

Screams From The Balcony 195 m, 5.11b

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Screams From The Balcony climbs the square-cut, overhanging prow which is very prominent near the left end of the cliff when the face first comes into view. The final pitch up a series of stepped overhangs and must be one of the most sensational anywhere! The position is unparalleled, with extreme exposure and the North face of Mount Temple as a backdrop.

Inset Photo: The upper prow of *Screams from the Balcony*.



The climb starts about 300 m left of *Toys in the Attic* above an obvious rocky promontory just below the trail. The upper prow is directly overhead. A normal sized rack to 4 inches is required, with at least 6 quick draws for the bolts on the final pitch. All the stations are bolted and it is possible to rappel the route with double ropes. Some sling material may be required and the rappel is very exposed. Alternatively, the upper shale band is small at this point and a walk-off descent to the left may be made.

- 1. 40 m, 4th.** Scramble up a broken, shallow bowl and belay in an alcove under a roof, below and to the right of a long, right-facing corner.
- 2. 50 m, 5.10b.** Climb loose rock up to the roof and move right to a break in more solid rock. Make a difficult move up over the roof (10b) and then go back left into the corner. Follow the corner past a piton higher up to a bolted station.
- 3. 45 m, 5.10b.** Climb to the top of the corner, which forms a small pinnacle, and continue up the face above to a corner on the right. Follow the corner (5.9) until an exit left can be made to a bolted station.
- 3. 30 m, 5.10b.** Go up left from the belay and climb a shallow corner that curves up left onto the rib. A long overhang crosses the face directly above. Move left to a break in the overhang and climb through it (5.10b) onto the face above. Go up and right to a small alcove on the left side of an overlap, move right onto the outer face, and make a series of thin moves up to a bolted station.
- 5. 30 m, 5.11b.** Climb over a series of spectacular roofs following the bolts until an exit crack leads to the final station just below the top - **awesome!**

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