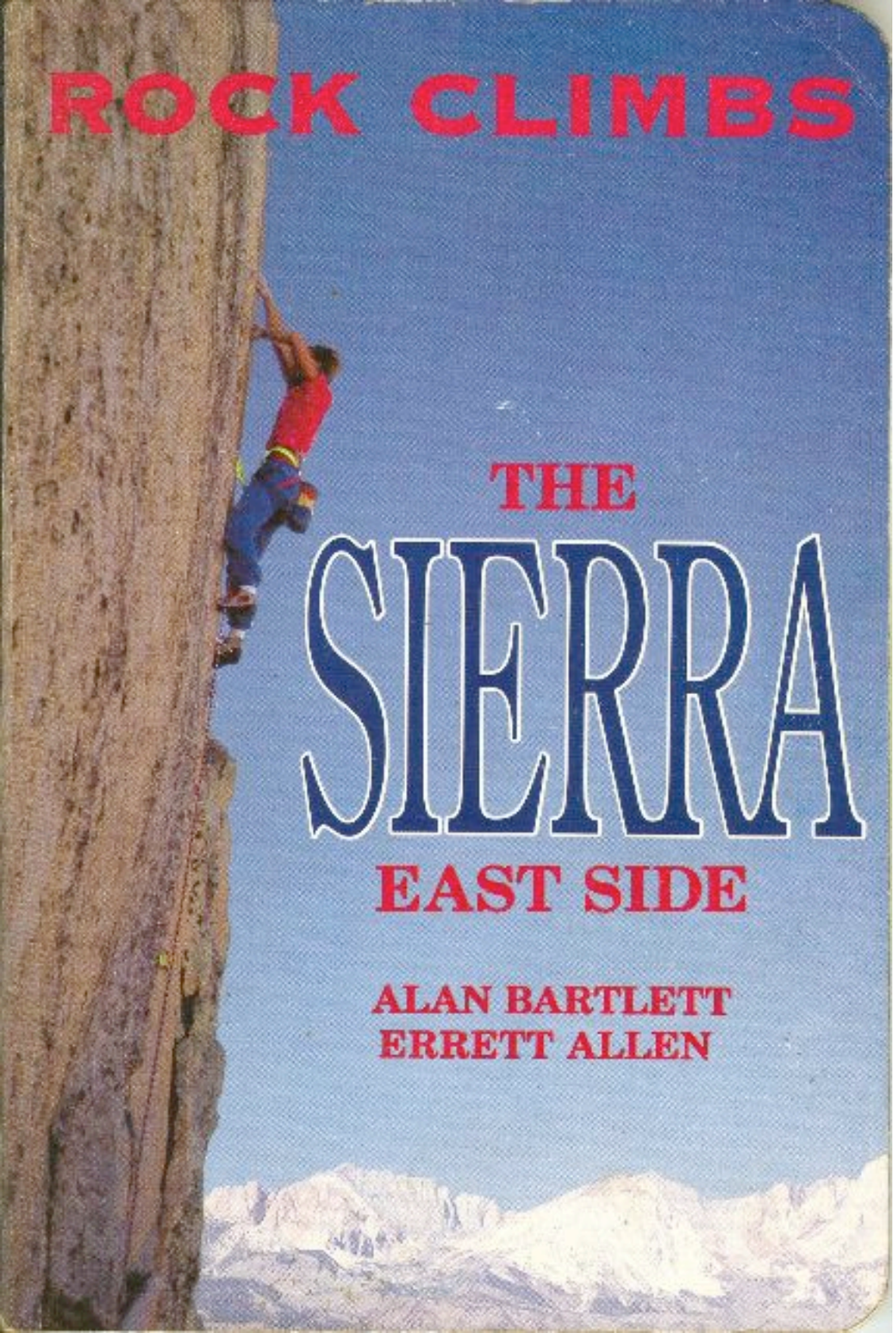


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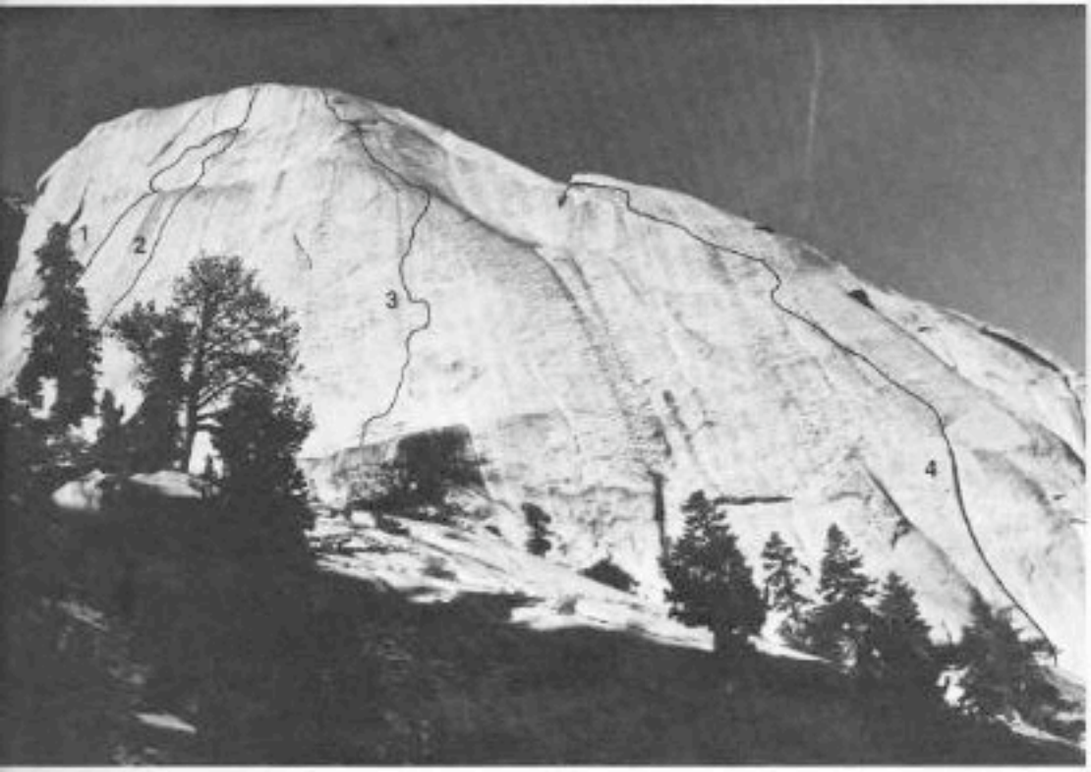
Detailing the section related to the Whitney Portal.

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CANDLELIGHT BUTTRESS

1 Pro Bowler's Tour **3 Bobo's Bonanza**
2 Two-Lane Blacktop **4 Moe's Liquors**

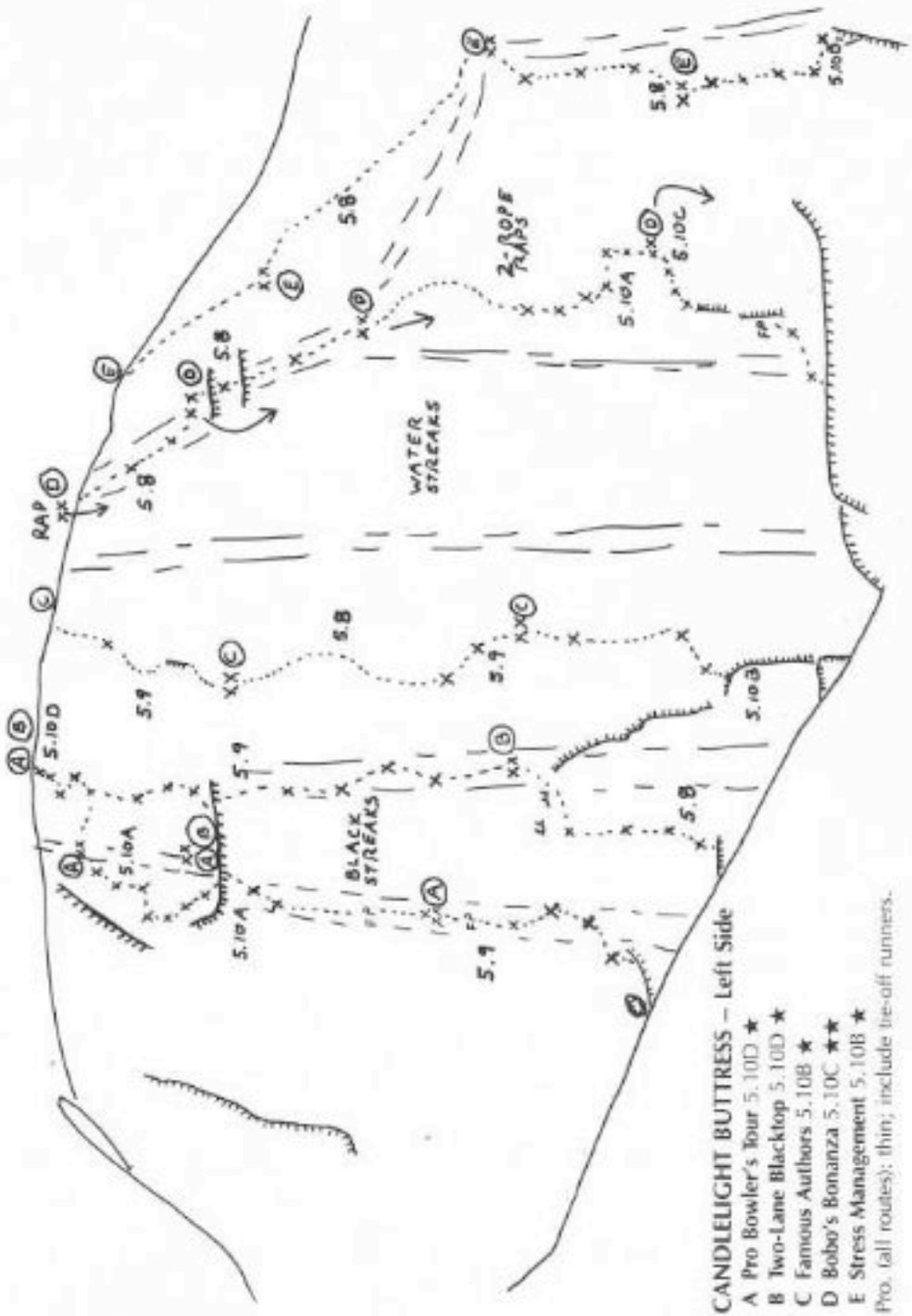
After the Whitney Portal Road enters the main Lone Pine Creek gorge, above a single long switchback, this smooth triangular buttress is seen straight ahead on the south side of the canyon, above and behind the summer homes. Follow the Meysan Lakes Trail for 100 yards until it veers to the left. Go straight up a long gully to the base of the buttress. Another large buttress exists above Candlelight. Two distinct crack systems can be seen.

Eat Your Greens (5.9), a four pitch route, begins in the right crack system, then follows a diagonal crack leading to the left crack system. Step left into a chimney on the fourth pitch. To descend, traverse 100 yards across sandy ledges directly behind Eat Your Greens and do two long rappels off trees into the approach gully.

Mr. Green Jeans 5.10B * This route is on the northeast face of Candlelight Peak, below and right of Candlelight Buttress, and climbs discontinuous left-slanting cracks in a round shield-shaped slab. The first pitch is short and passes a bolt to a belay at a tree. The second pitch follows the cracks past four fixed pitons. Rappel 165' from bolts at the top.

Dinty Moore 5.8 This and the following route lie many hundreds of feet right of the preceding route on the north face of Candlelight Peak. They are on a clean, slabby section of rock and are approached via right-slanting tree-covered ramps. They can be seen clearly from the vicinity of the small store at Whitney Portal. This climb is right-facing corner bordering the left side of a smooth slab; one long pitch. Rappel with two ropes.

