

The Moose Dome

This is the newest area to see development at Moose Mountain. It's the main south facing aspect on the main summit dome for Moose Mountain. The ice Caves are off left from this photo. Mostly developed by climber Mark Carlson over the past few seasons. He has been kind enough to furnish these details. This south facing sector is a fantastic venue for winter rock climbing due to its unobstructed position high above the valley floor. The sector is approximately 500m across and is 70m in height. For now the wall is broken into three sub-sectors 1) Mosaic Crag, routes A-D for now. 2) Core Collapse Crag, routes E-G for now. 3) TRAPPIST Crag, routes H-R for now. There has been little feedback on stars and grades. These details will be in flux for a while. There is sure to be more development, the potential seems staggering. Hopefully a better trail gets established to access this crag.



Approach: For now the best approach is coming over from the Anti-Moose Sector, traversing climbers Left (westward) along the base of the cliff past the waterfall streak for *Mr Hanky & Bullwinkle*. **Caution:** Be aware leaving the **Anti Moose Sector** the trail has a bit of exposed 3rd class working around a tight corner. It takes less than 10 minutes from the Anti-Moose (**See page 64** for a photo depicting access from the Anti Moose). The approach details for the Anti Moose sector are also found on page 64. In Good conditions and using an e-bike this approach option takes about 60 minutes from parking the longest of all venues at Moose Mountain Crag. Plan for at least 1.5 hours each way, if walking. There is no defined trail to directly access this venue at present. Depending on conditions this approach can be quite tricky in the winter months. Mark says its possible from the Y-junction at the bottom of the big hill on the road to bushwhack directly up the slope through the trees to an open scree slope as an alternative option. Another much longer option is to use the Ice Caves approach further west which has a better trail for height gain. Then work your way back east on loose scree to reach these climbs. Both of these secondary options adds roughly an half hour to the approach time. Hopefully, next year will see a defined independent trail established to improve the approach scenario.

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This massive cliff has three south facing sub-sectors detailed for now. Climbers should avoid this venue on clear sunny summer days. It elevated exposure means no relief from the sun for most of the day. It's a great venue for spring, fall, and in particular winter climbing options. There can often be wind exposure. Cloudy days can be OK. I visited in late May with a breeze and cloud cover, which provided nearly perfect climbing conditions. Direct sun in summer this venue is a broiler oven. Remember the option to head east around the corner into the shade in the afternoon at the Anti-Moose could prove a good option if the sun is providing too much warmth.

The Mosaic Crag

This bowl shaped little amphitheater is slightly more wind sheltered than the two sub-sectors located to the east (climbers right). For now some nice easy climbs that can be done even in very cold temperatures. Potential for some very high quality taller pumpier climbs on what looks to be impeccable rock. There are two difficult looking projects out left (35m) from the climb *Cosmic Ray*, the left most of the listed routes detailed. These projects are in Yellow on the photo on page 60. Please stay off these climbs they are not finished nor safe. However, there is plenty of potential for more climbs to be established on this impressive wall.

A) **Cosmic Ray ** S-5.10a, 32m, 16 clips**

Mark Carlson, November 2025

Tie a knot in the end of your rope! Climb *Cosmic Microwave Background* and either skip or back clean the first few draws if you don't the rope drag will be horrific. Excellent easy lie-backing, jamming, and stemming. Marred only by the "Mice Cream" on one side of the crack.

B) **Cosmic Microwave Background * S-5.5, 15m, 7 clips**

Mark Carlson, November 2023

Climb up a few meters then traverse left to the third bolt line use long slings on the first few bolts to avoid drag. An easy slab. Best to have the second clean this warm up. Above the anchor is *Cosmic Ray*.

C) **Zone of Avoidance * S-5.5, 15m, 7 clips**

Mark Carlson, November 2023

After the common start takes the middle bolt line after a short leftwards traverse.

D) **21 Centimeter Line * S-5.7, 15m, 7 clips**

Mark Carlson & Adam Hasiuk, November 2023

This is the shared start to all the easy routes in this bowl feature. It climbs directly to an anchor.

Core Collapse Crag

This small central sub-sector has a nice trio of shorter well protected moderate climbs. Hopefully more development is in the plan to expand the winter rock climbing options at Moose Mountain.

E) **Magnetar * S-5.10c, 12m, 8 clips**

Adam Hasiuk, October 2023

The left most line in this middle sector.

