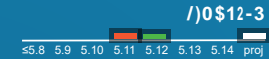


# 268 Wall

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**Crag Profile:** While there isn't much at this wall, it does offer a little bit of adventure (in the approach mostly), and also some solitude on a busy Clear Creek day. Bring a crash pad and break up the hike by bouldering on all of the cool boulders along the way. *The Metal* (5.12c) is a beautiful line and is worthy of the extra effort to hike uphill. The wall is mostly north-facing and is shaded, especially during the second half of the day.

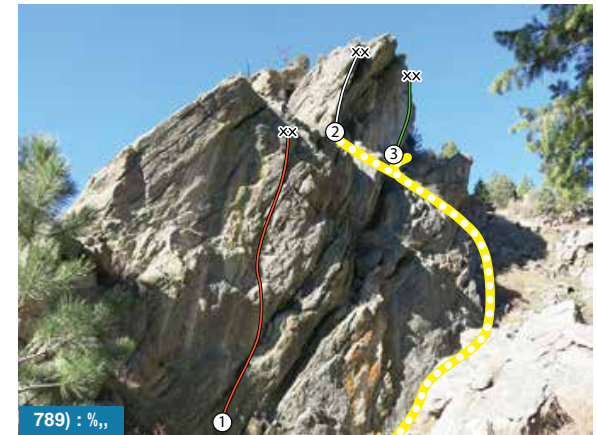
! "#\$%&'() Expect a long bushwhack uphill. Drive 3.6 miles up the canyon and park on the south (left) side of the road in a large dirt parking area at mile marker 268. Cross the road to the north and follow a faint trail up the drainage, staying slightly to the left. After hiking a couple hundred yards uphill, continue up and to the right to spot a wall with two large pine trees in front of it. Once you get close to the wall, walk around to the right side to get to the lower wall where *Welfare Crack* is located. To access *The Metal*, continue up and right of the lower wall and scramble up some fourth class terrain. Alternatively, walk around to get to the upper tier of the wall.



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 This is a nice trad climb on the lower wall. Moderate climbing brings you to a ledge and the start of a gently overhanging and flaring finger to hand-sized crack.  
 Standard rack, 2-bolt anchor (50')  
 FA: Matt Lloyd, Josh Leininger 2009

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 This unfinished sport route is located on the upper tier of the wall and is the left of the two bolted lines. Feel free to finish this would-be 5.11 route. 4 bolts (35')  
 FA: Started by Matt Lloyd 2009



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 Climb the blunt arête on right side of the upper tier, which is defined by big, powerful moves. Stickclipping the first bolt is a good idea so you don't go tumbling backwards off the ledge. 5 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (40')  
 FA: Matt Lloyd 2009



# The Shield

Mile Marker: 267.5



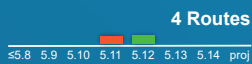
10min



MOST OF THE DAY



A.M. in SUMMER



**Crag Profile:** As you drive west up the canyon, you'll notice a short, dome-shaped wall on the south side of the road just before Little Eiger and Rainy Day Rock. This is the Shield. This isn't a destination wall, but it does offer a few short routes in the shade with a short approach. It faces north and gets an abundance of shade.

**Approach:** Park on the north (right) side of the road 4.4 miles up the canyon. This is just past the bridge that is shortly after the 267.5 milemarker sign. Take the trail on the left side of the road near the bridge (east of the Little Eiger trail). Follow the creek-side trail for a few hundred yards downstream (going past Rainy Day Rock) before seeing the cliff uphill to the right. Scramble through the loose, bushy hillside to the base of the crag. There is not a clear, visible trail up to the cliff.



The Shield approach

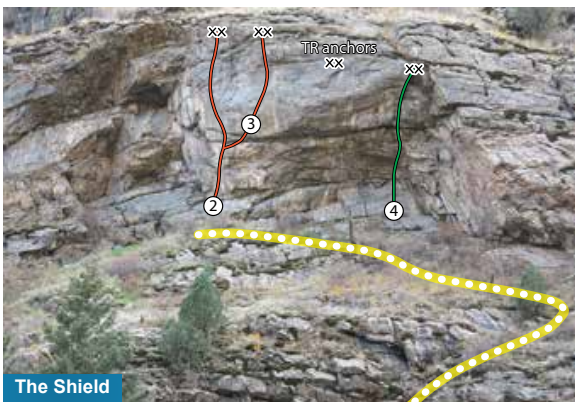
## Shield Upper Amphitheater

There is a short, amphitheater-like wall a few hundred feet to the left and slightly uphill of the main Shield area. There is only one established route on this wall, but the area is big enough for a few more decent lines. There is even an anchor on the left side of the wall with no bolted route below it.