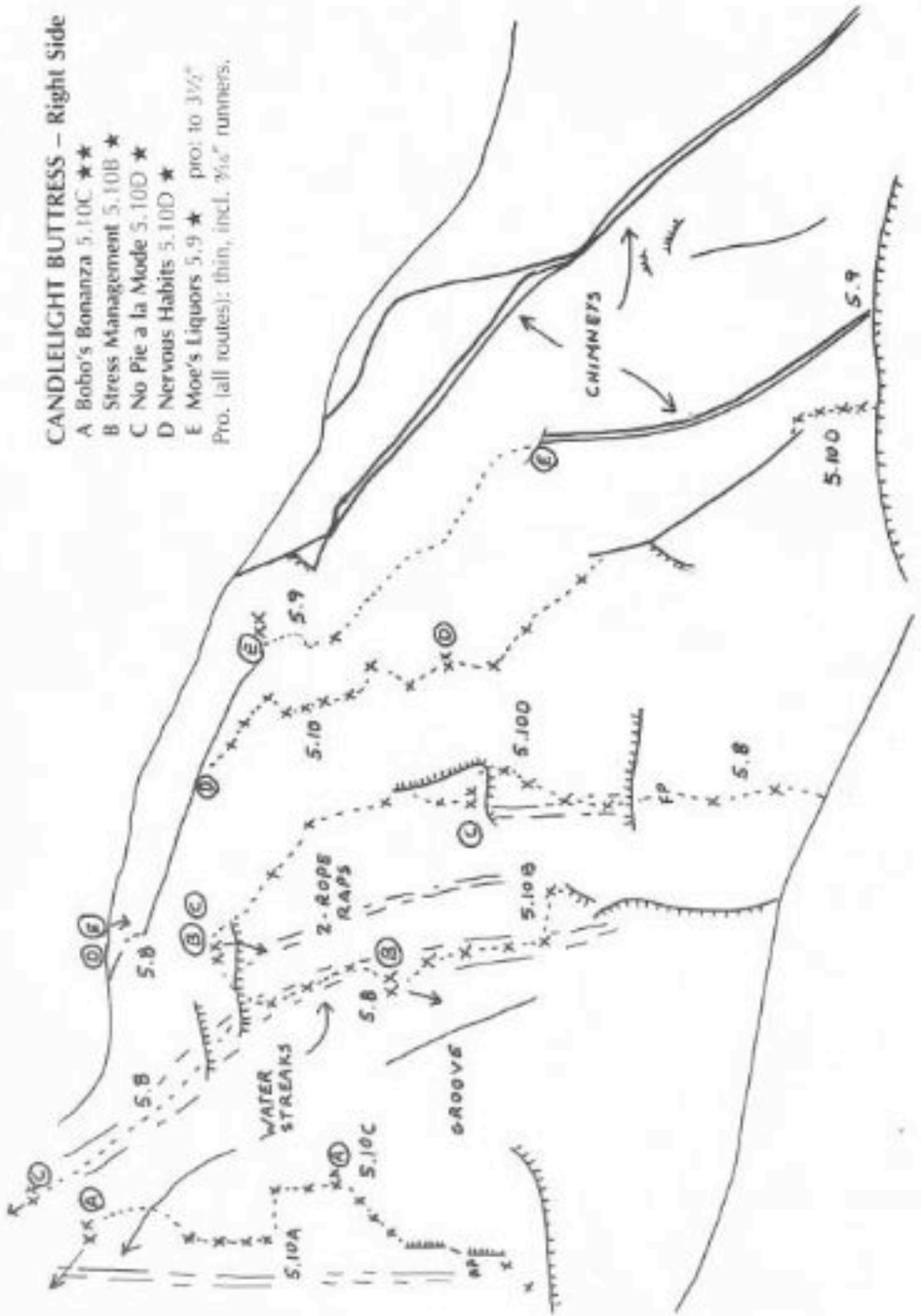
Mulligan Stew 5.10C ★ To the right of Dinty Moore, this is a 2-pitch bolted face climb. The first pitch is 180' long and requires simul-climbing. Rappel with two ropes.



CANDLELIGHT BUTTRESS – Left Side

A Pro Bowler's Tour 5.10D ★
B Two-Lane Blacktop 5.10D ★
C Famous Authors 5.10B ★
D Bobo's Bonanza 5.10C ★★
E Stress Management 5.10B ★

Pro. (all routes): thin; include tie-off runners.





WHITNEY PORTAL BUTTRESS

1 upper part of **Beckey- Callis**
2 **Sartoris**
3 **Wonderwall**
4 **Clouds**

Hike up the Mount Whitney Trail about ½ mile until it makes a sharp switchback to the left. Ascend through talus and trees directly above this switchback to the base of the wall. Nimbus is 100 yards to the right; all other routes lie to the left.

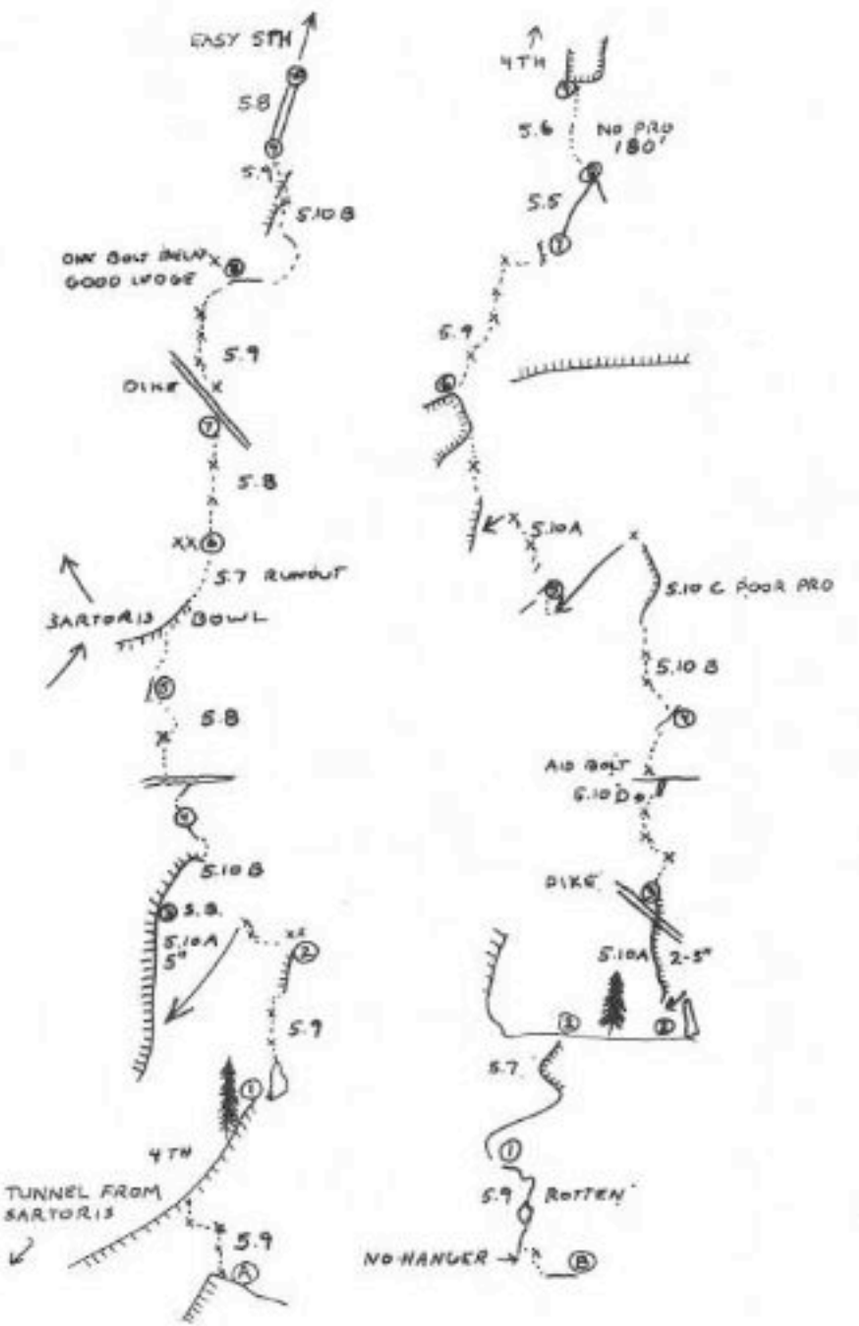


WHITNEY PORTAL BUTTRESS – Left

A Beckey-Callis Route IV 5.10 A2 ★ pro: to 3"; 1 KB, 3 LA, 1 each baby angle.

B Sartoris IV 5.10B ★★ pro: to #4 Friend; double runners.

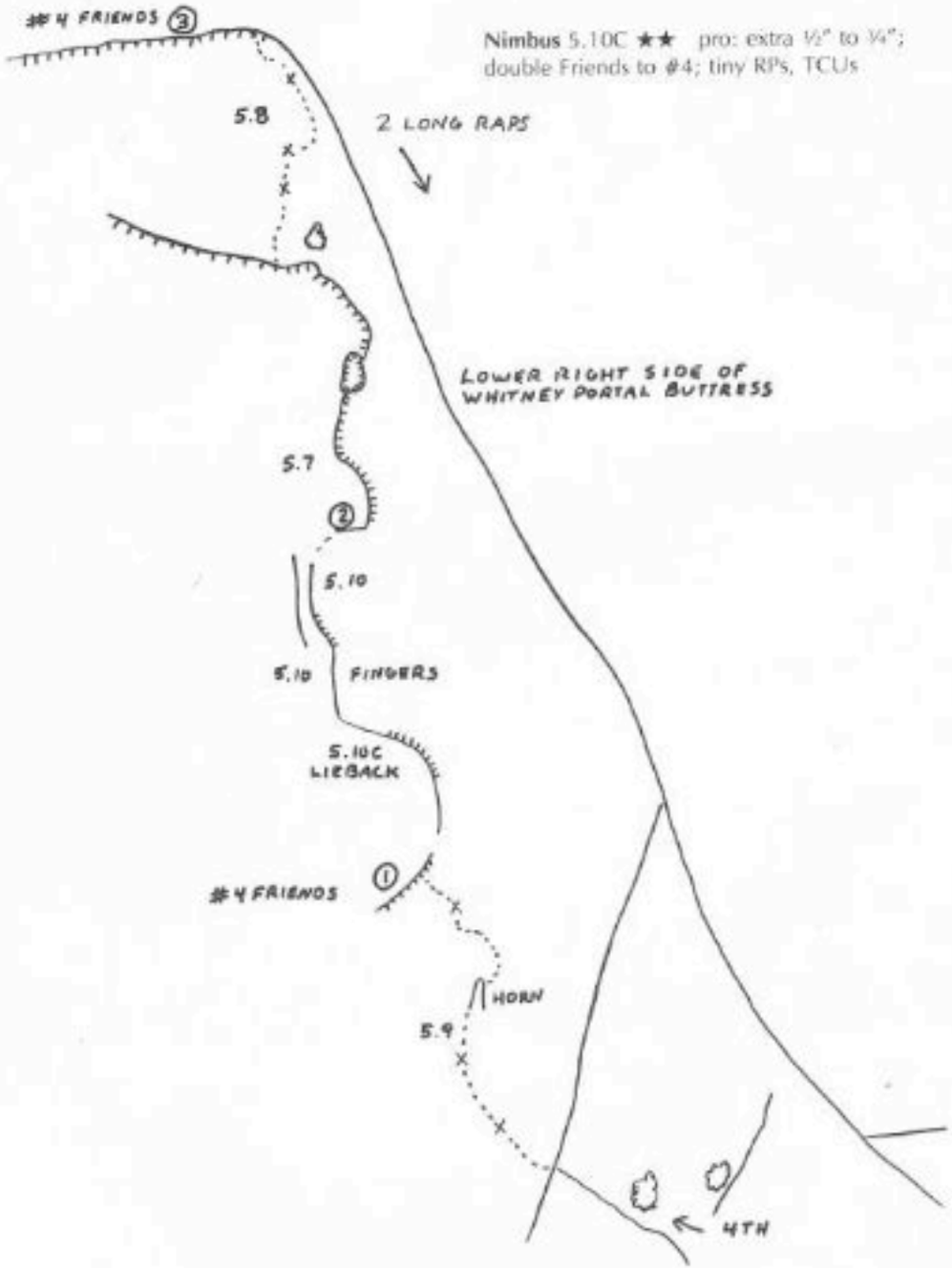
Descent: down the farthest north gully on the right side via class 4 and 5.



