

# TeJaKy Buttress. (Chance Peak)

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## Route History

Jay and Tess, after spotting this wall from the Chance Creek FSR, decided to try and navigate a way to its base. After reviewing topo maps, we selected a new FSR for the parking spot. It took us two months of route-finding and extreme, rage-inducing bushwhacking just to reach the base and “check it out” to see if a route was even possible.

Once we brushed out a path and finally reached the wall, a left-hand buttress stood out immediately as the line we wanted to take. With September coming to an end, we headed out the next day for an attempt. At 4:00 a.m., at the car park, it was raining—so we left and returned two days later at the same time. We walked in the dark and climbed two pitches before hitting ice. We didn't return until July 16.

On July 16, we returned—this time with our 14-year-old son (an experienced mountain traveler). We left home at 3:30 a.m. and reached the car park just after 4:00. The approach was slow and buggy, but we flagged the route for others.

At the base, there was still significant snow. The original start of the first pitch was buried, so we used a high-snow start. If you see a random bolt off to the left, that's why.

This route was climbed ground-up on lead. It's not runout—there's gear where needed and bolts where not. The line follows a buttress next to a deep, flowing gully on the right. Anchors have hangers but no rappel rings.

We named the route TeJaKy Buttress (first ascent by Tess, Jay, and Kye). It sits on the north face of a peak we're calling Chance Peak, visible from Chance Creek FSR.

## Driving Approach

From Squamish, drive north to the Chance Creek FSR turnoff (Lucille Lake/Roe Creek). Follow Chance FSR past the Roe Creek FSR junction and continue as the road drops into a new cut block. Chance Peak will be visible on your left.

Take the next left FSR and continue, ignoring all other spurs. The road veers sharply right and climbs a steep, loose corner. At the top, stay left. You'll now be heading south, with views of Daisy Lake in the valley below.

Stay left at the next junction, and again at the one after that the take your next turn right.

Follow the FSR through a couple of cross ditches until it ends at a creek washout. Park here. Drive time from Squamish: 30–40 minutes.

## Trail / Route

From the car park, follow the FSR and cross the creek. Continue along the FSR to its end. Near the top, you'll find an open meadow clear-cut. Look for pink flagging tape on a tree to the left—this marks the entrance to the clear-cut.

Follow a small stream through the flagged marshy cut block until it leads uphill toward treeline. Continue along a faint trail through forest and several steep sections. After crossing four wetlands, you'll reach a small tarn/lake—a great potential cabin site.

Navigate around the lake's far end and up a short boulder field. Enter the forest again and follow a wall to a creek. Ascend the creek drainage to another boulder field, then turn left and follow it into open alpine talus terrain. The cliff will now be in view.

Continue over several divots—remnants of a past glacier. A few small tarns offer water and swimming options. Ascend loose, steep talus or snow (depending on the year) to reach the base of the left-hand buttress. (See photo.)

Stats: 2.8 km and 500 m elevation gain to base.

**Note:** This is an alpine route. Expect loose rock, rapidly changing weather, and route-finding challenges. You must be self-sufficient and experienced in alpine terrain. This climb is **not beginner friendly**.

## Route Description

7 pitches, mixed. Bring a single rack with doubles of 0.5, 0.75, and 1. All anchors are bolted. Two ropes and a few spare maillons will allow emergency rappels if needed.

**Pitch 1 – 30 m, 5.9**

Two bolts + gear.. The crux is near the top of the crack.

**Pitch 2 – 30 m, low 5th**

One bolt plus gear. Follow low-angle face climbing to a bushy tree ledge.

**Pitch 3 – 20 m, 5.6**

Bolts and pro. From the tree ledge, follow a mossy ramp to a bolt, then enter a dirty corner crack. Climb the crack, veer right around a block (bolt), then back left to the top.

**Pitch 4 – 40 m, 5.9**

Climb to an obvious bolt, then meander right to a hidden second bolt. Mixed slab and broken features with intermittent gear.

**\*\*Pitch 5 – 35 m, 5.8\*\***

Climb to a bolt, then traverse left. Continue up, placing gear where available. Traverse left around a tree and step up onto it to gain the wall. Bolted anchor.

**\*\*Pitch 6 – 40 m, 5.7\*\***

Near the top of the buttress, enjoy a view of the entire face. Climb the arête toward the right side of the steep pinnacle, step right, and follow the crack. Continue into a heather slope and traverse an exposed ledge past two bolts to a slippery heather belay.

**\*\*Pitch 7 – 40 m, 5.5\*\***

From the heather anchor, go right along a heather ramp. It's chossy low down, with better rock higher up. Check holds before committing. Top out to the left of the creek gully. Bolted anchor.

## **Descent**

From the top, walk south, staying left of the cliff band. Wrap around the other side of the cliff band and ascend a gully. From the top, turn left (west)—Cloudburst summit will be in view and remain visible for most of the descent.

