



Jaz Fauteux climbing off the ledge on the crux of P1.

## BLACKENED

**Grade:** M5 WI4, 45m

**Location:** Mount Ogden, Yoho National Park BC

**Base Elevation & Aspect:** 1450m, Southwest facing

**First Ascent:** Sebastian Taborszky, Jasmin Fauteux, March 2023

**ATES:** Challenging (2)

*Editor's Note: I have reformatted this from the original post by Sebastian on the Facebook group Rockies Ice & Mixed Conditions. All photos, text and any errors are from that post -NB*

"We climbed a nice mixed corner just right of Field of Dreams. It is possible to link everything in 1 pitch, however both cruxes are right off a ledge with ledge decking certain if you fall. We added the bolted station at 30m to manage that hazard."

### Approach

Approach as for *Field of Dreams*.

Park at the Monarch campground/Yoho Valley Road parking lot 4.2km east of Field.

Either hike or ski up the road towards Takkakkaw Falls for 3.5km, crossing two bridges over the Yoho River. When opposite three prominent pillars, cross the river and hike 300 meters through the forest to an avalanche path. Continue up the avalanche path to below the narrow slot leading to *The Pillars* and *Field of Dreams*. Climb a short rambly step of ice to the base of the pillar on the right hand side.

### P1: WI4 M5 30m

Start at the old 2 piton anchor on the right and climb the corner ice to a ledge. It is possible to split the pitch here with an ice belay. Above the ledge, climb the overhanging rock past 2 bolts and good rock gear to the 2nd ledge. Bolted anchor on the left behind the ice.

### P2: M5 WI4 15m

Pull a few steep moves on good rock gear to reach the ice, then pull over the dagger on good screws and climb the corner ice to the next ledge. This is also the top of *Field of Dreams*.

### FA Notes

- At the top we tried to add a ring bolt rap station but the rock there was extremely hard. We burned 2 drill bits (BLACKENED) and emptied one full battery on 1 bolt and a partially drilled hole. For now only 1 ring bolt is in place. It is possible to rap from a thread below the bolt, but ice [can be] quite sun affected.
- The wide crack above the anchor (see topo) was previously climbed by Raphael Slawinski. No other information is available.

### Descent

Rappel twice off bolted anchors to the base.

### Rack

If broken up into 2 pitches, single rack of cams to #3 with screws including stubbies and 13cm. Single rope sufficient.

