

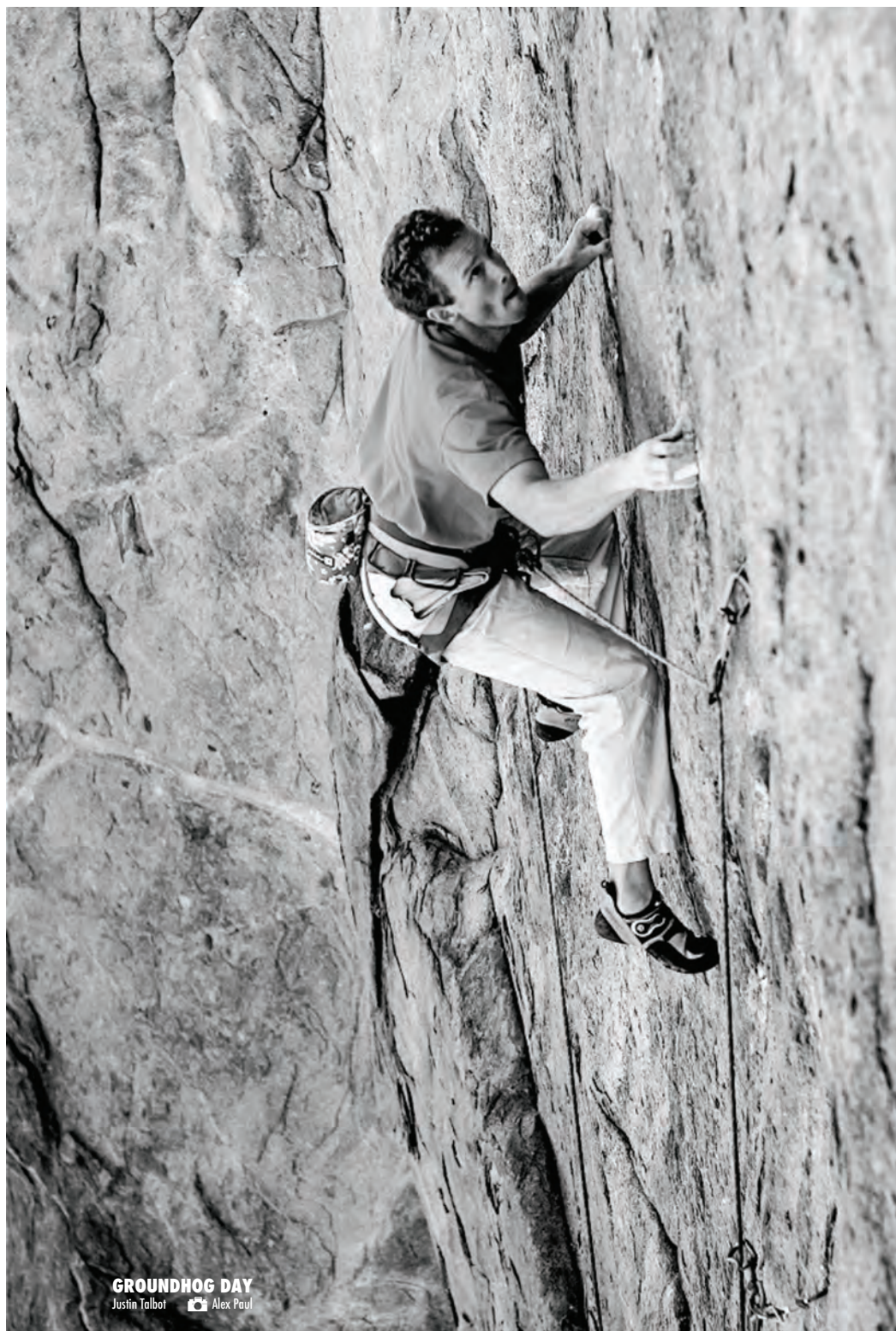


## SOUTH TO BUENA VISTA

Desert style granite starts in the Arkansas Valley just south of Leadville. Sharp and featured rock lends itself to good bouldering and crag climbing and the routes on the Davis Face offer good longer and moderate climbs. This section includes some of the most popular crags and bouldering as well as some more obscure climbs that aren't published elsewhere.







