

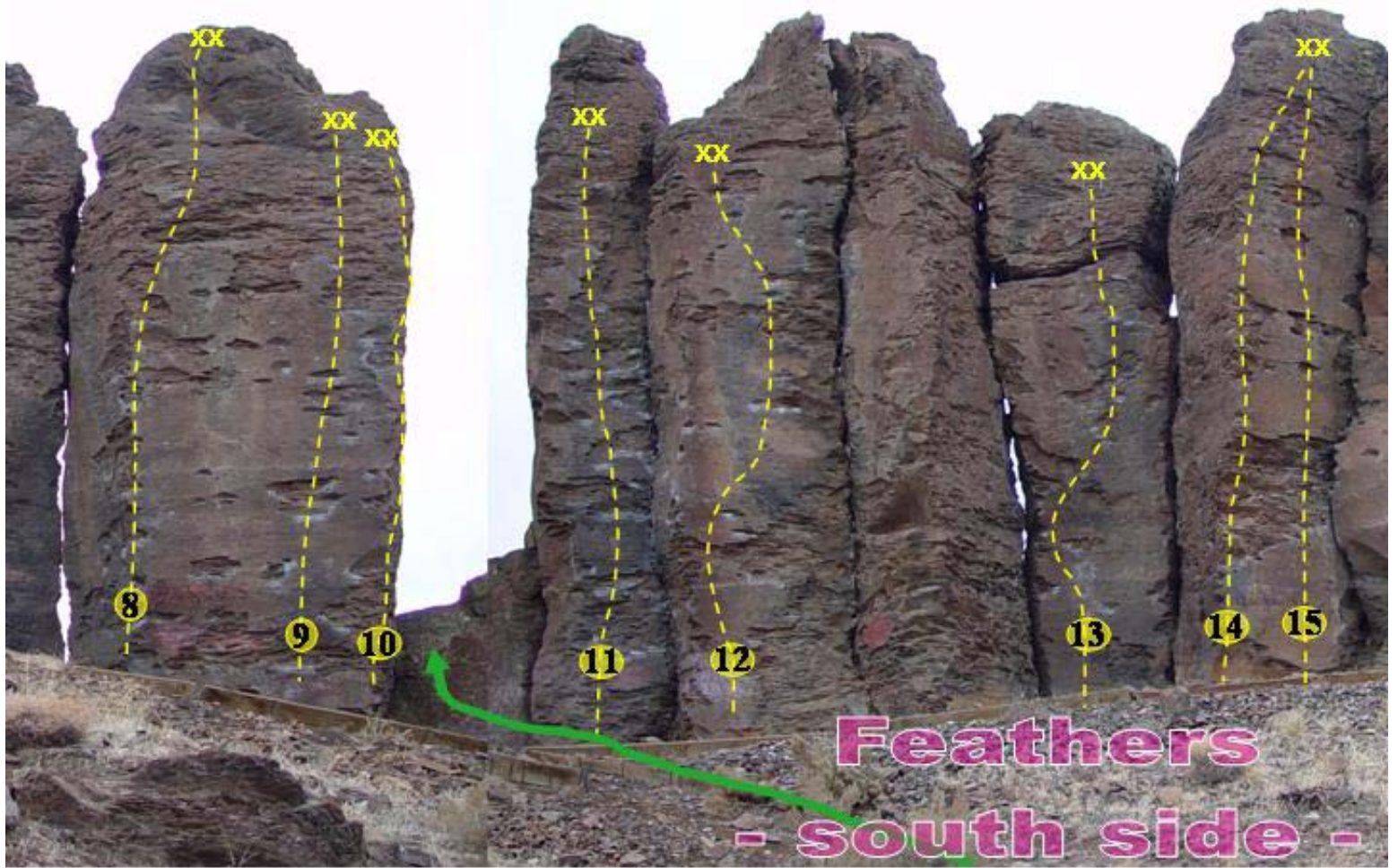


**The Feathers** Free-standing eroded basalt columns suggesting the vertical plumage of pickled poultry, these eccentric geologic heirlooms feature good beginning and moderate sport routes on the north and south sides, affording either the protection from or warmth of the solar deity. Arguably the most popular area at Frenchman Coulee.

