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### **Snowpatch Spire, north face, the Dark Prince**

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In the summer of 2008 Paul McSorley casually mentioned a line he had scoped on the north face of Snowpatch Spire, starting about 40m right of Sunshine Crack. [The un-freed Hell or Highwater (8 pitches 5.11 A2, Langsford-Moorhead, 2007) climbs between these two lines.] Since it was just a short stroll from Applebee Camp, I was easily convinced to have a closer look. A good effort on our first attempt that year got us to the top of the crux sixth pitch (5.12-). We had two pitches and plenty of light left, but there were friends back in camp, and it was happy hour, so down we went.

Five years later I finally climbed the final two pitches and scrubbed the route for the send, climbing it with Jon Simms. Many different partners had helped bring the line to fruition: the Dark Prince (8 pitches, 5.12-).

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## Images



The crux of Dark Prince.



Second pitch of Dark Prince.



Paul McSorley starting up the fourth-pitch splitter crack of the Dark Prince on Snowpatch Spire.

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