

RUNDLE RIDGE NORTH

Sunriser 5.9 190m

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*Sunriser got its name because in the initial ground up push the sun continued to rise just above the cliff and blind us as we did the rising traverse. Much of the route will remain in sun in the mornings around the solstice when the sun sits high in the sky but early/late season may be more shady. Pitch six will be the shadiest.

*The initial attempt was done with a mix of gear, pins, and bolts. Subsequently the whole route was cleaned and bolted to eliminate run outs and poor or no pro.

*The first 5 pitches climb generally good rock at easier grades and the final and crux pitch, while being more challenging is well bolted with less experienced leaders in mind.

*If it rained in the previous day, make sure it dried off. Some of the friction moves can be much harder when wet as we found out.

Approach:

From the Rundle Rock parking area, approach as for the Ridge Of Death. Continue along the trail at the base of the cliff, through trees, and around the corner onto the start of the scree slope. Just after gaining the scree, look for a right facing corner with low angle slabs leading up to a group of trees.

Descent:

We tried to ensure descent could be done with a 60m rope. Some raps will need a full rope length so tie the ends together.

*P6 30m rap to P5 anchor.

*P5 30m rap to P4 anchor

>>From the top of P4 DO NOT RAP the route. Instead rap the direct route.<<

*P4 30m down to Rappelverse Eliminate P1

*R.E. P1 to scree.

Retreat or bail:

Each anchor has a chain anchor allowing retreat if circumstances or weather force you down. Pitches 2 and 3 require traversing and cannot easily be rappelled leading to our use of the term rappelversing (rap-pull-verse) during cleaning and equipping. If retreat is needed the following options are suggested because of how the scree rises along with the route. A 70m rope would be an advantage for this.

*P1 - back to the base.

*P2 - you may need to downclimb low angle slab a few moves or place cord on a tree for a very short rap.

*P3 - it may be possible to downclimb a little or rapping to climbers left may intersect the scree slope higher, but watch for loose rock.

*P4 to P6 - follow the standard descent listed above using the Rappelverse Eliminate anchors.

The Climbing:

P1 5.4 25m Climb a right facing groove up slabby bulges to a tree ledge with some scree as you reach the ledge. 4 bolts plus a chain anchor.

P2 5.5 38m From the chain anchor move left a few steps then up easy bulges following a rising traverse. Do not go straight up the slabby terrain above the anchor. Although there are bolts on the slabs, we were unable to find any beta on them. Moving left will take you past a two bolt anchor for your second clip and continue following fun rock in a rising traverse. 7 bolts plus chain anchor.

P3 5.6 30m Left and around the corner, watching for a high second bolt. This pitch will involve more traversing including some slight downward moves crossing slabs before following a groove to the anchor. 7 bolts plus chain anchor.

P4 5.4 30m Follow the rib on the left for a nice position overlooking lower slabs. Rise up easier terrain and bulges past a couple trees to a chain anchor on a small ledge. 4 bolts plus chain anchor.

P5 5.6 35m Climb the black band then cross white and black bands, moving left, then up a prow, before moving right across a chert slab to the anchor. 11 bolts plus chain anchor.

P6 5.9 32m Move up and right. This will be a challenging onsight because it involves holds that can be hard to see but once you have them, it makes the moves much more reasonable. Reach high for a smiley face flake. Some crimps, underclings, and pinches lead to small diagonal sidepulls with a two pad incut slightly higher. Bump the feet up and stand up for a larger incut high on the slab. Above this slab the rock becomes off vertical chert climbing. Although you passed

the crux, the chert has a mix of incuts and crimps that keep you on your toes as you rise up and left to the left side of a roof. The groove at the left of the roof passes you onto the ledge above with the anchor. 13 bolts plus chain anchor.

This top out ledge is the same ledge as the halfway ledge on Rundlehorn. Be considerate of parties already on Rundlehorn if crowded. Descending Sunriser may also be an alternate option for parties on Rundlehorn if there are no parties climbing up Sunriser. Again be considerate and communicate.

Rappelverse Eliminate 5.5 64m

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Approach:

As for Sunriser but slog way further up the scree to the big right facing corner with trees around the base.

Descent:

Rap the route with a 60m rope.

The climbing:

P1 5.5 32m Connect small ledges with bulges, eventually moving left. Squeeze behind the tree and up the final slab using chert edges and pockets, moving right at the top and cross to the anchor. 7 bolts plus chain anchor.

P2 5.4R 32m Move up and left on lower angle rock and the groove, then easy ground up to the anchor at the top of P4 of Sunriser. Currently 2 bolts plus the chain anchor.

Below: A general overview of the ridge with approximate lines. View slightly distorted by panoramic pic.



Below: Looking up pitch 5



Below: Looking up pitch 6

