

McGillivray Slabs

Two new routes: in the spring 05 I went in and did these new routes while living in limbo. McGillivraneering starts right of the start for '7 up'. A cairn marks the start.

McGillivraneering

5.9, 200+m FA: Brandon Pullan (ropesolo) june/05

Gear: Pins! 4-6 knifeblades, set of nuts, small rack of cams to #3 camalot. One 60m rope.

This climb finds its way up easy broken rock with some good sections and one difficult crux. It joins the climb '7 up' on the large treed ledge and exits left at the top of the slabs after the large crack. It is a little run out and the gear is marginal in more than one place.

P1: climb easy loose rock to large ledge with trees. (20m)

P2: climb the aesthetic looking arête up past small gear placements over a loose ledge to a bolted belay under a slanting crack. (5.6, 30m, 2 bolt anchor)

P3: gain the crack with good pro and climb right up over the roof on good features that get thinner up high (run out) to the treed ledge. (5.9, 50m)

P4: traverse the easy ledge of '7 up' and enter the fun slanting crack.

P5: climb the crack/corner. (5.7, 40m)

P6: (and P7) at the top of the corner traverse left on easy rock with good gear to the top.

Descent: walk off or rappel another route.

Taiga

5.7, 170m FA: Brandon Pullan (ropesolo) june/05

Gear: small rack to #3 cam. 10 QD's, one 60m rope

This climb is immediately right of the climb Pitter Patter. Turn left at the large cave and climb up a sloped scree hill 50m. The climb is on good rock and rather easy. This climb begins just right of the climb Pitter Patter and shares the same third pitch.

P1: begin under two trees on route up easy rock and past a small roof. (5.7, 30m, 2 bolts)

P2: aim up and right on good rock to the large ledge with a fixed anchor. (5.7, 30m, 3 bolts + fp)

P3: climb through the weakness above the anchor on the left (part of the climb Pitter Patter) climb semi good rock with decent pro to a natural belay left of a large roof. (5.7, 55m)

P4: (and P5) traverse left and then up easy but crumbly rock for two pitches. (5.5, 65m)

Decent: walk off

Project

200m left of '7 up' I have begun a new route, stopped by bad rock and a small roof, I am going to go back and try again with some bolts.

cheers

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