

Rainbow Wilderness Area

Rock Climbing Inventory Statistics:

<u>Area:</u>	<u>Walls</u>	<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
Willow Springs	11	107	147	23
Icebox Canyon	11	71	188	59
Pine Creek Canyon	28	194	264	173
Juniper Canyon	10	66	307	153
Oak Creek Canyon	14	60	274	104
Mt. Wilson	8	26	129	53
First Creek Canyon	7	31	39	23
Black Velvet Canyon	11	72	474	147
Whiskey Peak	6	58	154	44
Mud Springs Canyon	3	5	18	8
Windy Peak	4	20	12	5
Southern Outcrops	3	36	7	7
TOTAL:	116	746	2013	799

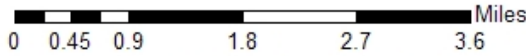
275/746 routes field verified – 36%
30 new routes not found in literature

Route information and locations were identified based upon information gathered from *Red Rock Canyon: A Climbing Guide*, *Rock Climbing: Red Rocks*, *Red Rocks Climbing*, and *Red Rock Odyssey* and www.climbingredrocks.com. 33 new routes were discovered that were not mentioned in the literature review. This included two fixed lines that provided access to the Western Spaces Wall in Black Velvet Canyon. The hardware counts for the majority of the climbs in the Rainbow Wilderness were collected from literary sources. Field verification of this data was only possible on 275 of the 746 routes inventoried in the Rainbow Wilderness. In other words, only 36% of the total hardware data in the Rainbow Wilderness could be confirmed by field survey observations. This should be taken into consideration when making an estimate of the overall accuracy of the bolt and anchor inventory data.

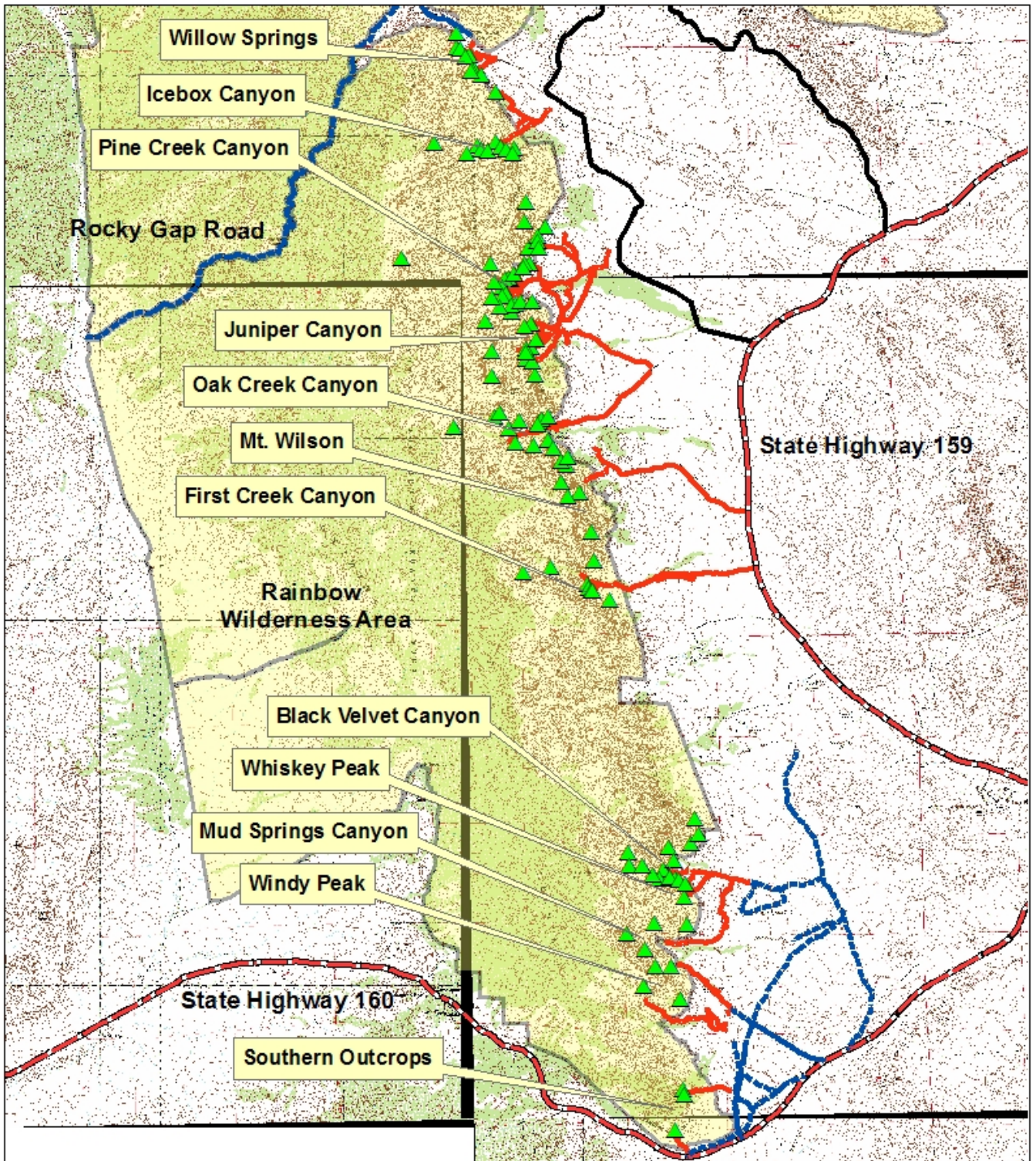
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Climbing Areas

Legend



- Wall Midpoint
- State Highway
- Trail
- Scenic Loop Road
- 4x4 Roads
- Wilderness Area



Willow Springs

Rock Climbing Inventory Statistics:

<u>Wall:</u>	<u># of Routes</u>	<u># of Bolts</u>	<u># of Anchors</u>
Nadia's Niche	5	0	1
N'Plus Ultra	6	9	0
Bigfoot Wall	10	33	4
Upper Tier & Bighorn Buttress	8	12	5
Lower Tier	20	39	4
Ragged Edges Cliff	28	28	4
Graduate Cliff	4	10	3
The Case Face	6	8	1
The Egg	1	0	0
Mossy Ledges	2	1	0
Sumo Greatness Slab	17	7	1
TOTAL:	107	147	23