*North Side: Climb in the Shade*

**Climbs read left to right**

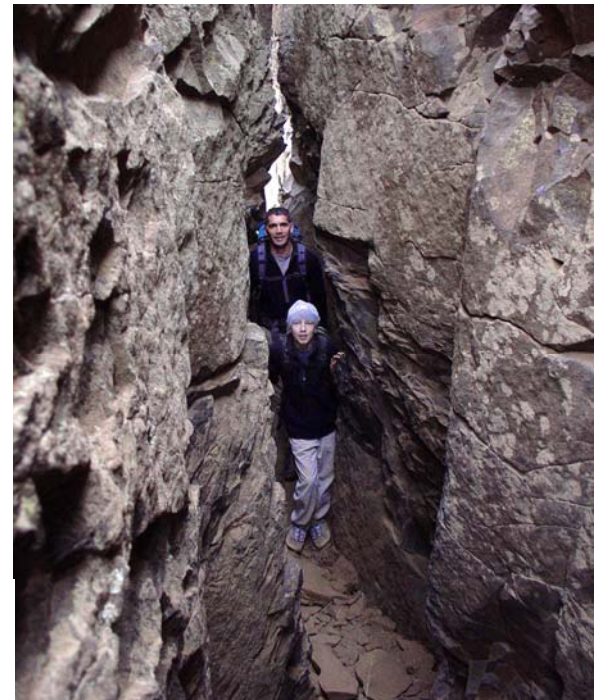
1. Satan's Little Helper 5.9 \*\* 5 clips. A steep face climb with big incut holds all the way.
2. Satan's Wagon 5.10B \*\*\*\* 7 clips. Steep and consistent climb considered to be the Feather's best.
3. Blood Blister 5.10A \*\* 5 clips. A worthwhile climb, a bit less consistent and solid than *Wagon*.
4. Desert Shield 5.9 \*\*\* 6 clips. A really fun climb that had been retrobolted, then every other bolt smashed, and recently repaired.
5. The Uprising 5.8 \*\*\* 4 clips. This is another popular Feathers route, unusual in that some friction technique is required.
6. Shake It Don't Break It 5.5 \*\*\* 3 clips. Short and sweet, many have used this climb as their first lead.
7. Mandatory Suicide 5.4 \*\*\* 4 clips. Another good first lead. Note that the anchors are up and right.



