

## Trout Creek Ice

(FA: Unknown, but I was climbing here in the early 90s)

Just west of the highway on the canyon wall above Trout Creek in Summerland is a good if ephemeral little climb. Although it is easy to scope the climb from the highway it is best approached from above. If it is in, a white swath of ice on the southeast-facing canyon wall will be visible from the traffic lights in Trout Creek.

For the best approach, park at the southmost corner of Happy Valley Road (just east of where Hillborn St. meets Canyon View Rd.

[ N 49° 34.222' W 119° 39.248' ]

Park out of the way. Hike down an obvious path / road heading east past an obvious fenced pump house. The wooded drainage on your right leads to the top of the climb where a top rope can be set up on the 40 meter climb. 200 meters down the trail from the pump house follow a gully and small rib down into Trout Creek Canyon. The climbs are a short distance west (up) the creek on the south facing cliff. You cannot see the climb until you are upon it. (Total approach time 5-7 min.)

### Trout Creek Ice      WI 3+      40 m

[ N 49° 34.185' W 119° 39.131' ] : base of climb

A steep section of relatively fat ice leads to a lower angle slab that is often dubiously attached to the rock. Excellent top rope off of trees above.

### Small Fry      WI 2      25 m

A short distance left of Trout Creek Ice is a shaded, low angle smear with good ice that leads to a brushy, thin and unpleasant top out. Traverse right to the anchor for Trout Creek Ice.



Above: Looking down on the descent rib and gully (best right of the rib).

Below: The bottom section of Trout Creek Ice leading to the just visible slab at the top.



