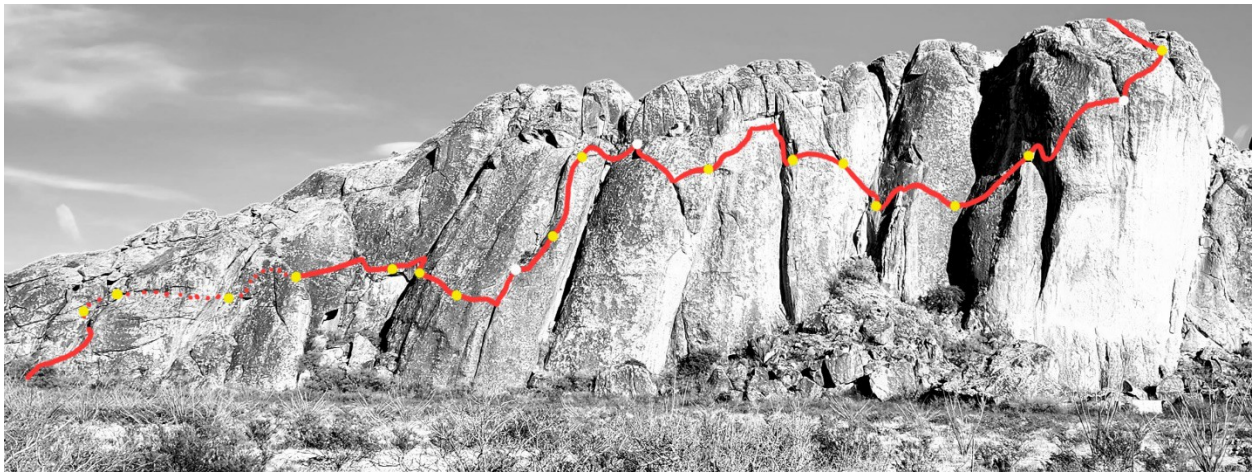
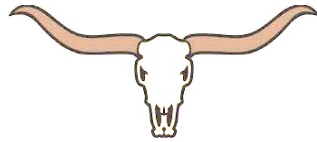


The Texas Longroute 5.10+ R

FA: 3/8/2023 - Nate Vince & Ross Andrea





Variation: "The 4-Dimensional Time Tunnel" (5.8) represents the first three pitches of the route and is a unique experience requiring some large trad gear, a headlamp, and an open mind.

P1: "Cave Entrance"

5.6, 30m. From Lunch Rock walk to the entrance of Cueva De Leon. A tree with a long branch is welcoming you. Go past the branch and start up the easy corner on the right to a large ledge. Grab your head lamp and cut straight into the mountain through a tight chimney that winds around to a wild chockstone belay. You have been transported to another dimension.

P2: "Bombay Bongo"

5.8, 10m. From the belay, climb up and left on face holds to the exposed bomb bay chimney. Place wide gear high and traverse past a hueco with a thin flake that sounds like a drum. Feel free to gently express yourself. Keep heading left to a nice ledge with a sling belay.

P3: "The Time Tunnel "

5.7, 30m. Stem down the dark hallway toward the light looking for a perfect protectable handrail crack on the left. It seems like an eternity since you last saw the sun. Chimney sideways to a large chockstone ledge with a sling belay.

P4: "The Scramble"

3rd class, 30m. Scramble up blocks then down a short chimney, walk through the window to a sunny ledge with a view of the Cakewalk Wall. Welcome to the sun.

P5: "Above Flake Roof"

5.8, 40m. The climbing style takes a drastic change to delicate face, traversing right and down past intermittent cracks. Look for good gear and a bolt to the bolted anchors of Flake Roof.

P6: "The Boulder Problem"

5.10, 30m. Continue right through dark crimps and thin, protectable, horizontal cracks to a tricky downclimb boulder problem around the corner (crux) to the Hourglass. Keep climbing down the low angle crack to a nice ledge. Build an anchor in the crack system. If you enjoyed that pitch you have passed the first test and now are ready to continue on the long and winding road ahead.

