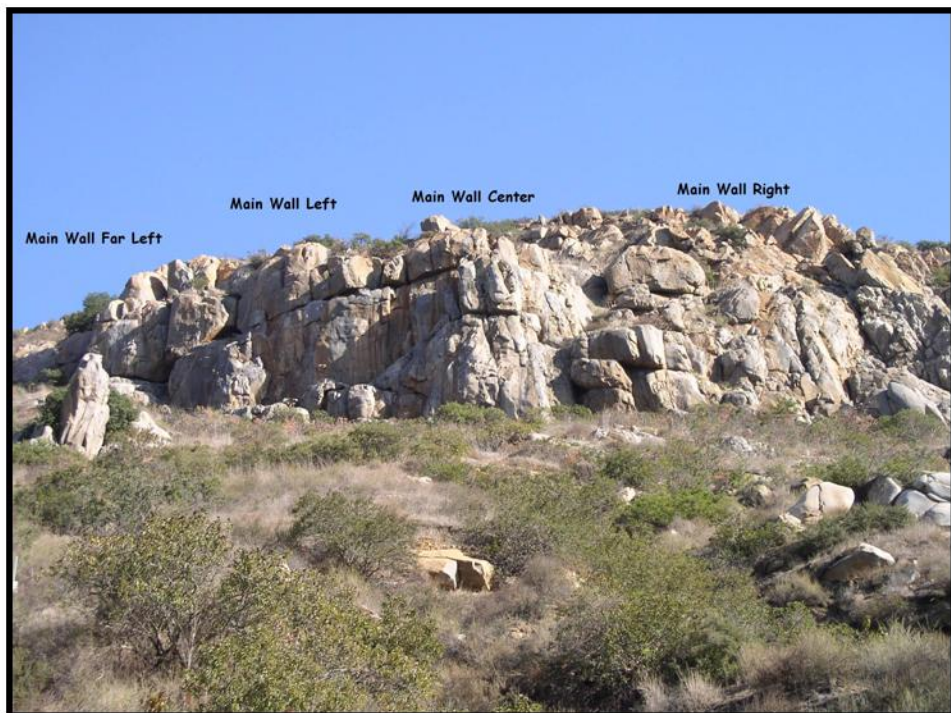
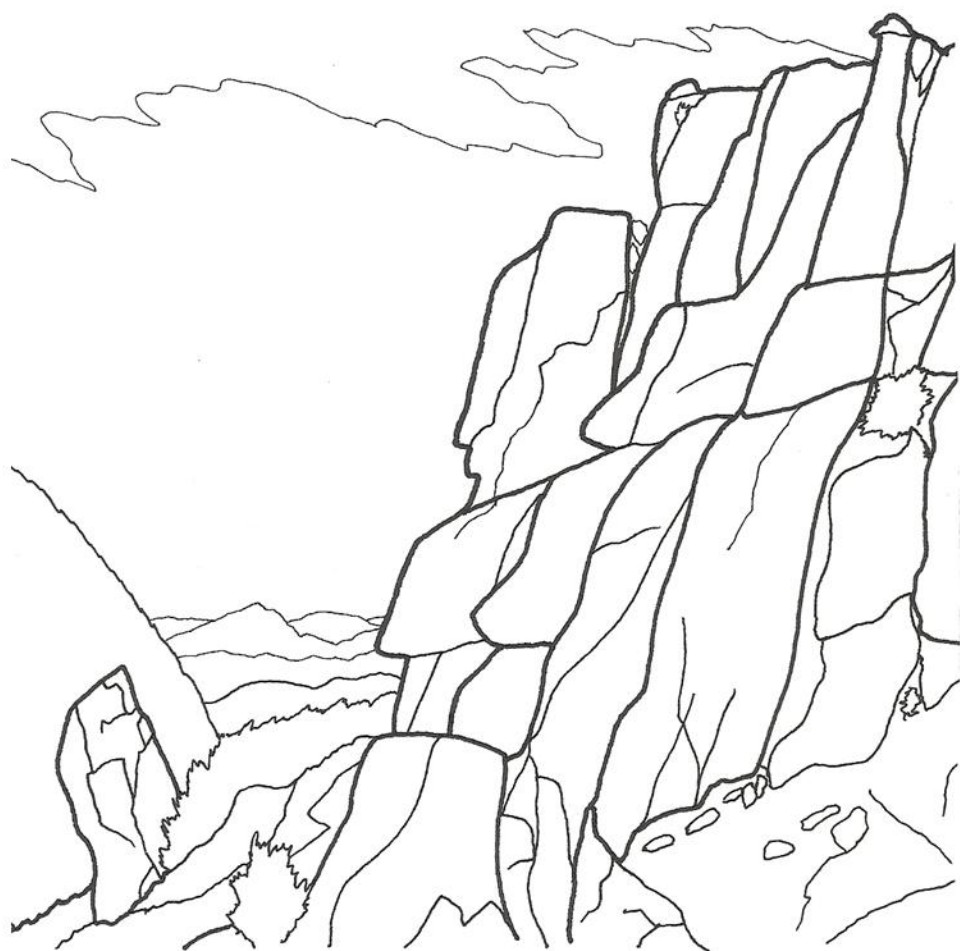


