

Eldorado Canyon Fixed Hardware Application Form

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Slackwalk, 5.10- (Proposing 5 bolts)

The proposed route starts at a good natural gear anchor about 50ft up and left on the easy ramp system from the two-bolt start anchor for routes Pilgrim (5.10+, route 48, Levin guide) and High Noon (5.11, route 47). Slackwalk climbs more or less parallel to Pilgrim. The route is about 50ft left of Pilgrim, and about 25ft at the closest point. Left of the proposed route is the large ramp system of Pseudo Sidetrack.

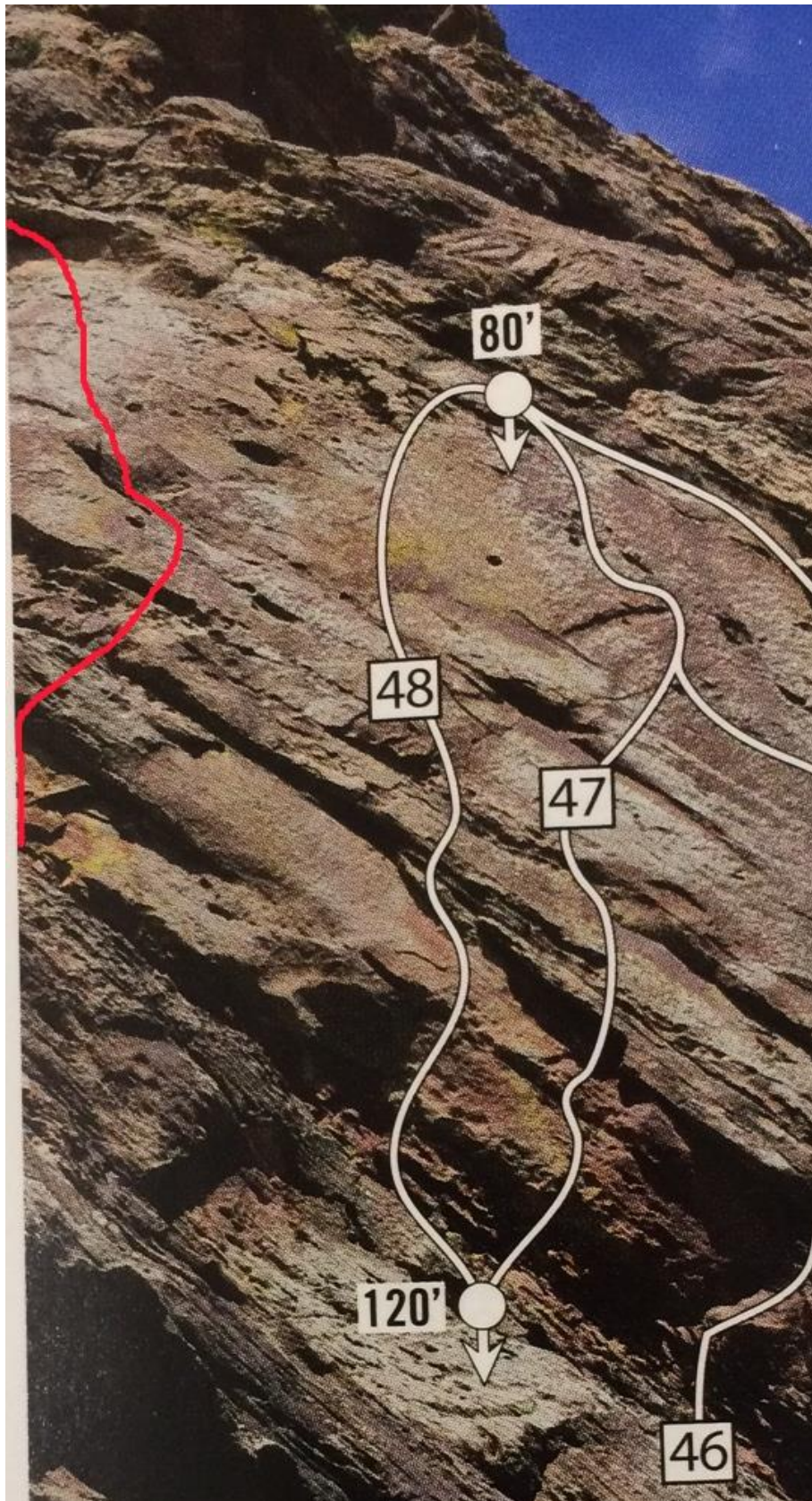
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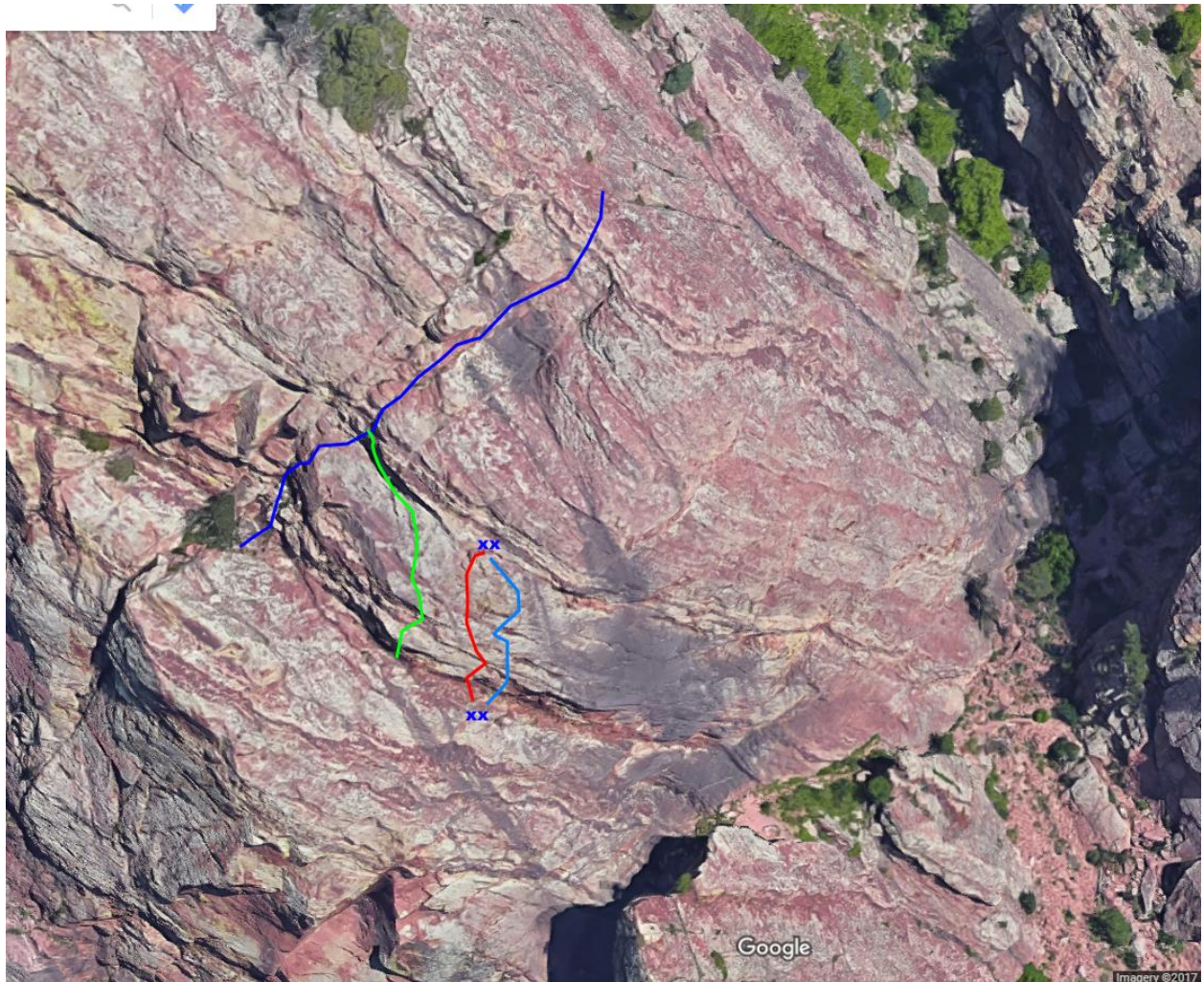
Approach via Pseudo Sidetrack. Belay at the two bolt anchor for the start of Pilgrim or belay directly below the start of the route on a natural gear anchor.

