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SNOWSHED - EAST FACE

Exposure: East and north. Morning sun.

A series of north-facing slabs 50' above and to the left of Snowshed's East Face host the following five climbs. Morning shade.

1 The Stranger Within 90' 5.11c/d 🛨

Steve Glotfelty, 1989.

Single rack to 1". 1 bolt. LO.

This climb ascends the face 20' left of Telegraph Crack. Climb a series of corners (5.8) aiming for a thin, vertical crack on the steep, upper slab. Follow this until it vanishes, then smear onward, passing a bolt (crux). Enjoy a mildly spicy runout to the anchor.

2 Telegraph Crack 85' 5.8 🛨

Single rack to 3", LO,

This route climbs the obvious, wide crack ending at a small tree on the wall's summit.

3 Laser Treatment 70' 5.11c

Gene Drake, Mark Robinson, 1979.

Single rack to 1.5", 3 bolts (hangers are missing). LO.

Climb the bolted slab (crux) left of Mole's Corner to a horizontal break at 30'. Either traverse right to the anchor on Mole's Corner, or move left and continue up the thin crack above (5.10).

4 Mole's Corner 40' 5.8 ★

Tom Caramia, Gary Allan, Max Jones, 1976.

Single rack to 2". LO.

A short but excellent, left-facing corner and crack.

5 Reductio Ad Absurdum 50' 5.10d

Dan Honneyman, 2015.

Single rack 0.6", 1" - 1.25", 3 bolts. WO.

Climb the left edge of the slab immediately right of Mole's Corner. A 0.6" piece will protect the direct start. Bring a few pieces between 1" and 1.25" for an anchor.

The following five climbs are located on The Brain Block, the left-hand face of the large corner defining the left end of Snowshed's East Face. These climbs are north-facing and are shady throughout the day.

6 Missing Mind 70' 5.11b 🛨

5 bolts. LO.

The slanting arête on the left side of The Brain Block. Technical and sometimes-awkward climbing will test one's creativity.

7 Rocket Science 60' 5.13d 🛨

Pete Chasse, Fall 2006.

4 bolts, LO.

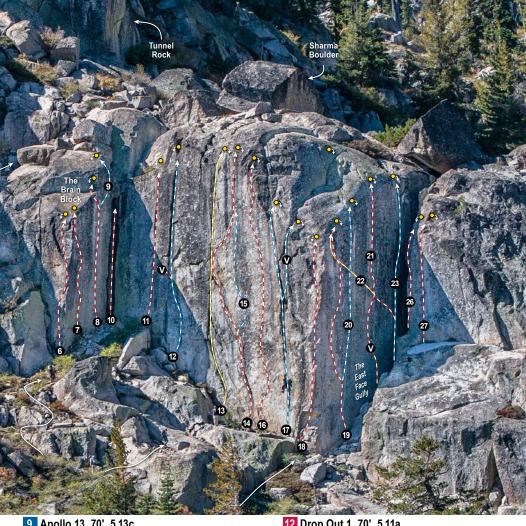
Climb the left side of Brain Block's north face. Extremely thin edging (2 bolts, V8) leads to technical and sustained climbing on the headwall above. A postgraduate degree in granite friction with a minor in finger power may help you reach the first bolt (stick clip).

8 Brain Child 60' 5.12b/c ★★★

Christian Griffith, 1980.

4 bolts, LO.

Braille up the face to the left of Rage Reduction. An off-theground boulder sequence (V4, stick clip) leads to a maze of brain-like bumps and folds, and culminates in a difficult and sequential crux. Exit slightly left to surmount the ledge and clip the anchor.



9 Apollo 13 70' 5.13c

Pete Chasse, 2006.

5 Bolts, LO.

Climb Brain Child through the 4th bolt and upper crux. Eschew Brain Child's "easy" finish. Instead move right and desperately crank through the headwall above. Good luck with that.

10 Rage Reduction 70' 5.6 3

Wide gear, WO.

Climb the chimney/corner between The Brain Block and Snowshed's main eastern face.

Subsequent climbs ascend Snowshed's eastern aspect.

11 Drop Out 2 60' 5.11b/c R **

Max Jones, 1977.

Single rack to 3", 1 bolt. LO.

This route begins on the shallow, flaring crack to the right of Rage Reduction. An opening stretch of difficult and insecure laybacking leads into a better-formed finger and hand crack on the headwall above. Falling from the start could prove dire stick-clip the high 1st bolt.

Variation - start 11a ★★: Begin climbing Drop Out 1. Follow the arching flake system as it leads leftward into Drop Out 2. FA: Karl Hammer, 1976.

12 Drop Out 1 70' 5.11a

John Hoffman, Karl Hammer, Max Jones, 1976.

Single rack to 5", double 0.6" - 3". LO.

Begin uphill, left of Nova Express. Follow a left-arching flake to the base of a widening, vertical crack. Climb the crack (some off-width) and finish on an anchor just below the top of the wall.

13 Nova Express 80' 5.9+ ★★★

Single rack to 4". double 1" - 3". LO.

The excellent and challenging wide crack splitting the center of the wall. Off-width skills are a great help.

14 Welcome to My Nightmare 85' 5.11d **

Max Jones, John Hoffman, 1979.

Single rack to 3", double 0.6" - 1", 2 bolts. LO.

Begin 15' right of Nova Express, following a thin, diagonal crack as it trends leftward, merging with Nova Express at 55'. After another 10', leave the crack, hand-traversing rightward across a narrow ledge. Climb the upper wall via a flaring crack (2 bolts), then endure an improbable, left-hand exit to gain the wall's summit. Claim an 11c if taking the right-hand exit.

Variation 5.12a: An excellent local's challenge. Climb the route without using the Nova crack or the headwall bolts above! Single rack to 1.5", doubles to 1", LO.