

- 1. Engines Burning 5.11b
- 2. Tears of the Dinosaur 5.11b
- 3. Grace Under Pressure 5.11d
- 4. Big Breasted Girls Go To The Beach and Take Their Shirts Off. Oh Yeah! 5.11b
- 5. Fear No Art 5.11b
- 6. Snakes and Ladders 5.12a
- 7. Crossroad 5.11d
- 8. Submission 5.11d
- 9. Submission Direct 5.11b

- 10. Get Your Ducks in a Row 5.12b
- 11. Path of the Moose 5.12a
- 12. Barchetta 5.11c
- 13. Knight Moves 5.11a
- 14. A Fetching Belly Shape, Small But Perfectly Formed 5.12d
- 15. White Noise 5.12c
- 16. Scream Saver 5.12a
- 17. Hee Haw 5.12b/c

To get to the Alley, walk until the end of the main corridor then go right and up a small trail on the right side of the creek. You'll walk uphill until you reach the cliff. Good climbs in a quiet place.



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Grotto Canyon

Grotto Canyon, Alberta



Although not as popular as Grassi Lakes, Grotto still sees a fair amount of traffic. From downtown Canmore you'll be at the base of the crag in 30 minutes. Some of the cliffs have been extremely polished by the creek and good footwork is essential. On a single crag (or really close) you'll find a good variety of difficulties, from 5.9 to 5.12 and even 13s. You'll find around 100 climbs in this topo but there are more than 200 routes in the canyon... We have selected the areas with the highest concentration of good climbs within a short walk from the car. For more infos get "Sport Climbs in the Canadian Rockies".

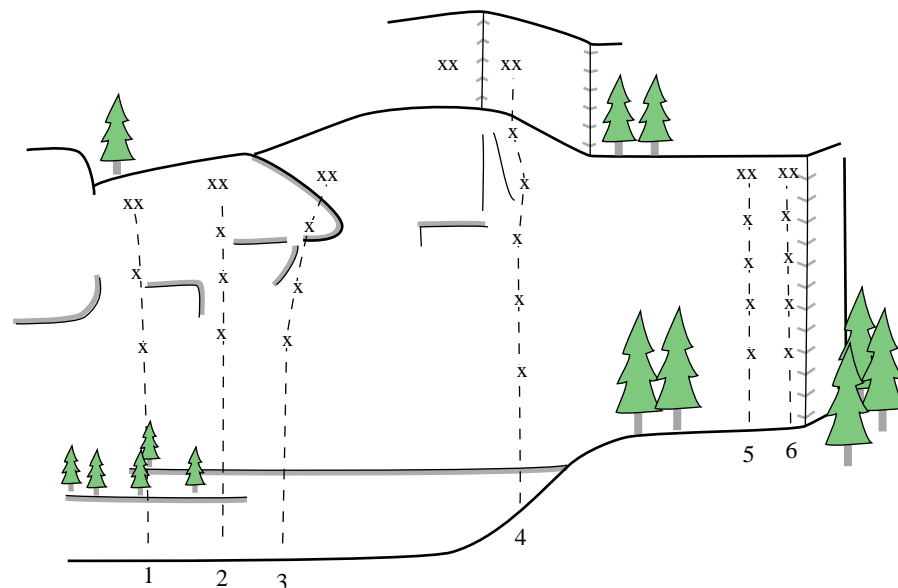
How to get there: From Canmore take 1A to Exshaw. After about 10 kilometers, make a left for Baymag Plant #2. As soon as you turn don't follow the paved road to the plant but go straight on the dirt road. After 100 meters make a left on a rougher dirt road. You'll drive on this road for 1 km and park on the third parking (which is also the biggest) and before the No Trespassing Sign. From the parking walk up a field then follow the wash until you get to the first areas.

When: The cliff doesn't get much sun and is good all summer.

