

WEEPING WALL

The two areas described below are opposite the “Weeping Wall” parking area on the west side of the Banff-Jasper Highway. *Salt Point* climbs the full height of the wall about 500 m north of the parking area and the *David and Goliath Wall* is almost directly across the road below a long, treed ledge at about 2/3 height. The ice route *Mixed Master* follows a prominent, right-facing corner system between the two areas and is probably also the line of the rock route *Stolen Beer* reported in CAJ #???

Salt Point:

Salt Point is the only known climb on the 400 m high wall left (north) of the parking area.

Salt Point 400m 5.11d

Seth Shaw and Chris Harmston, September 1999

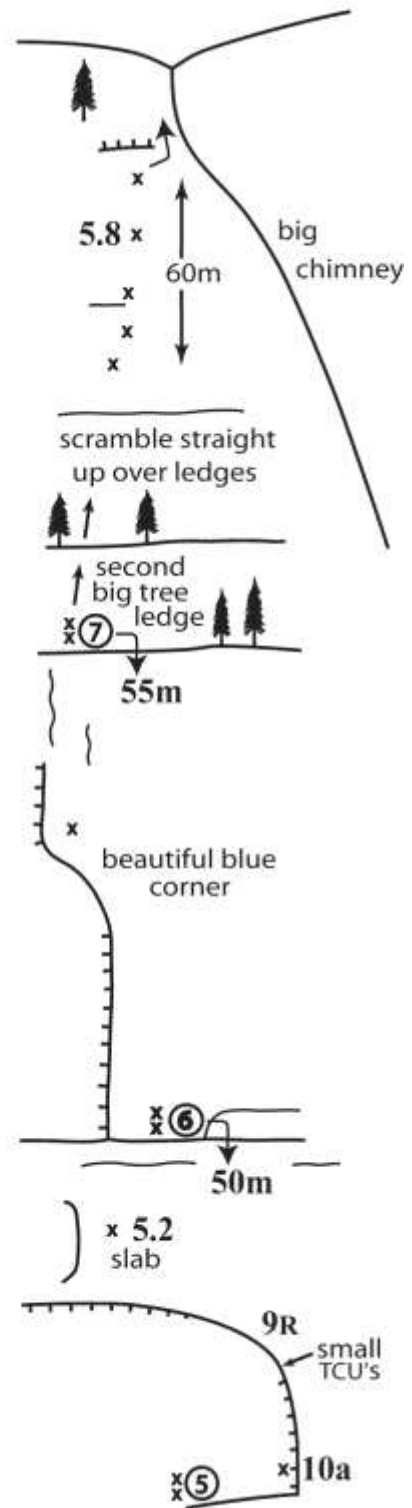
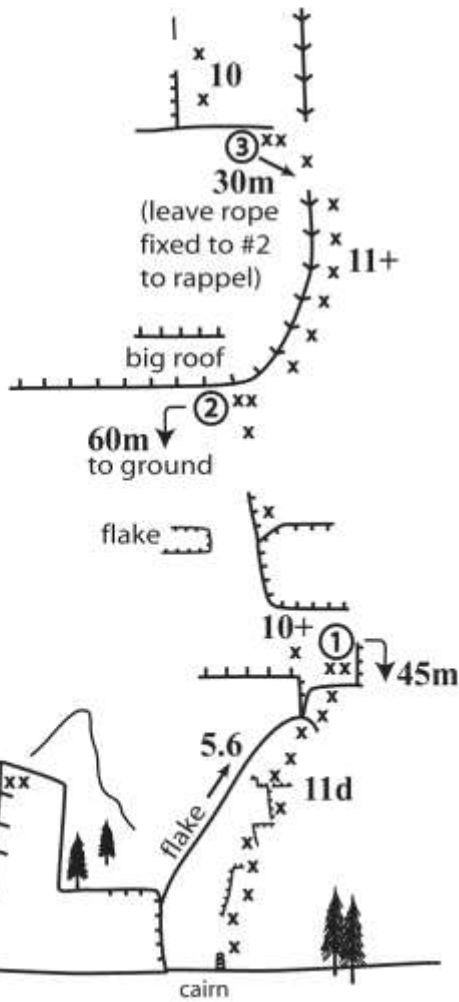
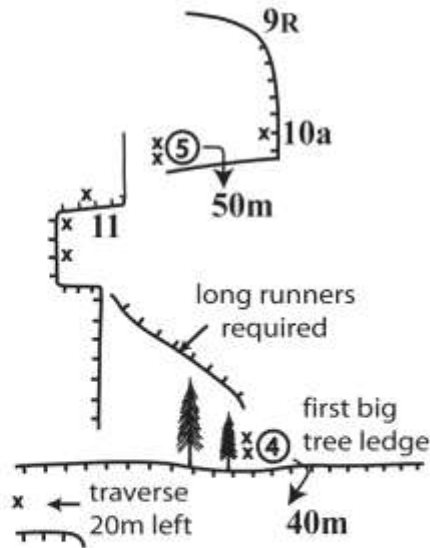
This impressive route climbs the full height of the wall about 500 m north of the parking area. It follows a series of blue/grey corners on excellent rock and finishes up a major, left-slanting dihedral at the top of the cliff. It was established ground-up, and in terms of overall difficulty, must be one of the hardest rock climbs in the guidebook area. The first pitch makes an excellent sport climb (5.11d).

