

The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

A collection of shattered pillars which lie in front of the Grey Ghost Wall towards the left end between the climbs "Helmet Crack" and "Zephyr" and are separated from the main face by a scree gully that slopes down to southern exposure. The largest pillar located in the southwest corner of this jumbled formation is the "Storm Tower" Two other towers major towers lie to the north between the main wall and Storm Tower. Recently these two towers have had routes installed. The west tower of these two is the CMC Tower and the east is Cloud Tower. See the new Ghost Rock Guide 2003 for access information and see the overview map attached.

Storm Tower

The classic "Matterhorn" shaped tower has an impressive south face with easier possibilities on the more broken east side. The steep south face of the tower had three routes established in the fall of 2002. A fourth route was completed this spring and a fifth project is nearing completion. There are several good possibilities for more routes.

To access the Storm Tower take the trail that heads west to the "Bonanza Descent Gully" from below Southern Exposure, located on Grey Ghost Wall. Travel west for 200 m as the trail rounds the corner towards the "Descent Gully". "Storm Tower" is directly above, head up the shoulder through a small boulder field to the south face about 70 m.

Wind and Flurry * 5.8, 28 m, fixed gear

A. Genereux November 2002

Located on the left edge of the south face it starts steeply then takes rolling ground to a sidewalk like belay ledge. Start up an overhanging slot with 2 bolts on the right side move past the second bolt with awkward moves to gain the right wall. Climb the rolling grey rock past six bolts to a second short crux.

Snowflakes of August **5.11b, 28 m, fixed gear

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Climbs the bulging technical face between "Wind and Flurry" and "Thunder And Lightning How Frightening" to share the same boardwalk ledge as "Wind and Flurry" but has its own separate rap bolt anchor.

Thunder and Lightning How Frightening **5.9, 28 m gear to 4"

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Climbs the obvious wide left leaning crack, which splits the center of the south face of Storm Tower to a rap bolt belay in a bay where the climbing eases. Two bolts protect the wider part of this crack making this a fun climb.

Lightning Bolt Crack 30 m (project)

This is the classic steep right leaning finger/hand crack 2 m to the right of "Thunder and Lightning How Frightening". The line still requires some cleaning but should be completed soon. This climb has an anchor on a ledge 3 m above and 5 m right of the above-mentioned route.

Ghost Riders in a Storm ** 5.10d/11a, 30 m, gear to 3.5"

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The left leaning dihedral with a hand crack at the back. Located on the right side of the south face. It starts behind a small spruce tree. This climb requires extensive gear placement skills, although the crux is bolt protected sustained 5.10- climbing in the crack and corner to where the crack nearly disappears. Then make hard moves up to a ledge, a few stemming moves climbs the short corner above to deposit you on the belay ledge.

CMC TOWER

Located directly behind Storm Tower to the north are two independent towers the west tower is the CMC Tower. To reach this tower traverse east below the south face of Storm Tower to a shoulder. Up this until it flattens, then thread back left between two small towers to pass in front of Cloud Tower through a notch

and then down to the CMC Tower. There are four new routes on this formation all where completed in the spring of 2003. The tower lies a few meters to the right of Helmet Crack located on the western end of Grey Ghost Wall. The CMC tower's west face has two routes, as does the south face. All climbs while substantially bolt protected require some gear keeping with the traditional spirit of the Ghost and the Calgary Mountain Club.

CMC Tower West Face

Another Choirboy ** 5.11a/b, 25 m, gear to 2.5"

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Starts from the left corner mount a boulder to gain the first bolt. Thin face climbing at the second bolt is the crux but there is steady 5.10 above to a small roof and hand crack to finish to a ring bolt belay on a good a ledge.

Bugs Boogie * 5.10a, 30 m, wires and mid sized cams to 3.5"**

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Climb a left leaning line starting in a shallow groove on the right side of the face it mostly follows bolts to a hand crack finish and shares the belay with "Another Choirboy". This is an excellent moderate climb with a bit of traditional flavor.

CMC Tower South Face

Dick's Crack * 5.6, 25 m gear to 4"

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Start off a scree ledge on the left side of the south face. The first bolt is intended as a belay so the belayer doesn't topple off the ledge. Climb up past four bolts moving right after a steep bit to gain a hand crack climb this to the belay. **Note** there is a loose pillar to the left of the crack stay away from this leaning pile.

