

Happy Hour Wall

Elevation: 9,580 feet

Approach Time: 20-30 minutes

Primary Aspect: Eastern / Morning Sun

Number of Routes: 32

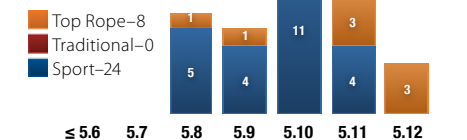
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The Happy Hour Wall is moderate sport climbing at its best. The wall is nestled in a beautiful alpine setting on the northern end of Tensleep Bowl at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The crag gets morning sun and falls into the shade around 2:30 PM, making for a cool after work climbing destination.

The wall's character is far steeper than you'd expect with huge holds, big moves, and an often thuggish style. All in all, the Happy Hour Wall is just pure fun climbing. All routes are well bolted and safe to push your abilities. Ideal for newer climbers and suitable for teaching.

For the lazy climber, the approach/descent is easy and highly scenic. Take advantage of

Routes by Rating & Type:



the Gondola to down load off the mountain, which stays open late to service the Bridger Restaurants. Climbers often climb until dusk, hike to the Gondola, enjoy a beer, and then casually ride the Gondola down.

Bolting Style

This crag is being bolted with the intent to create a fun and modern sport climbing crag. Routes have been engineered to be safe and suitable to push your abilities. As a courtesy to nearby hikers, all bolts have been painted for camouflage and are hard to see until you're standing directly below the wall.

Recommended Equipment

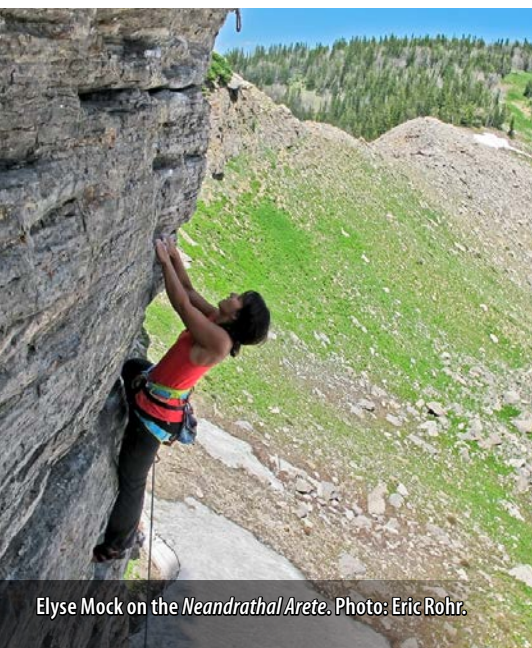
Bring 10 sport draws. A 60-meter rope is plenty long. All routes are equipped with sport anchors (steel top carabiners). Wear pants, as the temps will be cool and the rock is sharp.

Active Development

The Happy Hour Wall is the brain child of Wesley Gooch & Zac Seipel who started developing the wall in September of 2016. After bolting the first route we realized the wall had potential to be a great moderate sport crag that could fill a gap in Jackson's sport climbing scene; i.e., a cool summer crag with a concentration of easy to moderate sport routes.

Thank You to Bolt Donors

Thank you to the many local climbers who have donated to the Happy Hour Wall's hardware so far! This crag would not be financially possible without you but there's still more to do. If you enjoy the climbing here, please consider donating to continue future development. For more information on donating, see page 4.



Elyse Mock on the Neandtrthal Arete. Photo: Eric Rohr.



Wesley Gooch on the first ascent of *Someday Never Comes* – 5.11a/b. Photo: Mark Smiley.



Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Access

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is located on Bridger Teton National Forest and is public land. Therefore, you don't need a lift ticket to climb here... but without lift access the walk is too long to justify. That said, after 5 PM the Gondola is free and is the cheapest option. The Aerial Tram however, is the easiest and most scenic approach. A summer season pass to the resort is \$80 or \$55 if you're a winter pass holder.

