

New Routes At Barrier Bluffs:

Late this summer and early fall there were 5 new pitches added to the Yellow Wall at Barrier Bluffs in K-Country. All are 5.11 climbs which add some good alternatives to the Yellow Wall, significantly expanding what available at this level on the crag.

First out of the gate was “Why won’t she sleep with me?” 5.11c ** 6 clips, 17m, by Steve Birch and Andy Genereux. This route has two tricky crux sections and is located about 5m right of OO “End Dance” marked on the topo in “Sport Climb Sixth Edition” page 278. The remaining four routes were added over the next several days were all established by Genereux and completed by rope soloing.

The second route was squeezed in between the two climbs detailed above and is called “Pull Fat Boy Pull” * 5.11c, 8 clips, 20m, located 3m right of “End Dance”. Not a sustained as the first new route its still an enjoyable bit of fun climbing. A third route climbs above the top anchor on “End Dance” for 8 clips called “Fat Bastard” 5.11b/c *. This route climbs some steep but friable rock with some very demanding technical climbing. The fourth route added to this area was a 12 bolt problem that climbs left off the second bolt on “End Dance” directly to the top of the wall. The crux comes at the bulge at two thirds height. It’s called “It’s Not Over Till The Fat Boy Sings” going at around 5.11b/c**. It’s a full 30m to lower or rappel back to the ground from this ring bolt station at the top of this pitch. Note that both “Fat Bastard” and “It’s Not Over Till The Fat Boy Sings” share the same belay (30m to the ground).

The fifth climb was uncovered more to the center of Yellow Wall above the route marked FF called “Current Account”. A new ring bolt anchor was added to this route and a new pitch 28m long called “Beautiful Thing” 5.11b**, 9 clips, that takes the gap between the top of SS “Rainbow Bridge” and TT “Sisyphus Goes To Hollywood” to the top of the wall. This great little pitch exploits a crack/flake feature on the upper wall after overcoming a technical face section on the lower section of the pitch. One bolt is clipped on “Rainbow Bridge” as the route crosses it to gain the upper wall. There is a new ring bolt anchor at the top of this route. The existing chain anchor was removed. “Beautiful Thing” requires a rappel or lower to a mid point station, then a second rappel to reach the ground if using a single