**GROUNDHOG DAY**  
Justin Talbot Alex Paul

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## POPULAR BV CRAGS

Bob's Rock has the highest concentration of easily accessible, quality climbs in BV. The other crags in this section are also quick to get to and popular with weekend warriors. Although multiple parties might frequent these on the weekend you are likely to have any of the crags to yourself during the week. Most of the routes are bolted but some are mixed and a few use only gear for protection.  
Crag Rack: 60m rope, 12 draws, single set of cams to 4 inches, nuts



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# BOB'S ROCK WEST FACE

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Aside from the drive-up access many of the routes here can be easily set-up on toprope. The following routes require no 5th class climbing to clip the anchor bolts from the top of the cliff: Slab, Twist and Shout, Ego Buster, Groundhog Day, Hot Foot and High Step, and TR Corner.

## 1 Slab ★★ .6 50'

Low angle face climbing and fun finger cracks toward the top. A few routes in this area are popular with beginners. Can be led on gear or bolts. See other routes in the area on the next spread.

2 Twist and Shout ★★★ .11d 55' FA A. Brown, L. Shultz  
Interesting and varied climbing. Bring a pad or stick clip the first bolt as the opening moves are some of the hardest. Chain on the bolt over roof is helpful.

3 Lactic Acid Overload ★★ .12a 55'  
Same start as Top Dawg, hard layback moves up the thin flake. A small nut can protect the moves after the crux and before the third bolt. An additional 1" piece protects the top corner.

4 Top Dawg ★★★★★ .12b/c 55' FA L. Floyd, B. Schilling 1989  
A quality route with three distinct crux sections with good rests in between. The best route of the grade in BV. Bolts. See variations on the next spread.

6 Flakes ★★ .9 80'  
Strenuous laybacking and jamming at the start. Gear to 4".

7 Power Pig ★★ .11d 75'  
Typically climbed by starting on Flakes then heading left up the bulging headwall. Bolts.

8 Unknown BR ★ .10a 75'  
Begin by climbing any of the start options. Climb past two bolts to a fun flake then join Flakes.

9 Ego Buster ★★★ .10d 75' FA Matt Beckelhymer  
Begin with any of the start options. Cool stemming and laybacking bring you to the final 15' of Flakes, bring a couple of pieces including #4 camalot for the top.

10 Groundhog Day ★★★ .13br 70' FFA J Talbot 2010  
Begin by climbing any of the start options. Climb Bob's Crack for 15' then break left and past a roof which is followed by the crux seam. The FFA used pre placed Ball Nutz and a fixed Copperhead left over from Rob Dillon's A3 FA. This route awaits a true red point with all gear placed on lead.

11 Bob's Crack ★★★ .9+ 75'  
Super fun and popular. A few hand jams and finger locks. Bring gear to 3".  
12 - 15 Start Options 18' 12 is .12a, 13 is .10, 14 is .7, 15 is .9

16 Unknown BR ★ .10a 65'  
Fun stemming. It is best to toprope this route as the bolts on this route are often removed.

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## LEFT SIDE AREA DETAIL



The left side of the west face is a popular area for beginners. Walk around to the left of the slab to set up top ropes. If the main slab is busy check out Bob'n Betty Buttress.

1 Bob's Special ★★☆☆ .11b 60'

Follow bolts up the steep tower and bring a couple 2-3 inch cams.

2 Bob'n Betty Buttress ★★☆☆ .6 65' FA Simons, Zander and Nielson  
Climb easy corners with bolts and gear to three inches

3 Violetta ★★☆☆ .6 50'  
Climb the chimney and cracks above. Bolts.

4 Slab Left ★★☆☆ .7 50'  
A slightly harder variation than the Classic Slab. Bolts.

5 Classic Slab ★★☆☆ .6 50'

A fun low angle face climb that is perfect for beginners. Bolts.

