



# Olesen Creek Wall

developed in 2009 by Damien McCombs, Brock Wilson, & Jeremy Frimer

**Gear:** doubles to 3" single 70m rope recommended

**Approach:** 10 minutes.

Walk up the backside trail to the long set of stairs. Mid-way up the stairs, turn right to cross Olesen Creek on the bridge to Shannon Falls. About 30m past the bridge, turn off the Shannon Falls trail and walk steeply uphill on a rough trail, past flagging tape, for a few minutes to the base of the crag.

## Multipitch Climb

**Wire Tap:** 5p, 5.10a (all stations are fixed)

### Pitch 1: 5.10a, 35m

Start just left of a large boulder. Climb the most prominent crack system on the face, using secondary cracks on the left when the crack pinches down (5.8). Finish in an appealing splitter (10a). To keep the grade at 5.8, step right before the crux and use the chains on *Rumble in the Jungle*.

### Pitch 2: 5.7, 15m

Move up and right to a shallow corner, which leads to a ledge. Walk right on the ledge to a memorable belay seat.

### Pitch 3: 5.10a, 20m

Jam up a splendid handcrack, which becomes more technical and delicate with height.

### Pitch 4: 5.8, 20m

Climb a short corner then highly featured dyke before stepping out left onto an exposed, well-featured face.

### Pitch 5: 5.9, 25m

Pad up a slabby, bolt-protected arête to an overlap. Pull onto the final slab and climb a short crack to the top of Olesen Creek Wall.

**Descent:** Four rappels with a single 70m rope (a 60m rope just makes it).

## Base Crag

All routes can be linked into *Wire Tap*. From L to R...

- Hearsay.** 5.10b, 35m. A right-facing corner followed by a short left-facing corner. rack to 3". FA Jeremy Frimer & Damien McCombs
- Eavesdrop.** 5.11a. 30m. Start just right of the boulder at the base. Climb discontinuous cracks to a thin, technical face. FA Damien McCombs & Alex Forest; FFA Tony McLane & Ian Bennett
- Rumble in the Jungle.** 5.8, 30m. Follows the arching, blocky, corner on the left side of Ali Pillar. The dark chimney near the top has 3 bolts for protection and is easier than it looks. rack to 2". FA Jeremy Frimer & Damien McCombs. *Sting like a Bee* variation: below the chimney, move right along a finger rail to join route 4 for its exciting, overhanging, fingery finish (11a).
- Float like a Butterfly, Sting like a Bee.** 5.11c, 35m. Float up the arête making up the left side of the pillar past 4 bolts (11c) before stepping left, and sting the overhanging finger crack rail (11a). rack: 2 x tiny (gray TCU/black alien) to 1" FA Kelly Franz, Katy Holm.
- Thriller on the Pillar.** 5.10b, 35m. Climb finger to hand sized cracks on the face of Ali Pillar, making several crack switches left. A few face moves left lead to the chains. rack to 3". FA Jeremy Frimer & Damien McCombs.
- (future project).** 50m. The right side of Ali Pillar

