

TULIP FALLS

ARROW LAKE, B.C

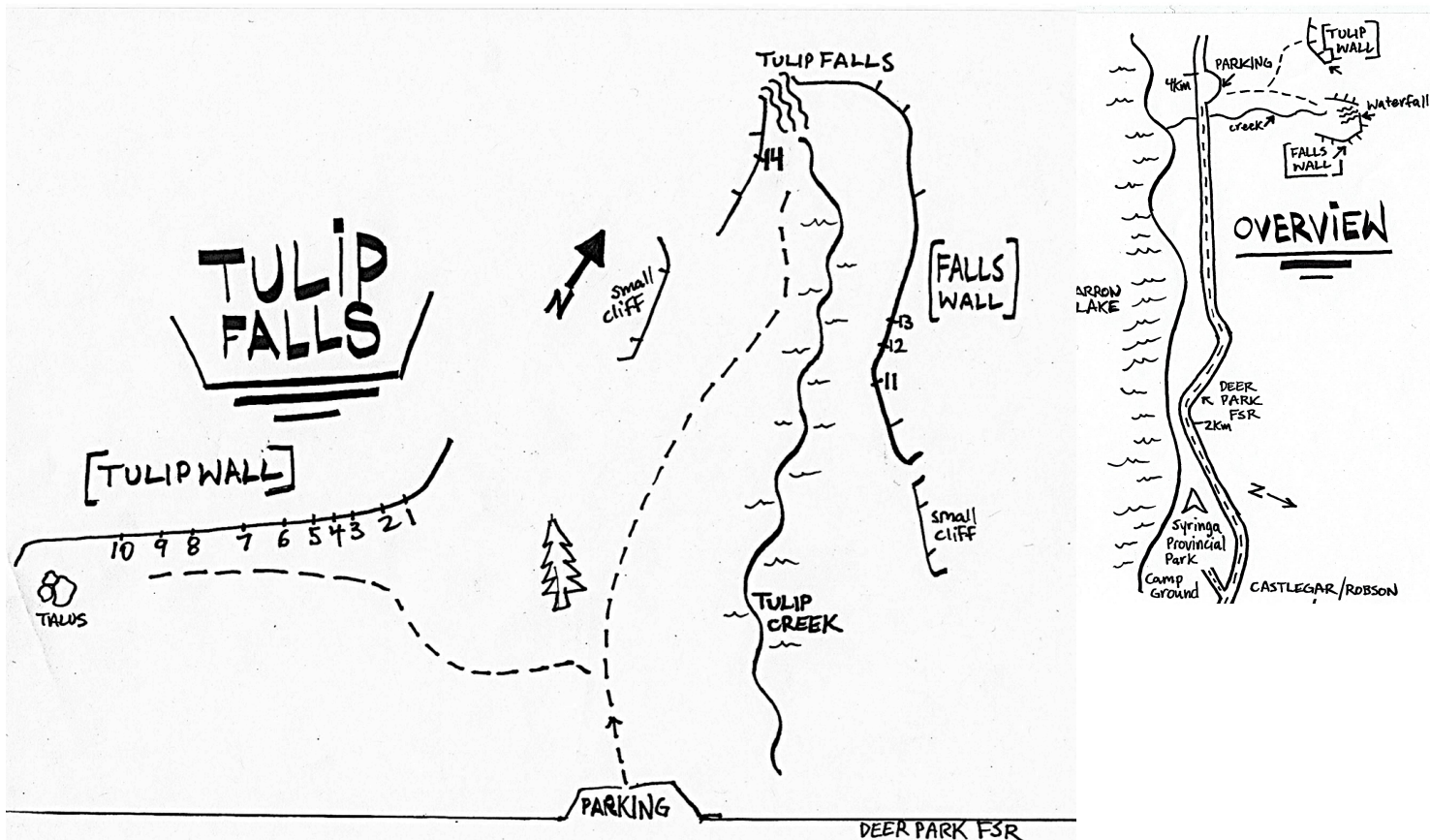
A beautiful and scenic crag located above Arrow Lake, Tulip Falls is an amazing place to climb. The rock is made of a rounded type of Gneiss that offers lots of interesting movement and holds and even the elusive 'Gneiss Tufa'. There is not a lot in the easier grades here but if you climb 5.10d-5.11d then this place is perfect. There is a waterfall, lots of camping nearby and a beautiful beach just below the parking area that also add to the lure of this awesome spot, go check it out ☺

There are two areas; The 'Falls Wall' is located in the canyon itself spitting distance from the beautiful Tulip Falls. It offers up all day shade and maintains a cool breeze: a perfect summer crag. You basically are belaying right out of the creek and the climbs are on an amazing smooth, featured rock like nothing else in the West Kootenays!! The second is the 'Tulip Wall' it's SW facing, it gets morning shade and it is located just up the hill from the main part of the canyon. The climbs tend to be long and sustained on really cool rock; there is even a bolted chimney, but some of them suffer from a lack of traffic (and a little bit sandy holds) that should clean up with time.

