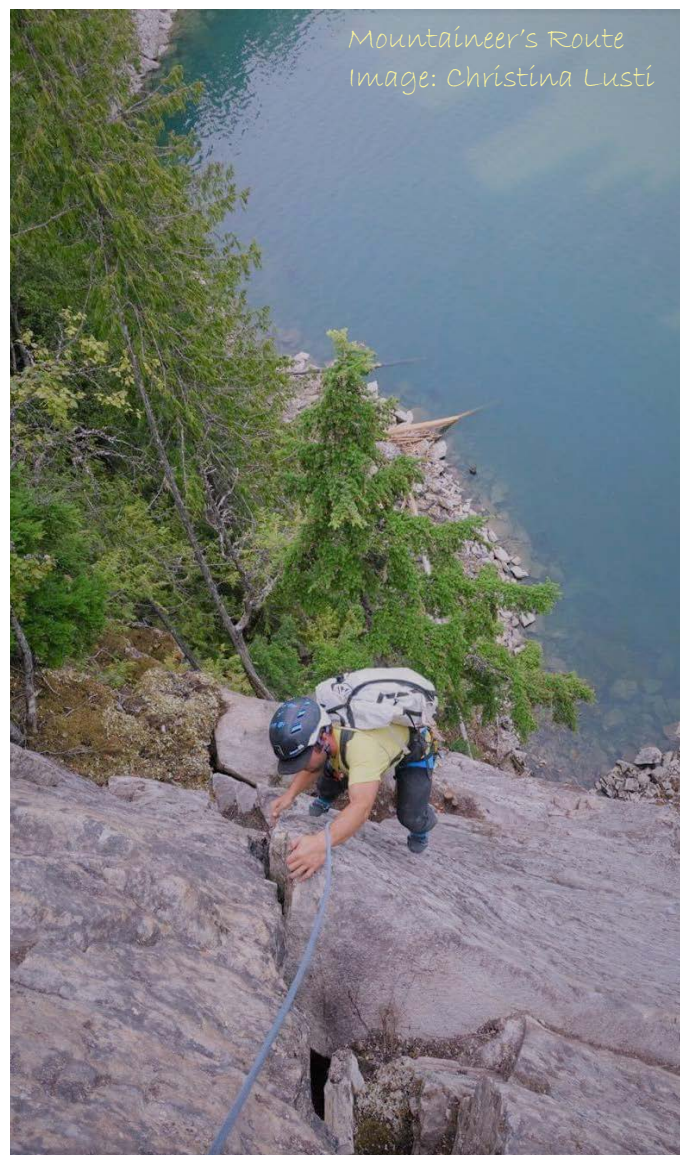
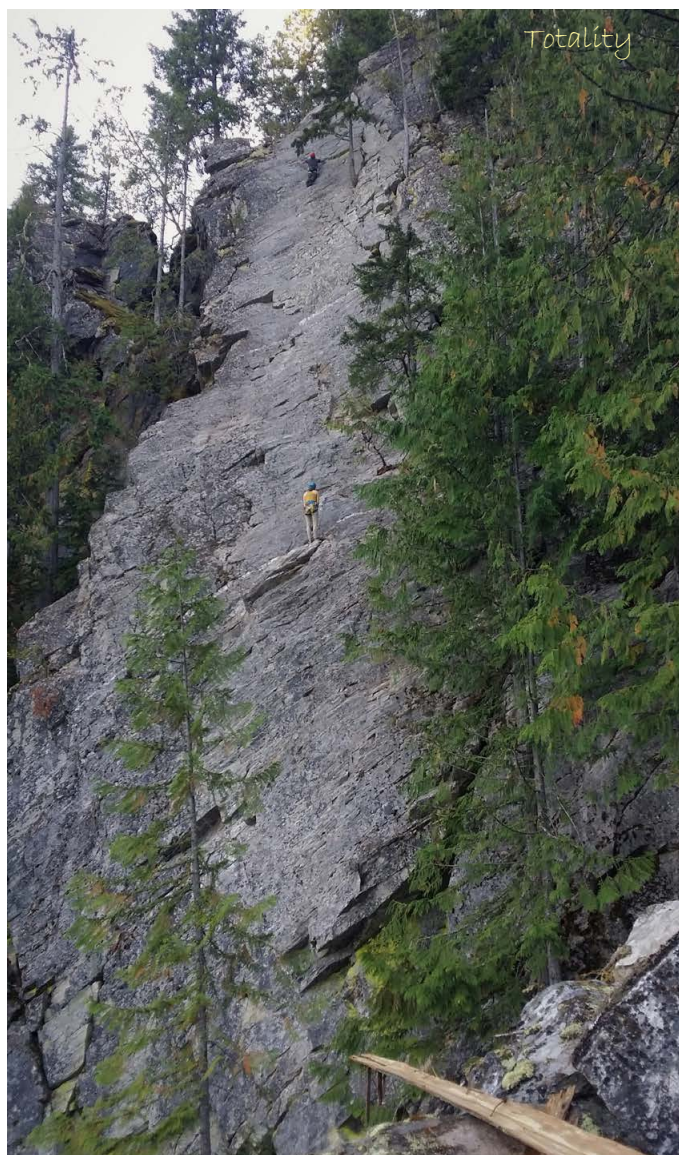
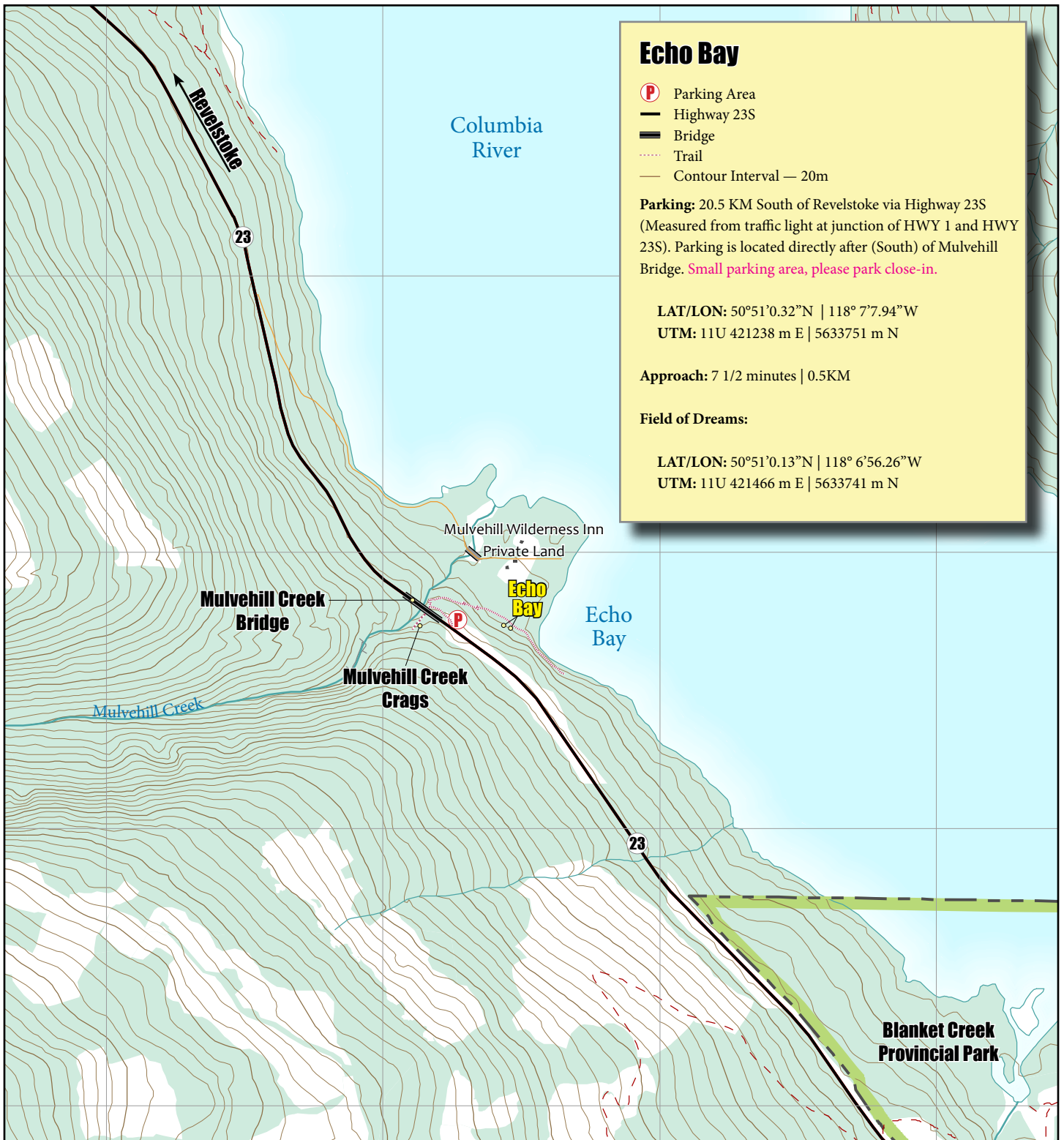


