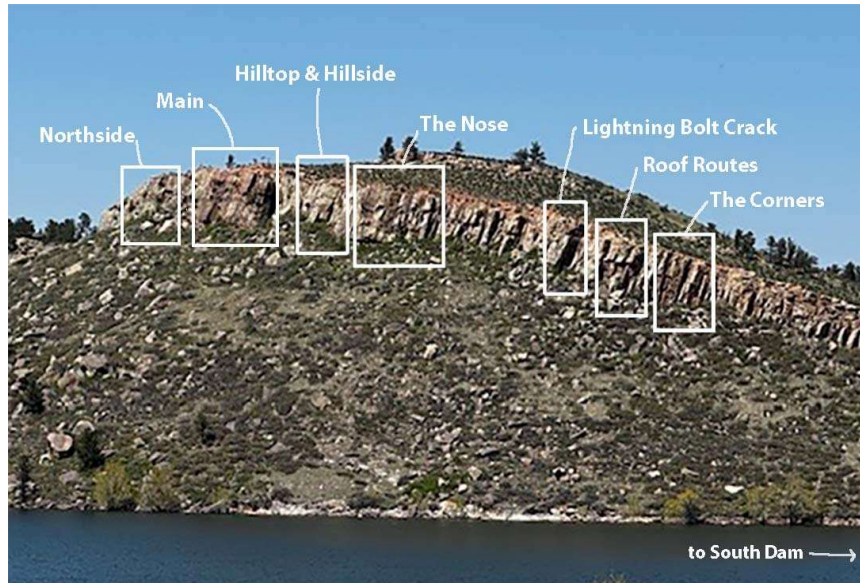


A mini-guide to the mysterious rock climbs of

DUNCAN'S RIDGE

Horsetooth Reservoir. Fort Collins, Colorado.



NORTHSIDE

Routes South of the 'NO TRESPASSING' sign and North of the 4th class approach/descent (routes described North to South)

NORTH BOOK

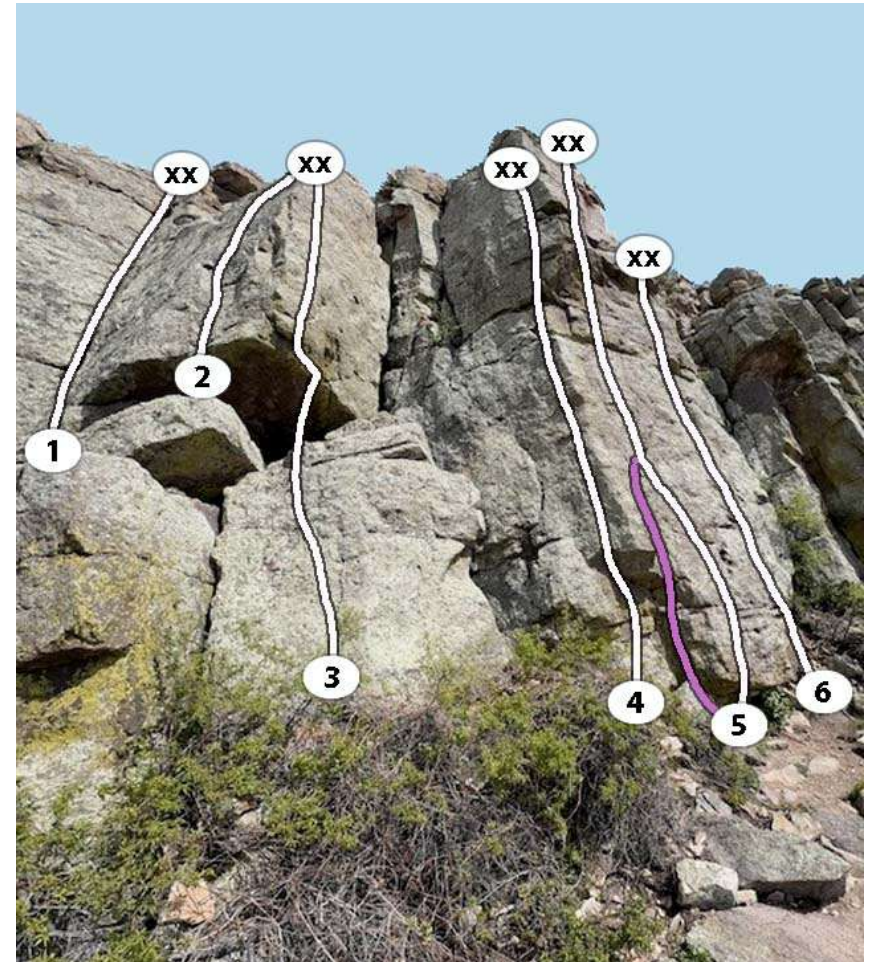
This is the north-most dihedral crack that has allowable climbing (North of here is considered trespassing). Just South of and under the 'No Trespassing' signs.

1. **North Book 5.6 *** North most dihedral crack before reaching the 'no trespassing' signs. Starts in a corner/chimney. 2 bolt chain anchor.
2. **Po-tay-toe 5.7** Climb the North side of the large detached boulder. 2 bolt anchor w/chains (shared).
3. **Po-tot-oh 5.8** Climb the West face/arete of the large detached boulder. Bouldery roof move off a ledge ½ way up. 2 bolt anchor w/chains (shared).

NORTH BUTTRESS

A beautiful, clean buttress with several quality routes, located just Right of the 'North book' & 'Potato Boulder'. The Northmost permitted climbing before the 'No Trespassing' signs.

