



first summit and descent trail

THE UPPER BLACK DYKE

4p, 5.10b

Gear: 10 draws, helmet, (optional single set of finger- to hand-sized cams)

Approach: via any route or backside trail to Bellygood Ledge.

Descent: Backside trail.

Pitch 1: 5.10a, 30m, 8 bolts. Climb up the dyke past 2 bolts to a granite rail. Foot traverse the rail, then climb up a steep, sustained wall (crux) to a ledge and easier ground.

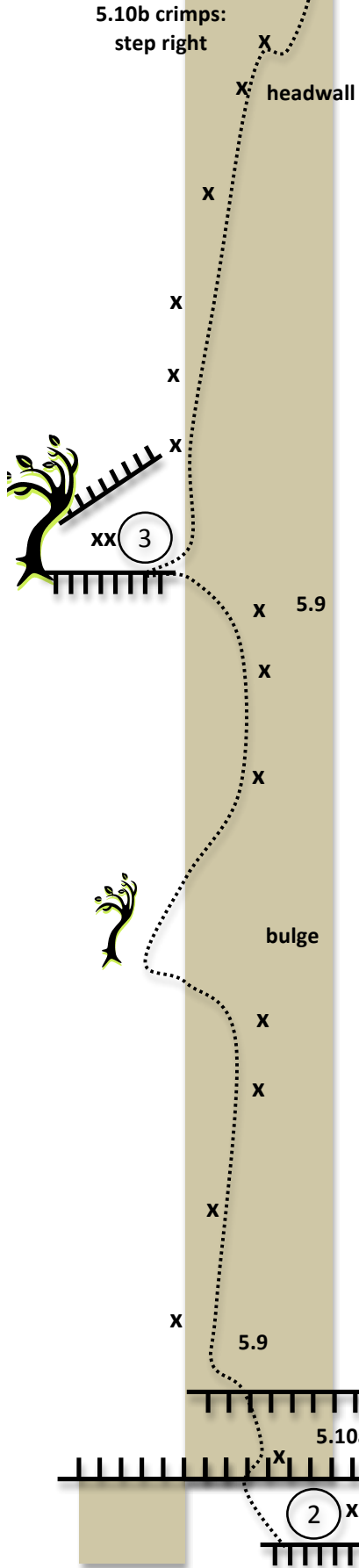
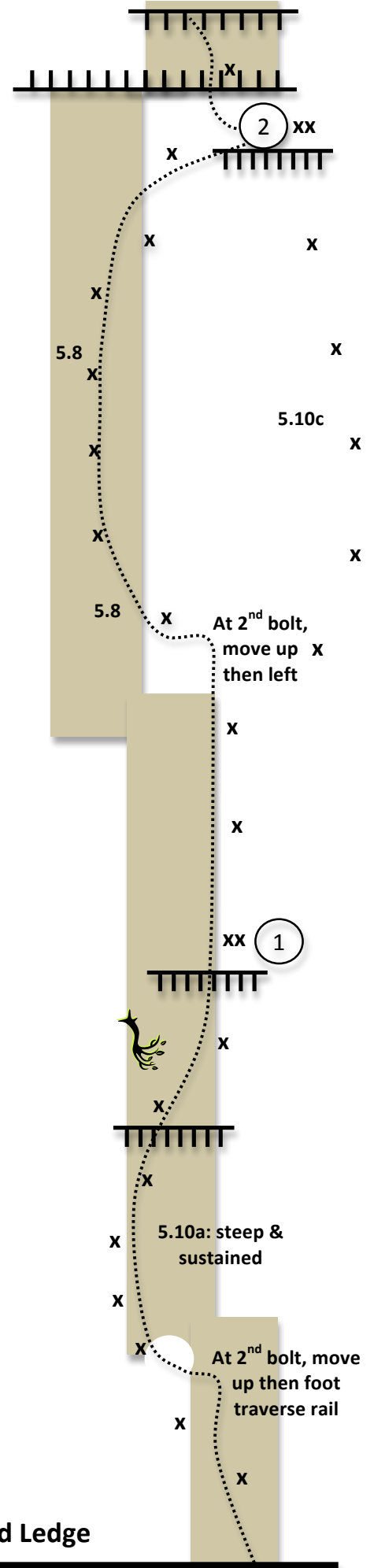
Pitch 2: 5.8, 45m, 9 bolts + optional gear. Climb straight up along the right margin of the dyke. At the second bolt, move up to then left to regain the dyke at a 5.8 move. Follow the dyke up rambling jugs before traversing rightward to belay below a big roof.

Pitch 2 variation: at the second bolt, climb right along a small dyke and then up. High quality, sustained, run-out 5.10c.

Pitch 3: 5.10a, 45m, 8 bolts. Climb up to the roof, find the jugs, and pull over (10a) to a ledge. Climb off the ledge (5.9 move) up the centre of the dyke to a bulge. Skirt the bulge by exiting the dyke to the left, then ramble up to a final 5.9 headwall before moving left to belay beside a tree.

Pitch 4: 5.10b, 25m, 6 bolts + optional gear. Climb up the left edge of the dyke to a steep headwall. At the final bolt, step right and pull up on crimps (crux) before topping out on the Grand Wall.

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Bellygood Ledge