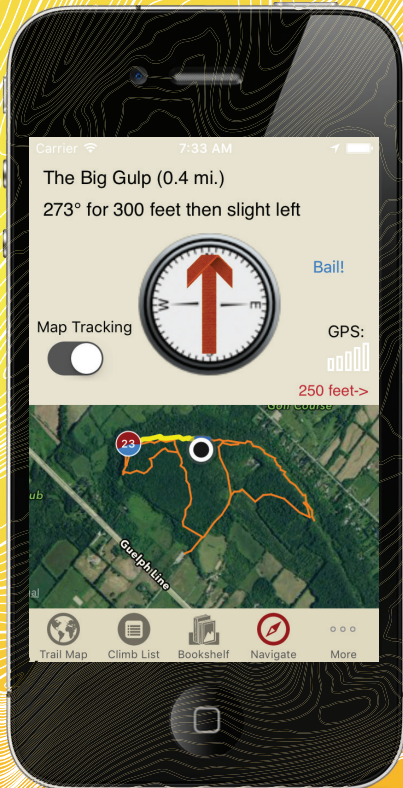
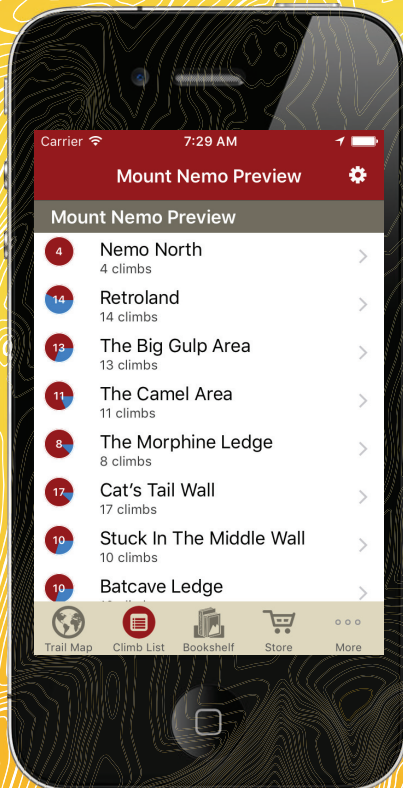


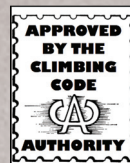
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8 TIPS TO ENSURE THE TURTLE STAYS OPEN

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2



KEEP THE NOISE DOWN

3



LEAVE THE BOOMBOX AT HOME

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MINIMIZE CROWDS

5



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6



DON'T TAKE A DUMP AT THE CLIFF

7



KEEP FIDO ON A LEASH

8



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Practice anchors are located five metres left of 20 Feet of France.

3 Cathy's Challenge 5.9 ★★

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Start a metre right of a small roundish cedar located five metres up the cliff face, 2m left of the practice anchors. Stay right of the second and third last bolts at the top of the climb. FA – David Smart, Cathy MacDonald (2017)

4 Target, Guam 5.10b ★★★

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Start a metre left of the small cliff-face cedar by Cathy's Challenge. Cryptic climbing. Use the arete above the last bolt. FA – David Smart (2017)

5 The Snapper 5.11a ★★★

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Located about 20 metres left of plate 90, or five metres left of the small cliff-face cedar. Climb the face to the right of the arete and the thin crack above. Power up the left side of the roof to much easier climbing. The developers found a turtle here, apparently lost on its way to the Swamp. FA – David Smart (2017)

6 Rude Roof CLOSED PROJECT

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This line requires extensive cleaning and the repositioning of some bolts. Please stay off of it until this work is completed.



Great Roof And Beyond Area



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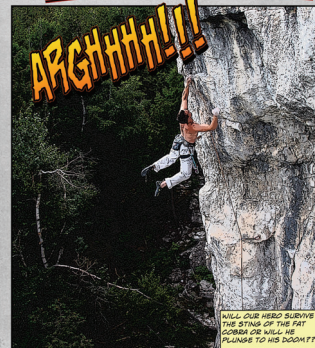


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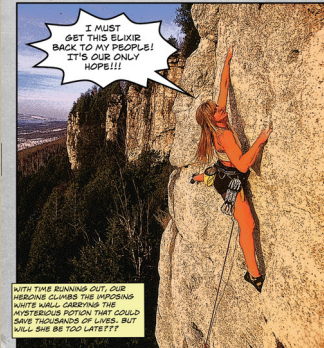


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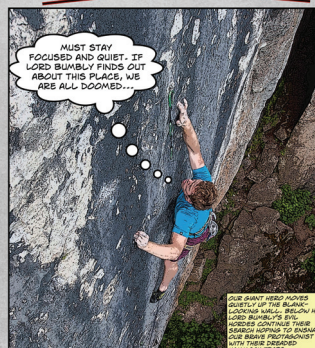