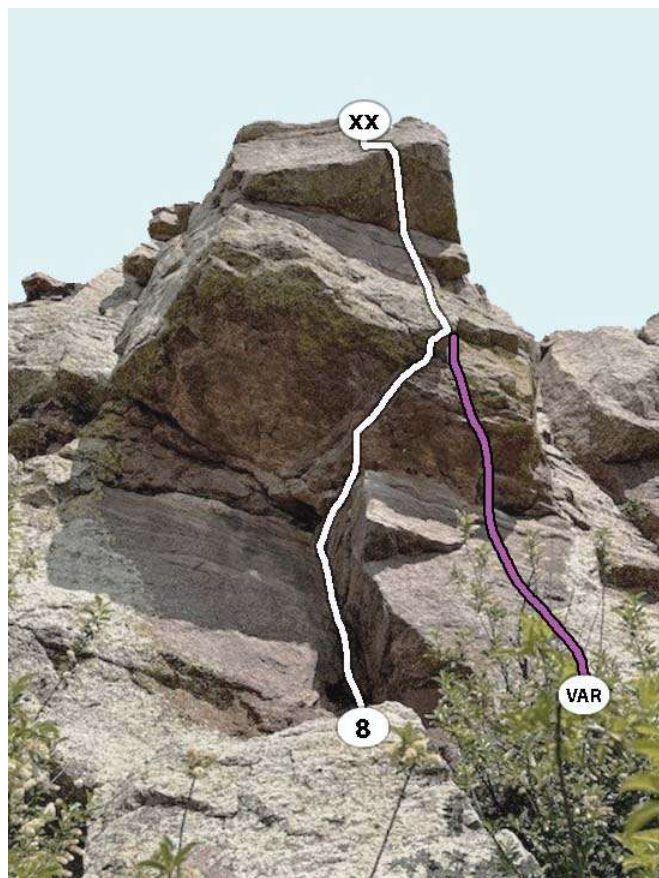
4. **The Vinyard 5.9 **** Challenging climb up the left side of the arete (*staying on the arete*). Low 2 bolt anchor w/chains. There is a fixed pin that can be clipped to allow safer access to this low anchor (from above).
5. **North Face 5.8** PG *** Clean, quality face climbing with a crack(L) or seam(R) start. Pull the angled roof on clean rock to more face climbing above. 2 bolt anchor w/chains.
6. **Homecoming 5.7 *** Face Climb on the right side of the buttress. Start at pockets and a water seam, then continue over a small roof. 2 bolt anchor.



DOUBLE DECKER

A Buttress with two large roofs, North of the 4th class descent

7. **Split Decision (aka Northern Unnamed) 5.8-** Jamb over a roof and into cracks above. Many variations exist. 2 bolt anchor.
8. **Where Ego's Dare 5.10+ **** Start in a dark dihedral behind a detached block. Climb thru two strenuous roofs. Late crux. 2 bolt anchor.
9. **The Wide Side 5.7 **** Right facing dihedral crack to a left facing flake. 2 bolt anchor.



SHORT WALLS

Miscellaneous short walls North of the 4th class descent to 'Double Decker'.

10. **Burkistan Direct 5.8-** Short climb over a low roof, into broken cracks to the top. 15' Right of the dihedral 'The Wide Side'. Gear anchor.
11. **Baby's First Lead 5.6** Steep start up and into a crack that trends out the left side of a roof/arete and into a shallow dihedral. Gear anchor.

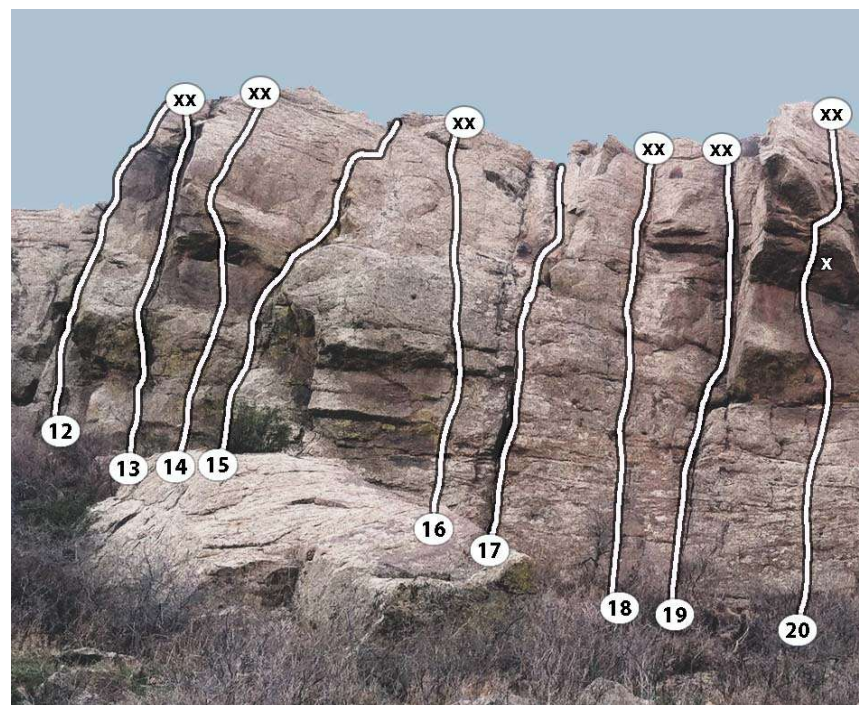
MAIN WALL

Routes between the 4th class approach/descent and the large detached 'Liberty pillar' (*routes described North to South*)

