

*Ruby Lake Wall, "Technical Knockout."* It is somewhat confusing to describe routes on this wall. Basically, there is a series of four dihedrals in a row near the middle of the wall. The farthest left corner, which Kim Miller, Roanne Miller and I climbed in July, is one of the most striking lines on the face. It is very clean and steep, has a large roof halfway up on the left and is split high on the left side by a wide (3- to 8-inch) crack that looks like something straight out of the Utah desert. This high-quality route climbs those cracks for four steep, spectacular pitches. We descended via the gully below with several rappels. Take a double set of protection from ½" to 5". (III/IV, 5.11.)

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*King's Canyon, Buck Rock.* Old bolts give evidence of people climbing at Buck Rock for years. Below the lookout, there are some short, very overhanging faces. These short routes are both classics. *Mowin' the Yawn* (5.10a), a candidate for the steepest 5.10a in the state, ascends the left side of the southeast face (toward the road). *Temporary Insanity* (5.11+) is the obvious beautiful, very overhanging face directly below the lookout stairs. Access is via the Buck Rock Lookout road and a 200-yard walk on road and trail to the lookout. Both were climbed by Ron Carson, Jon Allen, Brian Hodges and me in November.

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*Patricia Bowl, Rock Creek Area.* Patricia Bowl is a high bowl directly above (northwest) of Rock Creek Lodge. Access is via the trail from just above Rock Creek Lake. On the right (north) side of the bowl is a series of towers on the ridge. *E-Ticket* (5.10b) climbs the obvious crack system on the large, clean, rectangular tower on the left for two pitches. *Diamond Star Tower* (5.10, two pitches) ascends the south side of the beautiful tower on the far right. The tower is visible from Rock Creek Lodge. *Templo del Sol* (5.11/12, four pitches) is on the longest continuous section of good-quality rock near the head of the bowl on its left side. The formation looks like a temple halfway up with vertical pillars on each side. The route ascends an obvious crack/corner system to the left side of the ledge, then up a very thin finger crack on the wall above. Two rappels got us down. Take a double set of protection from tiny to 3½". All routes were done by Todd Vogel, Pat Kent and me.

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*Mount Russell, West Chimney, The west face of Mount Russell is one of the finest big walls in the Sierra Nevada.* In early September, after descending from another route on the peak, Steve Porcella and I stood under this face and spotted a steep chimney. It is left of the main west face but right of the west couloir. It