

BUENA VISTA PEAK (updated 11/24/2018)

Intro

Buena Vista Peak is a fun little summit with one of the easiest approaches in the park and is one of the closest climbing spots to Grant's Grove. The one mile trail has enjoyable bouldering along the way and if you head to the summit you'll be rewarded with a beautiful 360 degree view of the Kings Canyon high country and redwood canyon. The climbs are short and the history is scarce, but what's there is high quality.

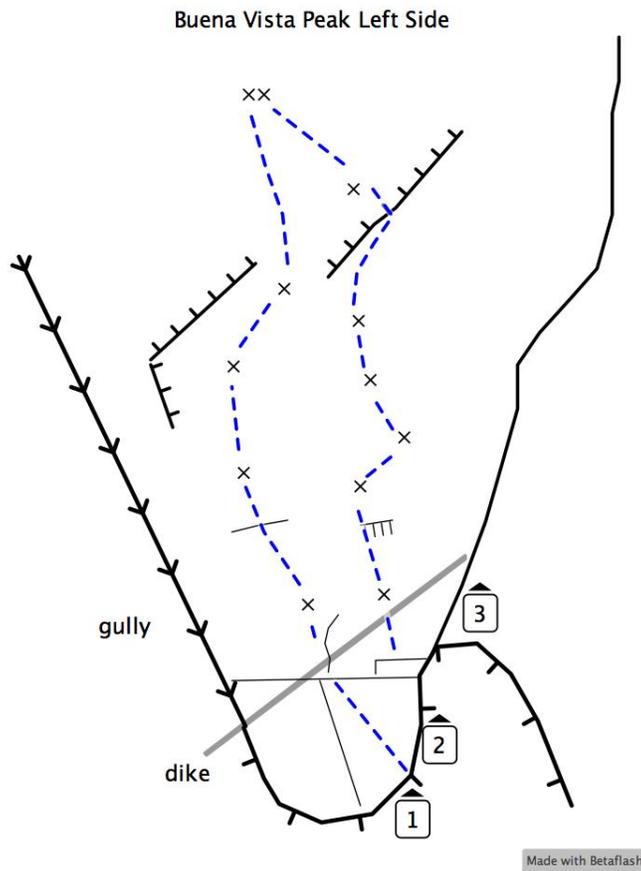
Directions

From the Big Stump entrance station on Highway 180 take a right at the Wye intersection to continue on the General's Highway towards Sequoia. The trailhead is 4.7 miles down the road on the right, just past the Kings Canyon overlook turnout.

From Sequoia take the General's Highway north towards Kings Canyon and it's about 20 miles past Lodgepole.

From the trailhead, follow the trail until it's roughly on a small ridge with the peak in sight ahead. The trail goes on the left (east) side of the peak and switchbacks to the top. To get to the climbs stay on the ridge, following small use trails straight ahead and work your way up to the slabs on the north face. The two climbs shown here are on this slab. More climbs can be found on various cliffs around the west side of the peak but I haven't climbed them yet.

All routes with bolted anchors can be rappelled with a single 60m rope and some 3rd class down climbing, or walked off.



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1. **5.9** 1 pitch **Left Slab** *4 draws, one 0.5" and one 1"*.
From near the toe of the slab, head up and left towards the small crack, place a piece and follow the bolts and features to a two bolt anchor.
FA: Unknown
2. **5.10a** 1 pitch **Right Slab** *6 draws*.
Either belay from the ground or 4th class scramble towards the top of the boulder on the right and belay there. From the ledge on top of the boulder head up and left onto the face following the bolts.
FA: Unknown
3. **5.7** 1 pitch **Crack** *Gear to 3", can place wider gear to protect a short section above a ledge*.
From the bottom of the slab you can see the obvious crack/corner system running up the right side. Scramble up to the start of the crack or belay from the ground. Follow the crack until it ends.
FA: Unknown

*More climbs can be found to the right of these around the corner and a few more along the west face but I haven't climbed them.