37/107 routes field verified – 34%

1 new route not found in literature

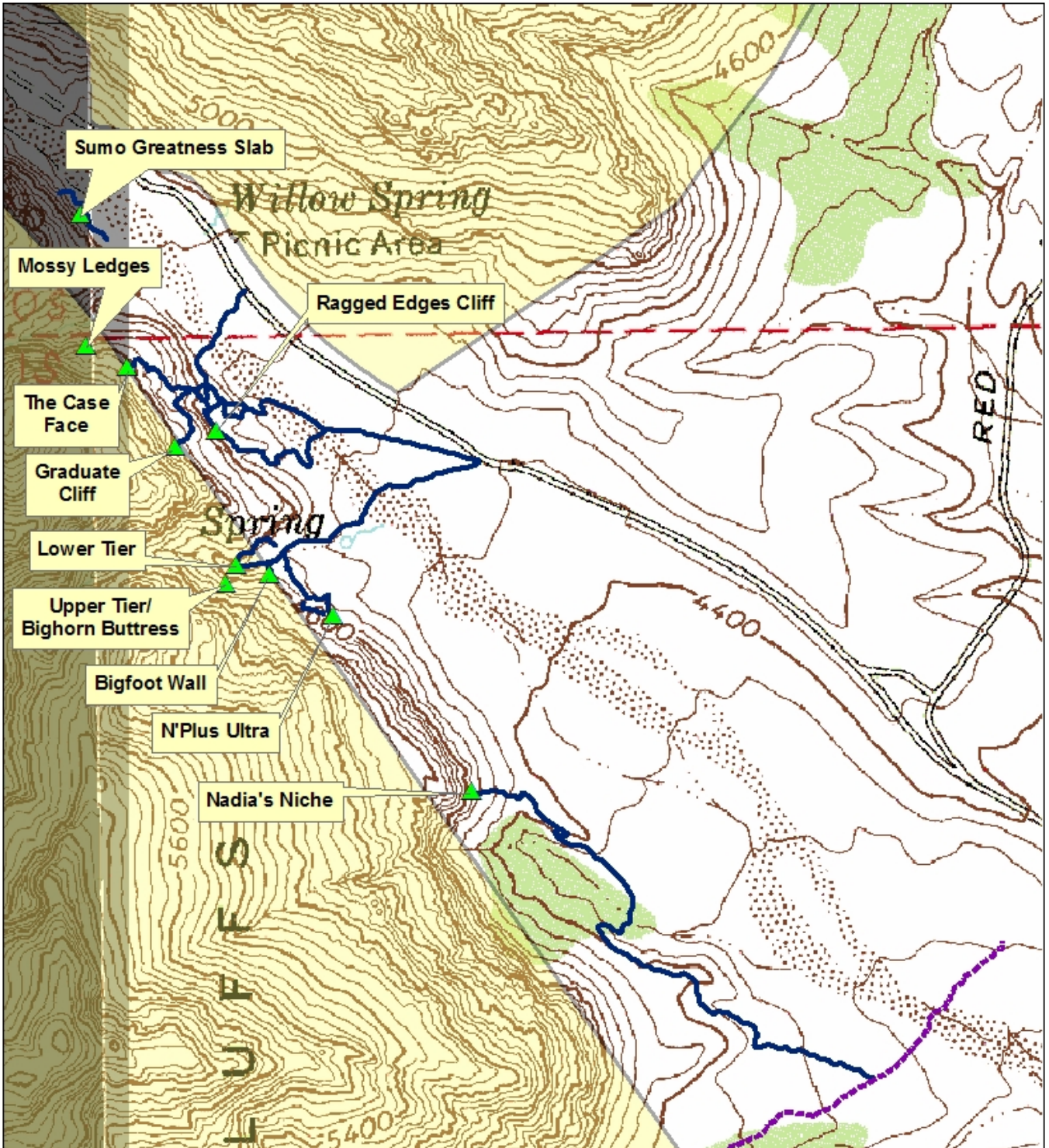
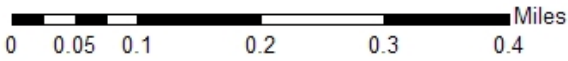
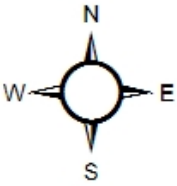
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Willow Springs

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Legend

- ▲ Wall Midpoint
- Willow Springs access trails
- - - Icebox Canyon Trail
- Wilderness Area



Willow Springs

Access: Take the Scenic Loop Road from the BLM Visitor's Center for approximately 7.3 miles until the sign for Willow Springs. For Sumo Greatness Slab, Mossy Ledges, The Graduate Cliff and The Case Face drive to the end of the Willow Springs road and park in the dirt parking area just past the picnic area mentioned in Willow Springs East. The climbs on Sumo Greatness Slab are found on both sides of the petroglyphs discovered in this area and accessed by the Petroglyph Wall Trail. The Graduate Cliff, The Case Face and Mossy Ledges are accessed by a trail (pictured right) heading southwest from the wash paralleling the road toward the Ragged Edges Cliff.



Follow the trail a short distance then hike up a gully to the northwest to reach Mossy Ledges. Accessing the Case Face requires you to continue following the trail toward the base of Ragged Edges, then turn north (right) up a talus slope to an area above the cliff band. Stay on the trail and turn north (right) to reach the Case Face or follow the trail left (south) to the Graduate Cliff. To reach the remaining walls park at the Hidden Falls/Lost Creek parking area (pictured left), the first parking area on the Willow Springs road. Ragged Edges Cliff is accessed by hiking the Children's Discovery Trail (pictured right) through the wash then climb a heavily braided network of trails over a small mound before reaching the base of the cliff.



The Bigfoot Wall, Lower Tier and N'Plus Ultra areas can be reached by hiking the Hidden Falls/Lost Creek Trail. After crossing the wash you come to a wooden platform. Veer left from the main trail just past the platform to reach the Bigfoot Wall. N'Plus Ultra is accessed by turning south just before reaching the Bigfoot Wall and bushwhacking through a wash and scrub oak along the base of the east-facing cliff. Follow a very faint trail to reach the climbs. The Lower Tier is located at the end of the main trail on the cliffs to the left and right of Hidden Falls. The Upper Tier and Bighorn Buttness are accessed by scrambling over ledges from either to the north of N'Plus Ultra or the top of Ragged Edges Cliff. The final area in Willow Springs, Nadia's Niche, is best reached by hiking the SMYC Trail from the Icebox Canyon parking area. Once below the climbs turn left (west) and take a faint trail up the slope to the climbing area.