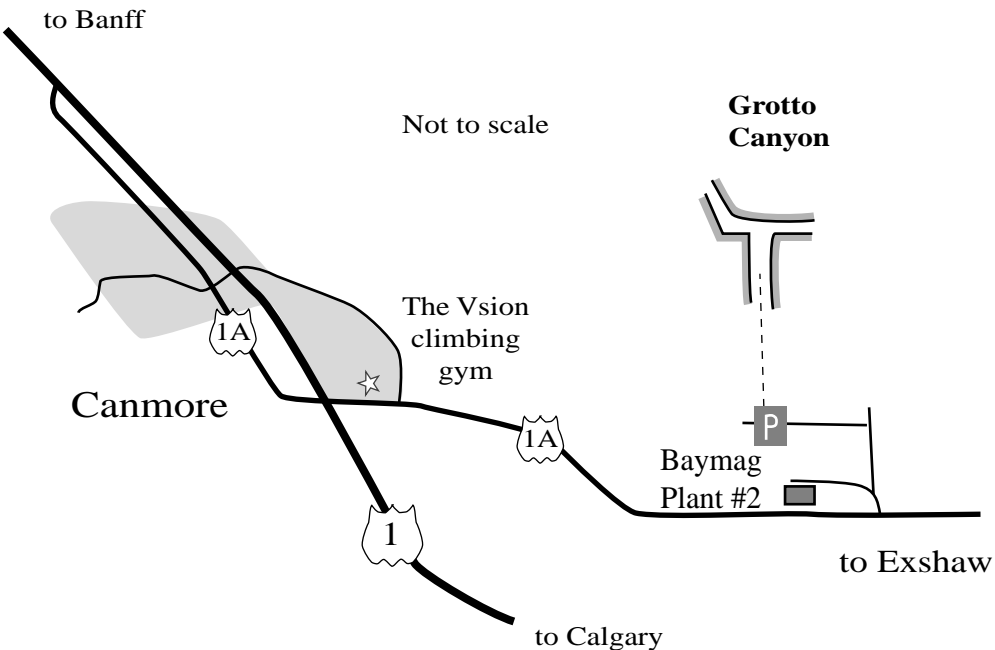
Eat and sleep: Get our Climber's Guide to the Canmore Area.

Reference: Sport Climbs in the Canadian Rockies by John Martin and Jon Jones, Rocky Mountain Books.

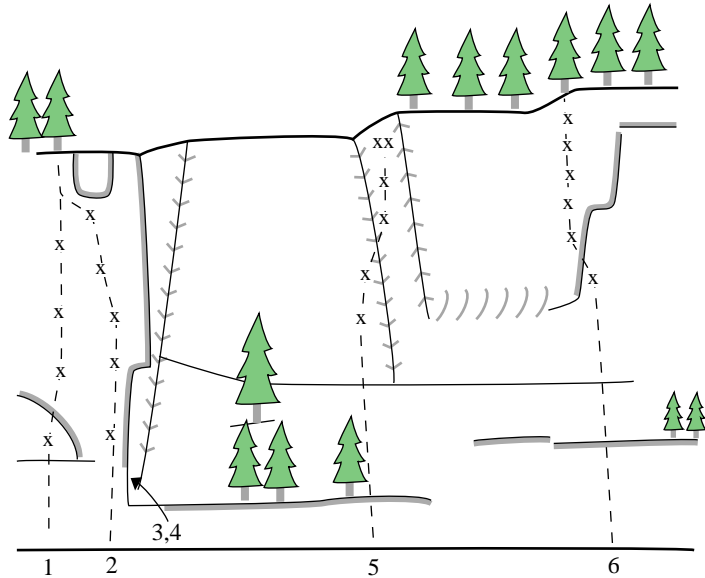
Paintings Wall - Right



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| 1. Fast Forward | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 2. Walk Don't Run | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |
| 3. Rush | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |
| 4. Layaway Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 5. Watusi Wedding | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 6. Jesus Drives a Cadillac | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10b |

