



# Rainbows and Unicorns

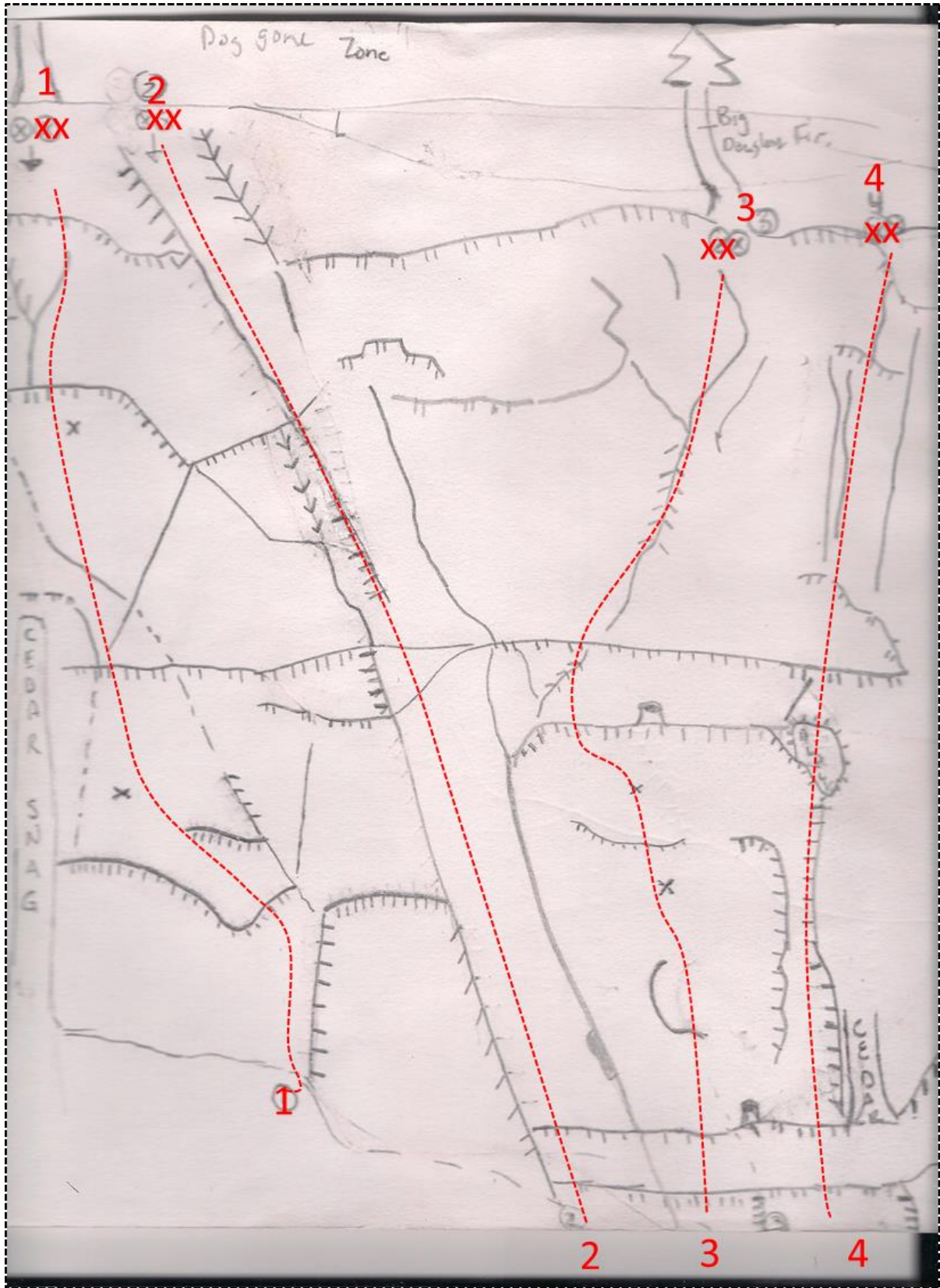


Rainbows and Unicorns is a new cliff accessible from Murrin Park, approximately 20 - 25 min hike from the parking lot and 10 minutes past Pet Wall. This west-facing cliff gets filtered afternoon sun and is a great place to climb on hot summer days. The cliff is mostly vertical to slightly overhanging, with extremely well featured rock more conducive to face climbing versus crack climbing. A rack with double cams in from 0.3" to 1" range, single cams to 3", and a single set of nuts with additional small wires will suffice on most routes. A 4" cam is required on one route. The gear placements are good but not as obvious as the standard Squamish splitter crack.

