

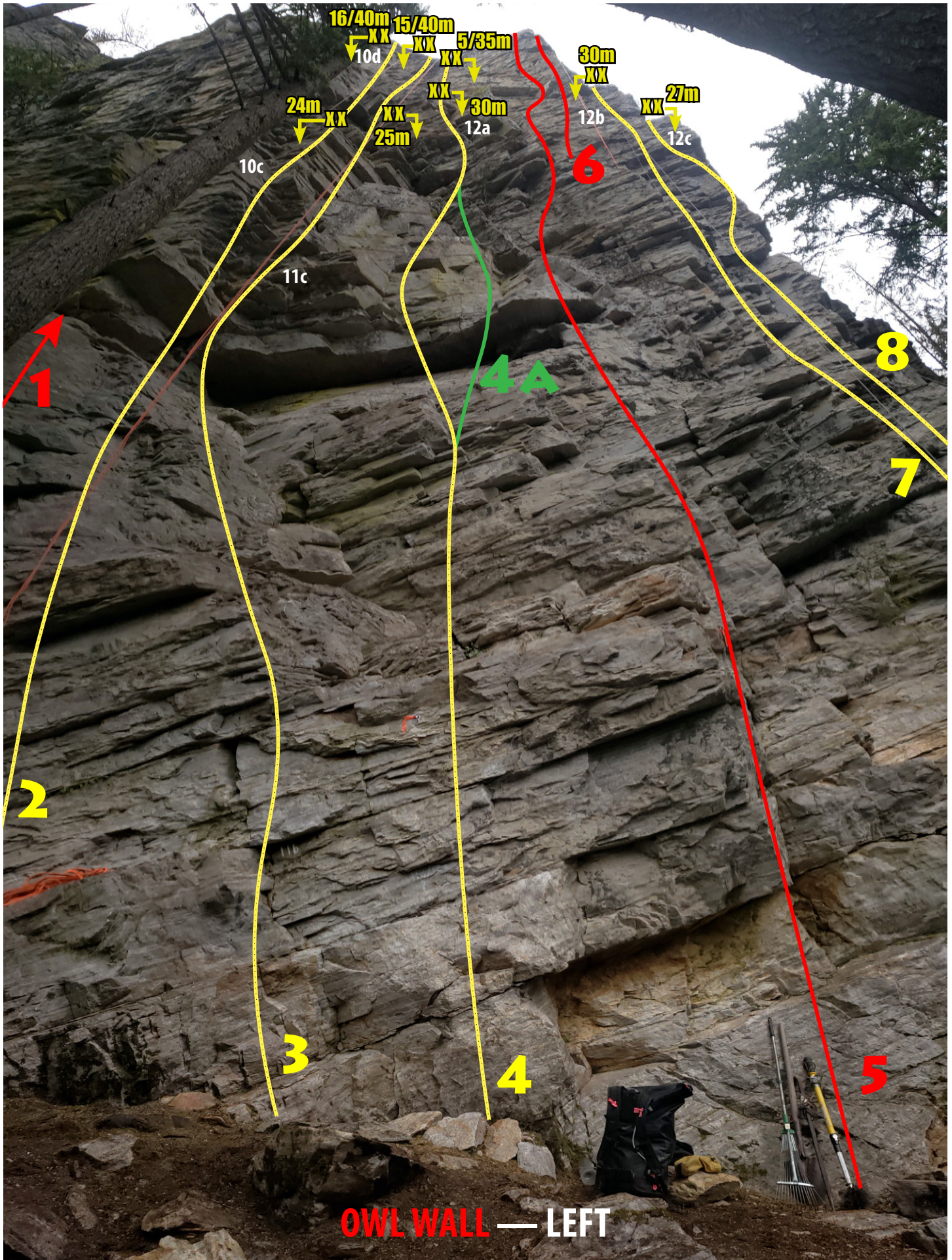


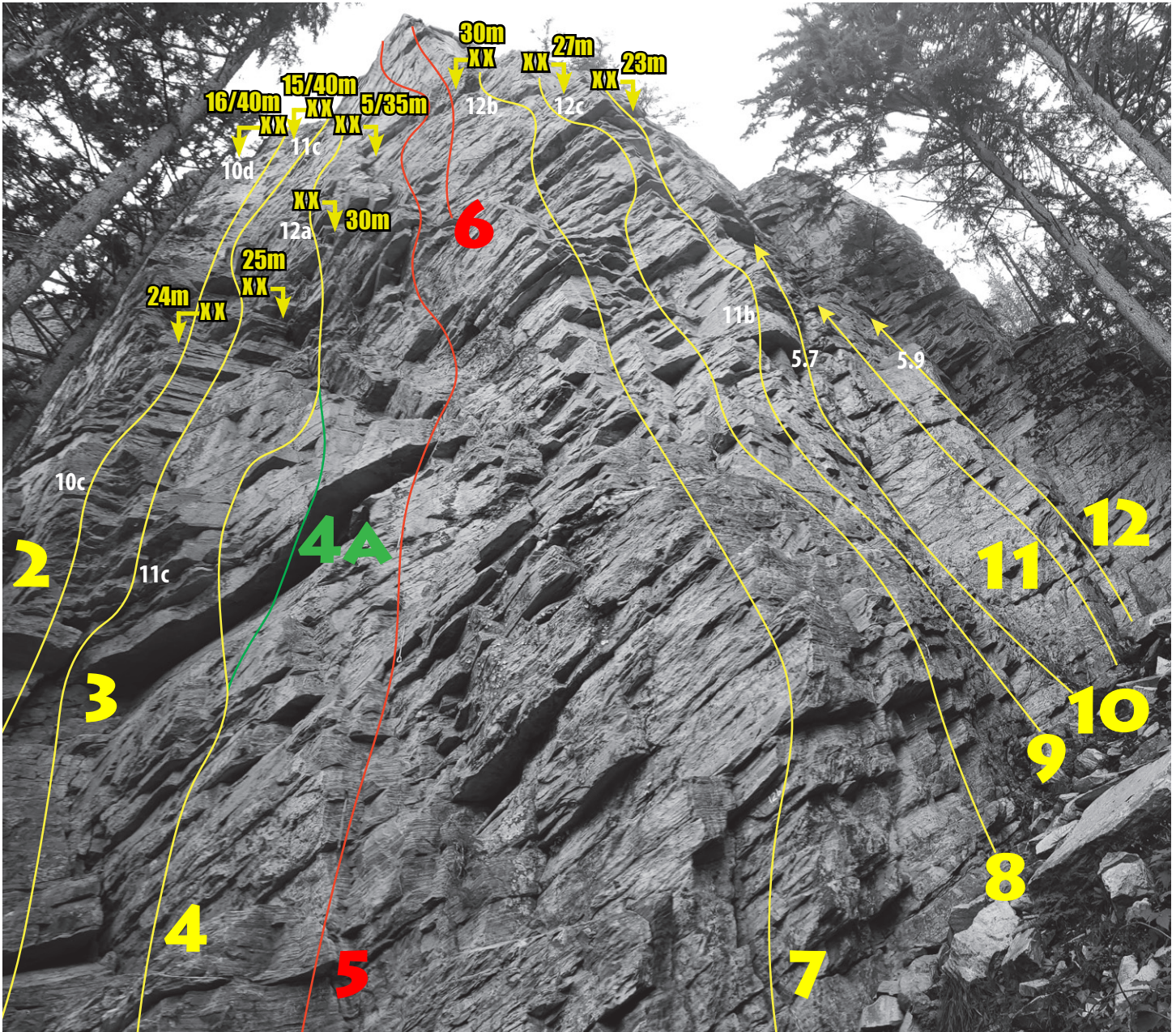
Fight The Fire

ECHO BAY

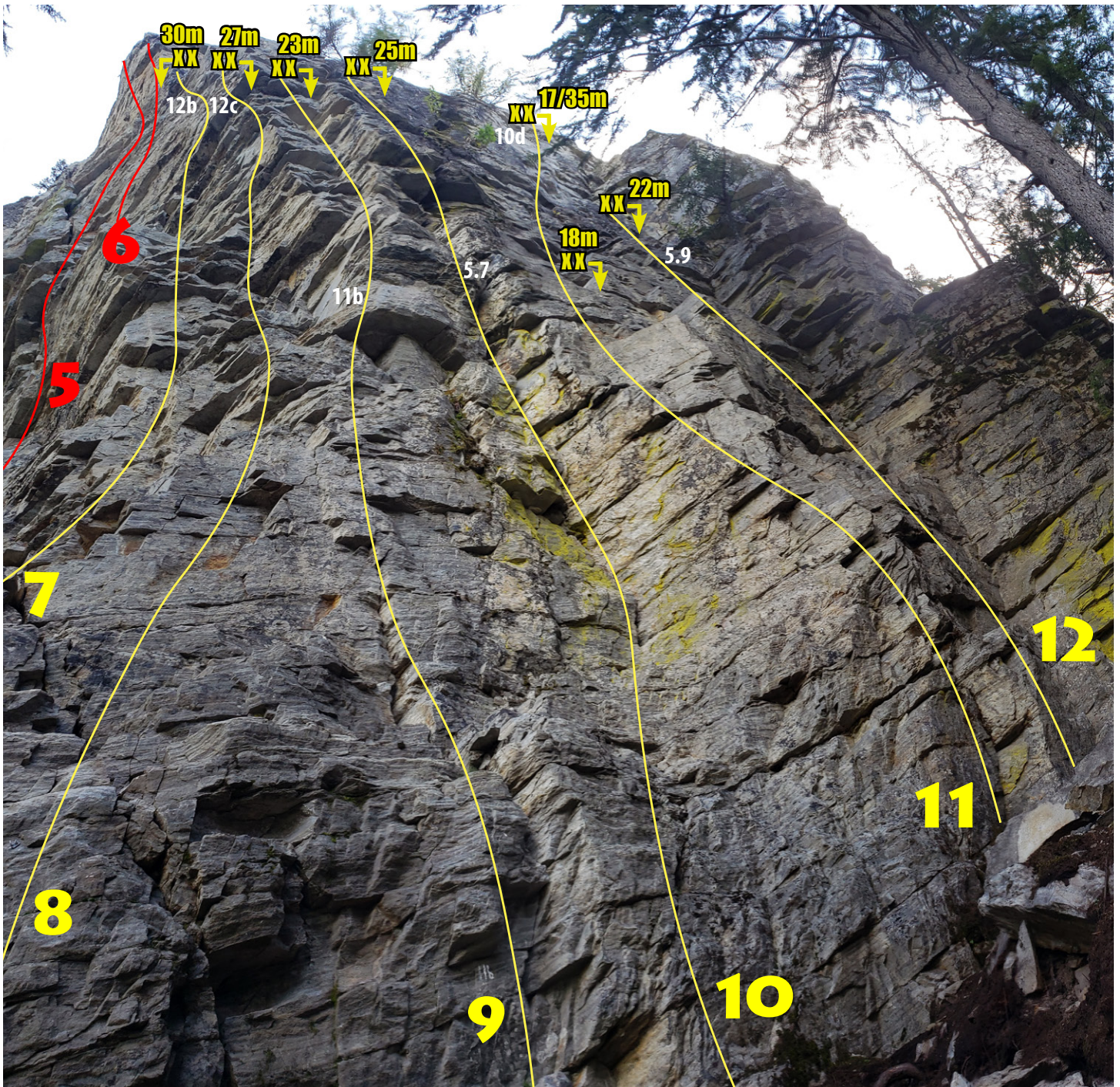
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OWL WALL





OWL WALL — CENTRE



OWL WALL — RIGHT



ROPE LENGTH

Although **Loving Cup** and **Fight The Fire** are described as two-pitch climbs, they are best enjoyed as long, single pitches. The mid-station anchors for all climbs on Owl Wall Left and Centre are there to facilitate lowering/rappelling with 60 or 70-metre ropes. For maximum enjoyment, an 80-metre rope will reach the ground from the top anchors of Loving Cup and Fight The Fire. And of course you can always do them as two-pitch climbs if the 40m pitches are too long for you.

What length rope are you using?

60-Metre

With a 60-metre rope, you'll need to belay the second climber from the top anchors then do two rappels. One rappel from the top anchor then one from the mid anchor.

70-Metre

With a 70-Metre rope, the leader can climb these two routes in a single pitch to the top anchor then lower down to the mid-station and belay the second climber from there (top-rope style). Once the second climber reaches the top, they can be lowered to the ground and the leader then does only one rappel from the mid-station. Of course you can always belay from the top too, the view is amazing!

80-Metre

So you've got an 80-metre rope, lucky you! With an 80-metre rope, you can climb all of these routes in a single pitch then lower to the ground from the top anchor. **Make sure your rope hasn't been chopped as an 80-metre just makes it down off Loving Cup and Fight The Fire.**



Stoke Roasted

Route Descriptions

1. Closed Project

2. Loving Cup★★★★

10d | Sport

In 1-Pitch • 10d | 40m | 20 Bolts + Anchors

In 2-Pitches • 2p (10c, 10d) | 11 Bolts + Anchors

Douglas Sproul, May 2018

A local favourite and one of Revelstoke's best 5.10's, recommended!