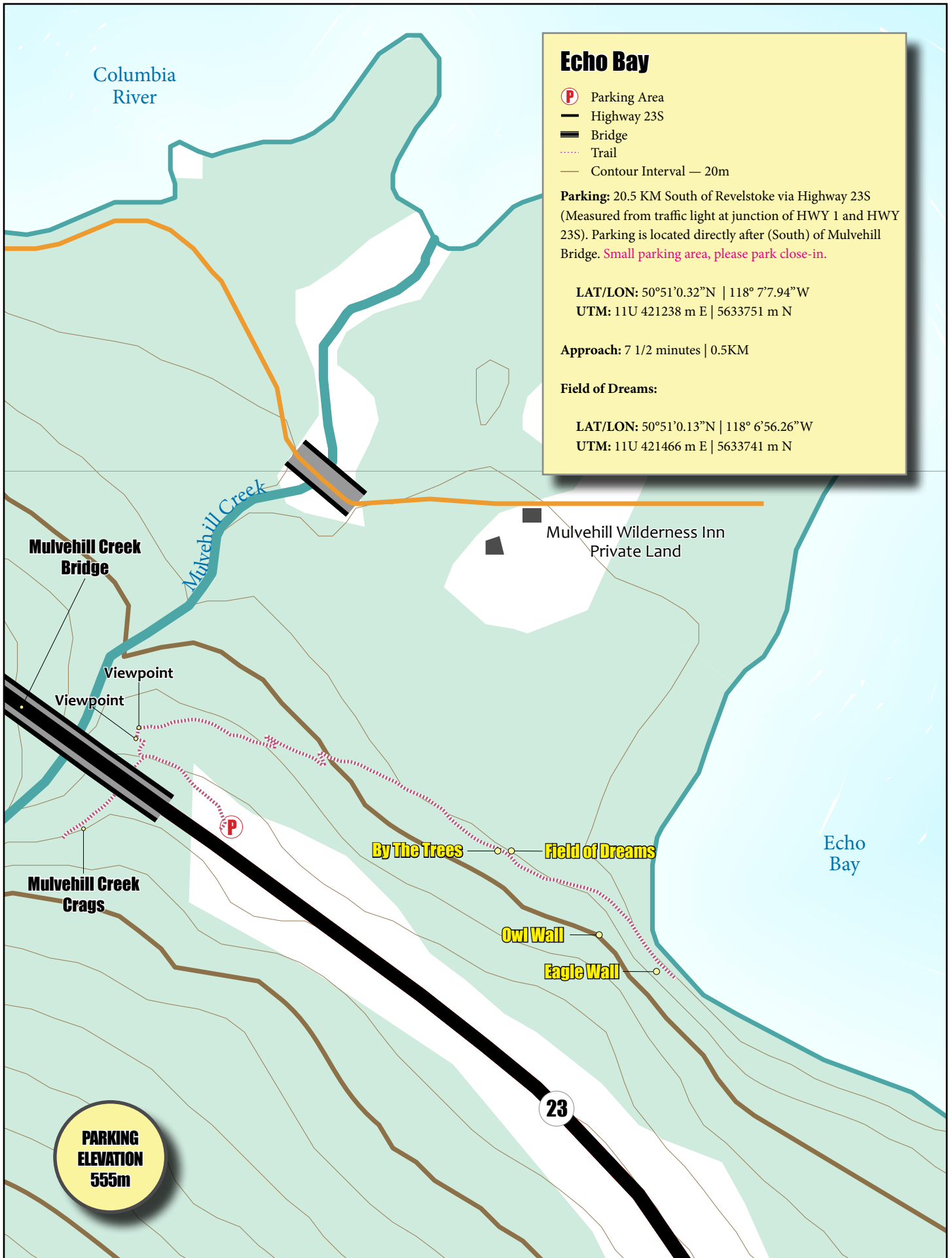
ECHO BAY REVELSTOKE

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Revelstokes' newest climbing area; Echo Bay is a gem! Once you go there, you'll understand why. The area is unique to Revelstoke with an uncharacteristically level base area set among a beautiful mixed species forest, adjacent to the Columbia River.

The bay is the beginning of a special area where the birds like to hang out. From Echo Bay down to Galeana Bay is where you will likely see eagles, owls, hawks and everything in between. And of course, the mountain views aren't too bad either! You can go climbing, swimming, fishing or just hang out on the water and watch the fish catch bugs. Or, the birds catch fish!

Mike Bromberg of Revelstoke Backcountry Guides (RBG) took the initial steps in establishing the area in 2016 and along with Darek Glowacki, they passionately began the task of establishing the first climbs as well as a vision for the area. Building a trail or a route is easy. Building a high-quality, memorable trail or route on the other hand, is an art that requires careful thought and consideration on the part of the designer/builder.

Of course, no one can insist on what others can or cannot do on Crown land, it is only a simple request that anyone that wishes to build a route or do any trail work at Echo Bay, to please contact either Mike or Darek beforehand so we can all share the same vision of quality and care that has been implemented thus far into this incredible area. Please remember that those bolts/routes will be there for a very long time. Once you experience Echo Bay, you'll hopefully understand why the developers wish to continue this tradition of **quality over quantity**. The rock is impeccable quartzite, the moss comes off easily and there's potential for many more routes to be developed.

Projects: Projects are climbs that are in the process of building. Please do not climb on projects out of respect for the builder as well as for your own safety. Often, projects will have what's known as 'work bolts' or other gear that are not designed to hold a fall and also, the climbing itself may be dangerous due to having not been completed yet. Sometimes, even protection bolts have to be moved as the builder figures out the best location for the climb and protection. Project climbs are often identified by a piece of tape on the first bolt and/or a coiled rope hanging from them.

Bugs: Echo Bay is on the waterfront of the Columbia River. In other words; mosquito breeding ground. Like other notorious bug zones in the Columbia Mountains, the bugs can be at times, just downright gnarly. If you simply cannot deal with them, you may find it difficult to climb in Revelstoke. However, there are times that are better than others to enjoy a bug-free experience. This is either in the spring or fall. During bug season in the summer, it can be quite nice in the morning or any days that are cooler and lower humidity. If it's high humidity, prepare for bug-

war! It's recommended to visit prepared with proper clothing, something they can't get through (like Gore-Tex, ha!), bug spray and mosquito coils.

Fire Hazard: The summer of 2017 has set a record for the worst in recorded history for forest fires. Please be careful if you burn bug coils or smoke at the crags. Using a rock as an ashtray is a good idea as well as properly extinguishing anything that you light up.

Arrow Lakes Reservoir: The Columbia River is controlled by BC Hydro via the Mica Dam and Revelstoke Dam. Water levels can change rapidly and without warning. This can also create floating hazards. Keep this in mind if you are on the waterfront. Echo Bay is a beautiful place to swim during the hot summer months as the water is fairly still and shallow which allows it to warm up to a nice swimming temperature. This is rare below the dams due to the usually very cold water that is released from the Revelstoke dam. The swimming is only good when the water level is high and the water reaches Echo Bay, otherwise, during low water, the river is in its normal riverbed and often very cold and turbulent. Enjoy it when it's up!

Fishing: A 50 cm trout was recently caught, you'll need your fishing license.

Toproping: Setting topropes from above is not recommended due to a high hazard of rockfall. Please be respectful of others and refrain from even trying as most of the climbs anchors are inaccessible from the top anyway. The exception to this is Shoeless Joe where a top rope can be safely set up. Be aware if people are below you when doing so.

Quality rating: There's no quality ratings as of yet. Most of the climbs at Echo Bay are good to awesome! As time goes on and more feedback is received, quality ratings will be added. Some clues have been given in the route descriptions.