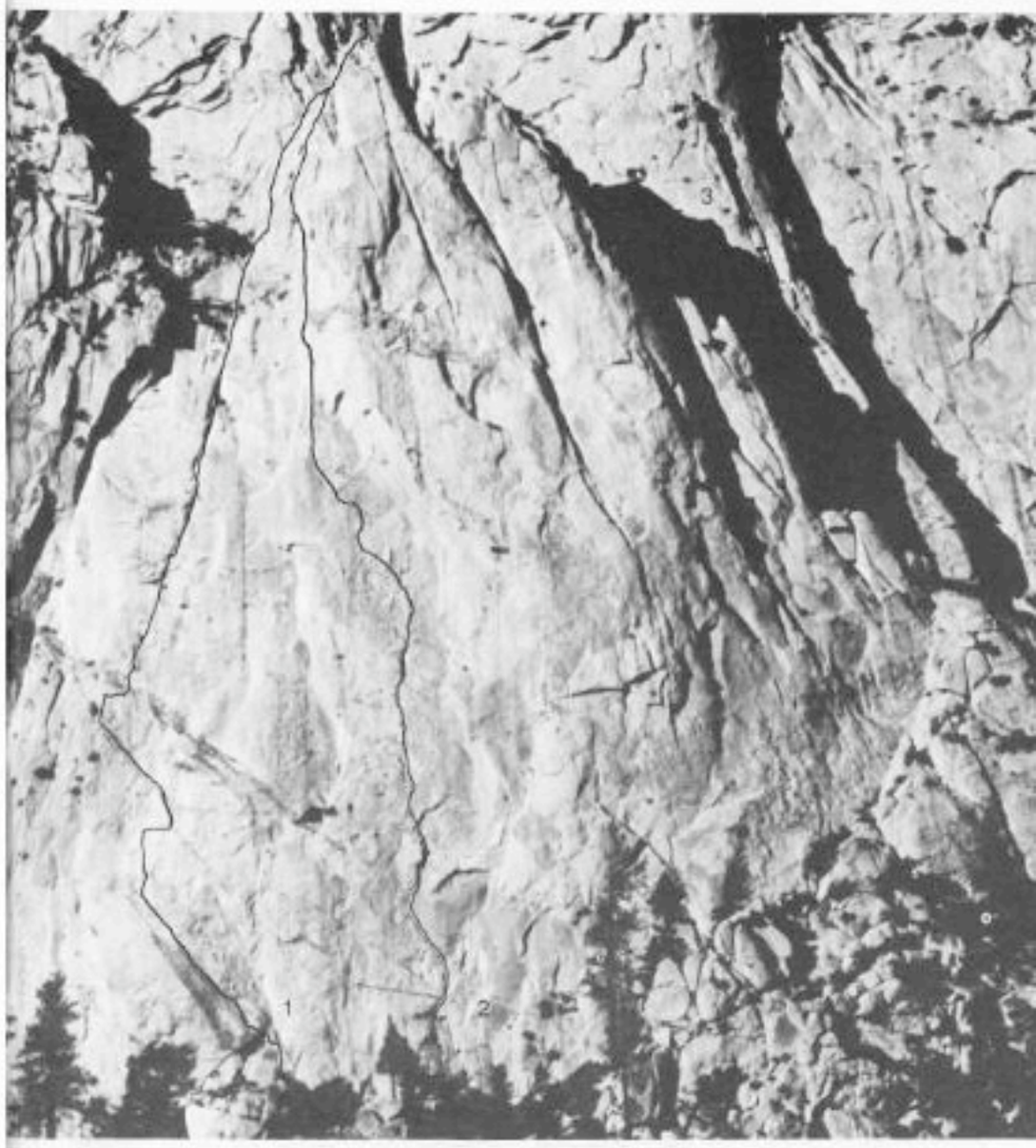
WHITNEY PORTAL BUTTRESS – Right

A Wonderwall IV 5.10B A1 ★★ pro: to 5"; 3 KB, 2 LA

B Clouds IV 5.10D A1 ★★ pro: up to and incl. 2 #4 Friends, double runners; 2KB, 4 LA



Nimbus 5.10C ★★ pro: extra ½" to ¾"; double Friends to #4; tiny RPs, TCUs



MOONSTONE BUTTRESS AREA

1 Tycho **3 Corpus Christi Buttress**
2 Pleiades

Follow the Whitney Portal Buttress approach to Nimbus. Traverse up and right across talus to the base of a long, narrow, sand-filled gully. Follow this gully for 600 feet, third classing out left at one point to avoid rotten rock. Then traverse right across brush gullies and third class rock to the base of Moonstone.

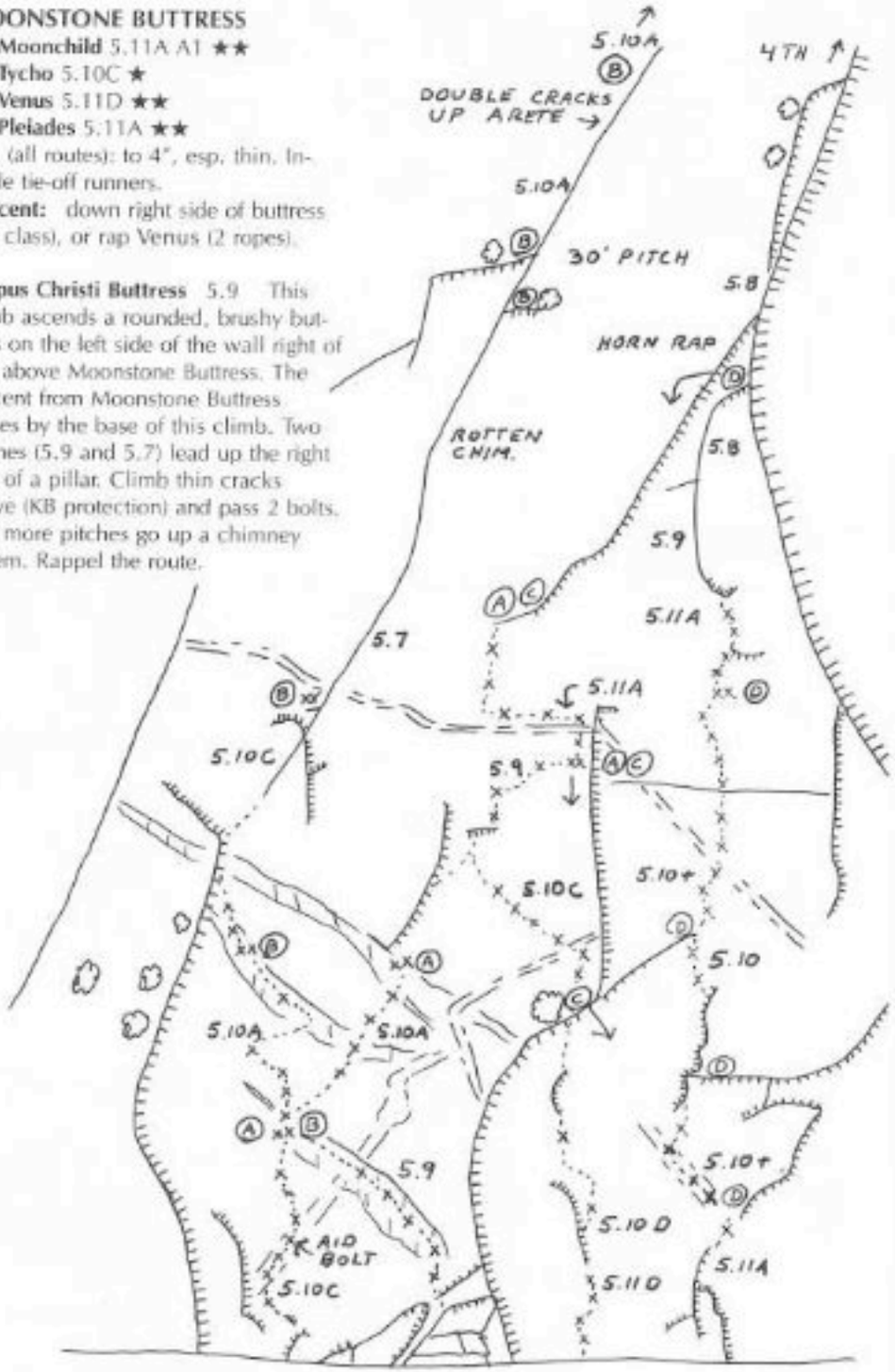
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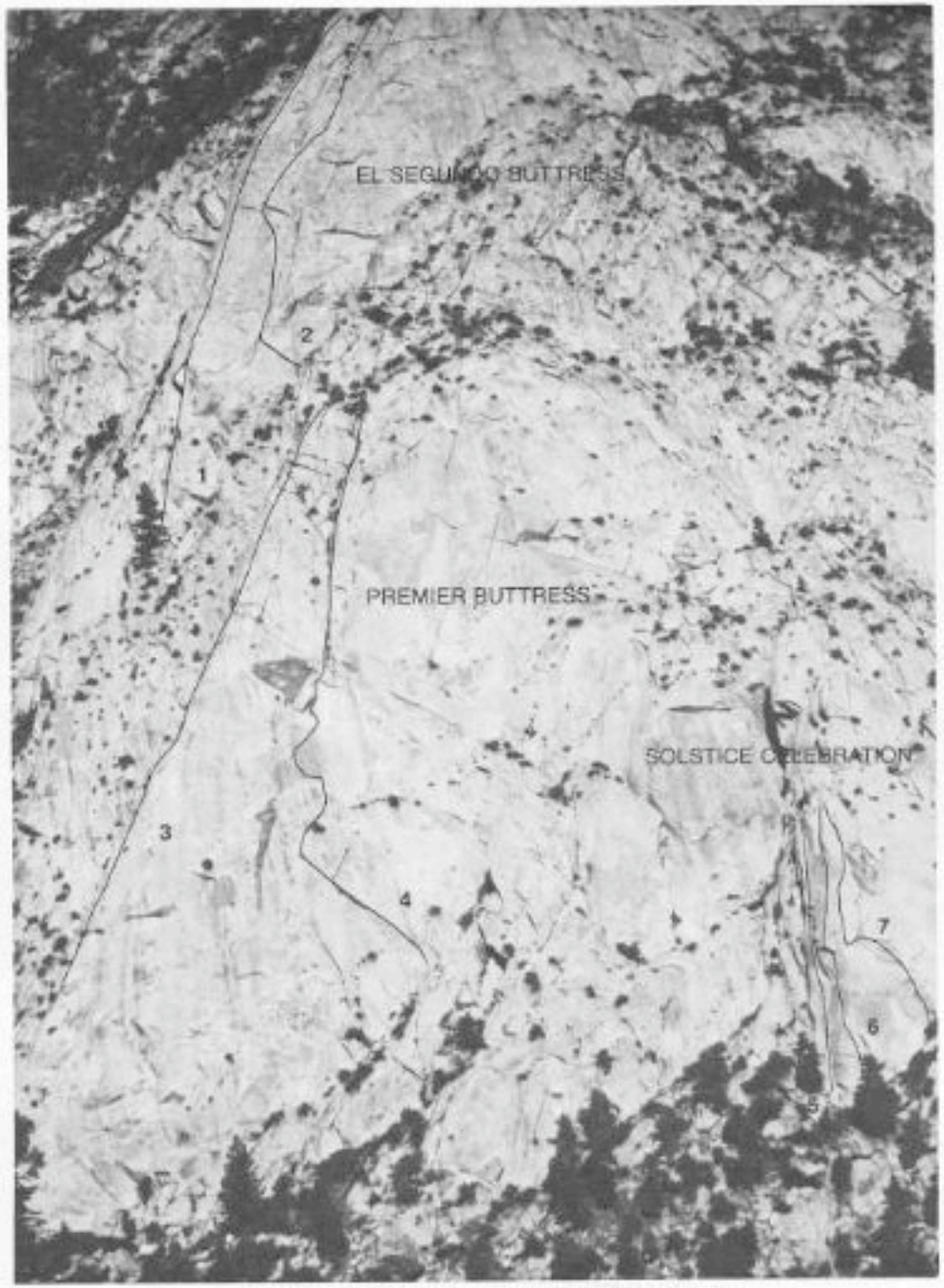
A Moonchild 5.11A A1 ★★
B Tycho 5.10C ★
C Venus 5.11D ★★
D Pleiades 5.11A ★★

Pro. (all routes): to 4", esp. thin. Include tie-off runners.

