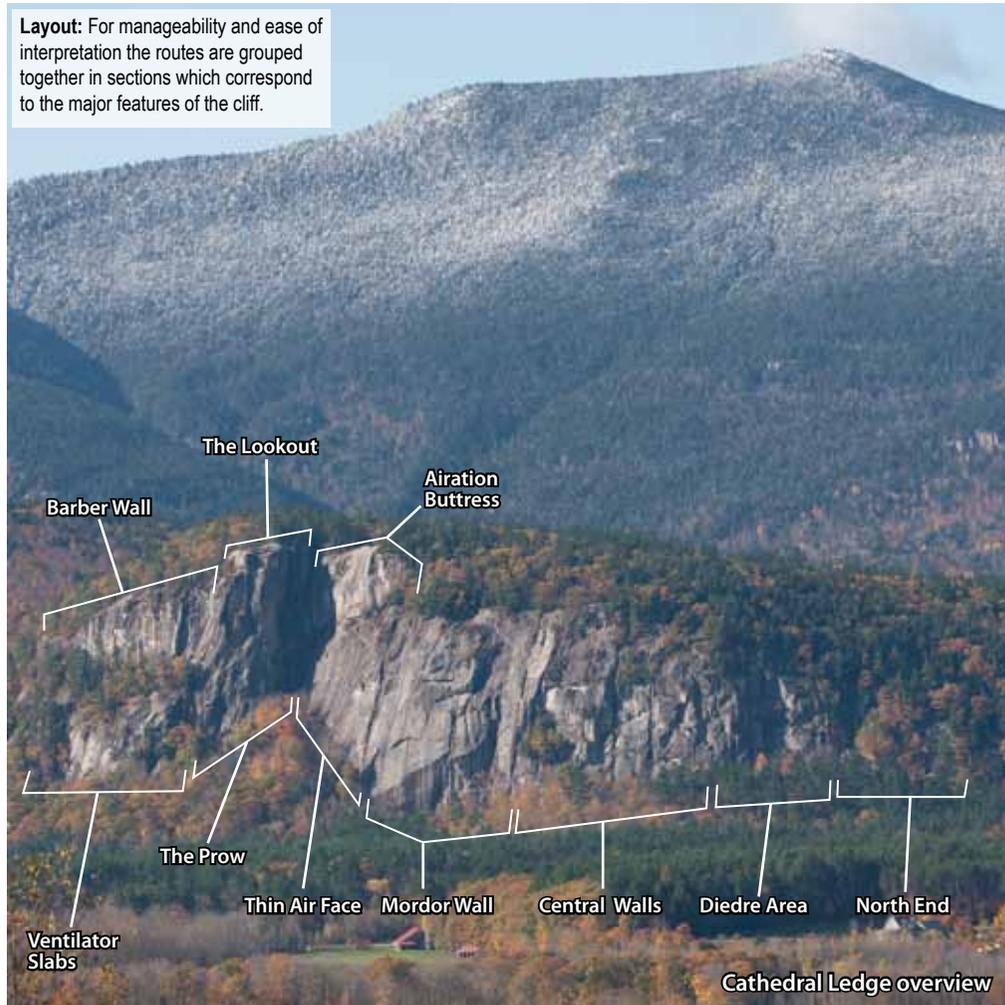


**Layout:** For manageability and ease of interpretation the routes are grouped together in sections which correspond to the major features of the cliff.



### The Ventilator Slabs

These clean and open slabs are located in the lower left-hand corner of the cliff, below the Barber Wall and the tree-covered ledge. They provide some of the best examples of the hideously tenuous (and often very bold) type of face and friction climbs for which the North Conway area is famous (or infamous, depending on your viewpoint.) There is also a small selection of moderate crack climbs, including such classics as Funhouse, Bombardment, and Three Birches. These are excellent climbs in their own right, and also provide convenient access routes to the tree-covered ledge and the climbs on the Barber Wall. Be careful when walking across the ledges above this section, they are exposed and quite slippery when leaf covered. Also, it's easy to knock rocks and debris onto climbers below. Generally this section of the cliff is quick drying, although a few features, such as the arches of Three Birches and Pleasant Street, can seep for a few days after rain.