Willow Springs

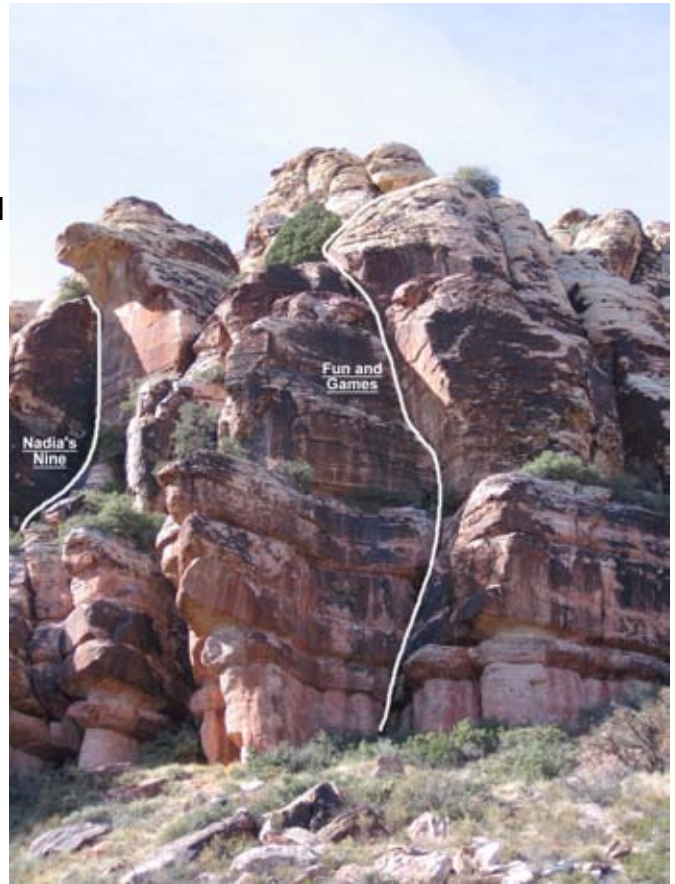
Nadia's Niche:

Fig. 1 (right): Nadia's Niche is reached by hiking the SMYC Trail from the Icebox Canyon parking area. Once you see this formation look for a faint trail heading directly up the slope to access the climbs. A geocache was discovered here near the campsite pictured below.

Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

5 0 1

0% field verified



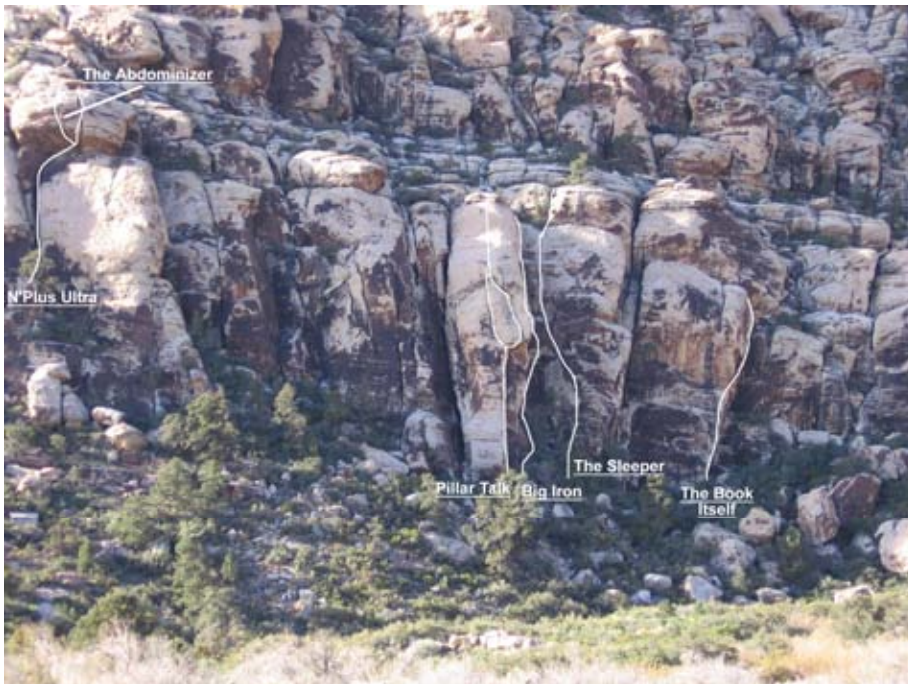
N'Plus Ultra:

Fig. 2 (below/left): N'Plus Ultra is the area to the right and left of the white pillar pictured here. Access these climbs by approaching the Bigfoot Wall then turning south to bushwhack and hike a faint trail through a wash to the base of the cliff.

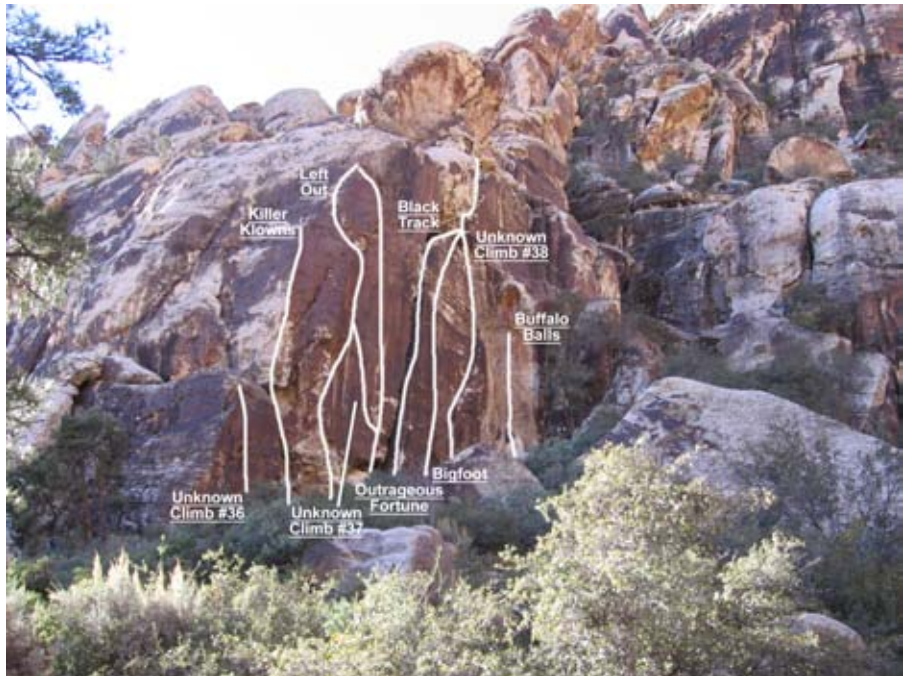
Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

