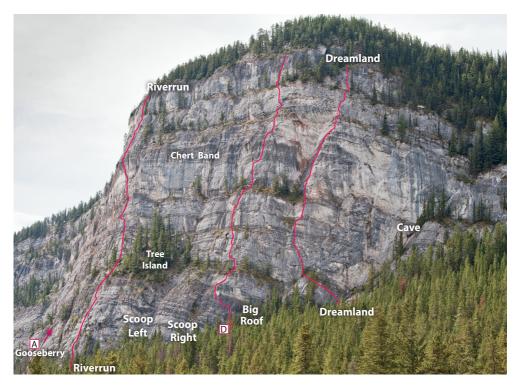
Chapter 2 TUNNEL MOUNTAIN

Dreamland 170 m, 5.10b

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Description: Shade by noon, can be windy

Gear: 15 QDs, more to link pitches, some long.



Start: Hike up to the start of Ballista and follow the trail up and right past the huge roof to a large tree at the upper end of the wall. The trail for Industrial Playground traverses right from here. Scramble up to a platform about 8 m higher. Alternatively, use a trail which goes up the ridge above the junction with the mountain bike trail and then angle up left to the start of the route.

- **1. 30 m, 5.7/8. (8 bolts)** From the platform, climb up onto a block and go up past two bolts before moving left onto some good foot-ledges. Make a couple of balancy moves left to reach better holds and continue in a rising traverse up and left to a small rib above the chained station at the top of "Stumped". Step across left with the chained station at waist height into a short groove climb easily up and left below a tree onto a long, grassy break. Move left and scramble across farther left to a ring-bolt station by a tree where the real climbing starts.
- 2. 30 m, 5.10a/b. (13 bolts) Make an awkward move out left onto the rib (stay low), and continue up the face in a rising diagonal line (fairly sustained) to reach easier ground at the left end of a series of overhangs. Follow a shallow groove up to a chained rappel station on the left. Belay here or preferably continue up the next, short pitch.
- **3.** 5 m, 5.6. (2 bolts) Go up over a bulge and continue up to a two-bolt station below a large overhang with the steep wall on the right.

- **4. 13 m, 5.10b. (6 bolts)** Traverse right past the bolt line and use side-pulls to step up and back left from the ledge onto footholds at the start of the wall. Make a series of steep moves up the wall to reach a broken corner on the right side of the big overhang. Continue up, staying to the right of the vegetation, to a two-bolt belay at grassy ledges.
- **5. 12 m, 5.10a.** (**5 bolts**) Scramble up over the grassy ledges to a small, overhung bay (bolt above). Climb up through a series of small overhangs to a break and continue up the steep wall above to exit on large, but slightly suspect handholds. There is a chained station on the ledge above and a good view down to the pitch 4 wall if these pitches are combined.
- **6. 30 m, 5.10a/b. (11 bolts)** Climb the blocky corner above on big holds to the overhang, clip the bolt above and make some committing moves up to chert edges and a small corner on the left. Continue up on good holds to the arête and then go up to a small corner (high bolt) on the left side of a bulging overhang. Pull up onto the blocky ledge above and go up past a small bulge to the station at a grassy platform below a scooped-out wall.
- **7. 10 m, 5.10b. (4 bolts)** Traverse right and move up past a bolt into an alcove below a large roof. Clip a second bolt and immediately pull out right using a side-pull (long reach) onto the arête to gain sloping footholds above the lower overhang. Move right and then traverse left above a second overhang to a bolt below a small groove. Climb up left of the groove past another bolt to a station at a large, horizontal break.
- **8. 20 m, 5.10a.** (8 bolts) Move right from the station, clip a high bolt above the bulge and climb up steeply onto the wall above. Traverse up and left to a small ledge and climb up into a shallow, right-facing corner. Go up this to a bolt, move up and then traverse right to easy ground. Climb carefully up and left past a bolt on blocky holds to a shallow corner and follow it to a station at a juniper-covered ledge.
- **9. 20 m, 5.10a.** (**7 bolts**) Move up right onto a small grassy ledge and climb the wall above via a shallow groove on the left. Tricky moves higher up lead to a short band of dark rock with friable chert holds and the top just above (tree belay and rappel chain).

Descent: Either follow a mossy trail up and right to the trail on the north side on Tunnel Mountain (left to the summit or right down the ridge) or rappel the route (30m raps) in the recommended sequence: #9 to #8, #8 to #6, #6 to #5, #5 to #2 (stay left of the big roof, caution 29.5m!), #2 to RAP#1 (below and left of station #1, and then 30m to the base.

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