Trevor's Tune * 5.9, 20 m, wires small cams to 1.5"

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Climbs a small dihedral on the right corner for a few meters then at a bulge make hard moves left onto the slabby face, easier climbing with intermittent cracks heads up to the same belay as "Dicks Crack".

Cloud Tower

The tower is immediately right of the CMC Tower and has three routes to date on excellent rock. The south face is very overhanging at the bottom tipping back to a slab at one third height.

Cloud Tower West Face

Thunderhead ** 5.10a, 20 m, gear to 2"

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Climb bulging rock past two bolts to a crack, climb the crack to interesting face moves up to a ledge. From the ledge one more bolt leads to the belay on the south face as for "Cirrus".

Cirrus * 5.8, 25 m, fixed

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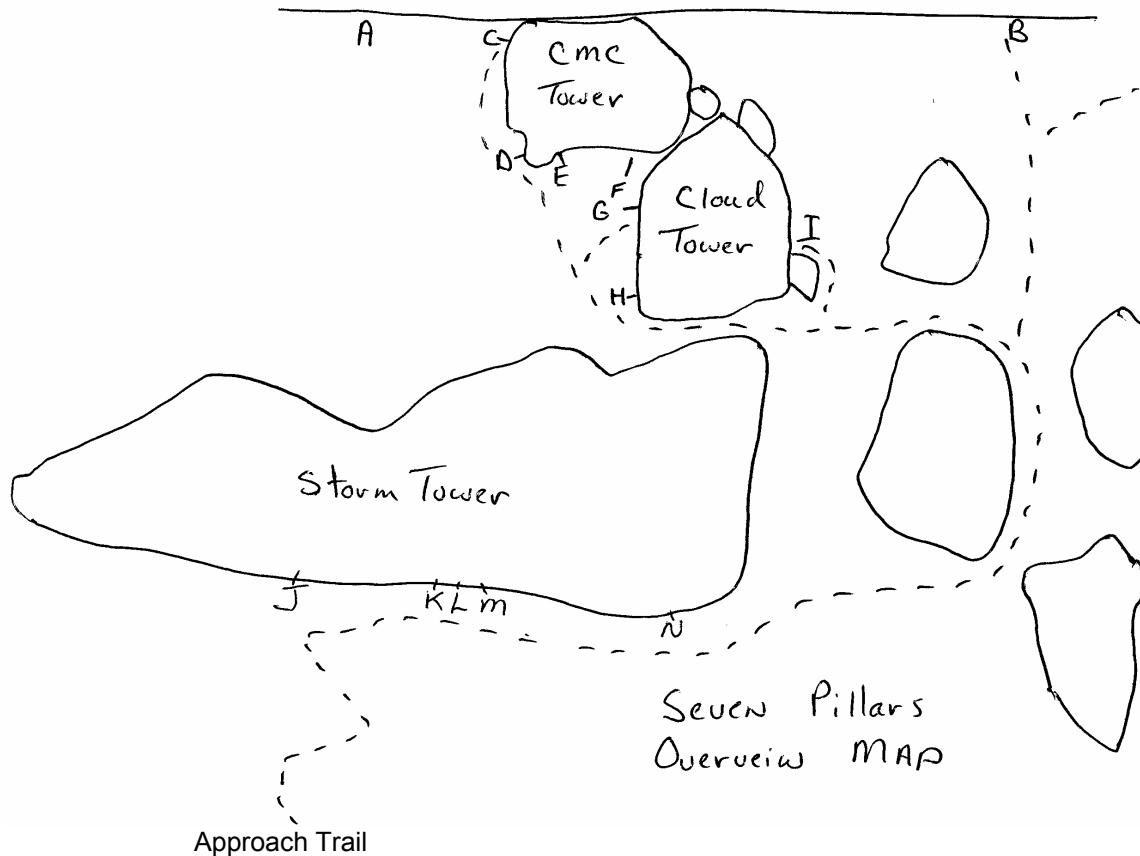
Start on the right side of the west face and climb the left side of the arete for 4 bolts then a difficult move to gain the south face. Continue up on excellent rock to the belay.