## Approach

From the Murrin Park parking lot, head around Browning Lake to the start of the Murrin Loop trail. Follow the Pet wall branch of the Murrin Loop Trail to the lowest western end of Pet Wall (Heavy Petting area). A sign for Down Among the Cedars will be visible here. Follow the marked trail on an old forestry road bed to Down Among the Cedars. From Down Among the Cedars continue north on a pink (soon to be rainbow) marked flagged trail for another 5 min. The cliff will appear on the right. Routes are numbered from Left to right. Alternatively, if you made the trek to Up Among The Firs there is a trail from the south side going downhill to Rainbows and Unicorns. Probably about 5 to 10 minutes walk.

Dogs Gone Sector





## Sector 1 DOG Gone Sector

The 4 northernmost climbs at Rainbows and Unicorns are named in honor of my favorite Squamish furry friends who have passed over the rainbow bridge.

1. Dex at Large. \*\* 5.9. Trad. 25m. FA Chris Small, 2015.  
Dex occupied the front entrance of Climb-On Equipment and often went on ``self-directed`` walks, leading to his incarceration at the pound on several occasions. Like Dex, this route wanders a bit so bring extended draws to keep the rope drag down.



2. Keisia`s Heavenly Game of Rock Fetch. \*\*\* 5.8. Trad. FA. Chris Little. 2015. Prep. C. Small.  
Keisia`s favorite game was to place a rock on your foot and wait for you to throw it for her to fetch. See all rock you are belaying atop of... It was the largest game of rock fetch ever. Climb the left leaning ramp and double crack system.



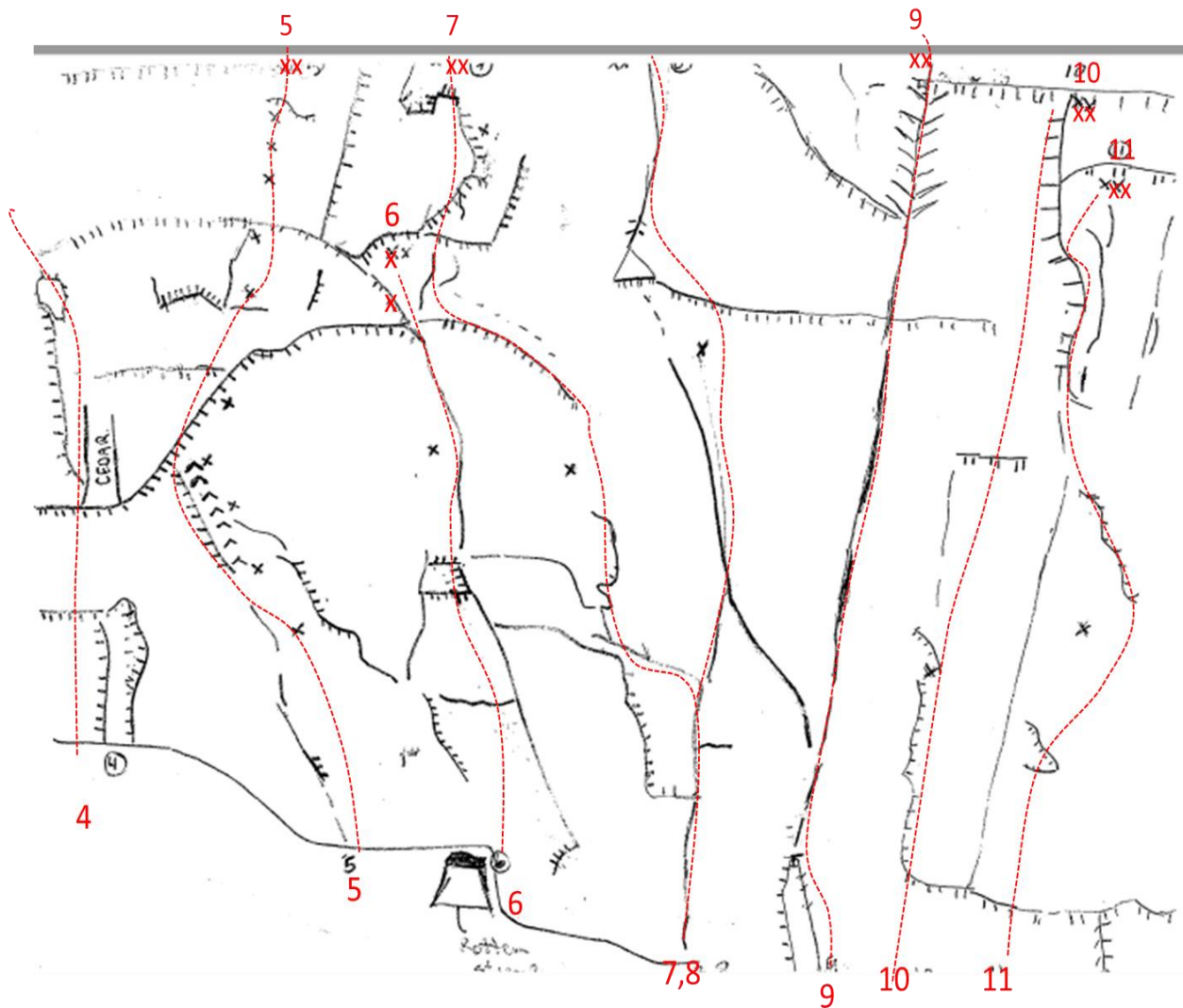
3. Scouting it out. 5.10. \*\*\* Trad . 25m. FA Chris Small. 2016.  
Scout was a regular presence in the boulders and bluffs with owner J. Smith, calmly waiting at the base of the cliff. Climb C shaped shallow scoop to two bolts and through a shallow left facing corner.



