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The Funny Face

Rifle Mountain Park Colorado

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Welcome to The Funny Face

Character:

All climbs are on the west side of the the canyon.

That means, a.m. sun with p.m. shade.

Rifle easy to moderate climbing.

This is a new area so **BEWARE** of loose rock!

When in **doubt** wear a **HELMET!!**

Conditions:

Winter: Cold, with seeping.

Spring: Seeps, but will dry out with sun.

Summer: Sun until around 1p.m..

Fall: Like Summer, but not as hot.

Getting there:

Drive into RMP and locate the Kopers / Ice Caves trail near The Wasteland parking lot just past the small bridge on the left and park here **OR** continue for .3 mile to the Feline parking lot on the left at the bend in the road.

There is room for about 8 cars here.

Please park head in only.

Access:

There are two access points to this area

#1 • Kopers / Ice caves trail by the small bridge. Take this well defined trail past the Ice cave routes and arrive at the Potato routes. The first climb Carlin is located about 40 ft. past Do the Mashed Potato .7 at the top of the rocky trailed small incline.

#2 • Feline parking lot. Find the trail by the tree, hike to the stream and walk across the wooden planked bridge. Hike downstream on the Kopers / Ice Cave trail towards the Potato routes. Once you have crossed between the sawed tree on the trail, this is The Funny Face. Rickles is the first route at the sawed tree.

The Koper's trail runs right through this area and is a very popular hike with tourist and local residents.

****Keep your belongings away from the wall and off the trail.***

****Keep your pet under control, preferably on a leash. (RMP rule)***

****Yield to hikers on the trail.***

****Abstain from foul language.***

****Pick up all trash.***

Thanks!

The Funny Face

There is currently 5 routes here with 1 project.

All routes are listed left to right.

Warning: all routes have high first clips!

When in **doubt** use a stick clip!

Costello .10d (First route encountered if coming from the Potato wall)

12 clips to anchors

A hard start with some stout moves to better holds through clip 4. The climbing eases to a rest ledge. The climb now trends left over a diagonal break at the middle of the climb. Go over this break and look at the the upper section from clip 8. Move straight up through this steeper pumpy section on cruxy climbing with good holds and a rest or 2 and finish with a final pump to the anchors. This is a well if not over-bolted climb.

Carlin .9

11 clips to anchors

Start with some reachy but good holds. Move up veering left or right at your discretion on good albeit sometime hard to locate holds through several clips to a stance before the harder part of the climb begins. Follow well protected climbing past 3 clip's. Then move up the interesting short face past 1 clip to double ring anchors.

Sellers .9+ (A few key holds have broken since this route went in. Was rated .8)

8 clips to anchors

A slabby start with some smooth holds gain the first clip. Some jugs will get you to the second clip with a great rest out left. Move back right and go up and over the short bulge crux between clip's 2 & 3. Once past clip 4 go straight up on easier ground to the double ring anchors.

Pryor .9

9 clips to anchors

Step up on the ledge and angle slightly right with slabby moves to clip 1. Sustained .9ish climbing for 4 clips gets you to much easier climbing. Move through this easier section with 2 clips and then past the last clip with several steeper moves to the double ring anchors.

Rickles .7 (First route encountered if coming from the Feline Parking Lot)

9 clips to anchors

Start by the tree to gain the left trending crack. Great holds gets you to the high first clip. Move up on more great holds past clip 2 and through the short headwall with a bit harder moves to a stance. Move to left of the bulge on really good holds to the anchors.

Project

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