Directions:

From Nelson or Castlegar, drive to the small community of Robson/Broadwater Rd. and follow the blue signs for 'Syringa Provincial Park'. After about 15km or so you will run into a fork. The left hand fork will lead you into the big provincial park campground; take the right fork onto Deer Park FSR (very good dirt road). Follow this road past the campground (and boulders) and ascend up a fun exposed hill with great views to the 4km marker and an obvious pullout on your right (Tulip Falls parking). Walk up the well-worn trail 1 minute to a fork and head left over a small rise in the forest to the 'Tulip Wall' only a few minutes away. For the 'Falls Wall' just continue up the main trail for about 3 minutes to the upper canyon and the falls, hard to miss ☺

Special Notes: Please take care while climbing in both areas, as they are new crags that have seen few ascents, wearing a helmet is highly recommended ☺ And when in the canyon, expect to have spectators in the summer months as it is a popular tourist spot (climb responsibly and educated them about standing too close) and please leave the (2) fixed draws (they are there to help facilitate the cleaning of 'Syringa Fling') And lastly, watch for poison ivy growing out of some of the cracks at the 'Tulip Wall' Have fun



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TULIP WALL

This wall is one impressive piece of stone. Sustained climbing and lots of open-handed jugs. Gear is needed for several of the climbs.

1) CONSOLATION CRACK - 5.9

(Trad/Gear to 2") 13m
(FA: J.Hall 2012)

The right hand crack on the far right side of the crag with blocky holds and good gear.

2) GIMLET - 5.9

(Trad/Gear to 2") 13m
(FA: V.Hempsall 2012)

The left hand crack, blocky holds and good gear, pity it's so short

3) PROJECT

A sweet line just to the right of 'Choices'

4) CHOICES - 5.10D ***

(8 Bolts/Sport) 23m
(FA: C.Swetland/A.Kristiansen 2011)

Start up the right side of the wall up over the smooth bulge. Positive holds lead you up into the overhang and a definitive crux. Awesome jugs lead out left into the small weakness and a great-sustained finish on open handed holds, worth coming to this wall alone for.

5) PET SULLY FOR PEACE - 5.12A/B **

(8 Bolts/Sport) 23m
(FA: V.Hempsall 2012)

Immediately to the left of Choices is steep blocky weakness. Follow the closely spaced bolts through the weakness to a very sequential crux and then finish as for Choices.

6) AUSSIE CRUSH - 5.10D *

(Mixed/Gear to 2") 23m
(FA: V.Hempsall)

Start a little left of 'Pet Sully'. Climb the rounded crack then pull through the two steep bulges (a few bolts) and finish up the upper face with another smaller crack.

7) SUMERTIME DELIGHT - 5.11C *

(9 Bolts/Sport) 25m
(FA: K.Robine/J.Brown 2014)

Start just right of the deep crack (full of poison ivy, careful pulling your rope ☺) and power up the steep wall on open handed holds; smooth and pumpy. Hopefully it will clean up with some more traffic.

8) TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS - 5.11A **

(9 Bolts/Sport) 25m
(FA: J.Hall, C.Swetland, K.Robine 2011)

The steep bolted chimney in the centre of the crag. Climb through some funky sections and two chimneys. Very interesting for a sport climb!

9) NOT A 10C - 5.11B *

(9 Bolts/Sport) 25m
(FA: K.Robine 2013)

Start up the steep bulge just left of another dyke/corner feature 3m left of 'Tiptoes'. Climb steep terrain on a blunt arete feature and transition into the upper face on good but somewhat sandy holds. This climb could be really good if it cleans up!

10) LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE - 5.11C *

(Mixed/Gear to 2") 25m
(FA: J.Croston 2016)

Walk 5m's left of 'Not a 10c' to a steep part of the wall with more slopy bulges and a sometimes-wide crack. Expect tricky gear and powerful climbing.

FALLS WALL

This area encompasses the upper canyon adjacent to the waterfall. All day shade, cool breezes, aesthetic climbing and lots of fun can be expected in here. Check it out!

11) SYRINGA FLING - 5.10D **

(7 Bolts/Sport) 22m
(FA: J.Monger/A.Rollin 2018)

Start right out of the creek at the built up belay (with rocks). Climb up and right through two fixed draws and continue through steeper ground until you can pull onto the awesome upper face and beautiful edges to finish. Alternatively belay on the ledge as per 'Flower Power' if the creek is too high.

12) PROJECT

The line up the centre of the wall just to the right of 'Flower Power' will yield a spicy climb ☺

13) FLOWER POWER - 5.11B/C ****

(8 Bolts/Sport) 25m
(FA: A.Rollin/J.Monger 2018)

The plumb line up the centre-left of the steep wall. Start from the belay bolt on the small ledge. Sustained powerful climbing leads up the Gneiss tufas to a small rest. More, great climbing ensues to a crux right near the top. Awesome!

14) THE OASIS - 5.11A ***

(6 Bolts/Sport) 18m
(FA: A.Rollin/J.Monger 2018)

This one is located on the aesthetic smooth stone adjacent to Tulip Falls. Climb up the smooth bulge to a good stance under the roof. From here tricky climbing leads up past 3 more bolts to a transition right into the slabby scoop and finish with a big under cling. Don't forget to soak in the view ☺

