

## WEEPING WALL

The two areas described below are opposite the “Weeping Wall” parking area on the west side of the Banff-Jasper Highway. *Salt Point* climbs the full height of the wall about 500 m north of the parking area and the *David and Goliath Wall* is almost directly across the road below a long, treed ledge at about 2/3 height. The ice route *Mixed Master* follows a prominent, right-facing corner system between the two areas and is probably also the line of the rock route *Stolen Beer* reported in CAJ #???

### **Salt Point:**

*Salt Point* is the only known climb on the 400 m high wall left (north) of the parking area.

### **Salt Point 400m 5.11d**

*Seth Shaw and Chris Harmston, September 1999*

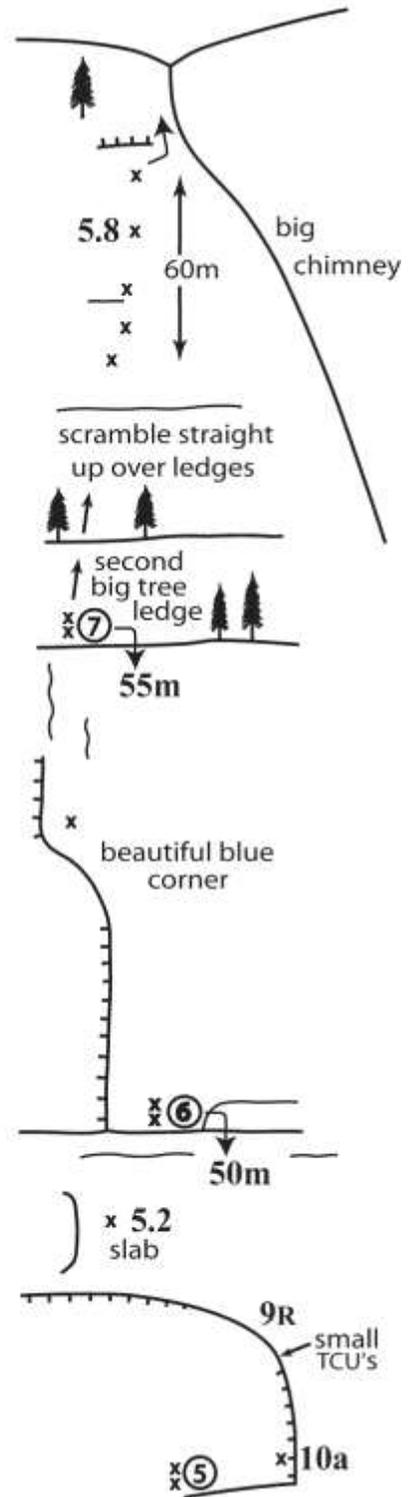
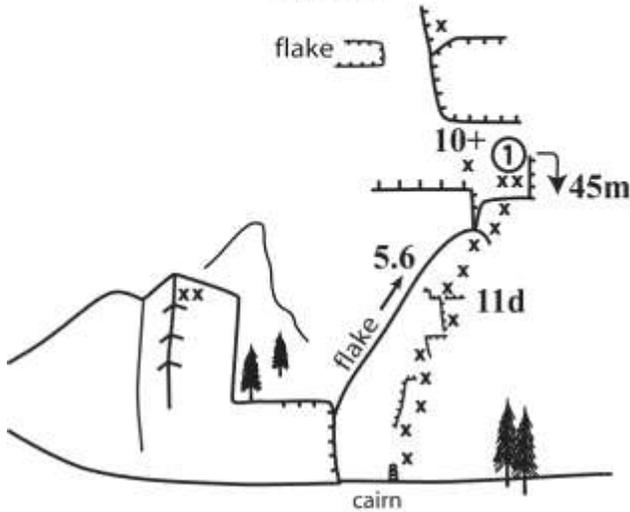
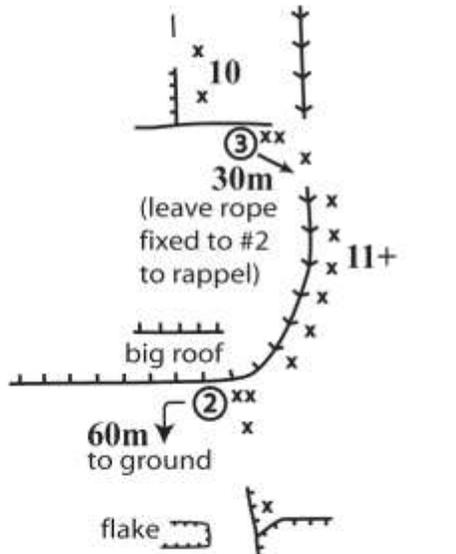
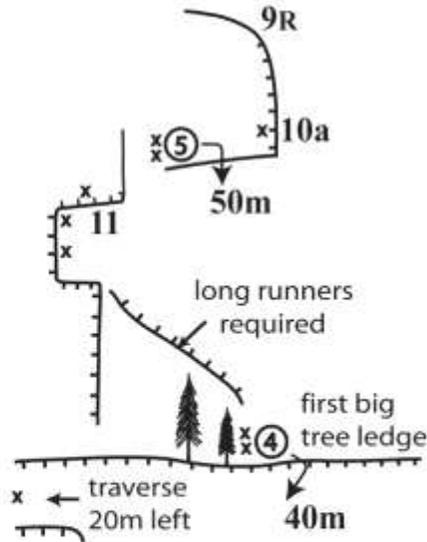
This impressive route climbs the full height of the wall about 500 m north of the parking area. It follows a series of blue/grey corners on excellent rock and finishes up a major, left-slanting dihedral at the top of the cliff. It was established ground-up, and in terms of overall difficulty, must be one of the hardest rock climbs in the guidebook area. The first pitch makes an excellent sport climb (5.11d).