Carefully navigate down cliffs and snow. A narrow gully brings you back north—avoid the wide gully, which leads to Chance Lake (not ideal). Follow the narrow gully north until it splits; stay right. You'll now be at the bottom of the west side of Chance Peak. From here, you should see the same tarns you passed on the way in.

Continue across the talus field toward the little tarn to regain the trail back to the car.

# TeJaKy Buttress – Route Images

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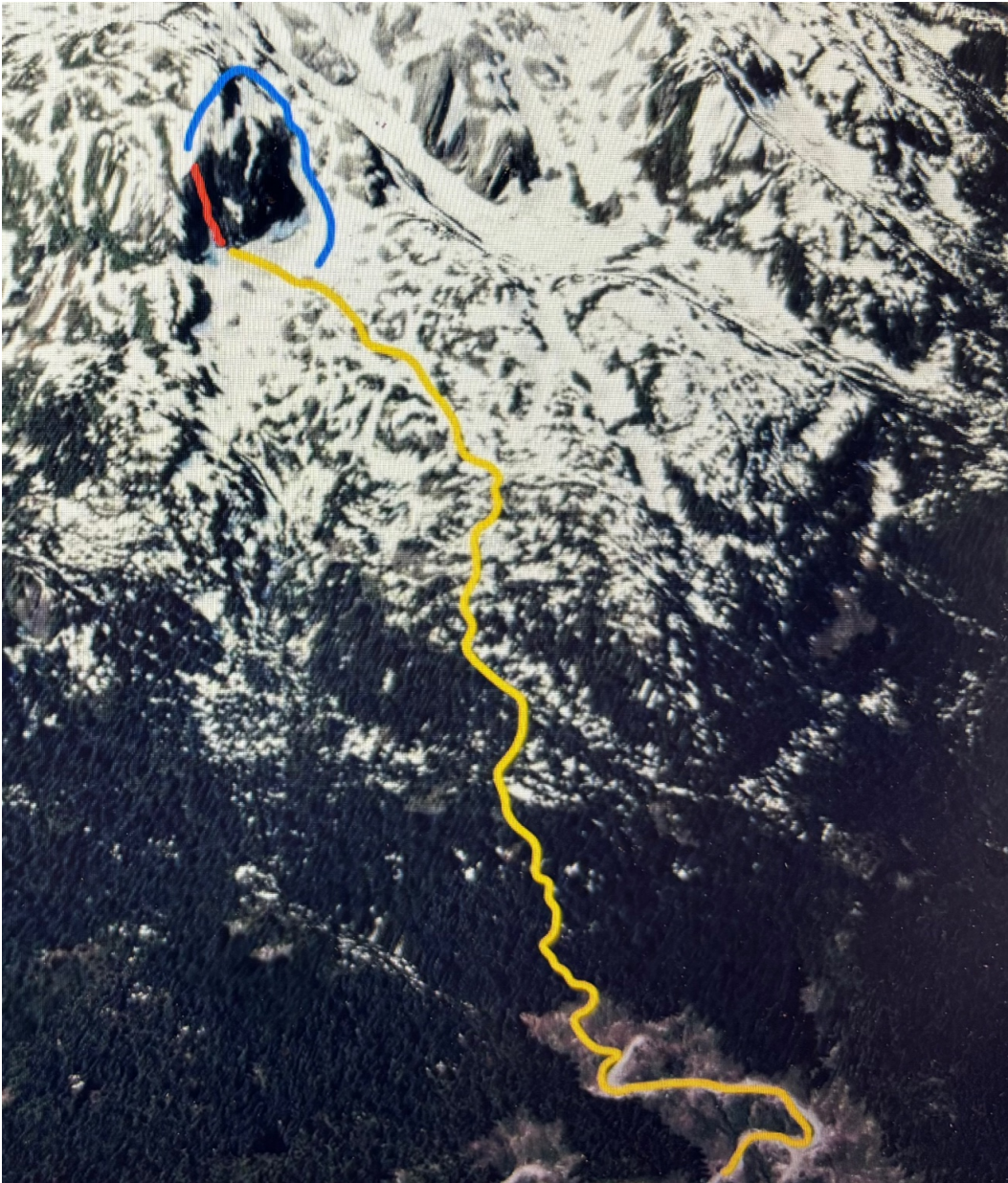
Cliff face – TeJaKy Buttress overview.



Route line on TejaKy Buttress.



Approach and route line (aerial view).



Cliff view at sunrise.



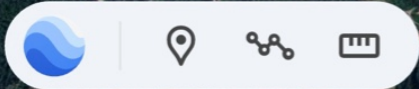
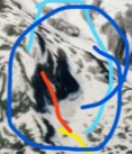
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Descent route wrapping around Chance Peak.