F) **Quark Star * S-5.10b, 15m, 7 clips**

Adam Hasiuk, October 2023

This looks to be blocky off vertical climbing over dark gray rock.

G) **Strange Star * S-5.9, 15m, 8 clips**

Mark Carlson, February 2023

With more feedback, I'm sure that we will get better descriptions and possibly higher star ratings.

TRAPPIST Crag (Transiting Planets and Planetesimal Small Telescope)

The East most sub-sector at the Moose Dome it has the most development so far. Excellent ambiance and exposure at this sub-sector. Do not let your water bottle roll away at the base...! Some less desirable rock on the left side, but the routes on the right all climb well and their shorter length, lends well to colder days.

H) Closed Project:

Mark Carlson,

For now this is the left most line found at the (climbers facing) right most sector on Moose Dome.

I) Closed Project:

Mark Carlson

This is a second pitch above the route TRAPPIST-1. It appears to be quite hard on good quality rock.

J) TRAPPIST-1 * S-5.11c, 30m, 16 clips

Mark Carlson, December 2023

Some fun climbing before and after the choss band in the middle (Moose factor) it looks good to me.

K) Closed Project:

Mark Carlson

A parallel line to the climb *TRAPPIST-1*, located just right it has good looking rock on this harder project.

L) Supernova Scum ** S-5.11c, 35m, 16 clips

Ariel Constantino, January 2023

Nice looking technical climbing on this left leaning longer line. Pay attention to rope length, tie a knot.

M) It's Not Rocket Science ** S-5.10c, 18m 8 clips

Albert Martino, September 2022

Very nice rock on this excellent face climb, enjoy.

N) Closed Project:

Mark Carlson

An upper pitch above *Cosmic Web*, a very long extension that drives up to an obvious triangular roof to skirt its right side.

O) Cosmic Web ** S-5.10b, 18m, 7 clips

Mark Carlson, January 2021

Good rock and its another fine moderate face route.

P) Supercluster Complex * S-5.10b, 18m, 8 clips

Mark Carlson, December 2023

The right-hand variation off the climb *Cosmic Web* it follows a shallow right leaning corner.

