

# **Las Conchas Climbing Guide for Cattle Call Wall and Gateway Rock**

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## **Cattle Call Wall**

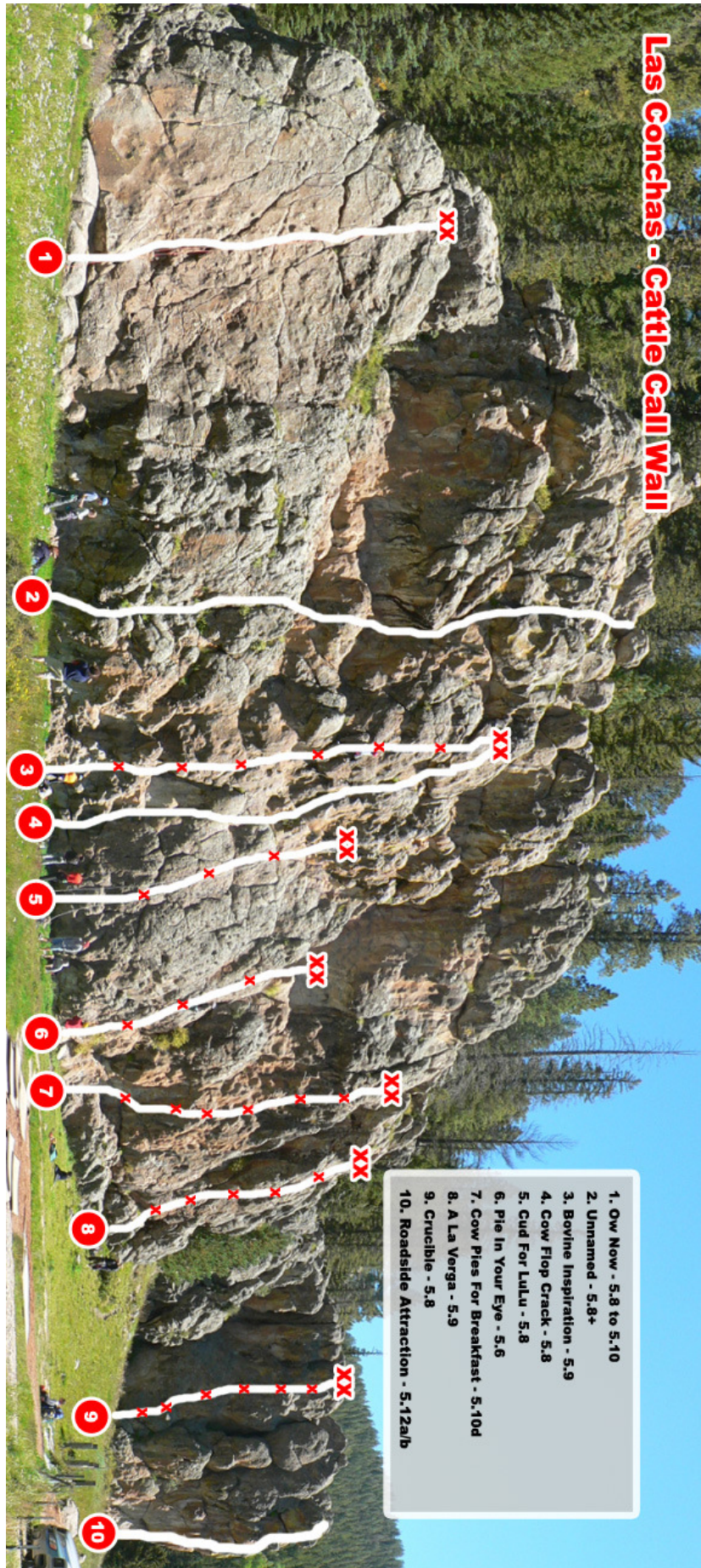
With its thirty-second approach from the parking area and nice grassy surroundings, the Cattle Call Wall is the most obvious and most heavily trafficked wall at Las Conchas. A number of fun bolted routes and easy access to the top make it a popular spot for new climbers. The wall faces mostly west and gets afternoon sun.