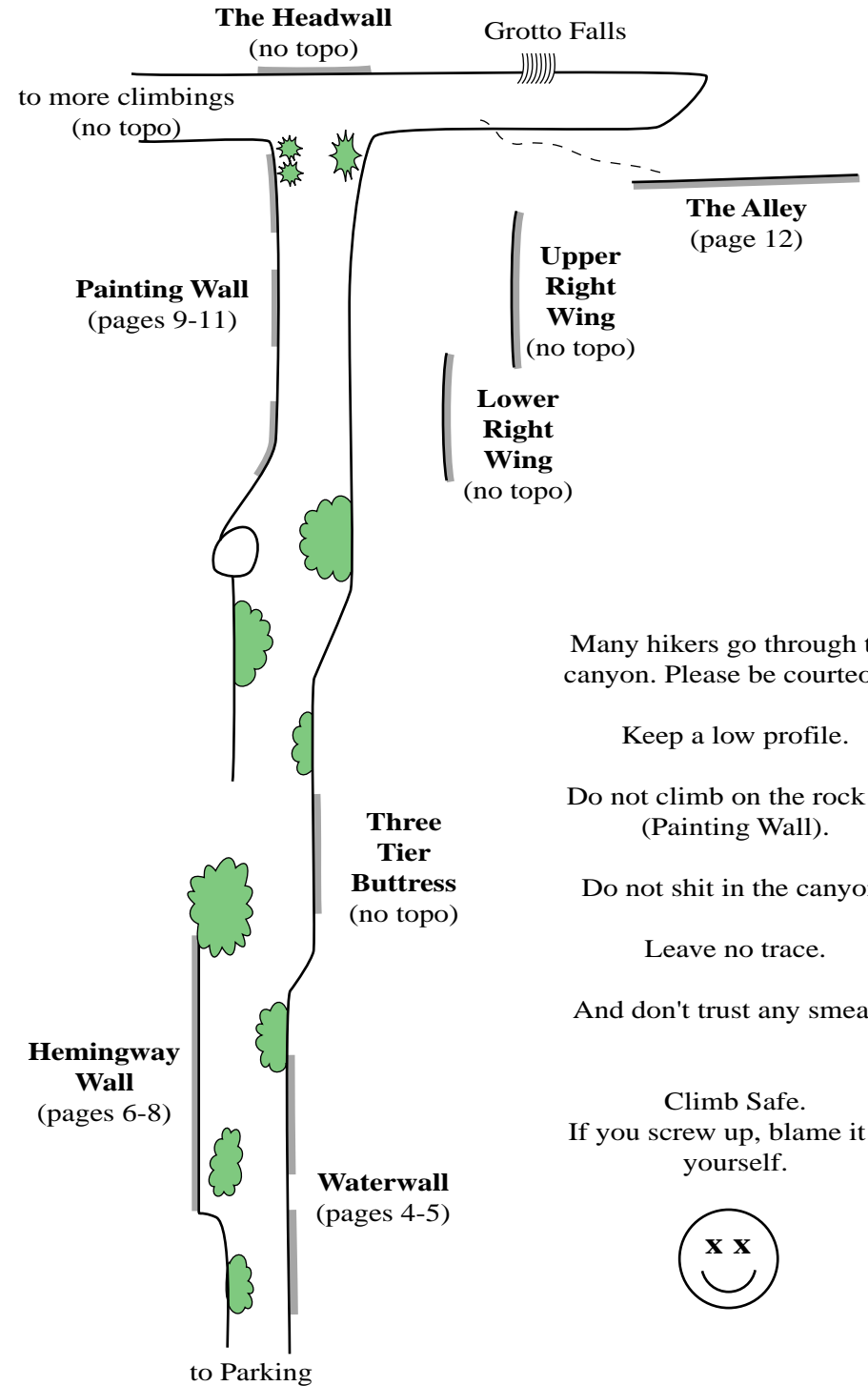


Paintings Wall - Center



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| 1. Hellen Damnation | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11d |
| 2. Tower of Pisa | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |
| 3. Tour de Force | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.12a |
| <small>Start as Tour de Pump but fork left after the second bolt to climb the arete.</small> | |
| 4. Tour de Pump | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |
| <small>Climb the right-facing face.</small> | |
| 5. Jugthuggery | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 6. Fly by Night | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11c |

Grotto Canyon - overview



Many hikers go through the canyon. Please be courteous.

