

Around The Squaw (ATS) -Slhanay Crags, Squamish

Overview

A collection of 5 crags (18 climbs), sport and trad around 500m elevation, within 15-20 minute hike from the “back-door” parking area off the Shannon Creek FSR. Squawking and Rideside were developed by Nigel and Rosy Slater, and Robin Barley in the summers of 2020/21, Anchorman, Tony’s Outcrop and the Barge by Robin Barley, Judy Komori, and Glenn Woloski in 2014 and 2017. Thanks to the sea to sky route development fund for contributing some hardware.

Approach time, aspect and location (Google Earth Coordinates):

Squawking Rock – 15 minutes, 9 climbs - sport and trad, south facing, filtered sun.

Location: 49°41'40.4"N -124°53'13.4"W (49.694561, -123.112945)

Rideside Rock - 20 minutes, 2 sport climbs, west facing, shady but some filtered sun.

Location: 49.69424, -123.11912

Anchorman’s Rock – 10 minutes, 2 sport and 1 trad climb, west facing, shady.

Location: 49.69335, -123.11848

Tony’s Outcrop / Lookout – 15 minutes, 3 sport climbs, west facing, sunny.

Location: 49.69165, -123.11889

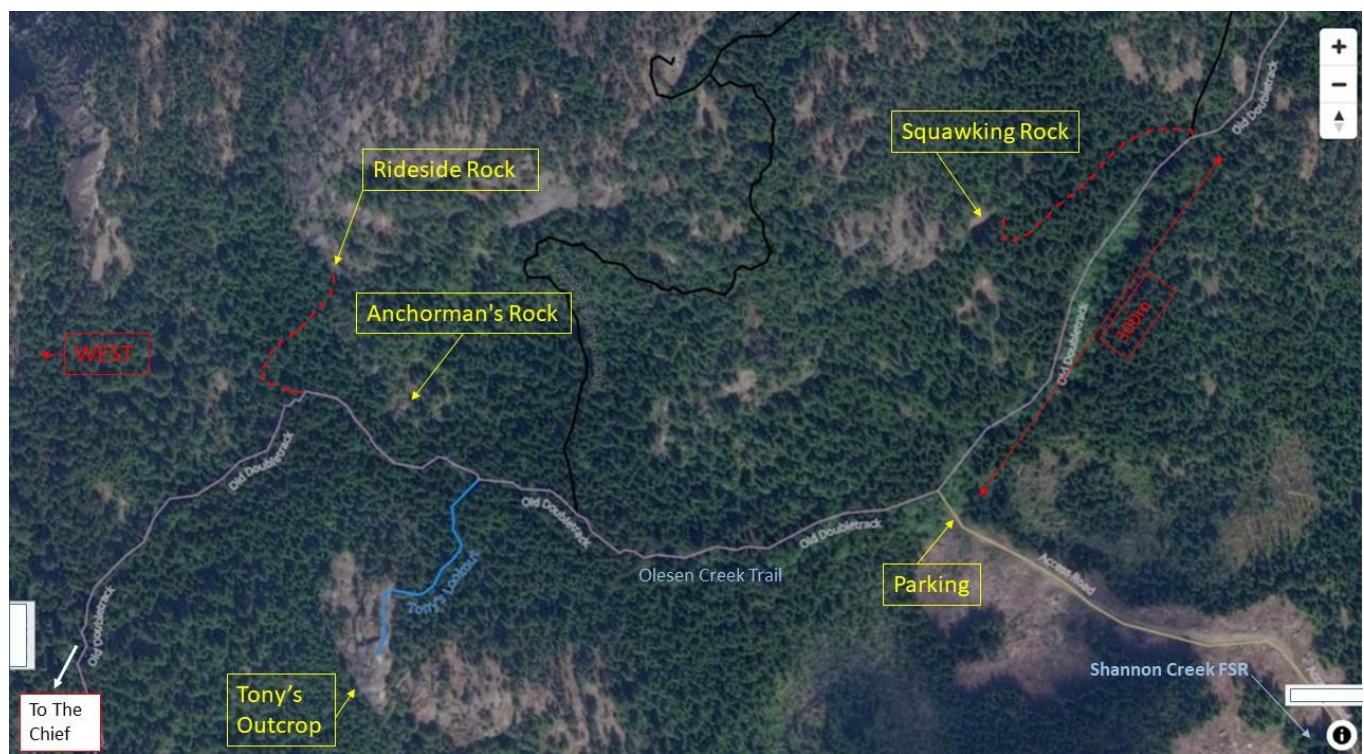
Barge Rock – 25 minutes, 1 sport climb, north facing, shady.

