

# Happy Hour Wall

Elevation: 9,580 feet

Approach Time: 20-30 minutes

Primary Aspect: Eastern / Morning Sun

Number of Routes: 14

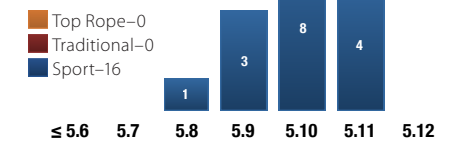
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Uncredited photos by Wesley Gooch.*

The Happy Hour Wall is moderate alpine sport climbing at its best. The wall is nestled in beautiful surroundings 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. All routes have engineered to be safe and suitable to push your abilities. All bolts have been painted as a courtesy 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 "Hookup Your Future Self" 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 the future development of the wall (and new walls nearby). For more information on donating, see page 4.



Elyse Mock climbing the *Neandrathal Arete* – 5.10a.



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





Approach Map &amp; Aerial Overview: Rendezvous Peak &amp; Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

### 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 5pm 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. Don't bother with the \$40 day pass... not worth it.

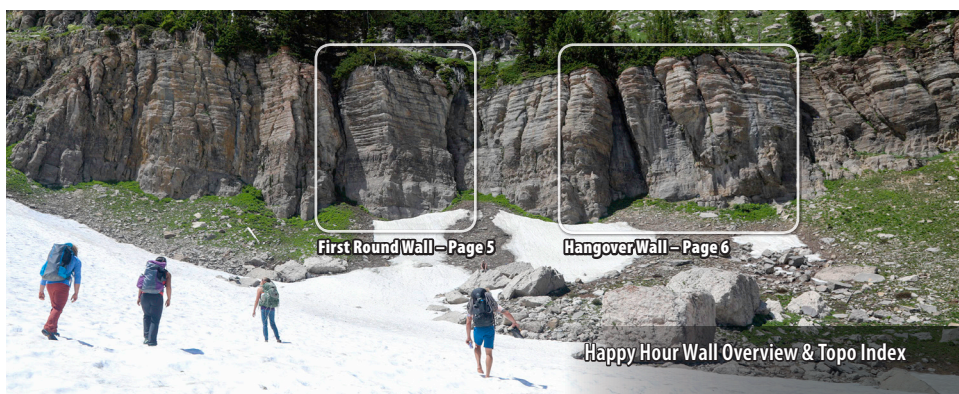
### Aerial Tram Approach

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 Life 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 a new 10b.

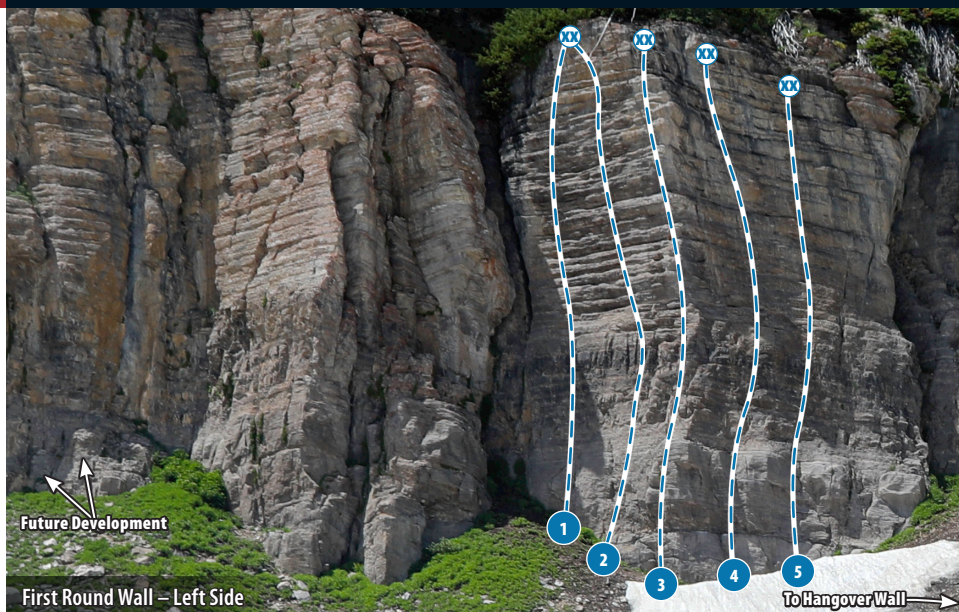
Mike Mock pushing through the crux of *Sunny Day Rain* - 5.10c.Mike Mock on *Someday Never Comes* - 5.11a/b.

