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GUIDES ROCK - THE WANDERER - 5.9

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GEAR

10 draws and 5 alpine draws. 15 clips total. 60 m rope (70 m rope beneficial for descent).

APPROACH

The route is to the left of Sea of Dreams but starts below the gear up ledge for that route, at the lowest part of the cliff. Approach as for all Guides Rock routes but cut left sooner and traverse below the lowest slabs (below the typical gear up ledge). At the end of the slabs, where the gravelly terrain starts and below a large corner system on the upper wall, go up a 3rd class gully and/or a broken rib for 15 m to the base of steeper climbing on an arête (2 bolt anchor).

CLIMB

P1 5.7. The Millionaire Guide. Climb the arête for 23 m to ledges, then make a few steps right to an anchor. 9 bolts, 25 m.

P2 5.7. The Rax. Climb the face to the right. 7 bolts, 25 m. For the descent note the chained rap anchor to the right.

P3 5.9. Sly Methods. Climb straight up the face to a roof, make a step right across a slab, then finish on the last few bolts of P3 of Sea of Dreams. 13 bolts, 33 m.

P4 5.9. Hunter of Bear. Climb the shallow corner on the left. 10 bolts, 25 m.

P5 5.7. Easy Come Easy Go. Climb the face on the right, crossing the final pitch of Three Roofs partway up. Pass a rap anchor and climb the slab up and right. 10 bolts, 37 m.

The final bolt on P5 may be used to access the top of the cliff for both Turf Wars and Sea of Dreams.

DESCENT

R1 Down and left 15 m

R2 Down and left 25 m

R3 Straight down 25 m

R4 Straight down to a chain in the big corner off the climbing line, 30 m stretcher (put knots in rope); or to the top of P2 **32 m**.

R5 Either down the big corner to the anchor at the base of Sea of Dreams (on the normal gear up ledge), 30 m; or to the top of P1, 30 m

R6 From the Sea of Dreams anchor straight down for 30m gets you into a few metres of 3rd class down climbing, 35 m gets you to the very bottom. Or rap 30 m to the anchor at the base of the route and down climb 15 m of 3rd class to the base of the wall.

THE NAMES

This is Guides Rock and we wanted to name the route for a guide. The obvious person is of course Conrad Kain. Kain sometimes signed his letters as “The Wanderer” because he traveled so much (*Conrad Kain, Letters from a Wandering Mountain Guide, 1906-1933*). Individual pitches were named after some of the stories in his autobiography (*Where The Clouds Can Go*).

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