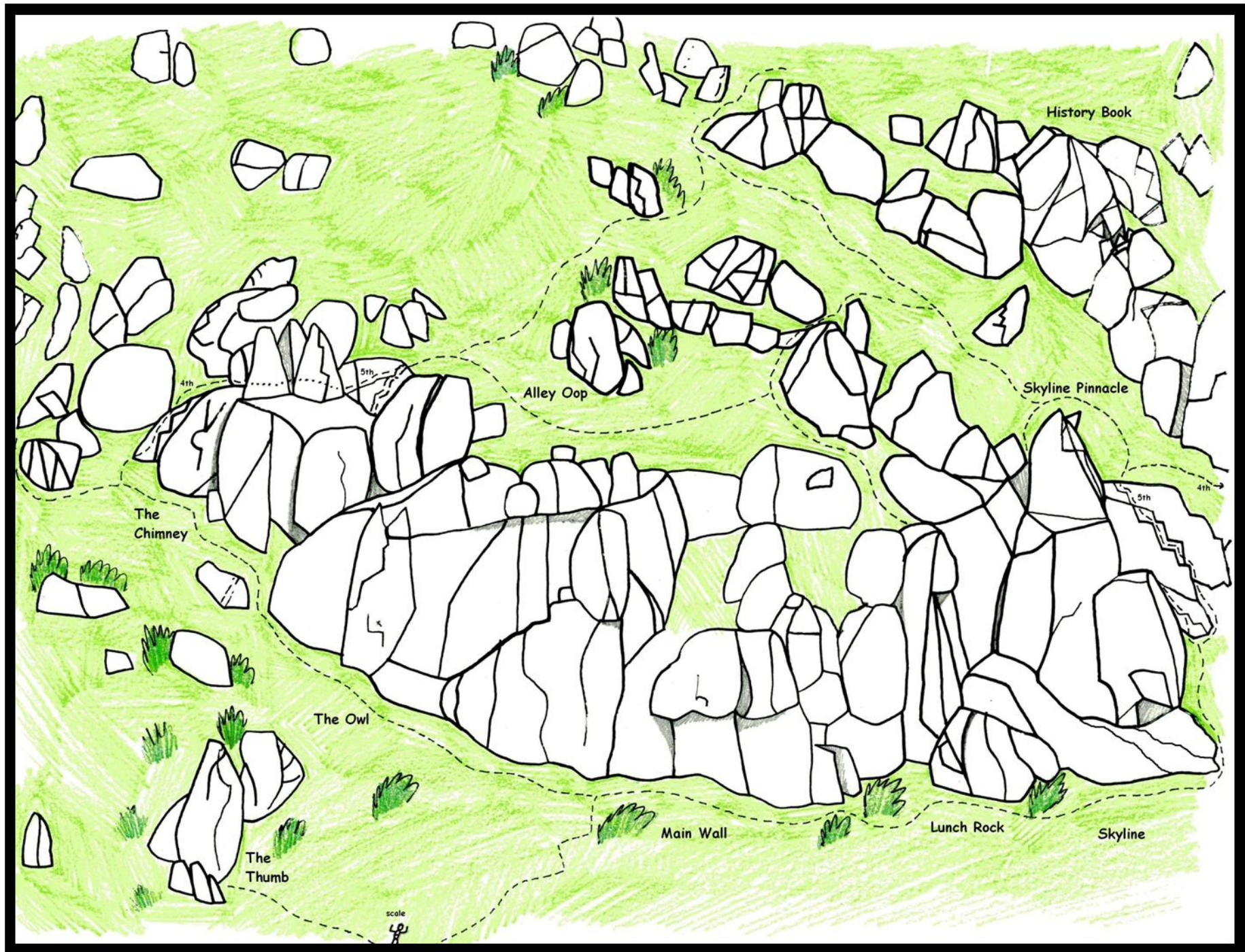
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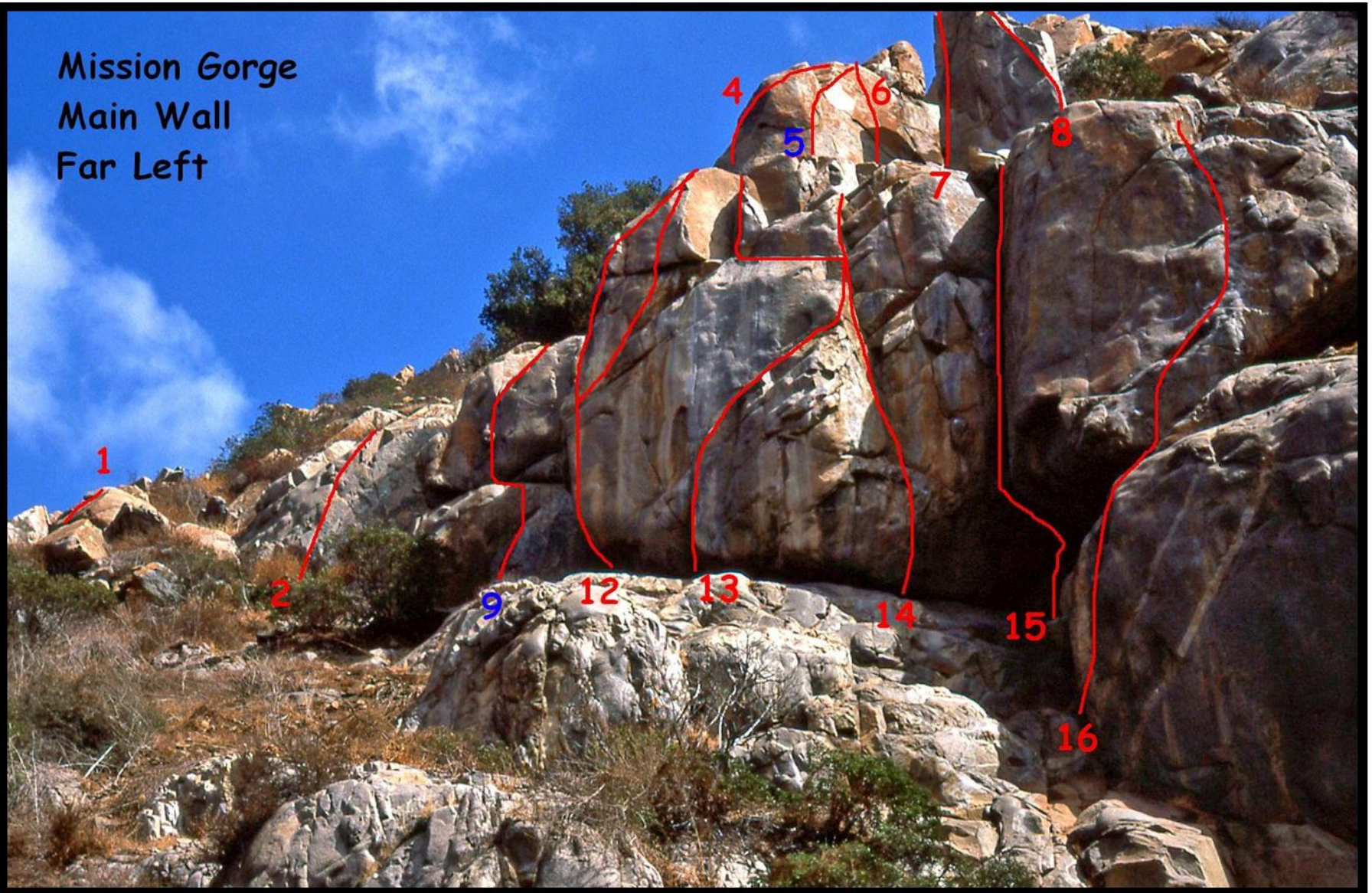
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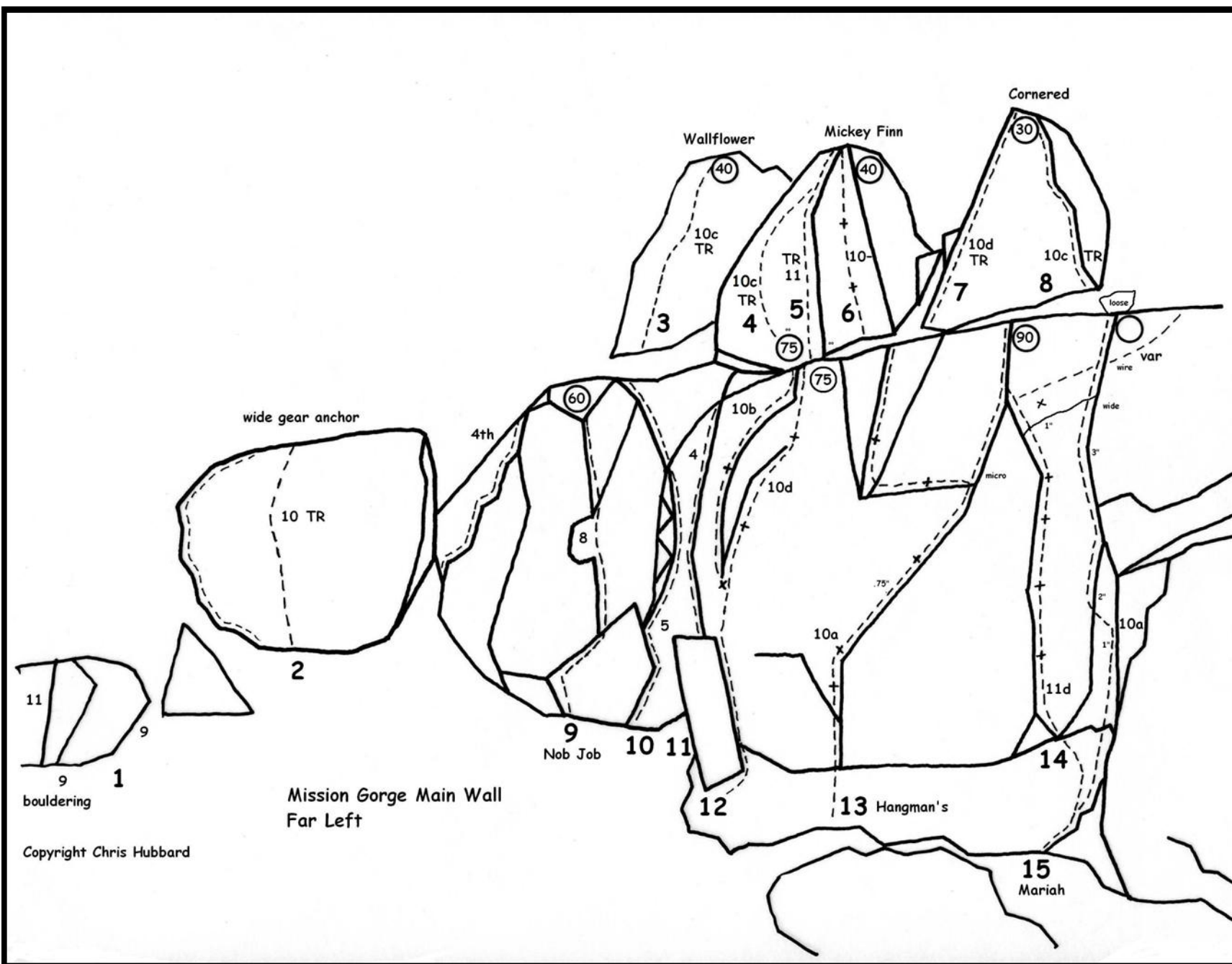


