

# SKAHA CLIMBING – Updates and Corrections

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## ACCESS UPDATES

### Northern Access

Construction has started on Evergreen Drive and has altered the information provided in the guidebook. Visit [skahabluffsparkwatch.com](http://skahabluffsparkwatch.com) and click the "New Routes and Updates" tab and then "New Access Information" to read the latest recommendations on how to approach crags in the norther part of the region.

## FORTRESS TO RED TAIL AREA

### Another Buttress

#### 1 Highway to Hell 5.9 ★★★

Start at the wide crack/chimney 3 m right of *Leverage*. Bear left and then up through overlaps.  
6 bolts (14 m) FA Russ Turner, 2019.

#### 2 Rock the Casbah 5.7 ★★★

This line is between *Lick it in Your Panties* and *Hair on a G-String*.  
7 bolts (16 m) FA Lyle Tbiede, Russ Turner, 2019.

#### 3 Pretzel Logic 5.6 ★★★

This pitch is found immediately left of *Don't Worry*.  
9 bolts (20 m) FA Russ Turner, 2020.

### Red Tail

#### 1 Trickle Down 5.7 ★★★

The line just right of *Mother Superior*.  
11 bolts (27 m) FA Russ Turner, 2019.

## DOCTORS' AREA

### The Prow

#### 1 Gladius 5.11d ★★★

This new multi-pitch sport route starts left of the big cave on the Prow Wall, about 2 m left of a sport route on the prow itself. The new line is three pitches long and goes at 10d, 11d and 10d. Descend via three rappels, back-clipping the second pitch, or walk off the top via Screeching Wall. Bring 13 quickdraws.  
Bolts FA Allan Massin, 2020.

### Fern Gully

#### 1 Prow Beaten 5.6 ★★★

Start *Easy Does It* and then head right to the anchor.  
9 bolts (16 m) FA Russ Turner, 2019.

### Maternal Wall

#### 1 Pink Cosmo Girls 5.10c ★★

The midway anchor was replaced in 2019 and the first few hangers above this removed because of concerns over loose rock on the extension to this climb.

## FOREPLAY AREA

### Chatsworth Edge

#### 1 Dr Tongue Sticks It West 5.10c ★★

Follow the thin seam between *Lonely Blond* and *Red Herring*.  
6 bolts (? m) FA Peter Drzymala, Marla Balzer, 2018.

### Cave Hill (Jericho Wall)

There has been much development on the steep white wall, home to *Antaeus*, which is said to be the best of the grade in Skaha.

#### 1 Power and Grace 5.13b ★★★

This long pitch starts just right of deep corner at the far left end of face.  
15 bolts (30 m) PR Andrew Ashley; FA Joshua L'Heureux, 2019.

#### 2 It's a First 5.10c ★★

This short warm-up starts a few metres left of *Icarus* and climbs the face to an anchor below and left of *Icarus*' seventh bolt.  
4 bolts (? m) PR Chris Harp; FA Laura Harp, 2020.

#### 3 Icarus 5.12b ★★★

This is the long, left-leaning crack/seam with 16 fixed draws! It shares the first three bolts with *Merkava*.  
20 bolts (35 m) FA Stan Sabourin, 2019.

#### 4 Merkava 5.11d ★★★

Shares the same start as *Icarus*, but then heads up to the right.  
9 bolts (? m) FA John Pogson, 2017.

#### 5 Little League 5.11d ★★★

This is the left-slanting line a few metres right of *Merkava*.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Andrew Ashley, 2018.

#### 6 Major League 5.12c ★★

This is the extension to *Little League*.  
14 bolts (? m) FA Andrew Ashley, 2019.

#### 7 Gum Boot Dancer 5.12d ★★★



This excellent pitch is located just left of *Antaeus* (see guidebook). The difficulty is about 12b except for one crux move. Stick clip the very high first fixed chain from the giant detached flake that is in front of the base of the buttress. Eight fixed chains to first anchor (12a) then six bolts to top.  
14 bolts (32 m) PR: Rob Birtles, FA: Rick Leslie, 2018.

