

"Looks like blood, smells like berries"

175m - 5.7 mixed trad route

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Background: Matt Johnston and Patrick Jones established the first pitch and alternate second pitch in April 2014 with only trad gear and pitons. In 2016, Patrick Jones and others established pitches 2-4 using a battery powered hand drill on lead and trad gear.

Approach: total approx. 20-30 min

Park as you would for Abraham slabs. Walk up the approach trail to the base of the slabs. From the climb "Slicktion" it is approx. 5-10 min up hill. The climb is left off "hidden crack". The climb starts at tree line. You will see the first bolt approx 5m off the ground.

Gear required: standard rack to 4 inch. Doubles of BD # 2-4 may be useful. Bring your BD # 5 if you are looking for reason to place it. At least 8 draws and slings. Double ropes needed for rappel.

Pitch 1 - 5.7, 35 m. 4 bolts. Climb a slab to a left leaning crack/weakness to a chain anchor on a ledge.

P 2 - 5.6, 50 m. 7 or 8 bolts? Follow bolts on face to a treed ledge. Watch for loose rocks (it is a new route keep in mind). Belay on 2 rap rings.

P 2 alternate – 5.8, 50 m. Traverse left and climb the yellow corner, continue up to a tree belay on a ledge. Walk right to approx. 20 meters to reach the top of pitch 2.

P 3 – The Money Pitch! 5.7, 50 m. 2 bolts. Climb right facing corner to a bolt then follow a crack straight up to a right facing corner past another bolt. Belay on two rap rings.

P 4. 5.7, 40 m. 4 bolts. Climb straight up past bolts and past a small roof. Trend left after the roof then straight up to a # 4 BD placement. Weave your way up to the 2 rap ring anchor.

Descent: Rap the route with double ropes or walk off down the ridge.



Pic 1 – general location of route



Pic 2 – Start of pitch 1



Pic 3 – Looking down pitch 3



Pic 4 – Topping out on Pitch 4