

100a) The Diving Board *5.11b, 125m.**

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This is an excellent climb that follows a series of cracks to the left of the route Pangolin on the East End. There is excellent position and exposure from this steep route. It was established mostly top down affair due to the extensive amounts of cleaning required to remove bad rock allowing this route to be climbed and not die trying. A total of 24 hours was needed over three days to complete the necessary cleaning and scaling removing thousands of pounds of bad rock and dirt. What was eventually left behind should rapidly become a classic, due to the consistently graded 5.10 and low 5.11 and quality climbing afforded by this route. The climb was lead via rope soloing on the fourth day of effort. All belays are bolted with two ring bolts. All of the pitches take a variety of clean gear in addition to the minimal bolting. With double ropes it is possible to combine pitches 2 & 3 and pitches 4 & 5 to do this route in as little as three pitches.

Climbers will want a "Standard Yam Rack" and this should include a set of micro-cams, double cams from 1" - 3" and a single 3.5" - 4".

To start: locate a dead tree just above the base trail 25m west of Pangolin. The climb starts on the wall directly behind this tree and bolts are visible from the base trail.

P1: 5.10c, 25m. Climb and intermittent seam (micro cams) to the first bolt. Make awkward moves up over hollow sounding blocks to a second bolt. Thin moves up and slightly right to a bolt then climb the face between two shallow corners directly to a big ledge below a roof to belay.

P2: 5.11b, 20m. Make a difficult move to hand jam a slot in the roof (bolt on the right), burly moves continue through roof to a second bolt. Climb the obvious crack above to a semi-hanging belay off ring-bolts.

P3: 5.11a, 25m. Take some fragile rock past three bolts and overcome a small roof above the belay. Climb the crack with increasing difficulty to a off-hands section. Two bolts protect the final section of bulging face to a large ledge to belay. This belay is shared with Pangolin which arrives from the right.

P4: 5.11a, 30m. Make thin technical moves up to a bolt left of the belay. Climb an intermittent seam directly up through an overlap to gain a slab. Traverse up and left to a large semi-detached block. Jam past the block on the right to gain a crack up a shallow corner. Above the corner move slightly right into another crack and make physical overhanging moves to gain a semi-hanging belay.

P5: 5.11a, 25m. Clip a bolt directly above the belay and climb the overhanging corner (1.5" gear) to a bulge move left to the top of block then traverse up and right past a bolt to a second corner. Climb this shallow corner which eases after 10m to a belay just below the lip of the wall.