**Gear required:** Extensive rack to 4 inches: 2 sets of Camalots #0.5 and up, 1 each #3, #3.5 and #4 Camalot, 6 TCU's - yellow to grey, 4 smallest tricams (important), 1 set of Stoppers, 8 each quickdraws and full length runners.

**Approach:** Walk north along the Highway for 500 m and then hike up to the base of the cliff (10 minutes).

**Descent:** Three 60 m ropes are needed to rappel the route (leave one fixed between stations 2 and 3 – see topo). Otherwise there is a long walk off to the north. It may also be possible to descend *Mixed Master* to the south using two 60 m ropes (see *David and Goliath Wall* below).

### **Topo**



## **David and Goliath Wall**

This is an area of good, grey rock on the main cliff band almost directly across the road from the “Weeping Wall” parking area. It ends at about 2/3 height at a long, treed ledge.

**Approach:** Walk north along the road for about 100 m and then follow a small ramp that diagonals up right across the scree slope to reach the base of the cliff near *Smokey Corner* (about 15 minutes).

The cliff is divided into two main sections, the bottom portion of the cliff is called *David Wall* and the top portion, below the treed ledge, is called *Goliath's Roof*. It is possible to rappel from all climbs using one 60 m rope. However, if *Goliath's Roof* and *The Exit* are completed to the treed ledge, two 60 m ropes are required to rappel down *Mixed Master*. All climbs are mixed bolts and gear except *Smokey Corner* which is the only sport route.