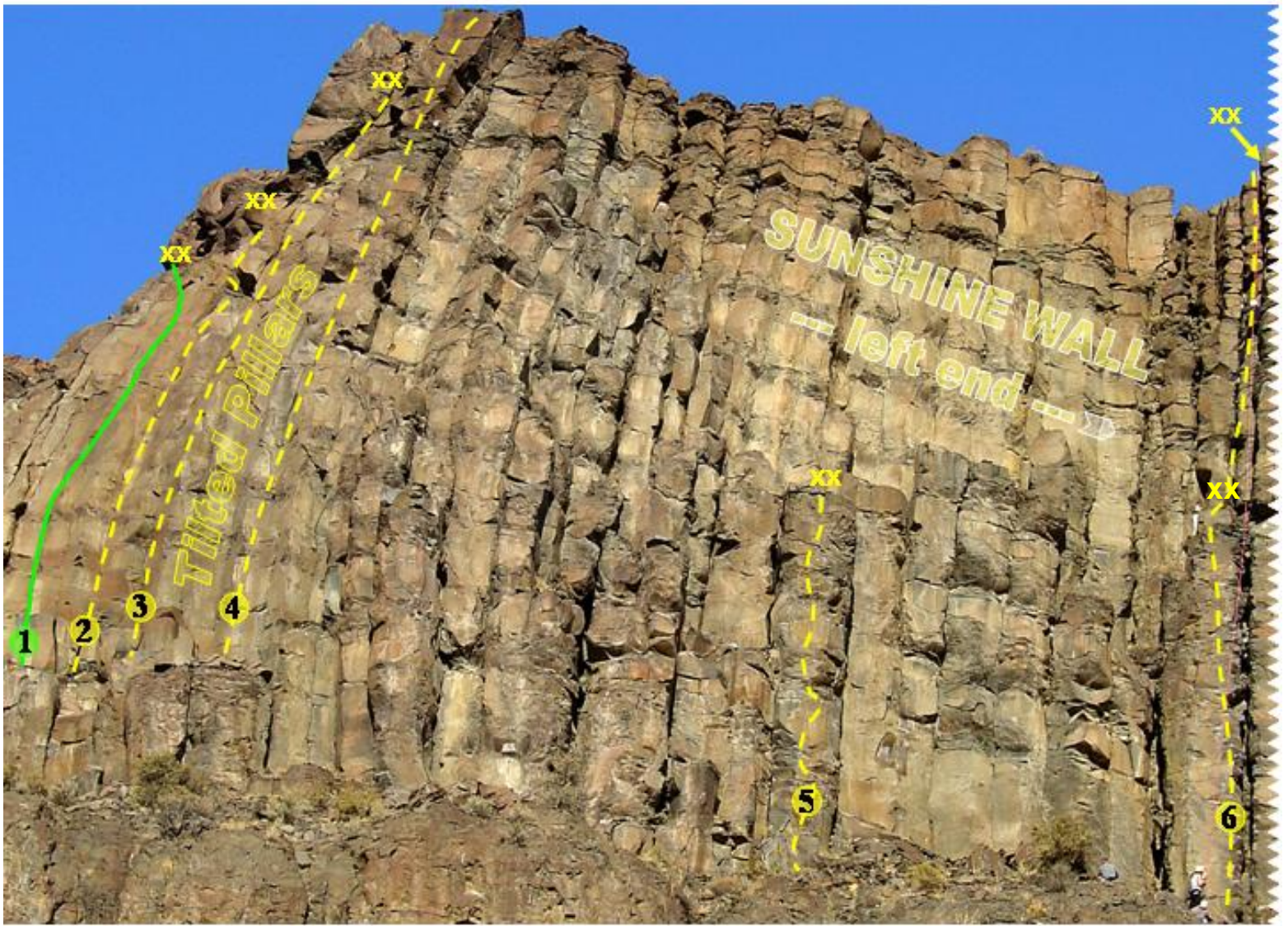
*South Side: Climb in the Sun*

climbs read left to right

- 8. So Funny I Forgot To Laugh 5.9 \* 5 clips. Follow the left edge of the pillar.
- 9. Medicine Man 5.10A \*\* 4 clips. Same pillar as *So Funny* but climb the center-right face and arête.
- 10. Fraggled Pickle 5.10A \* 6 clips. Climb the south side of the walk-through. A bit steeper than many of the climbs here.
- 11. Don Coyote 5.8 \*\*\* 5 clips. A fun and popular route.
- 12. Dance of the Shaman 5.10B \*\* 3 clips. Charlie sez, "It's easy if you know how".
- 13. Hardening of the Arteries 5.10C \*\*\* 4 clips. Definitely the toughest route at The Feathers, *Arteries* will test your footwork and tax your endurance.
- 14. Windwalker 5.10A \*\* 4 clips. Another face climb on the orange basalt.
- 15. Nightbird 5.10A \*\* 4 clips. Similar to *Windwalker* but with the distinction of being farther to the right.



