

GUIDES ROCK - THE KRANABITTER ROUTE - 5.7

FA

Rumoured FA by Rudi Kranabitter in the distant past. Apparently he climbed it with two bong pitons for anchors and in a pair of Galibier Super Guide boots.

GEAR

Wires, micro-cams, small to large cams with doubles from 25-115 mm. Triples from 30-85 mm helpful.

There are no bolts on this route.

APPROACH

The route starts in the crack to the right of Cheese Grater on the Take It For Granite cliff at Guides Rock. Take the normal approach trail.

CLIMB

P1 5.6. Climb the crack to a ledge. Save a 115 mm cam for the anchor. 50 m.

P2 5.6. Continue up the crack. Pass the Cheese Grater bolt anchor on the left and go up a short corner (ignore the bolts for Cheese Grater, there are good cam placements). Pass a loose ledge on the right and go to the second ledge. Move right a few metres and slightly down before making a few moves up to a ledge at the base of a corner. 20 m. Going too far right gets you on to Take It For Granite too soon.

P3 5.7. Make crux moves up the corner. At some blocky ground leave the crack system (which eventually turns into the Jilly Bean route) and climb up and right to another crack system on the right (the upper part of the top pitch of Take It For Granite). Continue up this wide crack to the top. Purists will belay off trees on the left. Others will choose to use the bolt anchor at the top of Cheese Grater. 50 m.

DESCENT

Four 30m raps down Cheese Grater.

You may also continue climbing by joining the upper four pitches of Aftonroe.

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