

DOOR JAMB MOUNTAIN

Calling this a mountain is somewhat of a misnomer as Door Jamb Mountain is really just a shoulder of Loder Peak, which itself is simply a high point on the south end of Goat Mountain, which itself is really just an extended ridge line. Confused? More simply, these routes are clearly visible as three huge slabs near the top of a ridge line as you travel east from Exshaw. The slabs are rather low-angled, but the rock is good and well-featured with runnels and cracks. Despite the long approach, they show some promise as a nice area for beginner-level traditional climbs. The descriptions here are from recent explorations and the slabs have been climbed on many times over the years, but have previously gone unreported.

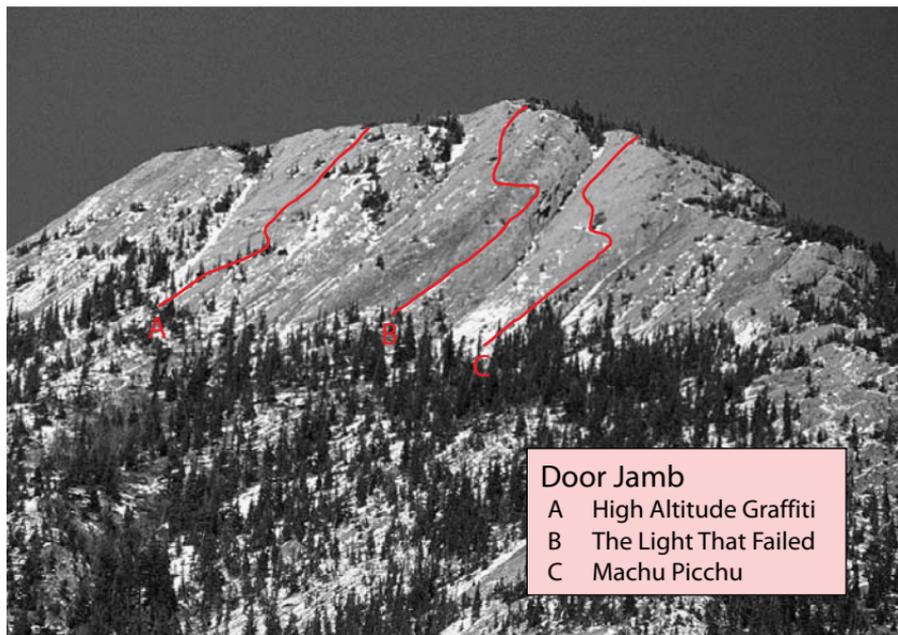
Approach

Park on Highway 1A across from the Continental Lime Plant about 2 km east of the bridge in Exshaw. Follow the ridge line up Loder Peak until you can traverse out left below the slabs (40 minutes).

Descent

Follow the ridge back to the road.

High Altitude Graffiti 115 m, 5.5



G. Cornell & J. Milburne, May 1997

This route climbs the third (farthest left) of the three main slabs. Scramble up to a treed ledge and belay below an overlap on the slab above.

- 1) 45 m Climb the slab to the overlap and continue easily past it to a tiny shelf at a second overlap.
- 2) 45 m Continue up a right-facing corner and about half way up, move left from it onto a slab. Go up and left to a broken ledge.
- 3) 25 m Climb the middle of the slab to the top.

The Light That Failed 155 m, 5.6

G. Cornell & G. Macrae, February 1998

For the first two pitches, this route climbs a yellow wall on the left side of the large corner between the first and second slabs. It moves left higher up onto the second slab. Start at a narrow ramp.

- 1) 40 m, 5.5 Follow the ramp up to a corner and belay on a ledge.
- 2) 45 m, 5.6 Continue up the ramp past a small tree to where it peters out. Climb a short, steep section and then traverse left and down slightly to a gravel bay.
- 3) 40 m, 5.5 Move left onto the slab and smear across diagonally left to an overhang. Climb a crack on the left side and belay above.
- 4) 30 m, 5.3 Continue up to the top.

Machu Picchu 200 m, 5.6

J. Milburne & G. Cornell, May 1997

This enjoyable route climbs an unusual, ankle-deep water runnel on the first of the three main slabs.

- 1) 45 m, 5.3 Climb the huge runnel on the right-hand side of the slab and belay beneath an overlap.
- 2) 45 m, 5.4 Continue up the runnel and a steep section above.
- 3) 50 m, 5.3 Make a long, easy traverse left to a treed ledge.
- 4) 30 m, 5.4 Climb a short, vegetated crack and then traverse left to a small ledge about 5 m right of the large corner below a blank slab.
- 5) 30 m, 5.6 Move up and left following a series of pockets in the slab (good Tri-cams) and then go up between two black pinstripes to the top.