Q) Accretion Disk * S-5.10b, 18m, 8 clips

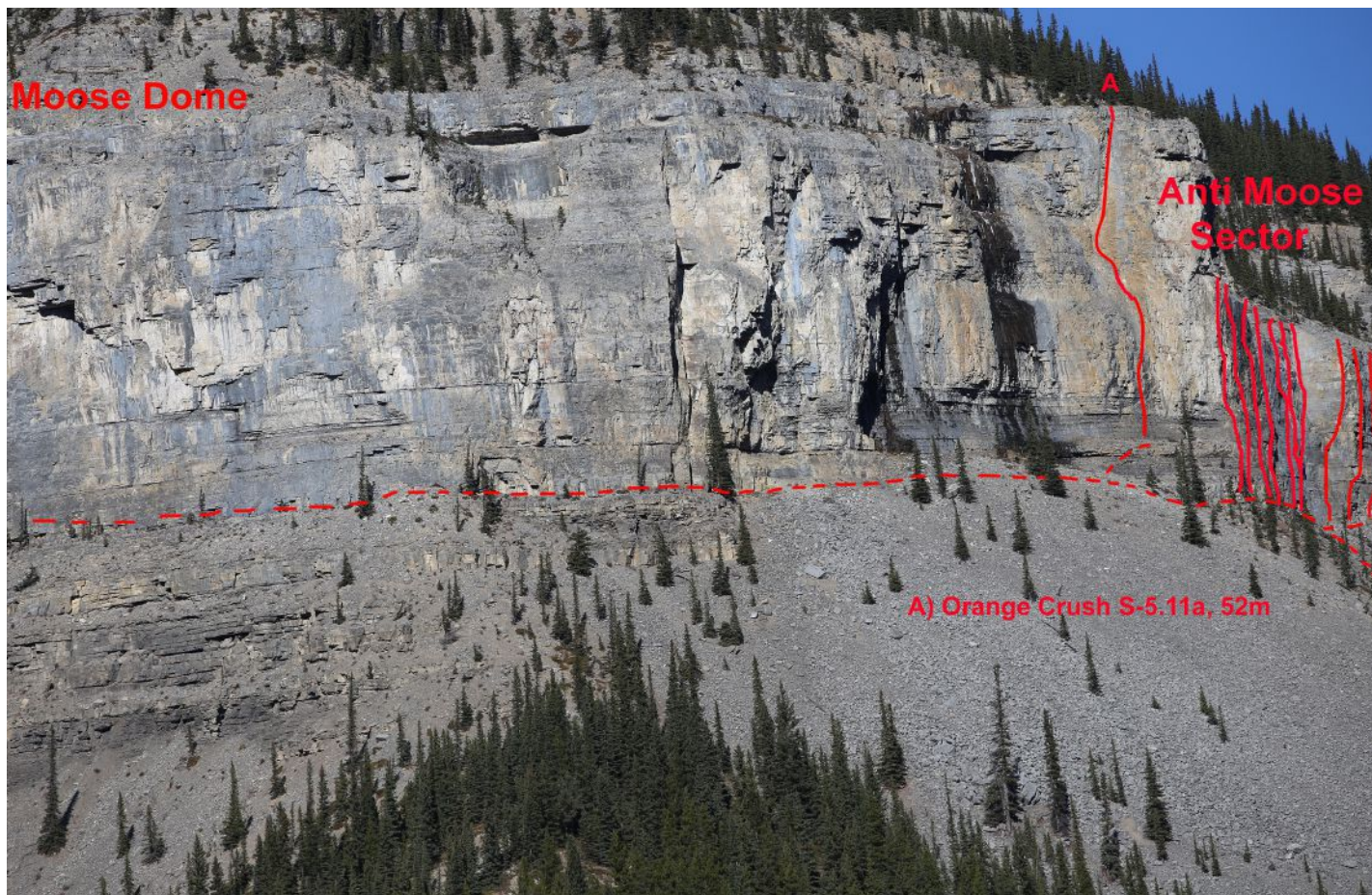
Mark Carlson, November 2023

The rightmost line at this sector for now. It climbs more or less straight up. The climb *Comet Trail* is the right branch a third of the way up.

R) Comet Trail S-5.10b, 18m, 10 clips

Mark Carlson, November 2025

The right-hand branch off the right most bolt line for now. Fun moves over some suspect rock, Mark gave no stars...! Maybe he is not used to climbing on Moose Factor rock?