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Mission Gorge
Main Wall
Far Left





Mission Gorge Main Wall Route Descriptions

(topo routes 1-76)

Main Wall Far Left Route Descriptions (topo routes 1-15)

- 1. Vanclutch Boulder.** A classic 5.11 on the main overhanging arête. A clean 5.9 face and a blocky 5.9 sit start on the right side.
- 2. Hidden Wall.** A nice 5.10 face challenge or climb the 5.9 margin on the left side. Wide gear and slings for the anchor. 25'
- 3. Wallflower.** 5.10 arete top rope off of a bolt anchor. This short route is above the Nob Job area. *FA Ron Amick and Rick Allenby 1978*
- 4. Snake Bite** 5.10c thin face. Top rope from Mickey Finn (#6) anchor. *FA Bob Ryan*
- 5.** 5.11 arete. Top rope from the Mickey Finn (#6) anchor.
- 6. Mickey Finn** 5.10b. Thin face challenge on fine orange patina. A two bolt lead to a bolt anchor. *FA Ron Amick and Rick Allenby 1978*
- 7. Cornered** 5.10d. Top rope this arête from a bolt anchor. You will do a few moves on the back of the pinnacle to reach the anchor. *FA Greg Epperson 1979*
- 8. Absorbine Junior** 5.10c. Top rope the arête using the Cornered (#7) anchor. *FA Mike Paul and Ron Amick 1984*
- 9. Nob Job** 5.8. A funky mantle problem. Scramble to the left side of the climb to access the bolt anchor.
- 10. The Blocks** 5.4. A gear lead or top rope from the Nob Job anchors. Potentially loose. *FA Dave Kemp and Birk Paulson 1959*
- 11. The Chimney** 5.2. A fun chimney with a bolt anchor.
- 12. Rock On** 5.10b. A challenging face. This is a mixed route with two bolts and a bolted anchor; small gear. The right hand variation is also mixed with three bolts to the bolted anchor; small gear. *FA Ken Cook*
- 13. Hangman's Climb** 5.10a. Historically this was a 5.9 toprope. This fingery route warrants the 10a rating as a 5 bolt lead and .75" piece to bolt anchors. Layback the flakes right and up to the ledge. Traverse left and up the slot to the anchors. There is a right hand variation across the top of Mariah #15 to finish on the right wall finger crack to bolt anchors. Small gear for the variation crack. *FA Steve McKinney and Milo Pradonovitch 1963*
- 14. Obverse from the Gap** 5.11d Extreme polish will test your contact strength. 5 bolts to a bolt anchor. *FA Frank Noble 197*
- 15. Mariah** 10a Climb out the radical cave and over the roof to the offwidth and up to the bolted anchor. Medium to wide gear. *FA Bill Bruner*

Main Wall Left Route Descriptions (topo routes 16-33)

- 16. Susie's Wild Ride** 5.9 Meandering Polished face climbing. 7 bolts to a bolted anchor.
- 17. Cave Crack** 5.10a Use wide gear to lead the squeeze chimney to a gear anchor.
- 18. Never Intended** 5.10d A stout face climb past 4 bolts to a bolt anchor. *Thomas Compare 1975*
- 19. Quack of Ducks** 5.9 Fist crack on orange Patina. Wide gear to a gear anchor. *FA John Vawter and Morgan Curtis 1973*
- 20. Crack of Dust** 5.8 Challenging for the grade due to the polished nature of the climb. Bolt anchor. *FA Eric Beck 1964*
- 21. Caterpillar** 5.8 A fun gear lead out right from *Crack of Dust* to a tricky mantle at the top. Bolt anchor. Small to medium gear. *FA Steve Bennett and Scott Baxter*
- 22. Trivial Pursuit** 5.11d Top rope from Crack of Dust anchor. This route had a short life as a 5.12a lead on three bolts. *FA Ron Amick and Rick Allenby 1984*
- 23. Finger Rip** 5.8 A balancy lead. Two bolts and small to medium gear to a bolt anchor. *FA Jerry Gallwas*
- 24. The Owl** 5.8+ Start on the ledge 15' up on the overhanging crack corner. Pass the crux with a layback and continue up the fun corner to a bolted anchor. To 3" gear. Be sure to anchor your belayer.
- 25. Razor's Edge** 5.12 An old bolt ladder provides rusty pro for this vertical seam. Bolt anchor. *FA Levon Weighall 1990*
- 26. Mission Impossible** 5.11d Classic bolt protected slippery face to a roof. 4 bolts to a bolted anchor. (New bolts as of 2009) *FA Rick Accomazzo 1978*
- 27. Exit Stage Right** 5.8 Crack lead with large gear to a bolt anchor.
- 28. Laundry Chute** 5.8 A slick Chute. Small to medium gear lead to a bolt anchor.
- 29. Handyman** 5.9 Gear lead on slick rock to a gear anchor. Use this as a first pitch to Gallwas Crack (#33) Small to large gear.
- 30. One Step Beyond** 5.10a Top rope from a gear anchor. Climb the polished corner over a small roof and up a slab. *FA Galen Kirkwood*
- 31. Nutcracker** 5.9 A slick hand crack to a chimney finish. Gear to 3". Bolt anchor. *FA M. Stewart and T. Burke 1971*
- 32. Plumblime** 5.12a a mixed route of 5 bolts and medium gear to a bolt anchor.
- 33. Gallwas Crack** 5.9 Slick finger crack to a chimney lead. Use the Nutcracker (#31) bolt anchor. Small to large gear. *FA Jerry Gallwas*