1. **Ow Now** - 5.8 to 5.10. A series of cracks on the far left side of Cattle Call Wall. Staying right keeps it easier, climbing left makes it more challenging. Good natural pro to chain anchor.
2. **Unnamed** - 5.8+. Natural pro through some bulges broken up by small ledges to rocks and trees for anchor.
3. **Bovine Inspiration** - 5.9. Tricky, undercut start (like many climbs at Las Conchas) staying right of first two bolts with fun climbing above. Six bolts to two-bolt anchor.
4. **Cow Flop Crack** - 5.8. The crack line just right of Bovine Inspiration. Good gear and fun climbing to Bovine's anchors.
5. **Cud for Lulu** - 5.8. Crux is getting to the first bolt. Ask your belayer for a spot (or a boost!) to get off the ground. Easier, lower-angle climbing above. 3 bolts to a two-bolt anchor.
6. **Pie in Your Eye** - 5.6. Well-featured, lower angle rock makes for a good beginner lead despite somewhat daunting looking run-out near top. Three bolts to a two-bolt anchor.
7. **Cow Pies for Breakfast** - 5.10d. The most difficult climb on Cattle Call Wall. Very enjoyable. Crux comes after the third bolt. Well protected. Bulges again near the finish.
8. **A La Verga** - 5.9. Right-most bolted climb on Cattle Call Wall. Awkward climbing down low to easier climbing above. Five colored bolts to a Fixe Super Shuts anchor.

## **Roadside Attraction Wall**

The next two climbs are located to the right of Cattle Call Wall on the Roadside Attraction Wall.

9. **Crucible** – 5.8. An enjoyable route. Follow six bolts through a series of small bulges to a two-bolt anchor. Crux comes near the fourth bolt.
10. **Roadside Attraction** – 5.12a/b. An old route with stripped hangers that doesn't see much (if any) traffic anymore. Hard, steep moves requiring gear placements.



## **Gateway Rock**

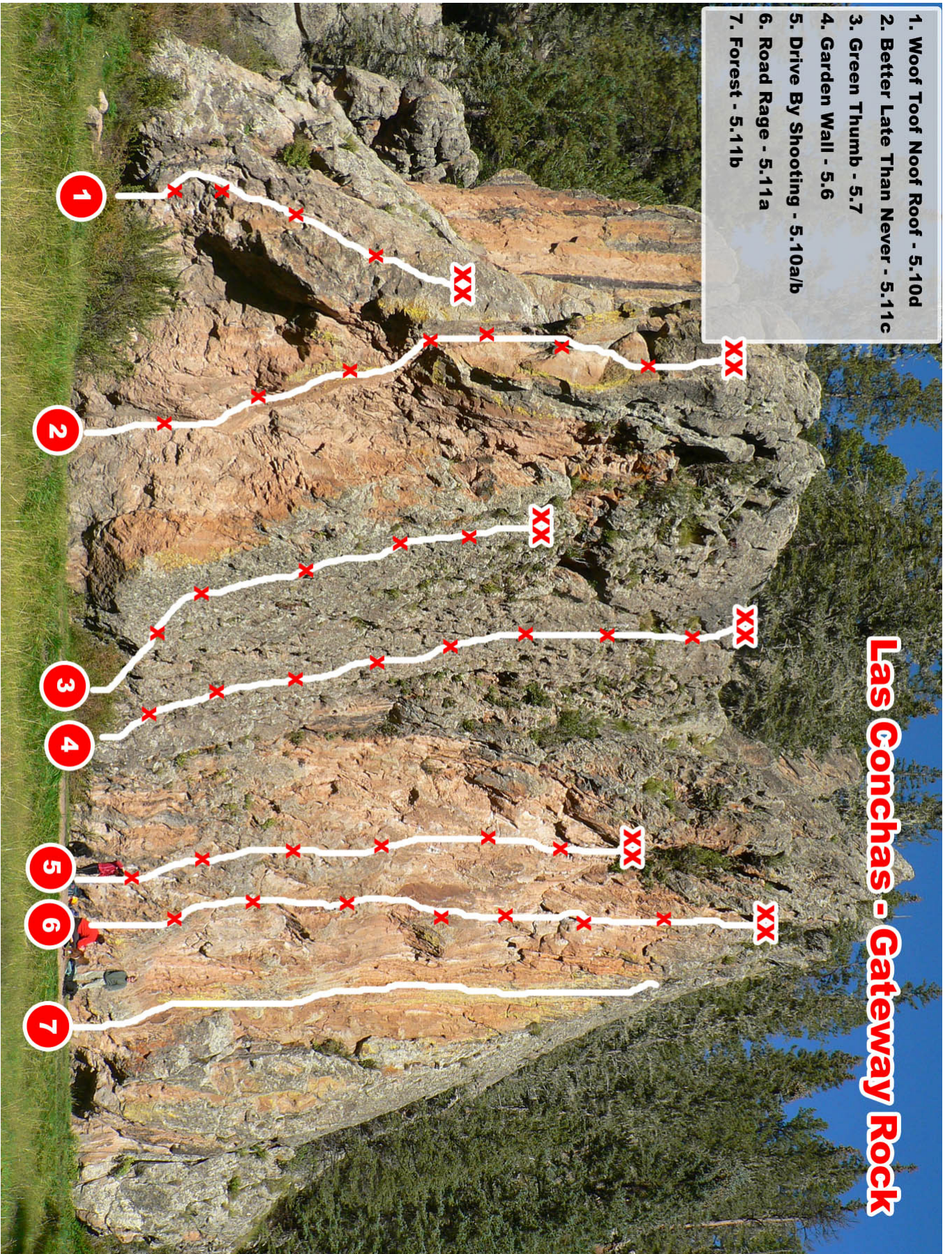
The Gateway Rock offers some of the longest moderate routes at Las Conchas as well as a good variety of climbs. From the paved parking area, walk through the fence and along the stream for about 100 yards. Gateway Rock is the first major wall on the left. This rock faces east and gets morning sun.