Descent: down right side of buttress (4th class), or rap Venus (2 ropes).

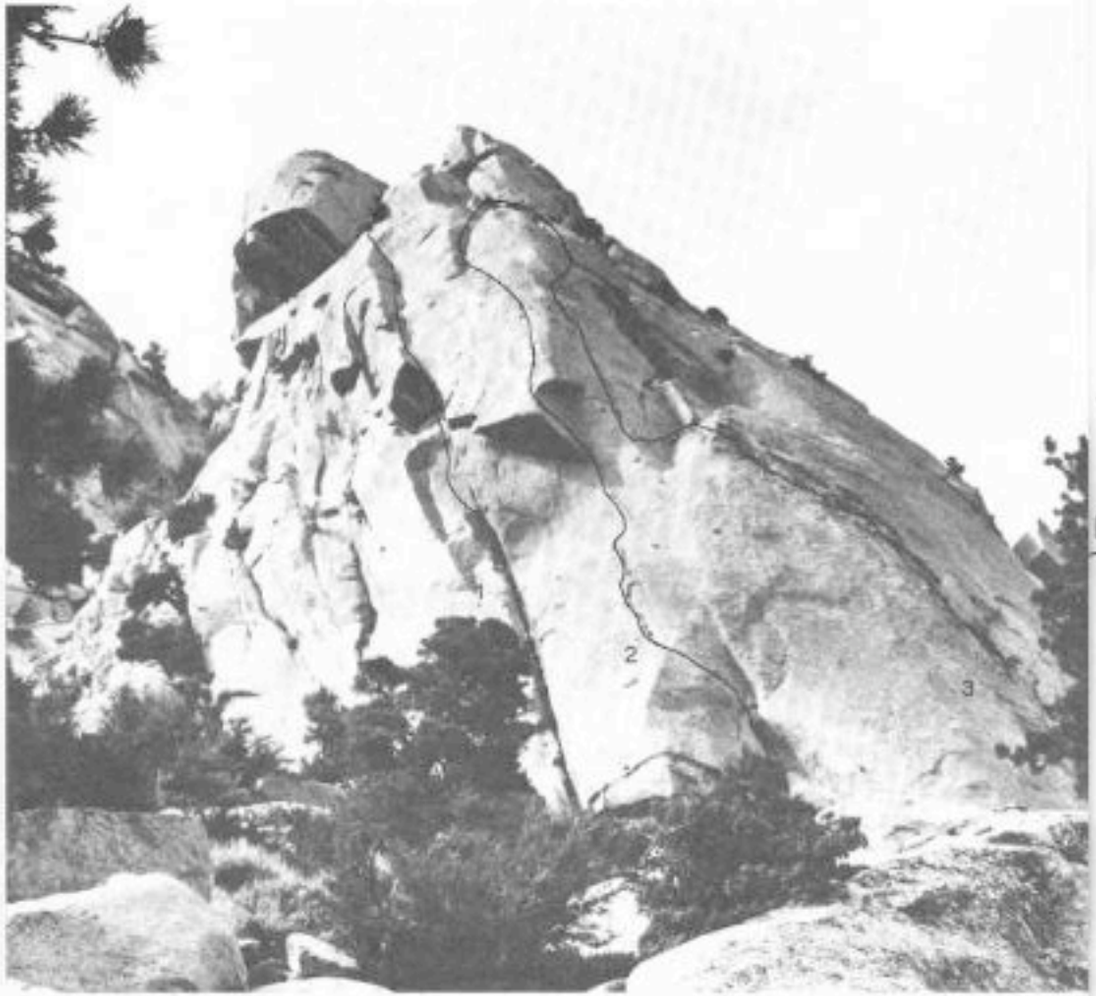
Corpus Christi Buttress 5.9 This climb ascends a rounded, brushy buttress on the left side of the wall right of and above Moonstone Buttress. The descent from Moonstone Buttress passes by the base of this climb. Two pitches (5.9 and 5.7) lead up the right side of a pillar. Climb thin cracks above (KB protection) and pass 2 bolts. Two more pitches go up a chimney system. Rappel the route.





EL SEGUNDO AND PREMIER BUTTRESSES

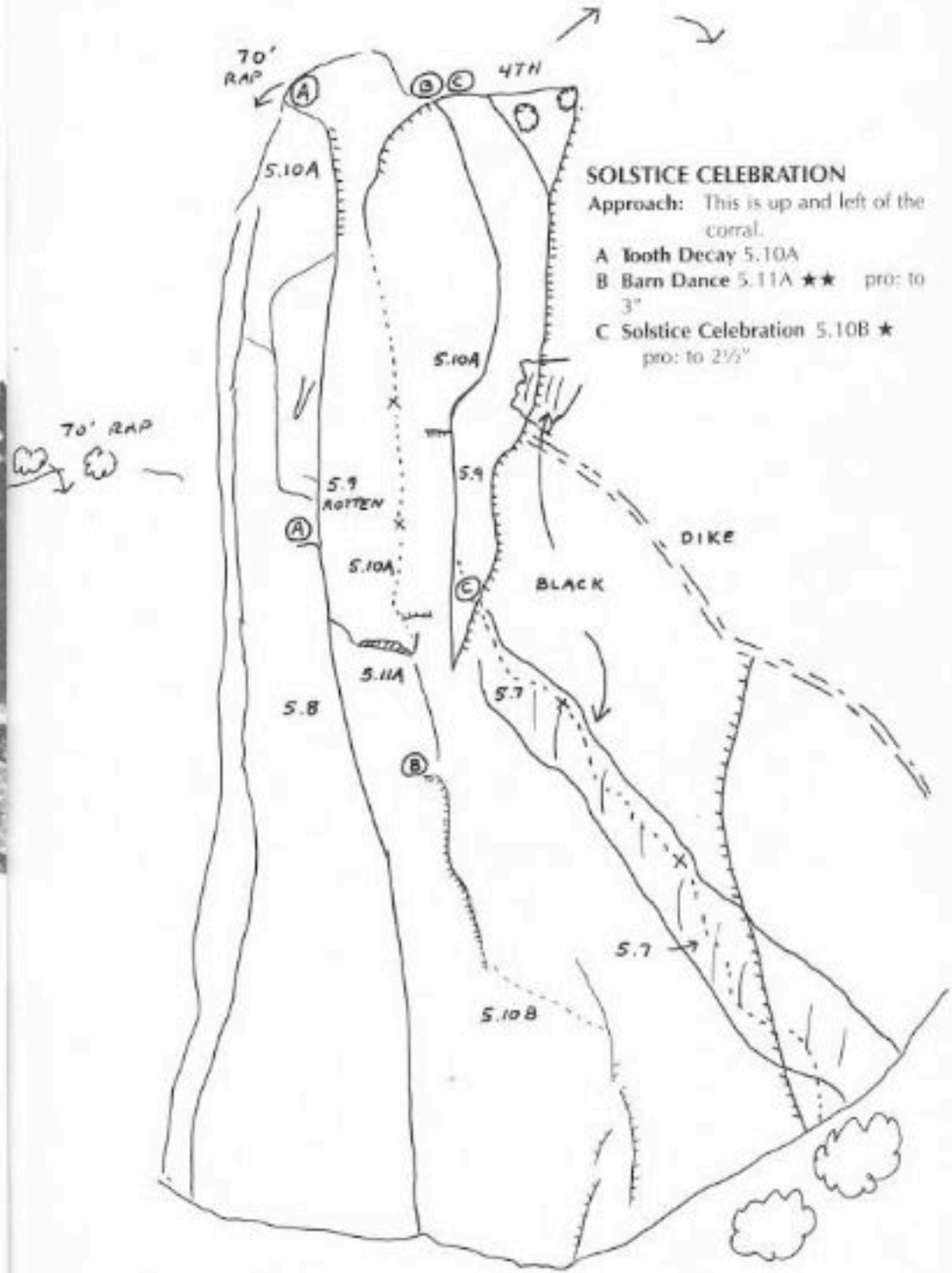
1 Beckey Route
2 Brainstorm
3 Premier Route
4 The Phoenix
5 Tooth Decay
6 Barn Dance
7 Solstice Celebration



SOLSTICE CELEBRATION WALL

1 **Tooth Decay**
2 **Barn Dance**
3 **Solstice Celebration**

The following eight crags, Solstice Celebration, Premier Buttress, El Segundo Buttress, Roadwork Wall, El Gaucho, Dynamic Duo, Tango Tower, and the Whale, are all approached from a dirt road that branches off Whitney Portal Road to the north about ½ mile below the road end and directly below an obvious switchback. There is a small "no parking" sign here. The first 100 feet of the road is paved and a locked metal gate will be found in 100 yards. Beyond the gate this dirt road continues past a switchback and ends at a square fenced corral. El Segundo Buttress, Premier Buttress, and Solstice Celebration are approached from here. Roadwork Wall, and El Gaucho are approached from the switchback. Dynamic Duo, Tango Tower, and the Whale are approached from a fainter road that branches to the right 100 feet below the switchback. Alternately, El Segundo and Premier Buttresses can be approached from the obvious switchback of the paved road. See the map on page 15.



SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Approach: This is up and left of the corral.