Main Wall Left

Quack of Ducks

Nutcracker

Susie's Wild Ride

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Crack of Dust

Owl

Mission Impossible

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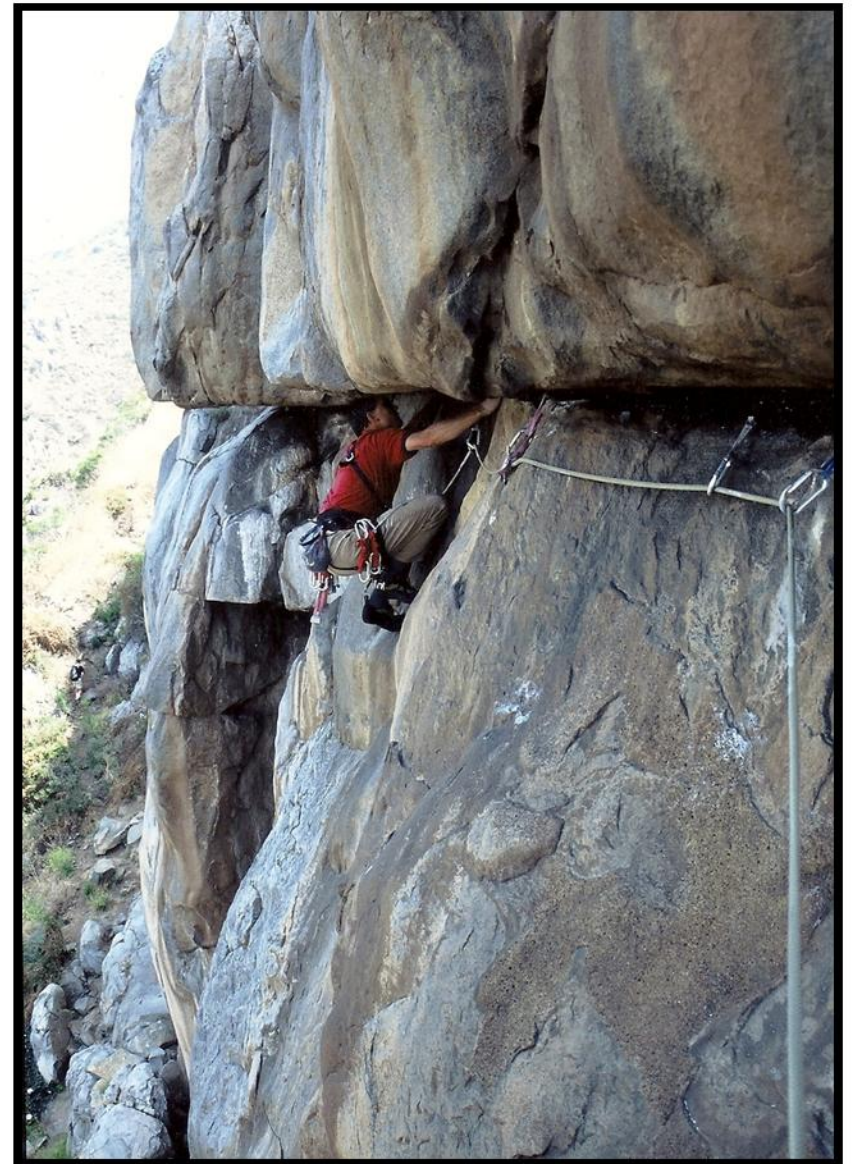
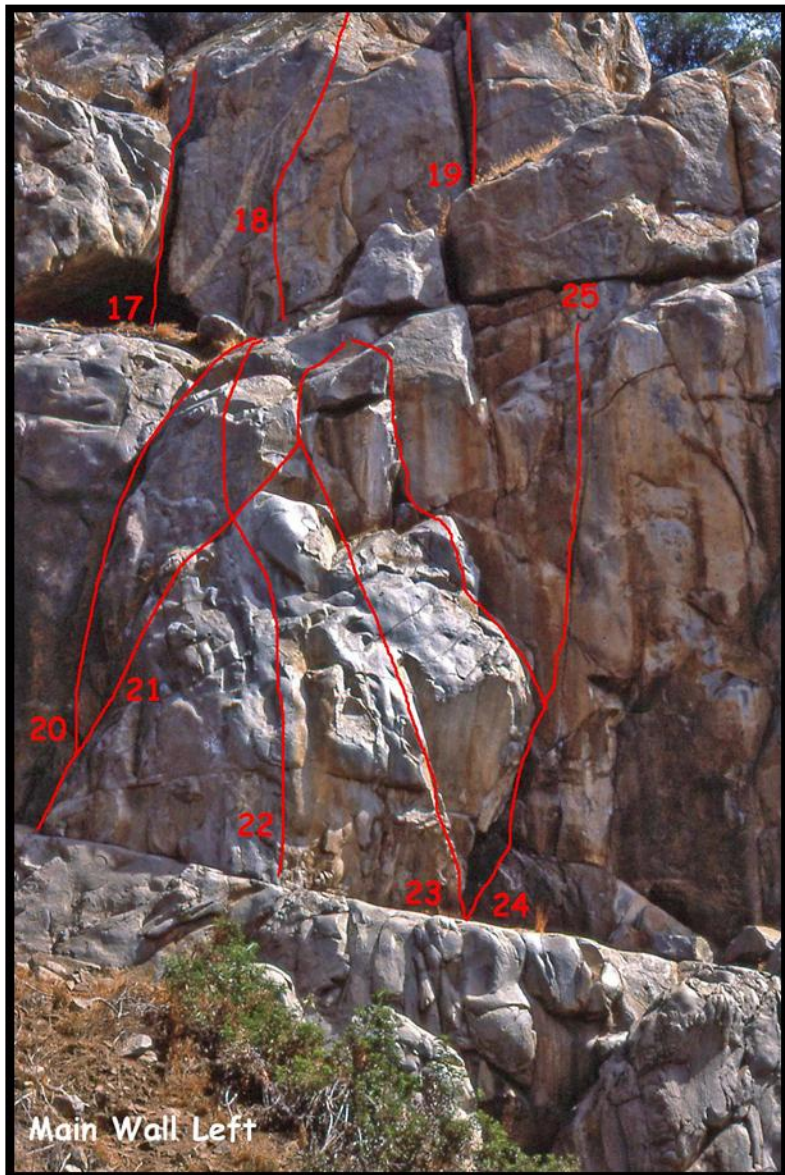
