



Greg Barrett leading P2 after some rope & rappel shenanigans. Photo: Raphael Slawinski

RASPUTIN ROOF

Grade: M8+/M9- WI5, 50m

Location: Mount Stephen, Yoho National Park BC

Base Elevation & Aspect: 1650m, Northwest facing

First Ascent: Raphael Slawinski, Greg Barrett, January 6 2024

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Editor's Note: I have reformatted and edited this from personal communications with Greg. All photos and original text are his, and any errors are mine -NB

"The first pitch is enjoyable moderate mixed climbing to the base of a huge roof. The second pitch tenuously traverses a slab before a short but powerful roof sequence gets you out to the curtain, and into an absolutely wild position. We both thoroughly enjoyed it. We aren't certain of the grade, so any feedback is welcome!"

Approach

Approach as for *Superbok/Cragganmore*.

Park in a pullout along the side of the highway 3.0km east of Field.

Cross the river and head towards the *Superbok* drainage. Head up through trees to the train tracks, and cross carefully without coming near any avalanche wires. Continue up the open snow gully to a thin smear of ice (*Cragganmore*) on the left just before P1 of *Superbok* below the rock arch. Climb this for three pitches of rambly ice or thin mixed terrain to a bolted belay on the ledge below the huge roof.

P1: M4+ 25m

Left of the belay, climb a short crack then and head left on loose rock towards a discontinuous, right-facing, right-leaning corner system. Climb past two fixed pitons and a vein of ice, trending right. At the base of a steeper wall, go rightward past a bolt and move tenuously around a corner. Clip another bolt and go up flakes to a two bolt anchor below the deepest part of the roof.

P2: M9- WI5 25m

This pitch is entirely bolt/screw protected. Traverse left across a hanging slab on thin tools and better feet, and squeeze behind an ice curtain. Commit to a pumpy sequence across a horizontal roof before gaining the final ice curtain. Stem up and wrap around, heading straight up to a 3 bolt anchor or continuing out the final step of ice.

Editor's Notes

- I'd looked at this feature before, as had Raphael, and it appears the daggers seldom come in this large. Keep an eye left of Superbok if you are interested in doing this one!

Descent

Rappel once to the base. Reverse the approach ice, rappelling as needed.

Rack

Double ropes, 70m useful. Single rack .2-3, mid sizes nuts, mid sized rack of screws.