Cloud Tower East Face

Cloud # 9 ** 25 m, gear to 4"

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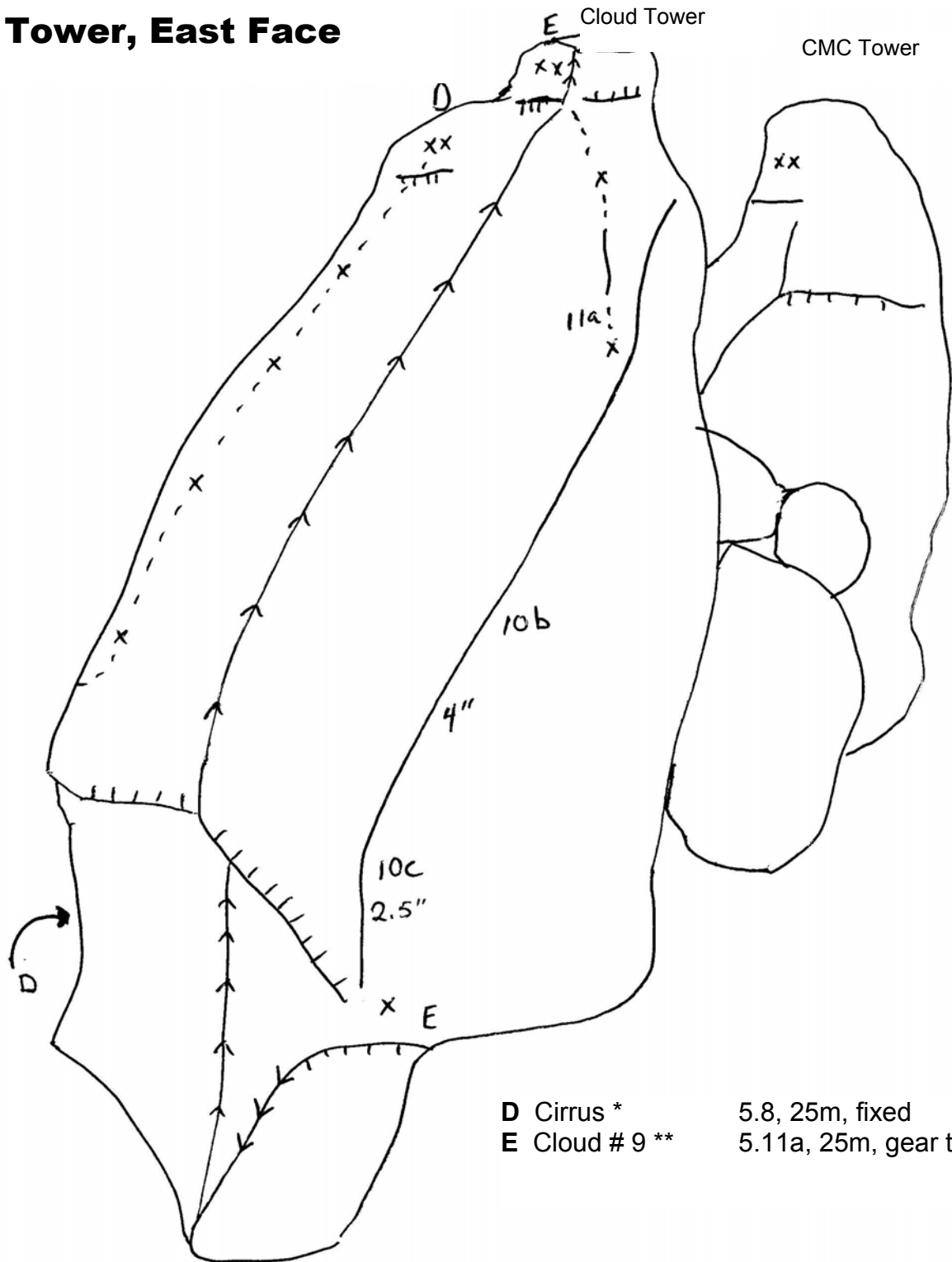
Start from a pedestal below the center of the east face with a single bolt belay. Enter the crack and climb sustained moves up the obvious right leaning hand crack for 20m. At A bolt make hard moves up and left climbing steep face past a second bolt, moving left onto the south face at the top for the belay