6 Slightly Smaller than Large ★★☆☆ .9+ 50' FA Jess Lewis  
Easy climbing leads to a steeper arête with small holds. You could also use this anchor to climb other variations on the slab.

7 Little Kid Route ★ .2 30'

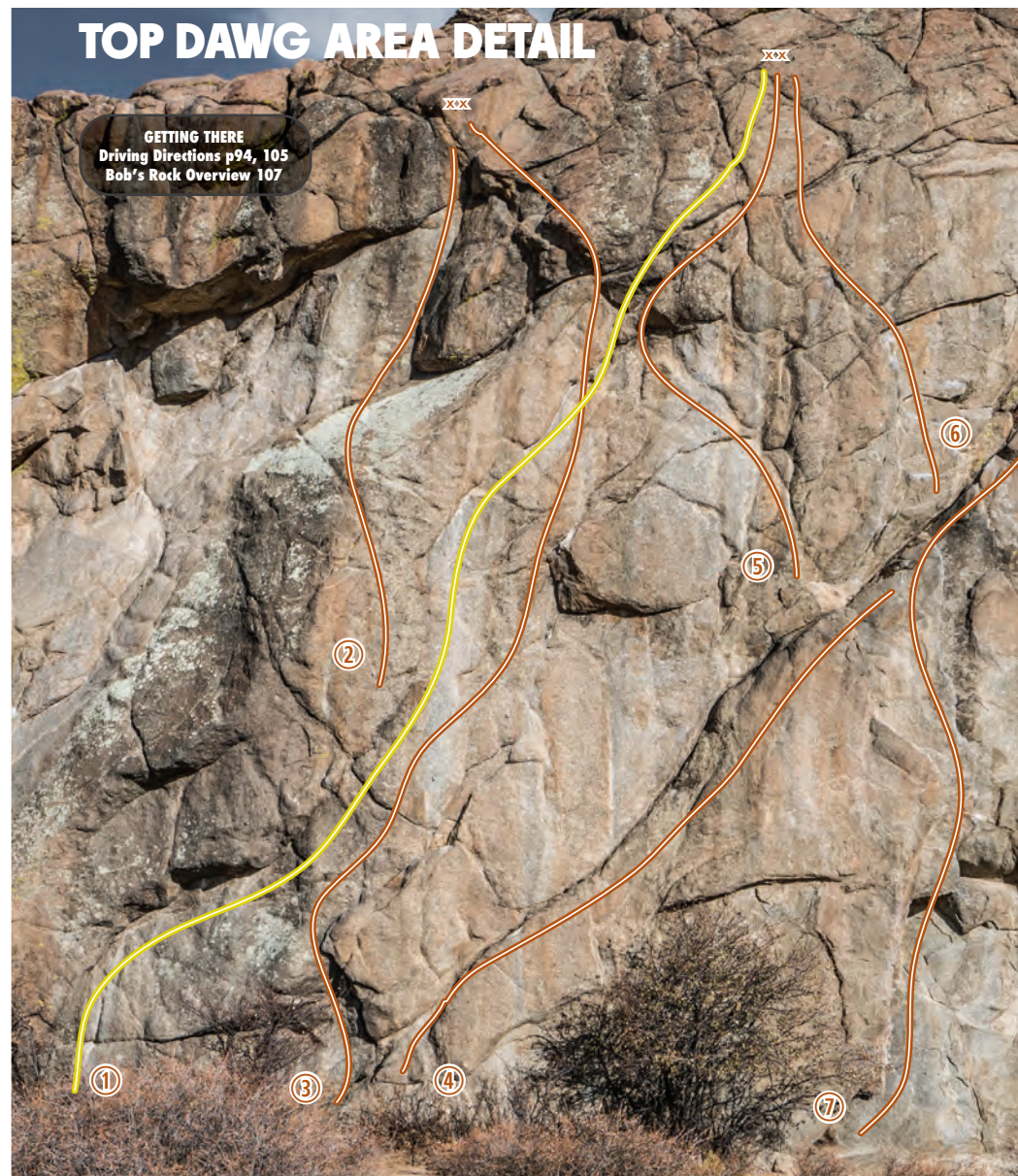
It is possible to set up a short very easy route that goes up a groove to easy face climbing. This is a OK route for small kids. Use #2 and #3 camalots for the anchor.

