

SNOWPATCH EAST FACE: "Sendero Norte" - *The path to the North* - 600 meters of climbing. 5.12+ Can be climbed at 5.11 with about 5 meters of C1 on pitch 2, and 2 points of aid on pitch 6

The route: It's a combination of In Harm's Way, Deus Ex Machina, and an area in between that is probably new. The combo equates to perfect finger and hand cracks from base to summit, spiced up with a bit of face climbing on pitch 6. Sustained in the mid 5.10 to mid 5.11 range, with two short 5.12 cruxes. The quality of the rock and the climbing is as good as it gets in the Bugs! All belays are fixed so you can rappel the route, and all are on good ledges or stances. Leave your shoes at the base. The cracks have been cleaned of dirt and moss, and the rock has no exfoliation. **Timing:** Expect the climbing to take 10 to 15 hours and the rappelling 1 to 2 hours (11 rappels total).

Recommended Rack: Double set of cams (from #00 purple C3 Black Diamond or #0 purple Metolius TCU, to #3 Camelot); one #4 camelot is recommended, and one extra small cam (grey TCU, black alien, or grey C3) is optional; one set of nuts (a set of stoppers from #3 - #11 does the trick); 8 sport draws, 4 runner draws; Two 60m ropes. **Hauling:** it's recommended to haul on pitches 1- 7 and have the seconder carry a light pack from pitch 8 to the summit.

P1: 20m in July or 30m in Sept. - Climb left facing flake with via finger and hand crack to a ledge. Step right and climb through the black hole on its right side (an easily seen feature from Applebee), pull a small roof out of the black hole, and move easily up and right to belay. **5.10b**

P2: 30m - Move left from the belay and climb the beautiful left leaning face crack to a small ledge halfway up it. **5.12c/d** (*the first half of this pitch is mid 5.11, or C1 the entire way*)

P3: 45m - Continue up the same finger and hand crack to a ledge. Rather than use an old piton belay, continue up 10m of hand and fist crack, make face moves left past a bolt, and belay at the base of the big left facing corner. **5.11c/d**

P4: 55m - The big left facing corner - the "split pillar" of the route. Face moves lead to sustained 5.10 hand and finger jams. Traverse left to the belay station. **5.10d**

P5: 20m - An excellent and sustained sustained pitch! A "tips" crack leads to face moves. When the crack closes, face climb past two bolts to a stance and the anchor. Bring nuts and double up on cams from micro to .5 camelot. Haul the rest of the rack with the pack. **5.11b**

P6: 30m - The sport pitch. 8 bolts for protection. No gear needed other than draws! Face climbing on little edges leads to a bouldery sequence through the roof. **5.12c or 5.11b A0 (2 points of aid)**

P7: 30m - Climb the splitter hand-crack to the overhang, pass it on the left, then climb hand and finger cracks near the arete. **5.10c** *rappel note: best to do a 30m rappel here. Careful not to let the rope slip into the crack.*

P8: 63m - Go straight up the open book corner above past a "tips" crux, eventually gaining a right facing corner that leads to the belay. Simul-climbing might be necessary **5.11a** *rappel note: use caution as "rope stretch" is required to make this rappel.*

There's another slightly easier option of doing two 33m pitches, each with short 5.10+ cruxes, although the direct way is cleaner. From the belay, take the right corner past turf patches. Undercling and layback a roof on its left, to a crack which leads easily to a fixed belay / rappel station on a comfortable ledge. It's also possible to step over to this belay from the 11a corner. Multiple options exist to reach the right facing corner above.

P9: 15m - Step left, then up the left facing golden corner, until you can step left to another shallow left facing corner crack. Climb it for a few meters (slightly dirty) to a fixed lost arrow piton. When the piton is at your feet, take a big step left to the next left facing corner and the belay. **5.11a** (*rappel note: from the top of P9, rappel to the midway anchor of pitch 8*)

P10: 55m - Begin with slightly run-out 5.9 lay-backing up the corner and flake above. After about thirty meters or just before the flake ends, traverse right on face holds into the main, left facing corner and climb it to a nice belay ledge. **5.10d**

P11: 60m - Finger jams up a right facing corner lead to a ledge and few easy moves to the right. Follow the face crack above to a right facing corner, climb the corner, then a ramp ascends left towards the belay. **5.11a**

P12: 60m - Move left and climb the overhanging corner / slot. Continue up a wide corner crack above and eventually traverse right for about 10 meters to the right to belay on a big, semi-hanging boulder. **5.11a**

P13: 30m - either straight up the chimney, or move right and climb broken ground trending back left. The final anchor is slightly to the left in 4th class terrain. **5.7**

P14: 60+m scramble to the north summit. **5.0**