

Forbidden Fruit

Route Description

Description

Forbidden Fruit is a five-pitch route situated in the Seventh Heaven Right area at Mt. Pope Provincial Park near Fort Saint James, British Columbia. The route line is between the old trad routes Heaven's Gate on the left and Heaven's Above on the right. The line is more or less straight up with minor deviations left and right. While the route is mostly 5.7 or less (maybe a 5.8 move or two) the crux fourth pitch goes at around 5.11b. The bolts on this pitch may not be exactly where you want them as it was established top down but should be OK if you're comfortable at the grade.

As always at Mt. Pope loose rock is everywhere so helmets are a mandatory piece of kit. Although there are bolts on the route a standard rack up to about a #2 is still required. All belays are bolted. A 60m rope will suffice.

Start

The start is located on the left end of grassy ledge below a fairly obvious left facing corner. There is a single belay bolt.

Pitch 1 30m 5.7

From the end of the ledge scramble up over loose rock to the base of the left facing corner. Carry on up the corner and exit out right at it's top. There is some loose rock to deal with here so be careful of what you pull on. Move up through better rock and then out left to a nice belay ledge under a protective overhang. There is a rather unusual looking 3 bolt-anchor here. It's worth noting that this anchor is **not** equipped for rappel, nor can it be reached with a 60m rope on descent. The rappel anchor is up and right.

Pitch 2 32m 5.5

Move up right from the belay to clip first bolt then continue trending up and right. Then go straight up and cross a wide gravel ledge. Continue up on easy terrain towards the left end of a big ledge with tree.

Pitch 3 20m 5.7

Go straight up from the belay to a short steep wall and step up to clip first bolt. Pull through a tricky move to the slab above then on up to the belay on a small but relatively comfy ledge.

Pitch 4 25m 5.11b (unconfirmed)

This is the money pitch and the route takes a drastic change in grade. The pitch starts out at around 5.10 and gets progressively harder until past the crux section where it eases off again. The belay is at a small ledge in a fine position.

Pitch 5 20m 5.6

Head up trending a bit right to a belay on a large ledge. You're done!

Descent

The route is equipped to rap with a single 60m rope. Care needs to be taken on the rap from the 2nd pitch anchor as the rope just reaches the next rap anchor. Make sure the ends are equalized and knotted. As is noted in the 1st pitch description the rap anchor is not the same as the belay anchor.