A **Tooth Decay** 5.10A

B **Barn Dance** 5.11A ★★ pro: to 3"

C **Solstice Celebration** 5.10B ★ pro: to 2½"

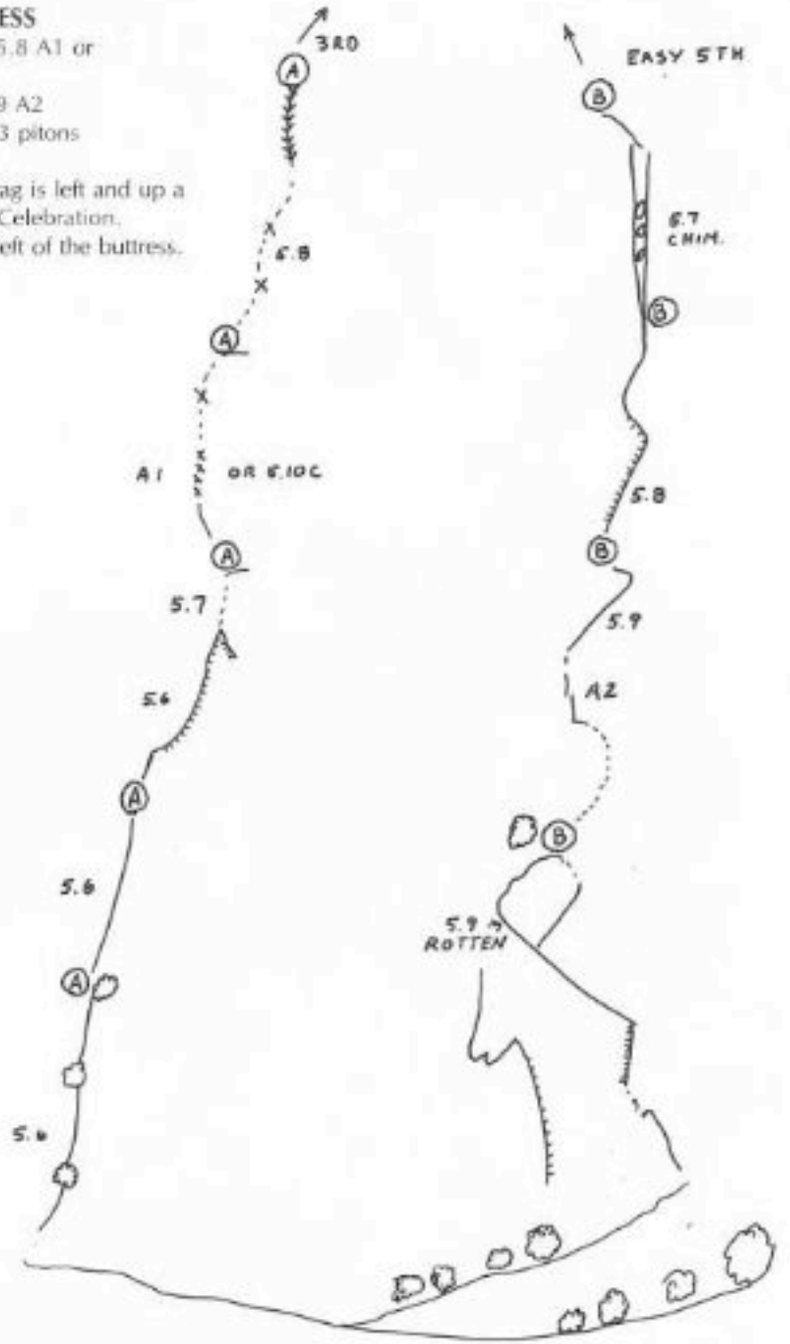
PREMIER BUTTRESS

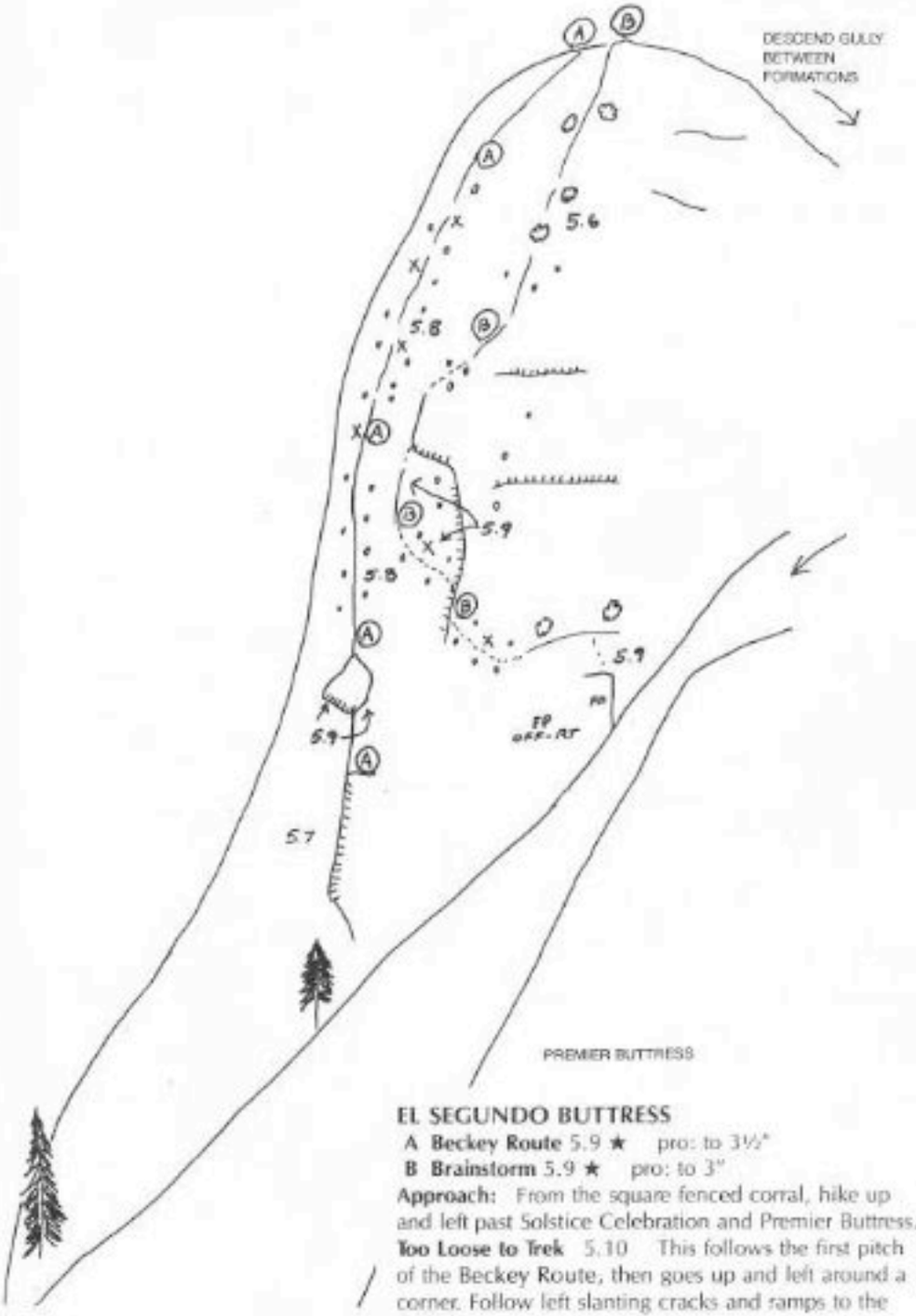
A Premier Route 5.8 A1 or 5.10C ★

B The Phoenix 5.9 A2
pro: to 3"; 2-3 pitons ¼"-½"

Approach: This crag is left and up a gully from Solstice Celebration.

Descend: a gully left of the buttress.





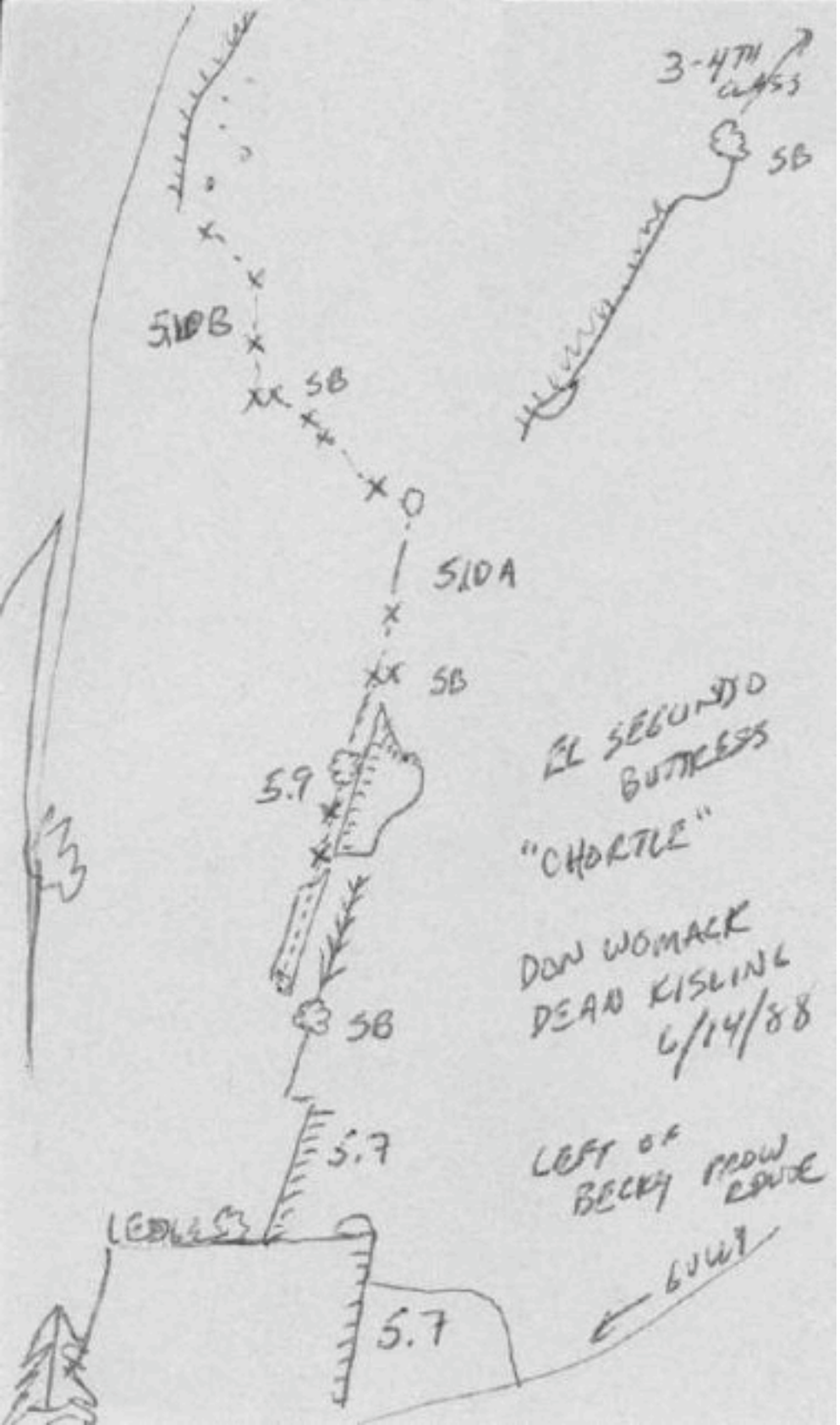
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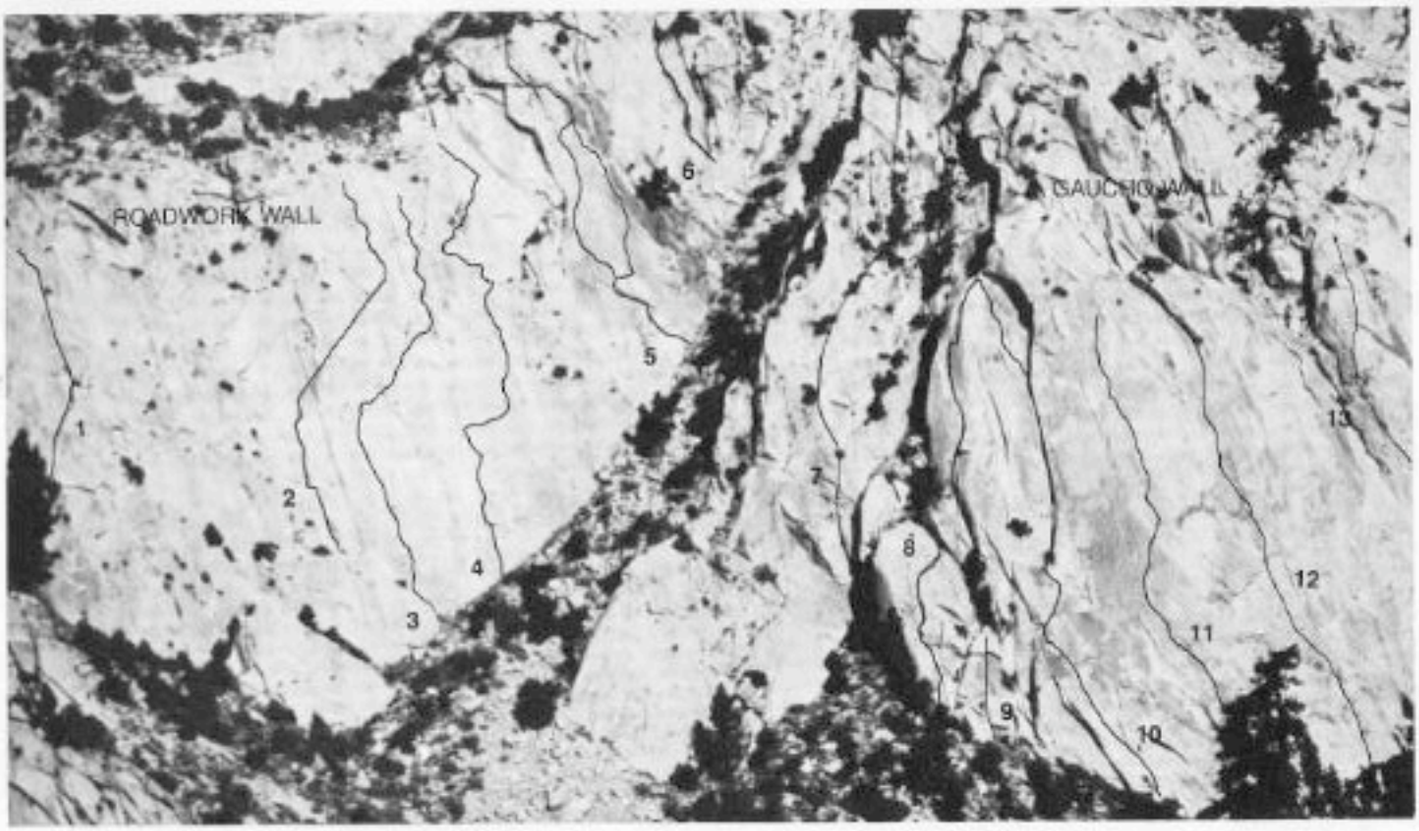
A Beckey Route 5.9 ★ pro: to 3½"