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## TOP DAWG AREA DETAIL



The area around Top Dawg on the west face of Bob's Rock has many options for the strong Leadville, BV, and Salida climbers who are looking for some easy access exercise.

1 BR Combo Route ★★☆☆ .12 70'

A fun link-up that follows a discontinuous series of small flakes across the wall. Includes a cool 5.11 arch at the start and multiple strenuous sections. Make it even harder by doing the cruxes of Top Dawg (burly .12)

2 Lactic Acid Overload ★★☆☆ .12a 55'

Same start as Top Dawg, hard layback moves up the thin flake. A small nut can protect the moves after the crux and before the third bolt.

3 Top Dawg ★★☆☆ .12b/c 55'

A quality route with three distinct crux sections with good rests in between.

4 Wire Man ★★☆☆ .11R 70'

The crux section is the first 30' and strenuous, awkward, and hard to get good gear placements. Joins Flakes and continues on the upward traverse. Gear to 4".

5 Hog Wild ★ .12 55'

Climbed by starting on Wire Man or Flakes then heading straight up the bulging headwall and climbing left around a blank section. Bolts.

6 Power Pig ★★☆☆ .11d 55'

Awesome climbing up the bulging headwall. Bolts.

7 Flakes ★ .9 80'

Strenuous laybacking and jamming at the start. Gear to 3.5". Site of many 5.9 leaders getting worked.

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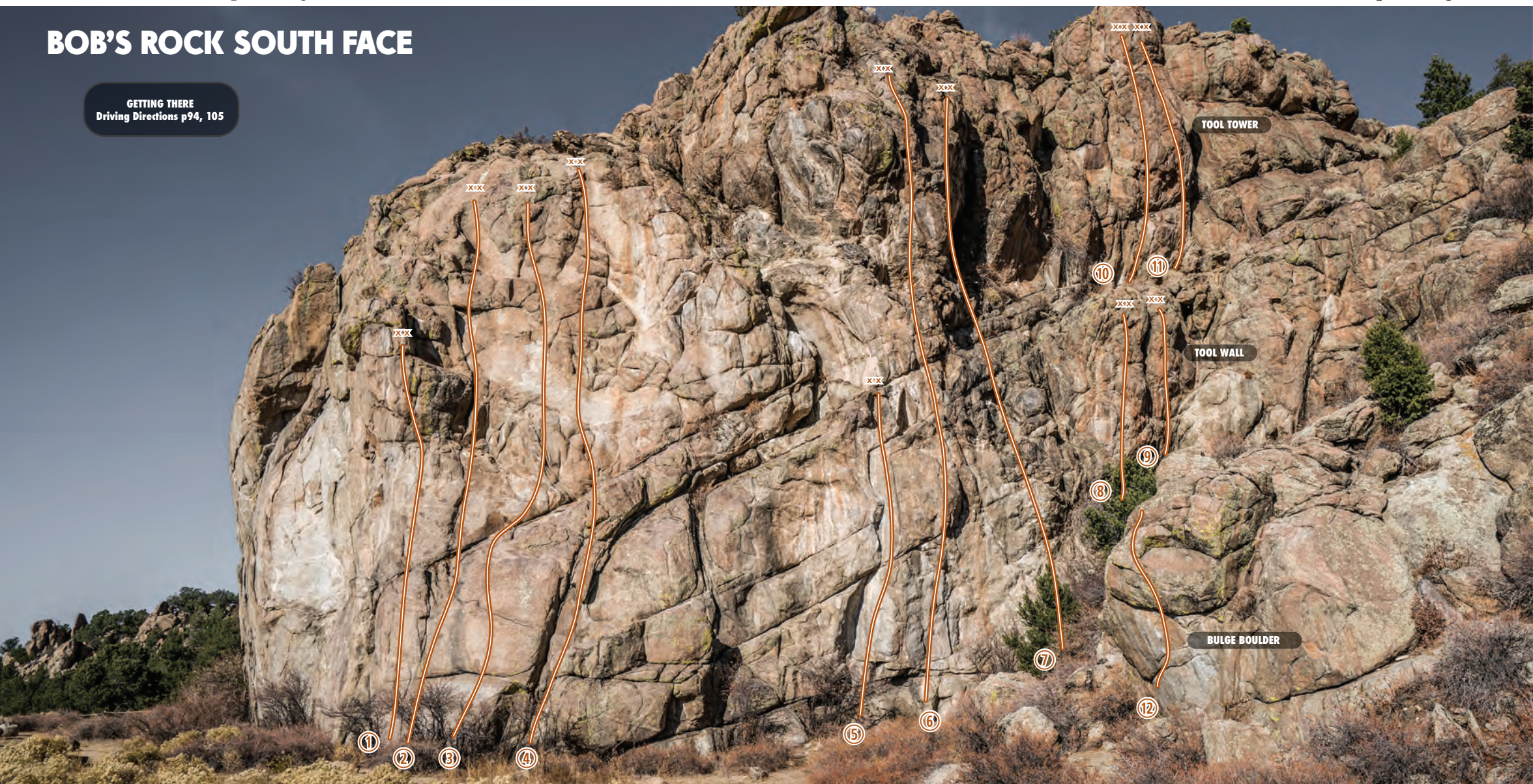