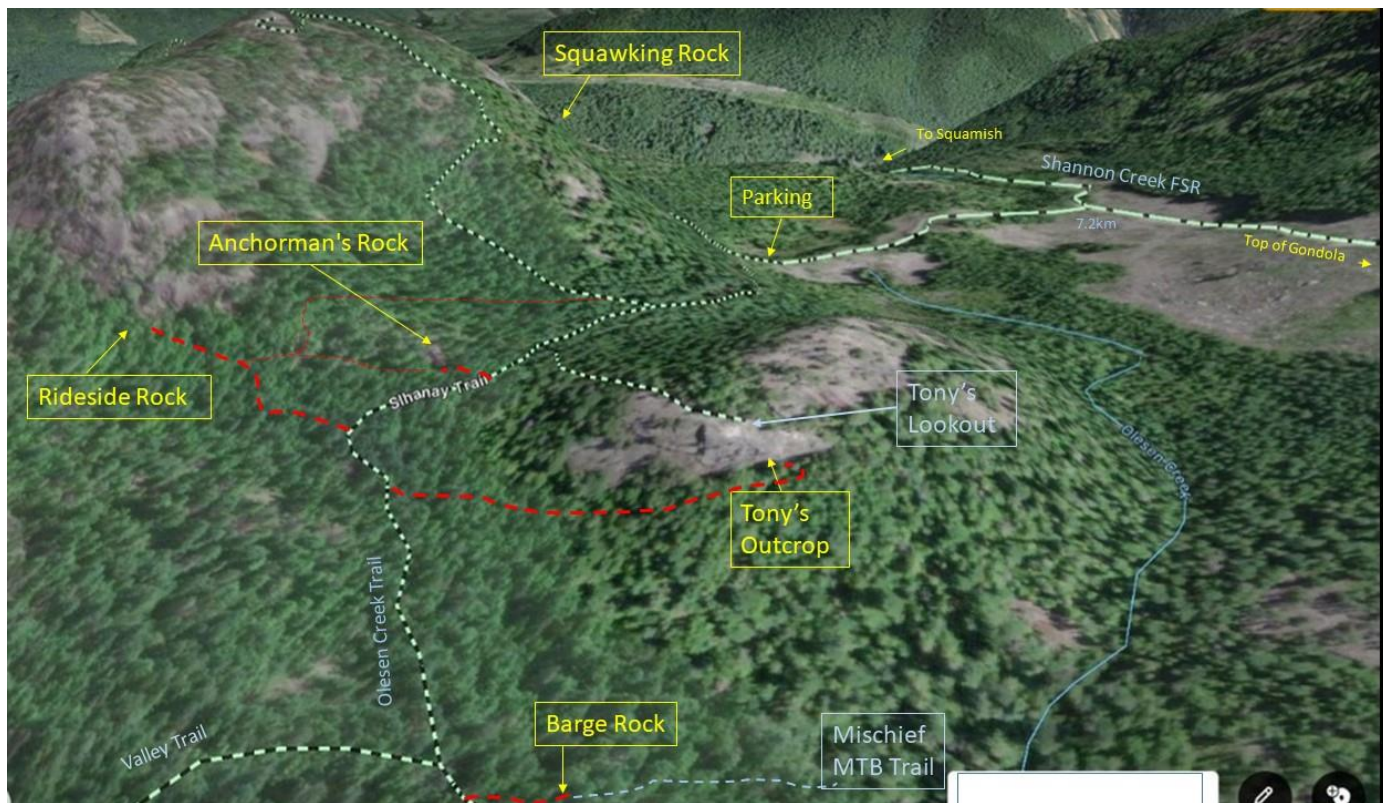
Location: 49°41'28.105"-123°7'14.398"

Location and directions: From the HW 99 Apron parking lot, start your odometer and take the Mamquam Forest Service Road (FSR) for 3.9 km and turn right onto Stawamus / Indian River FSR 4823 just past the Power House Springs Road and a small building (water plant) on the right. Follow this main dirt road (towards Indian Arm), avoiding any spurs. 400m after crossing the bridge, take the next right turn onto the Shannon Creek FSR (unsigned), approximately 5.3m from HW99. The road is graded once a year, but is steep and sometimes requires high clearance in places. Turn right at 7.4 km on a branch road, and park at the edge of the forest after 400m. Please do not block the access road to the Olesen Creek old logging road (double track).

