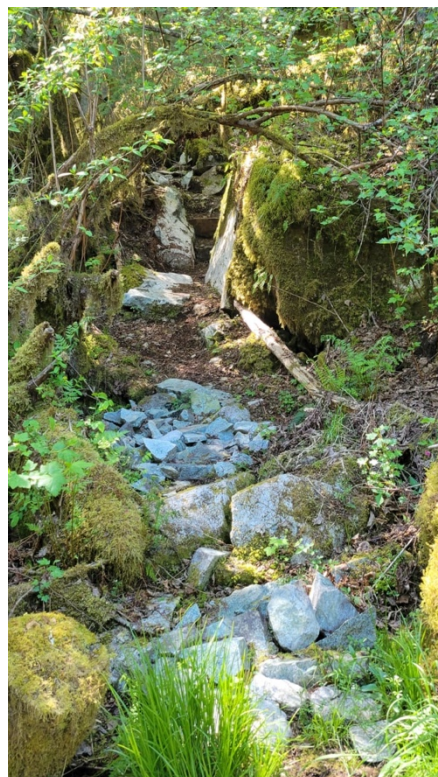


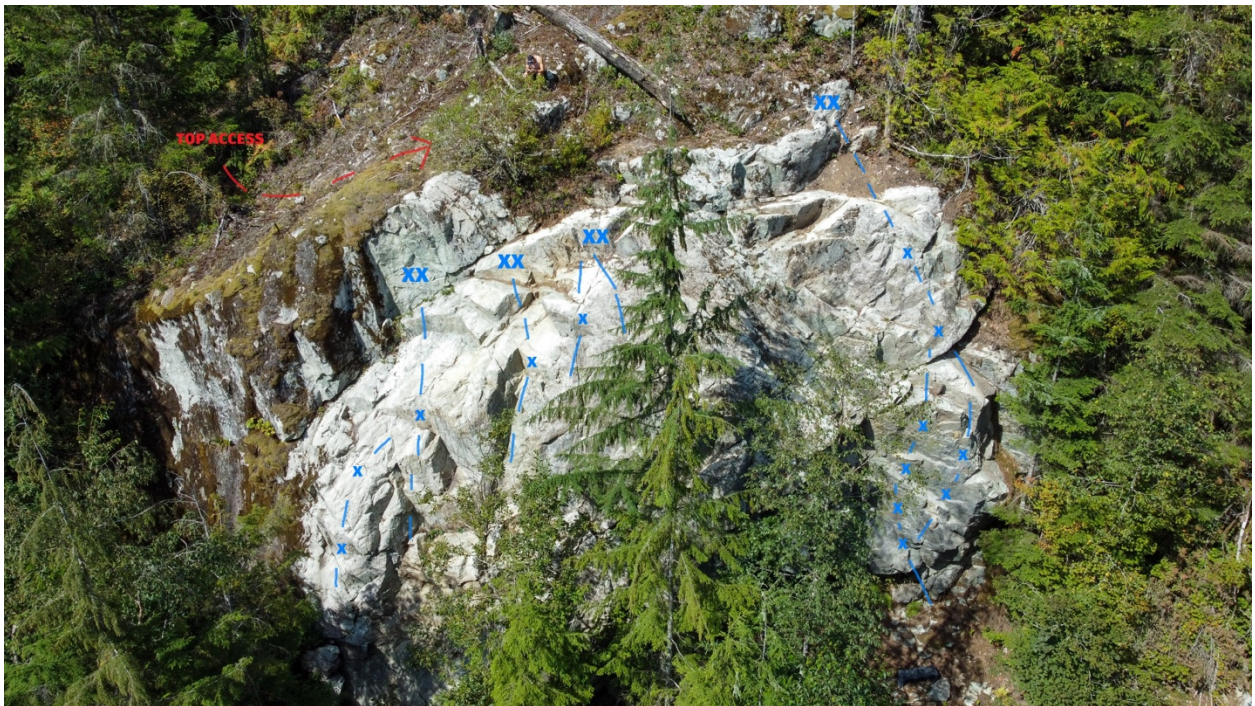
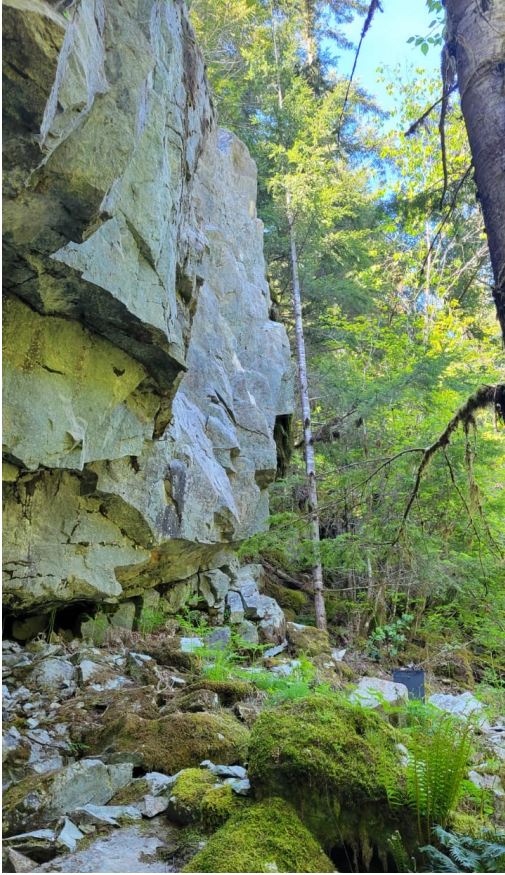
The Grotto