### PLEASE DONATE TO THE BOLT FUND

We'd like to establish about 25 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](mailto: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 typical needed to establish a route. Please donate! Venmo funds to [@wesley-gooch](https://www.venmo.com/wesley-gooch) or PayPal to [wesley@climbingwyoming.com](mailto:wesley@climbingwyoming.com) or call/email Wesley for other options: cell: 406-580-6543, [wesley@climbingwyoming.com](mailto:wesley@climbingwyoming.com). Thanks in advance and have fun climbing! Feedback is always welcomed.





### 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, this is a drama-free zone.

#### 1 Hookup Your Future Self ★★★ 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.

#### 2 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. Longest route on the wall. Use the anchors on the route to the left to lower.

#### 3 Neanderthal Arete ★★★ 5.10a

Climb the leftside of the blunt arete. Technical start to gain the arete. Then enjoy a jug haul with big holds between big moves. The last bolt has a perma-draw for safer clipping.

#### 4 Unnamed ★★ 5.8

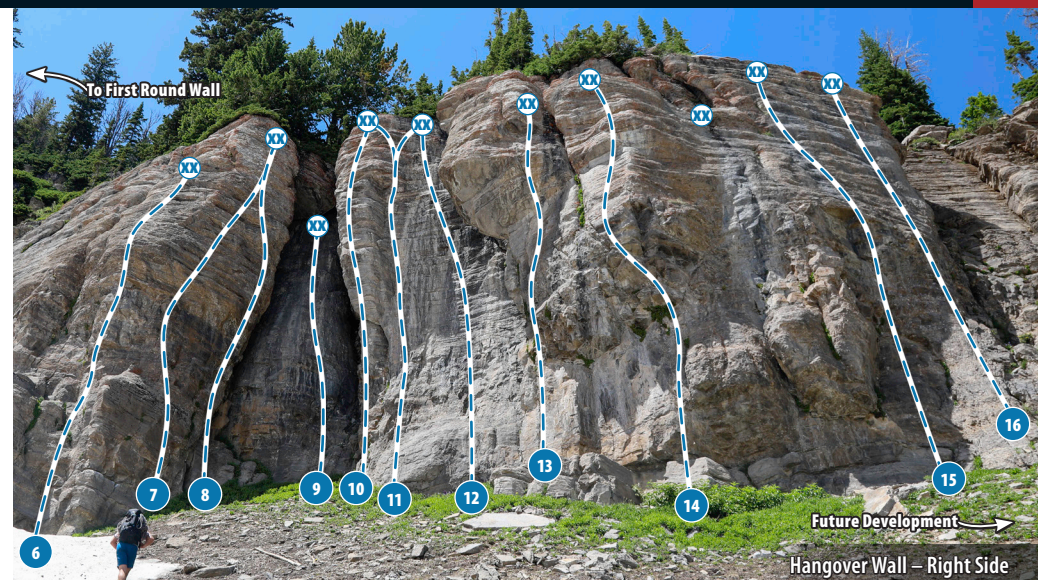
Technical start to steeper jug pulling, great warm-up.

#### 5 Neanderthal Arete ★★ 5.9

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



### Hangover Wall Introduction

Pun intended. This 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.

#### 6 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 crux to the anchors.

#### 11 Unnamed ★★★ 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.

#### 7 Unnamed ★★ 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.

#### 12 Emotion Amplifier ★★★ 5.10a

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

#### 8 Unnamed ★ 5.11a

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

#### 13 Roofed ★★ 5.11c/d

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

#### 9 Unnamed ★ 5.9

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 crimps between the second and third bolts.

#### 14 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 thugish sidepull crux. Keep the pump, and redpoint in check, the top third is easy.

#### 10 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.

#### 15 Unnamed ★ 5.10a

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

#### 16 Unnamed ★ 5.9

Good warmup.