6 9 0

0% field verified



Willow Springs



Bigfoot Wall:

Fig. 1 (above): The Bigfoot Wall is the varnished wall found just behind the wooden platform on the Lost Springs/Hidden Falls Trail. Cut left on a short trail to the base of the cliff.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
10	33	4
100% field verified		



Bighorn Buttress/Upper Tier:

Fig. 2 (above): The Bighorn Buttress and Upper Tier are access by scrambling over ledges from the top of either Ragged Edges Cliff from the north or N'Plus Ultra area from the south. The climbs ascends this large feature above Hidden Falls.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
8	12	5
0% field verified		

Willow Springs



Lower Tier:

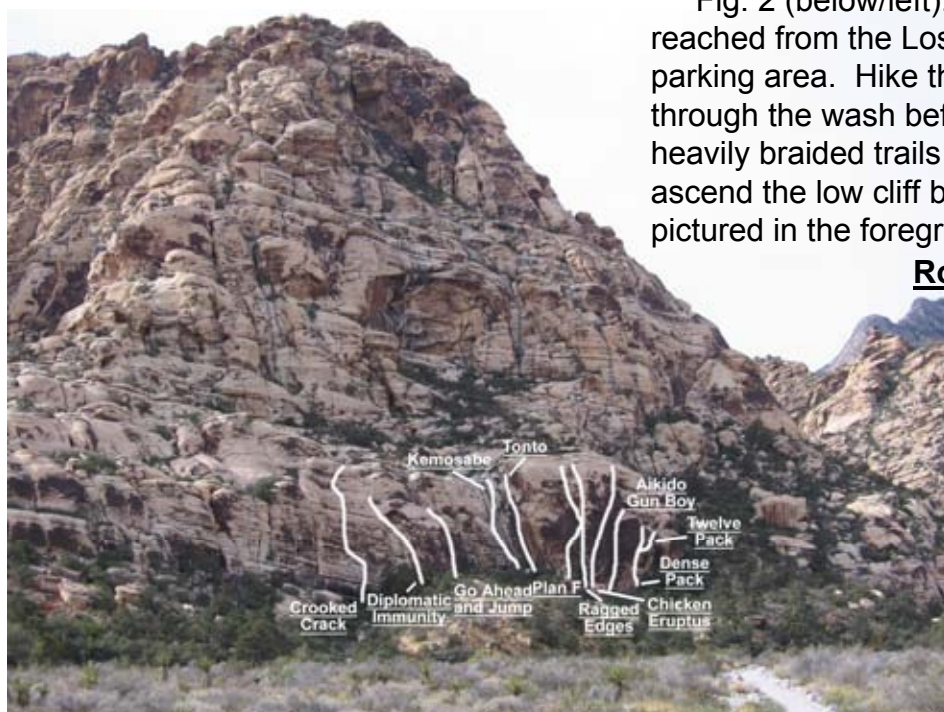
Fig. 1 (above/right): Lower Tier has many climbs to the right and left of Hidden Falls pictured in the center of this photo. Access this area by hiking the Hidden Falls/Lost Creek Trail to the end.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
20	39	4
0% field verified		
1 new route not found in literature		

Ragged Edges Cliff:

Fig. 2 (below/left): This popular area is reached from the Lost Creek/Hidden Falls parking area. Hike the Children's Discovery Trail through the wash before hiking one of several, heavily braided trails that access the cliff. Climbs ascend the low cliff band behind the small mound pictured in the foreground.

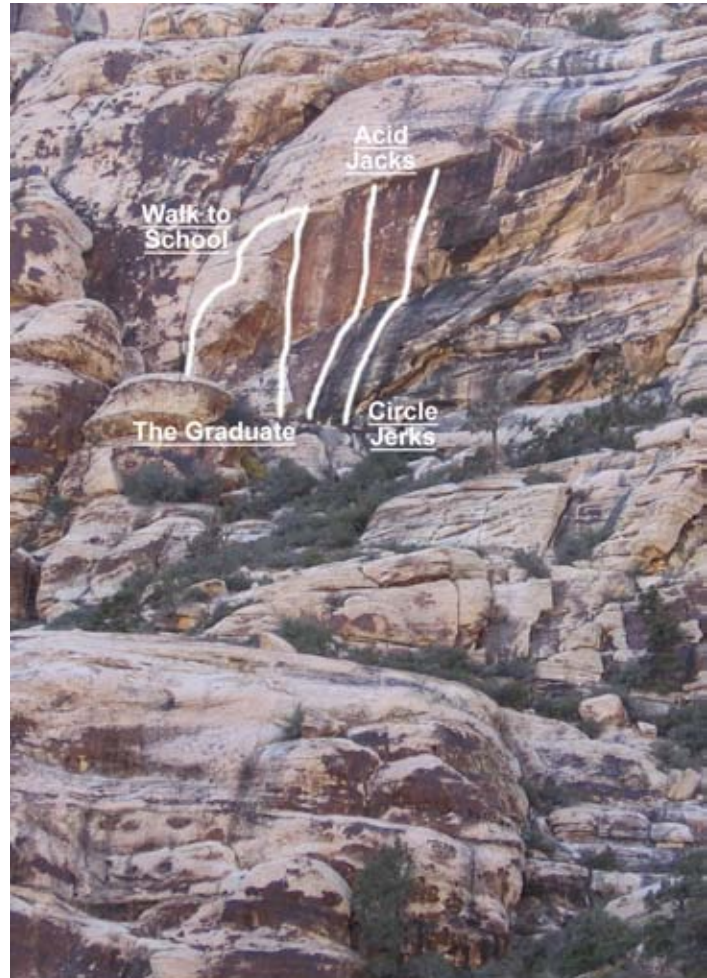
<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
28	28	4
7% field verified		



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Graduate Cliff:

Fig. 1 (right): The climbs here ascend the right facing corner and face pictured here. Access them by hiking a southwest trail from the parking area at the end of Willow Springs road. Hike to the base of the Ragged Edges Cliff's north end then continue up a talus slope before turning left (south) to reach the cliff.



