

Andrea's Pillars

Ver. 1.1

While putting up some new routes in the fall of 2011 at Sentinel Bluffs, Andrea turned around and saw some rock pillars sticking out on the lower part of Black Rock Mountain. Two days later we were standing below them, realizing that there would be some potential for some nice single pitch crack and face climbing with a nice view down into the North Ghost and towards Mt Aylmer. The routes are facing east, west and south, so they you can go with the sun on colder days or you can chase the shade if it is too hot. However, on windy days it might be pretty unpleasant up there.

Almost exact one year later Andrea, Mark, Paul and Tobias were back to start developing the cliffs. As the rock varies in between rock solid and pretty crumbly some cleaning was necessary to finish up most of the routes. The first routes were climbed in the spring of 2013 but the area was not visited further on that year due to the immense flood damages to the whole valley in June of 2013. Not before the fall of 2014 most routes were climbed and now the Ghost has another nice (mostly) sport climbing area with some more potential for additional route development. All projects are marked with a small sling in the first bolt (if not a trad line), please respect.

Access:

Park as for Sentinel Cliff, but head straight towards the river and Black Rock Mtn. (you can see the Pillars from here). Cross the river and try to find a tree leaning into the river bed on a 45° angle and marked with a pink ribbon (N51 19.052W115 11.797). A cairn (contributions welcome) marks the beginning of a trail (pink ribbons) which leads you up to the pillars (~45m, 200m vertical).

Gear:

A 60m rope is sufficient and 10 draws get you up everywhere. If not otherwise stated, all routes have their own rap station. The gear requirement for the only mixed line to date is included in the route description.