Upper Left Face

**1 Upper Left Face 5.12a** ★★    
Start down and left of the bolt line and power your way up and right past an initial hard sequence. From here, pull through the changing corners and over to a right-facing dihedral and cruise to the top. Stick-clipping the second bolt is nice! 7 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (45')



The Shield

**2 Widget 5.11a** ★    
This is the leftmost bolted line on the wall. A challenging start brings you past the third bolt and easier climbing above. The fourth bolt is hidden, but it's there. 4 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (45')

**3 The Gladiator 5.11c** ★★★    
Climb the first two bolts of *Widget*, and then traverse up and right in a right-angling, layback seam. Best route on the wall. 5 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (45')

**4 Turd Ferguson 5.12a**    
Start in a left-facing corner on the right side of the wall. Pull past some bad rock to a small shake before taking on the painful jams in the overhanging and constricting crack. Move up and right in the corner for a bit of an awkward finish. 4 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (40')

# Piledriver Formation

Mile Marker: 267.5



20min



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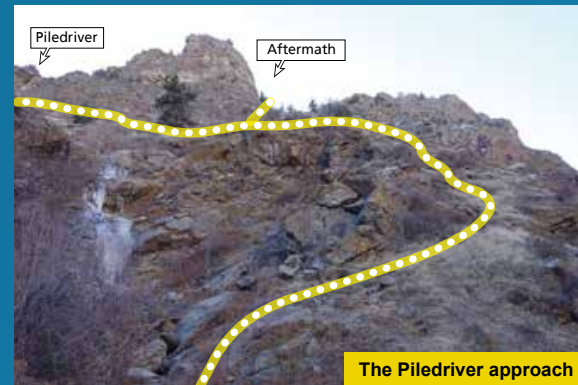


A.M. in SUMMER



**Crag Profile:** This forgotten about sport climb was put up in the early 90's and hasn't seen much attention, ever! It's actually kind of a fun little climb, however, it is the only climb on this wall and it's a long hike. If you hike around the corner to the right/west you will reach Aftermath, so at least now there are a few more options up here. The wall does face north so you'll get plenty of shade.

**Approach:** Park as for Little Eiger, cross to the south side of the road, and walk downstream, passing Rainy Day Rock. At the first gully on your right, where the ice climb, *Coors Lite*, is in the winter time, follow the climbers trail switch-backs on the right side of the gully. Continue up and to the right, high on the hillside, then stay left. The climb is only about 100 yards up and to the right from the top of the gully/water drainage. 20 min.



The Piledriver approach

**1 Piledriver 5.12d** ★    
Powerful and bouldery! Start on the highest ledge that you care to belay from and climb the steep overhang with a few drilled pockets. 6 bolts, sling anchor (50')  
FA: Kurt Fry, Kent Katon 1991



Piledriver



# Aftermath

Mile Marker: 267.5



**Crag Profile:** This wall offers a handful of 5.12 routes on a steep, shaded overhang. Most of the wall has marginal rock quality with fractured blocks on every route, but it does make for some adventurous, and juggy climbing with some redeemable qualities to the routes. Strapped With Lats is one of the recommended routes on the wall and is a must-do if you are already up here. A stick-clip is nice to have at this wall, but not mandatory for most of the routes. This wall also faces northwest so you will get an abundance of shade most of the year.

**Approach:** Park as for *Little Eiger*, cross to the south side of the road, and walk downstream, passing *Rainy Day Rock*. At the first gully on your right, where the ice climb is in the winter time, follow the climbers trail switchbacks on the right side of the gully. Continue up and to the right and around the corner, high on the hillside, to reach the wall on the steep slope. 30 min



The Aftermath approach

## 1 Platinum Plaque 5.12a ★ □□

Begin just to the left of the steep overhang and climb easier terrain up the featured face and alcove to a delicate and crimpy crux on the second half. 8 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (60')  
FA: Mark Anderson 2016