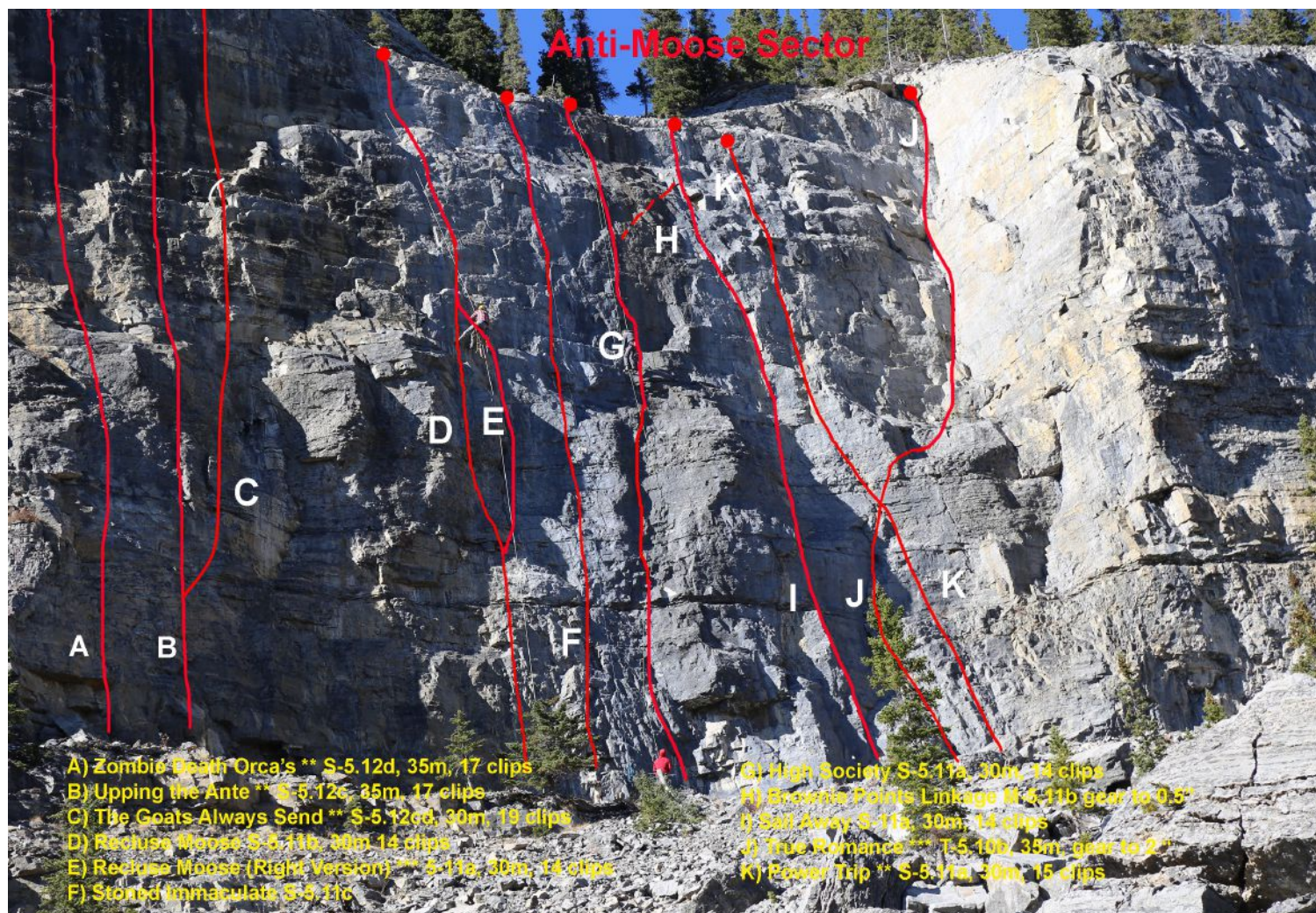


The Anti Moose

Located on the north side of Canyon Creek up the side valley. This sector is found on the east side of the main Moose Mountain Dome. This predominantly east facing cliff line sits up higher from the valley floor than most other venues at the Moose Mountain Crag developed so far. Located east and north from the popular Moose Mountain Ice Caves. It's one of the newest sectors to be exploited out of the vast unexplored potential found at these extensive cliff lines. Unlike much of the area this sector seems to have some consistently great rock, with a bits of traditional (gear) climbing thrown into the mix. It also has one of the longest approaches in the area which helps to give it the name. Tired of the crowds, loose rock, and short approaches found at other venues at Moose Mountain The Anti Moose sector could be the place for you..!

The fall of 2021 saw the first routes established in late October by Ross Suchy and his wife Nica. Also keen interest by Steve McNally soon afterwards saw several quality routes installed despite the cool late fall weather and the shorter days. This crag is a great place to come for early morning sun. Similar exposure to **Morning Side Crag** it goes in the shade by about 1:30 making it's a good hang on hot afternoons. Fortunately, unlike Morning Side Crag it doesn't suffer having trees shading the lower wall. This means early morning sun can quickly heat things up for very early starts on cool days. All together these features make this venue a great early spring and late fall climbing destination. The star grading is tentative but the generally superb rock quality and comments from the first ascentionist seem to support these lofty heights for now. There is massive potential for more development to either side of the first climbs. In 2024 through 2026 the onslaught of development has continued with several more excellent additions during mid winter and through the long wet spring. Then Ross adding a last project he called The Goats Always Send S-5.12c, in September.

The approach: Take the main access road over the big hill west of the Dust Bowl and drop down the other side. At the bottom of the hill taking a right turn at the T-junction onto a road that's heading north up the side valley. Immediately grind your way back up a steep hill on the road until it flattens out after about half a kilometer. From the first power pole (orange guide-wire) at the top of this flat section head up on a faint trail (marked by rock cairns), heading up the slope in the trees generally angling a bit rightward until reaching the bottom of a scree slope, diagonal right on a rising trail to reach a big boulder field. These large blocky boulders are marked by cairns and can be negotiated more or less directly upward to reach the heart of this new sector. Takes about 20 minutes walking from the access road. Plan on about an hour to approach from Ing Mine parking using a bike on the road. The trail has improved significantly the past two years.



See the cliff photo for the location of this newer sector on page 64. Climbs are described Left to Right:

Orange Crush S-5.11a, 52m, 15 clips (3 Shoulder length draws)

Rob Fulton & Brian Zurek, May 2023

This is a two pitch route is located on the upper east facing wall of the main Moose Mountain dome. Walk about two minutes left from the heart of the Anti Moose sector to reach this climb. The line is detailed on the overview photo on **page 64**. Originally I shared a few details, saying that the rock looked to generally to be good. No star quality applied until after a few people have had a chance to repeat this rig. This route was re-climbed in March 2024, the second ascent team found it to be poorly cleaned and noted some weird bolting in places. **Caution:** The route is not recommended until some further cleaning and repair work is carried out. The second ascent team climbed it as one long pitch trying to protect the belayer from the constant rock fall. They found some bolting strange, feeling generally, a poor overall cleaning, building effort.