B Brainstorm 5.9 ★ pro: to 3"

Approach: From the square fenced corral, hike up and left past Solstice Celebration and Premier Buttress.

Too Loose to Trek 5.10 This follows the first pitch of the Beckey Route, then goes up and left around a corner. Follow left slanting cracks and ramps to the summit.


3-4TH CLASS
SB
5.10B
SB
5.10A
SB
5.9
EL SEGUNDO BUTTRESS
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LEDGE
5.7

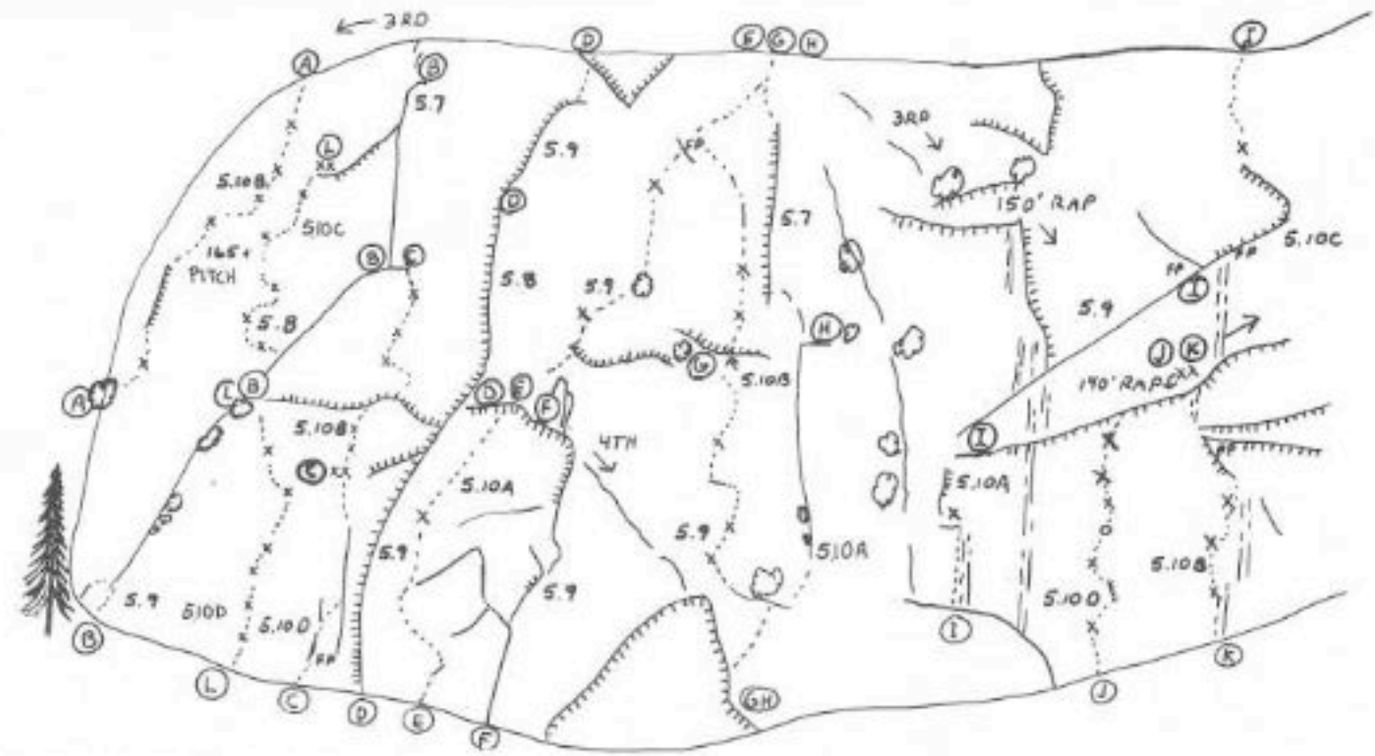


ROADWORK WALL

1 Made in the Shade
2 Road Work
3 Like so Much Baggage
4 Route 395
5 Cartago
6 Soft Shoulder

GAUCHO WALL

7 Infidels
8 Gay Caballero
9 Puppy Woof
10 Room for Improvement
11 El Gaucho
12 Cara Del Oro
13 Dynamic Duo

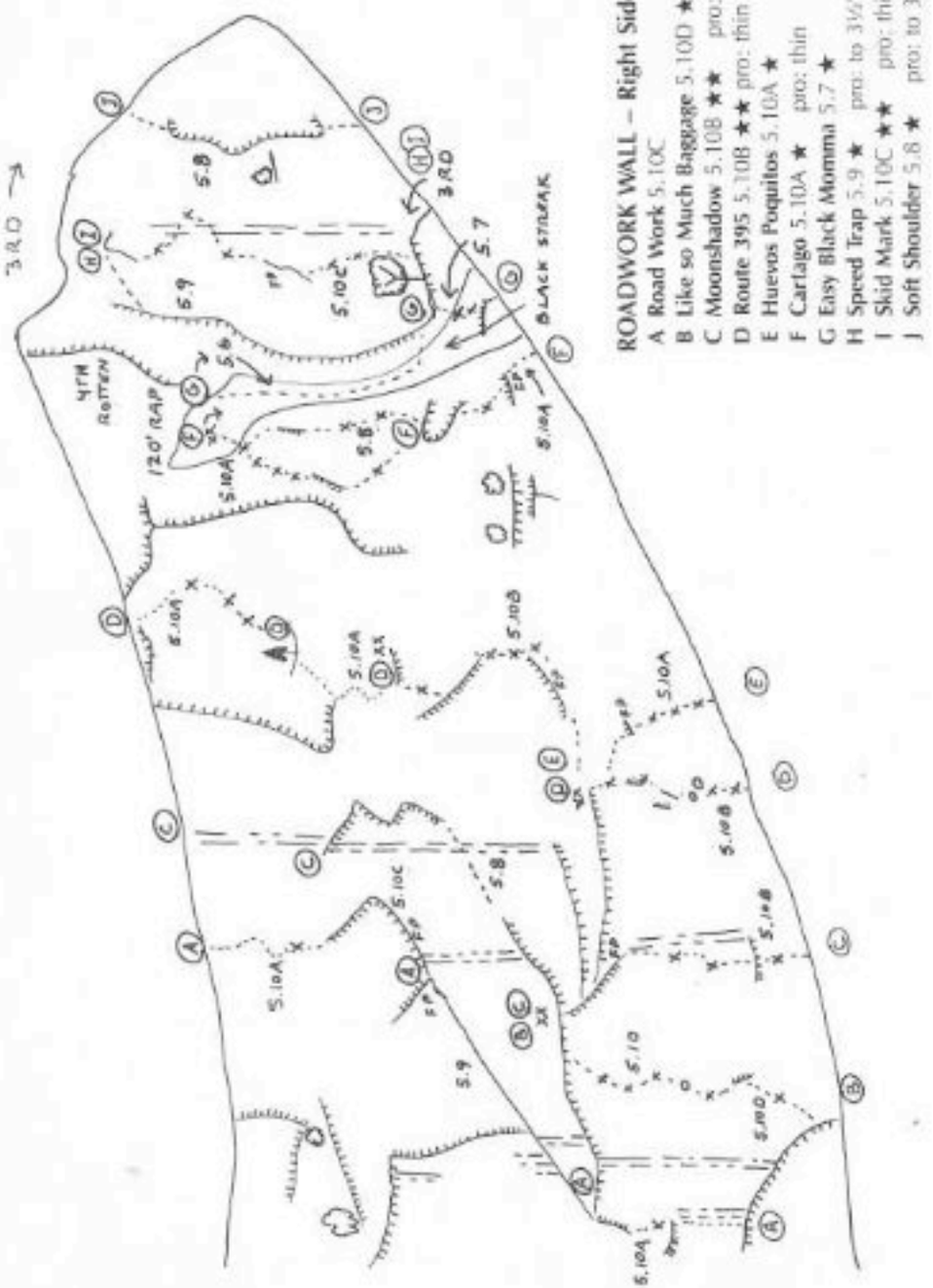


ROADWORK WALL – Left Side

A **Out on a Limb** 5.10B ★★ pro: thin
B **Made in the Shade** 5.9 ★ pro: to 4"
C **Cerro Gordo** 5.10D ★★ pro: to 3"
D **Manzanar** 5.9 ★ pro: to 4"
E **Mojave** 5.10A runout
F **Asphalt Jungle** 5.9 ★ pro: to 2½"

