

Approach:

Someone has been in there with a chainsaw and buffed out the whole thing. Hard to miss. I still find it better to stay on the east side of the valley on the main logging road till I'm across from the old growth that comes down from Les Cornes. I head straight down through Meadows and cross the stream on some easy logs. 150m of bush bashing gets you to the other road and the new flagged trail. Have fun. Craig

THE GATKEEPER. 512a (or 11d A0) 8 pitches. Andre Ike, Craig McGee, Brad White. Sept 13/07 Double cams from small TCUs to #3BD. 1X#4 BD, single set of nuts, but a few extra small ones for the second pitch.

Pitch 1) 5.12a, 32m. At the giant chalkstone in the gully head up V slot, hand crack to first Bolt. Crank up wavy, barn-door laybacks, clipping 4 bolts to ledge rest. (This part yo-yoed from one hang and TR'd clean, but no clean redpoint due to more cleaning of this pitch and time constraints. (We only gave it one go). During times when the gully is filled with snow this part is buried. Finish up steep finer crack (5.11d) to bolt belay on ledge.

Pitch 2) 5.11b 40m. Head up and right, (3 bolts) then back left into finger crack groove. Head up grove then step right and up to bolted belay on diagonal ledge.

Pitch 3) 5.10b 30m. Straight up towards LF corner and to ledge with bolted belay.

Pitch 4) 5.10d 20m. Head improbably out right across super exposed face. Hidden nut (one fixed to show you the way) and cam placements get you up and across to a splitter crack in the headwall. A very cool pitch.

Pitch 5) 5.10c. 45m head straight up corner to small Bombay roof (a bit chossy for 5 feet at the top) then up right to join traverse from "Spring Bok Arête" to the two tree belay.

Pitch 6-8) 5.11b 40m, 5.9 60m, 5.9 60m. Continue up "SBA" to the top.

Voodoo Child 5.10+ 6 pitches. Craig McGee, Colin Morehead. June 2006

Double cams to #3BD, 1X#4 single set of nuts.

10m down slope from "The Gatekeeper" start up obvious left leaning corner. When snow fills the gully it is possible to start from an easy stance 10 feet up (as done on FA). Make sure not to start in the super chossy gully around the arête to the right, its only 5.6, but very loose.

Pitch 1) Depending on how high the snow is anywhere from 5.9 up to 5.10+. 50-60m

Pitch 2) 5.10d 40m. The money pitch! Crank up awesome split pillar. When possible up top (#4BD camalot) step out right to sloping ledge belay. This pitch is like the split pillar in Squamish, but a harder size.

Pitch 3) 5.10b/c 50m. Head awkwardly out left up sloping ledge, corner system to join the SBA below the overhanging hand crack/OW.

Pitch 4) 5.10d 55m. Go up the start of this pitch (oh so good) but then instead of escaping out left, follow the crack up and right under a roof. Crank out the finger crack under the roof to a good belay beside a dead tree.

Pitch 5) 5.10+ 60m Go directly up hand crack to the roof and pull out the left side of it. Then up again out left and follow the corner to a junction with the last pitch of "SBA"

Pitch 6) 5.9 60m. Up the last pitch of "SBA" to the top.

Sprung Cock Erect 5.11, 12 pitches. Craig McGee, Jason Kruk, Brad White Sept 06. Double rack from small TCU's to #3 BD. 1 X#4. Extra finger size nuts and TCU's for the last pitch.

This should be THE WAY to start the "SBA". The first three pitches are excellent (so is the rest of the route) and have bolted belays. You can do these three pitches and then join the SBA where it gets good. Start downhill 60m from obvious large rock scar on south face on the right side of the small pillar/buttness.

Pitch 1) 5.10b 30m. Climb up to the bolt and bolder into the corner above. Great laybacks and finger jams see you up the ledge and bolt belay. During time of high snow the bolt is buried and the pitch becomes 5.9.

Pitch 2) 5.10b 30m. Climb out right to the bolt and then straight up and right to cool bolted belay on a giant hanging flake.

Pitch 3) 5.10c 45m. Head out left up slightly overhanging hand crack to where it becomes a low angle OW. When the OW ends at a small stance, dance out right past 2 bolts to a bolted belay.

Pitch 4 and 5) 5.6. 120m. Same as "SBA" to belay below steep 5.10a corner.

Pitch 6) 5.10a 30m. Same as SBA to small two tree, #3 cam belay, below the first 5.9 OW on the SBA.

