



THE

LEDGE

CRAG TOPO

SAFETY

Climbing is a sport with inherent risks. It is up to individuals to ensure they are knowledgeable and possess the technical skills required to climb safely.

The base of the crag is an exposed ledge. It is fairly wide in some spots and narrow in others. A fall from this ledge would be very serious. There are horizontal life lines installed in the more narrow and exposed areas to facilitate safe movement and anchoring of belayers. Navigating the narrow ledge with small children or unsecured dogs would not be recommended.

Fixed gear/hardware has a finite lifespan, (soft goods degrade over time, bolts can come loose or corrode, rock that was once stable can change). It is up to the individual to perform pre-use inspections and ultimately decide if something is safe to use or not. As with all new crags, there is always a chance for loose rock. Helmets are never a poor choice.

Due to the exposed nature of the base of the crag, stick clipping the first bolt is recommended. All gear lines have had a first bolt installed for this purpose.

OVERVIEW

The Ledge was developed by Jason Dayman between 2022-2023. A big thanks goes out to Tarrya Hall, Chris Gehlen, Tyler Southam, and any others who have either donated their time, gear and/or finances to the project.

The majority of the climbs are fully bolted, however there is a small selection of quality gear lines that are not to be missed. They climb more like steep sport routes with crack features, and protect well. Gear climbs are denoted as red routes on the topo, while sport climbs are represented as blue.

All climbs are equipped with chains and steel carabiners at the anchors to facilitate easy route cleaning.

The climbs range from 17-29m in length, a 60m rope will get you down from everything but it will be close on a couple of the climbs. A stopper knot is highly recommended!

The aspect is NW. It is shaded until approximately 3pm for most of the season. In the fall the sun goes behind the mountains before it hits the wall and shade is found all day.

Seepage is an issue in the spring but many of the routes seem to dry reasonably fast. Once the climbs have dried out for the season they tend to stay dry. Many can be climbed in the rain.

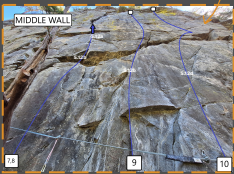
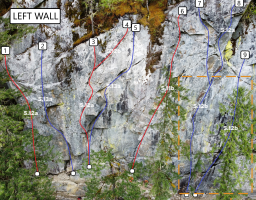
GETTING THERE

Drive up the Squamish Valley road until it turns to gravel then continue for 1km. Turn left over the bridge onto the Ashlu FSR. Continue on the Ashlu FSR for exactly 4km. Parking is on the right side of the road at a pullout, directly opposite the 4km sign. If angle parking is used the pullout can accommodate 5-6 vehicles. 35 minutes from the North end of Squamish.

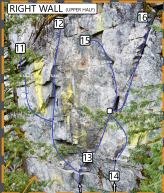


You will be able to see the cliff directly across from the parking. The trail starts 1 meter to the right of the 4km sign and is easy to follow. 5 minutes hiking.

PARKING LOT
COORDINATES
49°55'10.9"N
123°20'04.5"W



RIGHT WALL (UPPER HALF)



RIGHT WALL



1 - THE KINDERGUARDIANS

5.12a

18m

A tricky mantle gains access to a tips crack. Bouldery movement past the thin crack leads to easier but interesting climbing.

***A variation out left onto the arete exists, avoiding the 12a tips crack crux. Move back onto the face when possible to regain the crack. This drops the grade to 5.11c, however it is a little bold and would make the climb PG13.

FA Jason Dayman, 2023

Single rack from 0.1 - 3, (3x0.2)

2 - FIBER OPTICAL ILLUSION

5.13a

18m

Climb past two arching shallow dihedrals to gain the upper face. From here bouldery movement on perfect rock gets you to the anchor. The grade is almost certainly height/reach dependent.

FA Alister Robertson, 2023

8 bolts

3 - RIBBED FOR YOUR DISPLEASURE

5.12a

17m

Scramble onto the ledge then head up the blocky corner until it is possible to exit left out the roof and gain the finger crack on the face which quickly widens to hands. A few moves of steep jamming transition to sportier climbing on good gear. Follow the crack to the chains straight above. Pumpy!