Keep a low profile.

Do not climb on the rock art (Painting Wall).

Do not shit in the canyon.

Leave no trace.

And don't trust any smears.

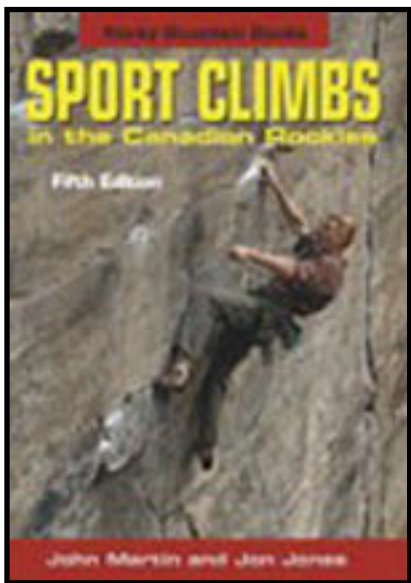
Climb Safe.

If you screw up, blame it on yourself.



Sport Climbs in the Canadian Rockies

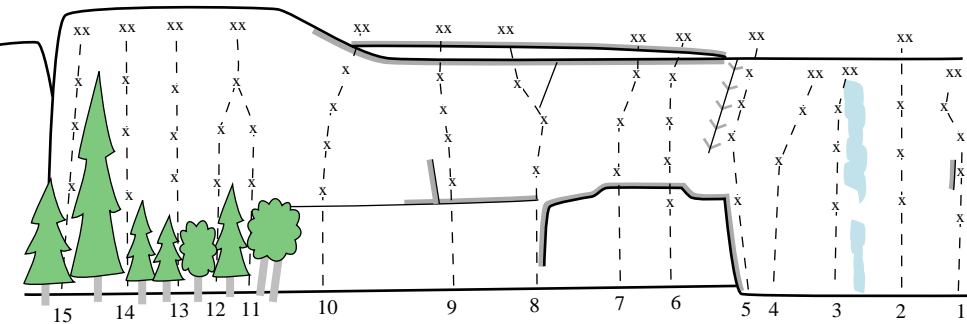
by John Martin and Jon Jones



A must-have, the 5th edition of this popular guide has 368 pages and contains over 1800 climbs in the Lake Louise and Banff areas, the Bow Valley, the Ghost River and Kananaskis Country. Includes the popular multi-pitches of Ha Ling Peak and over 40 crags in the Rockies. Available for 29.95 in most climbing shops or on www.rmbooks.com

Water Wall - Left

The first wall encountered on your right when you come from the parking lot, Water Wall as the hardest routes at Grotto Canyon. Most of those routes seep and might take a few days to get dry.

