

Climbing Guide to The Annex



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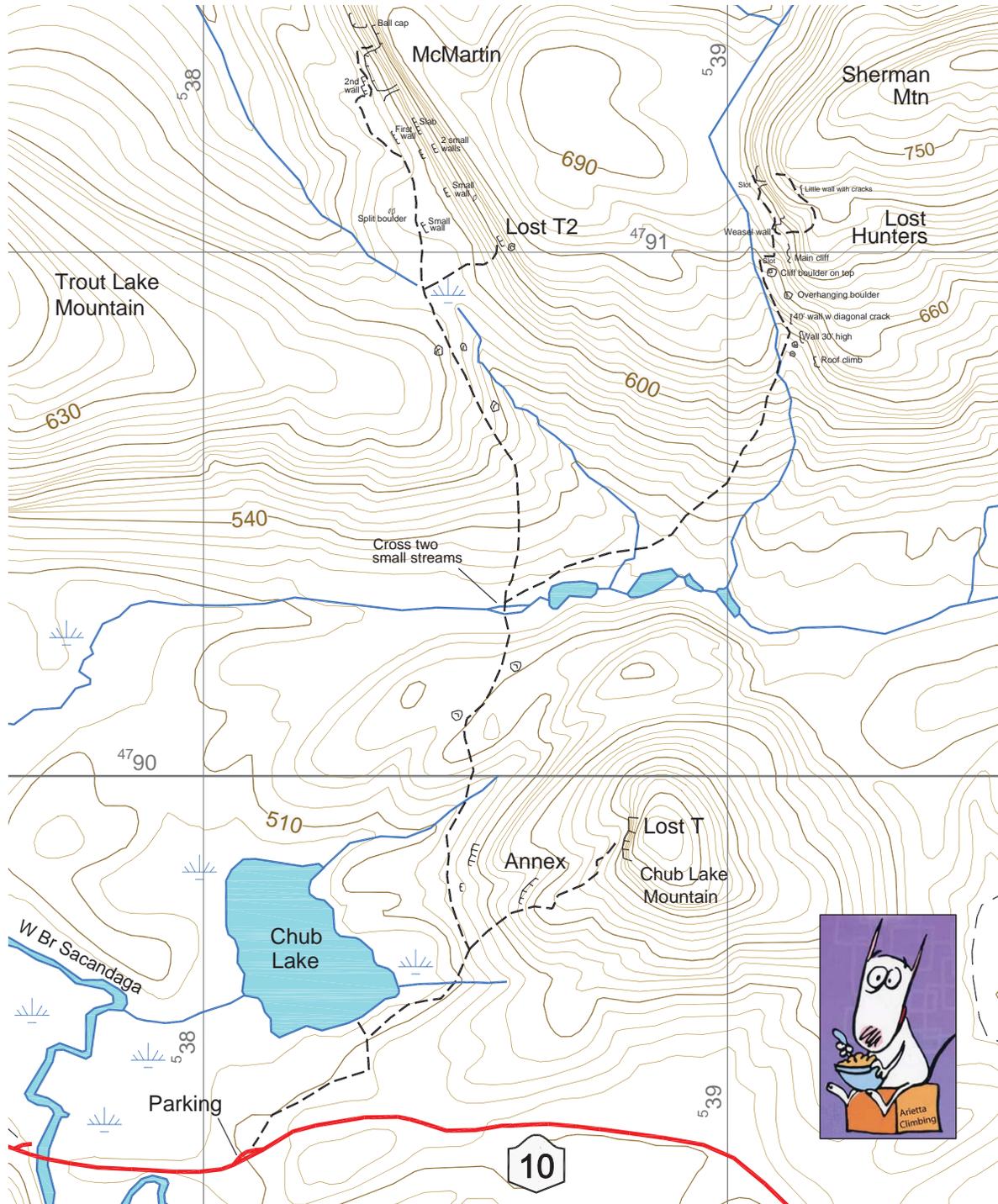
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The Annex is a small cliff about 10 minutes from the road; it is on the trail to Lost T. You come to the Annex 5 minutes before you get to Lost T. When you are walking in to Lost T and finish the steep uphill part of the hike, the Annex is just to your left; you are standing about 40 ft from the top of the cliff. You can either rappel to the bottom from one of the trees or walk back south and then around west to the base.

The cliff is about 40 ft high 150 to 200 ft wide. It presently has six nice climbs on it. The first five climbs were developed by the Arietta Climbing Team. The center part of the cliff is rather blank, particularly at the bottom. It was thought there were probably three additional climbs in this center area, rated 5.10 to 5.11. Although some of them have been top roped, none of the climbs in the center area were developed. Since the original work Lyle Farren developed one of these center section climbs.



A map of the area cliffs is shown on the previous page. If you want to use a GPS, set your device to UTM NAD83 with units of meters. WGS84 will also work. The map grid shows the coordinates. The bolted climbs were designed to be stick clipped. The climbs will be explained from left to right (north to south as the cliff faces west).