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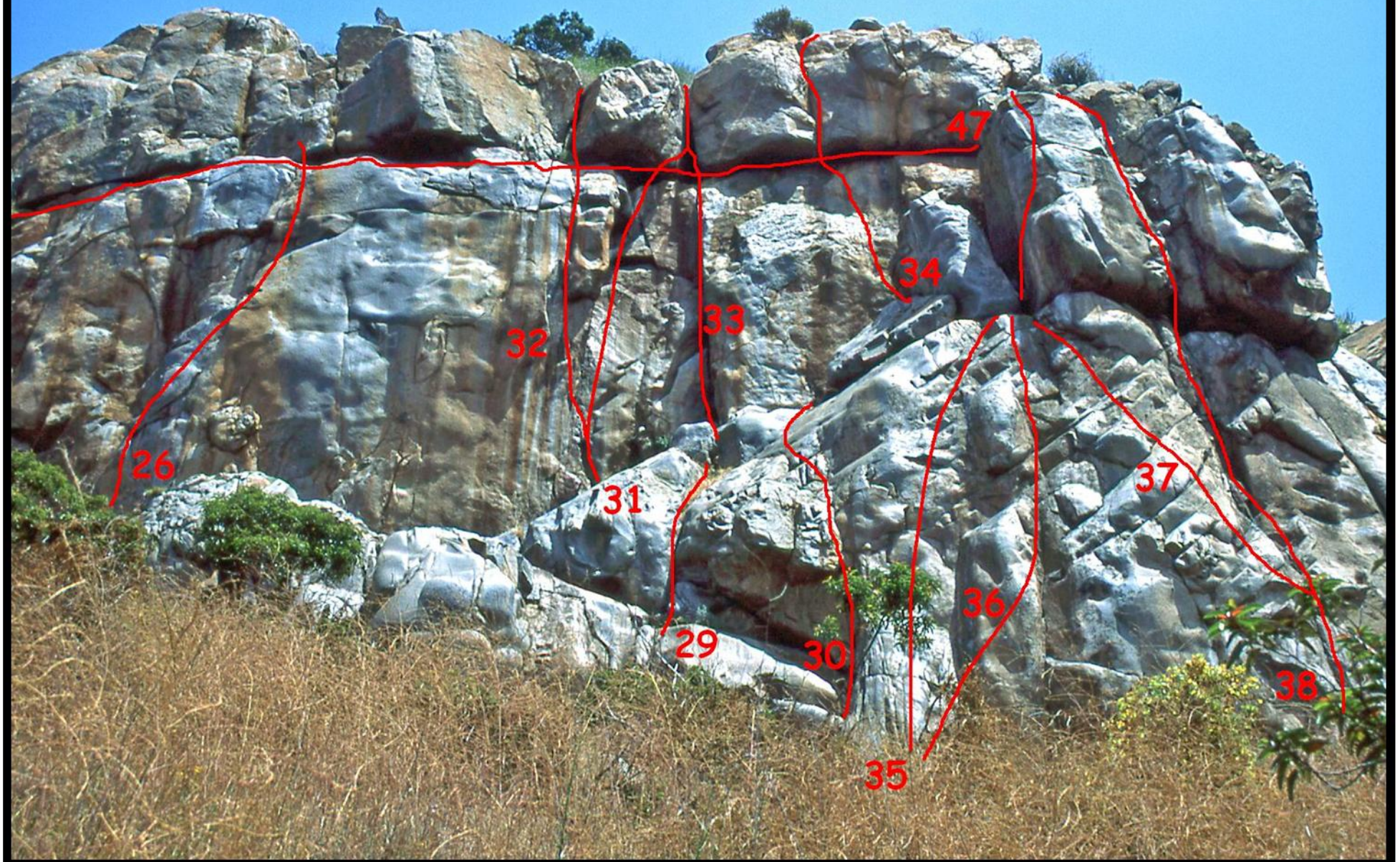
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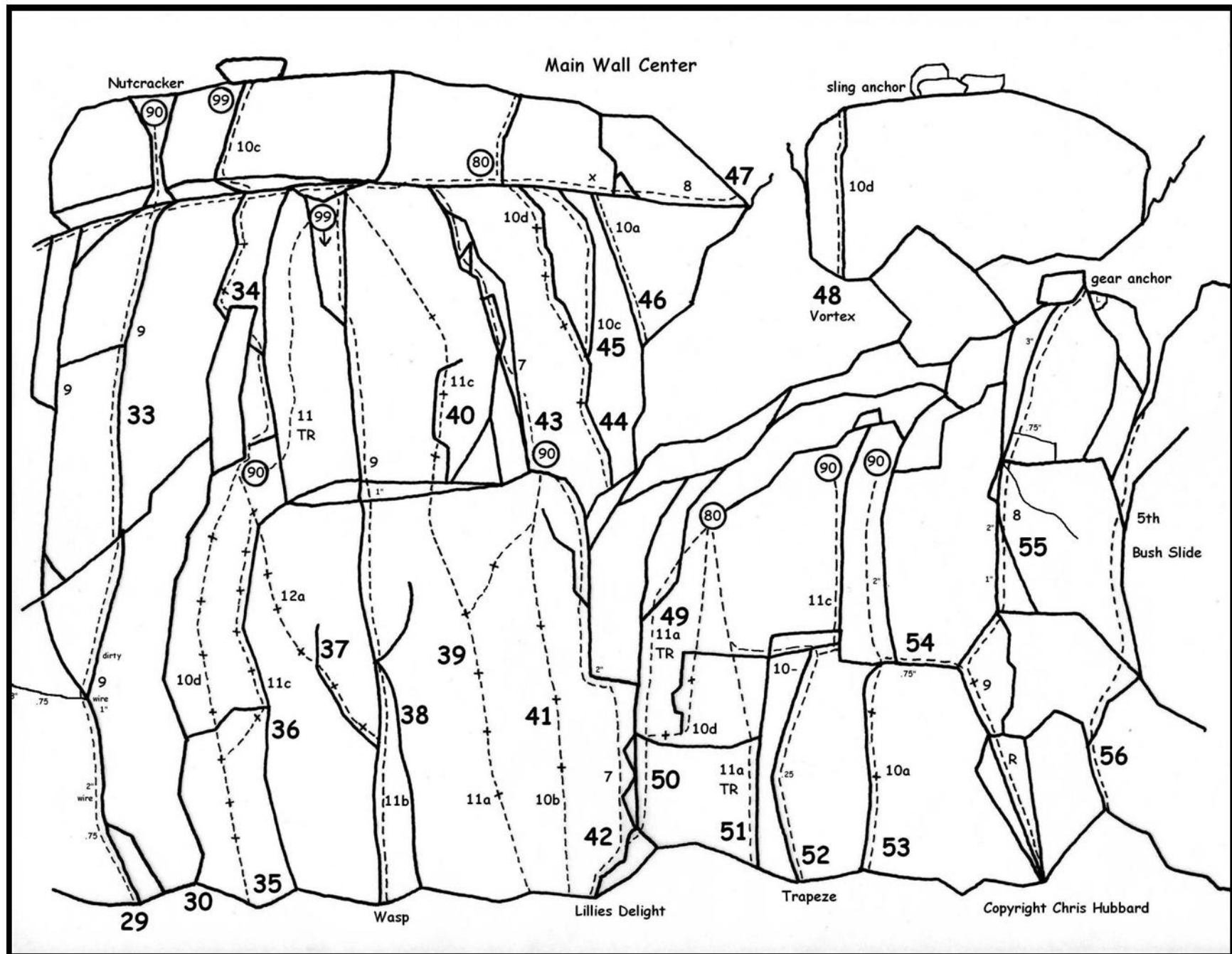
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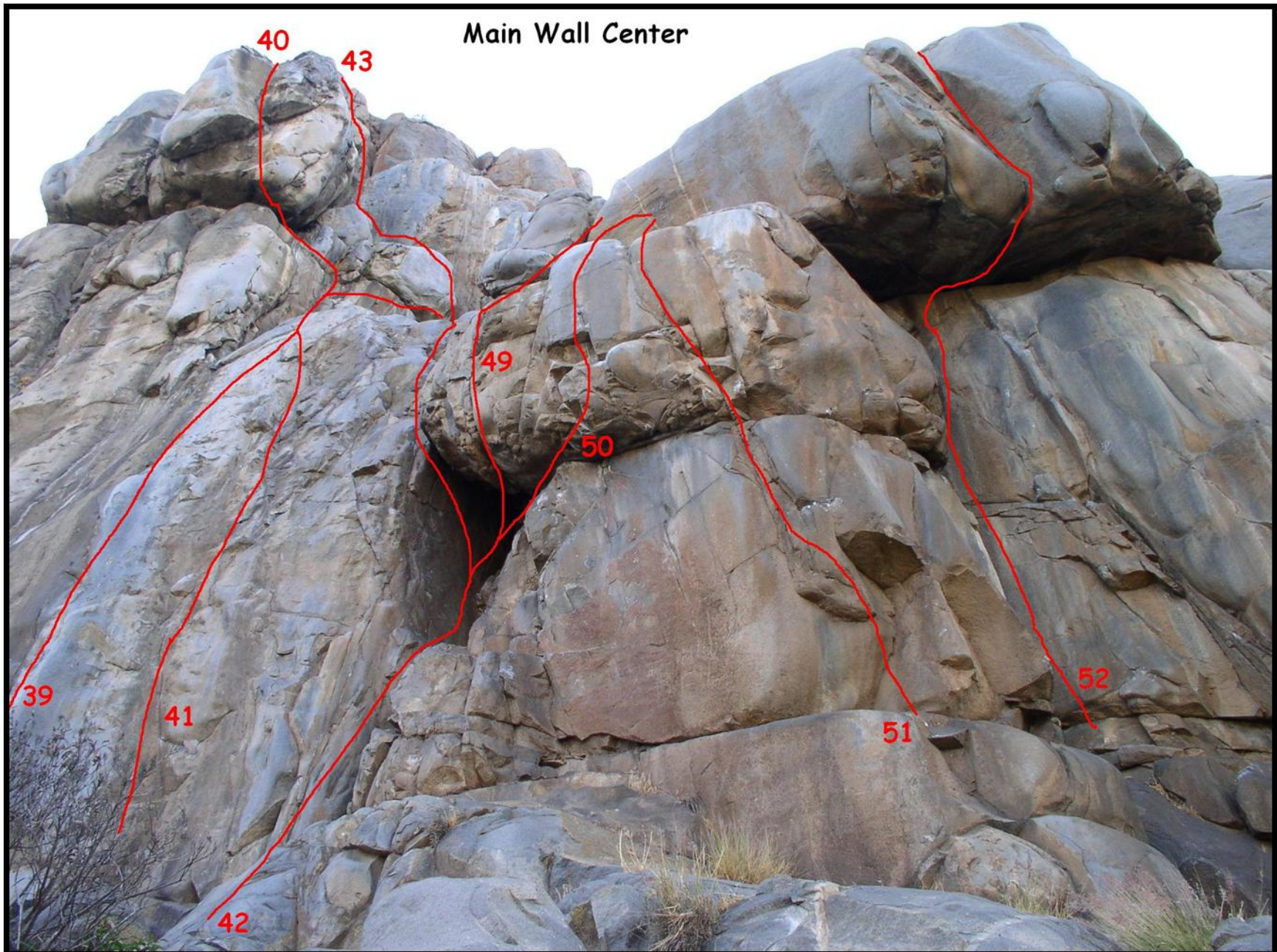
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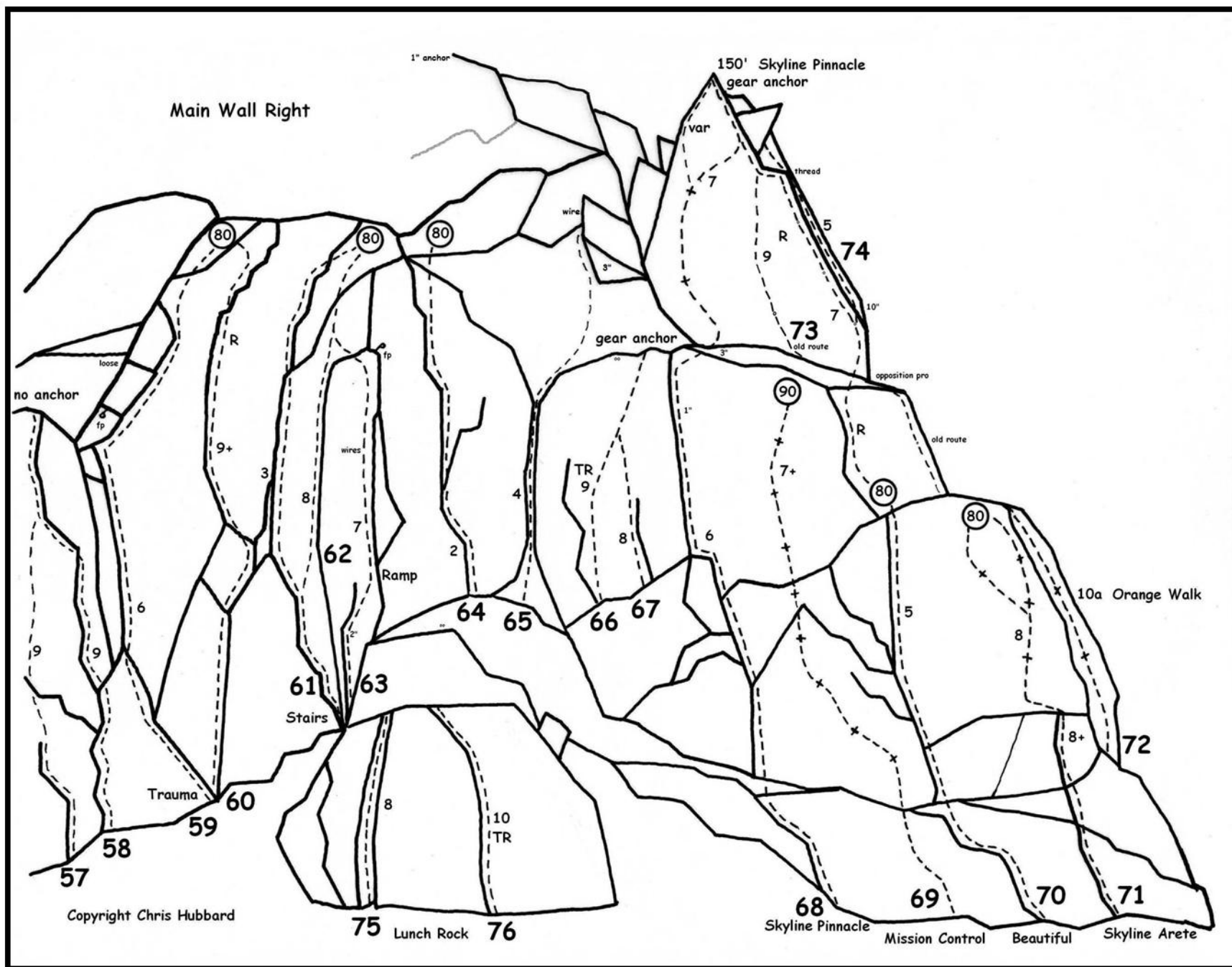