P1) S-5.11a, 20m. Recommend using a stick clip to the second bolt to start on the pitch.

P2) S-5.9, 32m. Recommend using some long slings (shoulder length draws) for the moves right to reach the orange rock on the second pitch. Steady mostly positive climbing ascends the orange rock. Make sure too crush it, not your partner...!

Big Orange Menace ** S-5.13a, 35m, 17 clips

Ross Suchy, March 2026

Located just left of *Zombie Death Orca's* this is the latest hard-man route at Anti Moose. Still need the full details from Ross. This is the left most bolt line for now at the Anti Moose. The "business" looks to be the final third on great rock.

Zombie Death Orca's ** S-5.12c, 35m, 16 clips

Ross Suchy, February 2024

Built in January, Ross climbed this rig Feb 01! We also found several "ticks" that day as well. The line gets progressively harder the higher you climb. The final three bolts hold the crux sequences. Ross says the climb was named by a friends, 4 year old boy with a wild imagination.

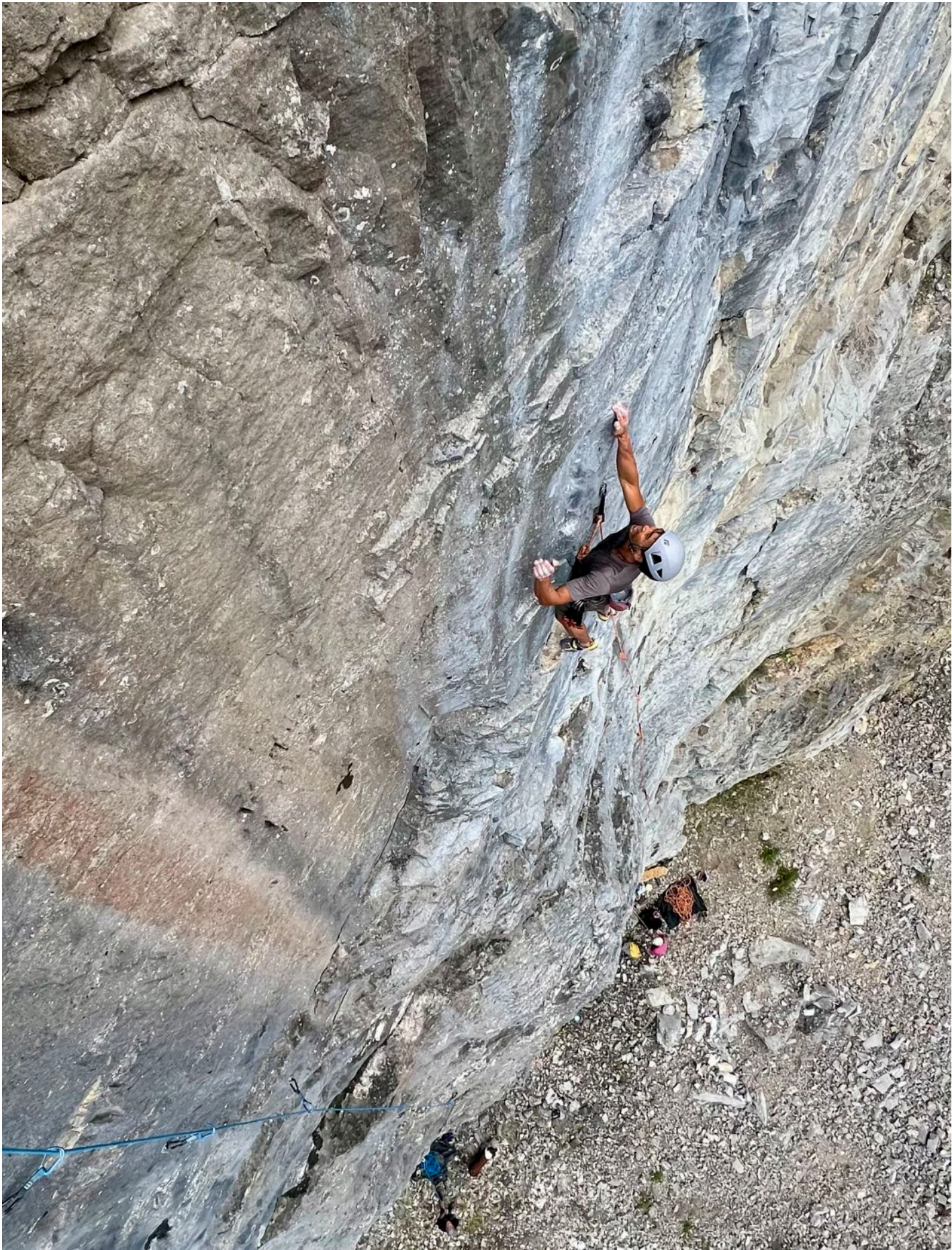


Photo by Ross Suchy: Rich Cosstillo on Sail Away *** S-5.11a, having a blast at the Anti Moose.

Uppin the Anti ** S-5.12d, 35m, 16 clips

Ross Suchy, March 2024

Similar to *Zombie Death Orca's* this line gets harder, the higher you climb, only it's a bit stiffer at the crux. Over all great rock by Moose standards. Adding yet another fine harder challenge to the upper grades at the Moose Mountain Crag.

The Goats Always Send ** S-5.12c, 30m, 19 clips

Ross Suchy, September 2026

Climb the first four bolts on *Uppin the Anti*. Then head out right, expect the hardest climbing near the top. The line sent with inspiration from a close up visit with some mountain goats.

Recluse Moose *** S-5.11b, 30m, 15 clips

Steve McNally, October 2021

Find the line with glue-in bolts. This route looks easier than it is! Great stone and good face climbing sees you up this steady upper 5.10 climb with harder cruxy bits that ensure you keep on your toes to the finish.

Recluse Moose (Right Version) *** S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips

Steve McNally, October 2022

Takes the shallow corner out to the right at mid-height for four bolts for a slightly easier version of this fine climb.