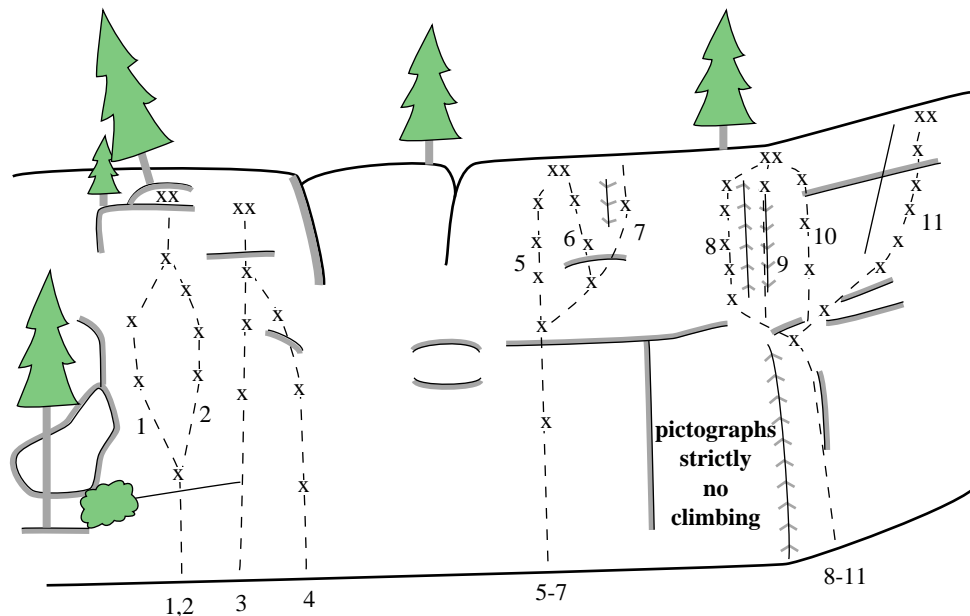


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| 1. For Whom the Bell Tolls | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b | 7. Lip Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10d |
| 2. Scarface | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b | 8. Loose Lips Sink Ships | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 3. The Ablutor | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c | 9. Deviant Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 4. Denkem | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a | 10. Canary in a Coal Mine | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| 5. Spring Clean | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a | 11. Ill Wind | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| 6. Power Play | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c | 12. Breezin' | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.7 |
| | | 13. Kinesthesia | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| | | 14. Soft Option | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a/b |
| | | 15. Raindust | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |

Painting Wall - Left

The Painting Wall get visited by a few adventurous tourists every day. The faint, red pictographs are not really impressive compared to those of Hueco Tanks, but it still keep busy the tourists for up to 10 minutes...

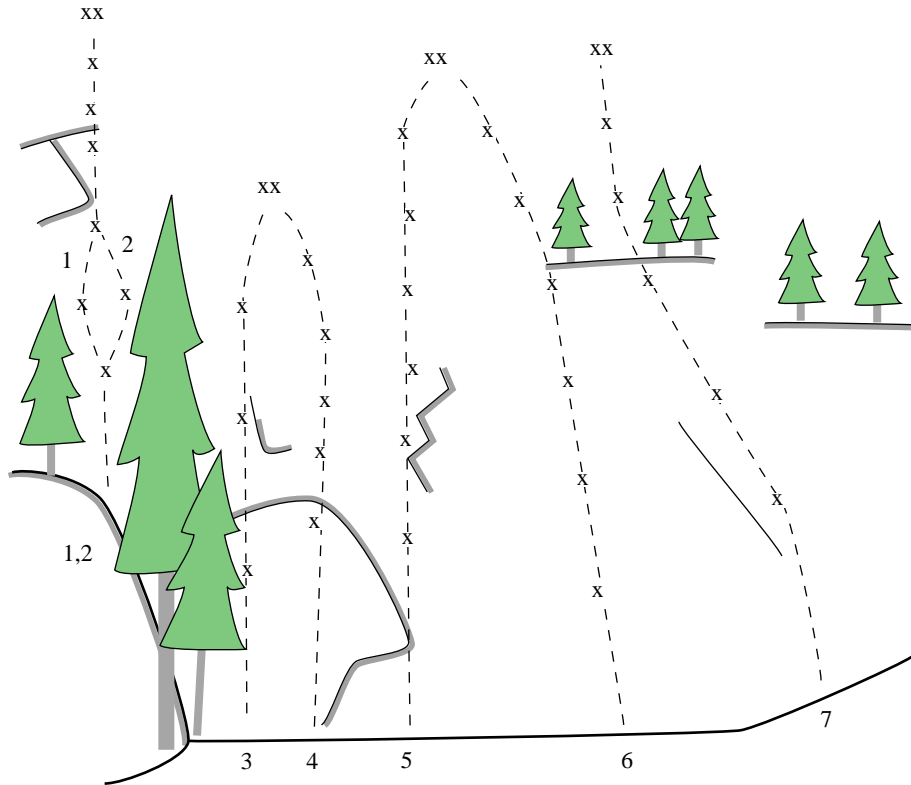
Of course no climbing on the pictographs. However, the climbs on both sides are quite good.