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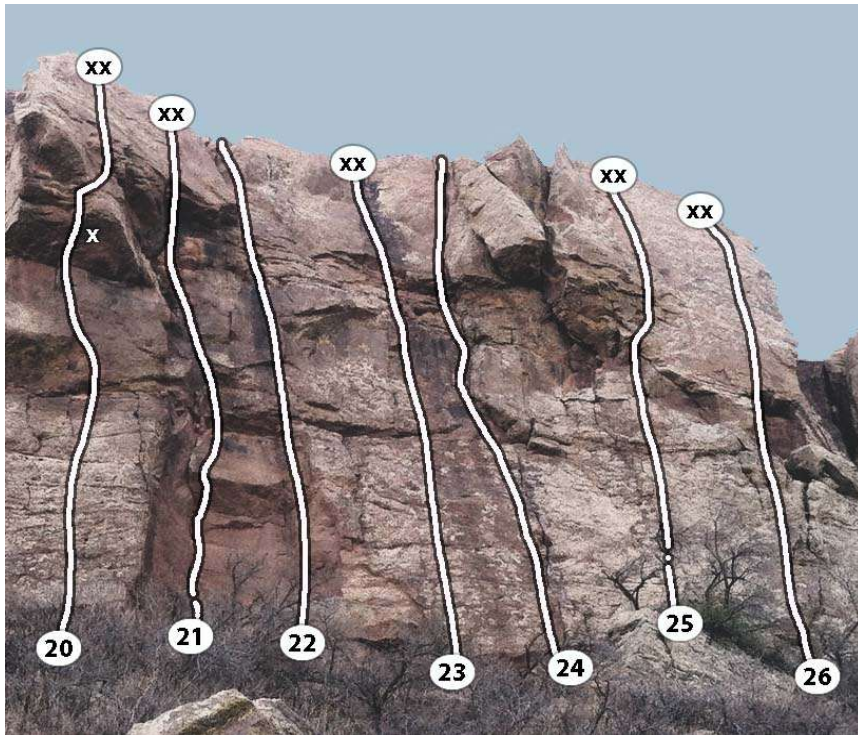
Directly below where the main trail summits Duncan's Ridge. Duncan's most popular and typically crowded area.

12. **Sunset Arete 5.9 *** Gain this short arete from the left, via a horizontal crack. Follow the arete to the top. 2 bolt anchor (*extend runners over edge!*).
13. **North Crack 5.7 *** Start at a hand crack in a bulge. Continue up the crack system/left facing dihedral capped by a small roof. Most parties TR off the "Sunset Arete" anchors (*extend runners over edge!*).
14. **Hangover 5.9+ ***** Face climb start on pebbly rock, then over a technical roof on excellent rock. 2 bolt anchor.
15. **Alpine Simulator 5.4 *** Low angle, moderate crack system. Gear anchor.
16. **Lichen Roof 5.8-** Face climb through bulge on pebbly rock to more face climbing above on excellent rock. 2 bolt anchor.
17. **Broken Crack 5.5 *** Lower angle, left facing dihedral crack.. Gear anchor.
18. **Conglomerate Face 5.7+ ***** Face climb on pebbly rock to a short vertical seam. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.
19. **Corner Climb 5.7+ ***** Obvious crack system left of the largest roof. Finish on perfect rock in a left facing dihedral. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.



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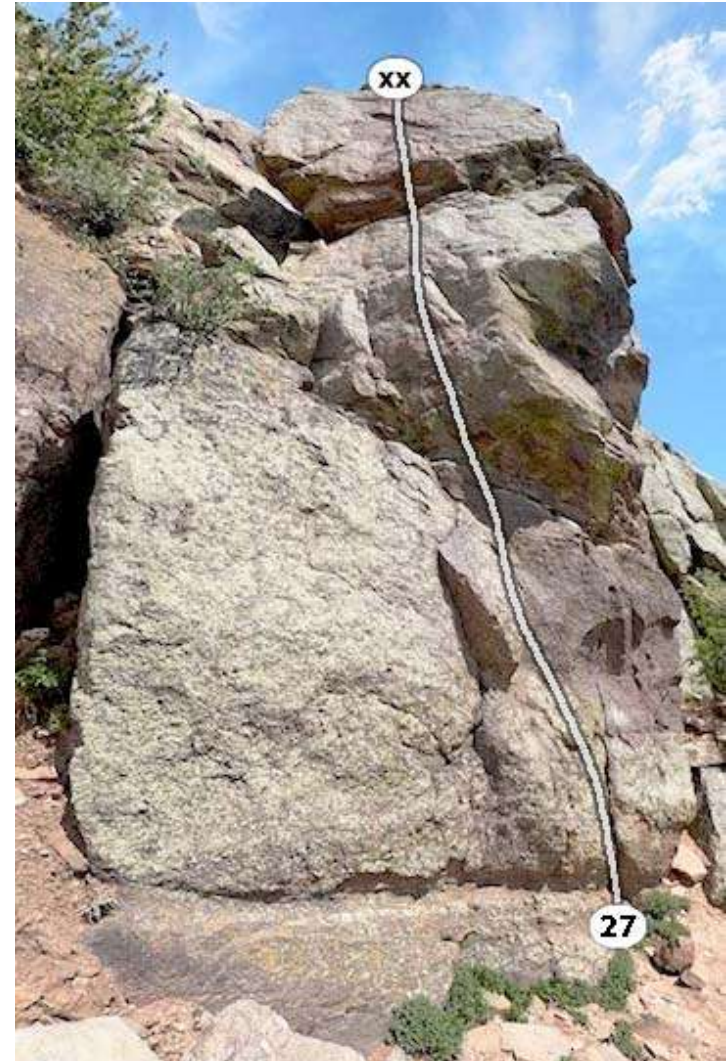
20. **Roof Route 5.10 ***** The local test-piece. Start at a low roof/boulder problem on pebbly rock. Continue up a low angle face to a second, large roof (crux). 2 bolt glue-in anchor.
21. **The Dihedral 5.9+ ***** Right facing dihedral crack system thru several roofs on varied, yet quality rock. 2 bolt anchor.
22. **Purdy Dirty 5.8 - 5.9** Climbs the dirty corner and/or arete to the right of climb 'The Dihedral'. Finishes at a crack on the right side of the large roof. Gear anchor.
23. **Yellow Crocks 5.6 – 5.8 ***** Various interesting paths lead up the face on good rock. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.
24. **Duncan's Crack 5.7 ***** Good crack system, trend left of the giant detached blocks above. Most parties TR off the "Yellow Crocks" anchor.
25. **Apples 5.7+ ***** Left-most of two face climbs where the upper half of the wall is very clean orange rock. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.
26. **Oranges 5.9 ***** Right-most of two face climbs where the upper half of the wall is very clean orange rock. 2 bolt anchor w/rings.