### **Photograph (Al Ducros):**

**A = The Right Hand 5.9**

**B = Left Lane Alley 5.7**

**C = Black Tear 5.10**

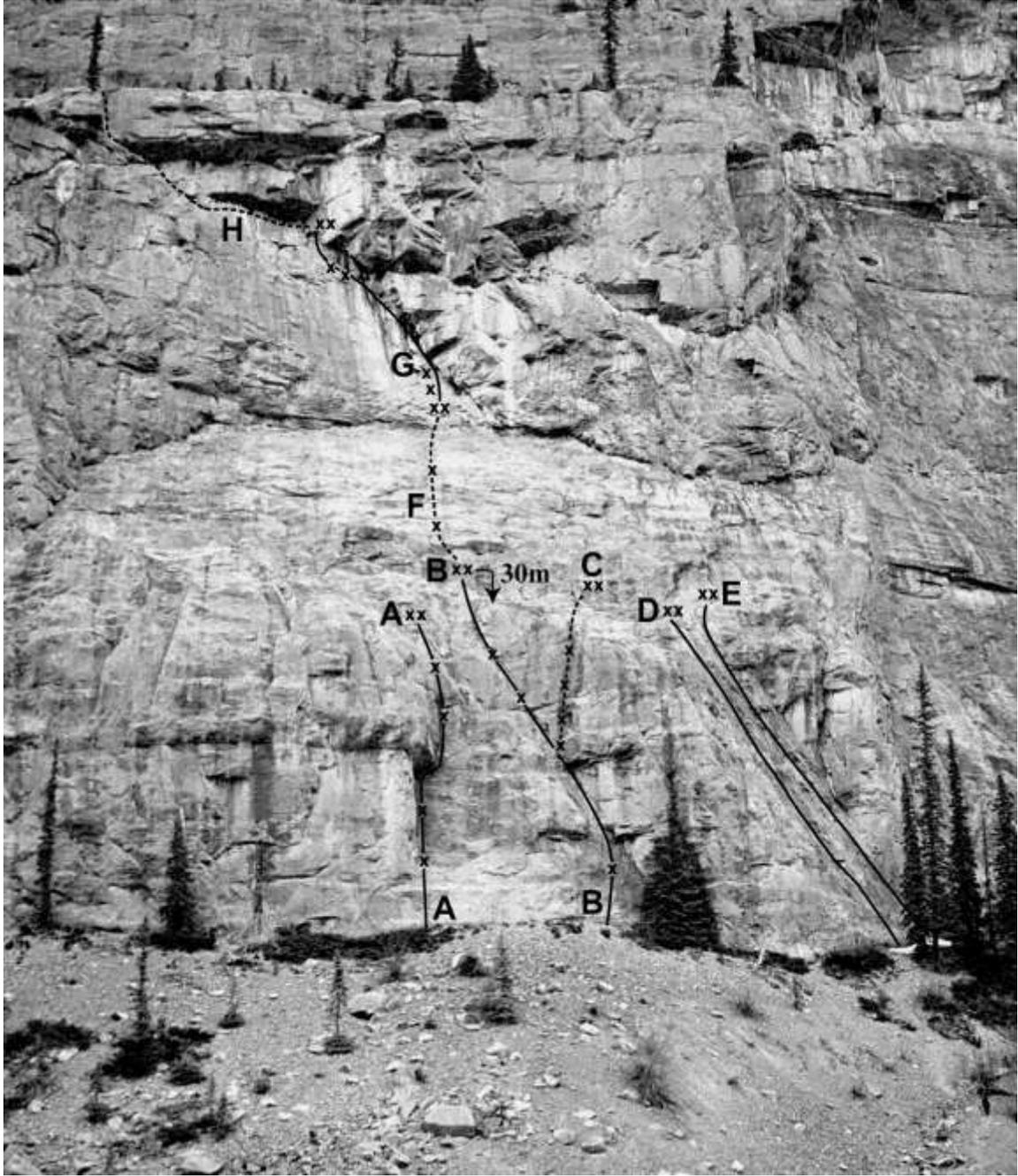
**D = 5.9 Crack 5.9**

**E = Smokey Corner 5.10+**

**F = The Connection 5.4**

**G = Goliath's Roof 5.12b**

**H = The Exit 5.8**



## David Wall

### **The Right Hand 30 m, 5.9**

*Al Ducros, July 2000*

Climb up to the roof using both the corner and the face. Move right around the roof and continue up the corner above to a chained station.

4 bolts and gear to #3 cam.

### **Left Lane Alley 35 m, 5.7**

*FA unknown (in-place pitons)*

Climb past a bolt to gain the prominent left-slanting corner and ramp system.

Follow this past 3 more bolts and good gear to a chained station.

4 bolts and gear to #3 cam, 30 m rappel.

### **Black Tear 30 m, 5.10**

*Al Ducros, August 2000*

Climb *Left Lane Alley* to a bolt at the second roof, move right and climb steep, black rock to the station (bolts).

### **5.9 Crack 35 m, 5.9**

*Cliff Umpulbe and Terry Duncan, July 1999*

*Direct Start: Al Ducros and Deborah Ashton, July 2000*

From the previous climbs, walk right around the edge of the buttress to a left-slanting, slabby wall of excellent grey rock. *Smokey Corner* is on the right.

Either begin up *Smokey Corner* and move left at the first small ledge to the third bolt or climb directly past 2 bolts to reach the same point (5.10c/d).

Continue up past a fourth bolt (5.9) to gain the upper crack system. Follow this past an awkward move at the top (bolt) to a chained station.

5 bolts, one piton, gear - two or three pieces #1 to #2.

### **\*\*\*Smokey Corner 38 m, 5.10+**

*Al Ducros and Pierre Giguere, August 2000*

This excellent route climbs the obvious left-facing corner system on perfect rock.

Sport – 14 bolts, 30 m rappel.

## Goliath's Roof

### **The Connection 30 m, 5.4**

*Al Ducros and Deborah Ashton, August 2000*

Climb easy slabs and ledges to a station at the base of an impressive overhanging corner in the upper wall (bolts).

**Goliath's Roof 25 m, 5.?? and A2 or 5.12b**

*Al Ducros, Deborah Ashton and Paul McSorley, August 2000*

Gain the corner using the old bolts. Follow the steep crack to the last overhang and then use 2 bolts to traverse left to gain the station.

Gear: 2 sets of cams and nuts to #4.

Rappel from the station to top of *The Connection*.

**The Exit ?? m, 5.8 or A1**

*FA unknown*

Follow the crack under the roof to lower-angled terrain. Continue up a small open-book corner to gain the upper, treed ledge. Rappel down *Mixed Master*.