

Gobi65 265M 5.10a or 5.8A0

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This six-pitch mixed route ascends the centre line of Gobi Buttress on the NNE side of Mount McGillivray. The route climbs an aesthetic buttress on above-average quality limestone with some worthwhile gear climbing.

Climbing is mostly 5.6-5.7 with short cruxes.

Single rack to #4 including a set of micro cams. 12 draws at least 8 extendable.
Double ropes required for rappel.

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URL to Photo Topo

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4M-LCy_q0fTWIFXanVoOXc2Uk0/view?usp=sharing

Pitch 1 5.3 50M

Follow vague corner (gear) up the ridge to tree.

MOVE BELAY up about 15 meters to base of next good feature and belay from tree.

Pitch 2 5.5 40M

Follow cracks and corners around edge of slab trending left to bolted station behind tree at base of steeper feature.

Pitch 3 5.7 45M 3 bolts

Follow a shallow left-facing crack to a traverse. Step right into a corner (bolt) and follow features until you can traverse back left through a break. Follow good features up to a bolted station in protected alcove.

Pitch 4 5.8 50M 6 bolts

Step left off the belay. Clip bolts to a loose roof up and left. Fun moves around left side into shallow, broken crack. Step back right and traverse slab (2 bolts) underneath several roofs to

a steep corner feature (bolt). Awkward move to easier ground (up right groove) then back left to a bolted belay on a ledge.

Pitch 5 5.10a or 5.8 A0 45M 8 bolts

Step right off the belay and move up to a bolt. Step left into the main corner (exposure down and left). Climb up past bolt and then either head straight up for the bolted face (5.10a or 5.8 A0), or head left through some loose rock (5.8) to a gear belay.

Pitch 6 30M 3rd class.

30m to top of route and rap station.

Enjoy great views of Bow Valley, Heart, Grotto and much more.
Awesome lunch spot.

Descent:

Rap route with double 60M ropes. At bolted station on top (5m skiers right of obvious summit cairn), rappel directly down 30M to belay as for pitch 5. From here rap all previous stations to the top of pitch 2 (wide good ledge). Then rappel 50m down and left to a station below an orange roof. From here is 40m to the ground.

Not all stations are equipped with fixed rings (we ran out) so bring some cord and mallions in case the rodents have been busy.

Getting there:

Park at Heart Creek Trailhead across from Lac Des Arcs.

Gobi Butte is the right butte of the prominent feature of Mt McGillvary.

Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/QmJAa>

Follow Bow Corridor Trail west from parking lot into main drainage. Up drainage for 5 minutes and watch for flagged and cairned trail on left.

Follow steep but very well established trail along left side of main drainage. Trail braids but follow best left trail until reaching short cliff band. Look for flagged trail through and up.

After breaking through short cliff band, follow trail to a loose gully (flagged) and follow a trail through the trees to a look-out point over the canyon.

Descend slight trail to drainage, cross drainage (feature visible from road) and bushwhack to gain ridge again. Follow game trails along ridge to base of route.

500M elevation gain.

1.5 hours.

Return the same way.

Don't be tempted to descend via scree slopes and drainage.

History:

Route is named in honour of a friend and their battle with Lyme Disease.

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