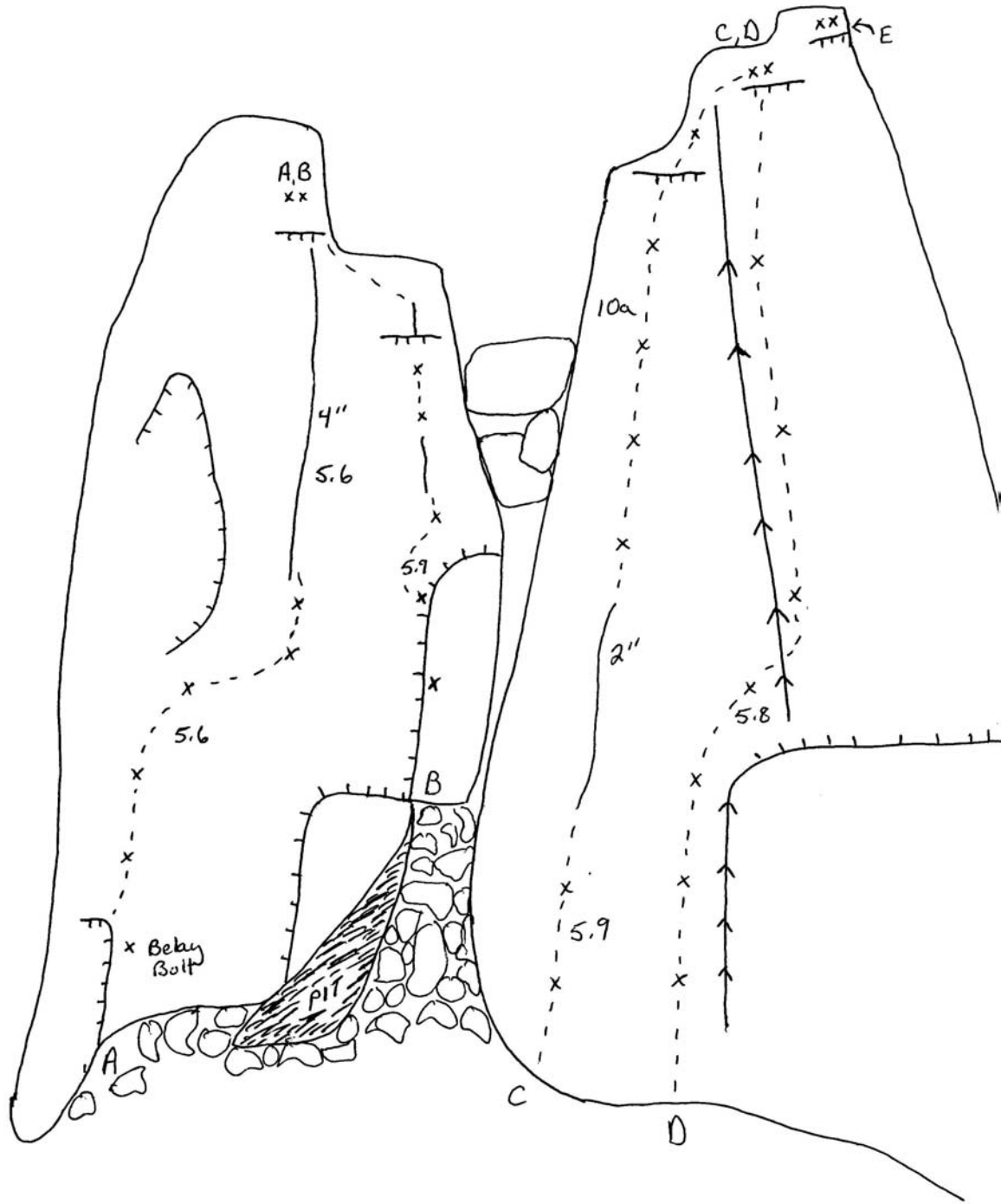
Seven Pillars Area Overview Map

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|---|---|
| A. Helmet Crack | 5.8, rack to 4" |
| B. The Rookie*** | 5.11a, rack to 4" |
| C. Another Choirboy ** | 5.11a/b, gear to 2.5" |
| D. Bugs Boogie *** | 5.10a, gear wires mid size cams to 3.5" |
| E. Dick's Crack * | 5.6, gear to 4" |
| F. Trevor's Tune* | 5.9, TCU's & wires |
| G. Thunderhead ** | 5.10a, gear to 2" |
| H. Cirrus * | 5.8, fixed |
| I. Cloud # 9 ** | 5.11a, gear to 4" |
| J. Wind and Flurry * | 5.8, fixed |
| K. Snowflakes in August ** | 5.11b, fixed |
| L. Thunder and Lightning
How Frightening ** | 5.9, gear to 4" |
| M. Lightening Bolt Crack | Project |
| N. Ghost Riders in a Storm ** | 5.11a, gear to 3.5" |

