

Eldorado Canyon Fixed Hardware Application Form

Information from Applicant:

Route Name and Proposed Grade: Trivial Pursuit 5.14?

Location: across and down river from the Milton boulder

Describe where the climb is and how to access it: It is easy to access by crossing the river by the Milton Boulder and going downstream just a couple yards.. It is the same access as Morning Thunder and is right under that route.

Describe how to access the climb and a pitch by pitch breakdown of the climbing. Include grades, quality of rock, protection and if there are any serious run-outs:

One pitch climb, 35 feet. It is independent and could be one of the harder routes in Eldo. Solo up first 15 feet (maybe 5.6) and belay from a shelf. There is good gear on the ledge to make a belay. The crux is right off the ledge. It used to have a pin but the pin came out. The placement of the pin is shallow so putting another pin in the same place is not a good option. There is a yellow alien placement by where the pin was but it is questionable so is not good protection for the crux. From the shelf you could reach up and clip the bolt. This would keep you from hitting the deck doing the crux. After the crux is a good nest of gear with many options. From that nest to the top is 5.12/13 climbing. It is safe but a little bit spicy with the nest of gear below your feet. No need for any other bolts but the one at the crux.

Gear is where the black circles are and green is the line of climbing. Bolt placement is the red x.



Other information from applicant: Include any other information you wish ACE, the Park, and the public to know about this route.

It's an old Mike Brooks aid line. Brad Bond talked with Mike and Mike said he was okay with adding a bolt if it meant the route got climbed. It's on page 358 of the guide.

Factors For

1. Is the proposed new route independent? Yes
2. Is the proposed new route direct? yes
3. Is the proposed new route on good rock? yes
4. Does the overall quality of the climbing inspire? I think so, yes
5. Does the proposed new route alter neighboring routes? no
6. Is the proposed new route safe? With the addition of a bolt it will be.

Factors Against

1. Does the new route overlook natural protection in favor of bolts? no
2. Will the proposed new route lead to crowding at the base? no

Neutral Factors

1. Can the proposed new route be top roped? Not very well, it's very steep at the start.