**Approach:** From the main parking area, a trail leads leftward (south) along the base of the slope underneath the cliff. After a few hundred yards, the trail turns up the hill and zigzags up the slope toward the cliff. The trail reaches the cliff at the base of a right-leaning overlap/corner, the line of Three Birches (N44 03.735 W71 09.898). To reach the first routes, continue up and left underneath the cliff for 50 yards to a dirty gully. A clean ledge 10 feet up the gully on the right provides a convenient starting place. GPS: N44 03.714 W71 09.917. 300 yards, 150' elevation gain, 10 minutes.

**Descent:** Trees keep falling down and rap anchors keep getting placed and chopped, so the best descent always seems to change. With one rope, you can make two rappels down Bombardment, although the tree stump used for the first rappel anchor won't last forever. With two ropes you can go down Ego Trip in two rappels.

On the opposite side of the gully from the clean starting ledge is a short, steep dike wall forming the left sidewall of the gully. A couple of routes battle up the dirty slabs around to the left of the dike wall, but the first route described breaks through the dike wall onto an easy slab.

#### Chicken Little 35' 5.10b

*Bill Lowther, Anne Lowther. April 7, 1995.*

Look for a bolt in the dike wall, almost level with the starting ledge of Bombardment etc. Climb the short, steep wall (b, pin) and mantle onto the slab. Tree belay a little higher.

The next two routes start up the wide, right-facing corner at the top of the approach gully. There are two dikes in the slab to the right of the corner. Walk in the Park climbs the left-hand dike, Happy Trails climbs the right-hand dike.

#### Walk in the Park 180' 5.10b

*George Hurley, Peg Immel, Mike Kahn. Fall 2004.*

*FFA Jeff Lougee, George Hurley. July 24, 2005.*

*Single rack to 2.5"*

Start in the big corner at the top of the approach gully.

**1. 60' 5.7** Climb the corner, past a chockstone, until it is possible to step right onto a dike in the slab. Follow the left-hand dike to a tree ledge.

**2. 120' 5.10b** Continue up the dike (2' - 3' wide at this point) to join Pleasant Street at the left end of its overlap. Follow Pleas-

ant Street over the overlap to the horizontal crack. Step left and a climb the headwall (3 b's) and continue to the tree ledge.

#### 1 Happy Trails 150' 5.8

*Kurt Winkler, Karen Moffat, Pauli DeConto. July 17, 1981.*

*Single rack to 2.5"*

The lower pitch of this route is overgrown, the upper part of pitch 2 is a worthwhile variation to the second pitch of Pleasant Street. Good climbing, but quite bold.

Start in the big corner at the top of the approach gully.

**1. 60' 5.7** Climb the corner, past a chockstone, until it is possible to step right onto a dike in the slab. Follow the dike to a tree ledge.

**2. 90' 5.8** Continue up the dike to reach the big, left-leaning arch of Pleasant Street. Pull over the roof of the arch onto the slab above. Climb the slab (pin) to finish up the last moves of Bombardment.

The main pitch of Pleasant Street climbs the prominent left-leaning arch which starts from a ledge 30 feet above the starting ledge. There are two ways to get to this ledge; either climb the scary first pitch of Pleasant Street or the next route which is much safer but a lot harder.

#### 2 Age Before Beauty 35' 5.9

*Joe Cote, George Hurley, Michael Kahn. August 2007.*

This route climbs straight up the slab above the starting ledge.

Start up the first few moves of Pleasant Street to a standing position on the horizontal crack. Step left and climb the thin slab (3 b's) to the belay at base of the arch.

#### 3 Pleasant Street 150' 5.7 \*

*W. Wayman, N. Bergman, L. Belanger. October 14, 1972.*

*Single rack to 2.5"*

This route has some nice climbing, but has a tendency to get dirty, and is slow to dry out. Start on the clean ledge.

**1. 30' 5.6** From the tree at the right end of the ledge, climb up to a horizontal crack which is followed rightward to a smooth slab. Follow a thin quartz dike up the slab to a ledge. Move left to belay at the tree at the base of the arch. A serious pitch.

**2. 120' 5.7** Climb the big, left-leaning arch for 40' to where it intersects a wide dike. Pull over the arch to some flakes in the slab. Continue to a horizontal break which is followed rightward to the top of Bombardment.

