

PARKING LOT AREA

The following crags are all located in and amongst the large slabby formations immediately to the east of the parking area.

There are a couple of climbs on the white wall just to the east of the parking area. The seams on either side of the White Slab route are all around 5.8 and can be toproped from several anchors at the top of the White Slab.

1 White Slab 90' 5.8 *

Single rack to 1.5"

Start in the middle of the slabby face, 30' to the right of Fender Bender. Climb thin seams (4 b's) to an anchor.

2 Fender Bender 100' 5.6 *

Matt McMackin, Jim Whitesell. May 1973.

Single rack to 4"

This route climbs the obvious right-curving flake to an anchor at its top.

3 Pee Wee's Big Adventure 190' 5.10c R

Nick Nordblom, Danny Meyers. 1988.

Start just left of Fender Bender.

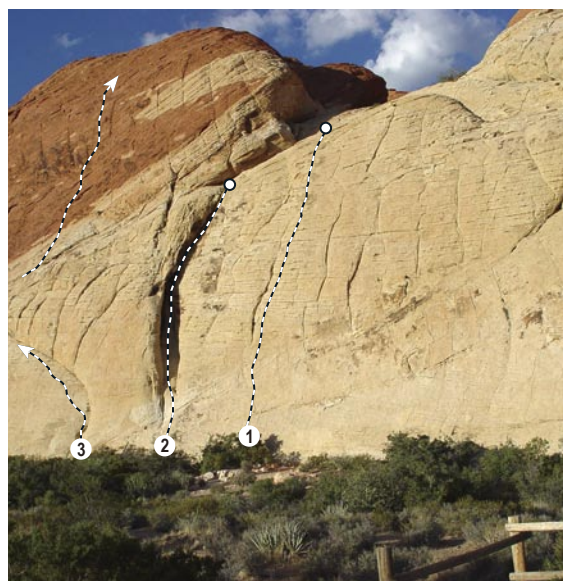
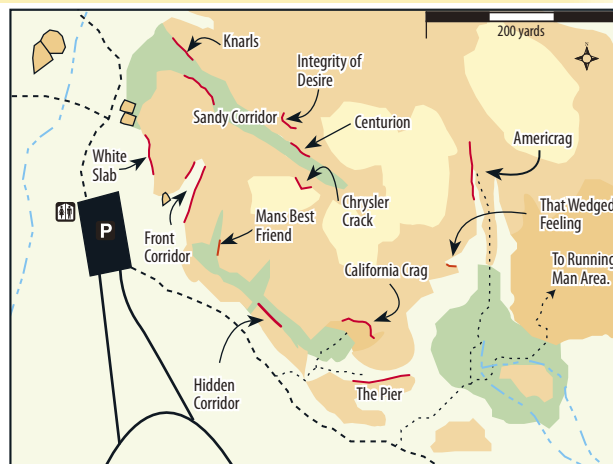
1. **70' 5.8** Follow a left-leaning seam, which turns almost horizontal. Set up an anchor in a patch of dark rock.

2. **120' 5.10c R** From the belay climb up and right to a bolt. Go up to a second bolt and make a long runout up the slab above. The slab eventually gets easier and leads to the top of the formation.

The Only Way 100' 5.9

Scott Gordon, Jon Martinet, Randal Grandstaff.

Start about 150' to the left of Fender Bender. Climb a light colored slab to a thin crack which breaks through a red bulge onto easier slabs.



Front Corridor

This is the impressive slot canyon just to the east of the parking area. The routes on the west wall are described first, going from left to right. The first route is about 150 feet into the corridor, above a flat, sandy clearing.

1 Pockets of Dirt 50' 5.11d

A steep start leads to the first bolt at 15'. Continue up the pocketed white wall to the chains. (6 b's)

2 Churning in the Dirt 45' 5.12c

Mike Tupper, Craig Reason. November 1988.

The leftmost bolted route on the steep wall at the back of the corridor. This route has lost a lot of holds since it was first done and as a result the bolts don't fit the current sequence very well. The first hanger is missing.

3 The Sound of Power 45' 5.12c **

Craig Reason, Mike Tupper. November 1988.

The beautiful flake system to the right of Churning in the Dirt. This route has also lost holds but it's still a great climb.

4 Sunsplash 70' 5.13b **

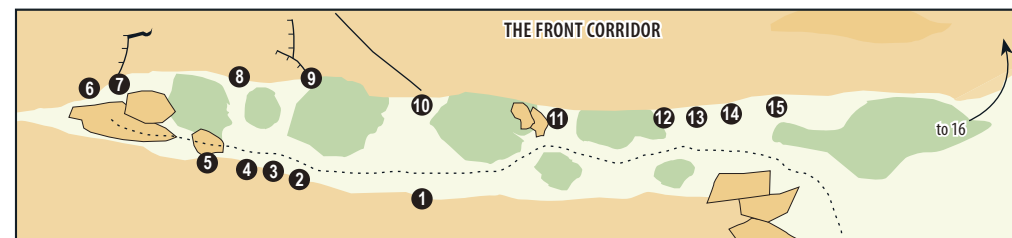
Dan McQuade. April 1995.