Pitch 7) 5.11a 45m. It's hard to spot this one. Head back slightly right (east) across blocks to the steep overhanging corner right on the arête. Start the corner with hard moves then enjoy the rest of this splitter crack. At around 25-30m before the end of the crack look out right for a down sloping dyke. Leave the crack early and climb up slightly to get to this and then back down 5m to a small stance below the large LF, OW corner.

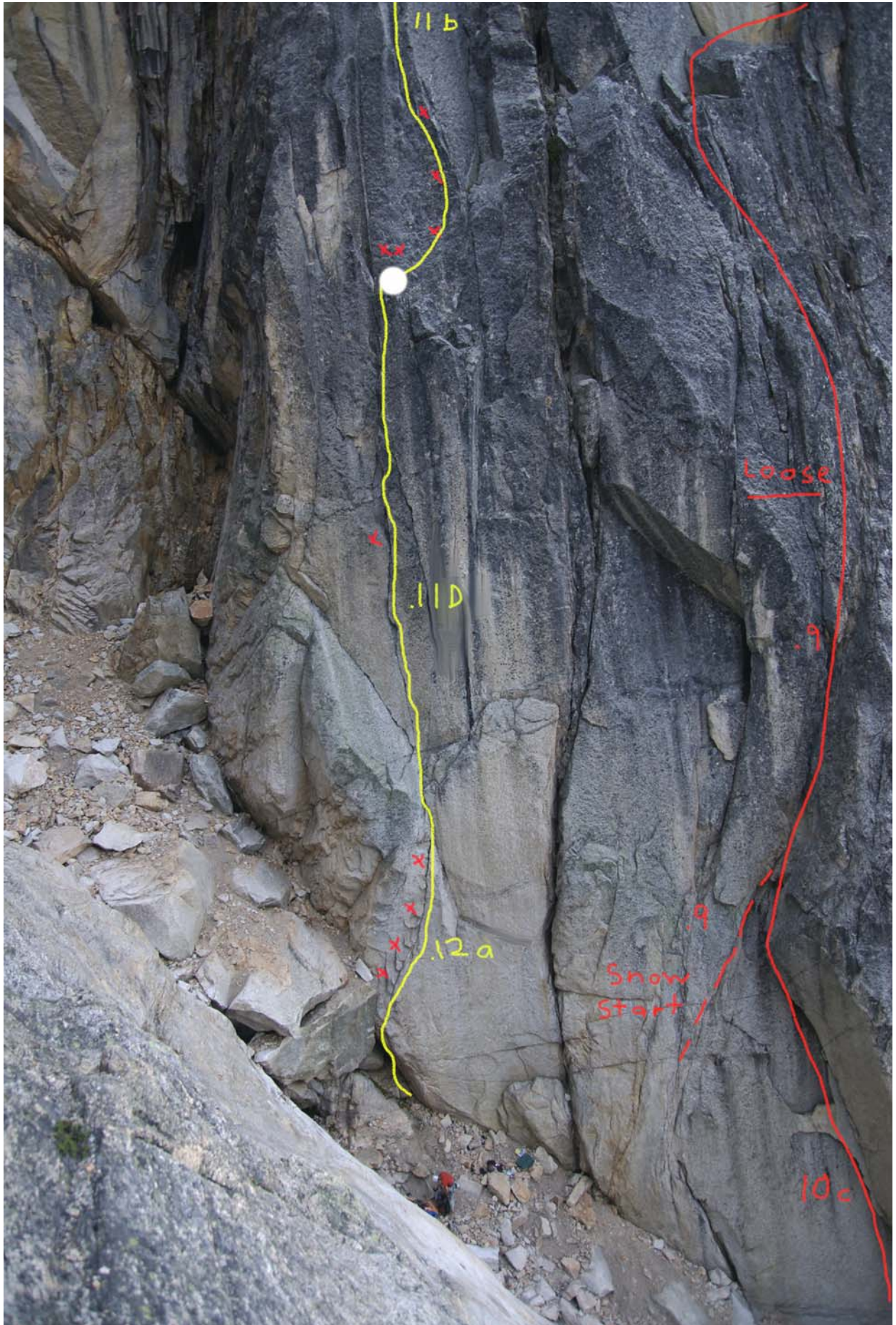
Pitch 8) 5.9 40m. Up OW to ledge belay.