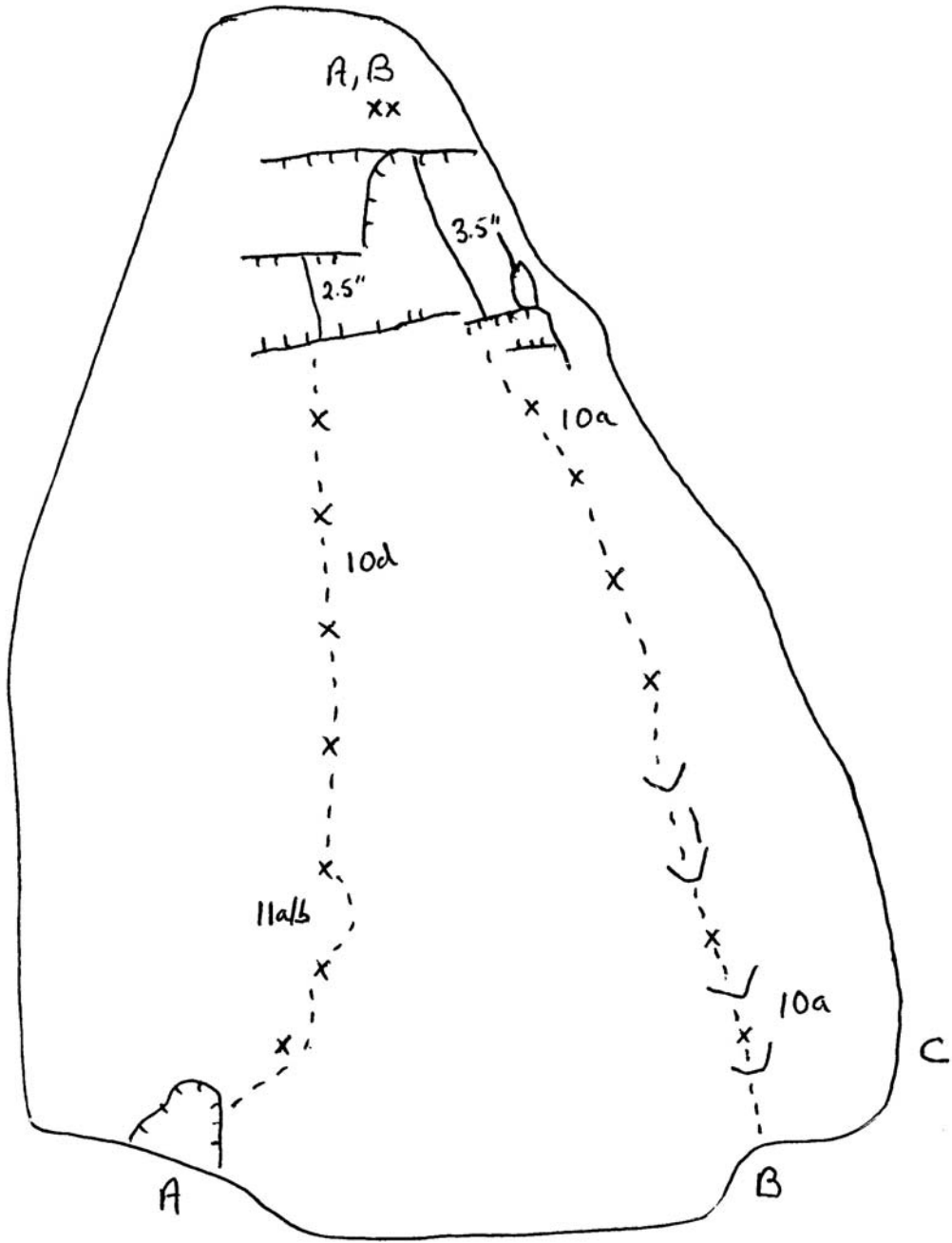
Cloud Tower, East Face



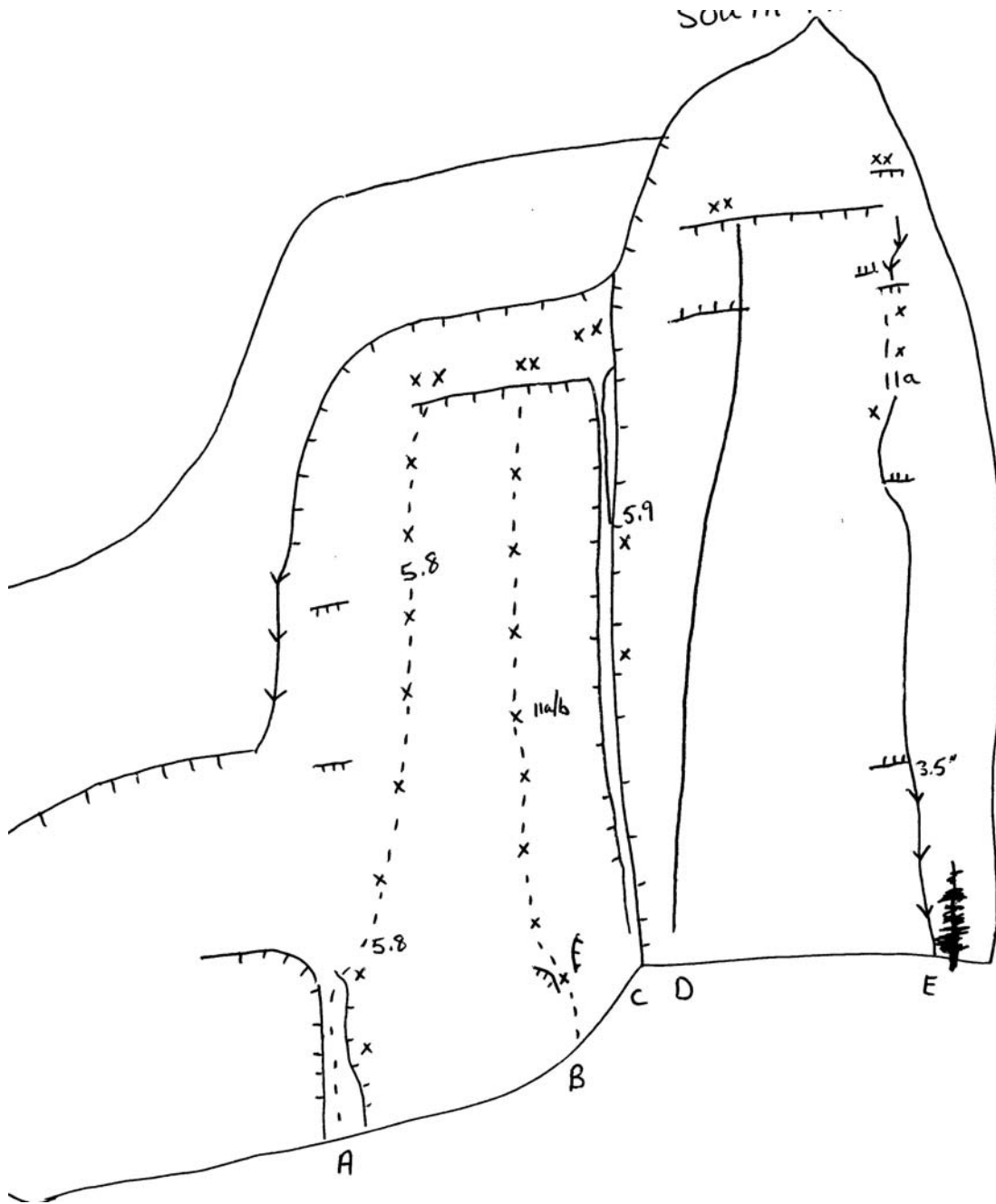
- D Cirrus * 5.8, 25m, fixed
- E Cloud # 9 ** 5.11a, 25m, gear to 4"



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| A Dick's Crack * | 5.6, 25m, gear to 4" |
| B Trevor's Tune * | 5.9, 22m, Wires & TCU's |
| C Thunderhead ** | 5.10a, 25m gear to 2" |
| D Cirrus * | 5.8, 25m, fixed |
| E Cloud # 9 ** | 5.11a, 25m, gear to 4" |



- A** Another Choirboy ** 5.11a/b, 25m, gear to 2.5"
- B** Bogs Boogie *** 5.10a, 25m, gear wires and mid size cams to 3.5"
- C** Dick's Crack * 5.6, 25m gear to 4"



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| A Wind and Flurry * | 5.8, 28m, fixed |
| B Snowflakes in August ** | 5.11b, 28m, fixed |
| C Thunder and Lightning How Frightening ** | 5.9, 28m, gear to 4" |
| D Lightning Bolt Crack | Project |
| E Ghost Riders in a Storm ** | 5.10d/11a, 30m, gear to 3.5 |