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| 1. Blaster | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 2. Blindside | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 3. Scavenger | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| 4. Ok Corral | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.8 |
| 5. Art of the Ancients | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| 6. Retrospective | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a/b |
| 7. Left to Chance | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 8. Cultural Imperative | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |
| 9. Artful Dodger
(bring gear) | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 10. Peter Pan | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11a |
| 11. Sidewinder | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11b |

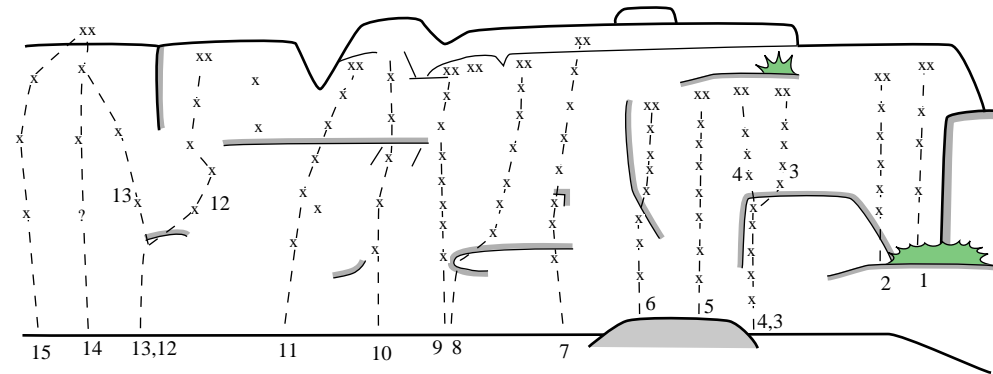
Hemingway Wall - Right

This part of the wall is really nice. The climbs are longer and less-than-vertical, offering good moderate climbs.



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| 1. Layla | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a |
| 2. Delilah | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11a |
| 3. Temptress | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10c |
| 4. Siren Song | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11a |
| 5. Nymphet | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.8 |
| 6. Scheherazade | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |
| 7. Lola | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.9 |