<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
4	10	3
0% field verified		



<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
6	8	1
100% field verified		

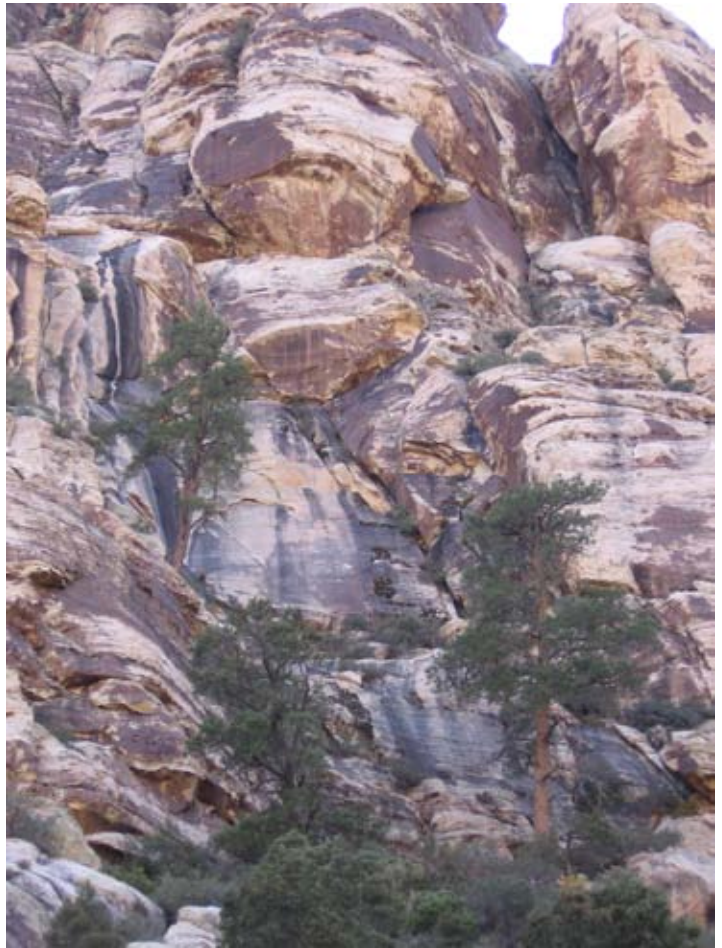
Case Face:

Fig. 2 (right): The Case Face is reached by following the approach to the Graduate Cliff. However, one must veer north, away from the Graduate Cliff, when the trail splits above the talus slope to reach the Case Face. Climbs ascend the smooth black and white face with the splitter crack running down its center.

Willow Springs

Mossy Ledges:

Fig. 1 (right): The Mossy Ledges area is around the corner to the north from the Case Face and Graduate Cliff areas. Follow the same trail from the parking area then bushwhack/scramble up an obvious gully running northwest to the base of the climbs. The two large pine trees mark the base of the routes. The graffiti pictured below was discovered on the approach to Mossy Ledges.



<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
2	1	0
0% field verified		



Sumo Greatness Slabs:

Fig. 2 (right): Also referred to as Children's Crag, these climbs are found on both sides of the petroglyph site at Willow Springs. Access the climbs by hiking the Petroglyph Trail and moving to the base of the cliff. Four climbs were established directly over the archeological site but have since been closed for obvious reasons.



<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
17	7	1
100% field verified		

Icebox Canyon

Rock Climbing Inventory Statistics:

<u>Wall:</u>	<u># of Routes</u>	<u># of Bolts</u>	<u># of Anchors</u>
Sunnyside Crag	22	11	12
Hot Time Area	5	0	0
Buffalo Wall	3	100	17
Hidden Wall	1	0	0
South Wall – Quiggle’s Wiggle	1	0	0
South Wall – Weenie Juice	1	0	1
Refrigerator Wall	10	47	12
Smears for Fears	5	13	3
Upper Bridge Mountain	2	0	0
Frigid Air Buttress	8	12	7
The Necromancer	8	2	4
Tango Towers	5	3	3
TOTAL:	71	188	59