4. Quito Gets His Massive Stick. \*\*\*\* . 5.11 -. Trad. Gear to 2".  
Doubles of 0.3 to 0.5" cams. FA. Chris Small. 2016. Climb through stepped right facing corners into a small roof formed by a wedged block. Surmount the block to gain a ledge and thin crack system. Stick the dynamic move to finish on bigger holds. .



## SECTOR 2 - Rainbows and Unicorns Sector



5. Embrace the Bum Gun. \*\*\*\*. 5.10+. Sport - 10 bolts. 28 m. FA Aaron Cornes. 2016. Prep. C Small.

The route name was spawned from a philosophical discussion on the merits of different methodologies of anal hygiene worldwide and applicability to the act of "shitting in the woods". This excellent route climbs the prominent left leaning arête to a small overlap and then through a vertical headwall. Crux may be a bit more difficult for the wee ones.

6. Open project 1. 5.12?. 15 m. Trad. FA. Could be you if you have the power. Prep C. Small. The left leaning fingers to shallow seam crack ending at a mid wall anchor.

7. The Very Big versus the Very Small. \*\*\* 10+. 26 m. Trad - 2 bolts. FA. Chris Small. 2016. The name refers to the range of pro size used on the FA of this route, 00 to number 4 cams. It could also reference the ball size of old guard Squamish climbers versus the modern climbers emerging from the gym. Climb to top of flake on Sunshine and Lollipops. Hand traverse left on the flake and scamper up shallow right facing flake past a bolt to a left

traversing crack to the mid wall anchor of Open project 1. Continue past anchor into a large left facing corner capped by a small roof.

8. Sunshine and Lollipops. \*\*\*\*\* 10 - . 26 m. Trad. Gear to 1 ", small wires. . FA Chris Small. 2016. Climb crack on right side of prominent flake to a left leaning crack. Take left leaning crack to bolt to gain a small ledge. From the ledge climb straight through a triangular alcove and through steep headwall to gain the anchors