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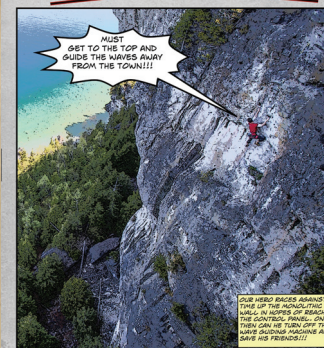


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THE TURTLE

Character

Discovered and developed by Gus Alexandropoulos, Gerry Banning, Mike Sheehan, Dave Smart and Reg Smart in the spring of 2017, The Turtle offers a substantial amount of safely bolted moderate sport climbing. The crag has routes ranging from steep powerful pulling to more conventional technical pocket and small-edge climbing.

23 Routes



15 5.5 .6 .7 .8 .9 .10 .11

The Turtle is unique because while the base is on private property, the landowner is supportive of climbing at the crag. Our continued access to this crag is dependent on climbers exhibiting exceptional behaviour when visiting the area. Please read the Important Notes section below.

The cliff tends to stay in the shade for most of the day and is a good option during warmer weather. To prevent erosion, please avoid this area during wet conditions (spring thaw) or after a day of rain.

Approach

Climbers should use the Bruce Trail parking at the intersection of Walkers Line and Side Rd 2. This is a small pay-parking lot and fills up quickly. While there is no gatekeeper, there is an envelope kiosk for payments. The lot is monitored and vehicles that have not paid will be ticketed. If there are no available parking spots, consider climbing at a different area. Parking on the road will result in ticketing and towing.

From the parking lot, follow the Bruce Trail to the base of the cliff (approximately 10 minutes with a moderately steep section near the end). At the cliff, you will see a wooden ladder that goes to the top of the crag. Don't take the ladder! Instead, from the ladder go climbers' left along the crag for approximately 60m. The first significant steep loose-looking wall you encounter is the start of The Turtle. Routes are described right-to-left starting from here.

Bugs and Poison Ivy

The Turtle offers a refreshing change from many Ontario crags in that it is almost completely free of poison ivy. Mosquitoes and black flies can be a problem in the spring and summer, as they are at most Ontario crags.

Important Notes

The base of The Turtle is on private property and the landowner resides approximately 100m downhill from the cliff. Our continued access to this crag is dependent on climbers being on their best behaviour when visiting this area. Please refrain from yelling, dropping F-bombs or taking a dump in the forest below the cliff (would you like climbers taking a poop in your backyard?). Also, leave the hammocks, boom boxes, bongs and alcohol at home. Dogs must be on leash at all times. If Fido is prone to barking, consider going to another cliff. If the cliff is busy, please go to another area that can handle greater climbing traffic (Mount Nemo and Rattlesnake Point). The Turtle is also not suitable for large groups (that is, more than four people). To prevent erosion, climbers must stay on the main path. This is particularly important in the terraced corner area. Helmets are strongly recommended. Please bring a stick-clip and use it for every route to help prevent unnecessary injuries. While top-roping is acceptable (set up on lead), please refrain from monopolizing routes that other climbers would like to lead. Further route development is not allowed in this area. Finally, these rules are not negotiable.

Access to this cliff will be compromised if climbers ignore these policies. Don't be the person responsible for getting this crag closed.



Corner Wall Area (left of muddy-corner chute)



Great Roof And Beyond Area



Some of the less-than-inspiring hardware frequently found on many of the early bolted Escarpment routes. Take a minute and donate some money to the Hardware Fund: OntarioClimbing.com/Hardware/. Your donations contribute to the costs of replacing old gear and help build great new crags like The Turtle.

The following routes are on the north-facing wall left of the muddy corner chute.

4 Swiss Cheese 5.7 ★★

First route left of the chute. Short, but more interesting than it looks.

FA – Reg Smart, Madeline Smart (2017)

5 Blondie 5.10a ★★★

Crimp your way up the face a couple of metres left of Swiss Cheese.

FA – Reg Smart, Madeline Smart (2017)

6 Mad Dog 5.8 ★★

Starts just left of Blondie, on the right side of the scary looking blocks. Climb up left onto the blocks to the face above.

FA – Madeline Smart, Reg Smart (2017)

7 Forgotten Rebels 5.10a ★★★

Start under the middle of the roof formed by the scary blocks. Step left and muscle up and over the left end of the roof.

FA – Madeline Smart, Reg Smart (2017)

8 Boneshaker 5.9 ★★★★★

Start four metres left of Forgotten Rebels. A nice technical line with varied movement.

FA – Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)

9 We Were Promised Jetpacks 5.8 ★★★★★

Start right of the large detached block, 12 metres left of the roof. Climb onto the block and work your way up the thin crack to the anchors.

FA – Reg Smart (2017)

GREAT ROOF AND BEYOND AREA

An obvious large roof marks the start of this section of the cliff.

