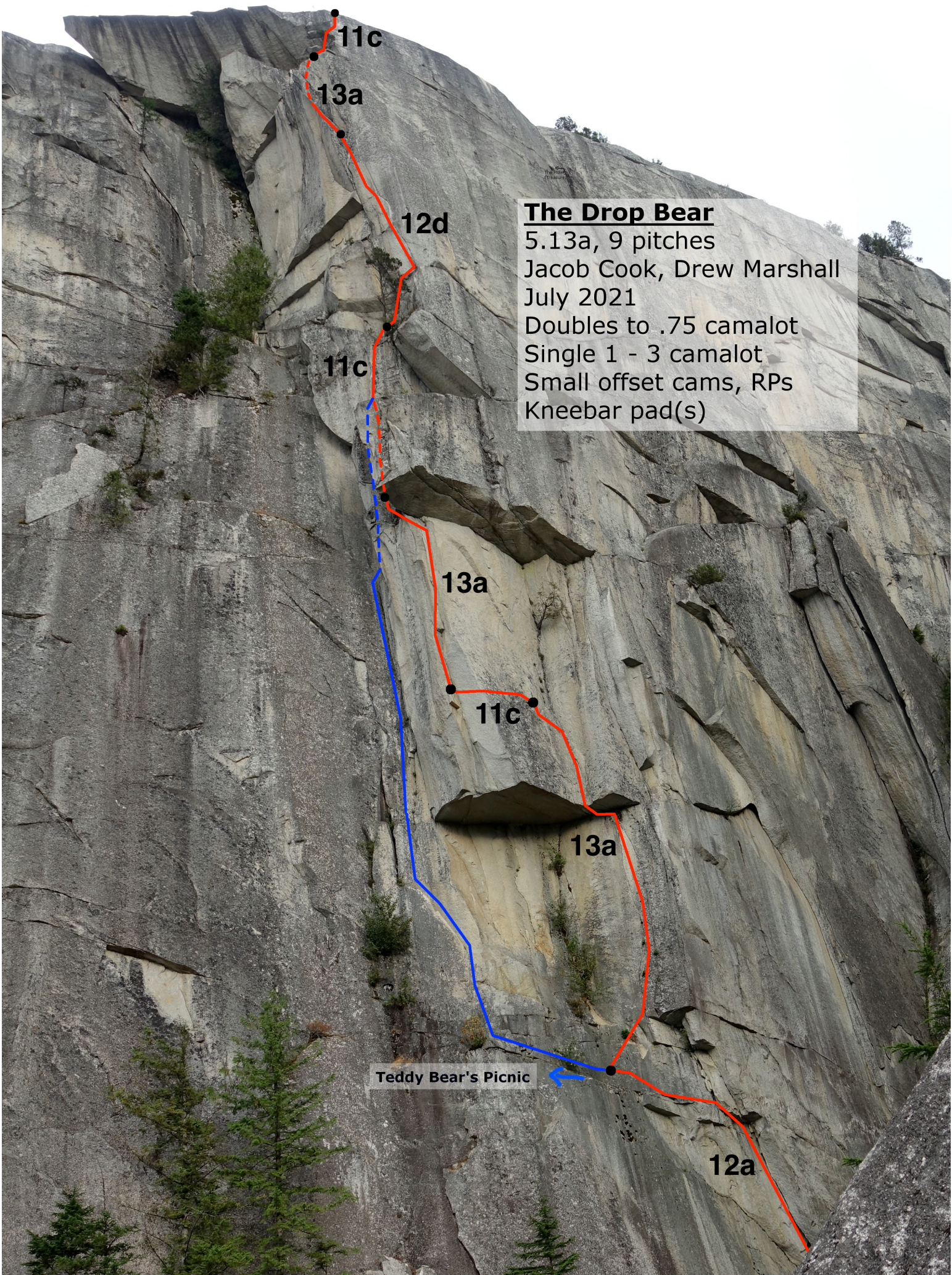
Climb the insane fridge-hugging mini corner with a series of insecure moves. Adequate but small gear supplements a few bolts. Prepare to get very pumped and good luck clipping the bolt...

**Pitch 6:** 11c Go up a hand crack to join Teddy Bear's at a ledge. Continue up Teddy Bear's to the Rancho-Relaxo ledge.

**Pitches 7-9:** Continue up Teddy Bear's, good luck on the last boulder...

Descent: Walk off.

**History:** This variation was originally scoped by Paul Mcsorley and Tom Wright who kindly tipped us off to its existence. We cleaned, prepped and sent the line over the months leading up to July 2021.



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5.13a, 9 pitches

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July 2021

Doubles to .75 camalot

Single 1 - 3 camalot

Small offset cams, RPs

Kneebar pad(s)

11c

13a

12d

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Teddy Bear's Picnic

12a



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