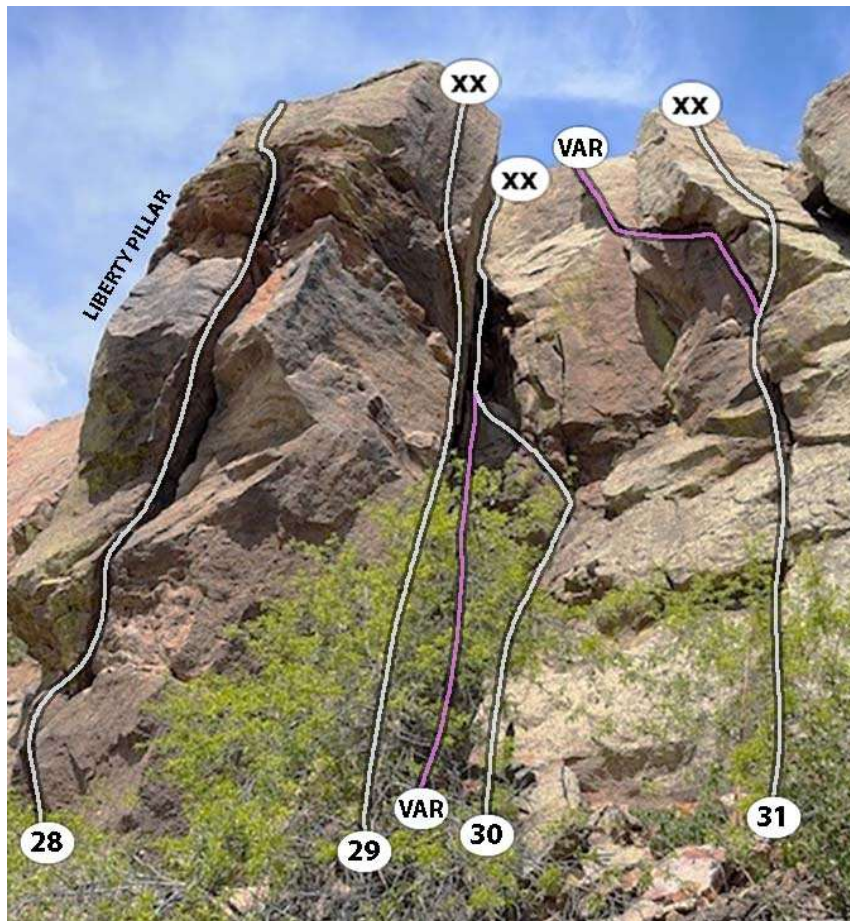


LIBERTY PILLAR

A Large pillar of rock leaning against the main wall. There is a notable, overhanging offwidth on it's downhill side.

27. **Liberty's Last Stand 5.9 ***** Face climb that starts with a short crack on the northwest face of the huge detached 'Liberty' pillar.
28. **South Offwidth (aka Front Crack) 5.9+** Offwidth crack on the downhill side of the huge detached 'Liberty' pillar. Gear anchor.
29. **Out of the Black 5.11+ **** Steep face and arete climb on the south side of the huge detached pillar. High crux. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.





SOUTHSIDE

Routes South of the large detached 'Liberty pillar', to the 5th class approach/descent (*routes described North to South*)