Directions for each crag start from this parking area at the end of the branch road, just outside the BC Parks Boundary.

Parking location: 49°41'33.9"N -124°53'12.8"W (49.692740,-123.113112)





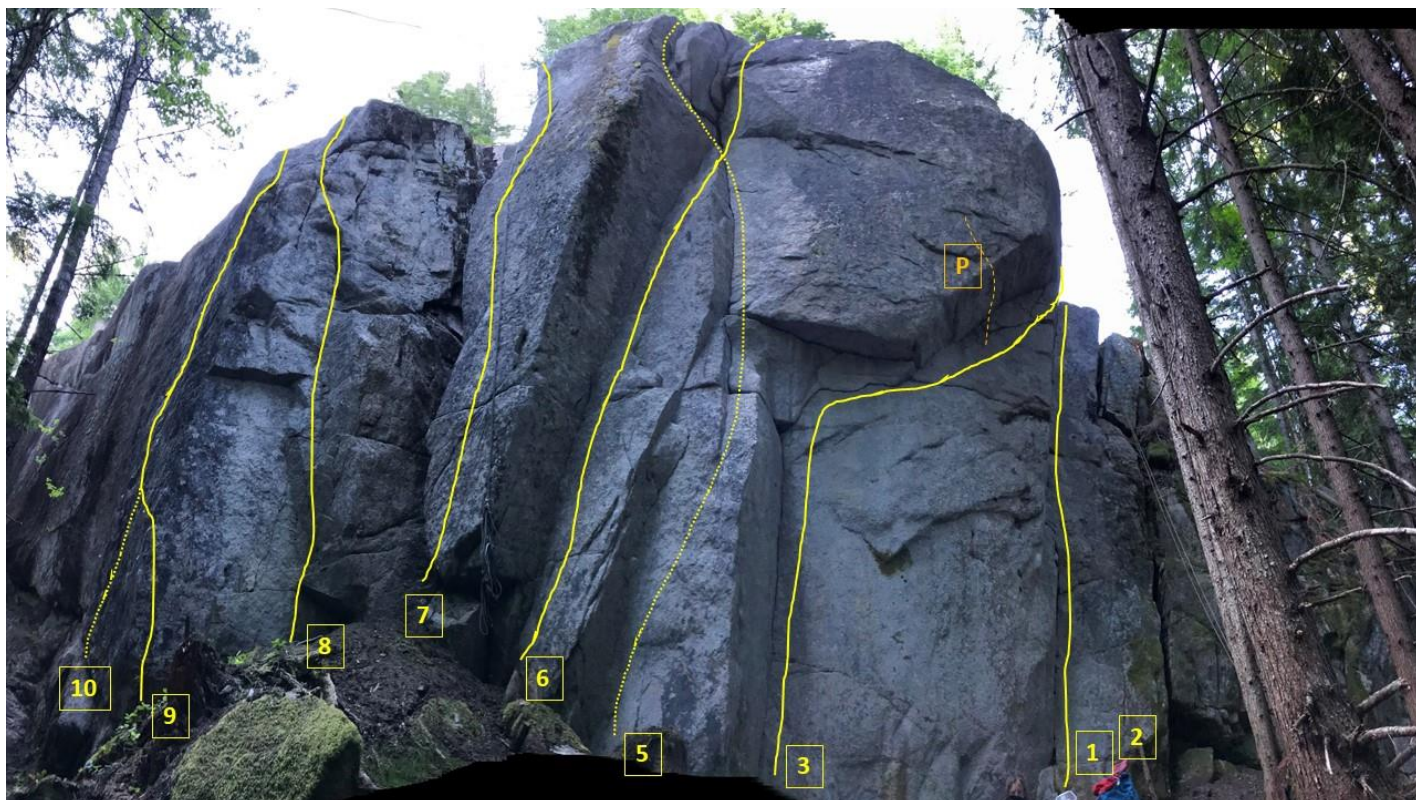
Squawking Rock

A quality crag with 9 good climbs, trad and sport.

Hike right (North East) 300m up the old logging road (Silhanay Trail, old double track), then turn left up a steep bank (mountain bike trail). After 20m where the MTB trail turns right and heads up the hill, keep straight and contour for about 100m then head 50m diagonally right up the crag when it comes into sight. 15 minutes from parking.