28/71 routes field verified – 39%

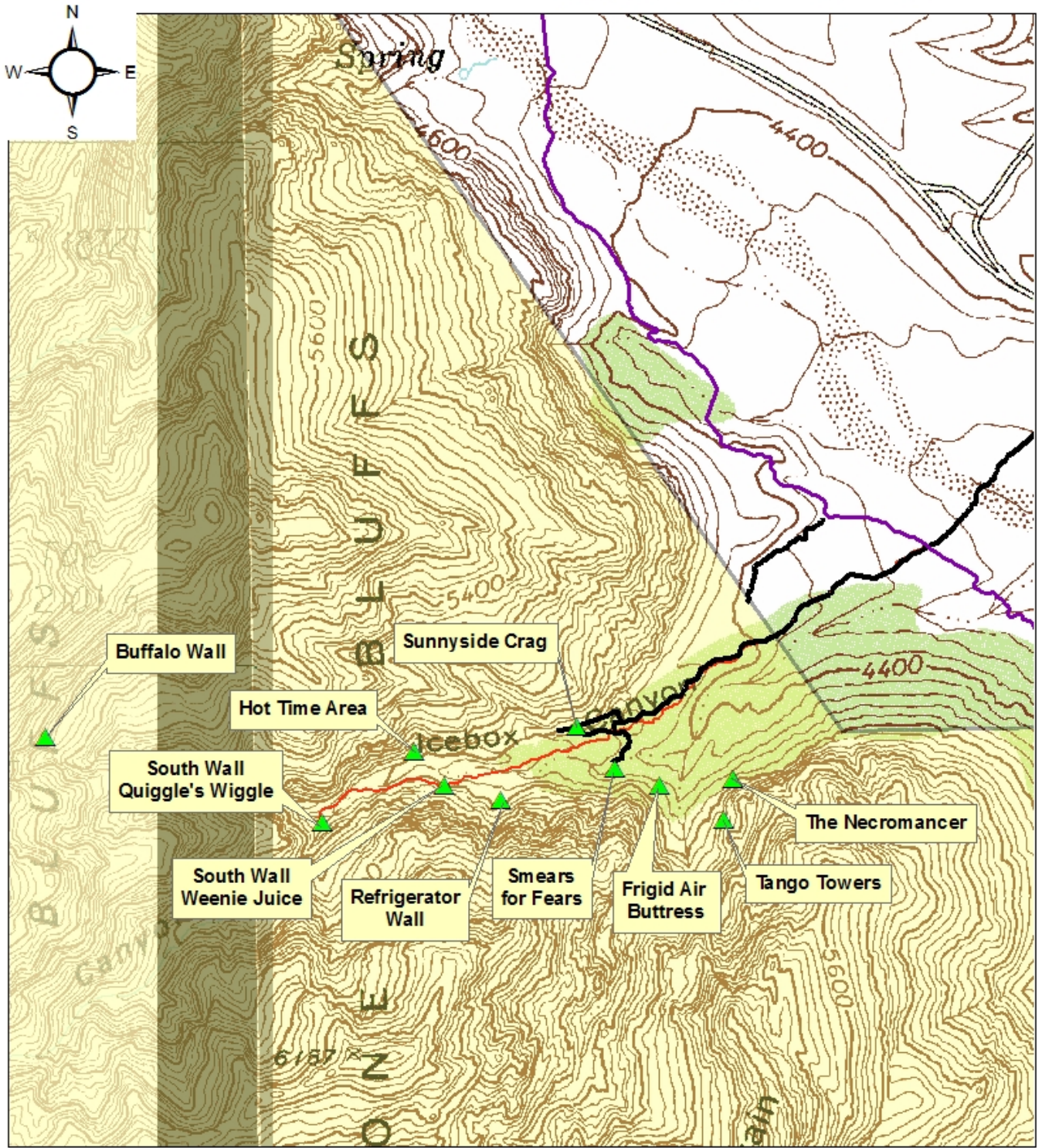
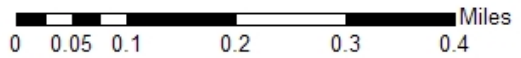
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Icebox Canyon

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Legend

- ▲ Wall Midpoint
- Icebox Canyon Trail - BLM data
- Trails - GBI mapped
- SMYC Trail - BLM data
- Wilderness Area



Icebox Canyon

Access: Take the Scenic Loop Road from the BLM Visitor's Center for approximately 8 miles until the sign for Icebox Canyon appears on your right. The climbs for this area are all accessed by hiking the Icebox Canyon trail into the canyon. Climbs are located on both the north and south walls as you hike in. The Buffalo Wall and Hidden Wall are reached after strenuous 5th class scrambling up the north fork of the canyon, well beyond where most visitors turn back upon reaching the "end" of the canyon.



Fig. 1: Pictured above is the view of Icebox Canyon Trail from the parking area as it enters the canyon to the west.

Icebox Canyon

Sunnyside Crag:

Fig. 1 (right): Sunnyside Crag is the first climbing area on the north side of the canyon as you hike the Icebox Canyon Trail. After approximately 30 minutes of hiking take a side trail that accesses the Sunnyside Crag. Look for a large boulder and pine tree under a roof marking the west end of the crag.



<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
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22	11	12
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36% field verified

Hot Time Area:

Fig. 2 (below): This distinctive roof feature is located past the Sunnyside Crag on the north side of the canyon. Hike into the canyon until you cross a blockage of several large boulders. Scramble up and around the boulders before reaching ledges that bring you to the Hot Time Area climbs.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
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100% field verified



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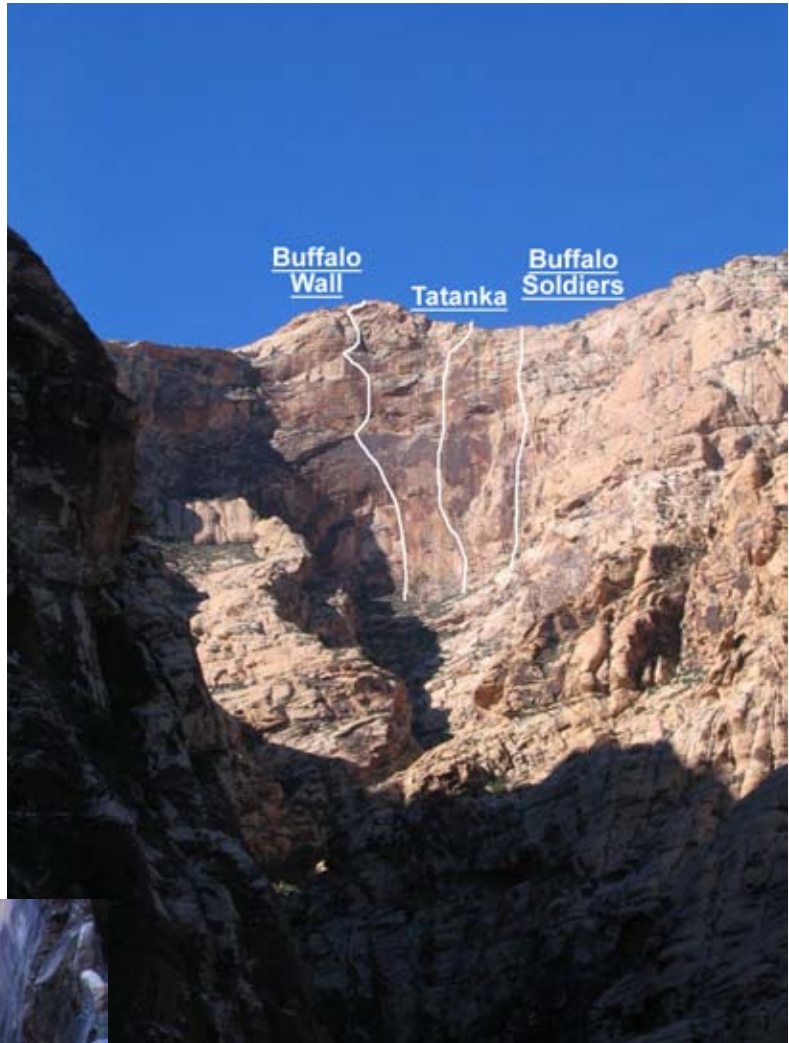
Buffalo Wall:

Fig. 1 (right): The Buffalo Wall is the massive feature at the end of the north fork of Icebox Canyon. The name comes from the distinctive varnished rock that looks like a buffalo when viewed from a distance. Dangerous and committing 5th class scrambling approaches this climb. Hike up Icebox Canyon to the point where the north fork splits off to the right. Begin picking your way over boulders and ledges, ascending fixed lines, and climbing 5th class rock to reach the base of the wall.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
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3	100	17
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0% field verified



South Wall – Quiggle’s Wiggle:

Fig. 2 (left): Hike up Icebox Canyon to the point where the north fork splits off to the right. Veer left to continue along the south fork until reaching the end above a pool and waterfall. Quiggle’s Wiggle climbs the wall at the end of the canyon to the left of the waterfall.

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Bolts</u>	<u>Anchors</u>
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100% field verified

Icebox Canyon



South Wall – Weenie Juice:

Fig. 1 (left): Hike into Icebox Canyon as you would to approach Quiggle's Wiggle. Before reaching the end of the south fork of the canyon you will see this prominent, right-facing arch high on the South Wall. The climb ascends the crack and flake as it moves up and arches right.

Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

1 0 1

0% field verified



Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

10 47 12

0% field verified

Refrigerator Wall:

Fig. 2 (below): The Refrigerator Wall is reached by hiking into Icebox Canyon past Sunnyside Crag. A little more than 30 minutes from the parking area this wall rises up on the south side of the canyon. Access it by scrambling up to the base of the cliff from the wash.

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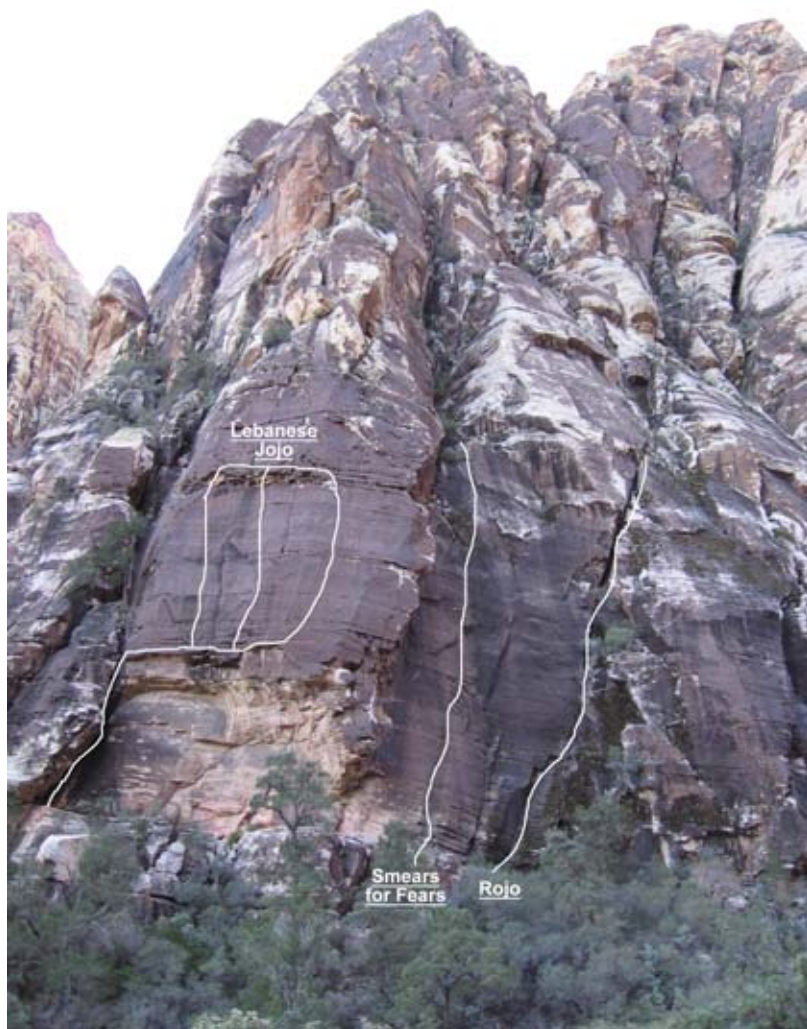
Smears for Fears:

Fig. 1 (right): The Smears for Fears area climbs the large buttress to the east of the Refrigerator Wall. Hike into the canyon until it narrows and Sunnyside Crag is on your right (north) side. Cross the wash and scramble up to the base of this varnished, north-facing wall.

Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

5 13 3

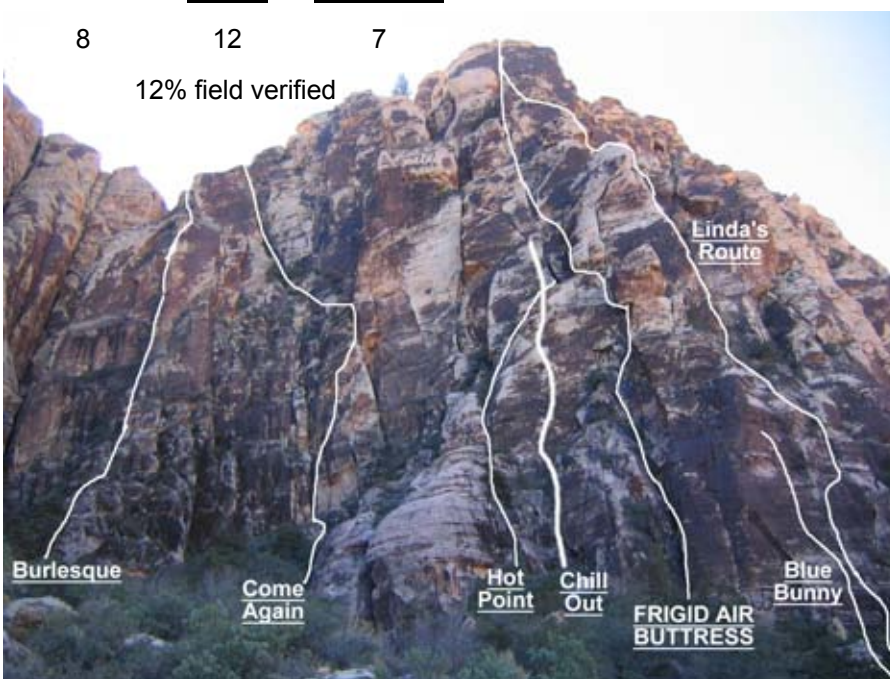
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Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

