

Figure 1 – the 6 pitches of "Hangover cure", pitch 4a is an alternative mixed finish, walk off climbers left

Hangover cure - 6 pitch, 10b/c, 205m

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This is a 5.Fun, non-committing sport route on surprisingly good rock. The climb was originally started in fall of 2017 with a ground up approach after a friend's wedding (hence the name....) In Aug 2019, we returned to complete the recommended finish and made it a true sport route. Although the majority of holds are solid, keep in mind this is a new route so watch for loose rock.

Recommended gear – 2 - 60m ropes, 13 draws (20 draws to link pitches 4&5), water shoes/hiking poles for river crossing (optional)

Approach – Located in "the Gap". To get to the Gap, drive approx. 26 km north of Lundbreck, AB on Highway 22. Turn off Highway 22 at Maycroft and go west on highway 517 for about 17 km. The road will turn to gravel and enter the mountains. (The Gap is where the Oldman River exists the mountains.) You will eventually go around a big curve in the road which then heads south. GPS of the Gap - 49° 52.445'N 114° 21.502'W Suggested parking is south of the big curve in the road, close to the cattle gate, at a pullout. Walk north along the road, until you pick up a trail 10m south of the cattle gate sign. Drop down to the river and cross the river just upstream of the two large boulders on the other side of the river or continue further downstream for other potential crossings. Expect a knee high crossing in summer. Walk uphill and follow animal trails and scree to the base of the climb (approx. 30 min from your car)

P1 45m 13 bolts 5.8 climb the slab then follow the weakness through steeper terrain. Finish on easy but loose ground. Find rap anchors slightly to the left.

P2 35m 9 bolts 5.9 Climb a steep, short corner, gain the ledge, then climb an arete.

P3 40m 9 bolts 5.7. Face climb on 5.fun, slabby intrusions.

P4 25m 9 bolts 10 b/c (harder if short) - Start slightly right of the belay, climb past a couple tricky moves (well protected) then continue on a blank wall to gain positive holds on intrusions. Finishes at a semi-hanging rap station.

P5 30m 10 bolts 10a trend left around an overhang to gain positive holds and cracks. Then follow bolts through increasingly steeper terrain to a roof. When in doubt, undercling your way around the roof and appreciate the exposure.

(Originally P4 and P5 were climbed as one block however broken up into two pitches due to the number of needed draws.)

Optional P4 ***MIXED**** bring a small rack. 50m 5.8+. Start this pitch at the anchors to the right of the start of the recommended pitch 4. This was the original line. Climb corners and follow bolts where you need them to the top.

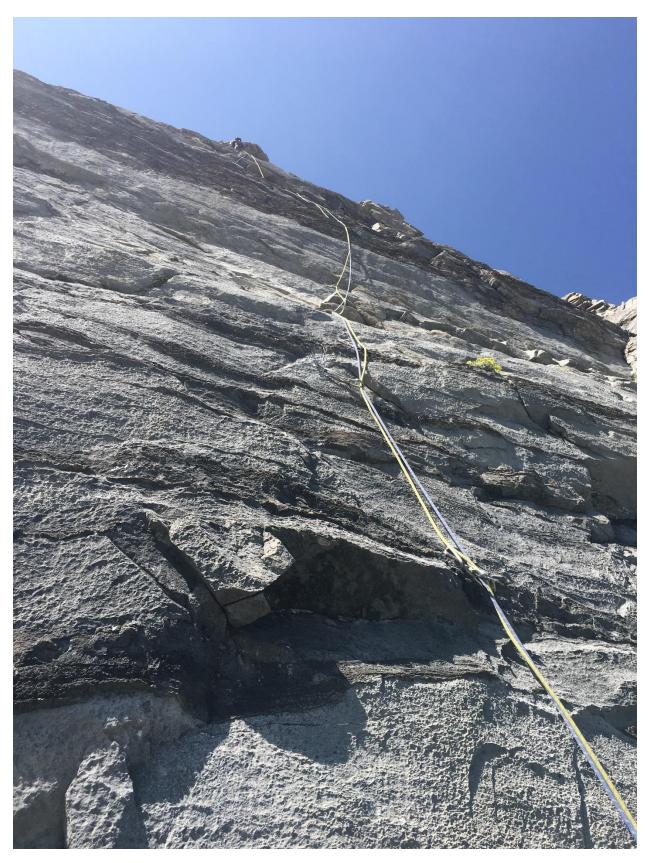
P6 30m 6 bolt 5.5 – climb excellent rock up easy slab to the top. A little run out, but on easy terrain.

Descent - Rap the route or walk off. All stations have rap anchors. 2 60m ropes. Might be able to use a single 70 m but may require a small down climb at the bottom of pitch 1.

Walk off: traverse climbers left, follow the odd cairn, continue down a bowl on scree, once at the bottom the bowl continue down and skiers right to locate a gully, the gully can be down climbed, but there is a set of rap anchors if needed.



Pitch 1



Pitch 4 and 5



Walk off