Are you tired of wading through all the five star and top 100 classics of Squamish? Do you wish for a more “average” experience? Have you been pining for a small crag of three-star climbs on moderately enjoyable rock quality? Well, do we have the crag for you! The ACC has worked tirelessly for longer than they care to admit to bring you The Grotto! A crag tucked JUST far enough into the forest to offer a sweet vibe that will make you forget about the fact that you drove all the way out into no cell coverage for routes you'll likely only ever visit once. Come on out! Bang out a couple of easy and moderate routes and when folks ask you how your day was, you can say with confidence “Eh. It was alright”

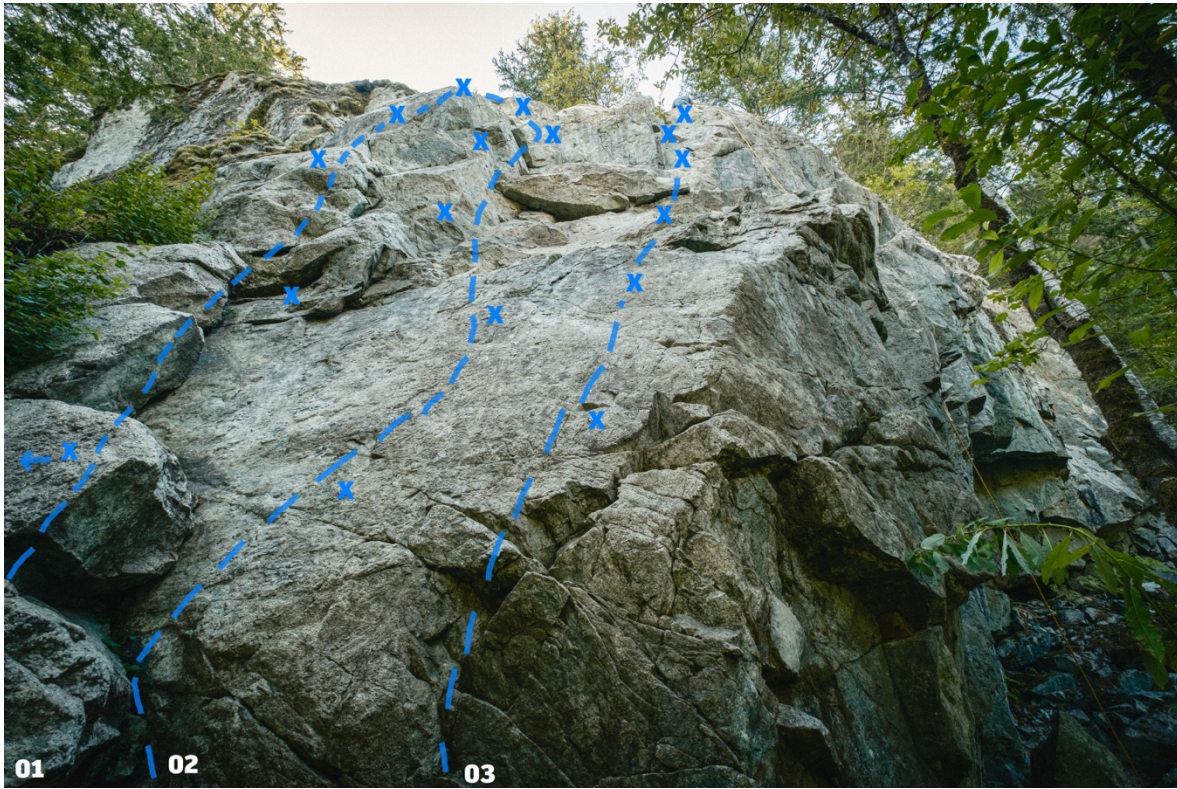
DIRECTIONS:

From 99, turn onto Mamquam FSR east. Follow this for about two miles and turn left onto Powerhouse Springs FSR (unnamed on google maps). Less than one kilometer down the road you'll pass the trailhead for the Parkland crag and shortly after (before the Swamp Thing boulder) you'll see a crag on your left and a small cairn marking the entrance. Follow the trail along a rock path over a small marsh that may or may not be filled with water. As Fred Penner does, crawl (well, duck) through the stunning moss and emerge in The Grotto. Alternatively, you can use a gadget or navigate by old fashioned stars to find The Grotto at these coordinates: 49.71259,-123.09813.





Routes are numbered from left to right



1. Timmy Tibble 5.7

Although trouble surely follows the Tibble twins, you can't blame these four-year-old boys for wanting to have a little fun. They're often found causing mischief or bugging their friend Dora Winifred (aka. D.W.). Like these routes, they often walk side-by-side and sometimes piggyback each other on the last stretch to reach the top.

6 bolts (17m) FA Ryan Pierce and ACC friends

2. Tommy Tibble 5.7

Being just two minutes older, Tommy can be just a tad more difficult than Timmy, but you can be the judge.

6 bolts (18m) shared anchor with Timmy Tibble FA Shannon Lim and ACC friends

3. Snuffaluffajugs 5.9

For years, none of Big Bird's friends on Sesame Street believed that Mr. Snuffleupagus existed. Despite this skepticism, Bird persisted and eventually all the folks on the Street got to meet Snuffy. Your friends will likely not believe you when you rave to them about the hero jugs that start this route - don't be afraid to show them photographic evidence of you styling up! But wait! Like Snuffy, this climb is multidimensional and also involves some slabby face climbing in the middle and a thoughtful dihedral to finish things off.

6 bolts (19m) FA Tyson Bell and ACC friends



4. Zaboomafoo 5.10d

Lemurs are wet-nosed primates of the superfamily Lemuroidea. Lemurs are endemic to the island of Madagascar. Lemurs have a gestation period of 63-168 days, and, most importantly, a specific imaginary Lemur and the Kratt brothers are tight AF.

7 bolts (17m) **Stick clip shared anchor with Snuffaluffajugs FA Julian Horvat, Nina Sky Robertson and ACC friends**

5. I'll Take Care of You Birdie 5.10c

Let the jugs take care of you through the powerful start which leads to enjoyable, and occasionally thoughtful climbing to the upper slab and the chains.

8 bolts (17m) **Stick clip FA Julian Horvat and ACC friends**

6. Fred Penner is My Copilot 5.10b

As a beloved Canadian singer/songwriter, Fred was also known for being there for his woodland friends. Let his messages of love and support carry you through this bouldery start. Much like the cat who came back, you won't be able to stay away from trying this fun forest frolic while hanging out with all your best friends.

6 bolts (17m) **Stick clip FA Tyson Bell and ACC friends**

7. A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood 5.10a

Sharing the first bolt with his good friend Fred, Mr. Rogers makes a wonderful companion climb. Take the trolley on a short adventure up the arete before rejoining at the top for a quick song about being a good neighbour.

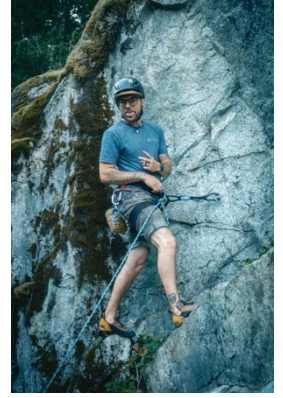
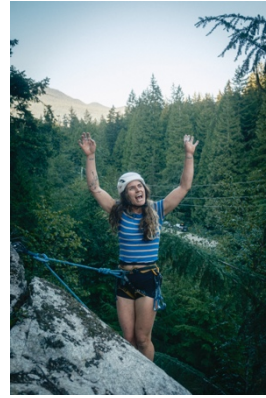
5 bolts (17m) **Stick clip Shared anchor with Fred Penner is My Copilot FA Nina Sky Robertson and ACC friends**



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<https://alpineclubofcanada.ca/membership/>

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