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

Double rack from 0.2 - 3

4 - THE INDUREX FINISH

5.12b

22m

If you make it through Ribbed and still have some gas in the tank, follow the traversing crack out right near the top of the climb instead of heading to the direct anchors. No defined crux is added, just a continuous build up of lactic acid in your forearms.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

Double rack from 0.2 - 3

5 - THE MAGIC DONGLE

5.13a

20m

Start the same as for Ribbed but break right and climb past the dongle for a perplexing crux exiting the dihedral. Energy sapping moves out right guard easier terrain to the chains. All hardware is fixed for ease of cleaning.

***The dongle is an intimidating piece of rock. Every effort was made to remove it, however after a few tiring hours without getting it to budge at all, it was decided it would stay. It has been pulled on in all directions (both by a wrecking bar and climbers) and has yet to show any signs of movement. Rock stability can certainly change and what was safe one day may not be the next, always use your own judgment.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

9 bolts + 2 fixed

6 - PARK YOUR DONKEY HERE**5.11b****22m**

Fun climbing up the right leaning crack. Hand jams, laybacks, and face climbing will get you to the top. A couple of the gear placements aren't super obvious but they are there. The use of a couple runners will keep the rope drag away. One supplementary bolt at the top protects the moves over the final roof to the chains.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

Double rack from 0.2 - 3

**7 - PEANUT BUTTER PILL POPPER****5.12b****27m**

Start on the tree. Fun climbing to gain the shallow right facing dihedral. Move left at the fixed chain where long moves on good holds will test your endurance all the way to the anchor.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

12 bolts + 1 fixed

8 - PEANUT BUTTER PILL PUSHER**5.12a****27m**

Shares the same start as Pill Popper but continues up and slightly right from the fixed chain to a sit down rest. A final boulder problem guards the finish over the small roof.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

13 bolts + 1 fixed

9 - I NUDIST DAY WOULD COME**5.12b****22m**

Multiple boulder problems separated by good rests leads to an enduro finish. One of the crag classics. It can be a bit reachy and may feel hard if you are shorter. Stick clipping the 2nd bolt is recommended.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

10 bolts

10 - JUMPING IS MY LIFE**5.12d****25m**

A few moves will set you up for a well protected crux at the second bolt. Traverse right on easier terrain and get ready for sustained climbing on the face above. One last crux at the anchors will keep things honest. A runner on the last bolt of the rightward traverse will keep the rope drag at a minimum.

FA Jason Dayman, 2022

9 bolts + 2 fixed

11 - FRESHLY SQUEEZED

5.12a

25m

A link up between Jumping is my Life and Lemon Dust Dihedral makes for a fun outing that skips the hardest moves on either climb. A runner should be used both before and after the fixed chains on the traverse, as well as back cleaning the first fixed chain to eliminate rope drag.

FA Jason Dayman, 2023

9 bolts + 4 fixed

12 - LEMON DUST DIHEDRAL

5.12c

28m

Shared start with Left Overs. Break left, then up at the big ledge where many rest opportunities will get you to the right facing dihedral. A tricky crux sequence in the dihedral leads to powerful climbing above to get established in the upper crack.

FA Jason Dayman, 2023

11 bolts + 2 fixed

13 - LEFT OVERS

5.11c

18m

A cruxy opening sequence followed by a short section of sustained climbing gets you to a rest ledge. Exposed climbing on big holds and thoughtful moves will gain the upper dihedral that leads to the shared anchor with Aggravated Basalt.

FA Jason Dayman, 2023

8 bolts + 1 fixed

14 - AGGRAVATED BASALT

5.10d

18m

Thoughtful climbing on positive holds takes you to the midway anchor at the fridge-like alcove. Enjoy the cooler temps before continuing on to an extension or lowering down. This crag warmup is an enjoyable route.

FA Tanya Hall, 2023

9 bolts

15 - LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

5.11b

28m

The left extension of Aggravated Basalt follows a steep, arching, hands to OW crack. Any combination of jamming, stemming, and wrestling will take you to the top. Equipped with bolts but can be climbed safely on gear.

FA Jason Dayman, 2023

5 bolts for extension

16 - COPY RIGHT INFRIDGEMENT

5.11a

29m

The right extension of Aggravated Basalt follows a steep, right trending crack that widens from fingers to cupped hands/fists. Just like its neighbor it is also bolted but can be safely climbed on gear.

FA Noah Beek, 2023

5 bolts for extension