1 Zack Attack 5.10b ★★★★★

Start in a black corner under the right side of a roof, by plate 90, five metres left of We Were Promised Jetpacks. A somewhat awkward start up the corner, but worth the struggle to reach the superb pocket climbing on the overhanging face above. Scene of a fight-to-the-death between Zack and a flying log.

FA – Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)

2 20 Feet of France 5.11b ★★

Start under the fixed draw four metres left of Zack Attack. Engaging opening moves lead to a good stance below the roof. From here, powerful and gymnastic moves lead to a jug at the lip (a somewhat hidden sidepull undercling in the roof helps). Gain the headwall and enjoy the easy pocket climbing to the anchors.

FA – Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)



Corner Wall Area (left of muddy-corner chute)

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Shattered Wall Area



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SHATTERED WALL AREA

The first significant steep loose-looking wall you encounter.

1 Nancy 5.10d ★★★

The first route on the cliff, located seven metres right of plate 88. Typical of many of the routes on this wall, pull on large flakes, ledges and pockets to the anchors.

FA – David Smart (2017)

2 Sid 5.10c ★★★

Start 2m left of Nancy. Big holds and good rests on this excellent route, but as Yogi would say, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.”

FA – David Smart (2017)

3 The Deuce 5.10c ★★★

Start near plate 88 and climb up right to the first bolt. Climb the intimidating bulges to the anchors.

FA – Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)

4 The Swan King 5.10c ★★★

Start near plate 88 and climb up left to the first bolt. Déjà vu all over again – jugs and large flakes to the anchors.

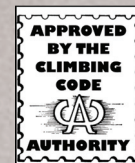
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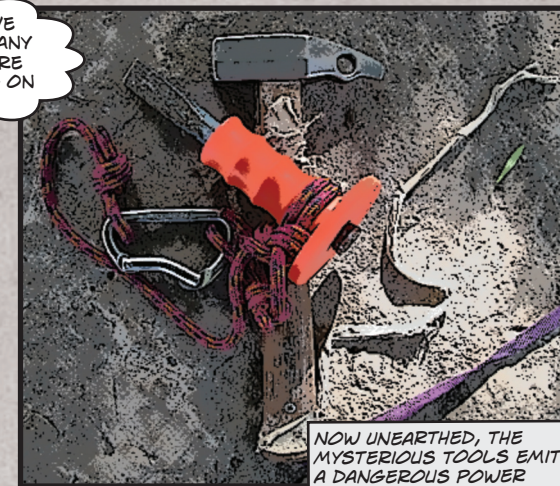


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MEANWHILE, THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTS WITH OUR HERO REACHING THE TOP

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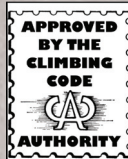
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Rebecca Lewis running another lap on
Scarface 5.12a, Mount Nemo, Ontario
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5 Jen's Corner 5.9 ★★★★★ 
Start about 10m left of plate 88. Mellow face climbing leads to a tricky transition onto the prominent right-facing wall.
FA – David Smart, Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)

6 Sick Runouts 5.6 ★★★ 
Start below the left-facing corner 5m left of Jen's Corner. Scramble up the first 5m to enjoyable face and corner climbing above.
FA – David Smart, Gus Alexandropoulos (2017)

7 Journey to Ixtlan 5.11a ★★★ 
Climb the wall and steep left-facing corner 5m left of Sick Runouts. Sustained steep climbing and some smallish holds make this the toughest route on the wall.
FA – Reg Smart (2017)

8 Zen and the Art of Archery 5.10c ★★★ 
Start at a block below another overhanging left-facing corner, 2m left of Ixtlan. A tricky crux sequence makes for a difficult on-sight.
FA – Reg Smart (2017)


CORNER WALL AREA


The obvious terraced corner section. Erosion is a concern in this area so please tread lightly. Stay on the trail and use the terraces for belaying. Please do not hang out/linger/loiter on the flat but fragile terraces for longer than you need.



Shattered Wall Area

1 Vuvuzela 5.9 ★★★ 
Start one metre left of plate 89, at the arete. Use big pockets, ledges and a suspicious-looking pinch to pull through the steep section to easier climbing above the roof.
FA – David Smart (2017)

2 Right Popsicle Twin 5.7 ★★★★★ 
Located 5m left of the right end of the wall. Excellent pleasure climbing on a pocketed wall. Start left of the first bolt (best) or lower down and right of the bolt.
Equipper – Gus Alexandropoulos FA – Gerry Banning (2017)

3 Left Popsicle Twin 5.5 ★★★ 
Start two metres left of Right Popsicle Twin. An easier version of RPT. No need to stand on the top terrace wall!
Equipper – David Smart FA – Gerry Banning (2017)

Important Access Reminder

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Shattered Wall Area



Corner Wall Area

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