

### **The Black Labyrinth (5.10d 7 Pitches)**

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As far as we know this is the first route completed to the top of the wall above Rockbound Lake on Castle Mtn. We think the route is generally recommended, offering mostly good corner crack & chimney climbing on solid rock in an awesome setting. Selling features are an exposed steep 5.10+ face pitch and a wild 50m squeeze chimney. Though, the route is adventurous. Loose rock has not been cleaned and there is a distinct lack of hiding places to locate belays for the first three pitches.

Approach: To Rockbound Lake, then straight up the boulder / talus field. 2 - 2.5hr to the base.





The Black Labyrinth - 5.10d 225m  
Rockbound Headwall, Castle Mtn.

P1 – 45m 5.6 – A junky start leads to fun climbing in a V-slot. Belay at slung pinnacle at base of main corner

P2 – 25m 5.10a – Climb the corner directly above, one bolt protects the hardest moves. Single bolt + gear belay under small roof

P3 – 40m 5.9 – fun climbing up the corner on solid featured dolomite. Protection for the first 10m is a little sparse. Ignore the rap station and continue on ledges to build a gear belay at the base of the steep black wall above

P4 – 15m 5.10d – climb up and left past a fixed pin to a bolt. Steep incut climbing on slightly suspect rock past gear and another bolt until possible to hand traverse right to a single bolt + gear belay.

P5 – 25m 5.8 – climb the chimney / corner. Loose but good gear. Belay at the rap station on the right to avoid dropping rocks from the ledge down the pitch – then move belay 15m left along the ledge to the base of intimidating chimney, belay off single bolt + gear

P6 – 50m 5.8+ - stem, squeeze and swear your way up the chimney. The inside is very sharp, best not to wear a jacket. Belay up and right at a 2-bolt anchor.

P7 – 25m 5.4 – ramble up the ramp to a 2 bolt belay near the top.

Descent: 5 Rappels from bolts + slung pinnacles (double ropes required)

Gear: - Standard Rack to #4  
- Doubles 0.4 - #2.  
- 2 x 60m ropes



