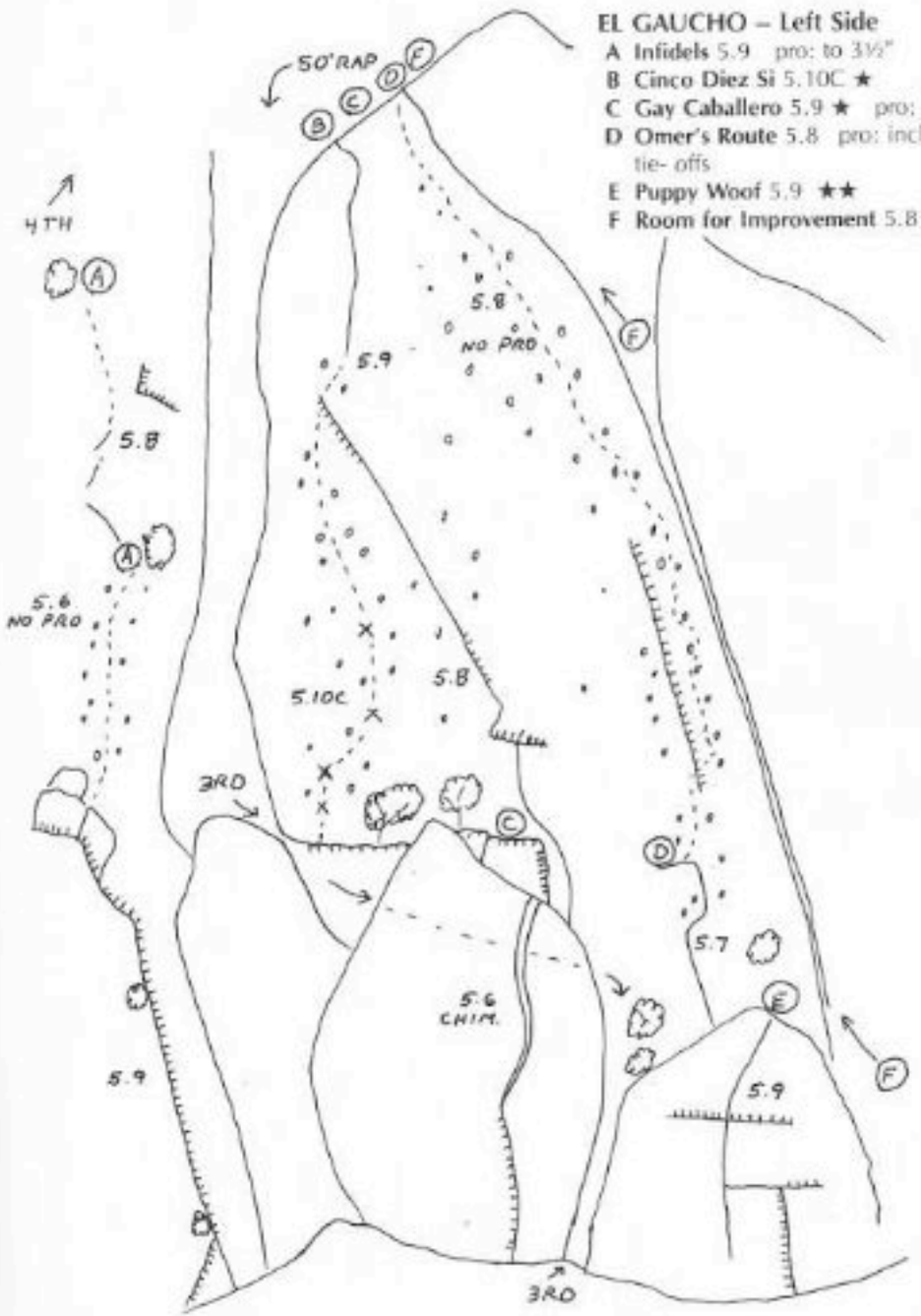
Approach: From the dirt switchback, hike straight up through talus and trees, following a faint trail to the base of the wall.

G **Sherwin Grade** 5.10B
H **Sierra Wave** 5.10A
I **Road Work** 5.10C pro: thin
J **Like so Much Baggage** 5.10D ★★ run-out; some thin pro.
K **Moonshadow** 5.10B ★★
L **Bits and Pieces** 5.10D



ROADWORK WALL – Right Side

- A **Road Work** 5.10C
- B **Like so Much Baggage** 5.10D ★★
- C **Moonshadow** 5.10B ★★ pro: thin
- D **Route 395** 5.10B ★★ pro: thin
- E **Huevos Poquitos** 5.10A ★
- F **Carlago** 5.10A ★ pro: thin
- G **Easy Black Momma** 5.7 ★
- H **Speed Trap** 5.9 ★ pro: to 3½"
- I **Skid Mark** 5.10C ★★ pro: thin
- J **Soft Shoulder** 5.8 ★ pro: to 3"



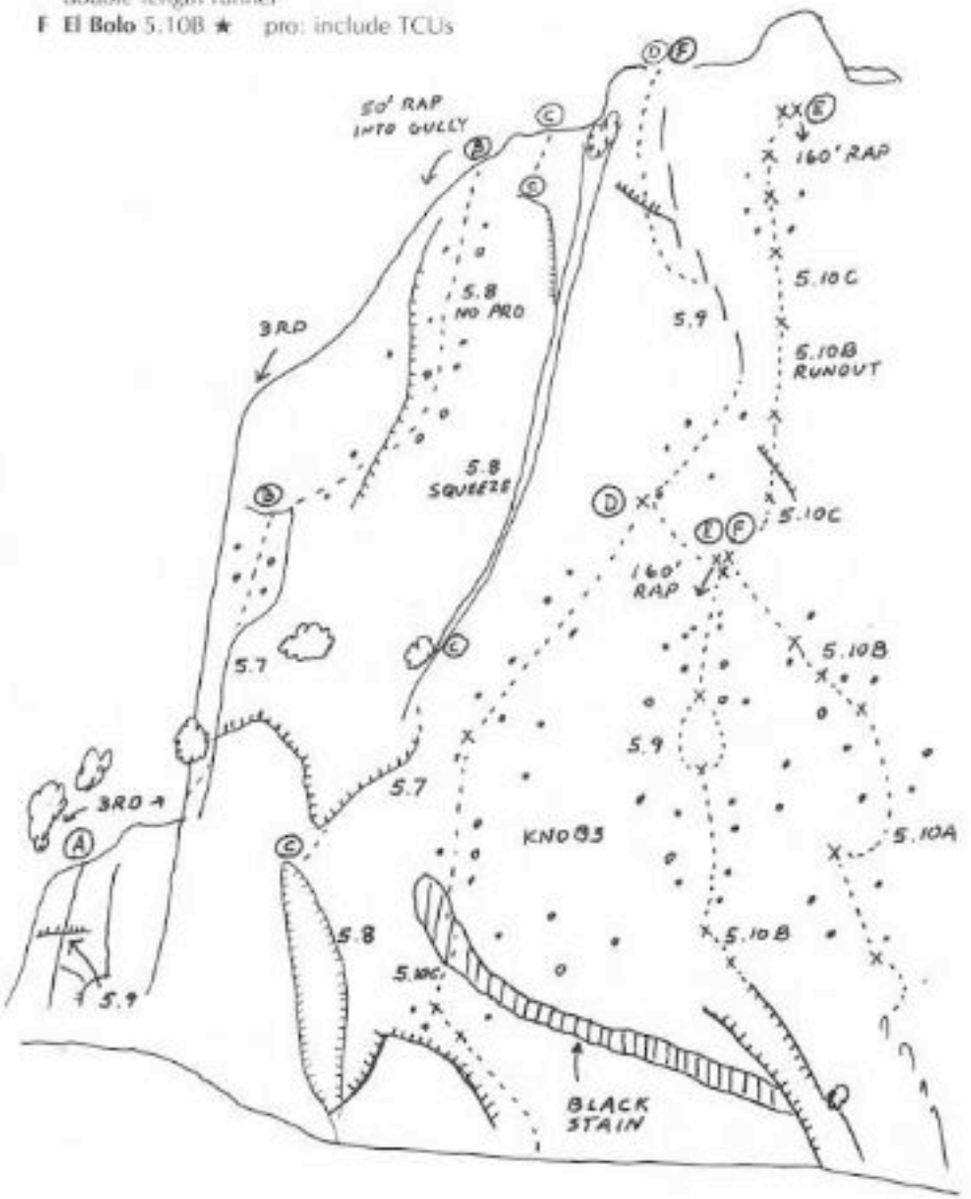
EL GAUCHO – Left Side

- A **Infidels** 5.9 pro: to 3½"
- B **Cinco Diez Si** 5.10C ★
- C **Gay Caballero** 5.9 ★ pro: to 3"
- D **Omer's Route** 5.8 pro: include tie- offs
- E **Puppy Woof** 5.9 ★★
- F **Room for Improvement** 5.8

Approach: From the switchback, follow ⅓ of the Roadwork approach. Then traverse up and right over a brushy shoulder to the base of Room for Improvement. One may also walk right to Dynamic Duo from here.