From Right to Left:

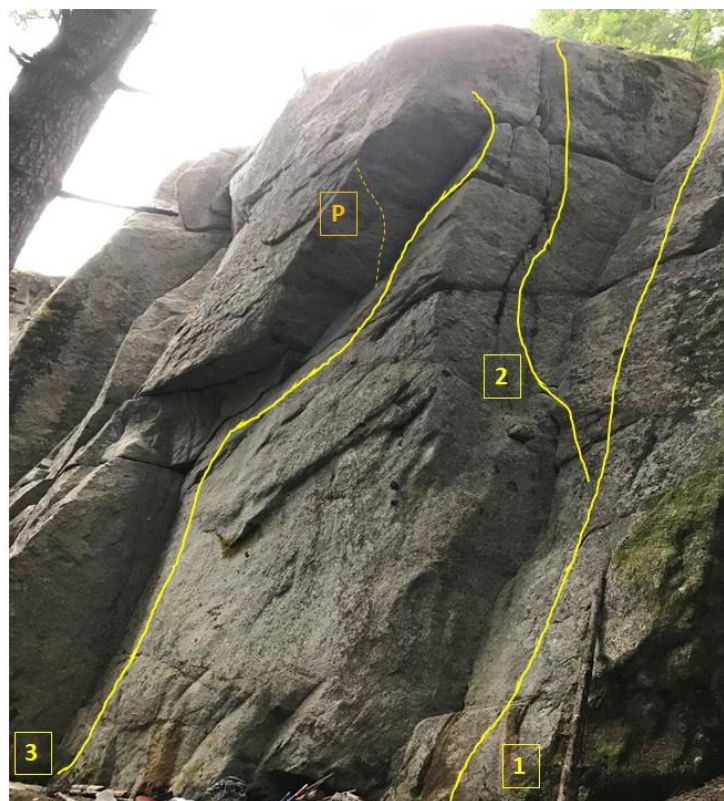
1. **Old Man's Jam** – 5.9, 15m, trad. The corner/groove at the right side of the wall. R. Barley, 2020.
2. **A Few Jams More** – 11c, 15m, trad. Climb part way up the Old Man, then step left, and fight the overhanging crack above. N. Slater, 2020.
3. **Pudding Man's Special** – 11c, 20m, sport. Climb the short corner under the left side of the large roof, then finish up and right. Second it to retrieve your quick draws. N. Slater, R. Slater 2020.
4. **[P]** Open project – direct finish over the roof.
5. **Tasty But Tart** – 11a, 20m, trad. Hard start past a couple of bolts, then swing out left and finish up the hanging flake. N. Slater, R. Slater 2020.
6. **The Bakewell Tart**– 11a, 20m, trad. Excellent jamming up the central groove. N. Slater, R. Slater 2020.
7. **Slapping In The Shower** – 11b, 15m, sport. This mini-tower was first climbed in a rain shower! N. Slater, 2021.
8. **Yorkshire Bounty** – 10d, 20m, sport. Shallow groove left of the gully. N. Slater, R. Slater 2020.
9. **Crescent Wall** -11a, 20m, sport. Nice climbing. Start on the right side of the arête, then swing onto the wall and crimp up edges. Alternatively, start direct via a long reach, or on the left ramp. N. Slater, R. Slater 2020.
10. **Crescent Wall, alt start** – 11a, 20m, sport. Climb the ramp on the left, then the wall. N. Slater, 2020.



Squawking Rock - center



Squawking Rock - left side



Squawking Rock – right side



Pudding Man's Special



Old Man's Jam



Tasty But Tart



The Bakewell Tart

Rideside Rock

Two fun overhanging sport climbs. Steep!

Directions: Follow Olesen Creek double track leftward (west) towards the Chief Third Peak. After 300m, a well-marked trail up the Squaw/SIhanay peak branches right. Two options:

1. Take the peak trail for 20m then fork left past a 1m-high boulder and contour for 300m until you reach an open area with some bluffs on the right. Go left down the slope for 50m, then head right (facing out) along the trail for 200m to reach the crag.
2. Continue another 200m down the double track to a left hand bend, then branch right and follow the trail up through old growth forest to the crag.

