

Dirty Dancing * M-5.11d/12a, 150m, single rack to 3.5" multiples 2" & 2.5"**

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This superb route is one of the best natural lines in the Ghost River Valley with sustained climbing over excellent rock. The line follows a clean-cut, very impressive right-facing corner system on the upper wall directly above the first pitch of "Spooks." The original first pitch above the "Spooks" chimney, which was also the hardest, was put up on-lead via hand-drilling off hooks by Genereux over several hours. However, dirt deposited by water drainage in the demanding upper corner cracks required cleaning from above. The the upper four pitches of the climb were then cleaned and hand drilled on rappel. Genereux gained access to the top by free-soloing "Spooks" with a 30 kilogram pack! He then went on to rappel, clean and via hand-drilling bolt the upper four pitches on the route in a total of eight hours. An effort that helped inspire one of his nicknames, "The Human Hilti." A few 3/8" bolts were later added to a couple of the belays during the first ascent with a power drill to allow for 30m rappels. This early Ghost River test piece didn't received the second or third known ascents until 2002. There have been several ascents since then but the aging gear has made this fantastic climb less desirable to most modern day climbers.

In 2020, twenty-nine years after the first ascent Genereux returned top down and retro-bolted the entire route. Replacing all the fixed protection including pitons with new 3/8" X 3" stainless hardware. All six belays were upgraded to new ring bolts. Andy also adding a new direct start pitch. This new starting pitch is recommended and climbs up the outside edge of the "Spooks" chimney to a new belay above a large wedged block. This new pitch improves the overall quality of the climbing and allows for an easier cleaner rappel line using one rope.

Gear: Cam's to 3.5" with doubles of 2" to 2.5", a full set of micro cams and some medium wires with 12-14 draws (two extendable), single 60m rope.

P1: 5.6, 25m. Original Start. Ascend the chimney of "Spooks" for 25m until above and behind two large chockstones. Traverse across the left wall of the chimney onto a large patio ledge and two-bolt belay. Or alternatively, climb "*Another Dirty Dance*" or "*More Dirty Dancing*" directly to the patio belay bypassing their lower hanging anchors for harder starting options.

P1: 5.9, 22m. New CMC Direct Start. Stem up near the outside edge of the "Spooks" chimney past seven protection bolts installed on the main wall (right side), surmount the top of a large wedge block at the top of the slot/chimney with ring bolts to belay.

P2: 5.11d/12a, 27m. The original start from the large ledge step across the chimney onto the main wall. Climb up to a small hole and move right to a bolt to gain access to a small corner. Using the new *CMC Direct Start*, angle up and slightly left to the first bolt on the main wall. From the third bolt at the top of the short corner make hard moves left to a hidden bolt. Sustained movement past the next two bolts leads to a small ledge. Difficult moves left gain a shallow corner that is the start of the main corner dihedral. Hard, sustained past a initial friction bulge then fight up a finger/hand crack that leads up to a fully hanging belay from ring bolts.

