

The 4th Wave - 5.8, 145m (6 pitches)

The 4th Wave climbs a below tree line cliff on the east side of Wasootch Peak in Kananaskis Country. It is a fully bolted multi-pitch rock climb that climbs up near the centre of a delta shaped cliff that is lookers rights of Wasootch Tower. This is a great low commitment climb that faces east and gets early morning sun. A lot of work went into the development of this climb, which included a substantial amount of cleaning. Nonetheless, there is still lots of loose rocks on the route and surrounding cliff. Helmets are a must and should be donned before leaving the approach gully. FA: Patrick Lindsay, Chelsea Lindsay



Approach: Park at the day use area parking lot for Wasootch Creek. Follow the dry creekbed south for roughly 15min where you'll find an obvious gully on the right hand side. (This is the same initial approach as for Wasootch Tower.) Follow the gully up for roughly another 15min and then take the right gully when a two gully 'Y' intersection is encountered. Follow this right hand gully up to the lower left hand side of the respective cliff and pick up a climber's trail near the base of the cliff (see pic). The whole approach takes between 45-60 min.



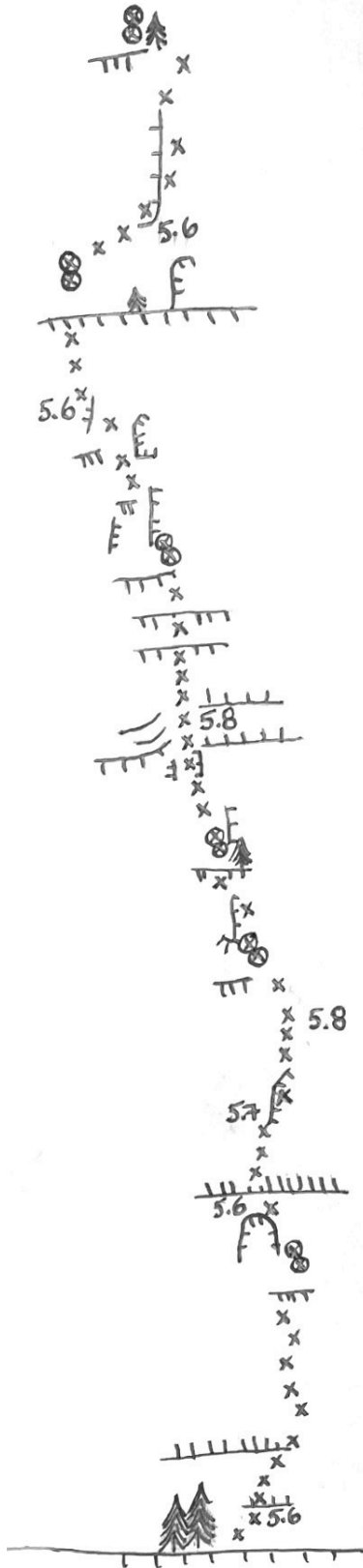
Descent: The route can be rappelled with a single 60m rope in 6 raps. Longer raps are possible but would increase the potential for rockfall. Alternatively, climbers can choose to walk off the route and bushwhack back to the base, or bushwhack down the NNE ridge to the parking lot.

Gear: 60m rope, 11 quickdraws (include 3-4 extendable alpine draws), personal anchor/rescue kit.



Chelsea Lindsay on the first ascent of The 4th Wave.

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P6: 5.6, 23m (7 bolts)

Traverse the face up and right before climbing into a right facing corner. Bonus points if you find and use the double finger undercling pocket on the traverse. ;)

P5: 5.6, 26m (6 bolts)

Climb up and left following the line of bolts

P4: 5.8, 29m (10 bolts)

This is the most exciting pitch. Climb up and left of the belay and head toward a weakness in the roof. The climbing is fun and utilizes a variety of unique and positive holds. Enjoy!

P3: 5.3, 12m (2 bolts)

This is a simple, short, and straight forward pitch.

P2: 5.8, 25m (9 bolts)

This is a fun pitch with 3 sections that require some thought. Climb up and left from the belay through the small roof. Then transition right to the 5th bolt. For the 3rd tricky section is thin and requires precision footwork, which also aids to not prematurely polish the rock. No sloppy footwork.

P1: 5.6, 30m (10 bolts)

A fun pitch but not without some loose rock in spots. Take care to inspect and tap any suspect holds before committing to them. The ground bolt helps mark the start of the route and protecting the belayer should the leader whip before clipping the 1st bolt.