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# BOB'S ROCK SOUTH FACE

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This face is a nice cragging spot for cool spring or fall mornings. Most routes are bolted although it might be nice to bring some gear for some.

1 ET ★★ .12 60' FA Talbot

Climb up to the first bolt (same start as Air Soles). Boulder past the first bolt to easier climbing above. The crux roof is a super fun puzzle. Bolts and gear.

2 Air Soles ★★ .9 75'

A balancy start leads to fun climbing up the obvious crack and roof. Bring gear to 2".

3 Cartoon Watcher ★★★ .10b 75'

Climb up to the bolt on the steep wall and with difficulty to the slab above. A steep layback is followed by tricky lower angle moves.

4 Hot Foot and High Step ★★★ .10b 75'

Climb the start of Cartoon Watcher or bring gear to climb the cracks to the right. Above the slab commit to clip the first bolt, then do the crux stand-up move. Make sure your belayer is paying attention or you will hit the ledge.

5 Spotty Lives ★★ .10d 50'

Tricky bolt protected corner. If you want to make it a longer pitch clip the anchor and finish on Rio de Jean Perro. This route is a little more protected from the west wind than other routes in the area.

6 Rio de Jean Perro ★★ .10d 90' FA B. Lewis

Follow mostly good holds up the steep wall. Bolts.

7 Depends ★★★ .10a 90'

A popular long steep bolted route.

## TOOL WALL

8 A Boy's Tool is Never Dull ★★ .10a 30'  
A fun little route.

9 Women and Power Tools ★★ .10c 30'  
Pumpy little climb.

## TOOL TOWER

To get to the base walk up the main gully then walk the ledge to the left.

10 Donkey's Tool ★★ .10c 40'

Steep start and fun climbing.

11 Mule Too ★★ .10b 40'

Similar to Donkeys tool.

## BULGE BOULDER

12 Austen's Bulge Problem ★★ V4

Airy moves climbing up and left over the bulge. A fun problem to add to your circuit if you a bouldering around the base of Bob's Rock. There is also a good warm up boulder about 50 feet south here.





## ELEPHANT ROCK

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This wild 60' feature is about 10' from the road. The most popular routes on the formation are described here.

## NORTH FACE

## 1 Three Ring Circus ★★☆☆ .10d

Start at thin seams right on the prow. Most people use a pad to protect the moves up to the first bolt. Then follow the thin face past four bolts.

## 2 North Prow ★★☆☆ .10a

Same start as the previous route, then climb the shallow left facing corner. After the corner easier climbing leads to the top.

