

Black Band Area:

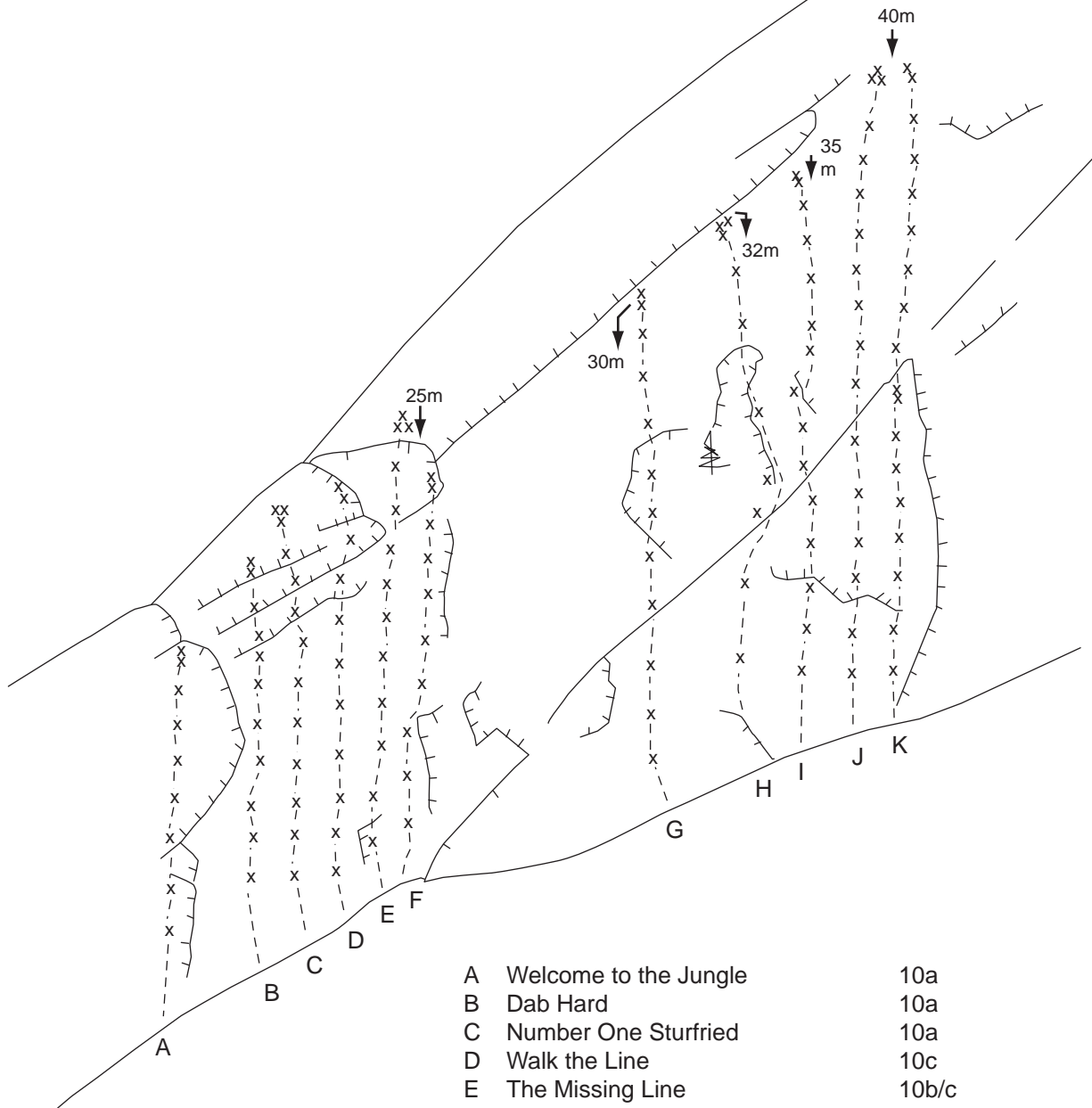
This is a small cliff *now with much more than 5* sport routes that is ideal for early season climbing. The approach takes about 15 minutes and the crag is a sun-trap, sheltered from the wind.

Approach: Climbs on the south side of Tunnel Mountain are reached from the small parking area at the corner of Buffalo Street and Tunnel Mountain Drive opposite the raised timber viewpoint for Bow Falls. From the parking area follow a large trail heading east (Hoodoo Trail) that slowly descends to the valley floor. Continue past the Gonda Roof area until a major side channel of the Bow River is reached (about 10 minutes). The river channel bends sharply to the right at this point and there is a small sandy beach.

Leave the main trail just past the beach and walk diagonally left away from the river passing a large Douglas fir at the foot of the slope. Locate a small trail (cairn) that zigzags up the slope towards the lower left end of the cliff a few minutes from the river.

Climbs: The climbs were established ground-up and very little cleaning was done. Currently, there are quite a few loose, flaky holds that make the climbing somewhat unnerving. However, the bolts are well-placed and the climbs should clean up with use. The crag's sunny and sheltered aspect should make it a popular early and late season destination.

Lower Black Band



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| A | Welcome to the Jungle | 10a |
| B | Dab Hard | 10a |
| C | Number One Sturfried | 10a |
| D | Walk the Line | 10c |
| E | The Missing Line | 10b/c |
| F | Farrago | 9 |
| G | Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bear? | 10b |
| H | The Force | 8 |
| I | Fifth Business | 11a |
| J | One Brick in the Wall | 10c |
| K | Saving Grace | 10c/d |

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