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MIXED CLIMBING ISN'T DEAD ISSUE

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"STEEP AND PUMPY"





OPEN PROJECT!

SQUAMISH NEWEST CRAG

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THE SHORTEST APROACH

Mycology Rock is a mostly overhanging cliff that faces west at the bottom of the Alice lake rd. It has one of the fastest and flattest approaches, a comparable walking distance from smoke bluffs parking to free and easy crag (approx 10 mins). The cliff has filtered sun and stays cool on hot days. There is also a year round creek nearby for water. A 60m rope will work for all routes. Most routes are mixed. Most routes have only seen 1 or 2 ascents and with any new wall there will always be some rock exfoliation, so wearing a helmet is always recommended.

Approach: Park on the corner of Black Bear Rd and Alice Lake Rd. Hike south down the very popular wonderland trail back to Squamish (use trail forks if you dont know where the trail is). This patch of forest is exceptionally beautiful and the walk alone is worth it through those woods. When you hit a creek, stay on the main trail (southbound) until the trail crosses over the creek. Shortly after that you'll see a mycology rock sign on the left, against a large Cedar tree. Follow the light climbers trail past two boulders. You'll see the looming cliff up and on your left. 10 mins of flat easy walking.

An additional 2-3 bolts per route could be added to the head wall, which remains mostly unclimbed and is for the most part 5.13 terrain or like Squamish 5.12d ;). Some extensions above Chasing Mycelium are logical and would be great additions to the crag. Get after it!

THE ROUTES

Hardware provided by the Sea to Sky Route Development Fund. Make sure to donate to this amazing fund!

Listed from left to right

1. Psilocybin 5.12. Gear .2 - 1" and 1 bolt

This route was broken up into two pitches so the belayer could be closer to the action and give a safe belay. Pitch 1 is a short, dirty 5.8 crack. Pitch 2 is a mega steep overhanging dihedral that is wickedly pumpy. The opening moves produce some wicked movement and it's a fight to the end. Very bouldery FFA Kyle Smith

2. Mycotopia 5.10. Gear .2-2" and 5 bolts

The warm up at the cliff. Climb a wide crack until you can break out right past a bolt to a arete feature. Face climb up the arete to the steep finger crack crux finale. FFA Kyle Smith

2A. A 2 bolt direct boulder problem start, climbs powerful crimps into the arete and goes at 12-. FFA Kyle Smith

3. Amanita Dreaming 5.12-. Gear .3 - .4" and 5 bolts

Climb the main lower corner of Matsutake crack until you see a bolt out left. Cruxy moves to the main ledge. From here boulder your way up the overhanging wall on mostly good holds. Pumpy! FFA Casey Dubois

4. Matsutake 5.11-. Gear .1 - 1" doubles in .3-.75"

The most striking feature at the cliff. Stem and jam your way up the overhanging corner to a roof. Blindly pull the roof and power your way across the wall up the striking finger crack. Once again, pumpy! And have your wits about you, this is not a smoke bluffs 5.11 crack. FFA Kyle Smith

5. Chasing Mycelium 5.10+. Gear .2 - 1"

This route climbs the same overhanging dihedral as Matsutake but you exit out right of the dihedral on a steep finger crack to separate midway anchors. Pulling the final lip is the crux, but the pump might get you first! FFA Kyle Smith

6. The Future is Fungi. 5.11+. 6 bolts, .3-.5"

Climbs up a technical and burly v groove feature to a rest and a powerful roof pull on mostly good holds to an anchor. If you stop at first anchors it's 11+ FFA Kyle Smith

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The 2 bolt extension to The Future is Fungi is wickedly thin and techincal. Get after it!

8. Flight of the Goomba. 5.11+ 6 bolts

The first line you see on the approach trail. The only all vertical route. This short climb is action packed with powerful compression moves and perfect crimps. FFA Dale Anderson