## 3 Curve of the Tusk ★★☆☆ .10b

Start around the trunk on the west face then step left onto the steep slab. Shares an anchor with the North Prow. Widely spaced bolts.



## WEST FACE

## 4 For Boars Only ★★☆☆ .11c

An easy leaning chimney leads to a steep fist crack and a strenuous wide topout. Difficult to top-rope due to rope drag so clean most of the gear before you top rope it. Gear to 5 inches (save for as high as possible).

## 5 Boulder Problem ★☆☆V2

Traverse into the flake and climb with difficulty to the ledge.

## EAST FACE

## 6 Roof Traverse ★☆☆V3

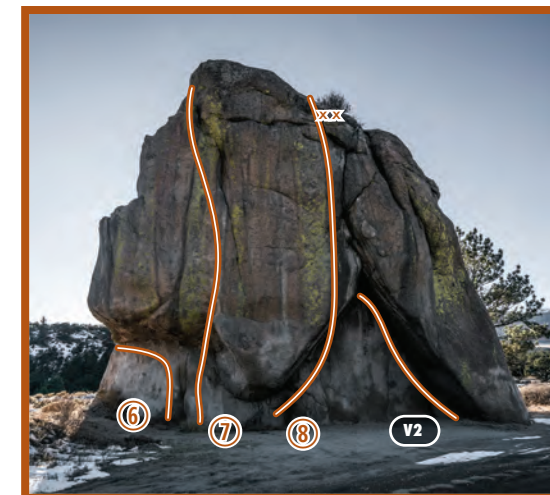
A tricky and thin finger tip traverse leads left around the roof.

## 7 In Fear of Fear ★★☆☆ .13a

Boulder up and right around the bulge to a thin seam/finger crack. Multiple cruxes. Top rope from the anchor of South Side Classic.

## 8 Ivory Coast ★★☆☆ .11d

Start in the left crack in the alcove, the crux is getting to the bolt 15 feet up. Hard .10 moves to turn the roof and get established in the vertical hand crack above. V2 is the preferred .9 start (easier and great hand crack). Gear to two inches.



## SOUTH FACE

## 9 Unknown ER ★☆☆.12d

From the ledge follow the horizontal seam out left (first crux). Follow the groove/corner to the top with a couple more difficult sections. Bolts and bolted anchor.

## 10 Unknown ER ★☆☆.11d

Bolted line up the middle of the face above the ledge. No anchor.