Sport, Gear & Mixed: Each climb is identified as either sport, gear or mixed. To make the most out of your visit, it is recommended to visit with at least a small rack of gear to take advantage of the mixed and gear climbs. Each climb is identified in their respective descriptions. This isn't Squamish. The gear in Revelstoke is historically more challenging to place than in many other areas that have straightforward, bomber cracks. The gear placements will definitely make you think and this adds to the challenge as well as the satisfaction of finding good pieces. The gear and mixed climbs at Echo Bay are not runout death routes, with proper mileage of gear placements, you should be able to have a good, safe experience.

Names: Field of Dreams and By the Trees are just that; By the Trees, Field of Dreams. No 'wall' or 'crag' or 'bluff' ;)

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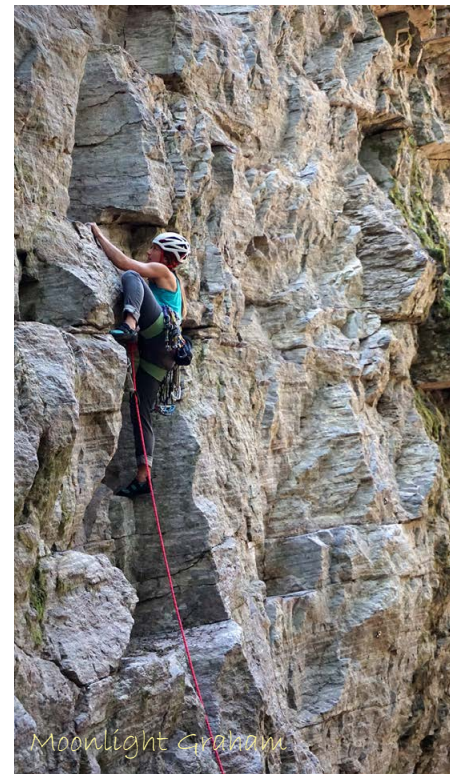
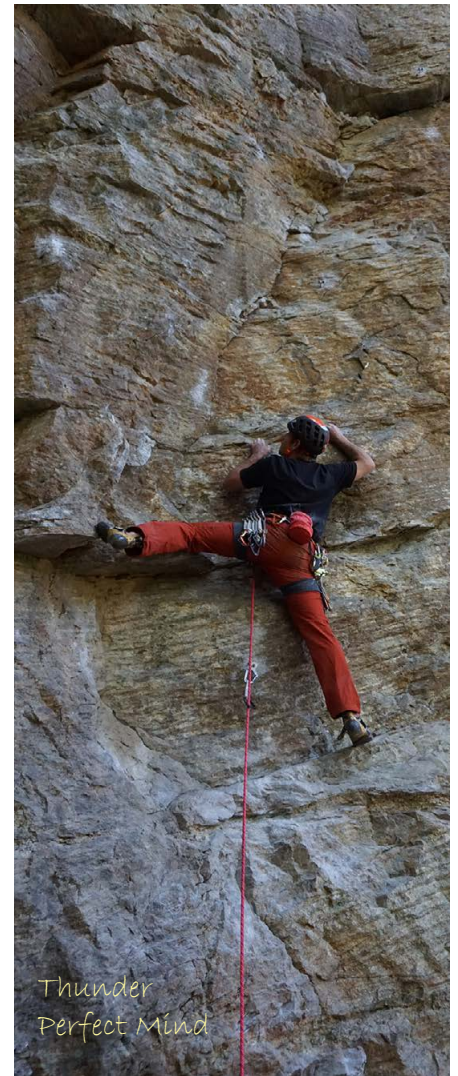
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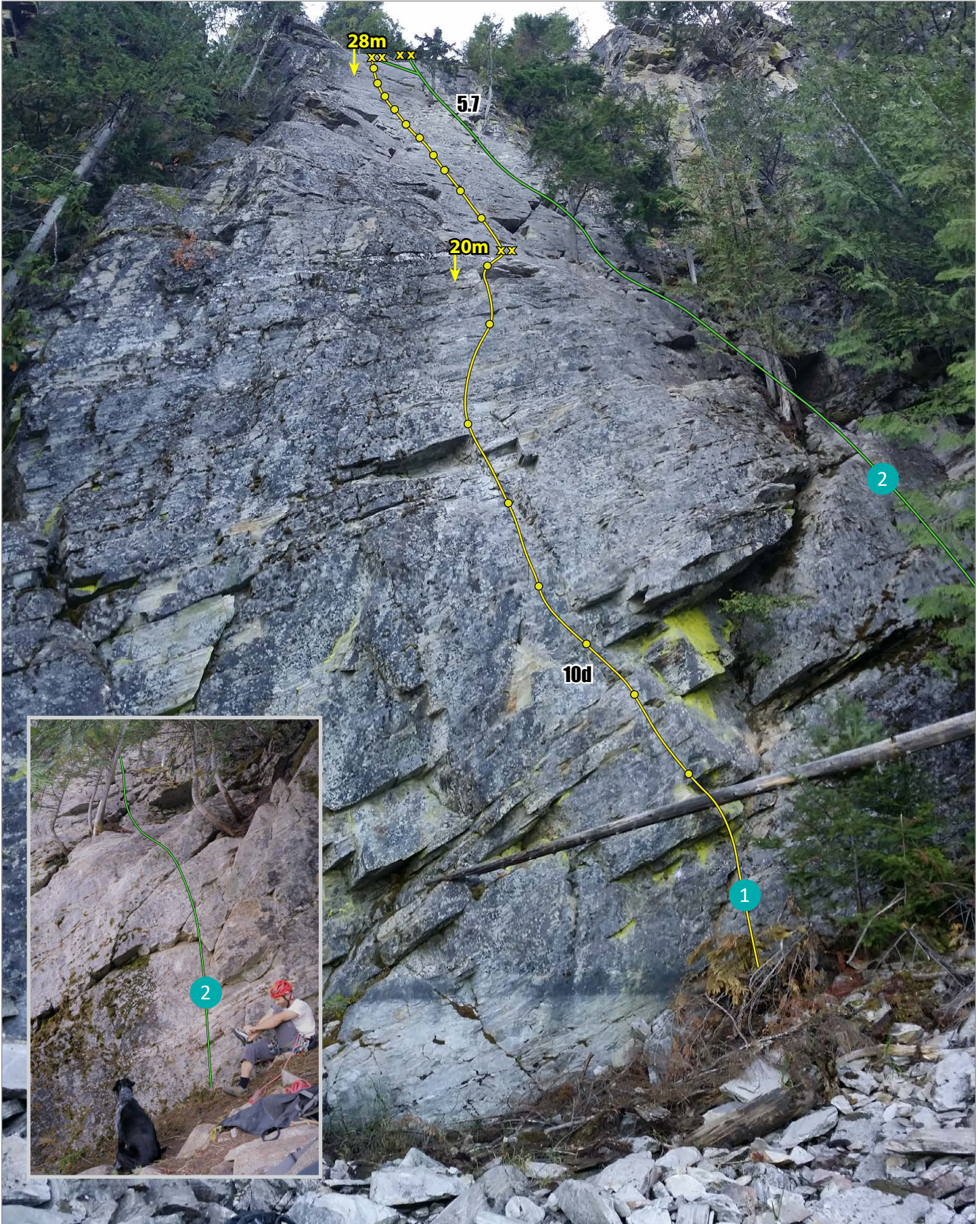


Topo Legend

- 1 Climb Number
 - █ Gear Route
 - █ Mixed Route
 - █ Sport Route
 - Bolt
 - XX Anchor
 - 28m
↓ Length Of Climb/Lower/Rappel
- Anchors**
-  1x Fixe Chain w/ring | 1x Fixe Rap Ring
 -  1x Fixe Belay/Rap Station
 -  1x Quick-ling w/ring | 1x Fixe Rap Ring
 -  2x Hangers



Eagle Wall



Eagle Wall

1 Totality

5.10c/d | Sport | 2 pitches



Established & FA: Mike Bromberg, Darek Glowacki. August, 2017.

P1 - 10c/d | 8 bolts | 20m - Follow the arcing bolt line (crux) to a bolted anchor.

P2 - Squamish 5.9 | 10 bolts | 28m - Follow the line of bolts up the centre/left of the wall. A good pitch of slab climbing, something we're in short supply of in Revelstoke! Don't let the word 'slab' scare you, it's well protected and there are incuts as well!