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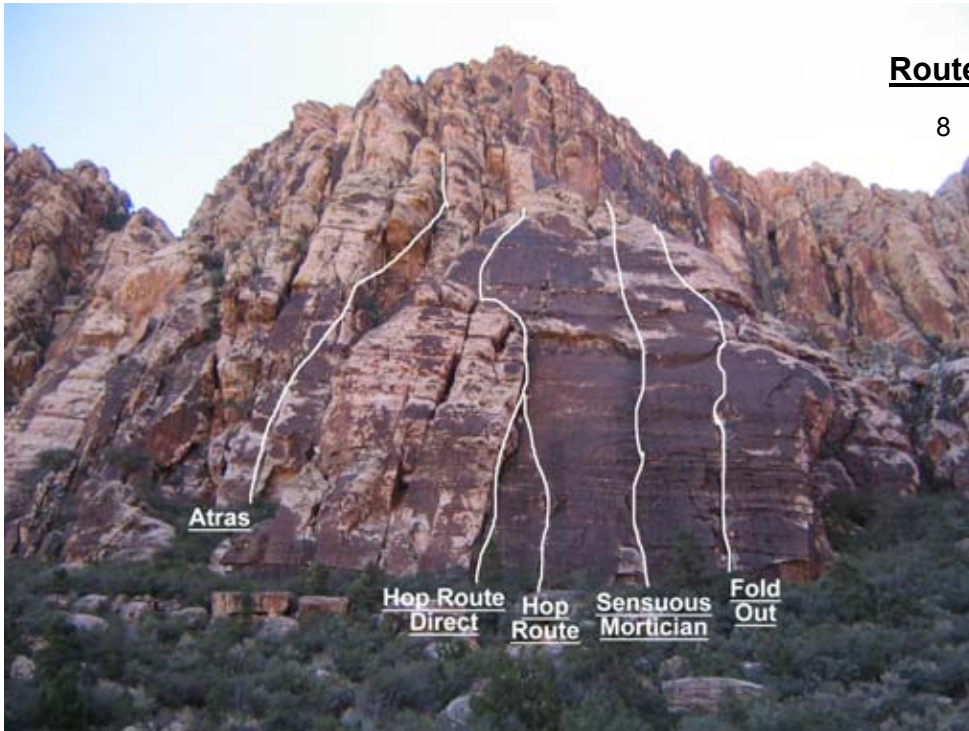
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Frigid Air Buttress:

Fig. 2 (left): Just east of Smears for Fears is a large amphitheatre formation on the south side of the canyon. The buttress that makes up its west wall is the Frigid Air Buttress. Hike into the canyon on the Icebox Canyon Trail and split off to the south before you reach the access for Smears for Fears. Boulder hop and scramble into the amphitheatre to reach the climbs.

Icebox Canyon



Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

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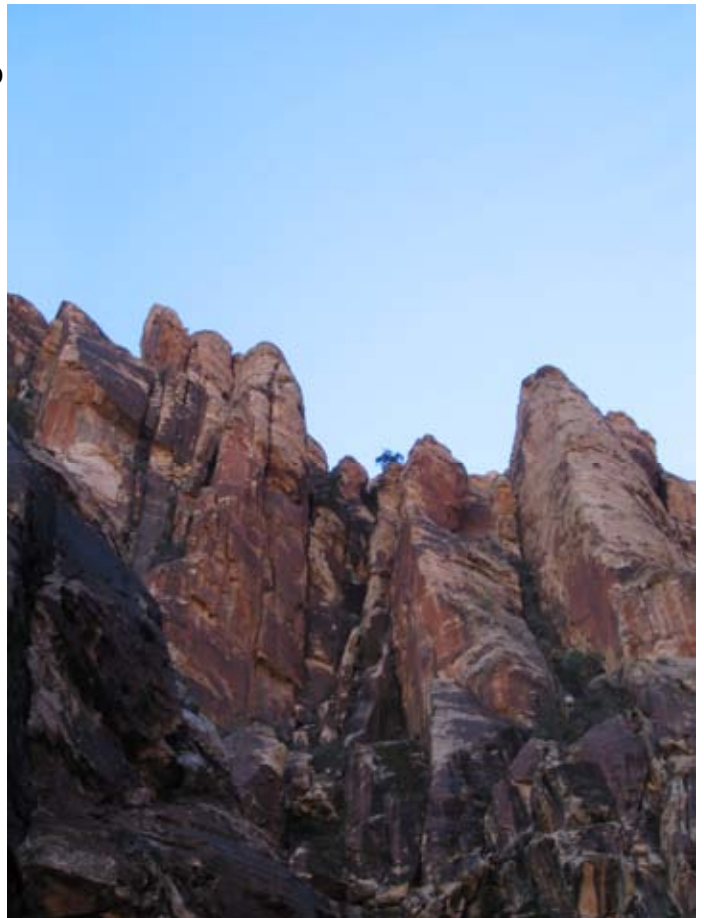
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The Necromancer:

Fig. 1 (above): The Necromancer is the northwest facing wall directly across the amphitheatre formation described above for the Frigid Air Buttress. Hike into Icebox Canyon until you are directly across from this varnished wall. Leave the trail and hike through a wash and up a slope to reach the base of the wall.

Tango Towers:

Fig. 2 (right): The Tango Towers are large pinnacle formations found high on the southeast side of the amphitheatre formation described above. Dangerous, expedition style hiking takes you to the base of these climbs. Hike from the main Icebox Canyon Trail and move up and into the tower formations as best you can. Technical gear is recommended.



Routes **Bolts** **Anchors**

5 3 3

0% field verified