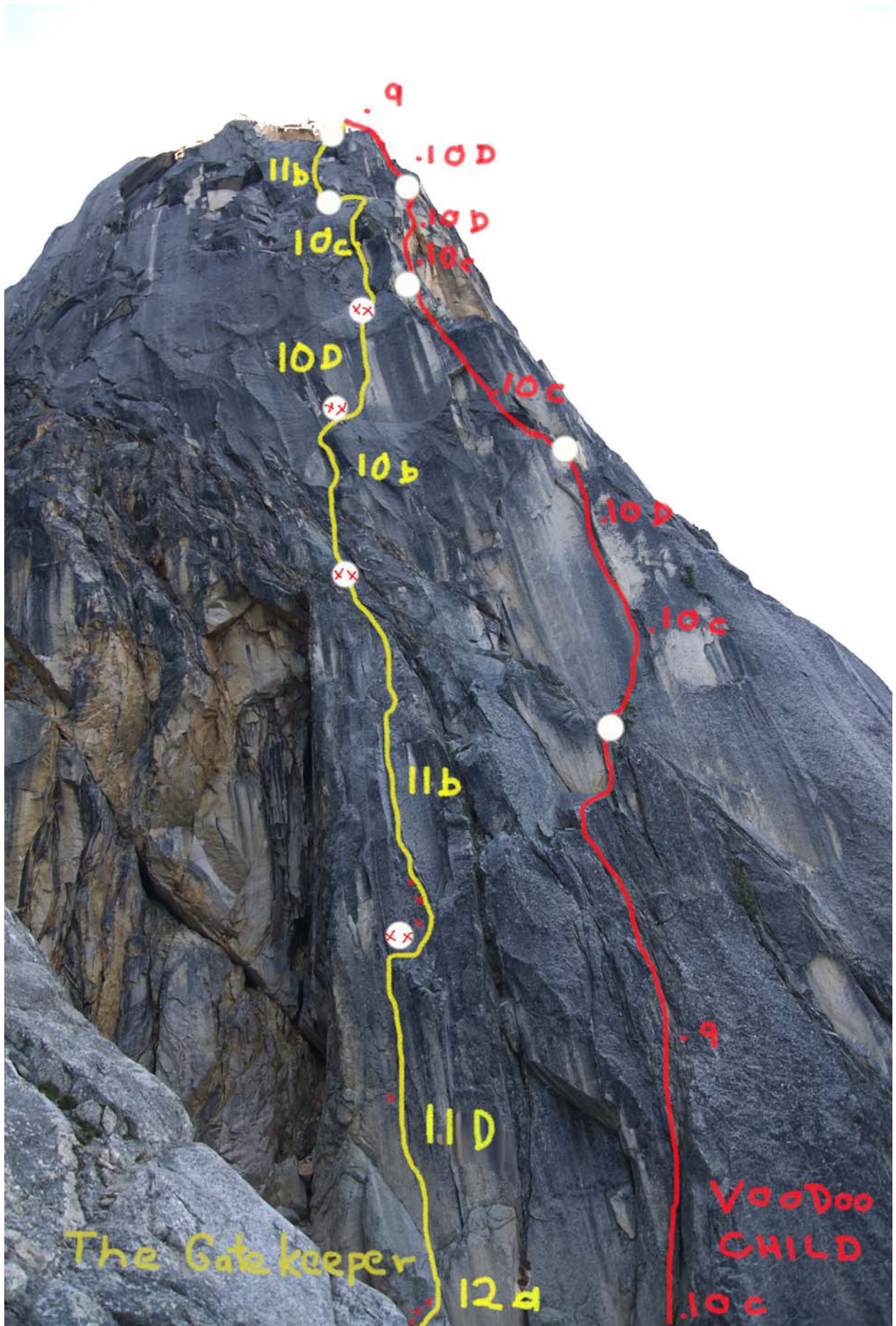
Pitch 9) 5.11a 50m. Not so easy to piece together. Head up right up steep LF corner. Don't try to go left after this were there is an off route nut, but instead head up the next LF corner for about 10 ft. When possible place you're last cam and pull a committing move out left to a sloping rail. Its not obvious but once your out there you can place two bomber #0 TCU's. Continue up and out left on an exposed handrail till its possible to pull up into and alcove with a finger crack on the left and hand crack on the right. Take the finger crack out left to a small pedestal and belay here. Do not head up the chimney to the right ("lumberjack Wall" Barley, Howe. 82).

Pitch 10) 5.11 50m. From this belay crank up the corner till its possible to step out right for a quick rest before a hard pull back left into the steep LF corner. Belay at the end of the corner while standing on top of the short OW/chimney section. A stellar pitch!

Pitch 11) 5.10b 60m. Pull a hard mantle leaving the belay and head out left to join the last pitch of the SBA. If you manage your rope well you will make it to the top, or do it in two pitches.







The Gatekeeper

Voodoo
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