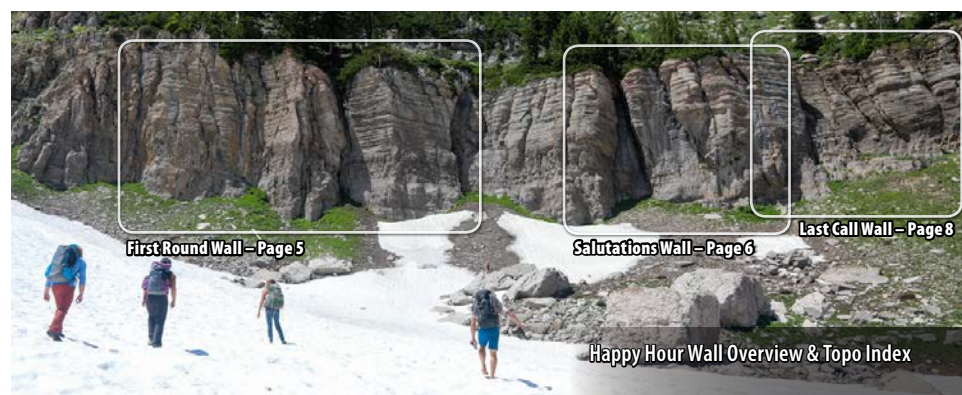
Aerial Tram Approach

If you can afford a summer pass ticket, the easiest approach is via the Aerial Tram. Otherwise see Gondola approach for free options. From the summit, take the Cirque Trail to Tensleep Bowl. At the bottom of the bowl, you'll be able to see, and approach, the cliff. In early summer the Cirque Trail may be closed due to snow, in which case, approach via the Summit Trail Maintenance road. This road wraps under the Sublette Ski Lift and into Tensleep Bowl. Last Tram up is at 5 PM.

Gondola Approach

For those unwilling to pay for a tram pass the Gondola is free after 5 PM assuming there's no private events. From the top of the Gondola, follow the Cirque Trail to the base of Tensleep Bowl, then walk straight up to the cliff. Down load off the mountain via the Gondola. Last Gondola down is at 10 PM.

Sorry, no dogs allowed on any resort lift.



Carl Pelletier on *Emotion Amplifier* – 5.10a.



Riggs Turner pulling the roof on *Hard Sayin' Not Knowin'* – 5.10b.



Mike Mock pushing through the crux of *Sunny Day Rain* – 5.10c.

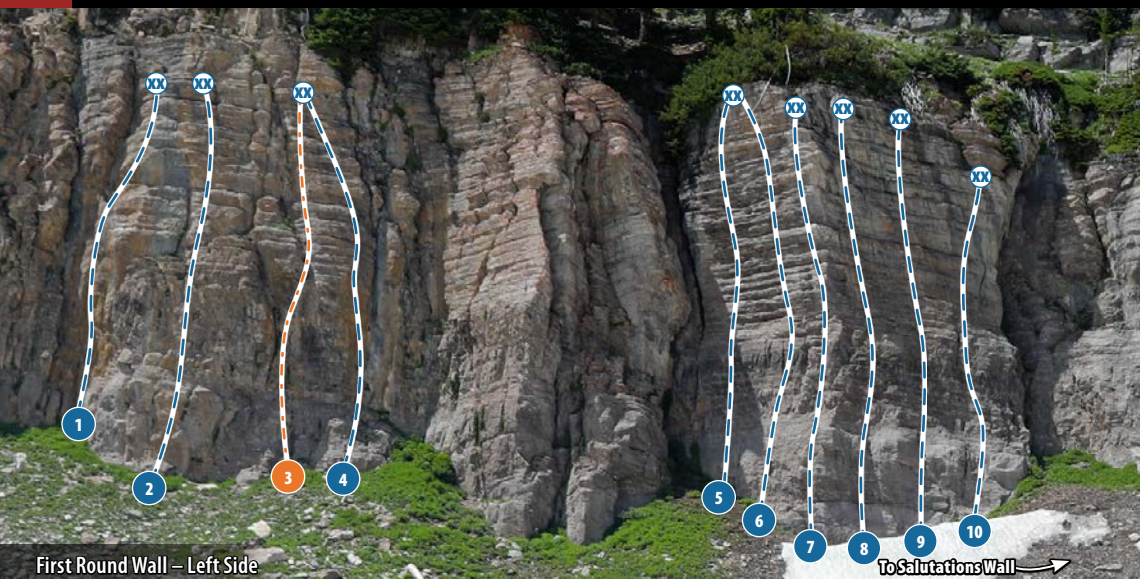


Mike Mock on *Someday Never Comes* – 5.11a/b.