The route can be done in one pitch by experienced parties, however, doing it in two is pretty sweet as well! A few long slings are useful if you try it in one pitch. If breaking it up into two pitches, a fun way to do it is from the belay at the top of the first pitch, the leader climbs the second pitch to the top anchor (2nd pitch), lowers off from there back to the belayer at the 1st pitch anchor, and then belays the second from there on top rope. If you try this method, you'll still both have to rap from the mid-station. And off course, you can always belay from the top as well.

Descent: Rappel the route. Two rappels (28m, 20m)

2 Mountaineer's Route

5.7 | Gear | 2 pitches



Established & FA: Darek Glowacki, Mike Bromberg and Guests. August, 2017.

P1 From the base of the wall at a large Cedar Tree, climb a shallow corner through two small cedar trees to a gear belay at a large horizontal crack below an obvious arcing crack. 18m

P2 Follow the crack to a bolted anchor on the rim. 25m

Can be done in one pitch by experienced parties. Long slings are useful. Gear to #2 Camalot.

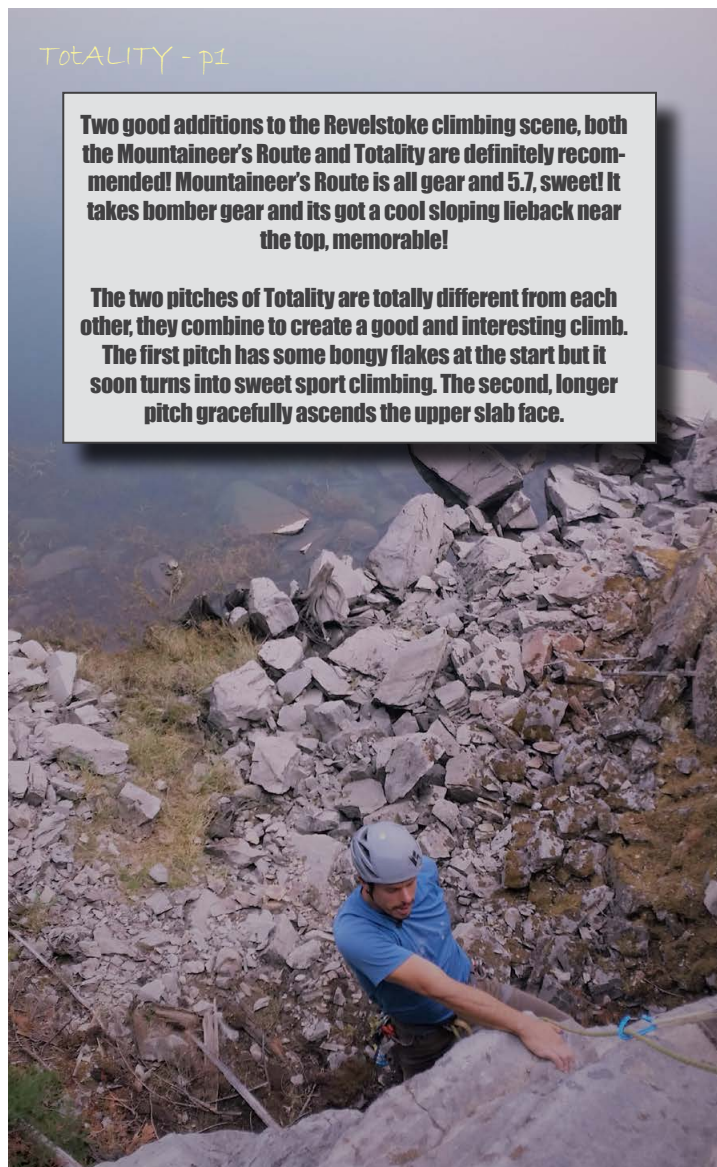
Descent: Two rappels (28m, 20m) via Totality.

There are two anchors at the top of Eagle Wall that serve two purposes. The higher one on the right at the top of Mountaineer's Route is for if you plan to walk-off that route. The anchor on the left and slightly lower, which is the Totality anchor is the standard rappel route although, you can also safely rap down the Mountaineer's Route anchor to reach the Totality mid-anchor. However, the higher Mountaineer's Route anchor will have a wee bit of rope drag but it does work fine. If you're planning to rappel after climbing Mountaineer's Route, it's easy to step left at the top to belay off Totality's top anchor and belay/rappel from there.

TOTALITY - p1

Two good additions to the Revelstoke climbing scene, both the Mountaineer's Route and Totality are definitely recommended! Mountaineer's Route is all gear and 5.7, sweet! It takes bomber gear and its got a cool sloping lieback near the top, memorable!

The two pitches of Totality are totally different from each other, they combine to create a good and interesting climb. The first pitch has some bongy flakes at the start but it soon turns into sweet sport climbing. The second, longer pitch gracefully ascends the upper slab face.



Field of Dreams | Left

3 Hazelnut

5.7 | Gear | 8m



Established & FA: Darek Glowacki. July, 2017.

A tricky start to a fun corner and a small overhang, then a few face moves. Gear to 1.5”.