The tunnel leading to Sunshine Wall



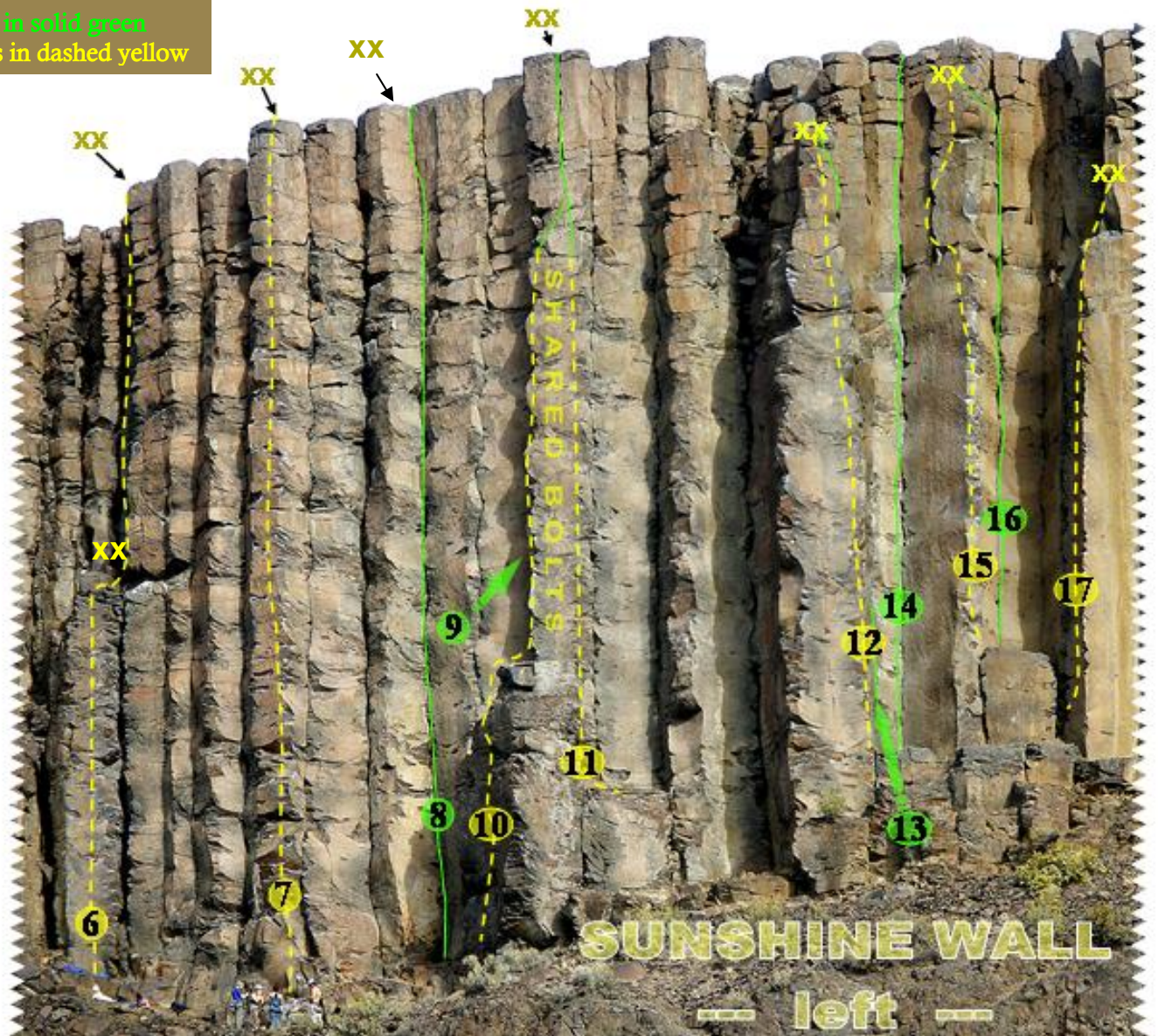
## Sunshine Wall: Tilted Pillars

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Sport routes in dashed yellow

Drop down Gully #2 and turn left (east) and the Tilted Pillars will appear immediately above. The good routes here are few but interesting. They are lower angle than most Coulee climbs, but you won't get off easy! There are two 5.11's and *Pounded Again* is a frustratingly thin exercise in palming, smearing and mantling.

1. **Pounded Again** 5.11B \*\*\* 4 fixed pins plus micro gear. Subvertical friction, counter-pressure and a mantle.
2. **Professor Pogue's Prolapse** 5.11A \*\*\* 4 clips. More stemming and palming on solid, smooth basalt. A quality climb that sees few ascents. Optional small cam near top.
3. **Preying Mantel** 5.10A \*\*\* 9 clips. Gear can be placed in left finger crack; same rating.
4. **Ten Minutes of Warmth** 5.9 \* gear to 3". Climb crack right of *Preying Mantel* to chimney. Can escape to anchors on *Mantel*.
5. **Professor Pogue's Precarious Pinnacle** 5.10C \*\* 7 clips. Climb little sawed-off pinnacle lying halfway between *Ten Minutes of Warmth* and *The Chossmaster*.
6. **The Chossmaster** 5.7 \*\* 14 clips. About a decade and a half ago when Dr. Pogue was preparing this climb, he cleaned enough loose rock out of the upper chimney to open a gravel pit. A platform with anchors halfway up allows climb to be split into two pitches. One of the most popular climbs on one of the most popular walls.