Pitch 1 (10c, 24m, 11 Bolts + Anchor)

An easy start leads to a large ledge where the good climbing begins. Pull the first overhang which is easier than it looks and into the first difficult section for a few bolts, working the corner and arete, great climbing! Above the corner, the angle eases and at 26m, the 1st anchor will be on your right in an alcove. Either belay from here to do the climb in two pitches or skip the anchor and continue to the top.

Pitch 2 (10d, 16m, 9 Bolts + Anchor)

Pull the small overhang directly off the belay and into some nice, easier face climbing. The difficulty gradually increases the closer to the anchor you get, the ever present; 'Echo Bay sting-in-the-tail'. The last few bolts is the crux of the climb. Amazing rock, holds, movement and position, you'll be laybacking & stemming the upper section, looking across your shoulder to the view of the mighty Columbia River, just awesome!

Combining Pitch 1 & 2 = 40m, 20 Bolts + Anchors

A 70m rope will reach the top anchor (40m) where the leader can then be lowered to the 'mid' anchor if they prefer to belay from there although the view from the top is spectacular.

An **80m rope** will just reach the ground from the top anchor. Tie a knot in the end of your rope BEFORE trying!

3. Fight The Fire★★★

11c | Sport

In 1-Pitch • 11c | 40m | 20 Bolts + Anchors *Long slings required if combining pitch 1 & 2

In 2-Pitches • 2p | 11c | 12 Bolts + Anchors

Douglas Sproul, October 2018

Pitch 1 (11c, 25m, 12 Bolts + Anchor)

Another easy start leads into the large block/corner on Loving Cup. After pulling over the block, traverse slightly right then up and into the corner system to the right of the Loving Cup corner. Sweet climbing through the corner. The difficulty eases as it nears the mid-station anchor. Either belay from here to do the climb in two pitches or skip the anchor and continue to the top.

Pitch 2 (11c, 15m, 8 Bolts + Anchor)

Climb up and left, passing an overhang on its left side. The route joins Loving Cup for a couple moves here. It is believed to be possible to ascend a more aesthetic, direct line, without traversing left at the overhang. The bolt-ing works for either option. It was just too cold last fall when the route was being built. Have at it! This would raise the difficulty significantly. After the overhang, the climbing varies between sidepulls, underclings, pockets and slabby holds on great rock. And as always at Echo Bay, there's a bit of a sting-in-the-tail.

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4. Feed The Flame★★★★

12a | Sport | 36m | 22 Bolts *x3 long slings = best but optional

Douglas Sproul, June 2019

The 2nd and 10th clips are there so this climb would not receive an R rating (Runout). Experienced climbers can either skip them or unclip them after next bolt is clipped for less rope drag. Rope drag is also manageable if all you have are shorter draws, it works without the 3 long slings but it works better with them.

Climb the slab to the first small corner to another slab. Aim left at the roof and pull into the corner that leads to the left side of the square block. Pull over the block on its left side. There's a bolt here to protect the traverse to the next bolt, unclip it after you get the next bolt clipped to reduce rope drag.

Climb some easier ground to the steep headwall where the difficulties increase. The crux is where the headwall breaks over to the face above. A couple of crucial knee-bars will make this section easier. After the crux, the climb continues on superb rock with mind-bending movement, an awesome finish! And of course, it has a sting-in-the -tail.

There is a mid-station anchor just above and left of the crux roof. It's there for climbers with 60m ropes. You can lower off the top anchor and skip this 'mid anchor' if you have a 70m rope. Make sure it's a full 70m and hasn't been chopped.

4a. Open Project - Feed The Flame - Direct Variation

The obvious direct line to Feed The Flame. On the slab below the first roof, Feed The Flame goes left into a corner and around the left side of the large block sticking out of the wall. It then heads back right on top of the block to rejoin the plumb line. This direct variation heads straight up a bouldery ledge problem (inverted to a belly-flopping kinda move, harder than it looks). This is also the wettest spot on the Owl Wall (usually a couple wet seeps on the crux). Definitely would not have been as popular a climb if this was the main line, hence why the route goes left where it does. There's tape on the first bolt but it's an open project.

