

Elephant's Perch

Mountaineer's Route III, 5.9

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Approach: Take shuttle boat from lodge to the Inlet Transfer Camp (or hike from lodge). Hike major trail SSW for 2mi. At the 3rd small creek crossing (the first two have constructed bridges, this one just a couple of poles), drop down and cross Redfish Lake Creek on logs. Find ad-hoc trail that traverses under the face to the lowest lake S of the Perch. 2.5hrs to lake. Camp here. In the morning, gain ledges just below the face, and traverse to base of route (15min).

Descent: From top of route, traverse around back of dome to saddle (3rd class). Scramble to summit and back, or just descend the steep East gulley. At a steep dropoff, rappel from a pine (50m single rope OK) to the final talus slope and the lake.

Gear:

50m. rope minimum
1 set wired Stoppers #5 - #11
5 nuts 0.75" - 1.5"
1 set active cams 0.75" - 3"
6 slings
5 draws

ice axe in early season, at least for approach

