

Revelstoke Ice

Climbing: There is a fair bit of ice climbing in the Revelstoke area, but much of it is threatened by avalanche slopes and moist, varied winter weather. There is undoubtedly potential for much more in this area and with the help of some adventurous people I am sure more and more climbs and beta will surface. The big area where the first 5 climbs are located is a classic climbing area in its own right and if the conditions are good these climbs are all a must. The rest of the routes are just scattered around town and they host variable conditions and sometimes short seasons. Some winter seasons in Revy climbs form all over the place, others, there are barely any. This is just a vague idea of the limitless potential of this area.

Have Fun!

Directions: For the big 'Blackfoot' area with the 5 multi-pitch routes, drive west of Revy for about 4 km's where you will reach a big pullout on the south side of Highway 1 where the climbs are certainly visible. Park here and walk down directly to the tracks. To this point you should be able to get a good eye on your desired route. Cross the tracks (quickly), cross the river and slog through alder and/or avy debris to your route, 30-45 minutes depending on conditions. The small curtain 'Bunny Slippers' is easiest approached by walking down the tracks to the east, then crossing the river from where it is just a few minutes through alder to the climb.



Rookie Of The Fear

WI3-4 - 40m

The leftmost route, close and down by the river. Hard to miss, it is the only one not in a big gully and it has an easy approach. A great top rope area.

Descent: Tree Rappels

Tum Tum Massacre

WI3+ - 230m

A nice canyon like gully climb with 3 great pitches of ice followed by some low angle ice and snow walking. It is the first of the gullies on the left. The top of the climb is hidden amongst the trees. The first pitch is about 35m on varied ice that ends at a comfortable belay. Walk up another 40m to the base of the short, steep second pitch. Walk another 110m or so to the final huge 55m curtain with many choices. There is also a WI4 finish on your left in the cleft to add a little more to the day. Classic!

Descent: Tree Rappels

Pillar Of Doom

WI5+ - 300m

A big, intimidating first pitch is the highlight of this one. Sustained and varied this pitch is about 45m long and it climbs a big pillar right up the center then eases off into some WI4. Low angle ice goes for about another 150m or so until you hit the upper section.

This part is climbed in two pitches; the first goes at about WI3+ where it ends at nice belay ledge before the ice steepens. Climb the second pitch on ever steepening ice to a spicy finish and tree belay. Long day!

Descent: Tree Rappels and V-Threads



BlackFoot

WI4/4+ - 200m

A classic line that goes up the third gully. Start up a pitch of WI3 to a nice belay ledge to your left. From here climb up a nice solid pitch of WI4 and belay on a shallow ledge. The next pitch starts off steep then tapers off to moderate ice and another nice belay ledge, a long pitch. The climb then finishes off with some easy WI3 and a tree belay.

Descent: Tree Rappels and V-Threads

Don't Fear The Pillar

WI6 - 200m

A very vertical pencil pillar starts this one off on tricky ice. Potential here for a mixed start when the pillar is not touching down. After you make it up, follow some moderate ice for about 100m to a steep wall that hosts many variations, take the left or right fork to some more steep ice!

Descent: Tree Rappels



The three main gully climbs, left to right: Tum Tum Massacre, Pillar of Doom and Black Foot. Bunny Slippers is just out of view on the left and Dont Fear the Pillar is another 150m right of from the end of the photo.

Dam Falls

WI4+ - 100m

Located on the east side of the Highway 23 on the way up the hill to the Revelstoke Dam about 10 minutes from Revy. Hard to miss, park and climb the route right on the side of the road up 2 or 3 pitch of steep funky ice. Conditions are variable depending on weather and snow.

Dump Falls

WI3-4 - 30m

On the way to the Revelstoke Dump is this great top rope/practice area. It is on the west side of the Columbia River and can be seen driving west on Hgy 1 from Revy. It hosts lots of steep and low angle lines on usually good ice with trees above for slinging up a TR.

Kokanee Falls & Moulin Huger

WI3-5

These two climbs are located above the 5 Mile Boat Launch on Lake Revy. To get orientated drive down the Westside Rd or the west side of the lake. Can be very wet and variable.

Spider In The Tub

WI4/4+ - 170m

Drive a few km's north of the 5 Mile Boat Launch towards the Waterworld rock climbing area. Park uphill from the Waterworld climbing sign (wherever you can) and rap into the route. The climb starts directly from the lake and follows up several sustained pitches of steep ice with good belays. Short season and the quality varies season to season.



Bunny Slippers

WI5+/6 - 150m

A huge classic ice climb first climbed by a very adventurous guy by the name of Troy Kirwan, the same guy responsible for finding the awesome rock climbing crag called 'Silvertip Canyon' near Revy. The Jordan River canyon is a big spot for hardcore whitewater kayakers in summer and hosts lots of potential for crazy mixed and ice routes on its canyon walls. If you climb steep ice this one is located somewhere up the Jordan, this is all the info available, awesome! As far as the approach goes, the rumour is that the first ascent was assisted by a heli-drop.