THE ALCOVE

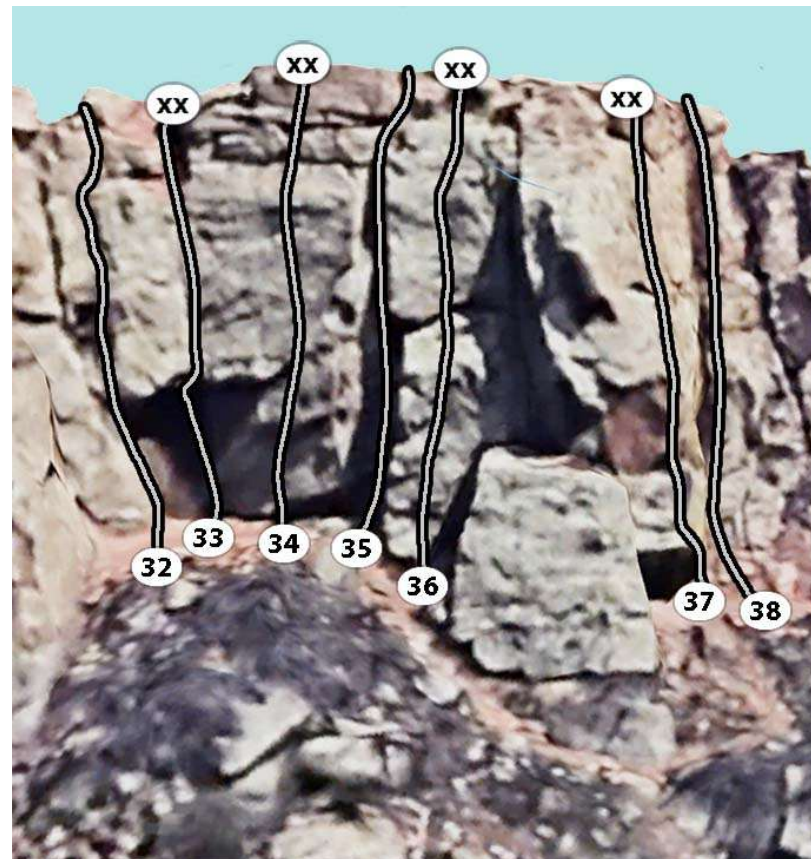
A small alcove of routes, on the bench to the Right of 'Liberty Pillar'.

30. **The Wide Side 5.7** Start up a broken, left trending crack system on the face, to the right of 'Liberty' pillar. Continue up the wide slot between the face and the pillar to it's top. 2 bolt anchor.
31. **Bear Hug 5.10 ***** Crack climb 15' right of the 'Liberty Pillar'. Where the crack trends left, step right; gaining the face of a 5' wide, white leaning pillar (crux). Continue up the face of the pillar, hugging both arete's to it's top. 2 bolt anchor. **Variation: Crackmard 5.8- **** Stay in the crack system, moving left to the summit.

HILLTOP

Routes on top of the hill to the Right of 'Liberty Pillar'. Shorter in nature, but still very worth exploring!

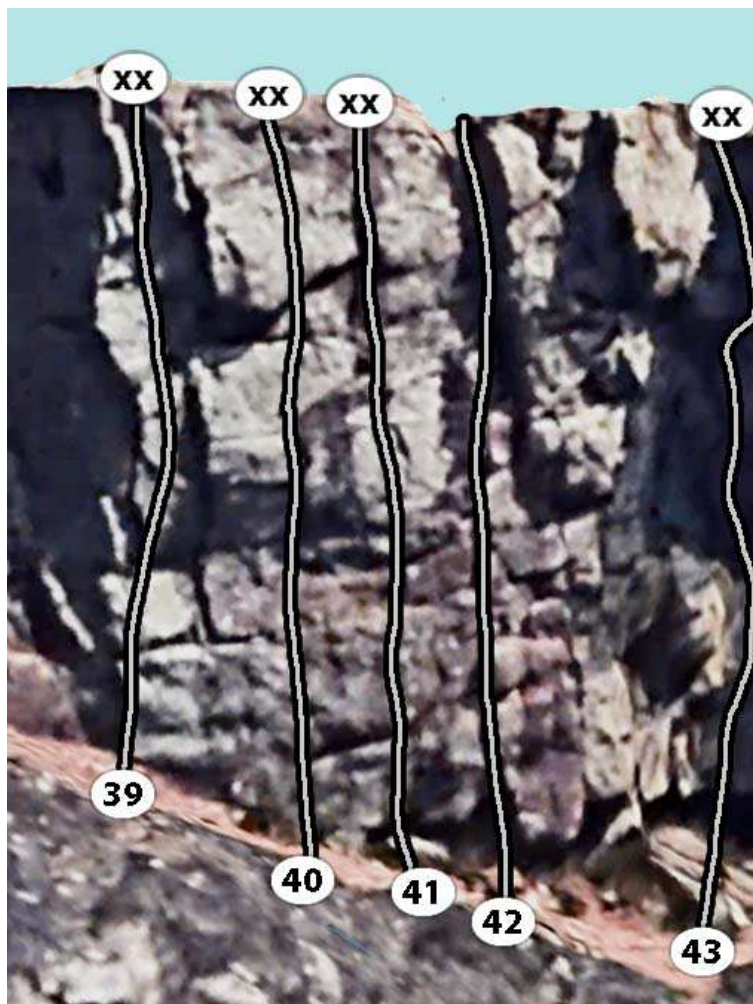
32. **Africa's West Coast 5.7** Short crack climb out the left side of the Africa shaped flake. Loose top-out. Gear anchor.
33. **Africa's East Coast (aka Noah's Crack) 5.8 *** Short crack climb out the right side of the Africa shaped flake. Watch for loose rock at the top-out. 2 bolt anchor.
34. **Down Not Out 5.9 **** Climb obvious underclings and right facing flakes to the face above. Short but stout. Starting flakes are fragile; pull down not out! 2 bolt anchor.
35. **Flake Crack 5.6** Crack system that starts in an open V slot with a notable thin flake at it's right. Gear anchor.
36. **Supermoon 5.7+ **** Short but fun. Thin face climb that starts just left of a large detached block. 2 bolt anchor.
37. **Smoke and Mirrors 5.9 ***** Step up and left off blocks onto the buttress (*avoiding the dihedral crack to the right*). Face climbing above. 2 bolt anchor.
38. **Black Book 5.8** Dihedral crack through black rock. Steep start leads to easier climbing above. Gear anchor. Some loose rock and vegetation



HILLSIDE

Fun routes on the steep hill between the 'Short Wall' and 'The Nose'..