Stoned Immaculate *** S-5.11c, 30m, 15 clips

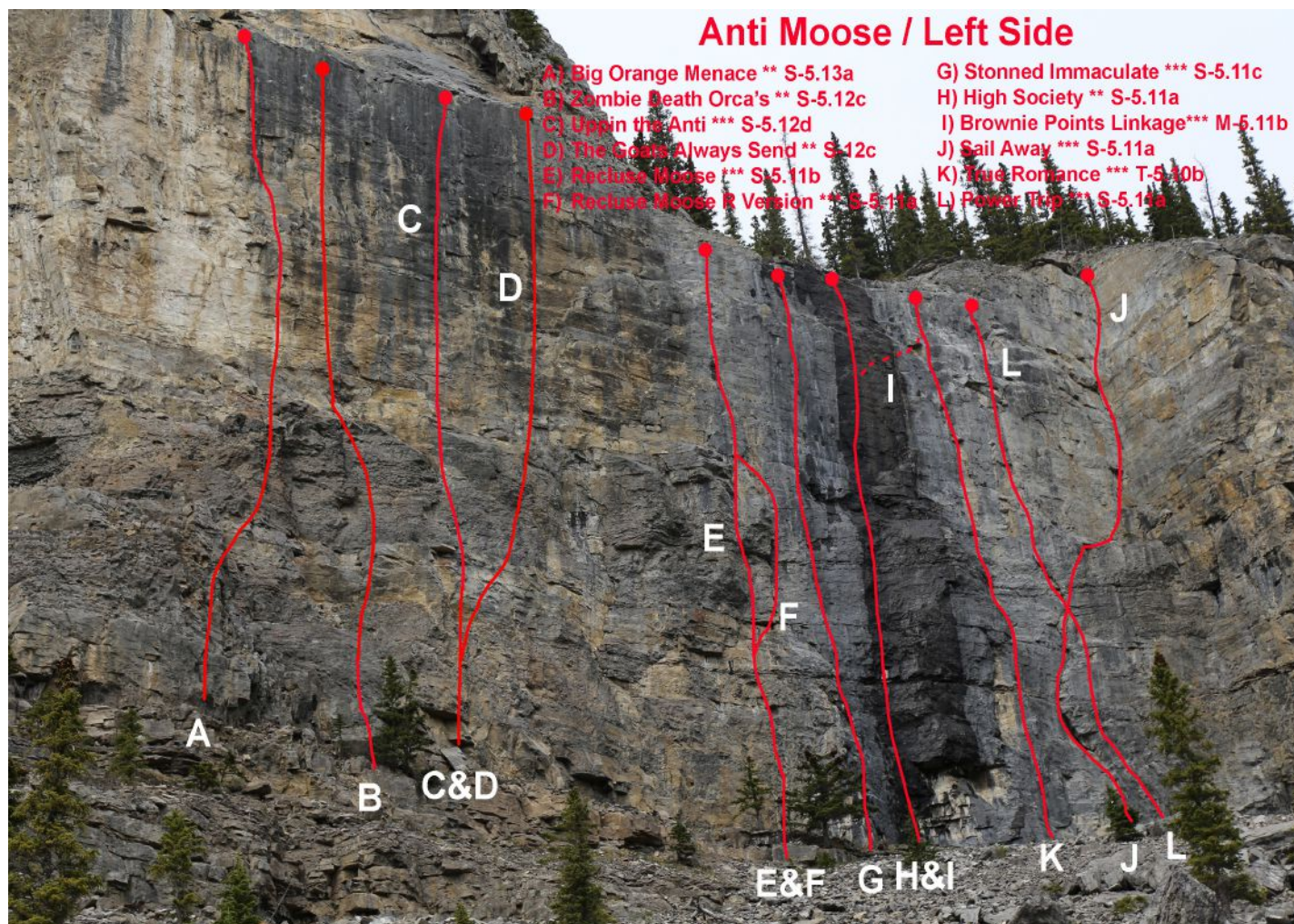
Ross Suchy, October 2021

The crux section comes up high with a few hard pulls and a