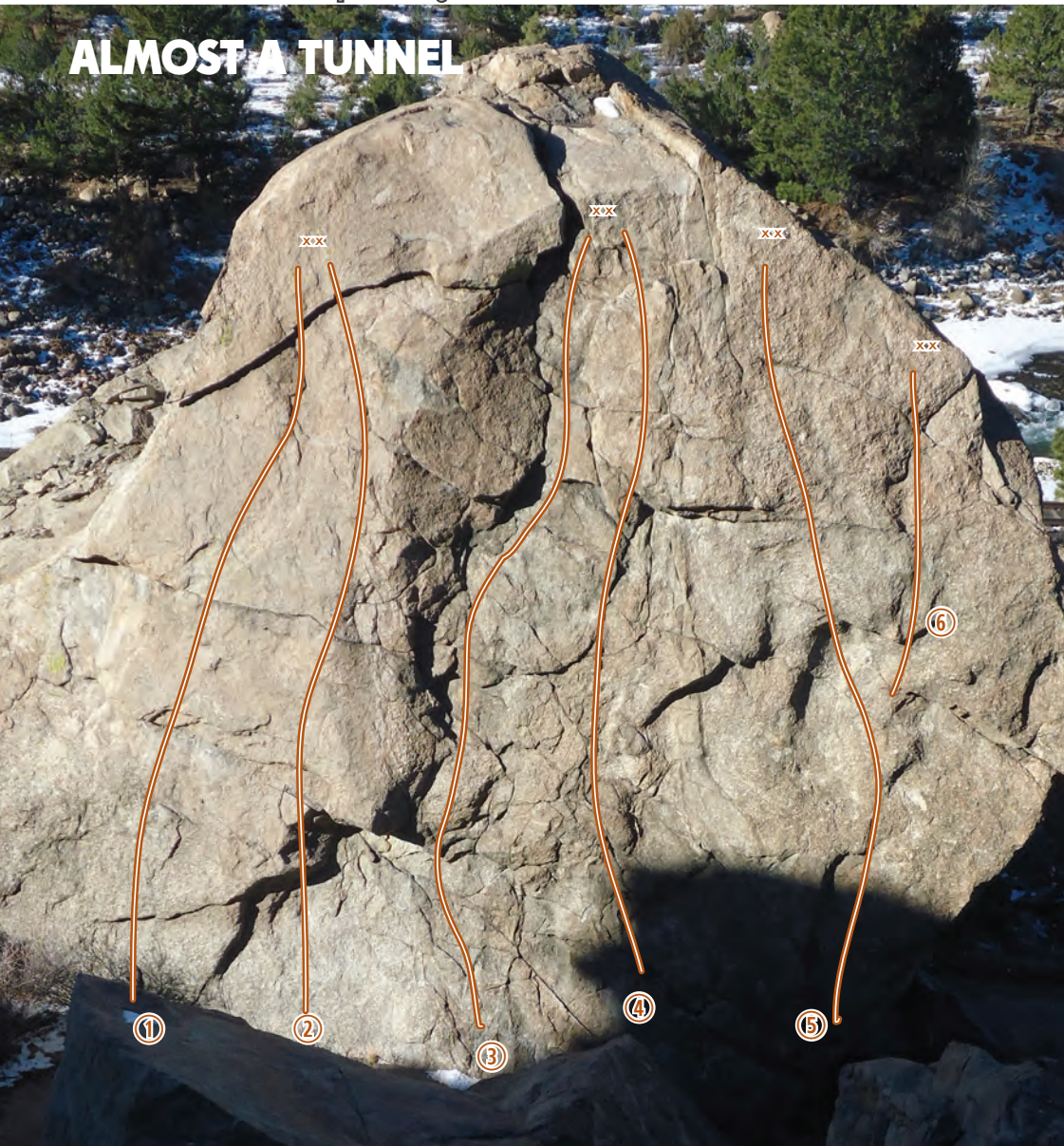
## 11 South Side Classic ★★☆☆.8

A rambling line that follows the path of least resistance. Bolts, a piton and some small gear protect this climb, bolted anchor.





## ALMOST A TUNNEL



This east facing crag is a great chilly morning option for moderate climbs. If you are heading south from Leadville drive about 100 yards past Bob's Rock and park on the left side of the road before going through the first tunnel (just after the third tunnel if you are coming from the south). Follow a short trail up and behind the rock to the east face.

1 Hard and Bizarre ★.11b 40'

Interesting climbing with three tricky sections separated by good rests. Four bolts.

2 Son of a Bolt ★★.10b 40'

Fun and straight forward climbing. Three bolts and a cam for the final crack.

3 This 5.8 ★★.8 40'

An ok gear route that follows the obvious weakness in the middle of the face.

4 That .10a ★.10a 40'  
Another fun clip-up. Five bolts

5 What a Nice Little Climb ★.10a 40'  
More face climbing. Bolts

6 WNLC Alternate Finish ★.10a 40'

The right variation to the previous climb.

7 North Face (not pictured) Vsuperhard? 35'

In 2012 a TR anchor was placed on the north face to protect a highball boulder problem on the overhanging wall.

8 Swimming in the Wind (not pictured) ★.11b 35'

On the west face is this steep five bolt route that comes right off the road.