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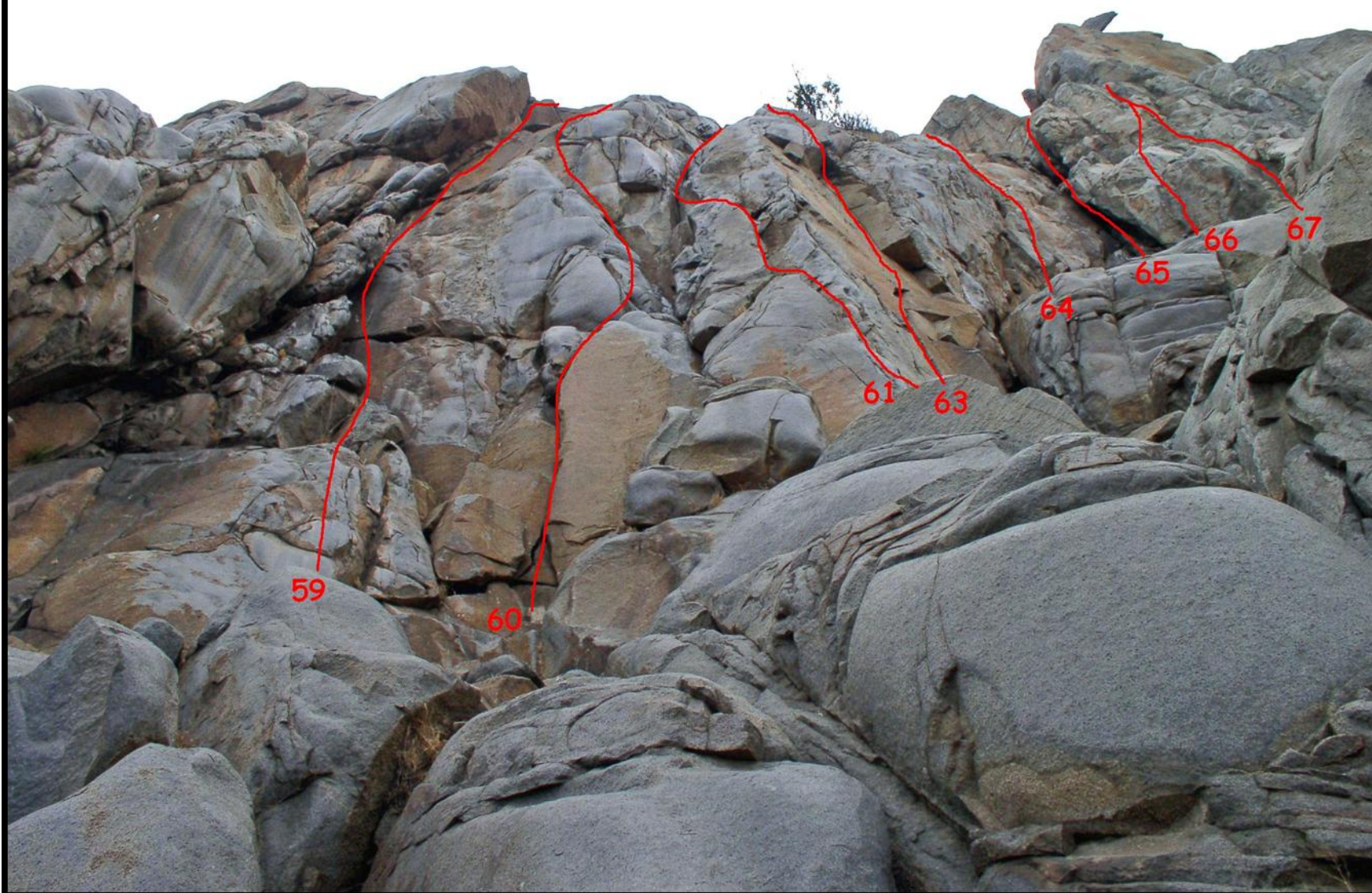
- 34. Rectum Roof** 5.10 A mixed gear route. Two bolts of face climbing to a finger crack and then over the roof to bolt anchors. Small to 3" gear. *FA Werner Landry 1975*
- 35. Escapade** 5.11a Seven bolts to a bolted anchor.
- 36. Quantum Leap** 5.11c After the first two bolts of Escapade trend right for 5 more bolts to the Escapade anchor. *FA Dick Cilley 1989*
- 37. Yellow Jacket** 5.12a Use the first two bolts of The Wasp (#38) trend left and finish at the Escapade (#35) bolted anchor.
- 38. The Wasp** 5.11 A fierce layback start to a classic hand crack up high to the bolted anchor. 100' *FA Frank Noble 1976*
- 39. Defeat** 5.10d A super slippery face. Five bolts to a bolted anchor.
- 40. Buckwheat** 5.11c Alternate finish for The Wasp (#38). Gear and two bolts protect this overhanging prow. *FA Joel Tracey, Gregg Williams and Skip Taylor 1994*
- 41. Empathy** 5.10b Balancy and slick face past 5 bolts to a bolted anchor. *FA Mike Wise and Jim Patterson 1972*
- 42. Lilly's Delight** 5.7 Classic climbing out of the cave and over the roof using the hand crack on gear to 2". Finish up the face at a bolted anchor. *FA Mike Wise and Jim Patterson 1972*
- 43. P-2 for Lilly's Delight** 5.7 Gear lead to bolted anchor at the top of the Wasp. 100' rap. To 3" gear.
- 44. Prime Directive** 5.10c Climb *Sympathy* (#45) crack then left past three bolts to a bolt anchor. Small to medium gear.
- 45. Sympathy** 5.10b Climb the thin crack to the first bolt then continue up to the ledge below the very top to reach the bolt anchors. This is the second pitch for *Empathy* (#41). Small to medium gear. *FA Galen Kirkwood, Bob Van Belle and Mike Paul 1976*
- 46. Washed Out** 5.10a Climb the thin crack on marginal gear then traverse left to the *Prime Directive* (#44) bolted anchor. Small to medium gear or top rope. *FA Thomas Compare 1976*
- 47. Mission Gorge Traverse** 5.8+ A long left to right traverse pitch from the top of The Owl (#24) or right to left from the top of Washed Out (#46). Nice and airy position, but be very careful to arrange for roper pro for the follower. Advanced gear placement. Small to 3" gear. Bolted anchors at either end.
- 48. Vortex** 5.10d Use a sling anchor to top rope this seam. *First climbed by Mike Paul in 1977*
- 49. Left Overture** 5.11a Top rope a rib straight above *Lilly's Delight* (#42) cave. Gear anchor. *FA Ron Amick 1985*
- 50. General Dynamics** 5.10d Head right from *Lilly's Delight* (#42) heelhook over the roof to the bolted anchor. Two bolts and small to medium gear. *FA Ron Amick and Rick Allenby 1985*
- 51. Unnatural Act** 5.11b Toprope this blunt prow from the *General Dynamics* (#50) bolt anchor. *FA Ken Cook 1975*
- 52. Trapeze** 5.11c Stem this gear crack then layback over the roof to the bolt anchor. To 3" gear. *FA Frank Noble 1976*
- 53. Chicken Heart** 5.10b Climb the two bolt face to a 2" crack to bolt anchor. *FA Galen Kirkwood and Bob Van Belle 1976*
- 54. Chicken Fart** 5.9 Climb the V shaped slot to a bolt. Traverse left on gear to the 2" crack and up to the bolted anchor of Chicken Heart (#53) to 3" gear. *FA Doug White 1981*
- 55. Buzzy Fuzzy Pelt** 5.8 Climb the V slot to the bolt. Move straight up the gear cracks with pro up to 2". A 3" piece protects the finish layback, then mantle past the loose block at the top. Gear anchor. Rap off the Trapeze (#52) bolt anchor or scramble off.
- 56. Bush Slide** 5.0 Easy gully for beginners to lead and experts to descend