Gear required: Extensive rack to 4 inches: 2 sets of Camalots #0.5 and up, 1 each #3, #3.5 and #4 Camalot, 6 TCU's - yellow to grey, 4 smallest tricams (important), 1 set of Stoppers, 8 each quickdraws and full length runners.

Approach: Walk north along the Highway for 500 m and then hike up to the base of the cliff (10 minutes).

Descent: Three 60 m ropes are needed to rappel the route (leave one fixed between stations 2 and 3 – see topo). Otherwise there is a long walk off to the north. It may also be possible to descend *Mixed Master* to the south using two 60 m ropes (see *David and Goliath Wall* below).

Topo



David and Goliath Wall

This is an area of good, grey rock on the main cliff band almost directly across the road from the “Weeping Wall” parking area. It ends at about 2/3 height at a long, treed ledge.

Approach: Walk north along the road for about 100 m and then follow a small ramp that diagonals up right across the scree slope to reach the base of the cliff near *Smokey Corner* (about 15 minutes).

The cliff is divided into two main sections, the bottom portion of the cliff is called *David Wall* and the top portion, below the treed ledge, is called *Goliath's Roof*. It is possible to rappel from all climbs using one 60 m rope. However, if *Goliath's Roof* and *The Exit* are completed to the treed ledge, two 60 m ropes are required to rappel down *Mixed Master*. All climbs are mixed bolts and gear except *Smokey Corner* which is the only sport route.

Photograph (Al Ducros):

