Frankenstein Tradster

5.10 a / 3 pitches

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An unholy mix of sport climbing and full tradstyle, leading up to the crux of Slab Alley and to the top of the Apron. Excellent, well-protected climb.

Access: Park at the first pullout south of the Apron parking lot. Walk up the Apron descent trail until just underneath the powerlines, then hop boulders to the lowest toe of the Apron and the lowest ramp system. Climb up this brushy ramp (4th class) to the right lower end of an obvious roof system. 10 minutes.

Gear: 10 quickdraws and a light rack (up to #2 Camalot).

Pitch 1. Climb low-angle slab underneath a huge roof, placing solid gear in the dirty crack in the back. Climb out and around the left end of the roof and walk the thin seam to the anchors. [5,10a, 30 m]

Pitch 2. Traverse left on a seam which bisects the entire slab. A ½"cu is needed after the first bolt (ie. grey camalot). A wild and sustained pitch, with good rests and protection. [5.10a, 35 m] Note: this is the second pitch of Pimpsqueak [FA Pascal Simard and Brian Regg], a 5.11c sport climb with a desperate slab first pitch.

Pitch 3. Continue traversing left underneath two bulges and out onto the open slab below the crux of Slab Alley. Climb the botted slab and belay at an anchor to the right. [5.9, 40 m].

Continue up Slab Alley (three more pitches) to Broadway, and hike down the Apron descent trail. It is also possible to rappel from the Pitch 2 anchor, one double-rope or two single rappels.