not so easy read moving right. This is a beauty enjoy.

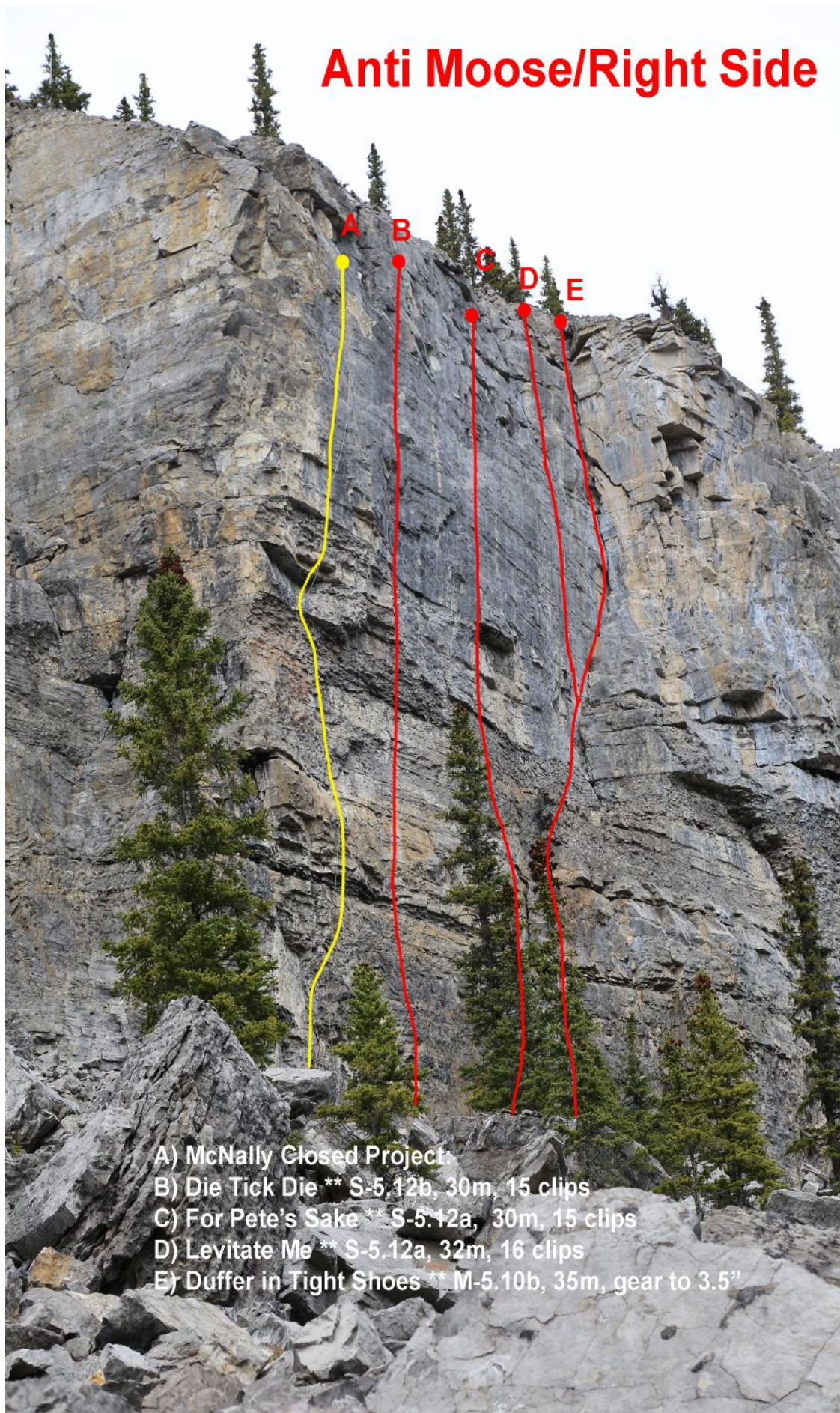
High Society ** S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips

Ross Suchy, October 2021

Follows a shallow groove corner to the upper head wall. Really fun climbing.



Anti Moose/Right Side



Brownie Points (Linkage) * M-5.11b, 15 clips & gear to 0.5"**

Ross Suchy, October 2021

Climbs the first 11 bolts on the route *High Society* then angles up and right (the crux) placing a few small cams to link up with the top of the route *Sail Away* for a great combination, placing some fiddly bits of gear at a slightly harder grade.

Sail Away * S-5.11a, 30m, 15 clips**

Ross Suchy & Nica Ngo-Saito, October 2021

After discovering the area while opening up the route *True Romance* this immaculate rock found just out left was simply too good looking and inviting to refuse.

True Romance * T-5.10b, 35m, gear micro cams to 3"**

Ross Suchy & Nica Ngo-Saito, October 2021

The route that jump-started this new sector. Pushed ground up, it was originally done as two pitches. Having a few longer slings and a bit of bigger rack allows the line to be linked as one longer pitch. Using a 70m rope, just allows you to lower and just make it back to the ground. Climbs an intermittent crack feature on the lower wall, work through a steep bit, then angle up and right on a short face section past two bolts to enter the obvious open-book corner on the right to tackle upper wall. Really fun moderate climbing requiring a wide variety of techniques.

Power Trip * S-5.11a, 30m, 14 clips**

Ross Suchy & Jeff Moore, March 2026

Named after Using Jeff's e-bikes (the only way to ride with heavy packs) to access the crag during some mild mid-winter days. Another fun route that starts just right of *True Romance* then heads straight up on excellent rock crossing over *True Romance* as it jogs right into the obvious upper corner.

McNally Project, Closed: 30m

Steve McNally, bolted 2025

Located on the right side of the prow line found a few metres right of *True Romance* upper corner. Ross thinks this might be another low 5.12? There was a fixed rope in the late spring of 2026.

Die Tick Die! ** S-5.12b, 30m, 15 clips

Ross Suchy, April 2024

Found on the buttress about 20m right of the *True Romance* corner. The upper half of this line the rock looks awesome. Still need more info from Ross. Early reports say it's quite good.

For Pete's Sake ** S-5.12a, 30m, 15 clips

Ross Suchy, July 2024

Located left of a corner crack system, bolted but still needed some work at mid summer. The name and grade are both tentative and the name is my prose. Still need to get Current info from Ross. A better description.

Levitate Me ** S-5.12a, 35m, 16 clips

Rowan McNally, June 2024

Shares the same start with *Duffers in Tight Shoes*, 5.10 past the first 8 bolts, then head directly up the bulging headwall left of the *Duffers* corner. Finish on some hard "slabby" face moves past the last 4 bolts to reach the anchor.

Duffers in Tight Shoes ** M-5.10b, 35m, gear to 3.5"

Steve McNally, June 2024

This route into the upper corner is shaped like a question mark. Requires a rack to 3.5". Established ground up, climb up past 8 bolts. Now move right to the corner. Steady 5.9 climbing using gear placement to reach the anchor. For now the furthest route right at the Anti Moose Sector?

Note: There seems good potential for a few shorter but very steep routes to be established right of these climbs.

Caution: The Anti Moose can be a haven for ticks in late winter and spring. Make sure to do good tick-check at this time of year.