#### 8 Unknown 5.12c ★

The line of bolts through overhanging overlaps right of *Antaeus*.  
11 bolts? (? m) FA Josh Lavigne, 2019.

#### 9 Project

The last line on the right side of the overhanging white wall. Nothing is currently know about this route.  
11 bolts (? m)

### Kids Cliff

#### 1 Project

This line is between *Rejuvenation* and *Smoking Behind the Bike Sheds*.  
9 bolts (15 m)

#### 2 Makin' Bacon 5.10b ★★★

Climb the dark streak between *Generation Gap* and *S Cool Wall*.  
8 bolts (18 m) FA Denise Bacon, 2020.

#### 3 Cell Phone Zombie 5.11a ★★★

Enjoy sustained 5.10 climbing with a well-protected, reachy crux getting past the fixed chain. Start two metres right of *Powered by Ding Dongs*.  
10 bolts (18 m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2020.

#### 4 Scorpion 5.10d ★★

Start two metres right of the previous route. Relatively easy climbing leads to the last bolt and the crux.  
8 bolts (15 m) FA Jon Jones, 2020.

### Foreplay

#### 1 Link-up 5.11c ★★★

Climb from the fourth bolt of *No Foreplay for Grumpa* to the *Start Me Up* anchor via *It's a Nice Tight Fit*.  
7 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2018.  
*There are four short new routes just downhill and left of Cam Girl (see guidebook).*

#### 2 Slap and Tickle 5.9 ★★★

The left-most of the four routes.  
8 bolts (15 m) FA Jon Jones, 2020.

### 3 Project

Project line right of *Slap and Tickle*.  
7 bolts (12 m)

### 4 Footsie 5.11a ★★

Start as for the previous route, but branch right to finish on a blunt arête.  
7 bolts (12 m) FA Jon Jones, 2020.

### 5 Short but Stiff 5.11b ★★★

Interesting climbing with a taxing finish. The top anchor for this route could also serve the next route to the right (*Cam Girl*), which has no fixed anchor.  
? bolts (12 m) FA Jon Jones, 2020.

*The next two climbs are on Reilly Rock.*

### 6 Boomerang 5.10a ★★

Between *Blinded by the Light* and *Pug*. Undercut crack to face.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2018.

### 7 A Short Grunt to Nowhere 5.10b ★★

The name says it all. Branch out right after second bolt of *Dancing in the Shade* and struggle over the overhang. The anchor is just above.  
5 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2018.

*Three, short novice climbs have been opened at the left (south) end of the crag. They are listed here from left to right.*

### 8 Twasah 5.3 ★★

? bolts (? m) FA ?.

### 9 Twabeh 5.4 ★★

? bolts (? m) FA ?.

### 10 Jankell 5.5 ★★

? bolts (? m) FA ?.

## Pump House

*A small, steep cliff of very shattered rock is found behind the water reservoir just east of the end of Evergreen Drive. To find it, go through the yellow gate on the east side of the cul-de-sac and walk straight ahead to the pump house (the small building with the green roof) and then steeply up behind it to the reservoir. The crag is just above and to the left.*

### 1 The Pump House 5.10b ★★

A pumpy start leads to an easier finish.  
5 bolts (30 m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2020.

## Canoe Buttress

*These are a newly developed series of buttress at the north end of The Bluffs. The cliffs described here all face east and so are in the sun until early afternoon. They are situated near the floor of a narrow steep-sided valley and so the rock may be a little slow to dry. Watch for poison ivy and wear your helmet since the routes here are still a bit "fresh". All crags are approached along "Brian's Canoe Trail" as seen on page 133 of the guidebook, however access may change due to construction. Watch the access notes at the start of this update document for more information.*

*Up the Creek* – *This is the short steep cliff on the right, partially hidden by trees, that you pass just a minute or two along the trail when approaching from the north.*

### 1 Project

The left-most route.  
5 bolts (7 m) FA Nick Korvin, 2020.