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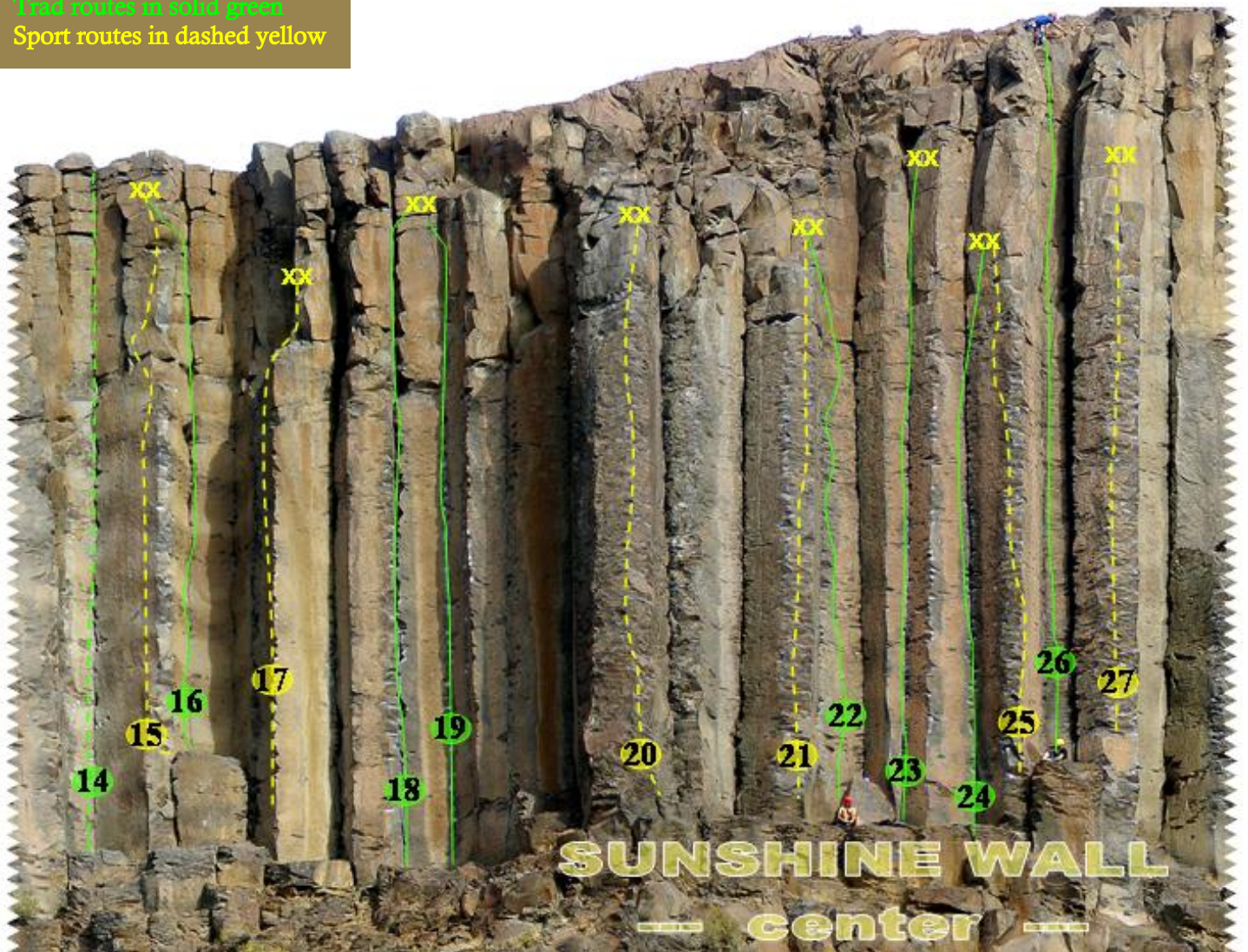


**Sunshine Wall: left section (routes #1 - #17)** Farther east than the Tilted Pillars, these columns are taller and plumb vertical. Two of longest climbs on the Sunshine Wall reside here: *The Chossmaster* and *Boschido*. Climbs read left to right.

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7. **Boschido** 5.10B \*\*\* 13 clips. Downgraded from 5.10C in the old guidebook, this is a challenging climb for the aspiring 5.10 leader. The first clip is a ways off the deck but the climbing is relatively easy and the stance is solid.
8. **Crackmaster Lambada** 5.10B \*\*\* gear to 1.5". A fun crack that involves stemming and a tricky problem at top.
9. **Mr. Clean** 5.11A \*\*\* gear to 2". Locker fingers and good stems. Reportedly can be protected with stoppers only.
10. **Forget Arête** 5.11B \*\*\* 9 clips + 1-2 medium cams. The left-hand climb that shares the 9 bolts on the column with *Never Forget Your Friends*. A "slap and hope" arête.
11. **Never Forget Your Friends** 5.10D \*\*\* 9 clips + 1-2 medium cams. The right-hand climb that shares the 9 bolts on the column with *Forget Arête*. With every clipping stance on this climb, except the first two, you will be crimping off your right fingertips and scumming with your left foot.

12. **Steel Pulse** 5.10B \*\*\* 7 clips. Aptly named after the runout to the 6<sup>th</sup> clip. The first bolted face at Sunshine.
13. **Seven Virgins and a Mule** 5.7 \*\*\* gear to 2.5". This chimney used to have a humvee-sized chockstone about halfway up. Then one day it was just gone.
14. **Elvis' Pharmacist** 5.10C \*\* standard rack. A decent crack that is often TR'd.
15. **Narlux** 5.10C \*\*\*\* 7 clips. Arguably the best sport climb at the Sunshine Wall. Great moves – flagging, side pulls, hooks; you can style on this one.
16. **Tangled up in Blue** 5.9 \*\*\*\* gear to 3.5". A Coulee institution, *Tangled* is one of many climbs where adjacent cracks and faces provide stemming and protection possibilities. Climb the left crack and backstep when you need to.
17. **Peaceful Warrior** 5.6 \*\*\* 6 clips. There are two ways to climb and clip into the 6 bolts: stay in the chimney and it's a secure 5.6; climb the face and it's low 5.10.

