

Gatzsch Your Goat ** 550 m, 5.10d A0, or 5.12a **

Standard rack to 4" several long draws

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This is the latest addition to Goat Mountain. Put up over three separate attempts it is a very worthwhile longer route and requires a long day to complete. The party should be very strong and competent 10+ climbers the 5.12 bit is a boulder problem on pitch 9, which can be overcome with two fixed points of aid. To descend the first ascent party rappelled the route to the top of pitch 5 using two 60 m ropes, they then rappelled to the east to the start of "Oreamnos", then down climbed 150 m of 5.5 to the base of the wall in a little over 2 hours. The first five pitches were put up without the drill on a rainy day in June. To do these pitches it is recommended that you bring a few pins. It is hoped to return in 2003 to add belay bolts to pitches 1, 3, and 4 and a protection bolt to pitch 4 above the fixed pin to protect the awkward crux in the off width dihedral. All belays from 5 through 12 are equipped with two ringbolts to facilitate rappelling.

To locate the climb start at the base of the large left facing dihedral located at the right side of the South Face of Goat Buttress. To access the start, follow the creek till you reach the headwall. Follow the headwall up and to the right for 10 min to reach the obvious left facing dihedral. The top half of the dihedral is shown in Bow Valley Rock on page 78 and is the large shadow line in the lower right hand corner.

P1: 5.7, 55 m. Start into the dihedral after 20 m head out left onto the solid grey face to avoid the loose and rubble filled corner. Several seams allow for protection up the face to gain a scree-covered ledge with a small tree. The belay is marginal and could use a bolt.

P2: 4th class, 20 m. Head up and right over rolling ground to a large spruce tree.

P3: 5.6, 55 m. Climb the face above looking for the line of least resistance. After 30 m start angling right to end up in the corner of the dihedral at the base of the off width crack. Several cracks offer a good belay.

P4: 5.10d, 55 m. Climb the obvious off width crack above. This is mostly sustained 5.9 climbing on excellent rock. There is a knife-blade pin on the right wall at 30 m just above is the devious but committing crux. This should have a bolt or 6" pro. Continue up the dihedral for 10 m to where the dihedral widens. First climb the left of two cracks avoiding a loose blocky section on the right. Then make awkward moves right to gain the right hand crack and continue on steep ground to the two-pin belay below a large roof.

P5: 5.9, 50 m. Make strenuous moves out to the right to overcome the roof. Follow the obvious corner crack above until it is possible to squeeze between the main wall and the tower formed by the dihedral on the right. There is a two-bolt belay on the main wall through this gap.

P6: 5.10d, 50 m. Climb opposite the belay onto the tower for 3 m then step across the void onto the main wall to clip a bolt. Hard sustained moves to the right to gain a shallow right facing corner. Climb the corner trending slightly left on sustained climbing up the perfect grey rock past four bolts to a right slanting corner. Climb the corner for 5 m then move right to the belay.

P7: 5.10a, 60 m. Climb the steep groove up and left from the belay past a bolt to gain the easier right slanting corner above. Follow the corner to the bolt belay.

P8: 5.10b, 55 m. Climb up for 5 m then traverse left for 15 m rising past three bolts. Then climb up to a fourth bolt, continue up the face angling slightly right to a small ledge. Move right using the ledge as a handrail to gain a crack climb the right slanting crack to the belay.

P9: 5.10d or 5.12a, 45 m. Traverse right to a bolt climb up on sustained ground past two bolts to a small alcove below a steep bulge. Hard stemming leads over the bulge past the next two bolts

(a 5.12a boulder problem or A0 the bolts). Move up to a roof and mantel onto the slanting ledge above. Climb the slanted ledge to a bolt make hard moves right to gain a crack, climb the crack then move left onto the face up to a bolt. Hard moves lead up and left from the bolt to gain a ledge, move left along the ledge for 5 m to the belay.

P10: 5.10a, 55 m. Climb directly above the belay to a large ledge, move left along the ledge to a small tree. Climb the face above to gain a shallow right slanting groove and a bolt. Climb the groove to a second bolt now traverse right to gain a left facing dihedral. Climb the corner to the belay near the top on the right.

P11: 5.10b, 55 m. Climb the corner to the top and then step onto the face climbing past a bolt. Continue up to a second bolt and then move right then up and back left past a bolt to gain the obvious right facing dihedral above. Climb the dihedral for 10 m to the bolt belay on the right.

P12: 5.10a, 45 m. Continue up the crack for 20 m to a bolt at a difficult bulge move up and right to a second bolt. After the bolt move back left to some discontinuous cracks climb these being careful of loose rock to the top and a bolt belay on the right.

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