PLEASE DONATE TO THE BOLT FUND

We'd like to establish about 30+ routes here all with sport top anchors but we need help funding this crag. If you'd like to contribute please contact Wesley Gooch. Cell: 406-580-6543, wesley@climbingwyoming.com.

Each route costs about \$100 in hardware. That's about \$3k to equip this cliff and that does not include time bolting, cleaning, and exploring. An entire day is typically needed to establish a route. Please donate! Venmo funds to [@wesley-gooch](https://www.venmo.com/wesley-gooch) or PayPal to wesley@climbingwyoming.com or call/email Wesley for other options: cell: 406-580-6543, wesley@climbingwyoming.com. Thanks in advance and have fun climbing! Feedback is always welcomed.



First Round Wall – Left Side

First Round Wall Introduction

This zone is where most climbers choose to warmup. Don't be surprised when you get a flash pump on your warmup. This entire wall is an ocean of jugs on steep terrain. Have fun, but not too much fun, you've come to a drama-free zone.

1 First Round ★★★ 5.10b

Fun technical moves to a excellent layback flake. Keep the pump in check up a crimp ladder to the top.

2 Pregame ★ 5.8

Tackle a tricky crux for the grade right off the ground, then finish on a fun cruiser to the top.

3 Walk of Shame 5.8

This top rope can be done from the anchors of *Anxious Attachment*. Pull the roof on the right side then make a run for the anchors up a jug ladder. Needs some cleaning.

4 Anxious Attachment ★★ 5.10a/b

A right-handed sidepull will make the route flow for the grade. Don't get suckered too far right, instead, move left at the 4th bolt.

5 Wingman ★★★ 5.10a

Great warmup and far steeper than you'd expect for a 5.10a. This route is littered with so many incut jugs you'll feel like your climbing an overhanging ladder at the gym. There's a fixed perma-draw to better protect the crux clip.

6 Third Wheel ★★ 5.10a

Another good warmup that starts on an easy slab. After the third bolt, cut left and journey into a sea of buttery blissful jugs. Use the anchors on the route to the left to lower.

7 Stage 5 Clinger ★★ 5.10a

Climb a technical start to gain the left side of a blunt arete. The top half of this route is an enjoyable jug haul with long moves. The last bolt has a perma-draw for safer clipping.

8 Opening Line ★ 5.8

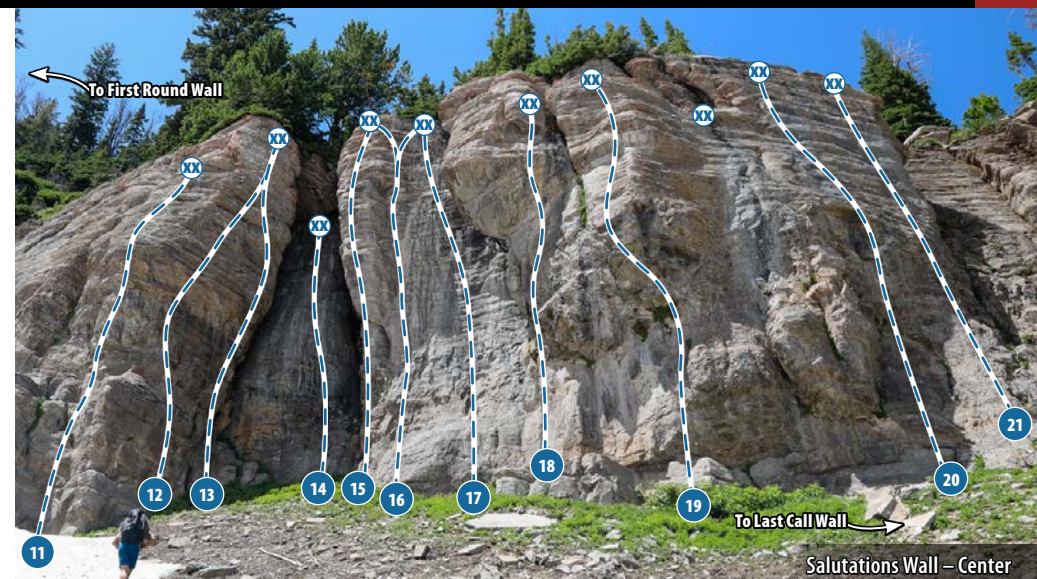
A technical start leads to steeper jug pulling, great warm-up. A bit runout after the last bolt but with easy climbing.