Chocolate Left 5.8 Bolted

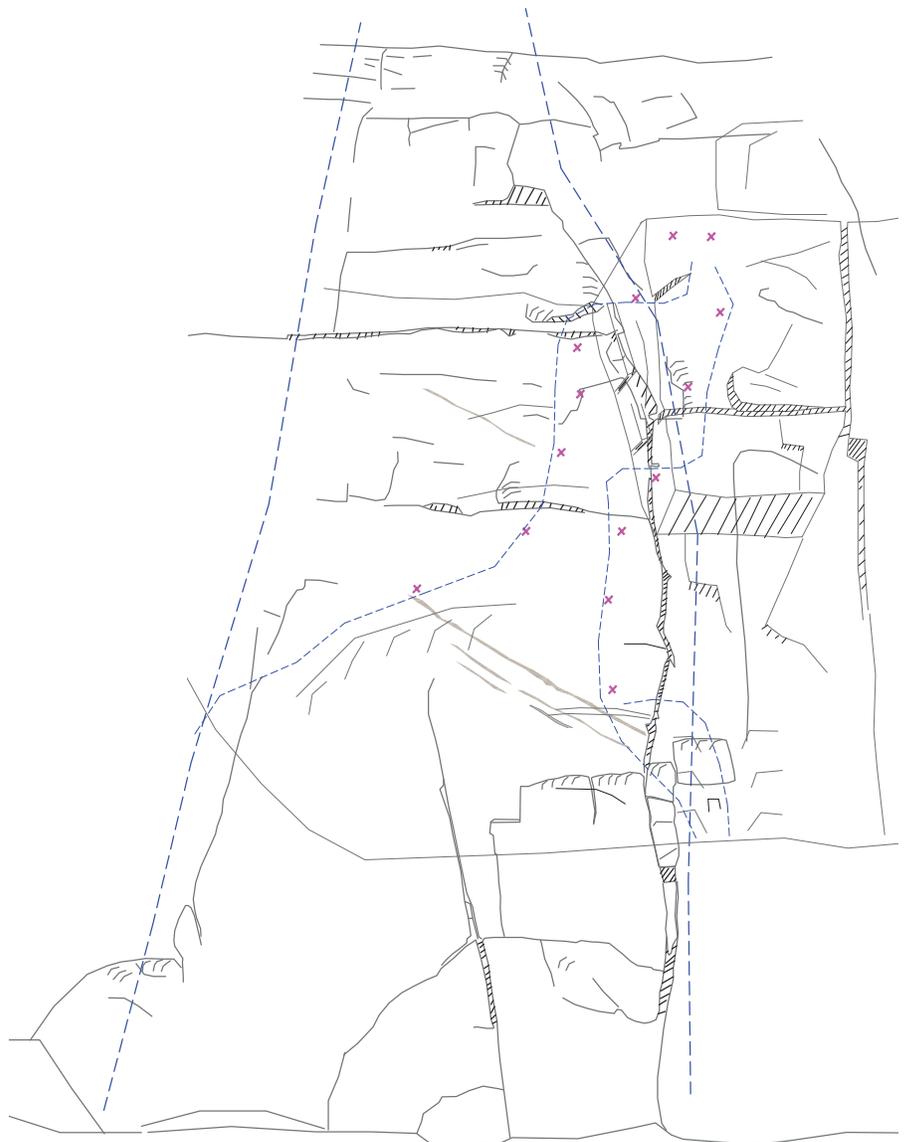
The first two climbs are on an interesting buttress at the left end of the wall. A rough sketch is shown below. For the first climb scramble up to the left and make a long reach with the stick clip to the first bolt. Step out on the face and work right and up until you are in the dihedral on the left side of the buttress. Climb nearly to the top of the dihedral (crux), then slide right around the arête out onto the face of the buttress. Reach up and insert the rope into the clip-in anchors. This climb can be top roped from a tree at the top. It is not possible to reach the clip-in anchors from the top without setting up additional protection.

Chocolate Right 5.8 Bolted

Well, the starting move is actually 5.9; there are a couple of ways to make it. There is a shallow vertical trough on the right. If you are tall (6 ft) and reasonably strong you can get make one move up the trough and then with a long reach grab the ledge right below the first bolt with your left hand. Get both hands on the ledge and pull yourself up, cursing the lack of footholds. If you are skilled and flexible it is possible, with some ballet like moves, to go right up the trough and then step over onto the ledge below the first bolt (meant to be stick clipped). The first bolt may be placed too far left to make this move safe while leading the route, but it is ok on top rope. After getting to the ledge, continue up to the dihedral on the left of the buttress and this time step out onto the face of the buttress at the bottom. Continue up the face to the anchors.

Third climb (not developed)

There is a crack on the right side of the buttress. At ground level start below this crack and climb the arête to the crack and continue to the top. Top roped but not developed because the climb is much harder at the bottom than the top.



