

MEMORY LANE, 280M, 5.11B A0, or 5.11D,

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LOCATION:

Canmore Wall, Ehagay Nakoda Massif, Canmore, AB, Canada.

INTRODUCTION:

Michele Hueber and Mirko Arcais, two friends and climbing partners from Trentino (North Italy), started developing this fully bolted sport route in summer 2021, and placed the last bolt in September 2022.

The route starts at a single bolt belay in the broad gully, close to the existing route "Lex", about 50m left from the west ridge, and it follows the right-hand side of a prominent groove which runs for the entire length of the wall.

The line offers great variety, with face climbing, stemming and overhangs. It also provides a straightforward rappel line for the west end of the cliff.

The rock quality is above average for the area, and it is mostly solid from the third pitch up, but as for any other route in the Rockies, it will need some traffic to clean up properly.

The wall is facing East, and it gets early sun in the morning and full shade in the afternoon.

An old bolt with an old carabiner was found at the base of the upper wall on top of pitch 4, probably from an early attempt.

APPROACH:

From the Kamenka Green - Wilson Way junction walk west for about 150m and from there work your way up the forest until you will find a gully. A steep trail marked with red tags on the right-hand side of the gully will quickly take you to the Highline trail. head east from there for about 20m past the gully and locate a steep trail that climbs on its left-hand side. Follow this trail as far up as you can, and about 100m below the wall, cross the gully and start working your way up and west to the lower buttress 50m from the west ridge. Locate a narrow left ramp that leads to a single bolt belay in the broad gully beside the lower buttress.

GEAR:

Single 70m rope, 11 quickdraws, 3 alpine draws

DESCRIPTION:

P1 - 30m, 5.2, 1 bolt. Easily climb up and right past a bolt to a chain anchor.

P2 - 35m, 5.7, 11 bolts. Step right into the groove and follow it until it steepens. From there, traverse right for a few moves and step up to a chain anchor.

P3 - 25m, 5.10A, 11 bolts. Climb straight up the steep wall to a chain anchor on the ridge of the lower buttress. This is mostly steep 5.9 climbing, with a 5.10A move by the last bolt.

P4 - 37m, 5.6, 8 bolts. Ignore the bolt above the station and walk left to go climb the shady north facing wall and work your way to the base of the impressive upper wall and a chain anchor. Ignore the two-bolt station on the left.

P5 - 25m, 5.10B, 11 bolts. Step left, ignore the two-bolt station and step up to the next bolt. Work your way up and right to gain a layback crack and a traverse left over a huge block to a chain anchor in the prominent groove.

P6 - 25m, 5.10D, 13 bolts. This pitch is sustained at its grade all the way to the top and it provides some excellent climbing inside the prominent groove. Stem your way up the groove, the left wall and the groove provide most of the holds and the right wall provides great back rests. step right onto the face higher up to reach the chain anchor. This pitch is done best without a pack.

P7 - 15m, 5.11A-A0, or 5.11D, 9 bolts. The crux of the route. Originally the line was going to be climbed on the right-hand side of the overhang right above the belay, but unfortunately a key hold decided to fly downtown and it made it a lot harder (Maybe 5.12-13??). If these moves don't work out then the best way is to clip the first 4 bolts, get lowered down, and climb the left-hand side of the overhang using tiny holds to reach an amazing flake above the bulge. A few more tricky moves will get you to a chain anchor.

P8 - 30m, 5.10C, 11 bolts. Easily climb the wall directly above to a bulge. Pull a couple of 5.10C moves and follow easier terrain to a large bay and a chain anchor.

P9 - 25m, 5.11B, 12 bolts. Thin holds will lead you to the impressive overhang. Power your way through it and climb easier rock above to a chain anchor.