5. Closed Project

6. Closed Project

7. Everything All The Time ★★★

12b | Sport | 30m | 15 Bolts

Douglas Sproul, July 2019

Begin just left of Stoke Roasted up the obvious arete. Easy climbing to the first large ledge. The 3rd and 4th bolts are very close and maybe a bit annoying. This was due to not the best rock quality at the start and not wanting to have climbers deck. The interesting climbing begins from the big ledge into the first overhang, slab climbing technique is useful for pulling the first overhang.

After the overhang is a rest on a ledge then the climb continues, trending to the right, towards the crack at the top of Stoke Roasted. This climb uses the same crack but you'll be on the other side (left) of it so the moves are different. After a couple moves in the crack, trend left at the top-out of Stoke Roasted.

The next two bolts are the crux. Crimp the finger ledge, match on it, swing out to shitty feet, reach up with your left to "The Croissant" undercling pinch with the right hand, get the feet up on better footholds then throw for the jug ledge. There are intermediate holds but most people have skipped them, throwing to the ledge instead.

The final bolt is there because the developer knew that the climb wouldn't be liked if it wasn't. Most people clip it from down low to learn the crux, then skip it for the send. It's meant to be clipped from the ledge jug, the rest of the climb is like 5.2 so many climbers will probably just send to the anchor.

13b/c Variation - The original dream for this line was direct where it now goes right to join the Stoke Roasted crack. It's been done on top rope but there's no clipping holds and a ledge fall so the final alignment went where it is now; to the Stoke Roasted crack. It's worth trying if you're up for it but recommended on TOPROPE unless you're super-human and can find a way to clip. Some of the holds are still chalked a bit.

8. Stoke Roasted ★★★★★

12c | Sport | 27m | 13 Bolts

Douglas Sproul, July 2018

Can be done with a 60m rope but be certain that it's a full 60m and it hasn't been chopped. The lower off deposits the climber well below the landing pad. Tie a knot in the end of your rope if it's a 60m. If back-cleaning, it's a clean swing.

First four bolts are 5.7-5.10 climbing. After that, the difficulty increases as you ascend. Bolts 5-9 consists of 5.10 to 5.11 climbing with a couple tricky spots that take some thinking to unlock. At bolt 10, the climb utilizes the arete on stellar holds/sequences to gain the roof.

At the roof, it works back a bit left to finish on balancy moves utilizing small pockets, knee-bars, a shitty side-pull and delicate movement. Barn-doory to exit the crux. And just when you go to pull the roll-over to the anchor and you're thinking it's gonna get easier, it doesn't: The classic Echo Bay sting-in-the-tail! Bolts 10 to the anchor is 5.12 climbing with the crux being at 11-13.

9. Baby Bear ★★★

11b | Mixed | 23m | 8 Bolts

Douglas Sproul, October 2017

Only the first 6m of this climb is gear, the rest of it is bolted. Take a couple pieces of small gear.

An easy start leads to a 5.5 finger crack. This leads into the first overhang and the crux which is between the first and third bolts. Step off the bulge and into the corner, following it to the top through one more difficult section and some sweet corner climbing.

10. Birthday Crack★★

5.7 | Gear | 25m

David Sproule, Greg Hill, June 2017

Shares the start with Baby Bear and follows the obvious crack in the largest corner. The anchor is just above the top of the pinnacle. Gear to 4". Double #3 and #4 recommended.

11. Vinotok ★★★★★

10d | Sport | 35m | 19 Bolts

James Eger, October 2018

A local favourite and one of Revelstoke's best 5.10's, recommended! There is a 'mid'-station at 18m. This station is for climbers with 60m ropes for lowering/rappelling. A 70m rope just reaches the ground from the top anchor but be certain that your rope hasn't been chopped. Vinotok is the second climb from the left side of the Owl Wall. It begins just left of the large corner of Green Man. The first difficulty is just after the start, pulling through the left-trending blunt arete. After that the difficulty eases as the climb trends back right then straight up the wall. Of course, the Echo Bay Sting-in-the-tail is present on this climb with the crux being at the very top. An awesome, tricky finish!

12. Green Man ★★★

5.9 | Sport | 22m | 12 Bolts

James Eger, October 2018

This is the easiest sport route on Owl Wall and a good route. Begin in the large left-facing corner and follow the bolt line for 22m to the anchor. The crux is of course, near the top.