

# TeJaky Buttress (FA Tess Egan, Jason Robinson, Kye Egan-Robinson)

### **Route History**

Jay and Tess, after seeing this wall from the Chance Creek FSR 20 years ago, finally had the time 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..

On July 16,2025 we returned— with our 14-year-old son (an experienced climber). 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 initially but we returned later to add bolts, and add a rap station. 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. 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.

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

#### **Route Description**

7 pitches, mixed. Bring a single rack with doubles of 0.5, 0.75, and 1. All anchors are bolted. Rap station takes you down to the ridge on the east side of the far left of the wall.

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**Pitch 1 – 30 m, 5.9**
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Two bolts and gear protect the route. The crux is near the top of the crack.

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**Pitch 2 - 30 m, low 5th**
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One bolt plus gear. Follow low-angle face climbing to a bushy tree ledge.

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**Pitch 3 - 20 m. 5.6**
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Bolts and gear. From the tree ledge, follow a mossy ramp to a bolt, then enter a corner crack. Climb the crack to the top.

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**Pitch 4 – 40 m, 5.9**
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Climb to an obvious bolt, then meander right to a hidden second bolt. Mixed slab and broken features with intermittent gear.

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**Pitch 5 - 35 m. 5.8**
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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.

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**Pitch 6 – 40 m, 5.7**
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**Pitch 7 - 40 m, 5.5**
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Continue up the buttress pass two bolts.

## Descent (rappel/ scramble)

From the top, walk East (climbers left) to the flagged tree, scramble down a gully to a fixed rope, descend the fixed rope to obvious ledge, scramble ledge right then back left, continue down keeping right of the gully to flagged tree where you will find a flagged anchor, Rap down 30 m, leave rap following slopping ledge right then back left, continue scrambling down to reach the final rap station that brings you right down to the low ridge, climbers left of the start of the route.

