





SHANNON FALLS AREA - PAPOOSE frontside – new climbs established in 2021

Forgive My Trespasses (5.10b) (FMT) - May 2021 John Howe, Penny Cooper

If you like Transit of Venus, you should enjoy this one. A rather unique climb for Squamish, FMT is a multi-pitch girdle traverse of the upper Papoose, offering well protected climbing for both the leader and second.

Bolting a traverse well is tricky, so a considerable effort was extended to ensure the second can do the harder moves before unclipping from protection. However, prussiking skills for both the leader and second will be an asset if things were to go wrong in some locations. The new bolts placed for this route have charcoaled coloured hangers.

As the name suggests, careful consideration should be given to timing as others may be climbing any one of the 7 routes FMT crosses. Be kind and patient.

Gear: the rack needed for Mercury Vapour should suffice if it includes at least $1 \times 1-2$ " (red Camalot) and $1 \times 1.5-2.5$ " (gold Camalot).

- P1 Mercury Vapour (5.10a, 30m), the flake that came off a few years back has increased the difficulty slightly. Apparently not enough to bump it a letter grade.
- P2 Transit of Venus (5.10a, 30m), ends at the bolted belay at the base of the left facing Pinup corner.
- P3 Clip the bolt just off the station, climb slightly down and left (for a few moves) before angling up left past 2 charcoal bolts just right of the Centerfold (CF) P2 belay ledge. On reaching the first bolt on CF P3 continue horizontally left to reach an easy foot traverse feature with good natural protection past the Limbo/Obsession crack. Traversing left past closely spaced bolts, a memorable long step and some sustained tip toeing will take you to the Hairpin P3 belay (10b 35m).
- P4 Foot traverse left past bolts and natural protection before stepping slightly down to reach a bolted station after about 20-25 m (5.7, 30m). This station provides access to the <u>Jaws/Scaredy</u> <u>Cats</u> complex (described in detail below).
- P5 Continue traversing for another 15 m past more charcoal bolts to join HG. Finish by climbing up right of the wide crack to the HG bolted station and a walk off descent (5.8, 25m). It is possible to link P4 and P5. This pitch takes a few medium (.5-2") pieces.

The Jaws/Scaredy Cats complex

This area provides several good pitches that follow features on the seldom visited left side of the upper Papoose. It's a bit confusing here as there are many options that provide enjoyable, moderate climbing to the top of the cliff (Scaredy Cats P4, Jaws Left, Center and Right).

Jaws Right (fully bolted) - May 2021 J. Howe, P. Cooper

- P1 The recommended option is to climb Hanging Gardens (recleaned in 2021), to its P2 station. Start up the easy groove on P3, clip the bolt then step up and right above a small overlap then trend right to a large flake following green bolts to reach the FMT P4 station (5.8, 27m). Bypass the station on a ledge you will see on the left (P3 belay on Scaredy Cats). An easy 15m traverse from there to the station on FMT P4 also gives access to the Jaws complex.
- P2 From the P4 belay on FMT climb through interesting geological features including a mantle into the mouth of Jaws above the 2nd bolt. At the third bolt move up and right following green bolts to eventually join the "Hairpin Runaway" which trends back left to the bolted station on a large ledge (5.9, 25m). It is possible to continue further up and left about 7 m to another bolted station on the edge of the forest near the descent trail.
- P3 Move right and climb easily following green bolts to reach a slabby crux bulge and a bolted station at the top of the Papoose (5.7, 25m). This pitch ends climbers left of the top of Hairpin.

Jaws Center (fully bolted) - May 2021 J. Howe, P. Cooper

From the P4 belay on FMT follow JR until the third (green) bolt. Move left past a white bolt, over a bulge, then back right and directly up, following a series of beautiful "Papoose pockets" past more white bolts to reach the large ledge and the bolted station (10b, 25m). Rope drag caution.

Jaws Left (6 bolts and one 2" cam) - May 2021 J. Howe, P. Cooper

Follow JC to its first white bolt then move left to a non coloured bolt on Scaredy Cats then left to a low angle crack in a groove (gear - 2" cam) and then easily up to the large ledge and the bolted station (5.8, 25m).

Scaredy Cats P4 – FFA 2007 C. Joseph, M. Holt

Completed in 2007 by Chris Joseph and Miles Holt, this route failed to become popular, and the lower pitches have greened up. With a blessing from Chris, the original belay at top of pitch 3 was relocated a few meters left to a comfortable ledge that facilitates better access to the last pitch of SC from Hanging Gardens. It is now possible to climb Hanging Gardens, the 4th pitch of Scaredy Cats and continue to the top of the cliff by the last pitch of Jaws (see topo).

From the relocated station of SC, at the top of the Hanging Gardens corner system, climb the very shallow corner feature past 2 bolts to a ledge and another shallow corner (gear) to reach a bolted slab crux between JL and JC. It is also possible to join the last half (bolted) of this pitch from the P4 station on FMT but rope drag needs to be managed carefully (10c, 25m). This is the only pitch of SC that was recleaned in 2021.