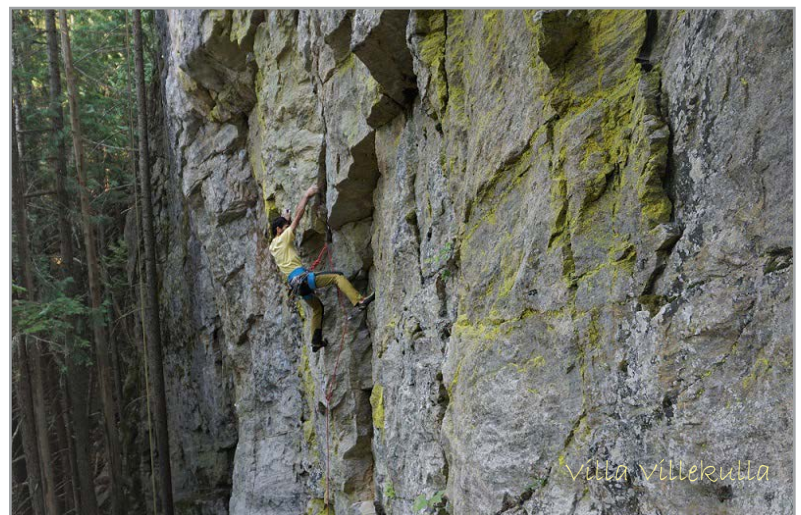
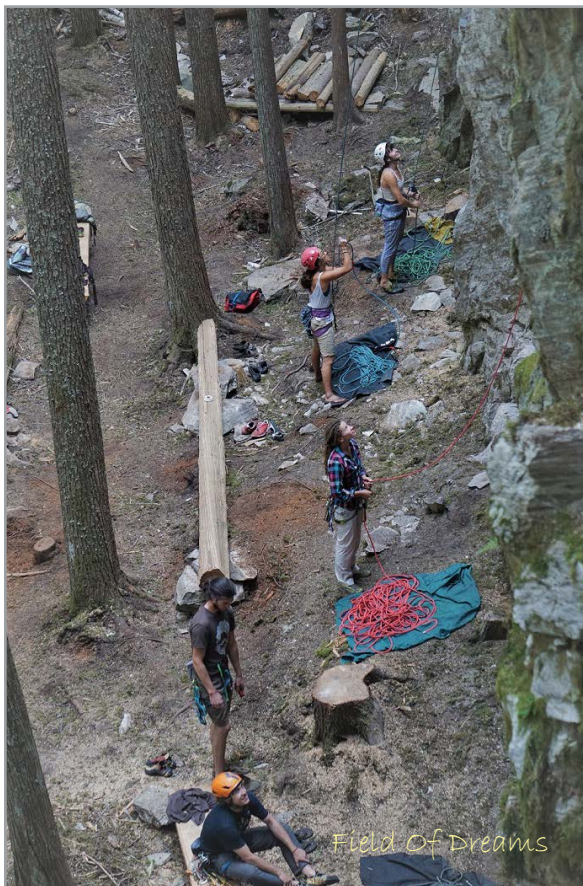
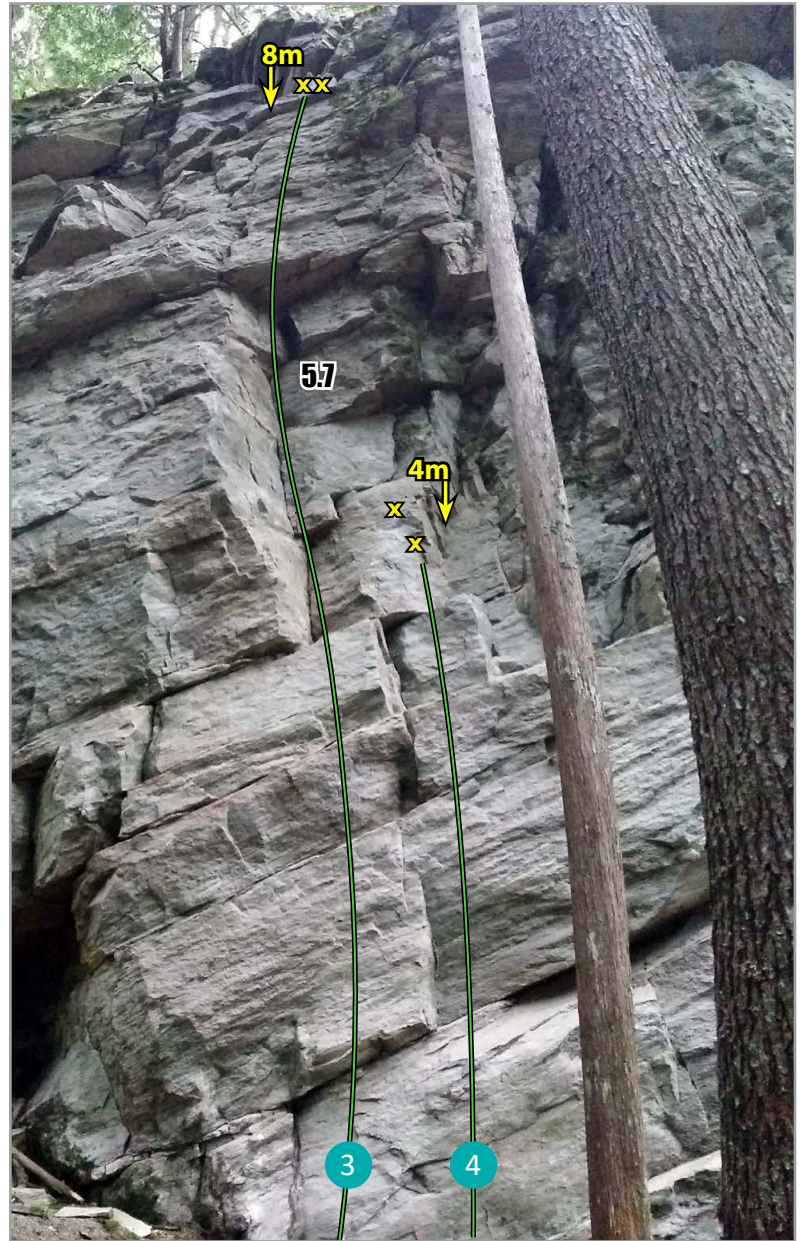
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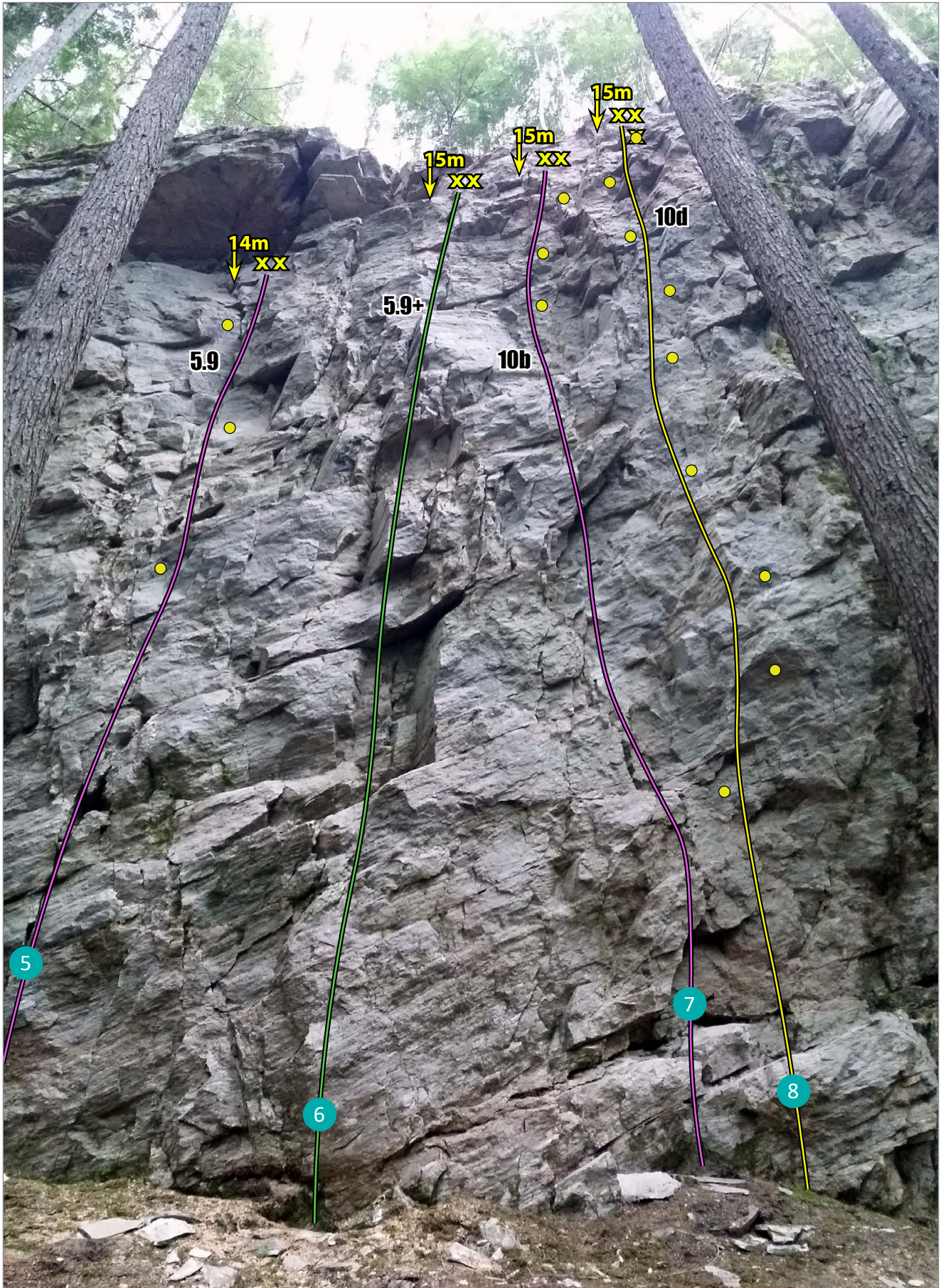
5.fun | 4m



Established & FA: Darek Glowacki. May, 2017

A good toprope for the youngins and the anchor is also used for ropes/rescue practice. No protection.





Field of Dreams | Centre & Right

5 Moonlight Graham

5.9 | Mixed | 14m | 3 Bolts



Established & FA: Mike Bromberg. May, 2017.

A popular mixed route with a sweet finish which also happens to be the crux. Gear is one or two pieces to 1”.

6 Go The Distance

5.9+ | Gear | 15m



Established & FA: Mike Bromberg. May, 2017.

The climbing makes you think. The gear makes you think. Good stuff! Gear to 1.5 inches.

7 If You Build It, They Will Climb

10b | Mixed | 15m | 3 Bolts



Established & FA: Darek Glowacki. June, 2017.

Follow the crack on the right facing flake to the classic ledge grovel to another good finish. Some folks clip the first bolt of Slopey but you don't need to as there are gear placements. Gear to 2.5”.

8 Slopey

5.10d | Sport | 15m | 9 Bolts



Established & FA: David Sproule. June, 2017.

An honest 10d! Another popular route and different for Revelstoke. It's slopey and it catches a lot of people off guard. The crux is at the top of course. This and route 7 can feel a bit squeezed at the top so some folks end up left but you want to go right, into the crux.

9 Space Cadet Glow

5.11d | Sport | 15m | 9 Bolts



Established & FA: Douglas Sproul. July, 2017.