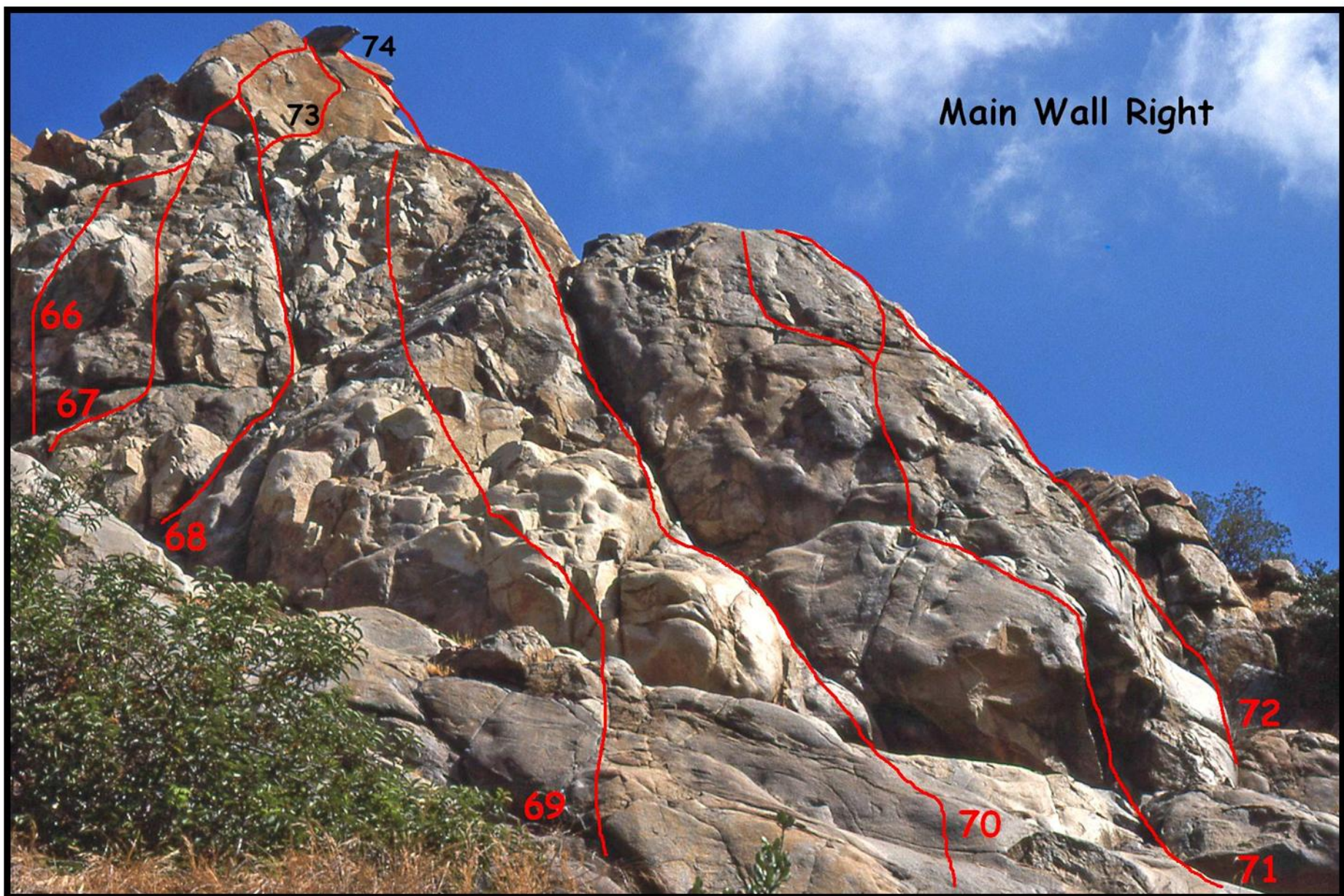
Main Wall Right Route Descriptions (routes 57-76)