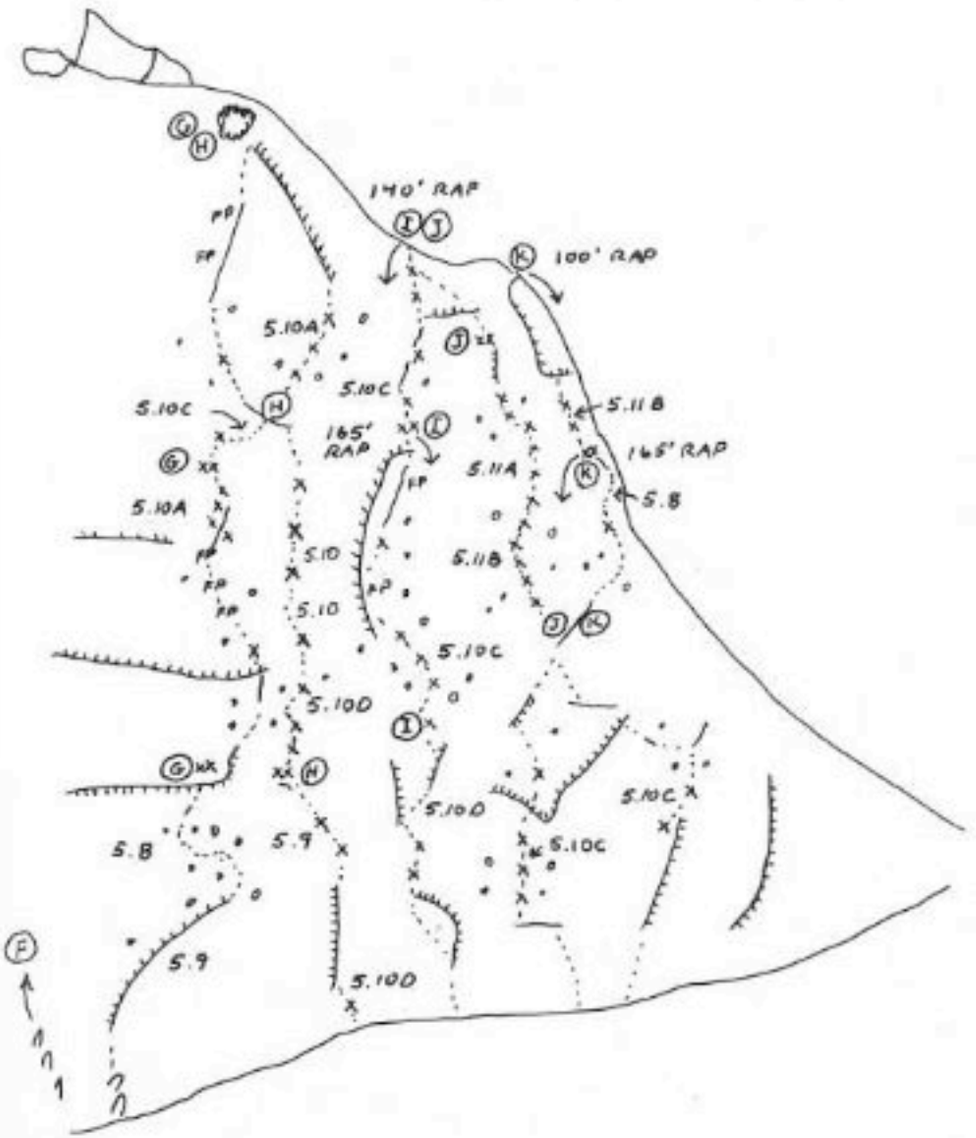
EL GAUCHO – Center

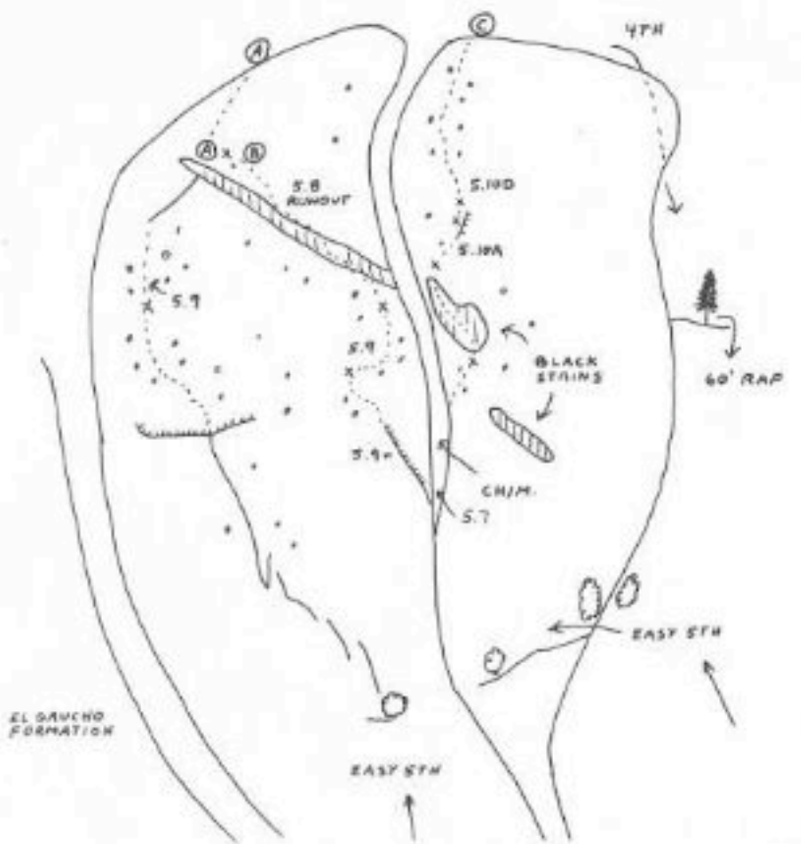
- A **Puppy Woof** 5.9 ★★
- B **Omer's Route** 5.8
- C **Room for Improvement** 5.8
- D **El Diablo** 5.10C ★ pro: include tie-offs
- E **El Gaucho** 5.10C ★★ pro: include a double length runner
- F **El Bolo** 5.10B ★ pro: include TCUs



GAUCHO WALL – Right

- F **El Bolo** 5.10B ★
- G **Cuban Slide** 5.10C pro: to 3½"; incl. tie-offs
- H **Cara Del Oro** 5.10D ★★ pro: to 3½"
- I **Frigidaire** 5.10D ★★ pro: to 3"; incl. tie-offs
- J **Delerious** 5.11B ★★ pro: to 3½"
- K **Way Bent** 5.11B ★ pro: to 3½"





DYNAMIC DUO

Approach: Follow the faint road to its end and hike up a talus slope above to the base of the right side of El Gaucho. Dynamic Duo is a smaller formation to the right, separated by a narrow gully.

A Dynamic Duo 5.9 ★★
B Stage Fright 5.9 ★★
C Steel Drivin' Man 5.10D ★★

Pro. (all routes): thin; include ¾" runners

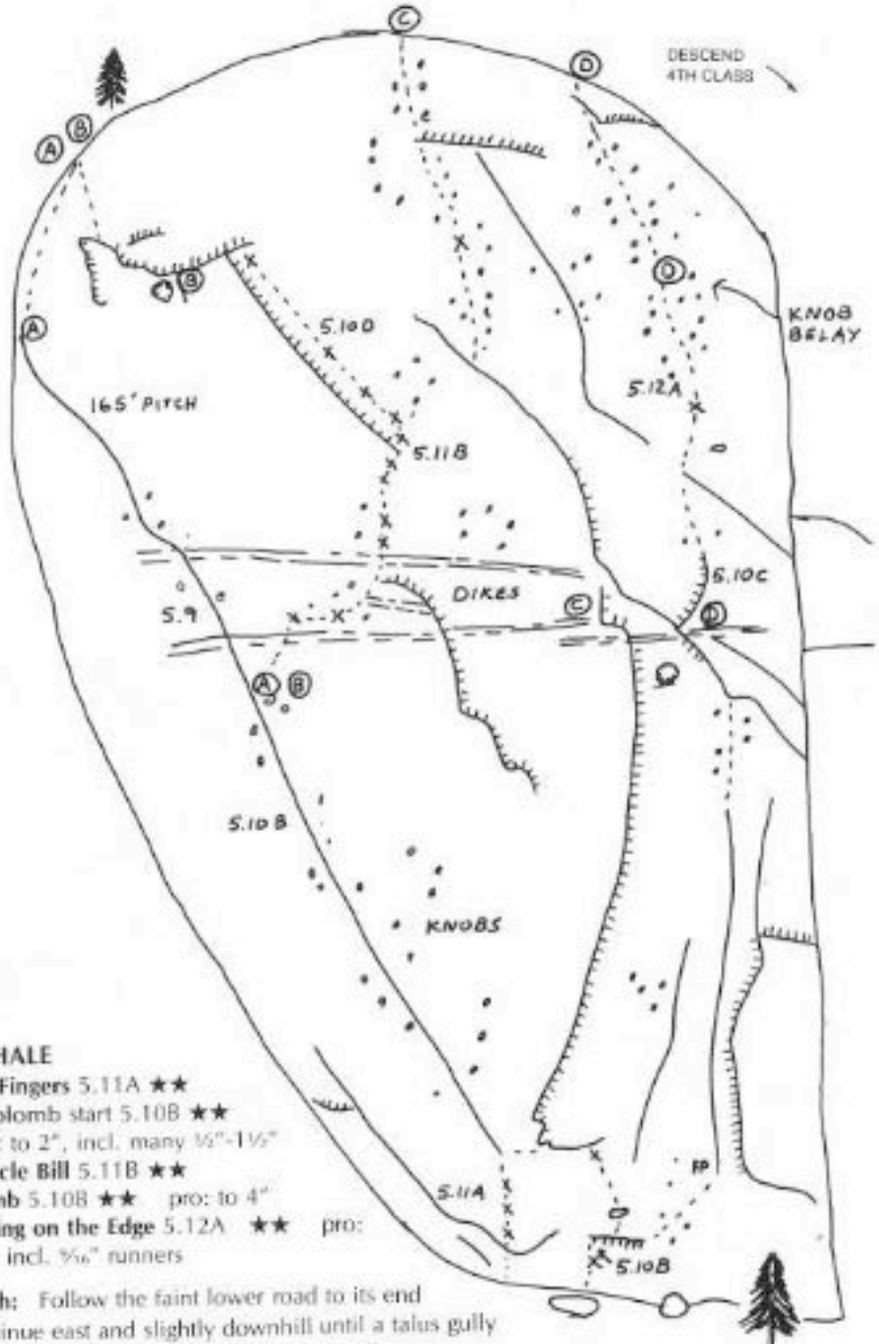
Stinkfoot 5.9 ★ This and the following route are on a small outcrop right of the Dynamic Duo formation and separated by a gully. Stinkfoot follows a dogleg crack with a tree ⅓ of the way up.

Steel Drivin' Blues 5.10B ★ This is a 4-bolt face climb just right of Stinkfoot.

Calypso 5.10D ★ This climb is on Trango Tower, a pointed formation above Stinkfoot. The route more or less ascends the southwest arete. Ascend the class 4-5 gully left of Stinkfoot for several hundred feet. A rotten 5.4 pitch leads out of the gully, passing an evil bush right at the start. Work into an obvious crack in a corner leading to a large ledge. Climb a wide crack leading to the top of a block, then ascend a headwall, passing several bolts. From the last bolt, climb down and right around a corner, then up lower-angle and runout face to the left. Descend left with one or two rappels. Pro: to 4".



THE WHALE
1 Bony Fingers
2 Aplomb
3 Dancing on the Edge

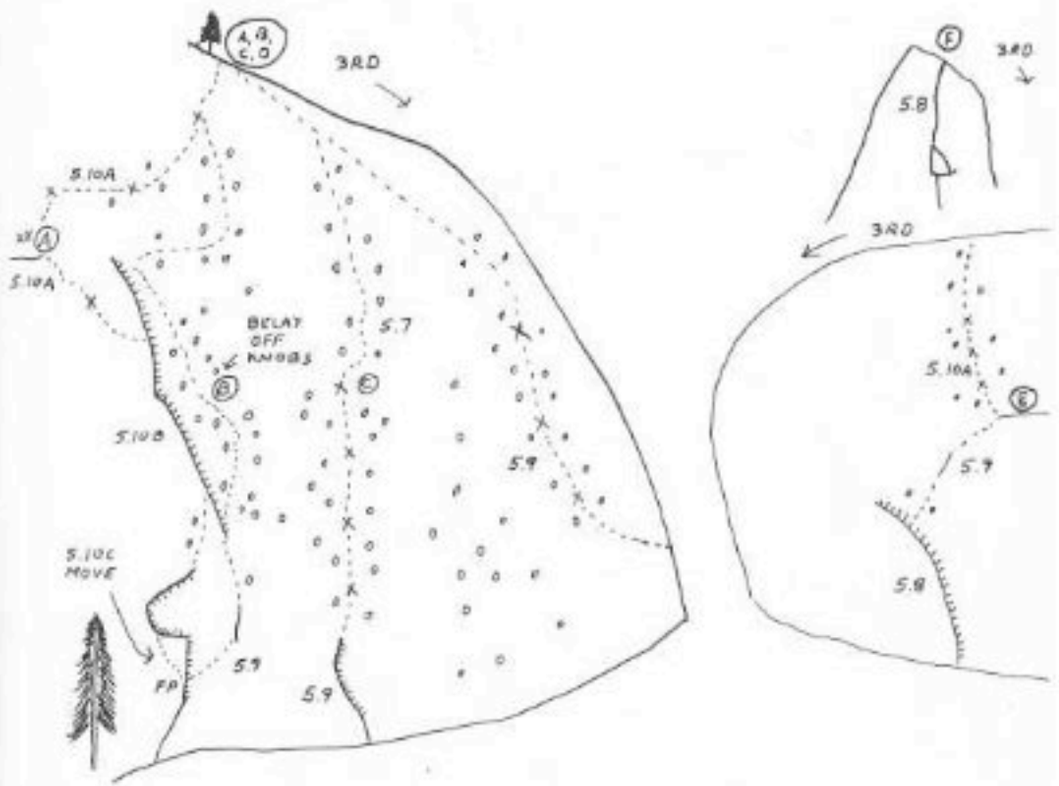


THE WHALE

A Bony Fingers 5.11A ★★
via Aplomb start 5.10B ★★
pro: to 2", incl. many ½"-1½"
B Barnacle Bill 5.11B ★★
C Aplomb 5.10B ★★ pro: to 4"
D Dancing on the Edge 5.12A ★★ pro: to 3"; incl. 5/16" runners

Approach: Follow the faint lower road to its end and continue east and slightly downhill until a talus gully is reached; ascend this to the base of the wall.

Famous Potatoes 5.9 ★ To the right of the Whale is a rocky ridge. This 2-pitch climb ascends a curving handcrack in the biggest formation on the ridge. The climb starts off a detached flake shaped like the state of Idaho.



POOLHALL WALL

A Corner Pocket 5.10C ★ pro: to 3"
B Blackballed 5.9 ★ pro: to 2"; incl. many runners
C Blue Balls 5.9 ★ pro: to 1½"; incl. many runners
D Snooker 5.9 ★
E Marvin Gardens 5.10A ★ pro: to 3½"
F Crack Addict 5.8 ★ pro: to 2½"

Approach: This wall is to the right of the Famous Potatoes ridge. It can be reached by following the Whale approach and continuing east about ⅓ mile until a brush and talus gully is reached leading to the wall. In ascending the gully, stay to its right side or fifth class climbing will be encountered. A shorter (but more uphill) approach can be made directly from the Whitney Portal Road about ¼ mile before the dirt road approach, at a point where the road jogs slightly left and there is a large dirt pullout on the south side of the road. The Poolhall Wall can be seen from the dirt pullout.

Portaledge 5.10A ★ Just after entering the main Whitney Portal Canyon, a rib of rock comes almost down to the road. There is a short section of dynamited rock at its base. Portaledge ascends this rib in 2 pitches, passing some bolts and fixed pins.