Chocolate Left and Chocolate Right

Welcome to Arietta 5.10 G

Moving to the right along the cliff about 40 ft there are two crack climbs; Welcome to Arietta is on the left. It is shown in the sketch below. Follow the thin crack to the top and rappel from a tree.

Toolbox Woody 5.7 G

Climb the wider crack on the right and rappel from a tree.



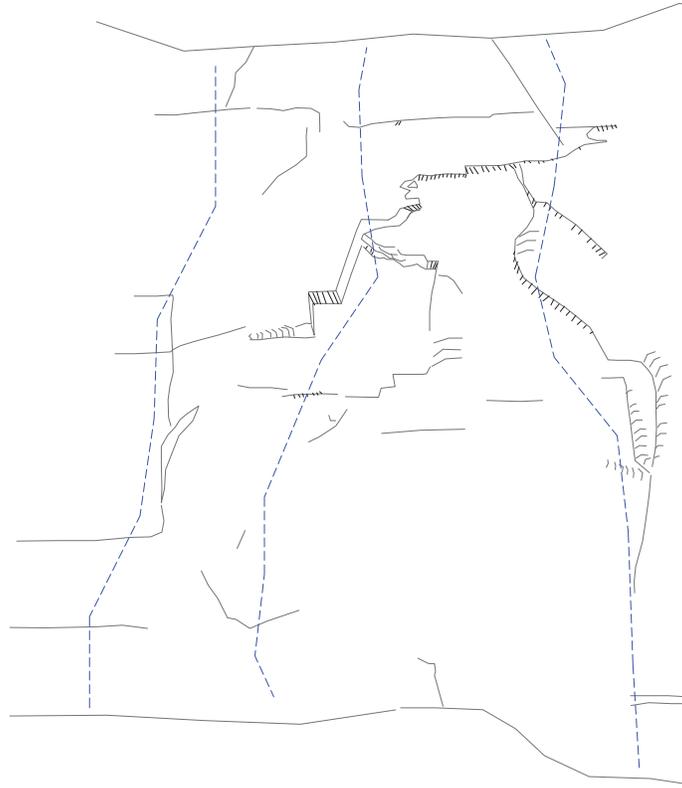
Welcome to Arietta and Toolbox Woody

Center Section Climbs

As mentioned above the center section of the cliff is difficult; this was discovered after it was mostly cleaned. The moves at the bottom of the cliff seem particularly hard. Several possible climbs in the center were top roped but not developed. Other climbers may wish to develop them. Some cleaning may be needed and probably some hardware. The next picture shows two possible routes plus a third in between which is now developed.

Shirtless in November 5.10d PG 50 ft

Start straight up with crimping moves to a right arching flake. Above the flake requires a long reach to a horizontal crack. Move left and up to the leftmost of two vertical cracks. Move up the vertical crack (crux) to a horizontal ledge off to the right. Top out to tree anchors. Gear to 2". Cleaned and ascended by Lyle Farren in Nov 2010.



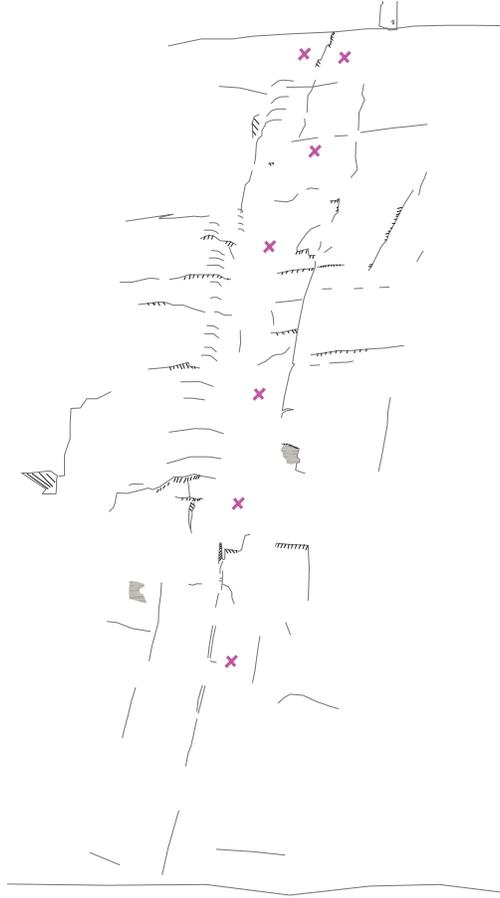
Shirtless in November in the center, two possible routes on each side.

Criss Cross 5.10c Bolted

On the right side of the cliff there is a shallow vertical trough, almost like a slightly eroded dike. There are five bolts to the clip in anchors. The hardest moves are at the top, so less advanced climbers can also try it. It can be top roped from a tree above. It is not possible to reach the clip-in anchors from the top without setting up additional protection. The cover photo shows Criss Cross when it was being cleaned; the bolts are not yet installed.

Small Cliff to Right

About 100 ft to the right of Annex 5 there are a couple of small cliffs that have been cleaned on which top ropes can be set for kids (of any age) to play.



Criss Cross