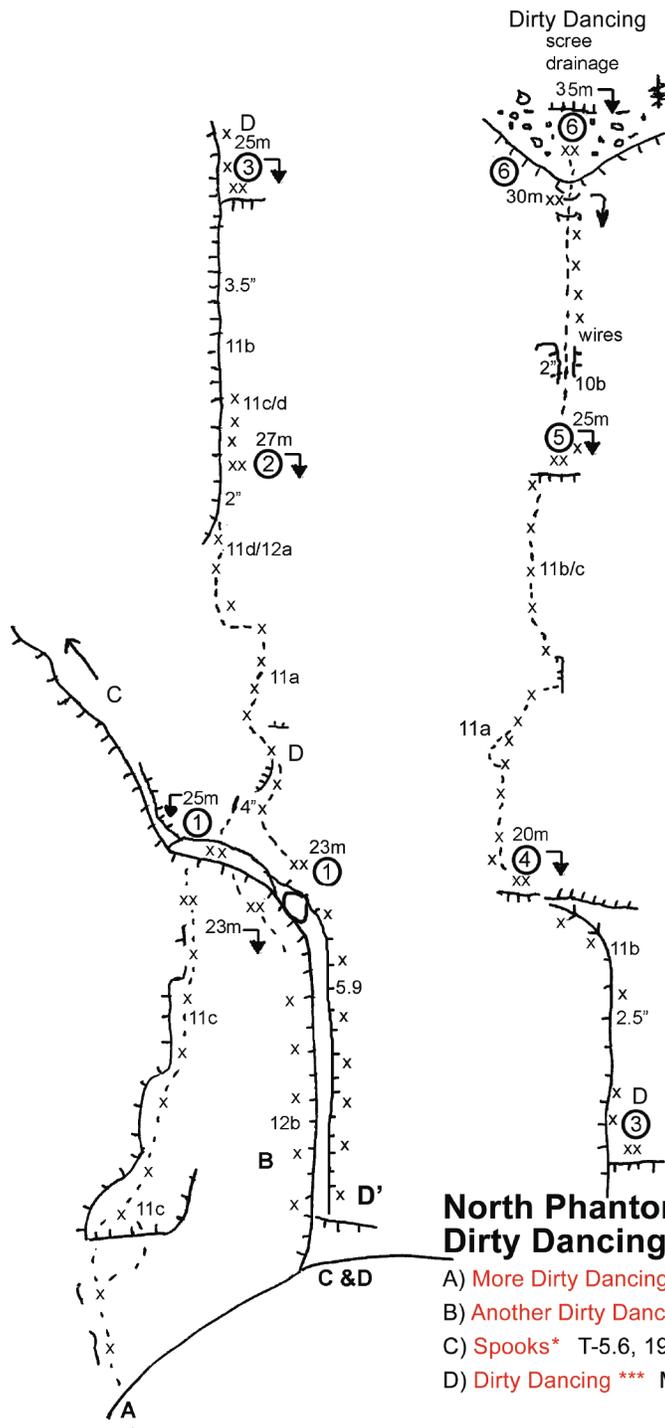
P3: 5.11c/d, 25m. Continue up the classic dihedral. Hard, sustained stemming past three bolts (5.11c/d) leads into a superb continuous, steep, finger/hand crack (5.11b) up the corner to reach a pedestal ledge with a ring bolts to belay.

P4: 5.11b/c, 20m. Climb the steep corner above with continuously difficult technical stemming and thin crack moves. Below a roof, move left onto the face to finish on a large ledge to belay.

P5: 5.11b/c, 25m. From the left side of the ledge make difficult moves up the shallow corner. Move left at the third bolt then back right into the corner. Continue up with sustained climbing on excellent grey rock. At the fifth bolt make an awkward move right to gain a small ramp leading back into the shallow corner. Ascend the corner (difficult) moving left wall near the top. Work up and slightly right onto a small ledge with ring bolts to belay.

P6: 5.10b, 30m. Climb the face directly above the stance past some gear placements to gain a slabby groove passing four new bolts leads to a new belay with ring bolts on the left side a few metres below the top of the main wall above a small stance in the groove. There is an old anchor several meters above the main wall on a small sub-cliff. This upper anchor should be avoided unless you plan to walk-off to descend.

Descent: Rappel the route, requires a 60m rope.



**North Phantom Crag
Dirty Dancing Sector**

- A) **More Dirty Dancing** ** S-5.11c, 25m, 9 clips
- B) **Another Dirty Dance** *** S-5.12a/b, 25m, 7 clips
- C) **Spooks*** T-5.6, 190m, gear to 4"
- D) **Dirty Dancing** *** M-5.11d/12a, 150m,
rack to 3.5" multiples 2"-2.5"
- D') **CMC Direct Start to Dirty Dancing** ** S-5.9, 23m, 7clips