

## The Ghost – Epitaph Wall

### **Eidolon 5.10c, 7 Pitches, 240m, Mixed (Gear + Bolts)**

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**Gear:** Set of nuts, a few micro cams, double rack to #2, and a single #3. 14 alpine draws.

#### **Approach:**

The start of the route is located just to the east of The Wraith (~20m). Standard approach for Epitaph Wall as described in Andy Genereux's *Ghost River Rock Climbs* guidebook. You will see a left facing corner/crack. Look for single bolt a few meters off the ground on slab ramp below left facing corner/crack and roof block.

#### **Pitch 1: 5.9/10a, 35m. 1 bolt + gear**

Climb up past the bolt and pull a small roof block at ~15m to gain the obvious corner/crack. Continue up crack until it opens onto a ledge with pedestal. Trend right and climb up a few meters through blocks to bolted anchor on right side of an alcove.

#### **Pitch 2: 5.9/10a, 35m, 5 bolts + gear**

From belay, step above anchor then immediately move right onto big ledge(s). Follow easy ground upwards to 1<sup>st</sup> bolt on large block. Traverse left to 2<sup>nd</sup> bolt on face, then make difficult move over bulge (crux). Continue up slab with bolts and some horizontal cracks for gear, trending up and left into shallow corner. Before overhang at 5<sup>th</sup> bolt, move right around rib and into a left facing corner crack with blocky bulge. After overcoming bulge trend back left across lower angle slab up to bolted anchor on ledge/shallow alcove above drainage.

#### **Pitch 3: 5.9, 35m, 5 bolts + gear**

Climb up and right from anchor following blocky crack/corner to top of pedestal and bolt on face. Step onto face and climb to top of small pinnacle. Continue up face and pull the lip onto a large scree ledge, clipping bolt. From ledge, follow the easy corner up and right a few meters (#3 placement if wanted). Head back left through bolt on face. Continue traversing left then up onto big ledge to bolted anchor at the back on yellow rock.

#### **Pitch 4: 5.4. 27m**

Traverse up right through low angle gully with loose rocks (careful). At top of gully, step down and then squeeze through tall wide crack between wall and large detached pinnacle. On other side of the squeeze, down climb a few meters to good ledge and bolted anchor out right.

#### **Pitch 5: 5.10a. 33m. 7 bolts + gear**

Climb up and right on broken ground through 2 bolts. At 2<sup>nd</sup> bolt, climb straight up through steeper terrain with 2 bolts and gear. Continue up trending right below roof to a 5<sup>th</sup> bolt (runout). After climbing up and circumventing the roof, make exposed step back left on slab then climb up through 2 more bolts. At last bolt, traverse right to bolted anchor in corner.

#### **Pitch 6: 5.10c. 33m. 8 bolts + gear**

From station, climb around right and up onto face to a 1<sup>st</sup> bolt (runout). Continue up through steep corner/dihedral using bolts and gear to a vertical left facing corner. Follow corner on thin holds to below yellow roof. Make thin moves back out left on face (crux, protected by 3 bolts). Climb up thin flake and ledges to a final bolt, then onto bolted anchor with good stance below a roof.

#### **Pitch 7: 5.8. 42m. 3 bolts + gear**

Climb up and left over rib from station into final gully. Traverse left through 2 bolts on face. Climb up face and shallow crack up to a deep drainage. Follow drainage up and left. Near top, where drainage/corner splits off, step out right and climb up middle face to a 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt. Continue up to bolted anchor left of small tree.

#### **Descent:**

Scramble up scree to top. Walk west and take standard descent/rappel route down the Bonanza Gully, as described in the guidebook. Cleaning efforts have been made to facilitate retreat/rappel off route from top of pitch 6 and below. However traditional Bonanza descent is recommended.