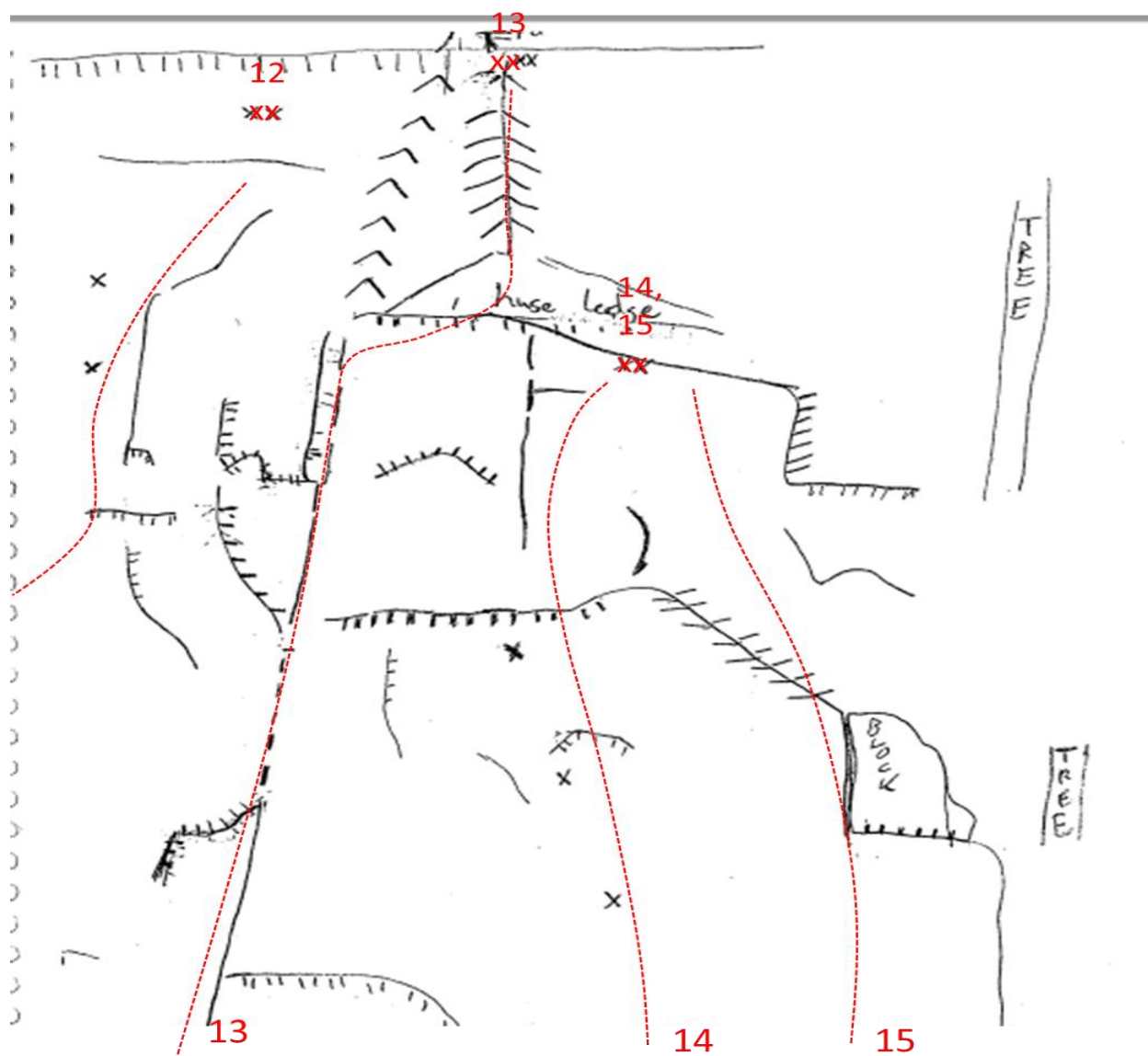
With more surprise big jugs than a Squamish new Mommy and baby yoga class the next two climbs are much less intimidating than they appear from the ground.

9. Rainbows and Unicorns. \*\*\*\*. 5.8. Trad. 29m. Trad. Gear to 3 ". Chris Small. 2016. Follow right leaning discontinuous crack through blocky V shaped corner to a big ledge. A short crack leads from the ledge to the anchors. Stellar quality.

10. Babies and Vegan Puppies. \*\*\*\*5.8. Trad to 3", one bolt. 26 m Chris Small. 2016. Climb through starting alcove on jugs and flakes with interesting gear into a prominent left facing corner with a blocky exit. Superb.

11. Old Dogs Learn New Tricks. \*\*\* 5.10. Trad to 3". FA. Chris Small. 2016. The name refers to the recent trend among some First ascensionists of declining boldness with age. Jugs and flakes through the starting alcove lead to committing moves to reach a bolt. Climb the path of least resistance to get into the left facing corner of Babies and Vegan Puppies to finish. A difficult to protect contrived variation using the very thin left most crack system on the head wall bumps the grade into the 10d - 11 a range

## Sector 3 - German Sparkle Party Sector



12. Open project 2. 12?. Trad to 2" - 3 bolts. 25m. FA. Could also be you if you have what it takes Prep. Chris Small. 2016.

Climb first half of Old dogs to reach steep headwall. Climb sustained shallow corner using crimps and technical foot prowess

13. The Duke of Burl. \*\*\*\*\*. 10+. Trad. Gear to 2". FA. Todd Gerhart. 2016. Prep Chris Small. Sustained and powerful crack climbing through a small overlap transitioning to more climbing on key-locked blocky crack and ending with hand jamming in an overhanging dihedral. Burly stuff indeed.

14. German Sparkle Party. \*\*\*. 10 - Trad to 1" - 3 bolts . 15 m. FA Chris Small. 2016.

Harder than it appears. A Bouldery start requiring sparkling technique leads into juggy mid-section and alcove. Cryptic moves off the alcove lead into a finger crack to the anchor on a huge ledge. One may wish to stick clip the first bolt

15. The Universal Banana Holder \*\*. 5.8. Trad. Gear to 3". 15 m. FA. Chris Small. 2016.

Men love their bananas and the perfect gift for the man in your life is a universal banana holder. One that can protect and hold his banana regardless of its length, girth, and / or curvature. Wait, I hear snickering.... Climb up through a small overlap created by a huge block access a ramp. Continue on ramp to rightmost finger crack. Continue to anchors of German Sparkle Party.