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### Sunshine Wall: center section (routes #14 - #27) continued

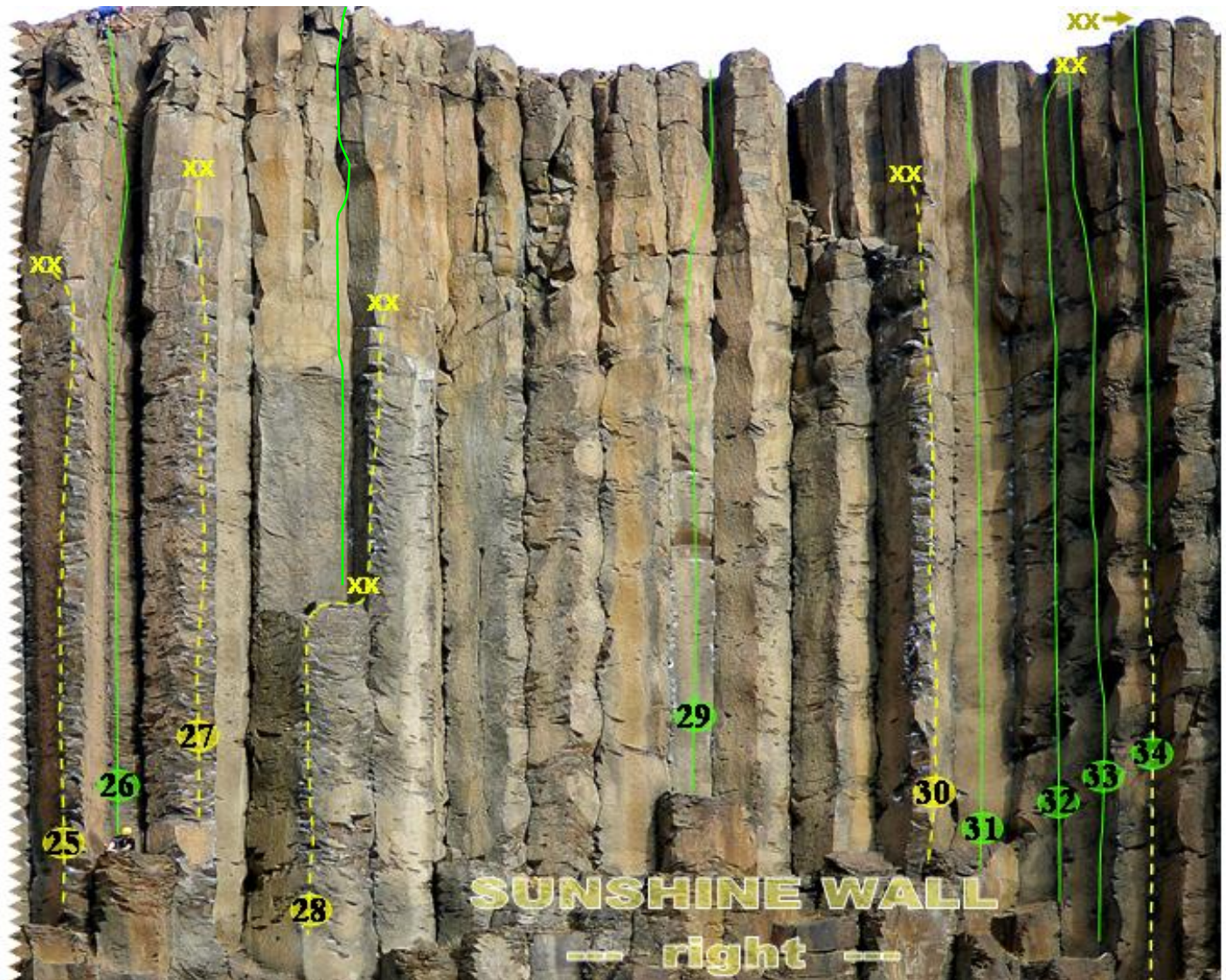
18. **George and Martha** 5.10A \*\*\*\* gear to 3.5". A classic with an offwidth finish that's easier if you have long arms. Traverse right to the anchor of *Red M 'n M's*.
19. **Red M 'n M's** 5.12A \*\*\*\* gear to 2", but mostly micro nuts. Usually toproped, this climb was originally a trad route, then bolted, then chopped.
20. **Vantage Point** 5.8 \*\* 11 clips. Another fun sport route on a column face. The column stands proud from the main wall and the view from the anchor inspired the name. Vantage is a small settlement west of the Columbia River on I-90. Whenever someone finishes this climb, the town constable rings a bell in the church tower.