## 2 Strapped With Lats 5.12c ★★ □□

Fun and gymnastic movement out the steepest part of the overhang. Start slightly left of the bolts at the start and scramble up to a resting stance before committing to the roof climbing. 7 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (50')  
FA: Mark Anderson 2016

## 3 Gotta Be Bumpin' 5.12b ★ □□

It is not recommended to climb the start of this route due to poor rock quality, but instead climb the first 2 bolts of *Aftermathematics* and trend left to meet up with the rest of this route. Pull the roof and enjoy the rail traverse before mantelling over. 6 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (50')  
FA: Mark Anderson 2016

## 4 Aftermathematics 5.12a □□

Mostly big holds leading to a crux mantel. 5 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (45')  
FA: Mark Anderson 2016



## 5 Savage Cats 5.11c ★ □□

Climb the left-angling arête and dihedral on the right side of the wall. The first bolt is about 20 feet up so a stick-clip is mandatory. 4 bolts, stick-clip, 2-bolt anchor (35')  
FA: Mark Anderson 2016



Mark Anderson on *Aftermathematics*  
Nicholas Zepeda

# Rainy Day Rock

Just After the First Bridge

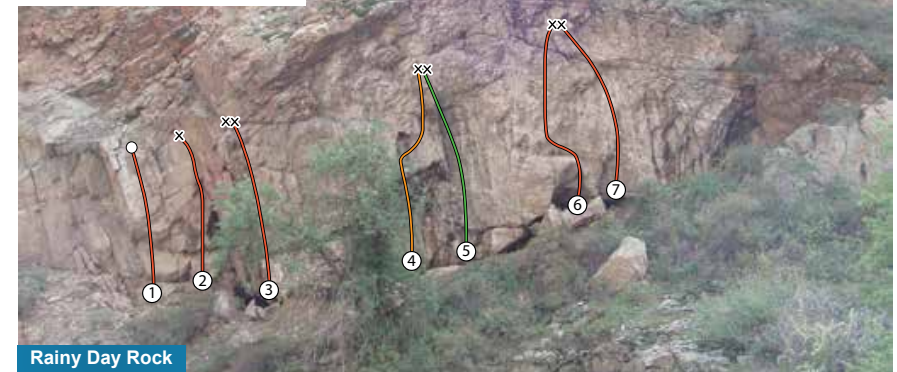


**Crag Profile:** This small overhanging wall offers decent climbing with some reprieve from the rain, should you get bouted by the weather. These climbs are short, powerful, and interesting considering their lack of height.

**Approach:** Park on the north (right) side of the road 4.4 miles up the canyon. This is just past the bridge that is shortly after the 267.5 milemarker sign. Take the trail on the left side of the road near the bridge (east of the *Little Eiger* trail). Walk downstream on the south side of the river for about 100 yards; the small wall will be visible to the right.



approach



Rainy Day Rock

## 1 Thunder Road 5.11b □□

The bolts have been removed from this route. FA: Alan Nelson

## 2 Lightning Rod 5.11a □□

Climb the left-leaning crack in the corner to the left of *Rain Man*. Rack to #1 *Camalot*, 1-bolt anchor (30')  
FA: Alan Nelson

## 3 Rain Man 5.11d ★ □□

This is the first climb encountered from the trail. Climb the corner and flake past a scary third clip. 3 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (25')  
FA: Alan Nelson

## 4 Slapaho 5.13c ★★ □□

Start below the overhanging dihedral. Climb bouldery, powerful moves through the roof to a cryptic crux. It climbs better than it looks and is a boulderer's dream route. 5 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (25')  
FA: Steve Damboise

## 5 Rainy Day Twelve A 5.12a ★★ □□

Begin in a right-facing dihedral just right of the roof. Climb the difficult and technical dihedral to an easier finish. One of the better routes on the wall. 3 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (25')  
FA: Kurt Smith, Mike Pont

## 6 Swinging in the Rain 5.11b ★ □□

Start just below the ledge at head height. Bust a hard crux mantel to easier climbing above. 3 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (25')  
FA: Alan Nelson, Tod Anderson 1993

## 7 Your Brain on Rain 5.11d ★ □□

The farthest right route on the wall offers some intense climbing on interesting holds. Powerful pulls lead to off-balance climbing and the anchors. Worth the effort. 3 bolts, 2-bolt anchor (25')  
FA: Alan Nelson 1996