



## 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 upward, 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-the-ground 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

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.