Vancouver Rock Climbs Update December 2020

HOWE SOUND

Comic Rocks > Rufus

Lost Art of Trash Talk 5.13c Climb *Rufus* to the roof, but then move right and up the wall. Big moves between poor holds. FA: Stu Smith, 2020

Porteau Cove > Lumberjack Wall

At this cliff there are four new routes since the guidebook. Left to right:

Keep Right to Pass 5.11b This is the first route to the left of *Hack Job*. 9 bolts FA: Shaun Bent

Highway Robbery 5.11b Start on *Keep Right to Pass* but then break left and climb to a higher anchor. FA: Shaun Bent

Cruisin' For a Bruisin' 5.12b The direct start leading into *Highway Robbery*. FA: Shaun Bent

Hard Pressed and Cornered 5.12a Find this route immediately left of *Beat Down by the Chipmunk*. FA: Shaun Bent

TUNNEL POINT ACCESS

In 2019, parking and access to this crag was effectively shut down when a 30-minute limit was imposed at the Tunnel Point exit / viewpoint alongside Highway 99. In addition, NO PARKING signs appeared at every possible roadside pullout within reasonable walking distance to the crag's trailhead.

Currently, the best option for parking is now the Brunswick Road exit (49.471927, -123.241452) about 600 m north of Lions Bay, or 1.3 kilometres south of the original Tunnel Point parking lot. Exit the highway here and find parking on a small grassy strip adjacent to, and on the east (uphill) side of Highway 99. From here, walk the highway shoulder for 20 minutes northbound to the trailhead (30 minutes to crag).

Tunnel Point > Apiary

Plumber's Butt 5.10c * Stem and jam the steep, wide crack that forms the left side of the *Dirty Rascals* pillar. Shares anchor with *Dirty Rascals*. More fun than it looks, and totally out of character with the rest of the crag. Gear to 4" FA: Rich Wheater, 2017

Fireman's Crawl 5.11c *

This one-bolt link up starts on *Dirty Rascals* but moves right above the fourth bolt to finish up the yellow corner of *The Threesome*. Big moves on good holds. FA: Pete Lindgren, 2016

Tunnel Point > Apiary North Face

This is the tall, north facing slab to the left and uphill of the Apiary. The routes are longer and more interesting than they appear from the ground. Spectacular view of Howe Sound from the chains. Sadly, this ever-shaded slab is prone to mossing over.

Loose Moose 5.12c **

Start by stepping off the industrial cable bracket. Follow the steep, blocky crack to a very engaging boulder problem below the hanging slab. Sustained, technical face climbing continues up the right side of the wall. Belay on the dug-out platform below, beside the old giant stump. 70m rope required.

18 bolts (37 m) PREP: Rich Wheater FA: Tom Heslam, 2019

September Sunsets 5.11b ** This long and exposed journey navigates roofs, cracks, and thin face sequences with interesting positions throughout.

15 bolts (32 m) PREP: Rich Wheater FA: Senja Palonen, 2018

Tunnel Point > Celestial Wall

Golden Shower 5.12d **

This is a four-bolt right-hand variation start to *Golden Choice* that avoids the opening crux moves of that route by offering an easier 'approach' to the fifth bolt before continuing up the wall.

Closed Project (#18 in guidebook) no longer exists (bolts removed).

Tunnel Point > *Dick's Diner*

Dick's Diner is a short polished wall located 50 m downhill and south (climber's right) of the main climbing area. Although not very inspiring, when done back-to-back, the two 5.11's offer a good warm up.

Lions Bay 500 5.11a * The route on the left is probably the easiest climb at the entire crag. 5 bolts (10 m) FA: Rich Wheater, 2016

Speed Trap 5.11b * The route on the right. Kind of in-your-face and has some frictionless slopers. 5 bolts (10 m) FA: Rich Wheater, 2016

The Sneaky Weasel 5.12b Access to this lone, athletic climb is via a short, steep gully (fixed rope) above the industrial cable bracket. A light-duty boulder problem defines the obvious crux roof sequence. Not the best stone. 9 bolts (15 m) FA: Rich Wheater, 2017

CAULFEILD SEA CLIFFS

Copper Cove > Tidal Zawn

In 2015 an effort to retro-bolt some of the routes here was initiated by Salvador Olson, and several anchors were installed.

Lost Dreams 5.13a ** Hidden in the trees about 30 m above and right of the Tidal Zawn, this relatively short route traverses an aesthetic rail of smooth slopers and bad edges. Excellent stone. 5 bolts (6 m) PREP: Joseph Wong FA: Dan Beland, 2016

Looking in Keyholes 5.7 Originally climbed solo, this scruffy slab was cleaned and bolted in 2016. 7 bolts Get 'Yer Wire In 5.10c * Retro-bolted (2017). Climb the centre of the slab, then move left onto the steep headwall for some fun, but slightly runout jug-hauling. 8 bolts, optional gear to 1"

Demon Driller 5.10c * The sketchy block has been removed and bolts added to the upper headwall (2017). For best value, climb the central line up the slab and consider carrying a couple cams. 7 bolts, optional gear to 2"

Learning Curve 5.7 The scruffy old line up the left side of the slab has been bolted (2017). 4 bolts

Blackest of Faces 5.10b ** 6 bolts added on the first pitch and 2 bolts on the upper section, above the mid-anchor.

Neptune's White Horse 5.10c * Retro-bolted (2017). No gear required. 6 bolts

Burnley Butcher Boy 5.11c * Retro-bolted (2017). No gear required. 6 bolts

Jawz 5.11c This is a short, powerful variation to *Burnley Butcher Boy* that finishes at the same anchor. 6 bolts PREP: Salvador Olson FA: JJ Mackenzie, 2016

Copper Cove > Supratidal Zawn

Pussyfooting 5.8 **

This excellent low-angle face climb was originally climbed with fiddly gear and one bolt. It is now fully bolted and sports a fresh chain anchor (2017). 7 bolts

The Amazing Fantini 5.12+ *

This long, technical face-climb is incredibly thin and a bit rotten down low. Alarmingly difficult sequences for the given 12a grade. Expect multiple 12+ cruxes. Re-cleaned and one bolt added (2017) to negate the lone gear placement.

10 bolts FA: John Fantini, Robin Barley 1997

LYNN VALLEY

Sully's Hangout > Left Wall

Asian Princess Loves Dead Bird 5.7 * Face climb up the slab between *Beginner's Luck* and *Little Lulu*. (15 m) ??? bolts FA: Eric Tran, Ellie Lefebvre 2019

Sully's Hangout > Central Wall

Antisocial Media 5.13a ** (listed in the guidebook as Closed Project #13) crimpy; tech Super thin with technical movement up a gently overhanging wall. The wise will wait for cool temps as this route will absolutely slaughter your fingertips. (20 m) 7 bolts FA: Brent Nixon, 2016

Sully's Hangout > Right Wall

Good Dog Bad Hippie 5.11c ** Easy cruising on nice jugs leads to a technical, exposed arête. (25 m) ??? bolts FA: Ellie Lefebvre, Eric Tran 2019