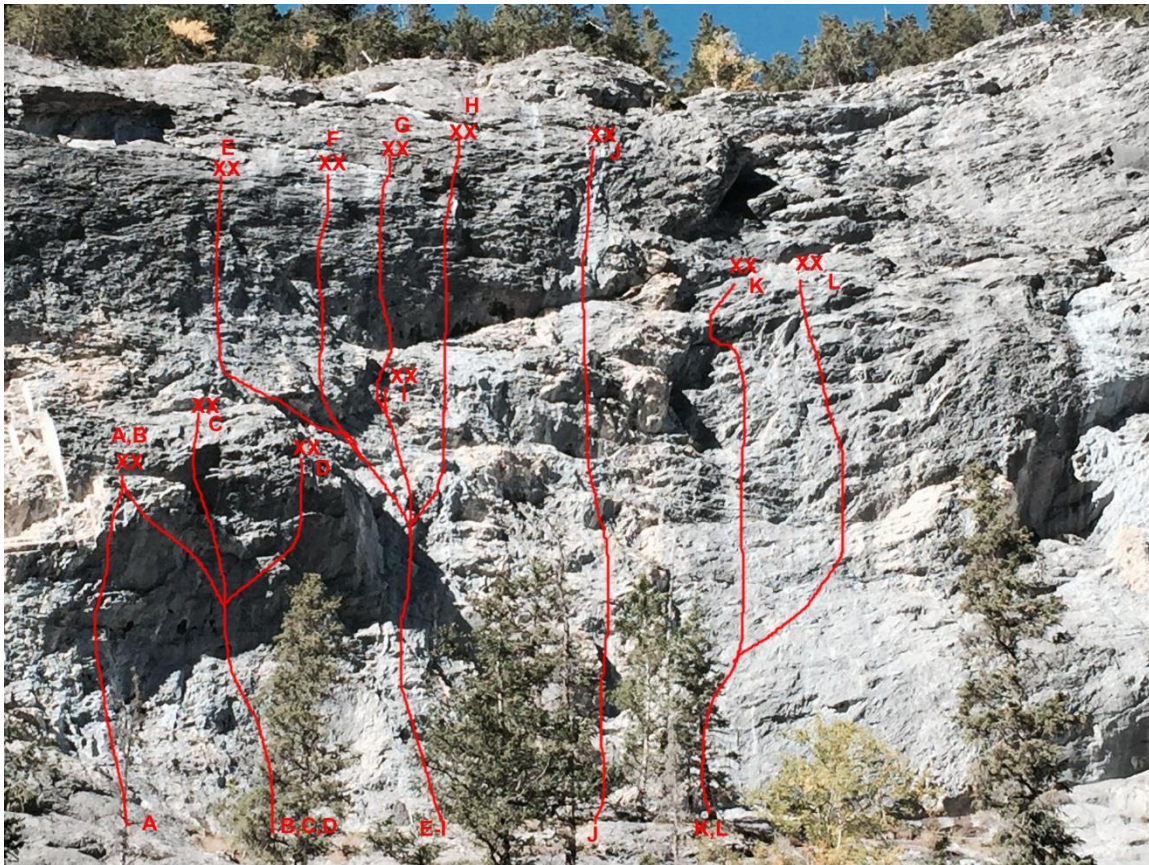


## Blackheart Amphitheatre Summer 2015 Topo

Blackheart Amphitheatre has a history of reconnaissance, route building attempts, aid ascents and looser rock. Expect cerebral routefinding on bands of alternating excellent and not-so-excellent rock. It is advisable to wear a helmet until these routes see enough traffic. **It is also advisable to have a full 70m rope for all longer routes.**

**To Access:** Follow main trail to the Blackheart Area. Gain path that angles up backwards towards the cliff skirting steep slabs. Either approach the belay ledge via the less-than-stellar *Ground Floor Going Up* (5.8+) or the brand new via feratta located farther to the right. Ensure you harness up and clip into the cable with a couple of slings and biners to stay safe.

**Descent:** Rappel from fixed anchors past the rooty short cliff (30m!), or simply reverse the via feratta.



- A – Muffin Crumb** – 11c/d – prep Marcus Norman, FA Ian Goodbrand (2014) 15m 6 bolts
- B – Polish Punch** – 12b/c FA Marcus – angle left at 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt to attack the smooth face with the triangle pocket (2014) (15m) 6 bolts
- C – Warmed by the Devil’s Fire** – 12b/c- prep Marcus, FFA Knut Rokne (2005) – new anchor straight up on top of ledge (15m) 7 bolts
- D – The Good Life** – 12d – prep Marcus, FFA Knut (2005) – cuts right at 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt and moves through friable crimps and edges (15m) 7 bolts

**E – Book of Eli** – 13a – FA Marcus- ascends directly up from the black chains on top of the ledge, best access is via Slackline King with a long draw on the 5<sup>th</sup> bolt of that route (2014). Techie and exposed climbing on the steep face leads to a tough crux guarding the anchors. (32m) 12 bolts

**F – Matron Saint** – 12d - FA Marcus (2015) – moves left at the 5<sup>th</sup> bolt of Slackline King onto loose slab, then straight up through a power boulder problem on steep face above. (32m) 12 bolts

**G – Closed Project** (Lord of the Rungs) – Marcus (2015) – goes straight up from Slackline King anchors (32m) 13 bolts

**H – Arrival of the Fittest** – 12b – FA Marcus (2005) – climbs Slackline King to 5<sup>th</sup> bolt then cut right into blob-like flo-stone. Go straight up from there, minding the potential for loose holds prior to final smooth headwall (31m) 14 bolts (this route may see a direct start in late 2015)

**I – Slackline King** – 10d FA Marcus (2005) – balancey warmup ends  $\frac{3}{4}$  up face following excellent (for the most part) rock (20m) 7 bolts

**J – The Convincer** – 12a - FA Marcus (2005) – Nice boulder sections separated by juggy stretches that ends in an amazing finish up the white water streak. Mind the potential for loose holds (31m) 11 bolts

**K – Sling Thing** – 11b – prep Randy Coleman, FA Knut (2005) – follow the steep crack/layback to a nice wall. Final crux involves a short leftwards traverse under a small roof. (26m) 9 bolts

**L – Skyscraper** (aka RC Cola) – 11c – prep Randy, FA Marcus (2005) – Climb Sling Thing up a few bolts until you can traverse right to the bolts on this line (28m) 9 bolts