9 Hear Me Rohr ★ 5.8

Technical start to steeper jug pulling, great warm-up. The first route bolted by Eric Rohr.

10 First Truelove ★★ 5.9

A technical start leads to a vertical crack then enjoy steep jugs to the top, great warm-up. Bill Truelove's first FA, not his last.



Salutations Wall – Center

Salutations Wall Introduction

The center section of the wall is steep and has the highest concentration of quality climbs from 5.10 to hard 5.11. The cruxes are usually thuggish in nature.

11 Civil Disobedience ★★ 5.11b/c

Easy stemming leads to a technical vertical section with shallow pockets. Then pull a large bulge with big dynamic moves on big holds. The top is a cruise to the anchors.

12 Hard Sayn' Not Knowin' ★★ 5.10b

Techy start to a pumpy pull over a bulge half way up. Well protected crux just after the third bolt. Finish with a rewarding jug haul to the anchors.

13 Stage Fright ★ 5.11a

Technical and difficult to read but quality. The holds are all there but the clock is ticking.

14 Drama Free Zone ★ 5.8

This slab is a good warmup and uncharacteristic compared to the rest of the wall. You'll need good footwork on the slab's crux between the second and third bolts. The drama free option is stem the chimney to the right for the first half, then step back onto the face.

15 Sunny Day Rain ★★★ 5.10c

Steep arete climbing with massive holds. If you happen to find yourself desperately clinging to a crimp, you're doing it wrong.

16 Too Old To Die Young ★★★ 5.10c

Technical sidepull crux down low, then finish on a fun jug haul to the anchors. Well bolted (9 bolts). Use one of the top anchors on an adjacent route to lower.

17 Emotion Amplifier ★★★ 5.10a

This route may appear blank, but hidden horizontal seems give way to excellent incut pockets... if you can find them.

18 Last Man Standing ★★ 5.11c

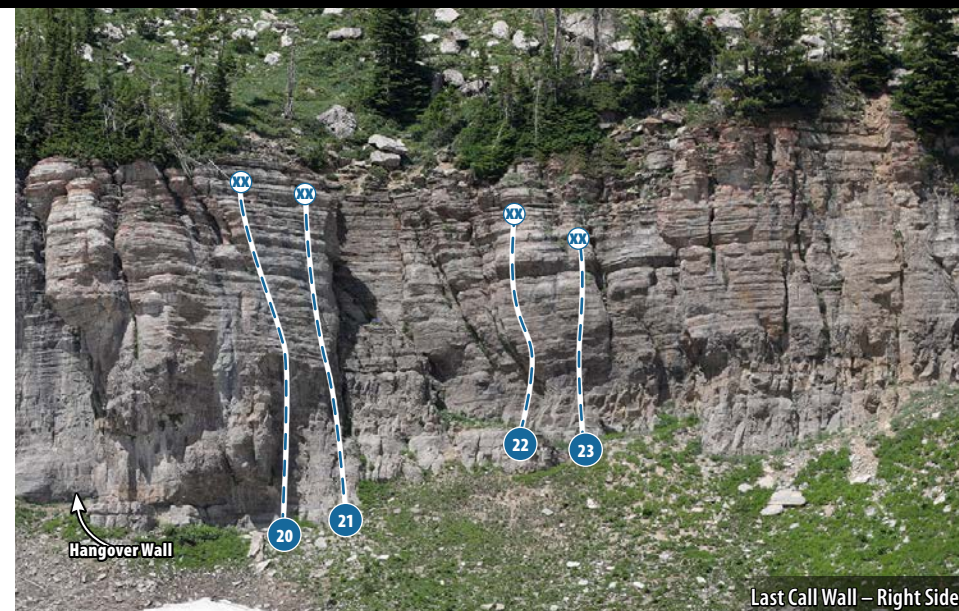
Big and powerful pull over a roof on small holds to huge finishing jug.