A powerful, bouldery start for the first five bolts leads to easier ground and a ledge grovel. If the grade is at your limit, you'll want to rest up well on the ledge because, like many of the climbs at Echo Bay, there's a sting-in-the-tail. The crux is between the fourth and fifth bolts. The original route finishes directly on the arete but some people have also been finding their way straight up the face to the anchor.

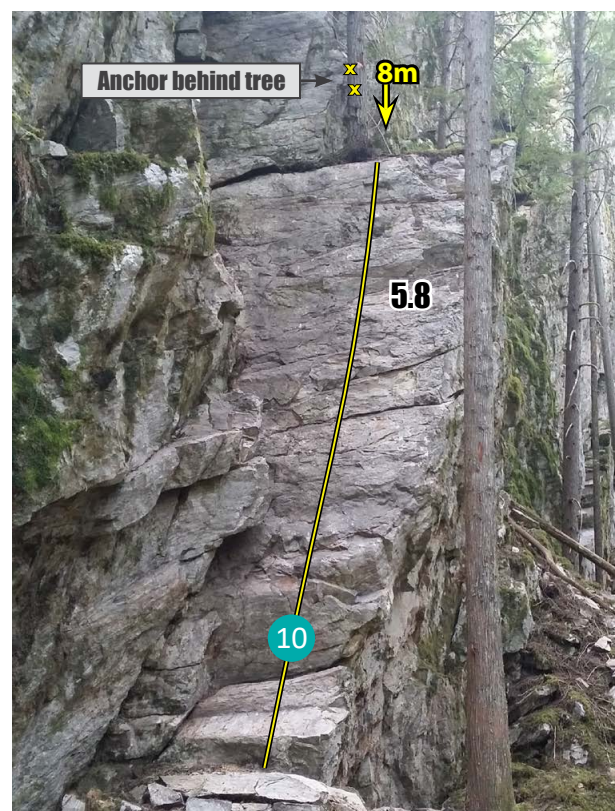
10 Shoeless Joe

5.8 | Toprope | 8m

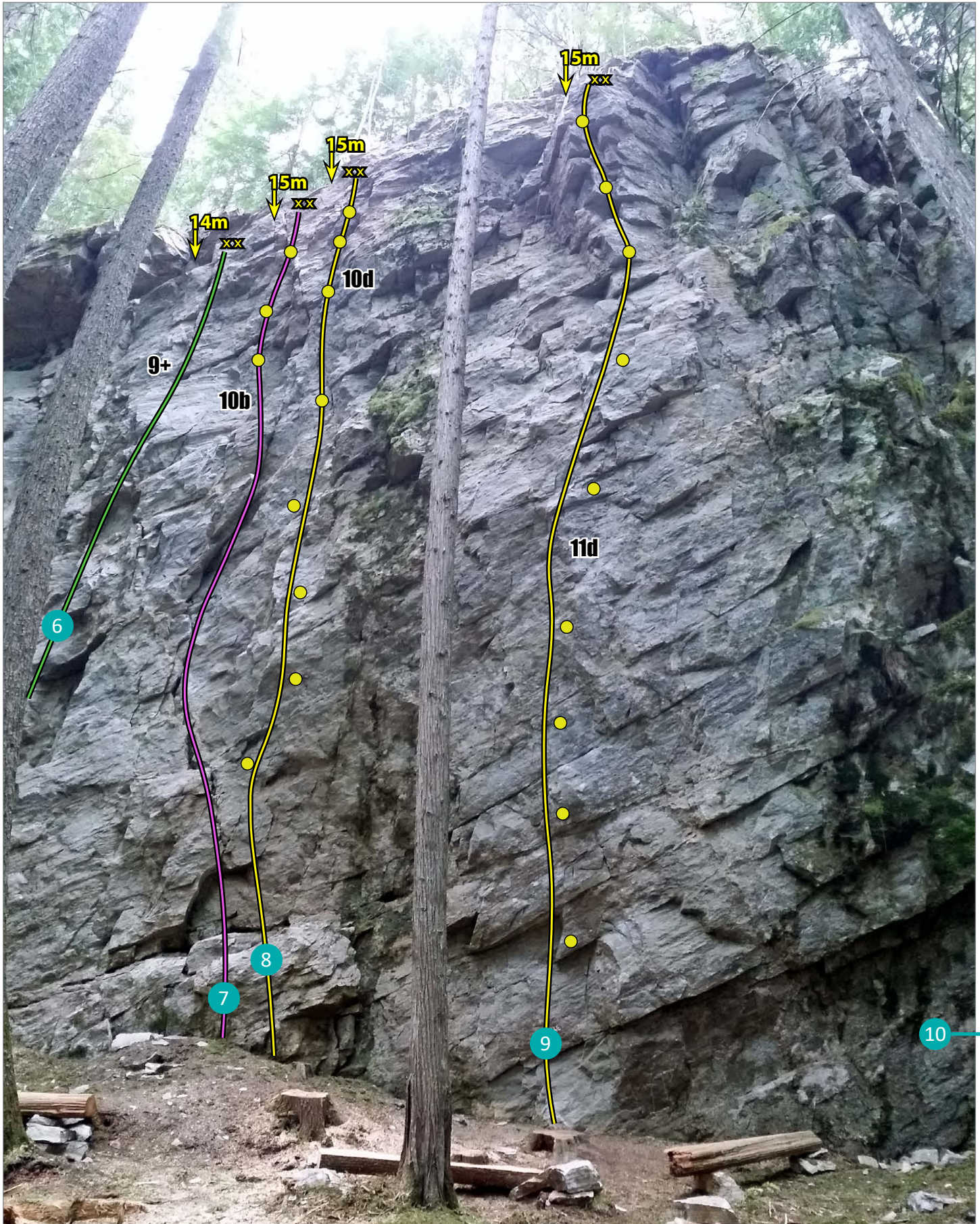


Established & FA: Darek Glowacki. May, 2017.

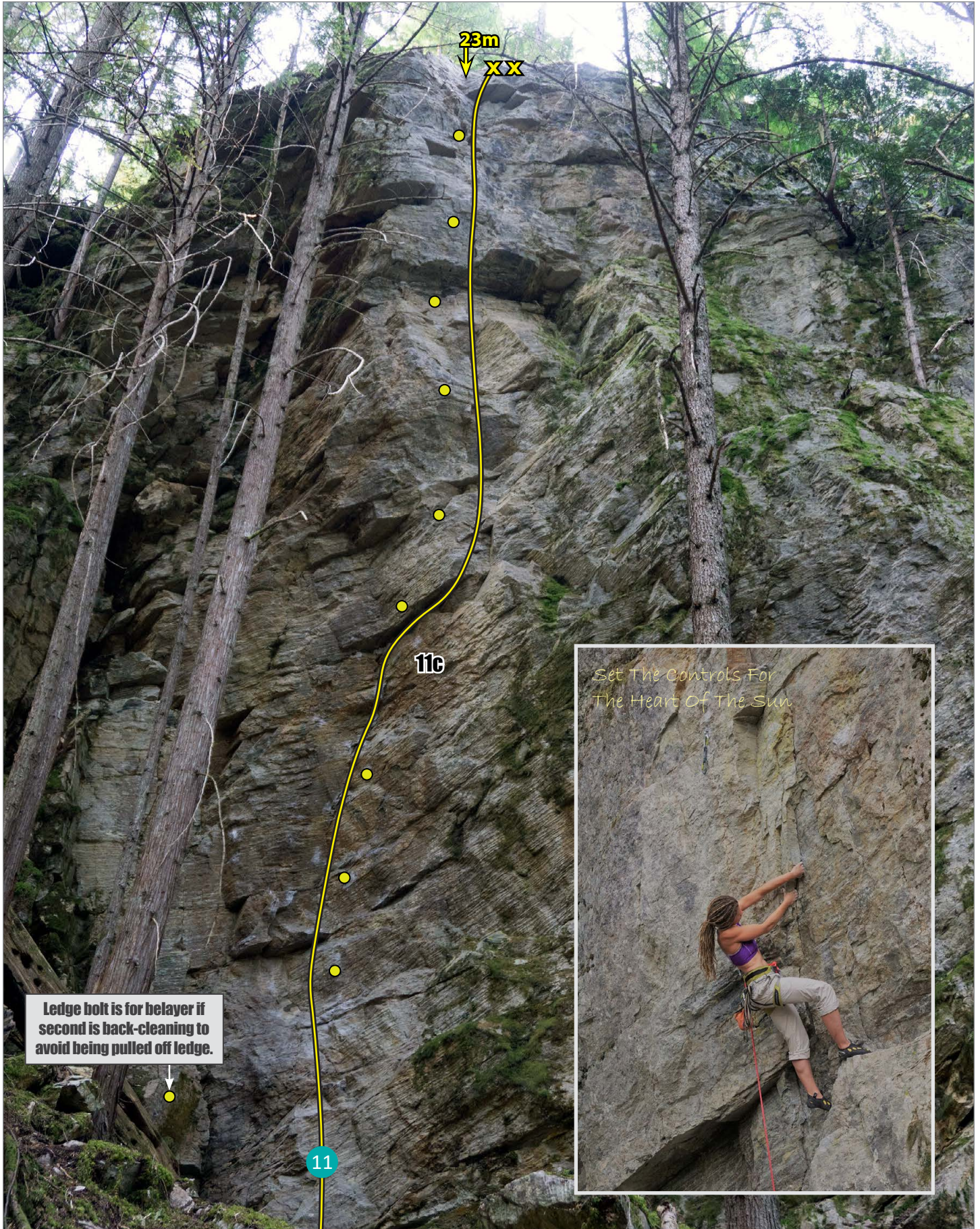
This is the only climb at Echo Bay where it is possible to fix a toprope from the top. Toprope only, not bolted. Access via trail next to wall.



