

Shannon Falls Provincial Park

2011 new routes & overhauls

A beginner-friendly trad area. *Skywalker* is an excellent introductory multipitch climb. Generous protection & good belay stances (all belays bolted). Standard Squamish rack to 3" with 2x to 3x in the small sizes. Walk off descent (option to rappel descend in first 3 pitches with a single 60m rope). Be sure to visit the waterfall pools, a 1-minute walk north (L) from where the descent trail meets the old growth forest. The Local Boys cragging area offers a number of inviting moderates.

Approach: Park at the Shannon Falls Provincial Park. Walk back along the road for 200m. 50m before Highway 99, find the trail to Klahane Crack beside a yellow sign that says "BC, Idle Free". Five mins from there to the base.

new *Skywalker*: 5 pitches, 5.8 **new**

(variations to 10b)

FA (parts of pitch 2-3): Forked Flume: Dick Culbert, Mike Warr (1967); cleaned & FA (2011): Jeremy Frimer helped by Damien McCombs, Brendan Baggio, Aaron Kristiansen, Luke Cormier, Jia Condon, John Anderson, Harry Young, Glen Woloski, Martin Chabot, and Matt Parker.

pitch 1. 5.7. 30m. Start in a left-facing corner (slow to dry), face climbing past a bolt to gain a face crack. At 15m height, slab traverse rightward (2 bolts) to an easy crack.

pitch 2. 5.8. 25m. *The Flume*. Climb the prominent left-facing corner (finger-sized crack). Belay on a small ledge 5m below where two major crack systems fork.

original start (var.) 5.10a. From the belay, step left and make a powerful move up a thin crack. Follow the easier crack above to join up with the *The Flume* after 15m.

pitch 3. 5.7. 30m. *The Fork*. Take the right fork, up a technical ramp (lots of small gear) to easier terrain before a sting in the tail just below the belay. (Bail option: 3x30m rappels to the ground.)

Dr. Watts (var.) 10b, 30m. Move right on a slab to belay on a comfortable ledge (10m). Climb a finger crack, crack switch right, then tackle the thin crux (bolts) to rejoin *Skywalker*.

EPB (var.) 10a. 40m. The left fork. Layback up a bulge, then dance up a thin seam on the open face. Outstanding. Walk off.

pitch 4. 5.6. 20m. *Skywalker*. Traverse horizontally rightward on a well-protected but exposed slab, which eventually becomes more like a sidewalk. Don't forget to protect for the second.

pitch 5. 5.4. 30m. Climb a short crack past stumps, then meander up a featured face/slab.

Local Boys Slab (cragging)

- A. **Local Boys Do Good. 10b, 11a, 10a. 3p.** Classic bolt-protected slab. FA ~ 1982.
- B. **Klahane Crack. 5.7. 30m.** Tight hand crack. Splitter. unknown FA.
- C. **Split Decision. 10a. 30m.** A tight hand crack to a technical arch (crux). 4 bolts + gear to 1". FA J. Frimer 2011.
- D. **Urine Too Deep. 5.8.** Start as for *Split Decision* then follow a dyke to *Cardhu Crack*. FA in 1996. Recleaned 2011.
- E. **Dirty Dickey. 5.8. 30m.** Start as for *Cardhu Crack* then follow a lovely, tight hand crack, then step left into a shallow corner. FA in 2000. Recleaned 2011.
- F. **Cardhu Crack. 5.8. 35m.** A long finger- and hand- crack. FA in 1997. Recleaned 2011.