19 Someday Never Comes ★★ 5.11a/b

Technical climbing off the ground to a blocky series of roofs. Traverse up and left through the roof to a thuggish sidepull crux. Keep the pump, and redpoint in check, the top third is easy.



Elyse Mock on the jug haul of *Sunny Day Rain* – 5.10c.



Last Call Wall Introduction

The far right side of the Happy Hour Wall has one really good block of quality bulging dolomite and room for some easier routes in the future. The two right most routes are short but have excellent climbing. These routes were established in mid August, 2108... Full descriptions coming soon. Check ClimbingWyoming.com for updates.

20 Plausible Deniability

★ 5.10a

Thought provoking crux just below the roof. Then pure fun climbing to the top.

21 Unnamed

★ 5.9

Good warmup.

22 Last Call

★★★★ 5.10a/b

Start beneath a small roof and trust in Jesus as you pull the roof up and right. Hidden incut crimps are your savior.

23 Last Round

★★★ 5.10b

Long moves between big holds makes for an exciting lead. The climb begins to ease off after the fourth bolt.

Happy Hour Boulder Introduction

The massive boulder located in the alpine meadow below the Happy Hour Wall is home to some excellent short sport routes and top roping options. Ratings with a ? have yet to be confirmed.

1 Southeast Arete ★★ 5.11b

Follows a water streak up beautiful rock.

2 Unnamed ★★ 5.11+?

Unfinished. Line right of Southeast Arete.

3 Middle Route ★★ 5.11+?

Unfinished. Route that takes the middle line up the East Side of the boulder.

4 North Slab Top Rope ★ 5.9

Climb the Pioneer Route to the right of this line to setup a top rope up a clean technical slab.

5 Pioneer Route ★ 5.8

Located on the North end of the boulder that follows an arete. This was the first route to the top of the boulder established sometime in the 1970's using one bolt. It has since been

re-bolted. If you want to setup top ropes this is the easiest way to the top.

6 Drunk Uncle Gary ★ 5.10c/d

A low bolt protects a tricky boulder problem right off the ground. Clip the second bolt and you're cruising to the top.

7 East End Top Rope ★★★ 5.12?

Hard and unfinished.

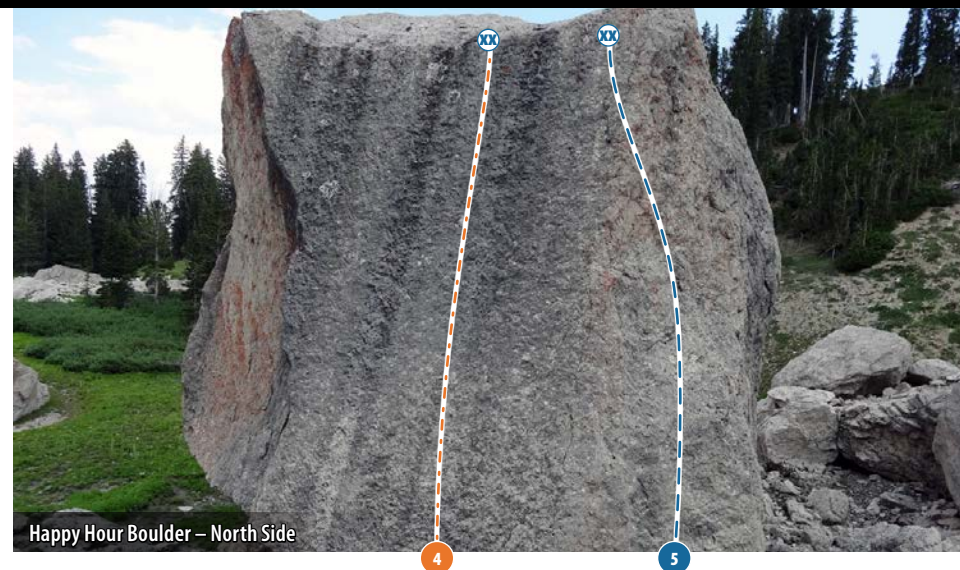
8 South End – Left Top Rope ★ 5.12?

