

TOKOPAH WALL

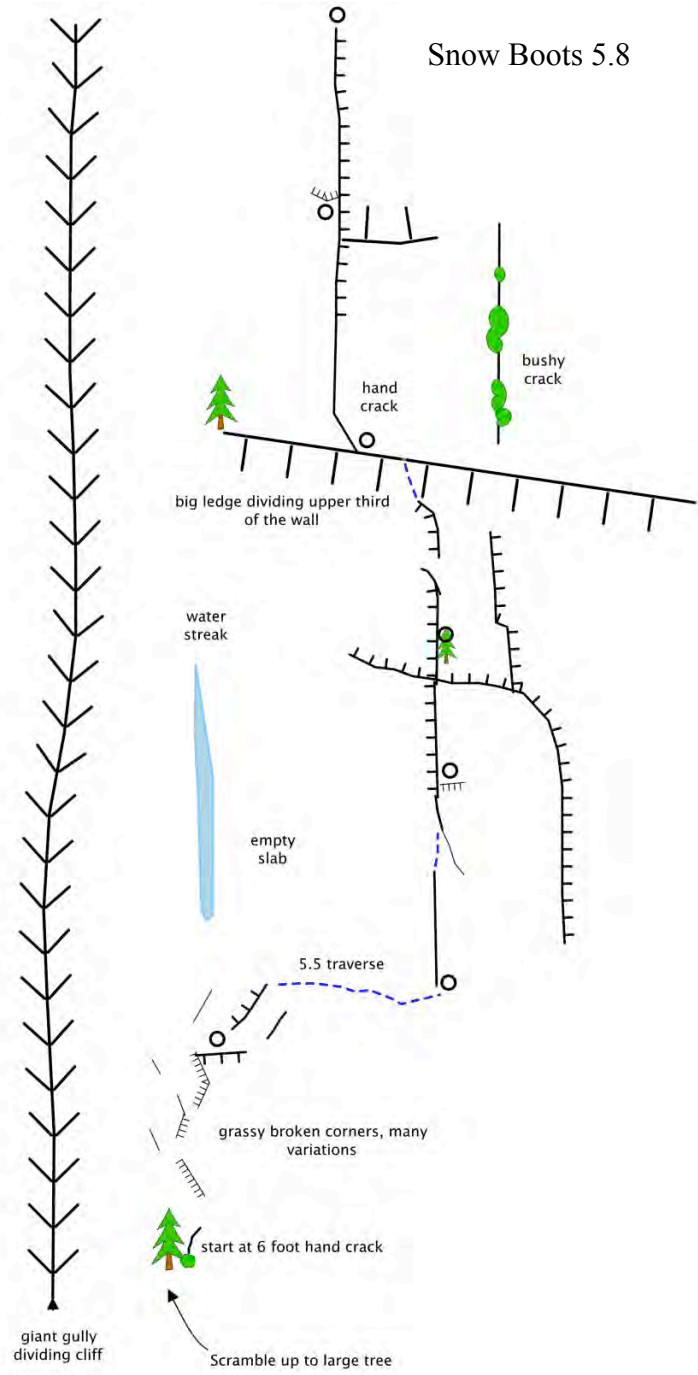
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Intro

Tokopah Wall is tall, somewhat low angle, and perfect for all day moderate adventures. It lies roughly opposite The Watchtower and the granite is perfect with a bit of moss and vegetation and a giant gullet cutting down the middle. Adrift, 5.9, goes up the left buttress of the cliff and was climbed in 1984. There is reported to be one route left of Adrift and two routes on the right buttress of the wall. It has undoubtedly been climbed via a variety of routes by people passing through but they moved on without much documentation or evidence, save for a lone bolt off to the right of Adrift, hinting at a fifth route.

Directions

Hike the Tokopah Falls trail out of Lodgepole all the way to its end. Make your way up through the boulder field and skirt the lower cliff band on it's right. From there, head up and left towards the base sniffing out the easiest path. To descend, head west towards Horse Creek and follow it back down to the trail,



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1. **5.9** 7ish pitches **Adrift** *Standard rack*.

I found the top of the route but have not located the start or climbed it, this is the approximate location. The following description is from the 1993 Moser/Vernon/Hickey guide: "Adrift ascends the left side of Tokopah Wall and starts near two pine trees near the base of the wall. The left tree is the largest and its top is cut off. One pitch (165 feet) above the left pine is an obvious vertical crack which breaks a clean face and leads up to ledges below the left summit buttress. This is a pleasant route with only a few moves of 5.9 occurring just off the ground or ledges. Adrift starts about 20 feet left of the left pine in a short layback crack (5.9) leading up to an overhang. Pass it on the right (5.8) and continue up face and ledge systems to the base of the obvious vertical crack (165 feet). Follow the crack for 165 feet to a hanging belay (5.8). Again, follow the crack for 165 feet to a good belay ledge. Climb easier rock until below the summit buttress (130 feet). Walk around the right side of the buttress, but stay left of the gully in the center of the wall. From here, one can see a low angle ramp with bushes at its base and a small pine tree higher up. On the fifth pitch, avoid the bushes by climbing up some blocks and crack on the right to a large flat ledge above (5.8+). Gain a vertical crack by a 5.9 move and follow it for 20 feet to where the ledges move left and up to another large ledge not easily see from the last belay (80 feet). The last pitch climbs the crack in the left facing corner (5.8) and up and right to the pine tree, then to the top."

FA: Smith, Herb Laeger 8/84.

2. **5.8** 7 pitches **Snow Boots** *Doubles from small to 4"*.

P1 Scramble up the gully in the middle of the cliff and right to a lone pine tree at the base of a short hand crack where the first pitch begins. Climbs the crack and may your way up the broken corner systems about 190 feet to a ledge below a right facing, right leaning corner.

P2 Climb the short corner and traverse easy terrain straight right until you reach the base of a long, vertical crack.

P3 Climb the crack belay from a small ledge before you get to the roof.

P4 Follow the crack, ascend the roof on its left, and belay above the pine tree.

P5 Continue up and a little left until you reach the huge ledge below the summit buttress.

P6 Towards the left side of the ledge is a short hand crack that leads into the massive left facing corner. Climb up to and in the corner to a hanging belay at a little overlap.

P7 Follow the corner to the top.

FA: Jonathan Zerlang, Daniel Jeffcoach 11/13

3. **5.9** 8 pitches **Working in Corners** *Standard rack*.

This is the approximate start and a vague description. Start around the low point of the wall's right side and climb fairly direct. Many variations exist, stay left of the trees and aim towards a large right facing corner. Make your way into the corner and follow it to the horizontal crack at the far right end of the giant ledge. Climb a short bushy crack into a clean right facing corner, 5.9, and continue to the summit.

FA: Jeff Scheuerell and friend 1990's