

Valleyview Update and Alternative Pitch

The Banff Climber's Club did the following work in the summer of 2015:

Valleyview

With permission of the first ascensionist a few bolts were moved/added to better protect the climbing and reduce runouts. Only a rack of quick draws and slings are now required (there were about two optional cam placements previously).

During this process a few of the galvanized bolts/stainless hanger mixed metal combinations were removed and it was observed that little corrosion seemed to have occurred in the 14 years they were in place. Good news for the many similar mixed metal combinations in the valley.

A few anchors were added to better utilize ledges for the rappel descent. Original anchors are still in place but the new anchors are only a couple of metres away and are obvious. **A SINGLE 60 M ROPE IS REQUIRED TO USE THE NEW ANCHORS FOR A RAPPEL DESCENT.**

Mountainscape Variation

Many people feel pitch 4 of Valleyview is harder than 5.9 (5.10b?). Mountainscape is a new pitch that bypasses this crux on Valleyview:

5.7, 50 m From the top of Valleyview pitch 2, climb up left to the first bolt of Valleyview pitch 3. Continue left along an easy groove to a second bolt, then launch up the face above. Stem into the corner/groove for a bit before transferring onto the face on the right again. A move left onto a ledge gets into easier climbing that leads past a few more bolts to the top of Valleyview pitch 4.

Climbing the Mountainscape pitch makes Valleyview 5 pitches instead of six. Valleyview becomes a route where there are only a few moves of 5.9 at the top of pitch 2, where the leader can coach the second.