

New route left of *Valley View* p.116

The Lost 500 180 m, 5.10c (multi-pitch, sport) [B']

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This new sport route climbs the slabby wall a short distance left of *Valley View* and uses the same rappel descent as that route.

Gear: 9 quickdraws and two long runners for pitches 2 and 4. Some parties may want to bring two additional #0.5 and #0.75 cams to protect the last few moves on pitch 3 (5.6/7).

Start: Climb up towards the start of *Valley View* and traverse left on ledges to a line of bolts in a slab behind a group of trees.

1. 50 m, 5.9. The first pitch up the slab gives sustained climbing following the line of bolts which angles slightly left initially and then back right to a ledge with a bolted station. (9 bolts)

2. 40 m, 5.10b. Traverse right from the station, beneath a roof, and then go up a left-leaning slab past three bolts (5.10b). Go left of the roof and climb easier ground passing three more bolts to a bolted belay station in a groove. (6 bolts)

2. alt. 40 m, 5.10b. Start as above but traverse right below the upper roof past two bolts (5.10b). At the end of the roof, go up and around its right corner and then head left, passing two more bolts, to the bolted station in the groove. (7 bolts)

3. 50 m, 5.8. Traverse left on a small ramp into another groove (bolt), and continue up this, past a short step (bolt), to reach the bottom of another steeper section (bolt). Climb up slightly left of the bolt (5.8) and follow the easiest way up underneath a bulge. Traverse left to the next bolted station. Gear may be useful to protect the traverse (5.6/7). (6 bolts)

4. 40 m, 5.10c. Climb up directly above the station, passing four bolts to underneath a big roof. Traverse left making awkward moves onto a left-leaning slab (bolt). Continue up left, passing two more bolts. Exit this section by turning right onto the slab above the roof. The last belay station is a few metres higher behind a big dead tree. (6 bolts)

Descent: To reach the top of *Valley View*, scramble up 4th and easy 5th class terrain along a ridge following cairns and passing some old slings on trees. Continue right to a treed ledge, and immediately after some 5th class terrain (cairn), rappel from a large tree and locate the top station on *Valley View* which is not visible from above. Rappel as for that route.