### 2 Crap! My Paddle 5.11c/d ★★★

The middle route.  
5 bolts (7 m) FA Nick Korvin, 2020.

### 3 Paddle My Crap 5.12a/b ★★

The right-most route.  
5 bolts (7 m) FA Nick Korvin, 2020.

*Canoe Buttress Right* – *Continue south for a couple of minutes until you come to the remains of a white canoe, which was launched from the top of the cliff many years ago. Canoe Buttress Right is directly above this.*



### 4 Up the Spout 5.10c/d ★★★

The left-most line starts in a wide crack a few metres left of *Portage*. Not as sustained, but a little harder than *Portage*.  
11 bolts (23 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 5 Portage 5.10c ★★★

The next route to the right is sustained awesomeness.  
13 bolts (25 m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.



### 6 Voyageur 5.9 ★★★

The bolt-line right of *Portage* is also tons of fun.  
12 bolts (25 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 7 Hitting Rock Bottom 5.8 ★★

The right-most route on this section of cliff.  
? bolts (23 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



*Canoe Buttress Left* – *Just south of the canoe is the left-hand extension of this zone.*



### 8 The Wreckage 5.10c ★★

The left-most line on this section of cliff.  
10 bolts (20 m) FA Jon Jones, 2020.



### 9 Run Aground 5.10c ★★★

The next route to the right. Shares a start with *Shooting the Rapids*.  
11 bolts (20 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 10 Shooting the Rapids 5.10b ★★★

Start up *Run Aground*, but break right to an independent bolt line.  
11 bolts (20 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 11 Different Strokes 5.10a ★★★

A burly start leads to easier, weaving climbing up the middle of the crag.  
10 bolts (18 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 12 High and Dry 5.10d ★★★

Skirt around the left-side of a small roof partway up.  
10 bolts (18 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 13 Captain Hook 5.10d ★★

Climb through the middle of the small roof.  
8 bolts (15 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 14 Rock the Boat 5.11b ★★★

The right-most route in this sector. A tricky read at the crux.  
9 bolts (15 m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.



*Canoe Slab* – *The obvious slab, 25 metres left of Canoe Buttress.*

### 15 The Elephant in the Room 5.7 ★★

Closely spaced bolts define the line on the left edge of the slab. A few metres right of *The Elephant in the Room* there are two climbs that Stan bolted for his kids.  
11 bolts (25 m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.



### 16 Muskrat Ramble 5.6 ★

The next line to the right. Mostly 5.4 with one short cruxy section.  
10 bolts (25 m) FA Stan Sabourin, 2019.



### 17 Project

*Canoe Buttress, Far Left* – *Continue south for another 50 metres or so. Scramble up a rough trail on the right through small rock steps (some fixed rope) to a higher terrace at the base of the climbs.*



### 18 Port 5.9 ★★

Face climb on the left.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.



### 19 Starboard 5.7 ★★★

Nice bolted crack line on right.  
8 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.



*Slalom Rock* – *Continue a few minutes south on the main trail passing Slalom Rock*

(which is easily identified by the large off-set overhang that traverses the upper part of the face). Flagging tape indicates the trail to the base of the cliff.

**20 Slalom 5.11a ★★**   
9 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.

## GREAT WHITE AREA

### Great White Wall

**1 Motel of Painted Companions 5.12c ★★★★★**   
This excellent link-up climbs *Motel of Lost Companions* to the eighth bolt above the roof. From here, move left into *Painted Bird* via a new, black bolt. Good quality!

### Ochre Wall

**1 Golden Years 5.11d ★★★★★**   
A new line right of *Snakeskin Tracksuit*.  
13 bolts (? m) FA Doug Orr, 2010.

### Off White

*This crag saw a serious renovation over the past couple of years. All current routes have been updated and some new ones added. Here's the complete route list from left to right.*

**1 Weakened Warrior 5.11c ★★**   
7 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2018.

**2 Carpet Cleaner 5.10b ★★★**   
Better and harder than it looks. Sustained.  
8 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2018.

