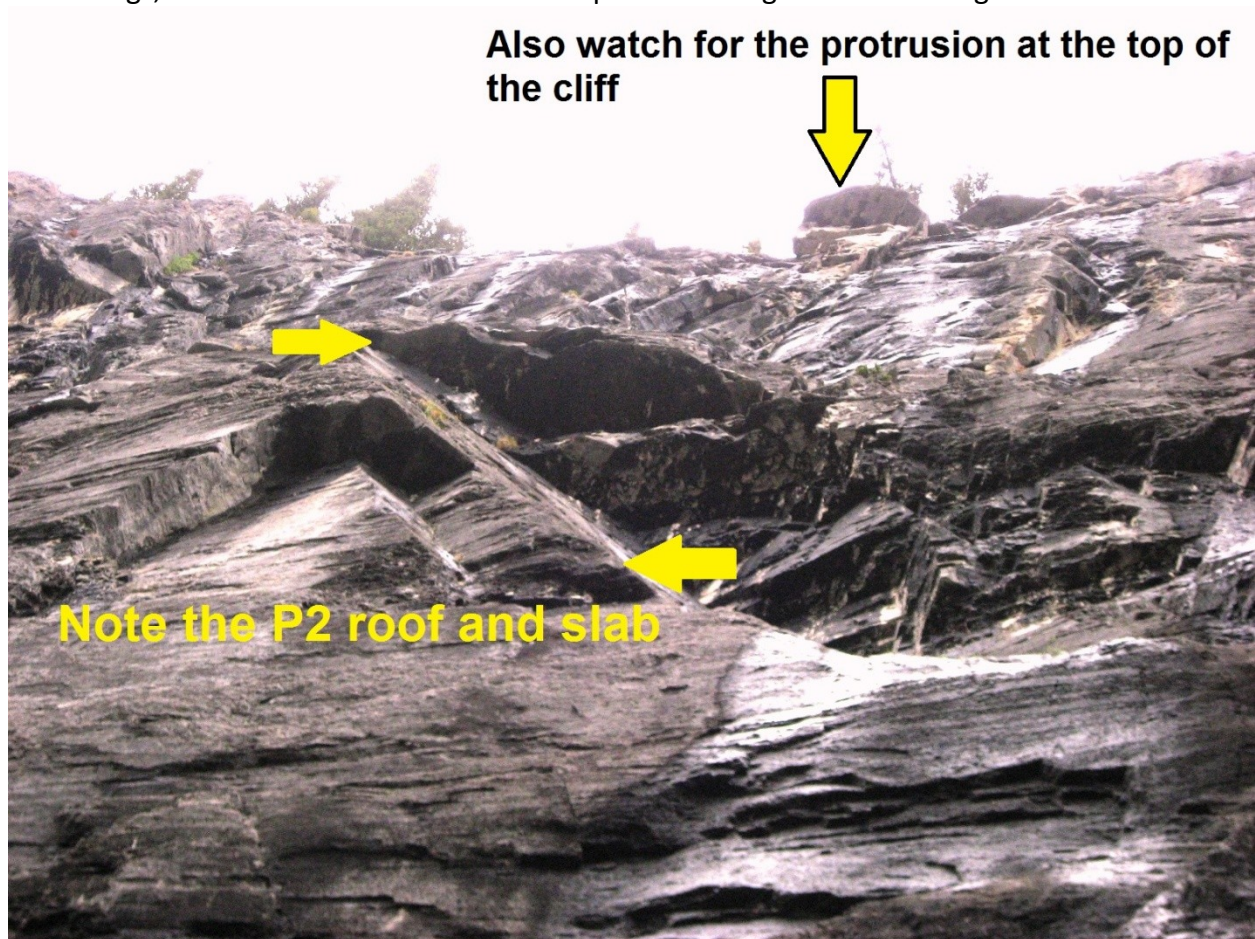


Thunderbolt 5.8 75m

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Sentinel, South End. Located a couple minutes right of the approach trail reaching the cliff, and just a short distance beyond the platforms of the Megaburl area. Keep an eye out for the distinctive roof and slab of the second pitch. Just below and right of this a bolted ramp on the first pitch leads up and right. A rack of 10-12 draws with 4-5 extendable draws should suffice. The route zig-zags a little and some extendable draws will reduce rope drag. The name comes from the zig-zag nature and because it is all fixed gear. Watch for a number of sidepulls, underclings, and hard to see incuts which keep the climbing at a moderate grade.



Descent. Although the route has been equipped to be rapped with a single 60m rope in two raps, having a 70m rope allows rapping from the big ledge to the ground. A 60m rope places you just short on the ledge a few metres up with an easy scramble to the ground. Alternatively from the chains at the top of pitch three, walk off left (south) where the trail cuts back north below the cliff to rejoin the trail along the base.

Rap 1. There is a bolted rap station a few metres right of the tree chain which will drop you back at the pitch 2 rap bolts. 28m.

Rap 2. Ring bolts to a ledge just above the ground (29m) or to the ground (33m).

P1 5.6 20m Start up the rib and slab onto the rightward ramp. Move leftwards once you reach the small tree, up the steeper wall, and continue left across small ledges to the belay. Bolts and chain. Note that although this anchor will allow a retreat, it isn't needed to rap the route. 6 bolts.

P2 5.8 20m Start up the corner and continue up the crack in the slab. Make a move left on sloped holds into another crack. Continue up this to the roof. Turn the roof at the left edge and then trend right up the lower angle to a two ringbolt anchor. 7 bolts.

P3 5.8 35m Move left along the ledge to a bolt where you make an awkward sidepull/mantle move. Continue following the weakness up and left to the corner using blocks and flakes until you intersect another corner with some vegetation. From here, traverse right and up the face, through a couple of small roofs, and belay from chain on a tree. 10 bolts.

Move up and right along the ledge to reach the bolted rap station.

