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Diagonal Will Buttress, Mango Tango

Colorado, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

On May 4, Much Mayr and I completed a new route on the Black Canyon's Diagonal Wall, ground-up and in a single 11-hour push. This was my second trip to the Black Canyon, after traveling there with Ben Lepesant in 2011 to make the first free ascent of the historic Hallucinogen Wall (AAJ 2012).

Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X) is on the right-hand side of the Diagonal Wall, between the routes Diagonal Will and Pathfinder. The route's 18 pitches follow logical systems of cracks and corners, but also feature some spicy runouts through unprotected face climbing—like the third pitch, where falling is not an option. We left two pitons and one nut in situ. Although the Black Canyon is famous for poor rock, this new climb offers mostly the opposite.

– Hansjörg Auer, Austria

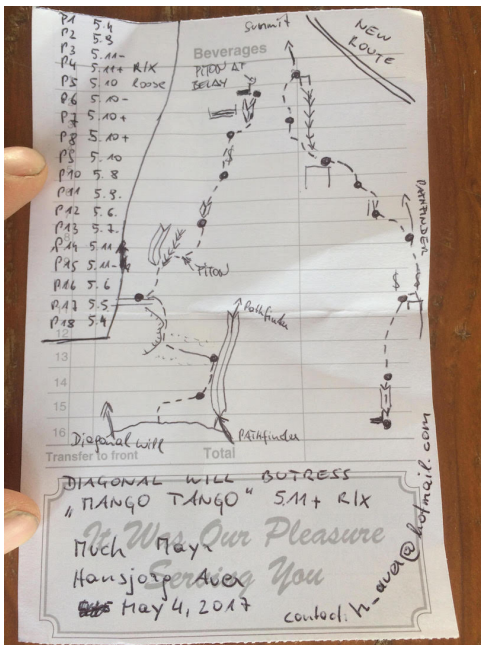
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Much Mayr climbing steep terrain late in the day during the first ascent of Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X), on the Diagonal Wall in Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Hansjörg Auer



Much Mayr on the spicy third pitch of Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X). Mayr and Hansjörg Auer completed this new line on the Black Canyon's Diagonal Wall in an 11-hour ground-up push. Hansjörg Auer



Hand-drawn topo for Auer and Mayr's route Mango Tango (600m 5.11+ R/X), climbed ground-up in 11 hours in early May 2017. Hansjörg Auer



The Diagonal Wall in Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison, showing the line of Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X). Hansjörg Auer



Hansjörg Auer working his way through the final steep pitch on his and Much Mayr's new route, Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X), which they climbed ground-up on May 4, 2017. Elias Holzknicht



Much Mayr climbing steep, run-out terrain midway up his and Hansjorg Auer's new route Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X) in Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Elias Holzknicht



Hansjörg Auer climbing moderate yet loose rock during the first ascent of Mango Tango (600m, 5.11+ R/X). This new route lies on the right side of the Black Canyon's infamous Diagonal Wall. Much Mayr



Hansjörg Auer entering the bombay slot that was one of the keys to unlocking the new route Mango Tango in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Auer and Much Mayr climbed the route ground-up in 11 hours. Much Mayr

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