

# PANTHER PEAK

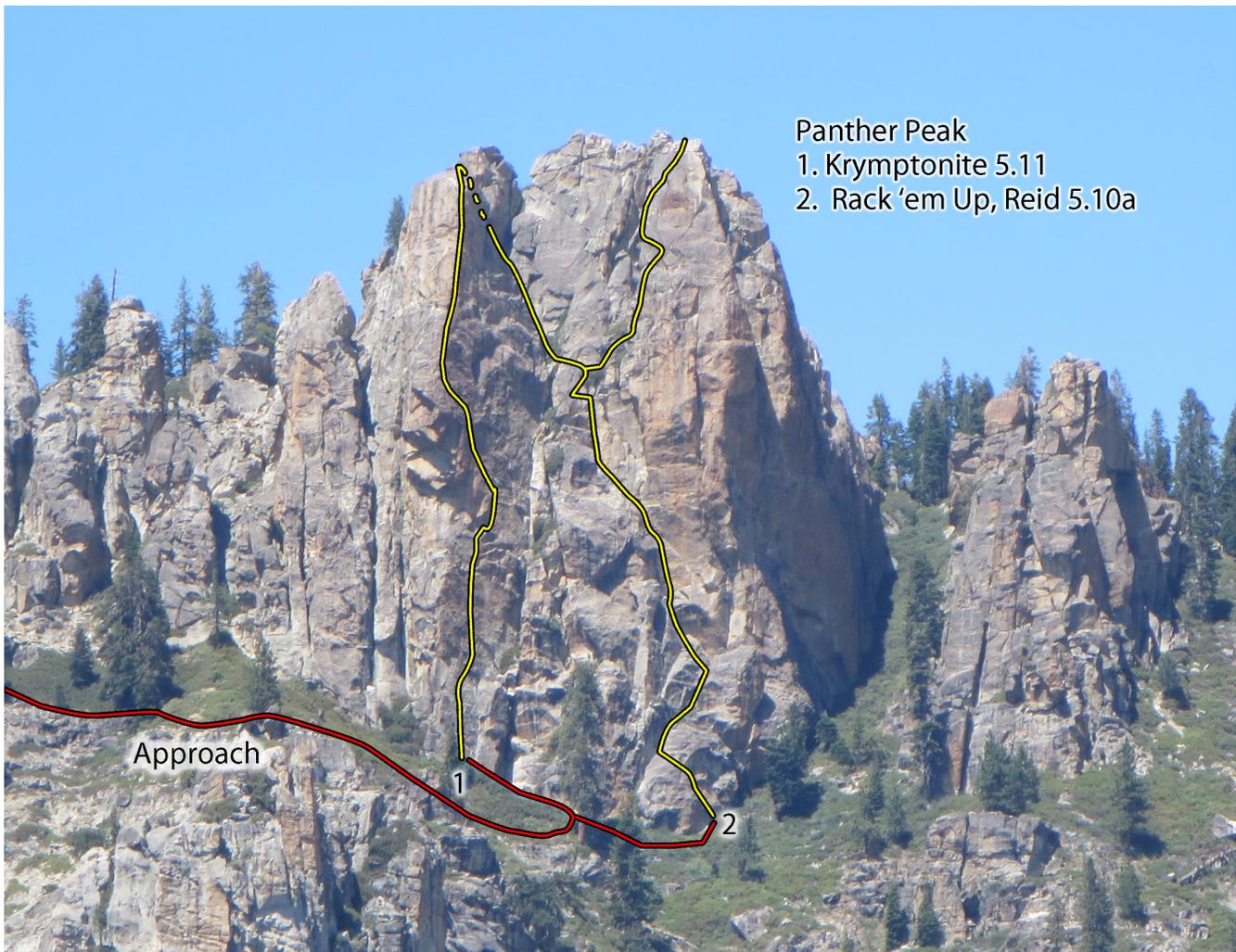
## Intro

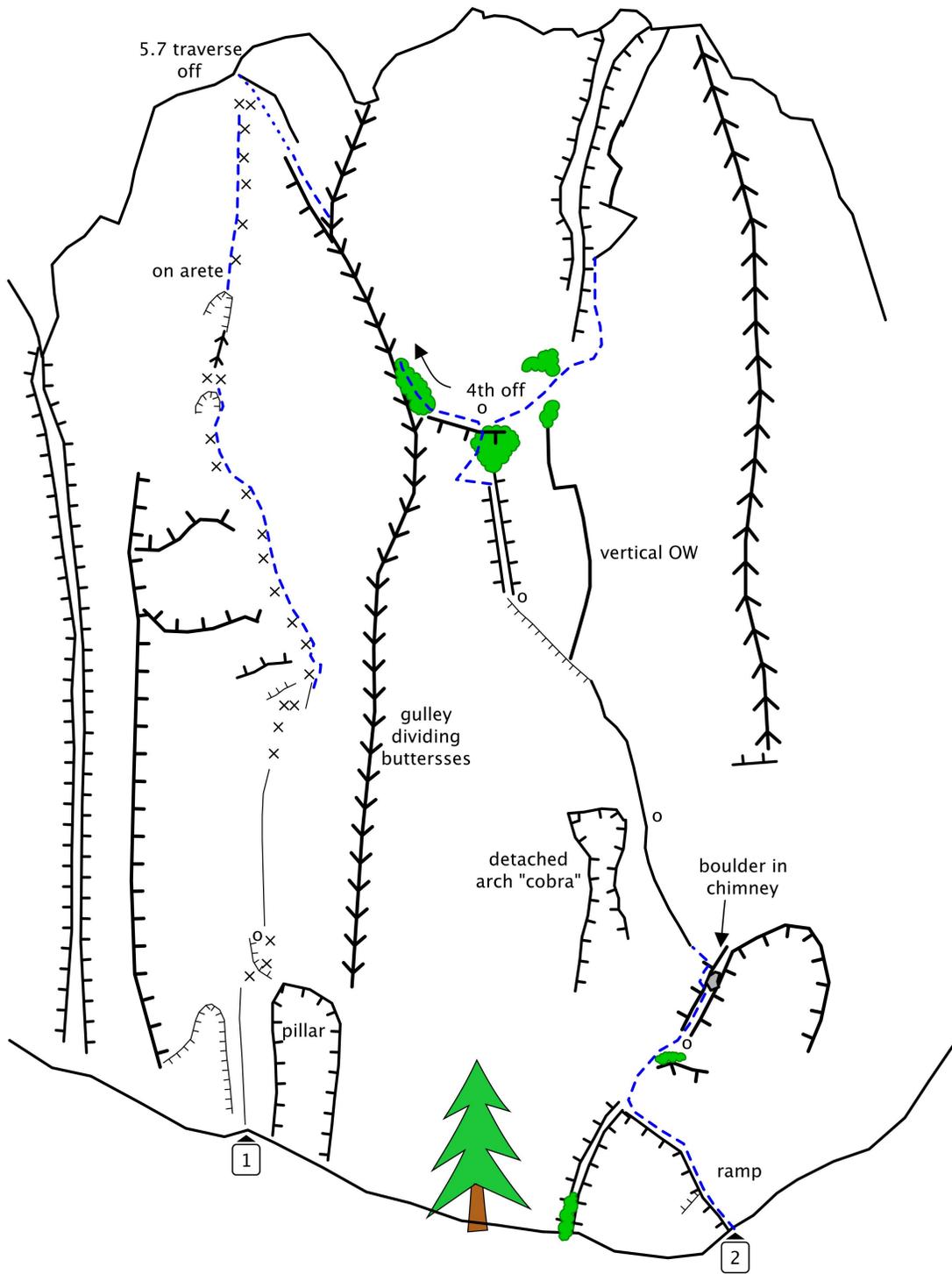
Panther peak is a small summit along the ridge connecting Moro Rock to Alta Peak. Climbers have undoubtedly explored the cliff on its south face over the years but there are only two reported routes. Although it has a decent approach and only two routes I am adding it because the quality of climbing and views are outstanding and very worthy of a day trip for anyone in the area. Kryptonite is clean, classic and relatively safe while Rack 'em Up, Reid is somewhat more "adventurous" with great, and less great sections.

## Directions

Take the road towards the Wolverton snow play area/trailheads near General Sherman in the Giant Forest. About ¼ mile before the big parking area at the end of the road there is a very short dirt road that goes right. Park on this dirt road to save a bit of time.

Follow the faint trail along the west side of Long Meadow. It becomes more distinct as you go. Continue up towards the Alta Peak trail instead of following the loop back around to Wolverton. Hang a left on the ridge towards Panther Gap/Alta Peak. Follow this trail for a mile or two, crest the ridge and continue towards Panther Meadow. Before Panther Meadow, leave the trail and go south up the hill to the ridge just west of the peak. Approach the climbs by descending roughly down along the base. Approach time is about 3.5 miles and 1.5-2.5 hours. Descend back down the ridge from the summit to your stuff. Or just look at a map and figure it out for yourself!





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1. **5.11** 5 pitches **Krymptonite** *Doubles from tiny to 2" one 3" 10 draws.*
  - P1 Walk along the base until you see the finger crack going up towards the big roofs on the left buttress. Follow the finger crack until it ends, head right past two bolts. Belay at the base of the next crack with one bolt and some gear.