P7: "Cakewalk Wall"

5.6, 30m. Do an interesting move up and around to jugs. Climb the Cakewalk Wall right and slightly down to find the P1 anchors for Cakewalk. Look for creative gear: small cams in shallow cracks, large cams in huecos, thread throughs, etc.

P8: "Bitchin"

5.8, 20m. Traverse right and step down with good face holds to Bitchin Chimney (5.8). Climb Bitchin Chimney with good gear, pass the first bolted anchor, go right around the tree, and belay at the second bolted anchor below Busted. CAREFUL! Sometimes an owl hangs out in the bush and ledges above.

P9: "Busted"

5.9, 20m. Climb up Busted to a bolted anchor.

P10: "Paul Bunyan Looking for Purple Microdot "

5.8, 50m. Walk down and right to the top of the Paul Bunyan Chimney. Do a funky step over move across the chimney avoiding the cactus (5.6 R). Climb up and clip the bolted anchor of P2 on All the Nasties (this is an optional belay). Climb down, following the crack right to a good stance. Do an exposed step right to a run-out face and look for bolts spaced about 5 feet apart vertically. This is Purple Microdot. Equalize two bolts and belay here.

P11: "Loose Lunacy"

5.10- R, 40m. Traverse up and right across loose flakes with bad pro (5.8 R) to a bomber #2 BD placement high in a vertical crack. This section will clean up nicely with more traffic, but it is a very run-out section on bad rock. Cut hard right to good gear then climb down P2 of Lunacy placing gear for the follower. Belay on the unique and aesthetic Lunacy Ledge on bolted anchors.

P12: "Lunatic Step-up"

5.6 R, 20m. Do a fun step up move off the belay, look for two bolts, and head right and down on low angle exposed slab to the bolted anchor for Desperado.

P13: "Nate's Descent"

5.10+, 20m. Clip a bolt with a long runner and climb down to a small ledge. Try not to look down. Channel a primal desire for adventure and yell "Desperado!" before jumping across the chasm to a small ledge. Clip the first bolt on Desperado and climb down the crack past several thought provoking sections, placing good gear for the follower. Do a fun little slab move to a bolted anchor. This is the physical crux of the climb.

P14: "Psychological Slabs"

5.8+ R, 40m. Although the end is in sight there is an element of fear both climbers must first overcome. Climb down the crack about 10 feet then traverse up past 2 bolts to the Uriah's Heap Block. Take a deep breath. Keep traversing right past two bolts on Uriah's Heap. The rock will suddenly change from delicate thin slab to the dark brown chunky Sea of Holes rock. Climb to the bolted P1 anchors of Sea of Holes. This is the most run-out pitch for both the leader and follower. The psychological crux.

P15: "Easier Than It Looks"

5.7 R, 40m. Traverse right and down to step across Tree Route. Climb low angle terrain and romp up past a bolt to the P1 bolted anchor of Indecent Exposure. WATCH FOR BEES.

P16: "Indecent Exposure Extended"

5.9+, 50m. Climb the wild P2 of Indecent Exposure. Keep going right looking for a bolt below tan huecos and head to the Optical Promise crack (this is an optional gear belay). Trend up and right on dark face holds and look for a right-leaning crack that leads to the bolted anchor for Pink Adrenaline. Take a moment to look out at horizon and enjoy the satisfaction of completing the longest climb in Texas!

Scramble to the summit (3rd class, 10m)

Total Climbing Base to Summit:

Approximately 500m (1640 feet)

Descent Options:

- From the summit and scramble back down to the start to the climb.
- Rappel various routes back to the ground with a 70m rope.
- There are many places to bail up or down along the route making it bold, but with low commitment.

FA Gear:

(1) 40m rope

(12) alpine draws

(4) double length runners

(2) carabiners with integrated pullies

Single set of cams 6" and down

Single set of offset cams 0.5" and down

Large offset BD nuts

(2) Locking Carabiners

FA Notes:

- FA climbed with some simul-climbing. Ross and Nate swapped leads and freed all pitches.
- Nate took a whipper on P6 due to loose rock. Be careful and place gear! Everything was fine and we continued.
- We stashed a bag at Cakewalk to leave behind wide gear and replenish water.

FA Time from base to summit:

- Start: 10:24
- End: 14:54
- 4 hrs 30 min