

Rave * M-5.10c, 185m, gear standard rack to 4" (several long slings)**

Bruce Keller & Chris Perry pitches 1-3 1980

Brian Spear & Ken Wylie June 2000 retro bolting entire route established pitches 4-5 original

Andy Genereux & Peter Gatzsch 2003 pitch 5 Right Variation

This stellar mixed protection route was first attempted by Bruce Keller & Chris Perry way back in early 1980 they succeeded in climbing the first three pitches including the crux with some fairly serious runout climbing, but they never returned to finish their project. There was a photo of Bruce Keller leading the overhanging first pitch on the original Ghost Rock Guide by Chris Perry. This picture was also included in the second version of the guide to entice someone to finish this route off. Brian Spear and Ken Wylie finally took the bait. The 2000 ascent team led the established pitches in their original condition, due to several serious runout sections and 20+ year old fixed pitons they decided to do some retrofitting of these pitches to make them more reasonable for parties that were sure to follow on this excellent adventure. In 2003 Andy Genereux along with partner Peter Gatzsch repeated the route and added the right variation on pitch 5, with out the bolts found there now. Andy afterwards encouraged Brian Spear to return and add ring bolts to the stations replacing the regular hanger's with tattered slings and during the fixing process Brian with encouragement from Genereux added three bolts to this now preferred variation to finish.

After a recent repeat ascent the author decided to update the information and make a new topo drawing for this excellent route.

Approach as for the obvious big corner of the route *Satan*. *Rave* climbs the steep grey headwall around the corner to the right of *Satan*. The route starts from just below a shark tooth shaped rock formation separated from the main wall located about 80m north of *Satan* corner. The route starts up an intermittent crack system that eventually angles right after 40m the long first pitch after overcoming the slightly overhanging grey wall to start this route.

- P1: 5.10a, 60m.** Climb up angling right over some loose rock to a corner. Climb the corner (on poor protection) to a bolt. Continue up past a ledge with a bolt and continue up past two more bolts to the base of a steep corner (fixed piton). Climb this corner to a ledge and into a second corner to a better ledge with a bolt (this is a possible belay to avoid rope drag with cams in a crack to the right). Traverse right and climb a final corner onto an excellent belay ledge.
- P2: 5.10c, 30m.** Clip the bolt above the belay and make difficult boulder moves to gain the crack above. Tricky layback moves lead to a bolt where the crack ends. Climb past two more bolts to an overhang. Overcome this on good holds and gear to a ledge climb to a higher ledge with a high ring bolt belay.
- P3: 510b, 30m.** Climb slightly right of the belay up to an old station (where the Keller/Perry party traversed in from the right) now move left past a bolt to a slabby corner. Lay back this corner to the top and cross a slab left to a upper right facing corner then to a ledge ring bolts on the left.
- P4: 5.10a, 30m.** Move left to a hollow white tower (do not attempt to climb it!) and a bolt on the right side. Climb the thin face right of the tower (10a) to a second bolt by the towers top. Climb the crack/face past a small ledge with a bolt. Climb higher to a second ledge with a bolt. Move right to a shallow corner and follow this to a bolt belay on a small ledge.
- P5: Original 510a/R, 30m.** This original pitch is lacking a little quality. Step right from the belay and climb fins of rock past a piton and a bolt onto a ledge. Rubble ramps lead up left then up and slightly right to gain a clean slab with a bolt (runout). Climb the slab to a ring bolt belay.
- P5: Right Variation 5.10a, 32m.** For this recommended option, step right from the belay and climb fins of rock past a piton and a bolt onto a ledge. Move directly up to a bulge and place a cam in a good slot. From the cam placement traverse 4m right on a steady slab to a hidden corner. Climb the corner with bolts on the face to the left. near the top of the corner angle up and left past an old two bolt belay moving up to a new ring bolt station a few metres higher.

Descent: Rappel the route requires a single 60m rope. two of the rappels are a full 30m make sure to tie knots at the ends of the rope. There has been a rappel station added right of the first pitch 25m directly below the pitch 1 belay to facilitate this option.

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