

# Marc Andre's Wall — topo by Chris Small (2018)



## History

The climbs on this crag are dedicated in memory of Marc Andre Leclerc (1992 – 2018), World class British Columbian alpinist, who inspired many people with his boldness, talent, humor, and humility in his too short life. Marc's stoke for climbing was both perpetual and legendary and he extended this enthusiasm and interest to both his mind blowing feats and all other's climbing goals and projects. After his death, I reflected on how Marc would like us to remember him. Obvious answer? Go have fun climbing! I had finished cleaning this wall just prior to his death and so I invited his partner Brette Harrington to bring a bunch of his close friends for a sending party prior to his wake. It was a rather wonderful May day.

## Logistics

Marc's Wall is located between Pet Wall and the Cereal Killers crag at Murrin Park. It is the east facing wall adjacent to the stepped seasonal waterfall with a large cedar in it adjacent to Cereal Killers. Bring a standard rack. Small cams and wires are required on several routes. The trad climbs at this cliff are somewhat bold and thoughtful protection wise— similar to Marc's preferred climbing style. There are also several quality sport climbs.

## The Routes

1. The Marc of Excellence. 5.10b. Sport. 9 bolts. Chris Small. 2018. Fun face climbing on either side of right arête.
2. Red Rocket. 11-. Trad. Gear to 2", purple Metolius micro-cam and small wires . Brette Harrington. May 2018. The Red Rocket was Marc Andre's first car – A red Suzuki Sidekick. For the majority of Marc's climbing career, he lacked wheels making his climbs even more difficult logistically. Climb right angling ramp to first left trending hand crack. This crack gets continuously thinner progressively towards the left arête. High in Quality.
3. Shelob's Web 11-. Trad. Gear to 2 ". Doubles in 0.75 to 2" cams. Brette Harrington. May 2018. Follow obvious right trending ramp and crack system (Route 4). Shelob was Marc's childhood pet Tarantula. Thoughtful and tricky burliness required off the mid-wall ledge. Very atheistic line. A slightly easier variation (Route 3) moves left (bolt) after second crux to end on anchor of Red Rocket (Route 2).
5. Foxy Roxy 12b. Sport. 4 bolts. Brette Harrington. May 2018. Small but fierce – just like Marc's pet Jack Russel terrier. Easier bottom moves lead to technical arête slapping and thin footwork on the face adjacent to the right leaning ramp. Cheating and reaching on to the ramp decreases the difficulty considerably (11b).
6. Past Lives. 11b. Trad. Gear to .5, 3 bolts. Sling for horn. Kieran Brownie. May 2018. Sometimes one meets another who feels like you may have meet earlier in past lives. Move left on side pulls from initial undercling start through 2 bolts to a large rhino-like horn. Easier climbing on ramp leads to a shallow corner. Trend left from the corner (bolt) to the anchor of Shelob's Web (Route 4).
7. The Stairwell. 11a. Sport. 8 bolts. Kieran Brownie. May 2018. Marc Andre's most famous Squamish living arrangement was his stairwell "room" in the Maple House. It was cheap; which left him money for more important things like chocolate macadamia nut cookies, cinnamon buns, and beers. The stair case like right traversing bolt line over the seasonal waterfall. Shares first bolt of Past Lives. Difficult to clean on rappel due to traversing nature. Lowering off is easiest way to clean.



