

Victor Lake Wall (The Grand Wall of Revelstoke)

The Victor Lake Wall, is the steep 360 vertical meter wall, located directly above Victor Lake, 14.4 km west of Revelstoke. When I call the Victor Lake Wall “The Grand Wall of Revelstoke”, this is not because I wish I would be climbing in Squamish. This amazing wall gives the climber the feel of the Grand Wall. Starting out in the deep forest, climbing some lower angle pitches at the base and shortly after finding yourself in the steep main part of the wall, vertical to overhanging, exposed and endless fun, as you climb the most amazing rock.

The Victor Lake Wall has a long history; for many years several local climbers had planned to put up a route on this superb and steep wall that dominates the highway corridor at Victor Lake. Then, many years ago Dean Flick started to clean and bolt a route, *The Mission*. This project dragged on over the years, as many of his friends helped him to build the route. However, it was not until 2007 that this amazing line reached its completion. In the meantime Graham Baldwin put up a three-pitch variation on the *Base Wall*, which makes a dynamic start to Dean's route. Today, the Victor Lake Wall reached a class in its own, with several incredible multi-pitch routes this wall belongs to the best multi pitch crags in Canada.

Descent: There are two options to descend from the top of the Victor Lake Wall.

A) The easiest route is walking down the well marked trail, this brings you within 25 minutes back to the highway and an additional 3 minutes back to the car. Just as on the Grand Wall, bring a superlight pack and light approach shoes, climb one of the routes and after enjoy the quick walk down to the highway.

B) Rappel down Ninth Symphony leading into The Mission. 9 times rappelling, longest rappel 35 meters. Walk to the top anchor of Ninth Symphony (upper end of a corner, sign on tree). Rappel 30 meters down a corner and over roofs to the next anchor (directly below a roof, to your right (east). From there rappel straight down into The Mission, anchor below a corner to your left (west). From here on straight down to the Victor Ledge. There, walk (diagonally down in the direction west for 30 m) to the next anchor and then rappel straight down to a large tree (35 m, anchor to your right (east) of large tree on rock. Keep rappelling straight down into a corner and to the next anchor (Baldwin Start). From this anchor rappel straight down, to the base of The Mission.

How to get there.

Please refer to the guide book [HYPERLINK "http://revelstokerockclimbing.com/climb_guide_rock.html"](http://revelstokerockclimbing.com/climb_guide_rock.html) [Revelstoke Rocks](#).

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1 **Ninth Symphony** ******** **11b** **MIXED** **12 p**

Established: Ruedi Beglinger, Dean Flick, Eric Dafou; September 17th and 18th 2010

FFA: Ruedi Beglinger, Dean Flick; September 22nd 2010

Gear: Pro 0.5 to 1 inches, 20 quickdraws, shoulder-size slings, single 70 meter rope or double 55 meter rope.

Start: Start at a deep corner, directly left of a large roof.

Route: Pitch 1) (Baldwin): Climb past the base-roof up the deep corner straight up to the third bolt, there traverse 5 meters to the right, to the belay, 5.7, 17 meters.

The bolts leading to the left and straight up belong to the Flick Start.

Pitch 2) (Baldwin): Climb a few meters to the right, then climb straight up (5.11b) to the belay above the Base Wall, 60 meters.

Pitch 3) (Baldwin): Climb straight up a low angle buttress (5.6) to the above ledge, there traverse to the left, to a large fir tree with the belay. This is where the *Baldwin Start* and the *Flick Start* meets up, 5.4, 30 meters.

Pitch 4) Walk diagonally up to the right for 25 meters, then aim straight up (5.5) to a belay (don't use this belay), instead climb 15 meters diagonally up to the left (west) to an anchor at the base of the large wall.

Pitch 5) Climb straight up (5.10b) to the next belay, 30 meters.

Pitch 6) Traverse a few steps to the left, then climb straight up past a small roof (5.11b). Then climb diagonally up to the right and finally follow a corner to the belay on a ledge, 35 meters.

Pitch 7) Climb straight up to below a roof, from there traverse a few meters to the right (5.11b) and after climb diagonally up to the right to a small right facing corner. Now climb straight up to the belay on an exposed ledge, 40 meters.

Pitch 8) Traverse a few steps to the right and then climb diagonally up to the right (5.10d) until you are past a small roof. Now climb straight up to the belay below a large roof, 40 meters.

Pitch 9) Traverse 15 meters to the left (grade 4), to a shallow cave with the next belay. Pitch 8 and pitch 9 can easily be climbed in one pitch.

Pitch 10) Climb a short overhang into a right facing corner (5.10a). Follow this corner to the above ledge. Now traverse to the right, to the belay, 35 meters.

Pitch 11) Climb a few meters diagonally up to the right, then traverse (5.11b) into a right facing corner. Now move straight up to the belay, located in a right facing corner and directly below a small roof 30 meters.

Pitch 12) Climb the fun roof (5.9) and then move up a large left facing corner. At the upper part of this corner climb diagonally up to the left, across a steep wall (5.10d), leading into a deep right facing corner. Now move up this final corner to the top anchor of the route, 33 meters.