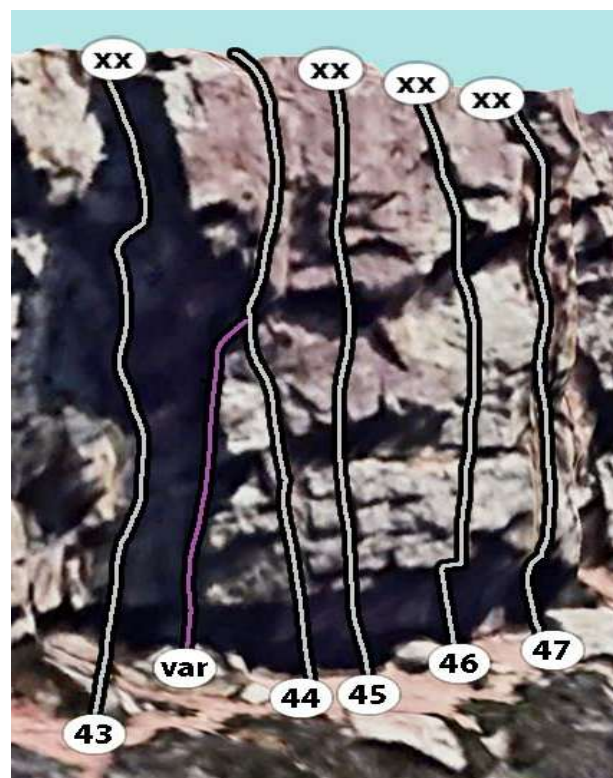
39. **Vision Quest 5.6 – 5.7** ** Face climb up to various crack and flake systems. Choose your own adventure. 2 bolt anchor.
40. **Thundercling 5.8** * Face climb up to and over an obvious, high undercling/roof feature on thin holds. 2 bolt anchor.
41. **Static Cling 5.7+** * Step off a 4' wide block and face climb (trending right) to a black streak/seam near the top. 2 bolt anchor.
42. **Joe Dirt 5.5** Moderate, dirty crack system in black streak, left 20' of 'The Nose' rock feature. Gear anchor.



THE NOSE

Look for 'The Nose' feature. You're here! A nice dark wall that has a roof skirting it's entire base.

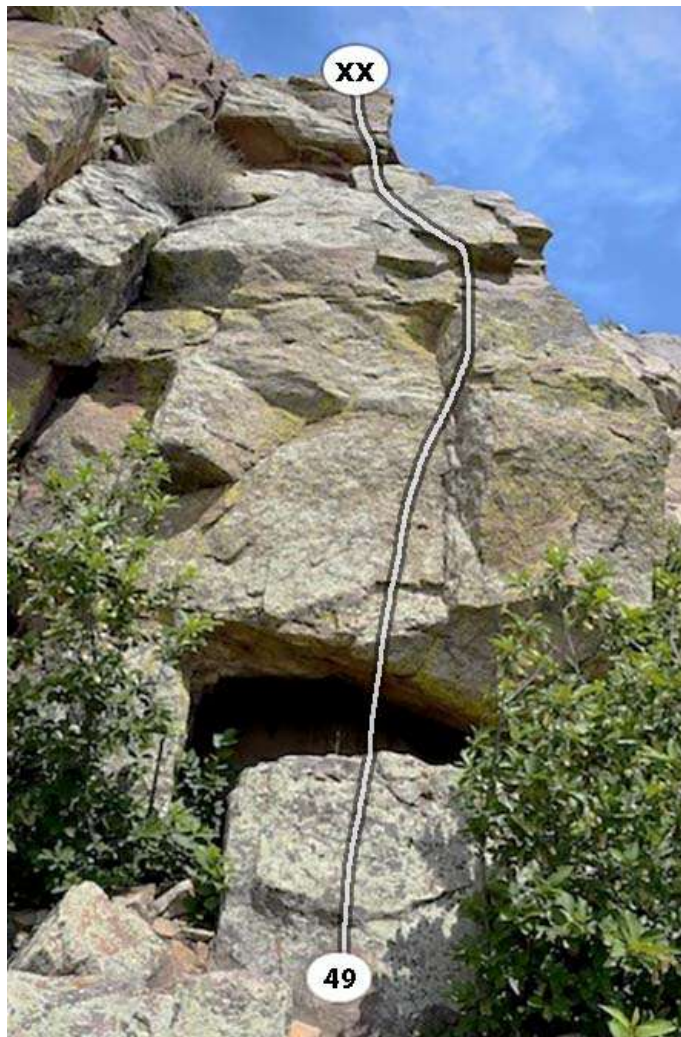
43. **Left of the Nose 5.9** ** Step of a block and onto the face. Continue up varied crack features until you can gain the left facing dihedral; then to it's top. Left of 'The Nose' rock feature. 2 bolt anchor.
44. **The Nose 5.9** * Several variations exist. Start in a left facing dihedral (Left start) OR start at a shallow right facing dihedral crack/boulder problem/low roof (Right start, recommended). Continue up crack features trending towards the crack system out the right side of 'The Nose' rock feature. Gear anchor.
45. **Cheeseburger in Paradise 5.10** *** Bouldery start through roof to great face climbing above. Starts 5 feet right of 'The Nose'. 2 bolt glue-in anchor.
46. **Cactus Crack 5.11** *** Bouldery start at a right facing seam over the low roof. Continue up the continuous crack system on easier ground. 2 bolt anchor.
47. **South Corner 5.7+** * The right-most climb on the west face of this wall, left of the arete. Step off a boulder and into a broken, dihedral crack system. Wander onward to the top. Fixed pitons on the summit can be used in setting up a TR anchor.
48. **DespArete 5.9** ** Climbs the right (south) side of the arete, starting in a broken crack system. High crux. 2 bolt anchor (extend runners!).



