

PAPOOSE BACKSIDE

Excited to release the topo's for a dozen new mixed/traditional pitches ranging from 5.6 to 5.12 on the north/east sides of the Papoose, on the cliffs between "The Apprentice" and "Baby Bum" as described in the McLane guide.

The 2nd pitch of Condo Crack is clearly visible from the highway. BRING 70m ROPE !!!

Take the Papoose Descent trail for ~5 mins to an obvious left fork near the base of the Corner Unit area on the north end. 2 more mins will take you to the backside climbs. 5-7 min walk from the car.

Feedback is welcome and grades may settle out but should be pretty accurate. Afternoon shade... get up there!

Routes:

In order from right to left, as encountered: Corner Unit 5.8, Income Suite 5.10a, Strata Fees 5.9, Condo Crack 5.6 (2 pitches), Not Too Slabby 5.11a, Scared To Smear 5.7, Just Wanna Jam 5.12a, Glacial Facial 5.11c, The Groove Tube 5.8 (2 pitches), Baby Bum 5.12d (Peter Croft 1987)





Condo Crack P2 (32m)
Rappel with 70m or walk off south along ridge until you reach Papoose Descent trail.

Condo Crack 5.6 (2 Pitches) ****
SR to 3"
One of the better novice multipitch crack climbs in Squamish. Enjoy great views and easy but fun movement on excellent stone.
P1- Climb the pleasant handcrack to the big ledge. 5.6 (34m)
P2- Move belay 10m left and climb finger cracks past a few horizontal breaks. Rappel or walk off south to reach Papoose Descent. (32m)

Strata Fees 5.9 (34m) ***
3 bolts, SR to 2"
A ramp leads up to a bolt below a faint crackline. Tricky moves past another bolt take you to a horizontal, another bolt, and a layback crack up high. Either anchor can be used.

Income Suite 5.10a (34m) **
6 bolts, SR to 2"
Climb the crack up to ledge. Slab climb past 5 bolts and merge left into Strata Fees.

Corner Unit 5.8 (33m)****
6 bolts, SR to 2"
Take the right-most crack and mantle past horizontals to the featured arête.

Papoose Backside Approach:

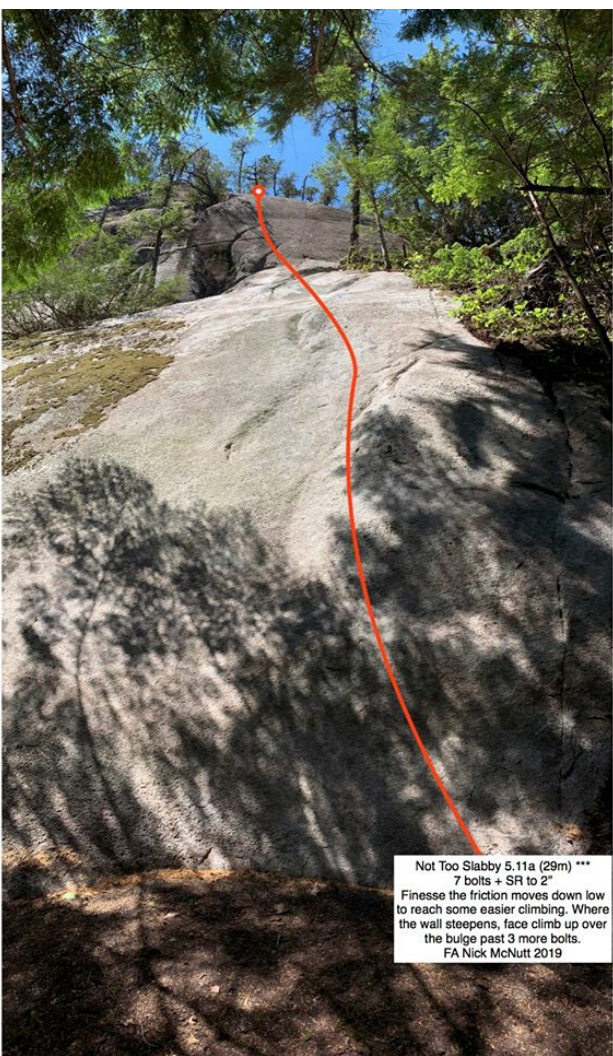
Walk up Papoose Descent trail (stay left and take short rope pull just after gravel steps, going right takes you to frontside climbs) to a left fork near the base of Corner Unit (5 mins from car). If you see a large wall with one bolted 5.9 ("The Apprentice") you missed the turnoff.

The rest of the climbs are beyond Condo Crack, 2 more mins.

Corner Unit Area:

Routes are long, use 70m rope!

-There are 2 bolted anchors above the lower pitches, Strata Fees/Income Suite can be climbed to either station.
Condo Crack P2 can be reached from any of the lower climbs, move 10m left along ledge to bolted station at the bottom. A walk off to the south, gaining the descent trail is possible (5 mins), or rappel with 70m rope if not crowded.
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Not Too Slabby 5.11a (29m) ***
7 bolts + SR to 2"
Finesse the friction moves down low to reach some easier climbing. Where the wall steepens, face climb up over the bulge past 3 more bolts.
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Just Wanna Jam 5.12a (27m) **
6 bolts, SR to 2"
Moderate climbing past 3 bolts leads to a ledge. A tricky slab section guards the direct line into the hand crack above. The left variation steps across into a finger crack and keeps things a little more sustained.
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Scared to Smear 5.7 (27m) *
SR 0.5"-3"
Climb a low-5th groove past a stump to a ledge. Step up left avoiding the chimney. Be careful as the rock quality in the chimney system is poor.
Variation (5.9)**: A good small TCU protects a move left to gain the hand crack on J.W.J.
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Glacial Facial 5.11c (26m) ****
 5 bolts, SR to 1.5"
 A short finger crack leads to a mantle using scoops past a bolt and up to a ledge. Climb the polished, steep face above using pockets and cracks past a couple of bolts, moving left across an easier slab to the anchor. Save some small finger-sized cams for after the bolts.
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The Groove Tube 5.8 (55m or 2 pitches) ***
 8 Bolts, SR to 3" and extra draws if linking pitches
 -Pitch 1: Follow bolts up and right through interesting features up the polished slab. Head up the groove and pull a tricky move past a bolt. Step right to an anchor, or continue straight up for a full 55m pitch
 -Pitch 2: Climb enjoyable hand cracks up until forced right through some easy bulges. The anchor is on the highest ledge. 2 rappels get you back to the base area.
 -A second upper pitch option climbs right from the mid-way anchor up a stepped crack, 5.7 (SR)
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