Quiet Daze 5.8 125m

F.A. of full route- Grant Parkin, Trevor Jones. (Sep 2016)

F.A. for P1 Colin Hoglund, Grant Parkin. (May 2016)

Sentinel, South End. Located several meters left of Ambulance Chaser, the route Quiet Daze is a fully bolt protected five pitch route on generally good rock. Named after a comment I'd made about it being a quiet day when I equipped the first pitch and later realized I must have been in a daze when my four pitch project turned out to have five rappels/pitches.

Descent. Although the route has been equipped to be rapped with a single 60m rope in five raps, having a 70m rope allows combining P1 and P2 in a single rap. A 60m rope requires the use of the P1 anchor or downclimbing 3m to the ground.

A walk off option requires easy climbing/scrambling an extra 10m into the forest, belaying from trees, then walking south to where the cliff breaks down. Some flagging currently exists. The trail cuts back north below the cliff to rejoin the trail along the base.

- P1 5.7 15m Look for the blown down tree and root base. 6 bolts leads to a 2 ring bolt anchor on a ledge. Probably better to not combine with P2 because of rope drag.
- P2 5.8 25m Move a couple metres left along the ledge and up. 8 bolts lead to a small ledge and 2 ring bolts.
- P3 5.7 30m Rising up and right from the belay into a corner. Easier climbing after the corner leads to a ledge followed by a short but steep wall, then the angle eases as you reach the big ledge. There is a chained rap station on the tree but there is also a 2 bolt anchor a little further from the edge to belay from. Note, extend the belay from the bolts to the cliff edge to facilitate communication. 9 bolts.

P4 5.6 35m Relocate the belay along the big ledge to climbers right for this pitch. A single bolt at the ledge has been placed for the belayer to clip in. An easy weakness gains a smaller ledge and moving right past a bolt you reach a vague left facing corner. Follow the corner and face past a halfway ledge and follow the bolts right. Excellent rock leads up a rounded rib then a traverse left at the top leads into trees on another big ledge. 9 bolts lead to a tree/chain belay that is also a rap station.

P5 5.5 20m Once again relocate the belay to climbers right along the big ledge where there is a single bolt for the belayer. Start up the slab through the small roof on excellent holds or use the small right facing corner. After the small roof move left of the corner and up the low angle face to reach the final big ledge. 5 bolts lead to a 2 bolt and chain station. If you wish to walk off, climb a short rock and scramble section into the forest just left of the chains. This will add an extra 10m to P5 or use the chains and do it as an extra short pitch to avoid communication problems in the forest.

Rap P5 20m from bolts/chains to big ledge.

Rap P4 Full 30m from tree/chain to big ledge.

Rap P3 Full 30m from tree/chain to small ledge and ring bolts.

Rap 20m to top of P1 or Rap 35m to ground.

