

Out of the Silent Planet 115m, 5.11b

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This excellent route in the CMC Valley is located on the wall left of the Ripple wall immediately left of the pillar of Isenguard. It climbs up a prominent shield of steep grey rock. Walk up the scree cone to its apex. This route begins in a corner crack system to the right of the dead tree. Look for a bolt about 6m up.

Gear: Cams to #3 camalot including TCU's and a couple medium wires. 14 draws, several long

P1: 40m 5.10d Climb the steep corner crack passing a bolt until it closes up. Step right and clip bolts up an immaculate, prickly grey slab up to a small roof. Pull over the roof to a stance and good cam placement. Climb left into a groove and follow this to belay at a small ledge.

P2: 20m 5.9 Climb up left from the belay passing a bolt to gain a crack in the right side of a small pillar. Steep moves up the pillar lead to good holds and a stance on top. Clip a bolt and climb the wall above on perfect stone to belay at a small foot ledge.

P3: 35m 11b Step straight up from the belay and clip a bolt out right. Step right to better holds and a short crack. An awkward step up right leads to a good hold and another bolt. Difficult moves lead up and left to a rest. Climb the corner above on sustained moves for 10m to a rest at a big hold. Reach straight left to a good hold and commit up and left to gain a foot ledge and a small pillar. Continue up on good holds and fun climbing moving right and up at the last bolt to the belay.

P4: 20m 5.8 Move right from the belay to gain a crack/ groove. Follow this until a step around right leads to another crack which is followed to the top

Descent: Rappel the route from ring bolt stations using 2 ropes. From the top of pitch 3 it is a 55m rappel straight down to the station atop pitch 1.

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