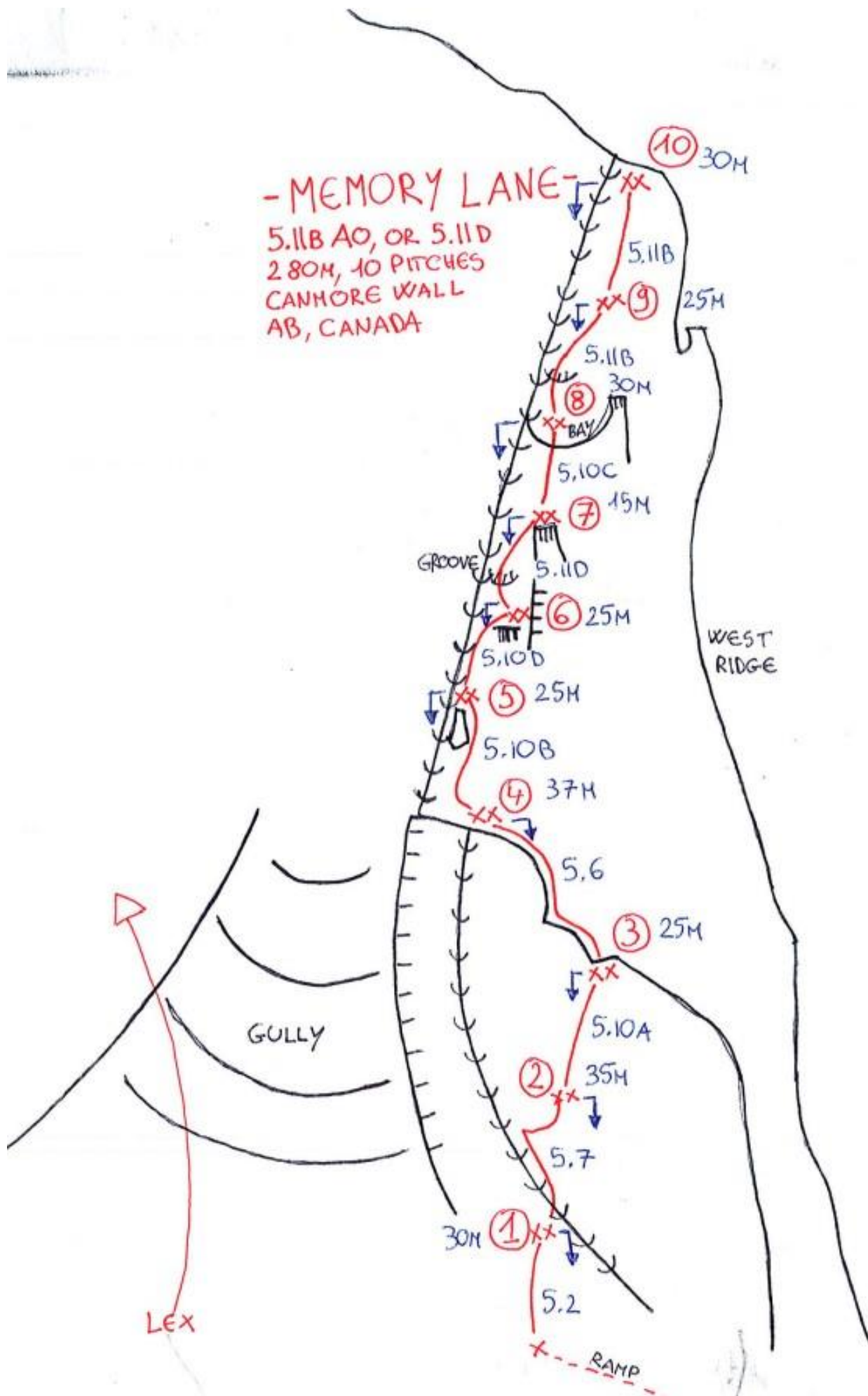
P10 - 30m, 5.11B, 10 bolts. The rock quality of this pitch is excellent, extremely sharp and grippy. The hardest moves are between the first and the second bolt. Follow easier rock and beautiful water runnels all the way to the top.

DESCENT:

Reverse the route and tie knots. All the anchors are set up for rappels. with a 70m rope the 7th rappel (between station 3 & 4) will take you to a comfortable ledge on the lower buttress a couple of meters away from the next anchor. From there you will need to do a few easy steps off rappel to reach it, and there is a bolt above the anchor if you wish to secure yourself to it in order to reach it.

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Approximate route



Approximate approach



Michele Hueber at the base of the route, September 2022



Rappelling pitch 5