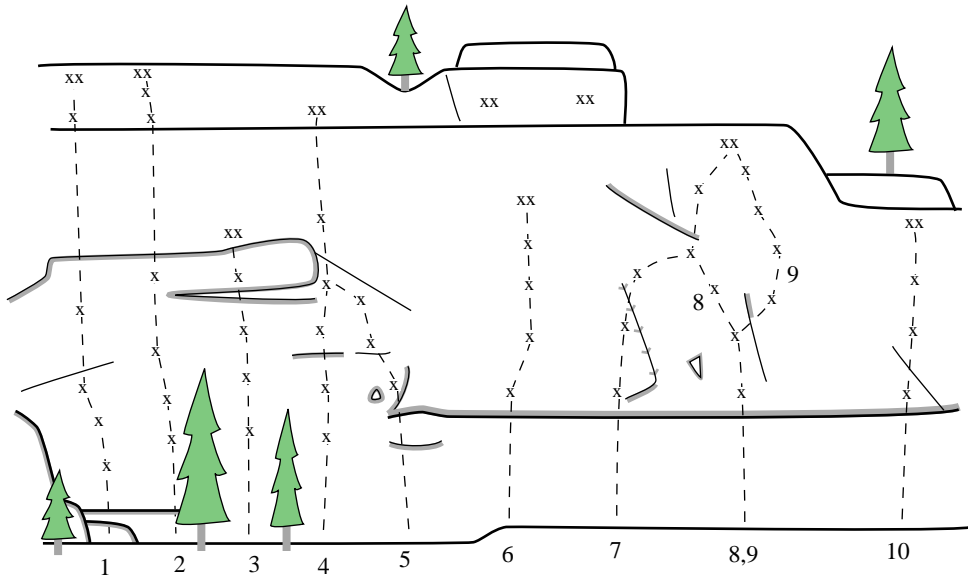
Water Wall - Right



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| 1. The Sting | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.10a | 9. Shep's Diner | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13a |
| 2. Urban Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11d | 10. Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.? |
| 3. Metabolica | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13a | 11. Burn Hollywood Burn | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13b |
| 4. Tintin and Snowy Get... | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.12d | 12. Cause and Effect | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13a/b |
| 5. Vapor Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13b | 13. Across the River and... | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11c |
| 6. Crimes of Passion | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.12d | 14. Cerebral Goretex | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11c |
| 7. The Resurrection | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13b | 15. Reflex Action | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.11d |
| 8. Bloody Outsiders | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.13a | | |

Hemingway Wall - Left

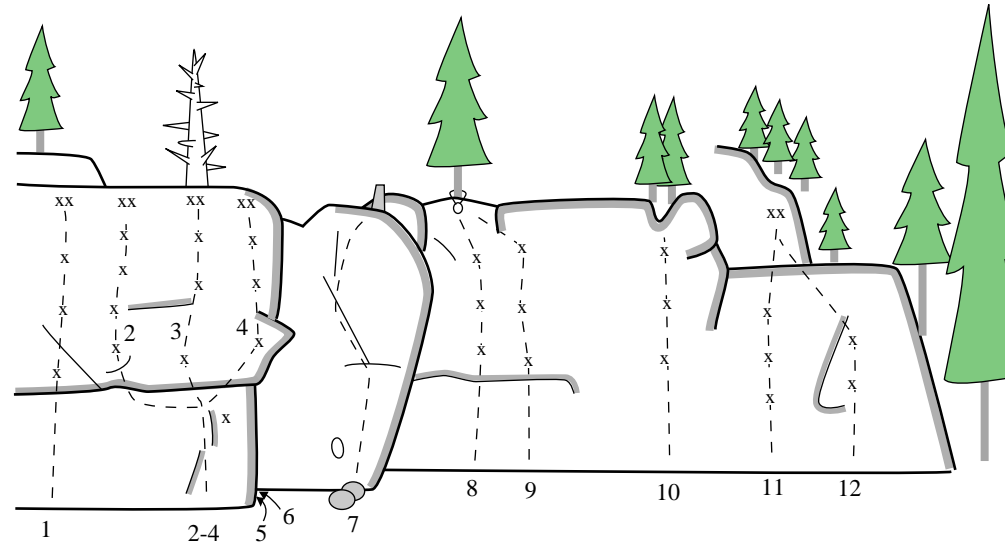
Facing the end of Water Wall, Hemingway Wall is the first climbable wall on the left when you come from the parking lot. Most of the routes on the left side are good and worth climbing.



- 1. Death in the Afternoon 5.12a
- 2. The Importance of Being Ernest 5.12a
- 3. Cracked Rhythm 5.12b/c
- 4. Chips Are For Kids 5.11b
- 5. Farewell to Arms 5.11a
- 6. Tropicana 5.12c
- 7. Success Pool 5.12a
- 8. Walk on the Wild Side 5.11c
- 9. Stone Age Romeos 5.11d
- 10. Grey Matter 5.11a

Hemingway Wall - Center

The climbs on this part of Hemingway Wall are much shorter. They are also not as good as their neighbors on both side. Run of the River is the best of the bunch.



- 1. Grey Matter 5.11a
- 2. Grand Larceny 5.10c/d
- 3. Petty Theft 5.10d
- 4. Falling from Heaven 5.9
- 5. Zipcode 5.10c
- 6. Little Canadian Corner 5.8
- 7. Lively Up Yourself 5.10c
- 8. Runaway 5.10a
- 9. Footloose 5.11aR
- 10. Run of the River 5.10b
- 11. Walk the Line 5.9



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