21. Clip 'em or Skip 'em 5.8 \*\*\* 10 clips. Big incut holds and a bolt every 3 inches. Just kidding, but it is a well-protected climb seeing lots of traffic.
22. Crossing the Threshold 5.8 \*\*\* gear to 3.5. Another Frenchman Coulee stemming twin-crack climb. You can't call yourself a Coulee climber until you've done a couple of these babies.
23. Air Guitar 5.10A \*\*\* gear to 4". This crack looks beautiful from below and feels even better when you're in. Begins with fingers and gradually widens to offhands at the top. There is a plaque at the anchor commemorating a fatality that occurred in 2002.
24. Pony Keg 5.9 \*\* gear to 4". Less chossy than it used to be, *Pony* has been climbed enough that it is quite solid. The lower half can be done as a crack/face climb combo, but in the upper half the shard-lined crack becomes a relatively smooth fist crack.
25. Whipsaw 5.9 \*\* 10 clips. Another sport climb that has seen action in the Bolt Wars. In the last sortie, hangers were smashed over and then straightened. The holding power of these bolts are thus suspect.
26. Stroken' the Chicken 5.6 \*\* gear to 4". Hand jam and stem off the pillars with your feet. Tough for a 5.6.
27. Throbbing Gristle 5.9 \*\*\* 13 clips. Another bolted pillar climb. Very popular.

## Sunshine Wall – right section

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# Sunshine Wall: right section (routes #25 - #34) continued

28. Justified Ancients of Mu Mu 5.8 \*\* 9 clips. This 2-pitch climb can be combined into one. Bring a sling. From the first anchor you can step left into a dihedral and climb:

Corner Pockets 5.10B \*\*\* gear to 4" (unnumbered) to the top.

29. Sinsemilla 5.10C \*\*\*\* gear to 2.5". Some say the climb got easier a few years ago when a big chunk of rock fell out of the middle section. It's still a beautiful stemming and finger crack. There are two ways to exit at the top.

30. Hakuna Matada 5.10B \*\*\* 10 clips. Warm rock and a cool breeze will make you feel like you're out on the veldt with the rest of the pride.

31. Stems and Seeds 5.11B \*\*\*\* gear to 2.5". Quite possibly the most expansive stemming experience you will ever have. If the columns were any wider you would undergo mitosis. Right crack can be led separately

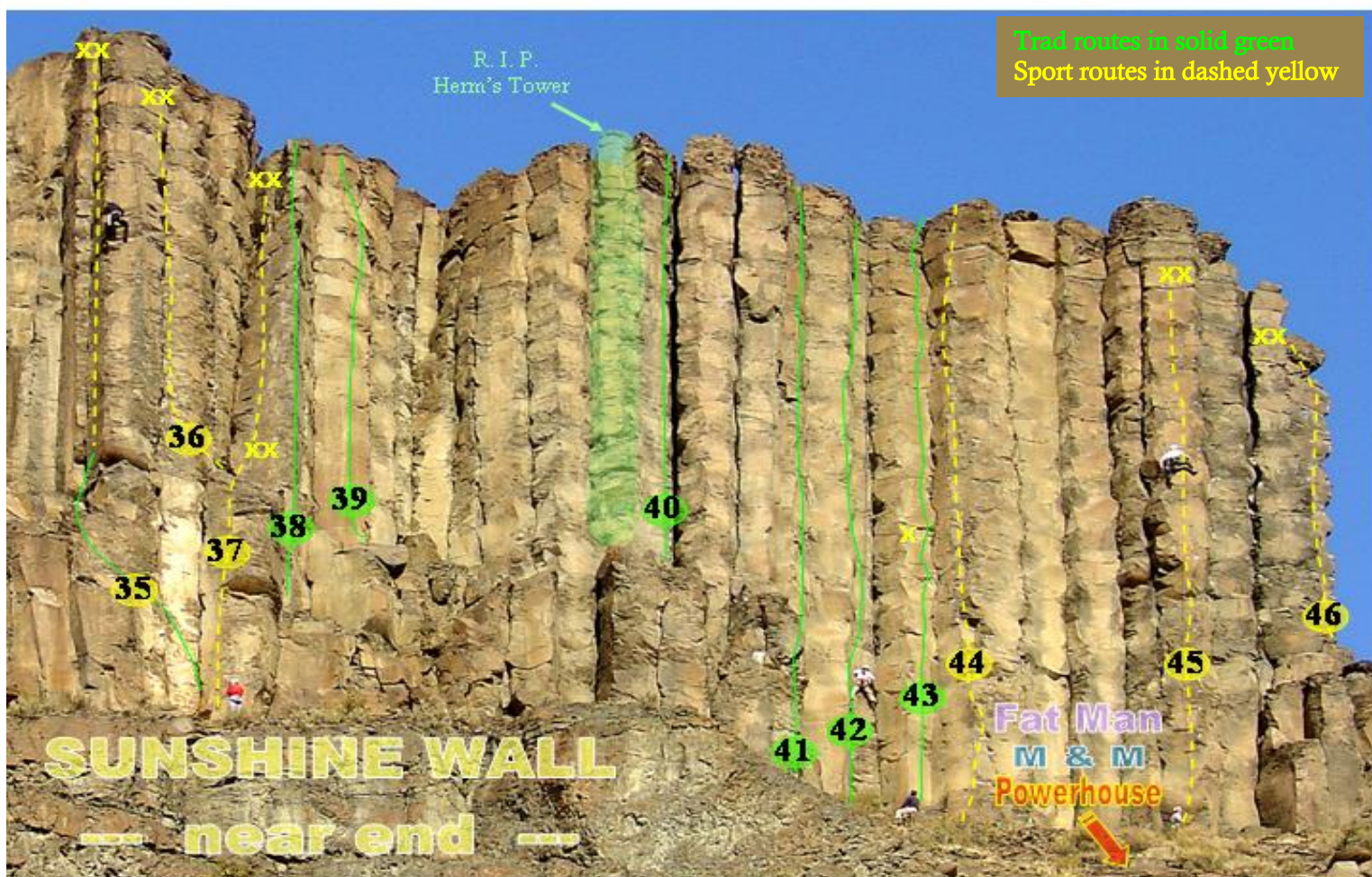
32. Bob's your Uncle 5.11A \*\*\*\* gear to 3.5". This climb doesn't get down to business until the top, when you will find out just how good your finger jams are.