**3 Battle of the Bulge 5.12a ★★★★★**   
Crux is short and well protected.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Rick Leslie, 2019.

**4 Project**

**5 BC Parks 5.11b ★★★★★**   
Excellent!  
9 bolts (? m) FA Robin Barley; FFA John Fantini, 2001.

**6 True Yellow 5.11b ★★★★★**   
An easier start to *True Blue*. Starts just right of *BC Parks* and follows grey hangers to join *True Blue* at the sixth bolt.  
10 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2018.

**7 True Blue 5.11c ★★★★★**   
A hard start is followed by great (and much easier) climbing above the horizontal break. Some creaky holds.  
10 bolts (? m) FA John Fantini, 2001.

**8 Brindabella Way 5.12a ★★★★★**   
9 bolts (? m) FA John Fantini, 2001.

**9 Blind Alley 5.10a ★**   
The name says it all. A very short warm-up.  
4 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.

**10 Roo-bar 5.11d ★★★**   
A burly start, then keep on crimpin'!  
9 bolts (? m) FA John Fantini, 2001.

**11 Rather Off-White 5.11d ★★★★★**   
Seductive left-leaning crack line. Sustained!  
10 bolts (? m) FA John Fantini, 2001.

**12 Rather Jolly Actually 5.11a ★★★★★**   
Branches right from *Rather Off-White* at the horizontal break.  
10 bolts (? m) FA Robin Barley, 2001

**13 No Gear Fear Here 5.10d ★★**   
The obvious crack.  
SR (? m) FA Robin Barley, Howie Richardson, 2002.

**14 The Deceiver 5.11d ★**   
Still quite dirty.  
7 bolts (? m) FA John Fantini, 2001.

**15 Forgive Us Our Trespasses 5.10c ★★★**   
Squeezed in and slightly contrived, but good climbing at a more moderate grade than its neighbour to the left. Much easier (but not as much fun) if you traverse right to finish. Same start as *Wysiwyg*.  
10 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.

**16 Wysiwyg 5.8 ★★★**   
Start on an easy left-trending ramp. Go hard right at horizontal beak and climb the blunt arête.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Jon Jones, 2019.

## DIAMONDBACK AREA

### Raven's Castle

**1 Blackbird 5.14a ★★★★★**     
This is the direct finish to *Into the Frying Pan*, a line shown as an "open project" on the photo topo on page 215 of the guidebook. Sonnie waited for perfect fall conditions to put down one of Skaha's hardest pitches. Crimpy and very bouldery!  
9 bolts (17 m) PR: Adam Tuttle, Cody Leyden; FA: Sonnie Trotter, 2018.

## CLAIM-IT-ALL AREA

### Summerland

**1 Anna's Laugh 5.12a ★★**   
This pitch is just left of *Always a Pleasure*. Follow the crack/seam to a roof, then right to a corner feature.  
8 bolts (17 m) FA Tom Freebairn, 2018.

## GRAND CANYON

### The Terraces

**1 Vertically Challenged 5.11d ★★**     
This route lies directly above the ladder on the left side of the Balcony. Nice movement, but a tad dirty. Could be harder for short climbers.  
7 bolts (? m) PR: Rolf Rybak, FA: Casey Green, 2018.

## GILLIES CREEK

### Routopia

**1 Kids' Stuff 5.11c ★★★**   
Just left of *Crack Pipe* (the vegetated corner crack/chimney) on an isolated buttress 70 m east of Routopia (main). Hardly "kids' stuff" – the combined ages of the climb's two protagonists was 141 years!  
8 bolts (? m) PR Jon Jones, FA Rick Leslie, 2019.

### Shady Lane

**1 Big Mikes Rehab 5.12a ★★★**   
Between *Quantum Jitters* and *Off Spring*.  
9 bolts (? m) FA Rolf Rybak, 2019.