1. **Woof Toof Noof Roof** – 5.10d. A short but steep and powerful route on the wall's left end. Big holds on overhanging terrain lead through the bulge to a three-bolt anchor. Four bolts.
2. **Better Late Than Never** – 5.11c. A long route that goes through a corner (crux) to a steep but positive finish. Start on the wall on your right to reach the first bolt to nice, exposed easier climbing in the middle section to the crux passing the sixth bolt. Enjoyable.
3. **Green Thumb** – 5.8. Thin climbing on a green, lichen encrusted wall. More traffic will help clean it up a bit. Start right of the bolt line to get above the undercut start and move left clipping five bolts to a two-bolt anchor.
4. **Garden Wall** – 5.6. A long fun climb on the heavily featured and somewhat vegetated wall. Follow eight gray hangers to a two-bolt chain anchor. A good beginner sport lead.
5. **Drive by Shooting** – 5.10a/b. An undercut and difficult start to the first bolt then nice moves past 5 more bolts to a two-bolt anchor. One can move left for the last two or three bolts to keep the climbing easier. Staying straight up the bolt line is a good challenge. Perhaps the best route on Gateway Rock.
6. **Road Rage** – 5.11a. Seven bolts to a two-bolt anchor. Good climbing to the crux going through the bulge at the sixth bolt. The bulge can be tackled left with easier but more crumbly rock, straight up (best) or to the right (strenuous with a bad fall potential.)
7. **Forest** – 5.11b. The obvious crack to the right of Road Rage. Doesn't see much traffic. Small to medium gear to trees and rocks for an anchor.



# Las Conchas - Gateway Rock

1. Woof Toof Noof Roof - 5.10d
2. Better Late Than Never - 5.11c
3. Green Thumb - 5.7
4. Garden Wall - 5.6
5. Drive By Shooting - 5.10a/b
6. Road Rage - 5.11a
7. Forest - 5.11b





But wait! There's more! There are many more routes down the canyon on the Chilly Willy Wall, Dream Tower, The Wart and The Sponge. Beyond these features are even more, less-climbed routes as well. If you're adventurous, go take a peek. In fact, perhaps the best route at Las Conchas is "Pumping Huecos", 5.10d/11a on the Sponge so don't sell yourself short by just stopping at the walls covered in this guide.

Take a look at:

[http://www.mountainproject.com/v/new\\_mexico/jemez\\_valley\\_area/las\\_conchas/105845941](http://www.mountainproject.com/v/new_mexico/jemez_valley_area/las_conchas/105845941) for more information on the other routes at Las Conchas. I hope to update this route guide to include those other routes someday so check back here too.

Happy climbing!  
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