2 Restless Spirits ** 11c MIXED 7+5 p**

"The most impressive climb in Revelstoke"

Established: Ruedi Beglinger and several friends, June 2nd, 4th, 8th 2011

FFA: Dean Flick and Ruedi Beglinger, June 22nd 2011

Gear: Pro 0.5 to 2 inches, 20 quickdraws, shoulder-size slings, single 70 meter rope or double 55 meter rope.

Start: Climb the first 5 pitches of The Mission (lower wall), to the Victor Ledge. 10 meters prior the 5th belay of The Mission (base of the main wall) scramble below a prominent Fir tree to its right (east) side and then diagonally up to a ledge. This brings you 8 meters to the right (east) of the 5th belay of The Mission. Start of Restless Spirits, single ring-bolt.

Route: Pitch 1) From the start step up to below a small roof, there traverse to the right for a few meters and then climb diagonally up to the right (5.9) to ledges. Now climb straight up (5.10b) to the above belay, 35 meters.

Pitch 2) Climb diagonally up to the right (5.11c) to a ledge. Traverse along this ledge to its far end. There climb straight up (5.11a) to the next belay, past a steep wall and roof, 35 meters.

Pitch 3) Climb along a prominent corner (5.8 to 5.9) to where it leads into an overhanging hand and fist crack. Climb this overhanging hand and fist crack (5.10a) and then move straight up, past a final steep crux (5.10d) to the belay.

Pitch 4) Climb the large roof (5.11d) and the above overhang (5.11b), leading to a steep wall. Now climb straight up this steep wall (5.11b) to the belay, 30 meters.

Pitch 5) Climb straight up over easy slabs (5.5) to the next belay at a large ledge, 25 meters.

Pitch 6) Climb along a prominent flake to its upper end. There climb straight up (5.10c) and then traverse to the right (5.11a) to a right facing corner. Follow this corner to its upper end and to a roof. Pull this roof (5.11a) and then climb straight up to the belay at a ledge, 40 meters.

Pitch 7) Climb straight up to below a prominent overhang (5.10a). There traverse below this overhang to the right (5.7), to its far right (east) end. Now climb straight up to the final belay (5.10a), 28 meters.

3 Return of the Osprey ** 11c MIXED 12 p**

"A must to do, 360 vertical meters of superb climbing"

Established: Ruedi Beglinger, Dean Flick and Cam Molder, October 20th and 24th 2010

FFA: Dean Flick and Ruedi Beglinger, June 28th 2011

Gear: Pro 0.5 to 2 inches, 20 quickdraws, shoulder-size slings, single 70 meter rope or double 55 meter rope.

Start: Return of the Osprey has the lowest start of all routes on the Victor Lake Wall. Start at the base of the prominent base slabs, single ring-bolt.

Route: Pitch 1) Climb straight up a short buttress to a large ledge above, there climb diagonally up to the right, across a second short buttress, to the base of large slabs. Now climb diagonally up to the right (5.10b) to the belay, 50 meters.

Pitch 2) Climb for a few meters straight up (5.10c) and then traverse for 15 meters to the right (5.11a). Then climb straight up to the belay below a steep lip, 50 meters.

Pitch 3) Climb this lip and the above slabs (5.9) to the next belay, 28 meters.

Pitch 4) Climb straight up a short buttress to below an overhang. There traverse a few meters to the right and climb a short corner leading to a wall directly above the previous overhang. Now climb straight up (5.9) to the next belay at a ledge, 50 meters.

Pitch 5) Climb a short corner to the above slabs. There keep climbing straight up (5.10b) to a large ledge above. Now traverse to the right, to the belay, 38 meters.

Pitch 6) Walk a few steps to the right (east) and then climb a short slab (5.7) to a ledge and overhang above. Climb this overhang and then move diagonally up to the left and climb a final short wall (5.7) to the above ledge. Move to the left, to the belay, 50 meters.

Pitch 7) Move a few meters diagonally up to the left and then climb straight up a steep face (5.10b). At the upper end of this face, traverse to the left onto a ledge with a large tree.

Keep traversing below this large tree and then climb a steep face diagonally up to the left, to the belay, 40 meters.

Pitch 8) Climb for a few steps diagonally up to the left and then climb straight up (5.11c) to below the large roof above. Now aim to the right, following the large roof and above corner (5.11b), to the next belay, 47 meters.

Pitch 9) Climb a few meters diagonally up to the right (5.10c), past a corner, and then climb straight up (5.11a) to the next belay, 40 meters.

Pitch 10) Climb straight up to the above large ledge (5.11a). There walk straight up to the base of the upper wall and a large flake with the belay, 30 meters.

Pitch 11) Climb this prominent flake and then keep moving for a few meters diagonally up to the right. After, climb slightly diagonally up to the left to a roof. Pull this roof and exit onto a ledge with the belay, 40 meters.

Pitch 12) Climb straight up (5.10a) to the final belay, 20 meters.

Descent: A) The easiest, walk down the marked trail, 25 minutes to the highway. B) Rappel Ninth Symphony / The Mission. C) Rappel the upper wall of Return of the Osprey to Victor Ledge. There traverse for 100 meters along the Victor Ledge towards west, to the 4th anchor of the Mission. Now rappel straight down the Baldwin Start. Longest rappel 35 meters.

49 The Mission ** 11b 1 bolt A0 MIXED 13 p**

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