The Pillars from Centinal Cliff parking area



The west face of the western pillar

1.) **Project**, Paul Taylor

2.) **Bring Lots** – 10b mixed, 30m

FA. Tobias Link – June 2013

Bring a standard rack .4” to 3” and double or even triple .5” to 1.5”. 2 Bolts

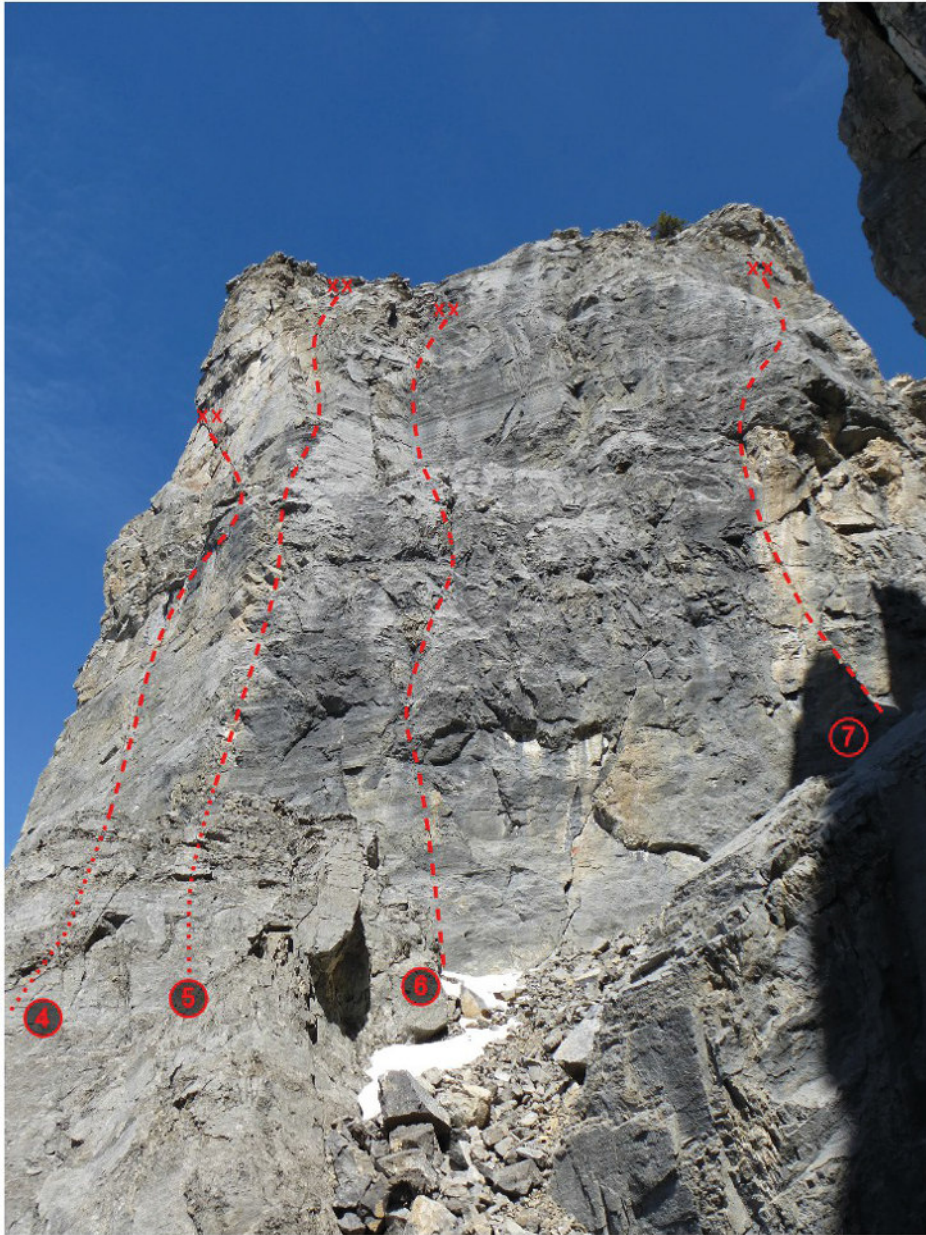
3.) **Crack The Ripper** – 11b/c, 30m

FA. Tobias Link – September 2014

Although all crux sections are bolted, the protection of this route might feel “sporty” for some people. Start on a super steep overhanging finger crack (crux, 2 bolts) and work your way up dihedrals, cracks and steep faces. 9 Bolts



Paul Taylor doing the first ascent on *Funk Arete*



4.) **Joey And The Horny Goose** – 10b, 28m

FA. Tobias Link – June 2013

This line is the first you will see coming up the trail. A bolted crack leads up in the middle of the south face. Unfortunately the rock above is crumbly and the routes ends well before the top. 7 Bolts

5.) **Funk Arete** – 10b, 25m

FA. Paul Taylor – June 2013

A super fun route with a distinguished crux at the third bolt. Feels pretty hard for the grade, but once you figured out the funky move, it isn't all that bad. 7 Bolts

6.) **Project**, Andrea Degagne

7.) **Climbs Nice** – 10c, 18m

FA. unknown

Bolted by Paul Gardener, this route is one of the best climbs on the western pillar. Nice face climbing all the way up to the anchors. It might need an additional bolt after the third one as it might feel a little bit sporty to some folks. 6 Bolts



Tobias Link on *Joey And The Horny Goose*



8.) Corridor Route – 10a, 18m

FA. Paul Taylor – June 2013

Located just a few meters up right of *Climbs Nice*, this is a great warm-up.
6 Bolts



Project Sling, please respect



Mark Carlson enjoying *The Crack That Bites Back*



The west face of the eastern pillar

9.) **The Crack That Bites Back** – 5.9, 22m

FA. Mark Carlson – June 2013

A unique chimney/crack line which might feel harder if you are not a crack addict. Stem up the outside of the chimney. Look before putting your hand in a crack, or it might bite you back! 10 Bolts

10.) **The Pope's a Cowboy** – 5.11b, 20m

FA. Mark Carlson – June 2013

Saddle up and don't drop your hat when pulling onto the mini ledge at the roof. 8 Bolts

11.) **Blades Of Steel** – 5.11a, 20m

FA. Mark Carlson – June 2013

Big open handed hold lead to excellent sharp crimps up the top. 6 Bolts



12.) **Break the Door Down** – 5.8, 12m

Located on the back side of the eastern pillar directly opposite of the *Corridor Route*. Climb around the small tree up the corner. The crux is just before the second bolt. The third bolt is attached to a detached block the size of a large door. Don't break down the door, especially if you are attached to it. The anchors are only a move or two higher than the third bolt, so you may want to skip the third bolt entirely. Not recommended in its current state. 3 Bolts