

Pimpsqueak

5.11c / 2 pitches

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A sustained sport plus route with lots of variety. Well protected. Notable for having been bolted entirely by hand.

Access: As per McLane (1999) pg. 233 for Slab Alley (original start). Pimpsqueak begins 20 m before reaching Slab Alley at an obvious line of bolts on the steep slab right of the trail. 10 mins

Gear: At least 10 quickdraws and a single 1/2" camming unit. Two ropes.

Pitch 1. Climb up technical and sustained slab and traverse horizontally to the bottom of a thin, expanding flake. Lieback up this to the station. An optional gear placement (1/2" cu) protects the move to the anchor. [5.11c, 25 m]

Pitch 2. Traverse left on a seam which bisects the entire slab. A 1/2"cu is needed after the first bolt (ie. grey camalot). Sustained, with good rests and protection. [5.10a, 35 m]

Frankenstein Tradster

5.10 a / 2 pitches

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An unholy mix of sport climbing and full trad-style. Excellent, well-protected climb.

Access: 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 and sketchy ramp (4th class) to the right lower end of an obvious roof system. 20 minutes.

Gear: 10 quickdraws and a standard rack. Two ropes. Worth bringing a small saw and a wire brush to clean up the approach pitch and first 10 m of climbing.

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. Same as for Pimpsqueak [5.10a, 35m]

Descent (both routes): Rappel with two ropes from a bolted station at the top of the second pitch. The first pitches also share a rap station.

Note: After the second pitch, a link to Slab Alley is possible, likely runoff 5.6.