Field of Dreams | Right



By The Trees | Left



By the Trees

11 Thunder Perfect Mind

11c | Sport | 23m | 9 Bolts



Established & FA: Douglas Sproul. June, 2017.

By far the most highly rated route at Echo Bay. It's been called one of the top 5 routes in Revelstoke. Go do it! Powerful and sweet movement. Underclings, sidepulls, gastons, liebacking, stemming, secret holds, it's got it all. The crux for some is between the second and fourth bolts and others say the roof is tough for them. Much of the climb is sustained until near the top. There are two good rests and an easy finish pulling on jugs. The belay ledge bolt is for if the second chooses to lead as well and back-clean, the bolt will help to keep the belayer on the ledge. While unclipping from the last bolt on back-clean, it may appear that you're going to head right into the large tree. You won't. Just be sure to pay attention and set yourself up when unclipping.

12 Stone Age

10a | Gear | 20m



Established & FA: James Eger. August, 2017.

Wide crack, all gear in Revelstoke? Yes please! Revy doesn't have wide cracks like this, go climb it but don't forget your #4 cam(s)! There are actually holds within so don't be frightened that it looks off-width, it isn't. There is a chicken-wing or two in there though! Good stuff! Shares the same anchor as The Enlightenment but James has plans to add a separate anchor. Standard rack plus double #3's and a #4 Camalot. Double #4's have been suggested and you can likely use them but it's also doable with one.

13 The Enlightenment

12a/b? | Sport | 20m | 9 Bolts



Established & FA: James Eger. September, 2017.

Grade is not confirmed. If you're into 5.12, you'll want to give this route a go. The upper section is beautiful! Powerful and sequential! The crux begins at the fourth bolt and doesn't let up until the horizontal break just below the final bolt. Shares the same anchor as The Enlightenment but James has plans to add an anchor to make them separate.

14 Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun

11d | Sport | 30m | 12 Bolts



Established & FA: Douglas Sproul. June, 2017.

30 metres of sweet climbing. Its been called a 5-star route. There are two cruxes, the first and easier one is between the sixth and seventh bolts. True to the climbing at Echo Bay, the true crux is the sting-in-the-tail! The crux is not a one-move wonder, it's about three bolts worth. Full value at 30m, 11d.

By the Trees

15 Bloodsucker

12b-d? | Sport | 28m | 13 Bolts

Established & FA: Ryan Williams. September, 2017.

Grade is not confirmed. A striking line on an awesome piece of rock. Unlike the majority of climbs at Echo Bay, Bloodsucker eases off in difficulty near the top. The first 3 bolts are 5.12a-c'ish, technical crimping and then you get a so-so rest before the crux of 4 to 5 bolts of mid to hard 5.12(?), wide and powerful spans. After the crux, the difficulty eases off to hard 5.10 or easy 5.11. Due to the climbs' difficulty down low, you may want to consider stick-clipping that 3rd bolt.



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12b-c? | Sport | 19m | 8 Bolts

Established & FA: Douglas Sproul. September, 2017.

Grade is not confirmed. It's excellent, give it a go! A short climb but powerful with sweet movement on impeccable holds. An easy start for the first two bolts. Soon after, the difficulty increases with every move. The crux is the bouldery roof. A so-so rest above the roof then leads into more difficulty as you power your way to the chains on sweet holds. Sustained hard climbing from the second bolt to the chains. A beautiful piece of rock. It may stay dry during rain?



17 Villa Villekulla

11c | Mixed | 21m | 3 Bolts

Established & FA: Douglas Sproul. July, 2017.

Some people like it, some don't. The crux clip at the final bolt is quite difficult. Be sure that you are solid at the grade, you have a good belayer and you'll likely have a good time. Gear up to #1 Camalot.