Start 20' to the right of Sound of Power. A finery wall leads to an obvious undercling at 35', then a powerful yet delicate crux gains a tiny corner which leads to the anchor. (9 b's)

5 Monster Skank 70' 5.13b ***

Dan McQuade. January 1993.

This route gets my vote for the best sport climb in Red Rocks. Powerful and sustained with very varied movement, a real rarity in the Calico Hills. Start with some easy hueco's 20' to the right of Sunsplash. (9 b's)



The routes on the east wall are described from left to right, starting at the back of the corridor.

6 Gun Control 80' 5.11b *

Bob Conz, Shelby Shelton, Nick Nordblom. Summer 1988.

Start 20' to the right of the chimney at the back of the corridor. Climb up the face into a large black scoop. Exit out the left side of the scoop (crux) to an anchor. (8 b's)

7 To Bolt or Toupee 80' 5.10c *

Mike Ward, Paul Van Betten. Spring 1988.

Start below a corner leading to the right side of the scoop. Climb the face to reach the corner. Tricky, thin climbing leads up the corner and around the small roof at its top. Continue up the face to the right of the scoop to an anchor. (7 b's)

The next two routes have had a few key bolts added, making them a lot less sporty than they used to be.

8 Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow 110' 5. 11a

Nick Nordblom, Paul Van Betten. Spring 1988.

This route starts about 30' to the right of the previous route, directly opposite Sunsplash on a flat red boulder. Climb up the wall to reach a long seam which trends slightly to the left. (8 b's)

9 High Noon 100' 5.11b

Nick Nordblom, Jenni Stone. Spring 1988.

Begin 30' to the right of the previous route, below a varnished corner. Climb the corner and continue up the varnished seams above to an anchor. (6 b's)

10 A Thousand New Routes 100' 5.11b

Paul Van Betten, Nick Nordblom. Summer 1986.

Single rack to 2", double 0.4"- 1", Rp's

Start 80' to the right of the previous route, below an obvious left-leaning crack. Climb a short corner up to the crack. Follow the crack out left (2 b's). From the second bolt, head up to an anchor.

11 Crumbling Community 100' 5.10c

Paul Van Betten, Danny Meyers. 1989.

Single rack to 2.5"

This route starts in a bushy area well to the right of the previous route. There is an empty bolt hole 10' above the ground, beside a thin seam. Climb the seam (crux- no pro) for 30' to reach a deeper crack which is followed left then back right to the top. Descend to the right.

The next three routes share an anchor. They all climb the tall slabby face to the left of a huge scoop 60 feet above the ground, at the entrance to the corridor.

12 Affliction for Friction 80' 5. 11a

Mike Ward, Danny Meyers. Fall 1988.

Start about 15' down the hill from Crumbling Community, in an open spot in the middle of a little thicket of trees. Climb up (2 b's), then make sporty moves left, then up (crux) to a bolt beside a thin seam. Continue up the seam (2 b's) to an anchor on the right at the top.

13 Friction Addiction 90' 5.10c

Bob Conz, Shelby Shelton. Spring 1988.

Start to the right of the little thicket of trees. Climb up and left following thin seams to the communal anchor. (5 b's)

14 Prescription Gription 95' 5.10c

Nick Nordblom, Jenni Stone. Spring 1988.

Start 15' to the right of the previous route. Climb up and slightly to the left, following a thin corner and the seams above to the communal anchor. (5 b's)

15 Siktion 60' 5.9

Nick Nordblom, Randy Marsh. Fall 1988.

Single rack to 0.75", Rp's.

This route starts below the left edge of the scoop at the entrance to the corridor. Enjoyable climbing, but the protection for the final moves into the scoop does not inspire confidence. Climb past a flake and follow a thin seam (3 b's) to the scoop. Belay on 2.5"- 3" cams. Descend to the right.

16 Man's Best Friend 180' 5.7 **

Mark Limage, Ninfa Chauchois. 2005.

This route climbs a slabby face with white rock in the lower half and red rock in the upper half. It is located about 150 yards to the east of the parking area. The lower half of the face is hidden by the fin of rock which forms the east wall of the Front Corridor.

It is an enjoyable and well bolted route which makes for an excellent introduction to multi-pitch climbing. From the south end of the parking area, head straight east, climbing up the easy slabs to the top of a broad fin of rock. The wall is on the far side of the corridor beyond the fin. Either a short rappel from a well camouflaged anchor, or a short third class descent down a trough, leads to the base of the corridor and the start of the route.

1. **90' 5.7** Start up a rounded rib, then move left and climb the face to an anchor on a varnished ledge where the rock changes color. (8 b's)

2. **90' 5.7** Continue up the fragile but well bolted face to an anchor. (10 b's)

Descent: Two single rope rappels.