5th CLASS APPROACH/DESCENT

The following routes are nearest to the 5th class descent.

49. **Date Night 5.8 **** 25' right of 'DespArete', or the first route climbers Left of the 5th class approach/descent. Step off a block into a shallow corner and green face. Thin climbing leads to a split block and vertical orange rock above. 2 bolt anchor.



50. **Cordless Mesiah 5.7- *** 50 yards climbers Right of the 5th class approach/descent. Climb a short crack just left of an arete. Easier face climbing on excellent rock leads the top. 2 bolt anchor.



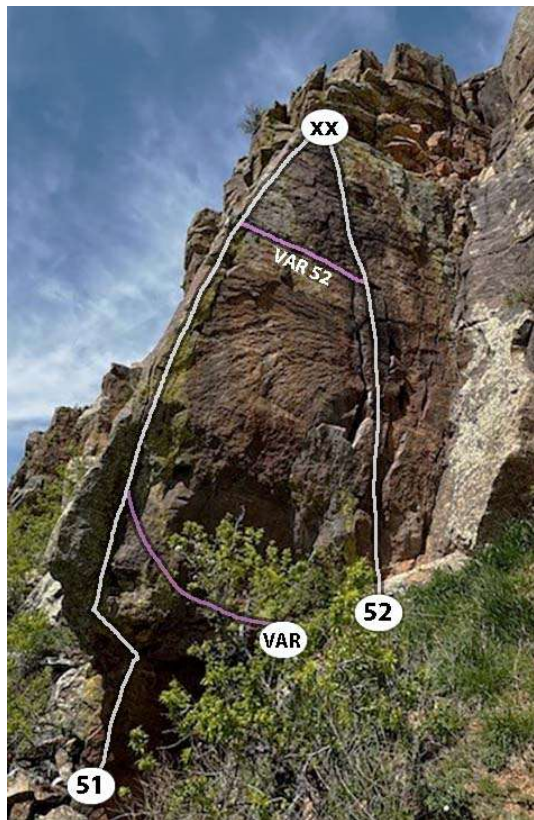
THE OUTBACK

As the rock turns more Southeast and slopes downhill towards the Dam, there's some noteworthy and quality climbing away from the crowds of the main area. This zone may require some bushwhacking to get too, but is worth the effort. *Routes described North to South.* **Optional approach;** after a few hundred yards up the main trail *from the road*, take a faint social trail *LEFT*. This trail traverses across the slope to a small grove of evergreens above 'The Corners'. There is a 4th class descent on broken ledges just downhill from here. Routes are uphill from the 4th class descent, described from climbers Left to Right.

LIGHTNING BOLT CRACKS

Shorter south facing wall, noted by it's dark rock and lichen green left arete.

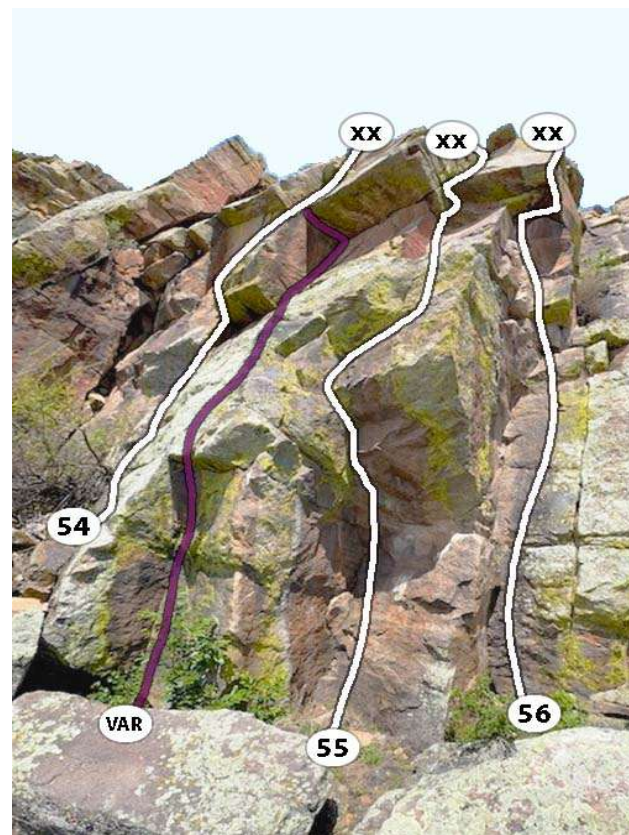
51. **The Green Mile 5.11 ***** Climb the right side of a green, slightly overhanging arete, Left of 'lightning Bolt Cracks'. Two start options; (1) Direct – Do a boulder problem out of a roof to gain the face OR (2) Step left off a ledge, even with the roof and across the face to gain the arete. Follow the arete and a seam angling up and right towards a 2-bolt anchor w/chains. NOTE: It's highly recommended to place directional protection to create a safe 'top-rope' for this climb; otherwise, you will swing hard right, into the dihedral. 2 bolt anchor. *Anchors missing as of 04/25 !!*
52. **Lightning Bolt Cracks 5.9+ ***** Unmistakable broken double crack system on amazing dark rock. Traverse left to the arete where the vertical cracks end at a horizontal break 2/3 way up OR; do some harder face moves and go direct. Shares 'The Green Mile' 2-bolt anchor (shared with 'The Green Mile'). *Anchors missing as of 04/25 !!*
53. **Bad Blood 5.9 *** 30' Right of 'Lightning Bolt Cracks' is an arete. The right side of the lower half of this arete is orange and has a broken crack system running up the face. Climb the arete and crack system to a ledge ½ way up. At the ledge, step Left and climb the lichen covered face to the top. Gear Anchor. Vegetated base.