A = The Right Hand 5.9

B = Left Lane Alley 5.7

C = Black Tear 5.10

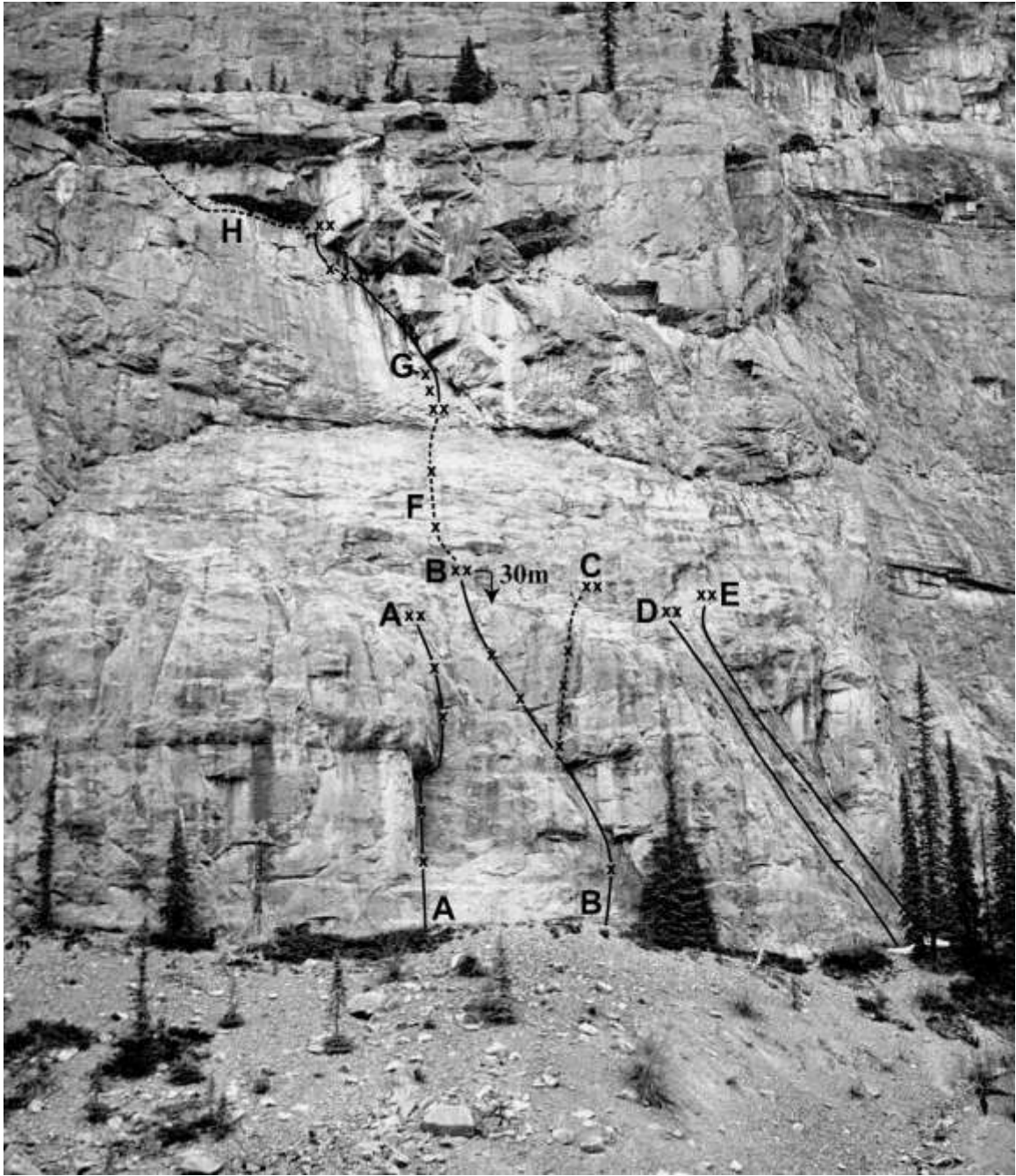
D = 5.9 Crack 5.9

E = Smokey Corner 5.10+

F = The Connection 5.4

G = Goliath's Roof 5.12b

H = The Exit 5.8



David Wall

The Right Hand 30 m, 5.9

Al Ducros, July 2000

Climb up to the roof using both the corner and the face. Move right around the roof and continue up the corner above to a chained station.

4 bolts and gear to #3 cam.

Left Lane Alley 35 m, 5.7

FA unknown (in-place pitons)

Climb past a bolt to gain the prominent left-slanting corner and ramp system.

Follow this past 3 more bolts and good gear to a chained station.

4 bolts and gear to #3 cam, 30 m rappel.

Black Tear 30 m, 5.10

Al Ducros, August 2000

Climb *Left Lane Alley* to a bolt at the second roof, move right and climb steep, black rock to the station (bolts).

5.9 Crack 35 m, 5.9

Cliff Umpulbe and Terry Duncan, July 1999

Direct Start: Al Ducros and Deborah Ashton, July 2000

From the previous climbs, walk right around the edge of the buttress to a left-slanting, slabby wall of excellent grey rock. *Smokey Corner* is on the right.

Either begin up *Smokey Corner* and move left at the first small ledge to the third bolt or climb directly past 2 bolts to reach the same point (5.10c/d).

Continue up past a fourth bolt (5.9) to gain the upper crack system. Follow this past an awkward move at the top (bolt) to a chained station.

5 bolts, one piton, gear - two or three pieces #1 to #2.

*****Smokey Corner 38 m, 5.10+**

Al Ducros and Pierre Giguere, August 2000

This excellent route climbs the obvious left-facing corner system on perfect rock.

Sport – 14 bolts, 30 m rappel.

Goliath's Roof

The Connection 30 m, 5.4

Al Ducros and Deborah Ashton, August 2000

Climb easy slabs and ledges to a station at the base of an impressive overhanging corner in the upper wall (bolts).

Goliath's Roof 25 m, 5.?? and A2 or 5.12b

Al Ducros, Deborah Ashton and Paul McSorley, August 2000

Gain the corner using the old bolts. Follow the steep crack to the last overhang and then use 2 bolts to traverse left to gain the station.

Gear: 2 sets of cams and nuts to #4.

Rappel from the station to top of *The Connection*.

The Exit ?? m, 5.8 or A1

FA unknown

Follow the crack under the roof to lower-angled terrain. Continue up a small open-book corner to gain the upper, treed ledge. Rappel down *Mixed Master*.