



## Holeczi/Slawinski 250m, 5.11-

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This route climbs the corner system left of *Homage to the Spider*.

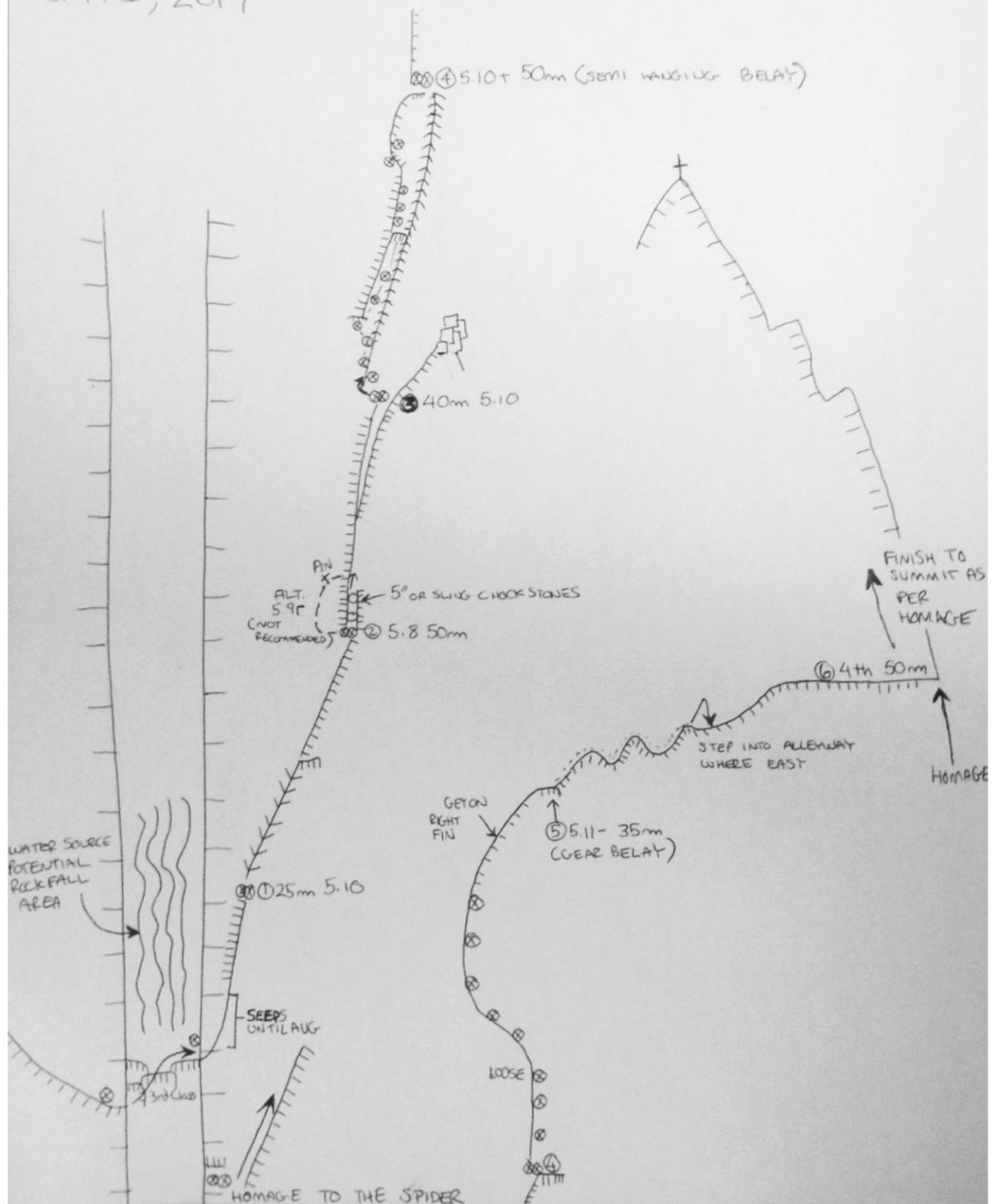
**Rack:** 1 set TCUs, cams to 4" with doubles in 0.5-2" (optional 5" for one section)  
15 draws (many extendables)

**Approach:** As per *Homage to the Spider* in *Banff Rock*. In that description there are two single-bolt "rappel" stations marked to access the start of that route. At the second bolt traverse climber's right and up into the alcove above the *Homage* start in the big gully (prone to rockfall early in the season from snowmelt up high). There is a single bolt marking the start. The bottom 10 metres are often wet until early August, but still climbable.

- 1) 5.10, 25m. A gently overhanging crack with good gear leads to a 2-bolt station.
- 2) 5.8, 50m. Climb the V-notch corner plugging cams into the crack in the back. After reaching a small ledge continue up the corner to a 2-bolt station below a short off-width.
- 3) 5.10, 40m. Sling chockstones or plug in the 5" for the wide section above the belay. Upon reaching a ledge, climb a stunning dihedral which turns into a "better than it looks" chimney to a 2-bolt station with a blank wall straight above and a chossy gully up and right. Note: An alternate 5.9R start to this pitch climbs around the offwidth on the left (fixed piton) but isn't recommended.
- 4) 5.10+, 50m. An airy step left into the adjacent corner system leads to face climbing past bolts to a ledge (5.9). Continue past a mix of bolts and gear to a cruxy bulge, which leads to a 2-bolt semi-hanging belay below the overhanging "ear". A single rack up to 4" suffices for this pitch.
- 5) 5.11-, 35m. Climb slightly friable rock past bolts up and left around the "ear". Once past the overhang, the crack starts to widen into a loose chimney/alleyway. Unless you enjoy groveling, don't get into it. Instead, once past the last bolt, look to gain the fin on the right. Great rock with intermittent cracks for pro leads to a stance and gear anchor. Small-to-medium cams are needed for this pitch.
- 6) 4<sup>th</sup>, 50m. Climb along the exposed fin until it is easy to step left into the alleyway. Continue to the large ledge, which marks the top of Homage.

Continue to the top as per *Homage to the Spider*.

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New Route

Homage