

New Route Proposal- Redgarden "The Untouchables Pitch 2"

Information from Applicant

Overview

The Fixed Hardware Review Committee has received the following information from the applicant.

Application Type- New route with new fixed hardware.

Location- This route is located on the Redgarden Wall's West Face, Lumpe Tower area—on the clean hanging slab of rock above Apple Strudel (this just right of the Dirty Deed Chimney start). One must Climb Apple Strudel P1 or the Untouchables to access the pitch

Approach- Same as for Apple Strudel/ Untouchables.

Difficulty and Length- This proposed 2nd pitch is 5.11 and approximately 100 feet in length.

Description –

The proposed pitch climbs the aesthetic hanging slab below the Red Ledge and is a clean and sustained pitch of face climbing on excellent rock. The pitch starts from the Apple Strudel/ Untouchables three-bolt anchor, moves up and left to clip the first bolt on the 2nd pitch of Apple Strudel, then hand traverses right across the roof at 5.11 and pulls the roof to access the face above. From here it moves up and trends left past two 5.10 thin face sections, to eventually join the top of pitch 2 of Apple Strudel. The pitch as described was top roped by Hare/Tarrant in the 1980's. The current guidebook states it was not bolted due to a loose block, but no loose rock exists (see Rossiter's Eldorado Canyon 2000 guidebook p 264). Four bolts would adequately protect this lead: a bolt at the roof, a bolt just above the roof, and two bolts on the face above. This pitch is very good climbing and would fit in with the other routes in the immediate vicinity.

Fixed Gear- The applicant proposes to install four stainless steel bolts.

Rock Quality and Independence of Line- The proposed new route has excellent quality of rock and is an independent line.

Information from FHRC

Factors in Favor

Independent Line- The proposed route is an independent line. After moving right from the initial clip on Apple Strudel pitch 2, the pitch follows a natural line (it is harder to climb off-route from the line than to climb up it). The nearest climb on the left is Apple Strudel P2 (20–25 feet, after the routes diverge) and to the right is Over the Shoulder Stuff (15 feet).

Direct Line- The proposed route climbs directly up after accessing the slab.

Good Rock- The proposed new route has good rock—the upper slab is some of the best rock in the Canyon.

Interesting combination of moves- The proposed route has an interesting variety of face climbing moves mostly in the 5.10 to 5.11 range.

Safety- The proposed route will be safe yet retain the bold Eldorado standard.

Location- The proposed route is located on the shield of rock above Apple Strudel P1 and The Untouchables.

Aesthetic Position- The climb is located on an exposed and airy position and climbs a beautiful feature.

Factors Against

Altered Routes- The proposed route has not been chipped or chiseled in any way.

Rock Quality- Not an issue/ excellent rock

Protection Reachable from Neighboring Routes- This pitch is approximately 15 feet to the left of Over the Shoulder Stuff and 20–25ft right from Apple Strudel P2.

Natural Protection Possibilities- The slab has no natural features for protection

Neutral Factors

Dangerous Routes- The proposed route is safe for an Eldorado climber competent at the grade.

Ability to top rope- The route can be top roped, from Red Ledge with a bit of anchor/sling rigging.



Apple Strudel P2

Apple Strudel P1

Over The Shoulder

5.10d

5.10c

Four proposed bolts

