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Dog Tooth Peak, South Face of Eastern Summit, Lady and the Tramps

Wyoming, Wind River Range

It is impossible to shiver through a belay on the north face of the Monolith and not notice the sunny, warm south face of Dog Tooth Peak across the canyon. It is also impossible to ignore the line that splits the middle of Dog Tooth Peak's southernmost spire. In September, Mandy Fabel, Mike Lilygren, and I spent a day establishing a great route up this south-facing wall.

Dog Tooth Peak is located in the cirque above Papoose Lake, about two miles east of the Cirque of the Towers, accessed via the North Fork Trail. It takes a little over an hour from Papoose Lake to reach the base of this face. Our route, Lady and the Tramps (6 pitches, 5.11- PG13), begins in the middle of the wall, below a chimney system. [Editor's note: See *Climbing and Hiking in the Wind River Mountains*, by Joe Kelsey, for additional routes on Dog Tooth Peak. Most of the longer, previously established routes climb the east aspect of the mountain.]

The first pitch is an easy slab that trends right and then follows a ledge left. Pitch two goes out a bulge to a ledge with about 40m of solid 5.10 climbing. Pitch three is the crux and ascends a layback seam to an overhanging bombay chimney at easy 5.11; the pitch is 50m long and slightly overhanging, making it quite physical. Pitch four climbs a series of cracks via face moves on solid rock at easy 5.10. At the end of this pitch, we belayed about 10m up a big chimney. Pitch five is a rope-stretcher and the mental crux; it is 5.10, but there are very big runouts, and one side of the chimney has a lot of loose stone. Above this, we belayed on an exposed ledge. The final pitch follows the chimney for nearly 60m, going under an obvious chockstone, to reach the summit ridge. We followed the ridge to the summit and then descended east to Lizard Head Meadows.

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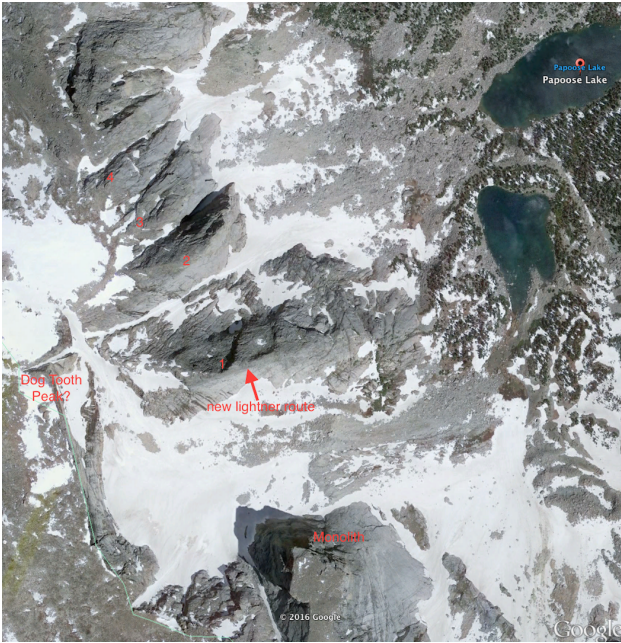
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Mandy Fabel in the fifth-pitch chimney.



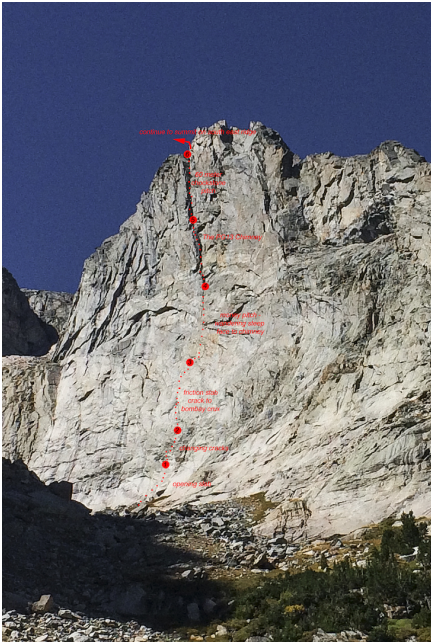
Mandy Fabel exiting the crux chimney of Lady and the Tramps.



Satellite image of the Dogtooth Peak and Monolith area. (1) Dogtooth Peak, East Summit. (2) Dogtooth Pinnacle. (3) The Wisdom Tooth. (4) A-Frame Buttress.



Formations of the Monolith/Dog Tooth area from the northeast. The Monolith is the obvious formation left of center. Lady and the Tramps climbs the south face (opposite) of the ridge that angles up right from below the Monolith. The very steep formation is Dogtooth Pinnacle. The formation with the prominent right-facing dihedral that beings at the bottom and ends at an equally prominent roof 200' up is the Wisdom Tooth. (A slab peeled off here after the first ascent.) The A-Frame Buttress is at the very right edge of the photo.



Lady and the Tramps (6 pitches, 5.11- PG13), a new route up the south face of the Dog Tooth.

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