1. **Woodlouse Way** – 12a, 15m, sport. The obvious overhanging flake. N. Slater, 2020
2. **The Louse** – 11d, 20m, sport. Up the wall and overhanging corner. N. Slater, 2021



Rideside Rock



Woodlouse Way

Anchorman's Rock

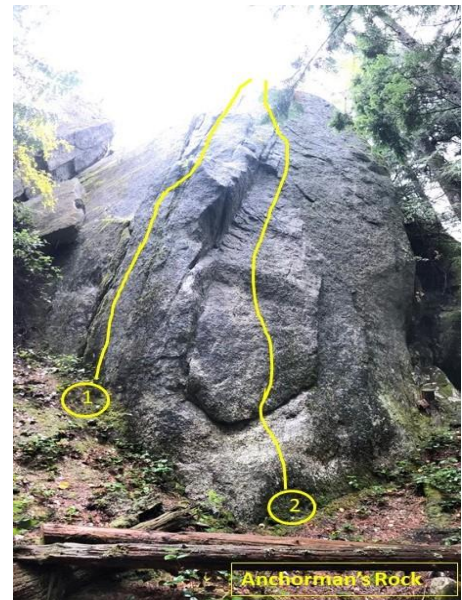
A small crag with one trad and one sport climb.

Directions. Follow Olesen Creek double track leftward (west) for 400m. As the trail descends, Anchorman's rock can be seen up on the right, within 20m of the trail.

Left to right:

1. **The Anchorman** – 5.8, 15m, trad. On the left side of the crag, shallow cracks. R. Barley, 2012.
2. **SBMA** – 10c, 15m, sport.
The shallow groove on the right has some tricky moves. **Single Bore Multiple Anchor** (www.sbmasystems.com/our-story). This technology was invented by "The Anchorman" (the late Tony Barley).
N. Slater, R. Slater, 2020.

30m left (North) of Anchorman Rock is another crag with an overhanging crack project, "The Sewerman".



Tony's Outcrop

A stunning location with amazing views of Howe Sound. The routes are on the crag below the Tony Barley memorial bench, at "Tony's Lookout".

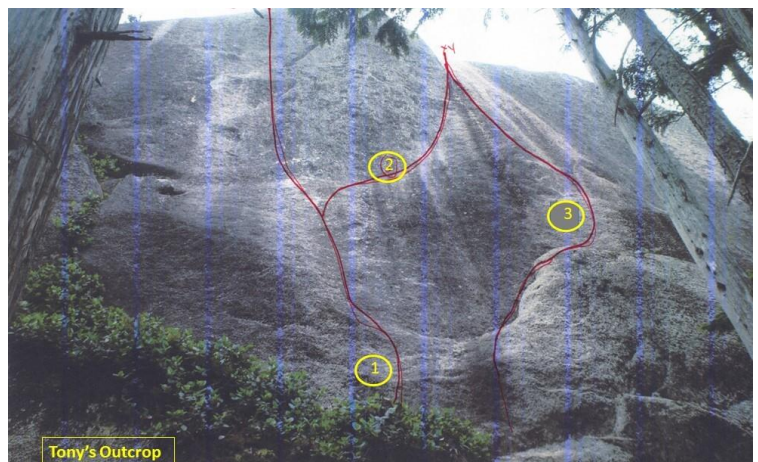
Directions: Several options:

1. Follow Olesen Creek double track leftward (west) for 350m then branch left on a signposted trail to reach the lookout. Rappel 25m to the base of the crag from anchor bolts just south of the bench (best approach).
2. Continue west down the double track, passing left and right bends, then take a trail on the left (signpost on tree "Tony's Outcrop, Sliding Centre") which contours along the base of the crag. Climb up a fixed rope to reach the ledge and start of the routes.
3. On the south side of the lookout, follow a steep trail down and then back right (facing out) to reach the base of the crag. There is a fixed rope to access the ledge and start of the climbs.



From Left to Right:

1. **Phillipa** – 10c, 25m, sport. The left wall direct. R. Barley, J. Komori, 2014.
2. **Nina** – 10b, 25m, sport. Breaks right from Phillipa to finish up Timbo. R. Barley, J. Komori, 2014.
3. **Timbo** – 10b, 25m, sport. The flake and wall above. R. Barley, J. Komori, 2014.



Barge Rock

About as esoteric as it gets, and interesting geologically!

Directions: Follow Olesen Creek double track leftward (west) and downhill for 800m, crossing the stream. Another 150m and just after the top of the rise, branch left on “Mischief” mountain bike (MTB) trail. After a hundred meters, the trail passes between two giant boulders. The left one resembles a shipping barge, steeply undercut all around, and at some time parted company with its other half on the right. Rumour has it that an angry young man split the boulder with his fist...

The short sport route climbs the vertical wall of the right boulder. There is scope for a couple of other climbs.

1. **Argy Bargy** – 10c, 10m, sport. The wall direct. 4 bolts. G. Woloski, R. Barley, 2014.