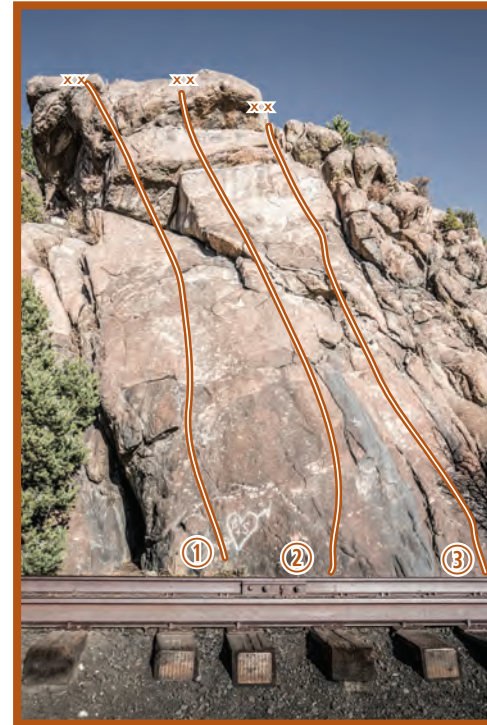
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## CHOCOLATE &amp; JONESING TOWERS

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Park on the south end of the tunnels and walk north on the railroad side of the rocks to find these two towers (pictured the clearest on p122).

## CHOCOLATE TOWER

1 Slingin' the Chicken ★★.9 70'

Climb the left side of the buttress. Bolts.

2 Chokin' the Chicken ★★.9 70'

Bring a little gear on this mixed route up the center of the tower.

3 Chicken Runner ★★.7 70'

The all bolted line on the right of the tower.

## JONESING TOWER

4 Jonesing for Crank ★★.10d 70' FA D Ranck

Enjoy great climbing up this unlikely tower. Crux at the top. Bolts.

5 Little Jones Left ★.easy 20'

Climb past a couple of bolts. Scramble on left to TR.

6 Little Jones Right ★.easy 20'

Another short east route, both climbs can be top roped off the same anchor.

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# LEANING WALL



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One of several crags seen from the river road just after going through the first tunnel if you are coming from the north (just before the third if you are coming from the south). The left side has good moderate routes.

1 The Orange Corner ★★☆☆ .7 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2009  
Start on the far left side of the slab. Climb the steep scoop to gain the slab and then step up left into the clean, orange corner. Gear to 1 inch.

2 A Brief Squall ★★☆☆ .7+ 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2009  
Start up the left-facing corner down below the "Slab Tree." Step up the slab to the left to follow bolts and gear up to the anchor. Bolts and gear to 3 inches.

3 Golden Plate ★★☆☆ .10a 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2009  
Start up past the bolt (.10a) and climb up past the left side of the "Slab Tree". Step up left into the steep corner (.9) and up to the anchor. Bolts, thin gear.

4 Classic Corner ★★☆☆ .7 70'  
This is the line that climbs to the right of the "Slab Tree". Gear.

5 Slabby Steps ★★☆☆ .11c 50' FA Drew Spaulding 2009  
Scramble up to a bolted bulge and then up to the thin lieback crack. Finish on the bolted slab above. Bolts and thin gear.



The right side of the Leaning Wall has some good harder routes.

6 The Leaning Seam ★★☆☆ .10d PG13 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2007  
Climb up the bolted first step just left of the large Juniper tree. Continue up the thinly protected, right-leaning seam up to the bolted crux. Tricky thin gear.

7 The Leaning Face ★★☆☆ .12a 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2008  
Start behind the large tree up the corner (gear to 3/4"). Climb 6 bolts up the impressively steep, edgy wall. 25' more feet of gear to the chains.

The anchor for the following climbs is 10' above the lip of the wall.

8 The Leaning Corner ★★☆☆ .11b 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2007  
Start up the corner, left of the Leaning Flake, to gain the slab above. Step left into the overhanging corner and up to the bolted crux at the top. Exciting pulling the lip! Gear to 1.5".

9 The Leaning Flake ★★☆☆ .10c 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2006  
Start up the steep face to the right of the Leaning Corner. Thin gear and bolts climb through three 5.10 cruxes. Exciting pulling the lip!

10 The Leaning Crack ★★☆☆ .10d 75' FA Drew Spaulding 2002  
Climb the overhanging hand crack past a bulge (crux) to engaging but easier climbing above. Gear to 3 inches.