33. Steel Grill 5.9 \*\*\* gear to 4". Interesting offwidth crack with the crux about 3/4 of the way up.

34. Mix It Up 5.11B \*\*\* 5 clips + gear to 2". This crack/stem/face is on Coyote Wall, but it's the next climb to the right of *Steel Grill*, so it's included here. Climb the first half using the crack/arête and clip five bolts. Above that stay in crack until near the very top, then veer left.



Steve leading *Sinsemilla*



## Sunshine Wall: near end (routes #25 - #34)

**Near End** The eastern termination of the Sunshine Wall, the first route you will see on your right as you are squirted out of the Near Trail tunnel is *Ride 'em Cowboy*, a fun and super-popular climb.

Climbs read left to right.

35. **A Midsummer Night's Dream 5.11A 8 clips.** An enjoyable sport climb in an unforgettable position with a chossy start. The opening fist crack is easy but the first clip is way, way up there, so a 3" cam is recommended before the mantle (the what?) onto the broken pillar. Best to then scramble up and left, approaching the first clip with your right hand.
36. **The Manxome Foe 5.10A \*\* 8 clips** From anchors on *Under Duress*, climb to the west.
37. **Under Duress & Duress 5.9 \*\* 14 clips.** Two climbs: a 5.8 to pinnacle top (6 clips), and a 5.9 above (7 clips). Very popular.
38. **Welcome to Vantage 5.10C \*\*\* gear to 2.5".**  
The Coulee's namesake climb will let you know you're not in Kansas anymore. A fine hand crack w/airy stems. Great intro to the climbs of the Sunshine Wall.
39. **Bob Dylan 5.10B \*\* Mostly 2" gear.** A hand & finger crack with little chance for stems, i.e., no resting.

**Herm's Tower** Sometime during the winter of 2002, the tall, slender pillar known as Herm's Tower disappeared. Supported on a broad pedestal just west of *Blue Autumn*, with a base narrower than its midsection, some claim it was levered over by a car jack wedged between it and the main wall. Whatever the cause of its departure, we lost the awesome route *Positive Vibrations* and a local landmark.



Kyle blowin' it in the wind on  
*Bob Dylan*

40. **Blue Autumn 5.10B \*\*\*\*\* 3-7" (several 6") + slings for tie-offs.**  
For those who like this sort of thing, *Blue Autumn* is considered the best offwidth at Frenchman Coulee.
41. **Spinning Mars 5.11B \*\*\* gear to 2.5".** Thin stemming problem with finger locks.
42. **Party in Your Pants 5.8 \*\*\* gear to 3".** Trad stemming climb follows twin cracks – one for each foot/hand. Great holds and pro most of the way. Extremely popular.
43. **Shrinking Ball Disease 5.11A. gear RP's to 2.5".** A trad lead with one bolt down low where the crack pinches off and where you'll do some tricky stemming. A bit chossy at the top; the name says it all. Anchors used as common area rap station.
44. **Easy off 5.10C \*\*\* 13 clips.** Anchor set back on the mesa top. Great route, fun moves.
45. **Snooze ya Lose 5.11A \*\*\* 10 clips.** Anchor formerly set on pillar top until hangers were stolen, along with many others in this area, about two years ago. Anchor now on face just above the technical crux. Crimpy.
46. **Ride 'em Cowboy 5.9 \*\*\*\*\* 9 clips.** The first sport climb you will see on your right as you descend the Near Trail. If this route is free when you arrive, jump on it.