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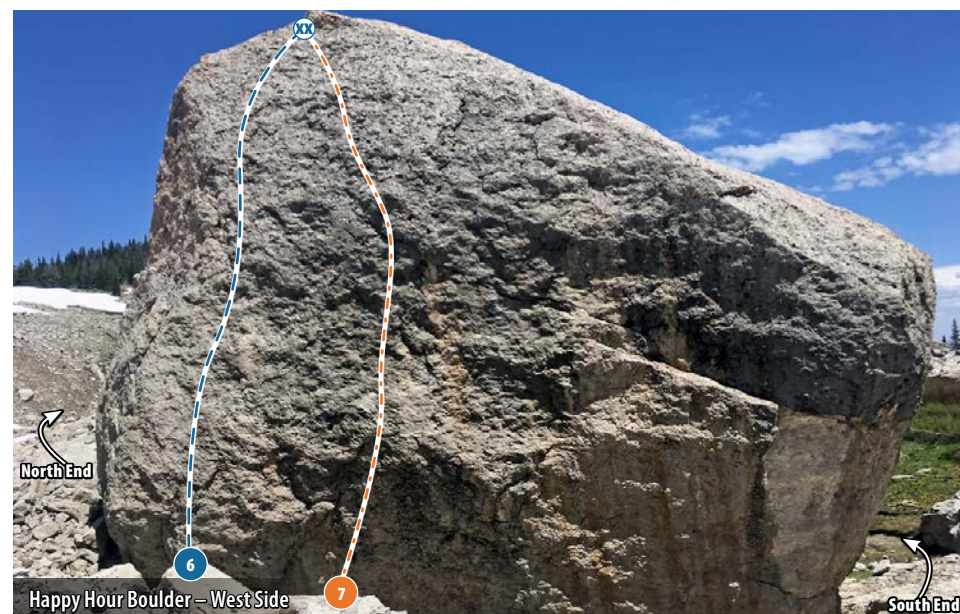
9 South End – Right Top Rope ★ 5.12?

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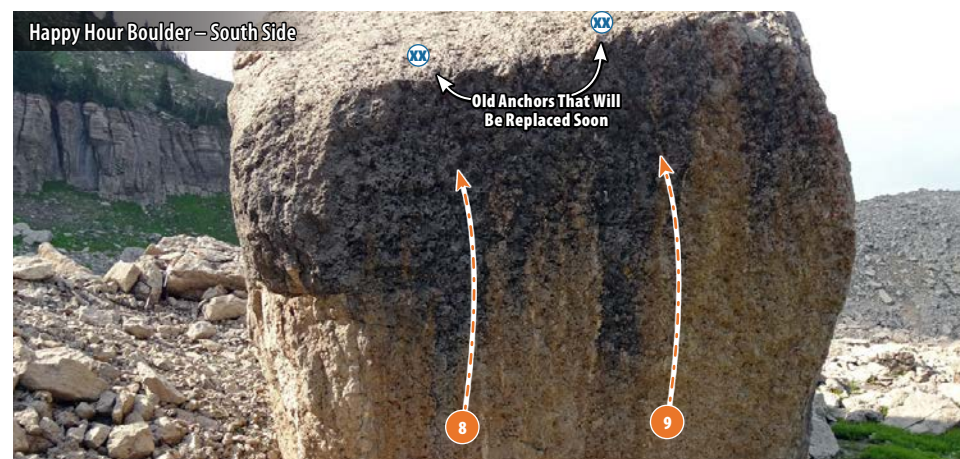
Happy Hour Boulder – East Side



Happy Hour Boulder – North Side



Happy Hour Boulder – West Side



Happy Hour Boulder – South Side