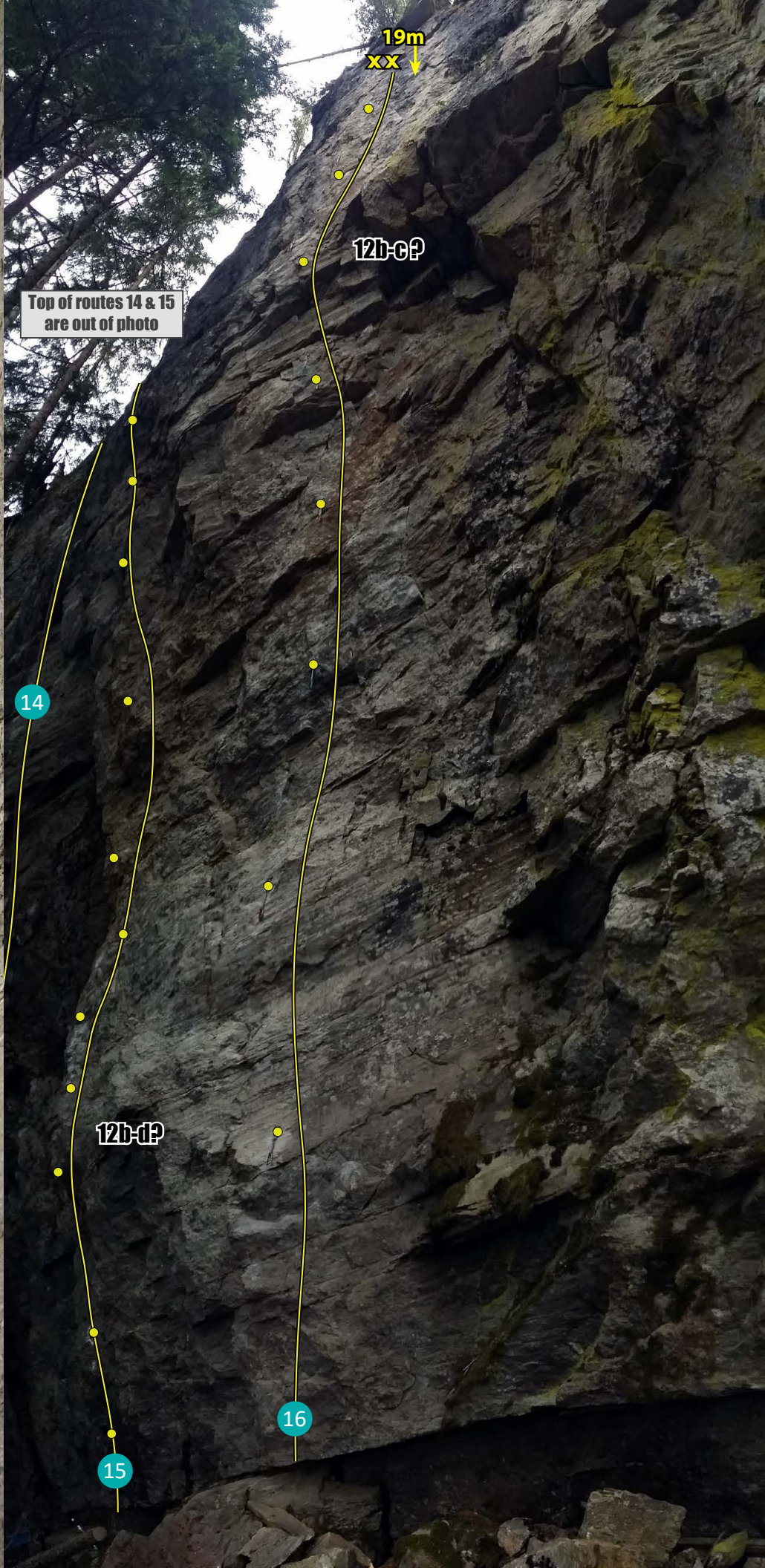




By The Trees | Right



The Enlightenment



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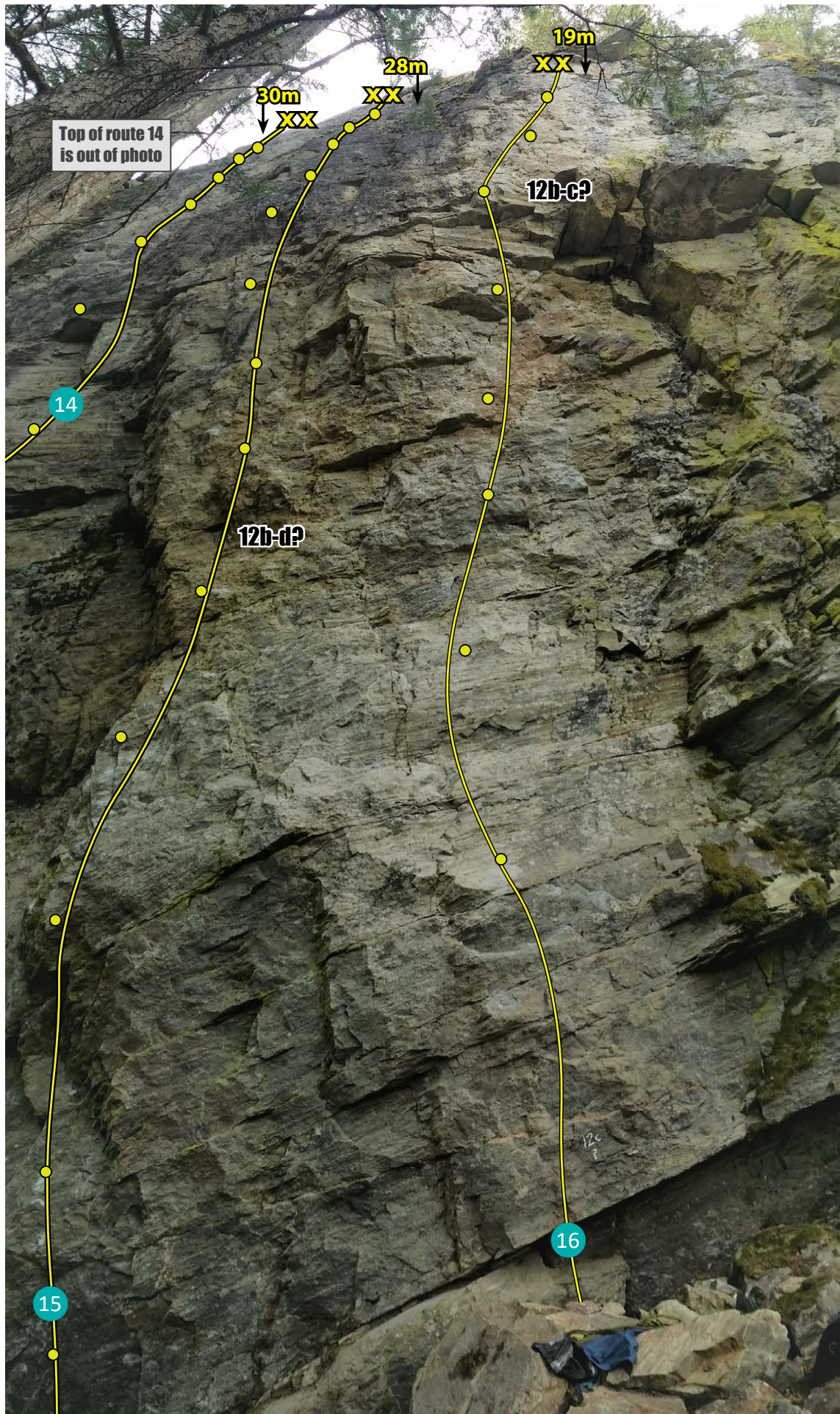
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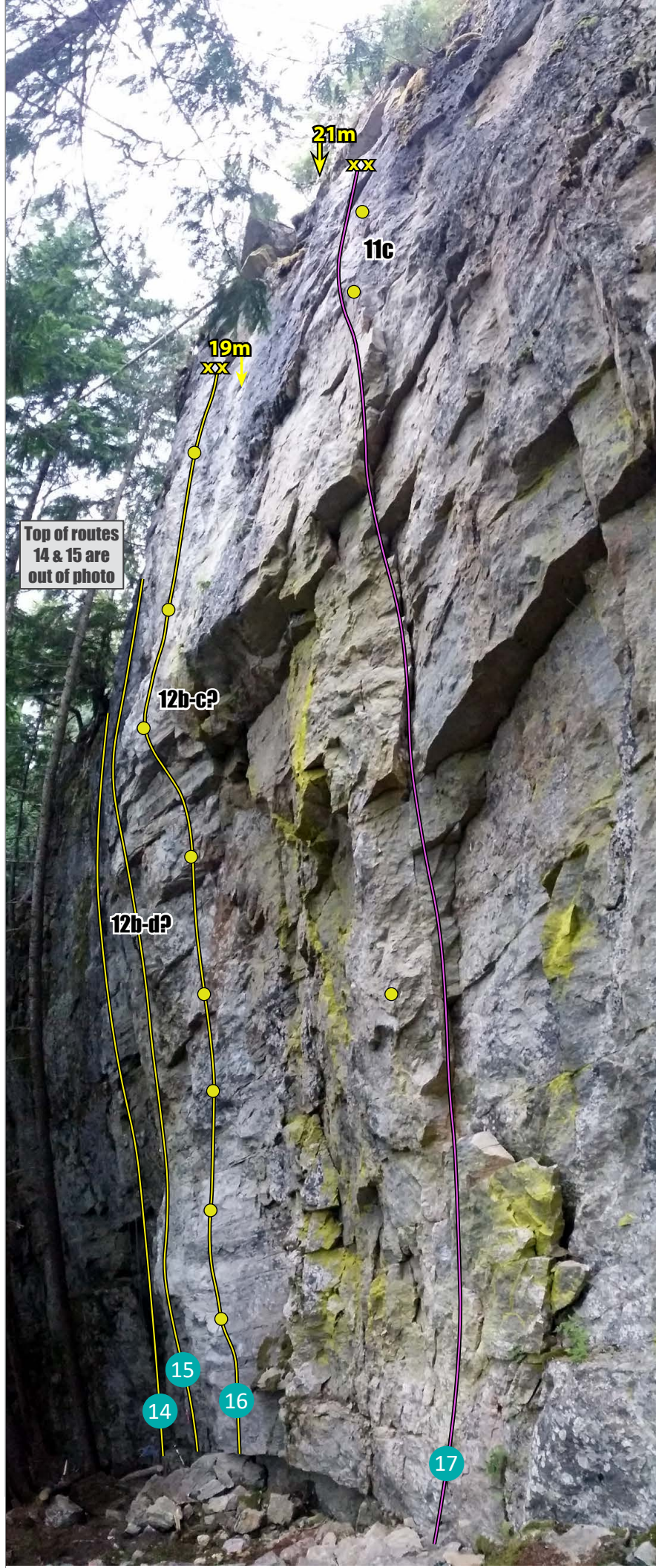
Three of the developers of Echo Bay; Mike Bromberg, Darek Glowacki and Douglas Sproul are also board members of the **Revelstoke Climbers Access Society**.

Thousands of dollars have been lovingly invested into Echo Bay as well as hundreds of hours of work, likely over a thousand by now.

Please consider joining the RCAS to help keep our local crags accessible, safe and enjoyable for all. You can also help by making a donation via the website.

Thanks and enjoy your new zone!

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