ROOF ROUTES

Great climbing on a wall with multiple, square cut roofs that trend up and right. There's an alcove at the base with the words 'Home in the Rocks' Chiseled into the rock like graffiti.

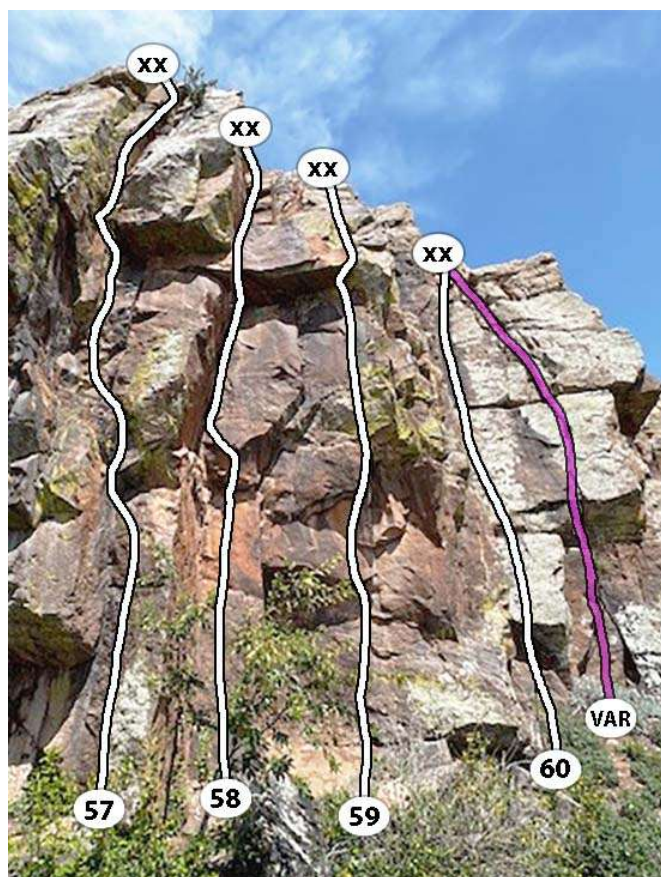
54. **Darth Aider 5.10 ***** Originally climbed as an aid route. Locate a thin seam through several crisp, right trending roofs/dihedrals about 20' uphill from the 'home in the rocks' chiseled graffiti. For the leader; Micro cams/ball nuts might keep you safe before reaching fixed pin(s) in the upper dihedral. There is an old fixed ring-angle piton on the summit of this one that helps you locate the 2 bolt anchor.
55. **Home Sweet Home 5.11- ***** Start with some steep stemming on dark rock, above the 'Home in the Rocks' Chiseled graffiti. Mantle up and right into a small stance. Then up a short orange dihedral seam to the base of a roof. Turn the roof in the corner, and continue to a 2 bolt anchor.
56. **Passive Aggressive 5.11 ***** Start up a broken/blocky corner system and crack, 10' right of the 'Home in the Rocks' Chiseled graffiti. Step right to the arete at the obvious roof. Turn the roof on the arete (crux). 2 bolt anchor. Anchor is best approached by clipping into the 'Home Sweet Home' anchor, then stepping down and over, as it is not necessarily accessible from the top.



THE CORNERS

An area of many corners, cracks and dihedrals that offer some great climbing, away from the crowds at the Main areas. This is the first wall uphill from the lowest 4th class descent (below the grove of evergreen trees).

57. **Struggle Bus 5.10 ***** Broken, dihedral crack system. Bouldery start on dark, conglomerate rock in a shallow corner, just left of a sharp arete. Trend up and left into the main dihedral. Amazing rock takes you through a roof via fist and hand jams. 2-bolt anchor.
58. **The Orange Corner 5.10 ***** Orange/Brown, dihedral crack system with a roof 2/3 way up. 2-bolt glue-in anchor.
59. **Vape Ape 5.10 **** Face/arete climb on orange/brown rock right of 'The Orange Corner' roof. Step over the roof via a flake and the arete. 2 bolt anchor. Watch your rope on the edge of the sharp roof!
60. **Stems & Seeds 5.8 *** Low angle, right facing dihedral with thin crack. 2-bolt anchor.
61. **Right Wing 5.7 - 5.8** Right facing thin dihedral that is orange on the left side and lichen covered on the right. Variation. Climb the short dihedral to the right on dark rock thru a blocky roof. Beware loose rock at top-out. Gear Anchor.



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