  - P2 Follow the crack until it ends, past two bolts to a two bolt belay under a small roof.
  - P3 Go around the right side of the roof, place some tiny gear and find the first bolt. Pull horizontal dikes on the right side of the bolt and follow more bolts up and left. Belay at two bolts on a small pinnacle on the arete.
  - P4 Easy climbing up the arete past some gear gets progressively more difficult with a bolted crux at the top. Two bolt anchor on the false summit.
  - P5 Easy traverse off the west side of the true summit.
  - FA: Vitaliy Musiyenko, Adam Sheppard. P1 & 2 Adam Sheppard, Matt Schutz, Daniel Jeffcoach 4/2015
2. **5.10a** 5-6 pitches **Rack 'em Up, Reid** *Doubles from small to 3" one 4" and one 5". Also one 6" for direct finish.*
  - P1 Make your way to the low point on of the south face. Just up and right there is a slow angle ramp going up/left with a small roof. Follow this up, over the deceptively tricky roof and onto the big bushy ledge above.
  - P2 Go up the chimney, left of the big boulder and then take crack systems up and left near the base of the steep headwall. Belay wherever.
  - P3 Take the same crack systems up and angling left to a ramp with loose blocks that passes under an OW. Belay at the base of a short lichen-filled chimney with a bush at the top.
  - P4 Climb the chimney, go left under the bush and then up and through it to another large bushy ledge.
  - P5 4<sup>th</sup> class up the gully and then left up the ramp at its end. Alternate finish would be cracks up and right from the belay to the east summit. We were getting snowed on so we didn't go this way.
  - P6 Teaverse off the west side of the summit, same as Krymptonite.
  - P5 (direct) From the top of P4 face climb up and right to the right of the chimney and then take the cracks that lead to an OW in a small roof. Climb this and follow the zig-zag wide cracks to the summit.
  - F (recorded) A: Adam Burch, Daniel Jeffcoach 4/2015 Direct finish: Alaina Robertson, Vitaliy Musiyenko, Daniel Jeffcoach 10/2015