

Le temps libre, 5.11d, 260m

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This completely free 8 pitches line on impeccable rock offers varied climbing from thin and wide cracks to boulder moves and thin slabs. Always well protected. As you will see in this topo, the route offers several "cheats" along the way to suit your grade and climbing speed in order to be able to climb it in a day, from the car and, back to the car. We estimate the full value 5.11+ version can be reduced to about 5.9 A1 if using all cheats and adding some french free action along the way. But you'll have more dirt in your shoes.

Start; If you come from the car by foot, you have to hike up Sentier de la statue (3.8 km) to head down the climber's trail behind the abandoned toilets just before the statue (about 90 mins total). The start of the climb is located a few meters beside the end of the climber's trail and fixed ropes on skier's right). If you come from the boat, you will reach the start by hiking up to the cliff and continuing up and right to reach the highest spot at the base of the cliff.

Descent; Once at the top you go left for about 20' and you'll see flags going up and right. Follow those to reach the main cliff topout trail that eventually meet up with Sentier de la statue.



Gear:

The gear needed is a little tricky because it is nice to have a light rack for the car-to-car but the route varies in style a lot.

- P1 to P7 are doable with a single rack up to #2 camalot. Double a few thin fingers. P8 requires more big guys. We used doubles for #1 and 2 and singles #3 and #4. There is several small auxiliary placements in P8 to make it reasonable if you manage your big cams properly.

Add to this...

- 10 draws and 6 long alpine draws
- A set of nuts
- Double ropes or single 80m (longest rappel is 40m).

The entire route rappels reasonably well. Some rappels are 40m and are not directly down, it is important to take note of the belay to be reached and to plan accordingly.

History: The complete line was developed, cleaned and equipped between 2017 and 2021 by the joint efforts of Hugo Drouin, Philippe Dagneault, Pascal Simard, Madeleine Prévost-Lemire, Marc-Olivier Chabot, Jean-Michael Blais and Tom Canac.



Pitch 1 and 2:

The first pitch begins just to the climber's left of the path leading back up to the statue hiking trail.

P1 5.10- 30m, mixed; A cruxy thin start with two bolts and then a 5.6 traverse to the right.

P2 5.10 15m, mixed; Technical, somewhat cryptic and insecure moves but well protected bulge (5.10) followed by a beautiful finger crack (5.9) to reach the trees and anchor on a good ledge.

Cheat #1: you can skip those two lengths by using the fixed lines.

Note: You can also combine these two lengths by using extended draws at each bolts. Which can be done retroactively after doing the harder moves.



Pitch 3, 4 and 5:

Pitch 3 and 4 are total gems. They are referred to as the "connector". The link that allowed everything to happen.

P3 5.9+ 20m, all gear; An awkward start around a bush gets you to "The Fridge" initial overlap, then a small dihedral supplied with a good crack, good feet, good gear to a hanging belay.

P4 5.10+ 20m, mixed; Splendid thin finger crack, "the beautiful pitch". An instant classic. Don't slack off, it can spit you out. Gets thinner and steeper as you go.

P5 5.11d 30m, sport; The "sport pitch", fully bolted and technical crux of the route. The first bolt of the "halfmoon chimney" route is used to protect the initial moves to span the chimney. Quite the pitch with the exposure that can take you by surprise once you gain the easy slab.

Cheat #2: Skip the route's technical crux P5 by doing the Halfmoon Chimney and continue up in easy, but loose, terrain and heading right once in the trees.

Note: You can also combine P3 and P4. The drag isn't so bad if you run out the easy start of pitch 4 and use a few runners.



Pitch 6, 7 and 8:

The itinerary takes you towards what's called the North Side of Cap Trinité, resulting in a gradual increase in the quality of the view.

P6 5.8 40m, mixed; This easy pitch is notorious for its really bad drag so protect accordingly. Start the dihedral, taking care to pass to the right of the first spruce. Traverse to the right on 3 bolts and zig zag up over a few bulges.

P7 5.10+ 35m, sport; The "mental crux" pitch of the route. One of a kind. Start left on the grassy ramp, back right on a couple bolts, pass a cryptic bulge and then up the exposed black slab.

At P7 belay, do not take the first fixed rope, traverse the entire ledge and go back left and up once you hit the small wooded area.

P8 5.10+ 40m, all gear; Keep some gas for the final length. Full on hand and fist crack climbing on perfect stone. Optional bolted belay to split in a 10m + a 30m.

Cheat #3: Skip the black slab by continuing left on the grassy ramp from the belay and going right at the wall.