



Raphael Slawinski on Cryogenics (WI5, not described) right of Rastapopoulos

## RASTAPOPOULOS

**Grade:** M6 WI4R, 100m

**Location:** Mount Kidd, Spray Valley Provincial Park AB

**Base Elevation & Aspect:** ???m, North facing

**First Ascent:** Raphael Slawinski, Alik Berg, November 2022

**ATES:** Complex (3)

*Editor's Note: I have reformatted this from the post by Alik on the Facebook group Rockies Ice & Mixed Conditions plus personal communication. Photos, text and errors are from that post -NB*

"Climbed *Cryogenics* and a new route beside it earlier this week. *Cryogenics* is a great little route and hasn't formed this well in years. Unique 2nd pitch with an *Aquarius* or *Beowulf* type vibe. A little bit of rock gear including a #1 and a 70m rope were useful."

### Approach

As for *Cryogenics*. Park either at Kananaskis Village or Galatea Creek north or south of the mountain.

Hike either south (Kananaskis Village) or north (Galatea) depending on parking location on the trail for 3km to a drainage directly underneath the north (true) summit of Mount Kidd. The routes *Le Lotus Bleu*, *Cryogenics* and *Rastapopoulos* should be visible above. Head up the drainage and avalanche path to reach a notch below the routes. Climb up about 80m of low-angle ice and snow to WI3 in the approach gully, and at the first possible opportunity head left up snow to a short curtain of ice. 2-3 hours from the road.

### P1: WI4R 60m

Climb a short curtain then head up snow to the next ice step. Very thin ice improves to better ice with a bolt belay left where the ice ends.

### P2: M6 WI4 40m

Climb 10m of good rock to gain the curtain and continue up improving ice to a bolt belay on the left where the angle eases.

### Descent

Rappel twice off of bolted anchors to the base.

### Rack

Screws (at least 8) including stubbies. Nuts, pitons, optional #1-#2 cams. Double ropes or single & tag.

### FA Notes

- This route climbs ice and rock through the lower cliff band directly below *Le Lotus Bleu*, and like *Cryogenics*, could be used as an alternate approach to LLB.