- 57. Waiting for Bruce** 5.9 Top rope the rib from a gear anchor. *FA Thomas Compare 1976*
- 58. Your Lead** 5.9 A two bolt short route with a gear anchor. *FA Ken Cook 1976*
- 59. The Trauma** 5.6 Climb the corner dihedral on gear to a bolt anchor. This is the toughest 5.6 lead you will ever do. Up to 3" gear. *FA Steve McKinney and Dan Molnar 1962*
- 60. Clear Light** 5.9 A face top rope or a run out gear lead. Start lower and left of The Stairs (#61). Climb the blocks to a slick ramp and continue up the flakes to *The Trauma* (#59) anchors. *FA Bob Van Belle 1975*
- 61. The Stairs** 5.3 Crack gear to 3" and a bolt anchor. Climb up and left from the start of the Ramp (#63) and turn the corner into the gully to bolt anchors.
- 62. The Ramp Arete** 5.8 top rope. Climb the blunt arête between The Stairs (#61) and The Ramp (#63).
- 63. The Ramp** 5.7 Crack gear to 2". Stem and smear up the classic thin crack on the orange sticky patina. Continue over the small roof and up to the bolt anchors. .5-2" gear. *FA Steve McKinney and Dan Molnar 1962*
- 64. The Steps** 5.2 Start on the ledge up and to the right of The Ramp. Follow the blocky crack to bolt anchors.
- 65. Skyline Chimney** 5.4 Start on the large ledge to the right of *The Steps* up the obvious chimney. Large gear to *The Steps* (#64) bolt anchor or gear anchor on the crack system on the ledge at the top.
- 66.** 5.9 Toprope this face from a gear anchor at the top of Skyline Crack using .75-3" gear. There used to be two bolts here as an anchor.
- 67. Nut Stomp** 5.8 Top rope this face using the gear anchor described in route #66 or do an R rated lead on opposition pro in the lower horizontal crack. Use wires in the slot, one of which you will step on as you pass in order to keep it in place. Marginal horn slings near the top. Continue up the left hand variation of the Skyline Finish arête to a gear anchor. Small to big gear.
- 68. Skyline Pinnacle** 5.7 Climb the splitter hand crack with pro up to 3" to the ledge. Continue past the two bolt finish on the big orange patina pinnacle to a gear anchor. Easy 5th class scramble down to the West.
- 69. Mission Control** 5.7+ Eight bolts protect this beginner lead to a bolt anchor. You must thread the rings and rappel.
- 70. Beautiful** 5.5 An easy mantle into a finger crack to a large ledge and bolt anchors. Small to medium gear. From here continue up a short run out face to the next ledge. Use opposition pro in the horizontal crack at the base to protect *The Freak Finish* a run out beautiful layback arête using a 1" and 2" piece at the small horizontal break halfway up the pinnacle. Gear anchor at the top. Easy 4th class scramble down to the West.
- 71. Skyline Arete** 5.8+ Tough moves out of the overhang. Then go past three bolts on the face and up the prow or do the left hand variation on the middle of the face to bolt anchors on the ledge. Gear to 1" for the beginning moves.
- 72. Orange Walk** 5.10b A thin face on patina rock with two bolts up to the *Skyline Arete* (#71) bolt anchors. Rap or scramble off to the right. *FA Eric Beck 1964*
- 73. Fine Triangular Block** 5.9 The orange block used to have a bolt in the center to protect a middle ascent. You can do this variation as a Skyline Pinnacle finish or as a top rope using a gear anchor at the top of the block.
- 74. The Freak Finish** 5.7 See the extended finish for Beautiful (#70) for a description.
- 75. Lunch Rock Crack** 5.8 Offwidth on the left. Gear anchor.
- 76. Lunch Rock Slab** 5.10a Hard left leaning ramp in the middle of the rock. Gear anchor. *FA Jim Bridwell 1973*



Main Wall Right





Main Wall Right
Orange Walk



The Thumb
Free four bolts 5.12
Aid five bolts A-2

