

The Big Chill ** 180 m, 5.11+ A0 or 5.12a***

CMC Valley Ripple Wall

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The climb is Located to the right of the Maker and was originally attempted by the late Simon Parboosingh and Anthony Neilson. After several years of neglect it was pushed to the top of the wall, which took two days due to very cold temperatures on the first attempt. The first pitch thwarted several attempts by Andy and goes with a hang on the crux due to a lack of stamina and raw fingers. This pitch was redpointed in 2002 by R. Slawinskis. The grade was confirmed at 12a and took a couple of attempts to get it clean.

Although there are lots of bolts this climb is not a sport route. You will require a rack to 3.5" with TCU's and long draws, double ropes are recommended.

P1: 5.11+ A0 or 12a/b, 45 m. Locate a line of bolts 15 meters right of the maker. Steep juggy face climbing up to the second bolt. Devious moves right then up to a third bolt more large holds lead to a ledge with a large flake on the right. Climb the flake and move past the bolt on sustained climbing. Moves left and up past three bolts with continuous hard moves. Make very difficult moves right to a bulge and surmount this past a bolt (12a/b) to gain a ramp up and right. Sustained traverse moves continue up and right to the second bolt on the shallow ramp. Climb up past this last bolt, moving right to gain a ledge and the belay.

P2: 5.11a/b, 50 m. Climb the steep face past two bolts directly above the station. At the second bolt move left and make a difficult rising traverse to gain a ledge (note the ringbolts to the left side of the ledge are for rappelling the route are not the belay). Climb up the solid grey face on sustained climbing (5.10+) past four bolts to the base of a crack. Gain the crack using several awkward body positions and several face holds (5.11a/b) climb the crack for 10 meters to a bolt belay on the right.

P3: 5.10d/5.11a, 45 m. Climb up the shallow corner and intermittent crack for 5 meters at a bolt move left and climb the right facing corner to a bolt below the bulge. Climb the bulge past a second bolt on hard moves. Continue up the corner moving left at the roof. Climb the crack and corner for twenty meters to a pedestal and bolt belay. Note the Maker Crosses this last corner section at about half height and moves out to the right.

P4: 5.11b, 40 m. Commit to the corner on the main wall to the right side of the pedestal. Climb this for 5 m (poor protection) to gain a ledge traverse left along the ledge placing gear in the obvious groove about halfway across. Continue left to a bolt and climb the steep wall on sustained moves (11b) up and left to gain a crack. Climb the crack for ten meters until a large ledge makes it possible to move right to a two-bolt belay directly over the pedestal below. Or alternatively continue up the crack (5.7) to the top of the wall.

Descent: from the top of the wall rappel as for the climb "Parboosting" or walk off to the descent gully which requires down climbing and a rappel. From the lower ledge rappel the route from ring bolt stations. Two ropes 55m long will be required to rappel either the "big Chill" or Parboosting".