Climb up and right through a bulge (crux, two bolts) to easier terrain. Continue up to bolt 3 and through a bulge (5.8) to bolt 4 and insecure bulge (5.8+) passing bolt 5 to progressively easier terrain and a crack system that takes good gear, continuing up easier terrain to join Pseudo Sidetrack. Finish on Pseudo Sidetrack and walk-off via the East Slabs. It is also possible to do three single-rope rappels starting from a difficult-to-see anchor (bolt/pin) on Pseudo Sidetrack to the anchor atop Pilgrim/High Noon, then to the anchor at the start of Pilgrim/High Noon, and then to the ground. Good to have a 70m for these raps.

Discussion (from applicant): I think this is a nice route that would be a good, well-protected, moderate addition to a seldom-traveled section of the Redgarden Wall. With the exception of the easy finish, no natural protection exists, so without bolts the route is X-rated. The route is far enough off the ground and off the beaten path that bolts should not detract from other park users.

From page 142, Levin guide:





Google Earth image. Green is Slackwalk, Red is Pilgrim, Light Blue is High Noon. Long dark blue line is the finish of Pseudo Sidetrack.

Factors For

1. Is the proposed new route independent?
Yes. It shares no climbing with any other existing routes.
2. Is the proposed new route direct?
Yes. Direct line on natural face holds.
3. Is the proposed new route on good rock?
Yes. The rock quality is generally good. There is one loose spot at the start that is easily avoided. The first bolt is easy to clip.

4. Does the overall quality of the climbing inspire?
Yes. The position is very cool.
5. Does the proposed new route alter neighboring routes?
No. It is far from the two closest routes.
6. Is the proposed new route safe?
Yes. However, natural gear placements after the last bolt are required to keep it safe. The anchor at the top is also a natural gear anchor.
7. Will proposed new route lead to crowding at base?
No.

Factors Against

1. Does the new route overlook natural protection in favor of bolts?
No.

Neutral Factors

1. Can the proposed new route be top roped?
Yes, using a gear anchor at the end of the route, but you would probably top-out instead of TR this route. There is no bolted anchor in this application.

