

Off the Beaten Path- Additional Routes Splitzville - Murrin Park

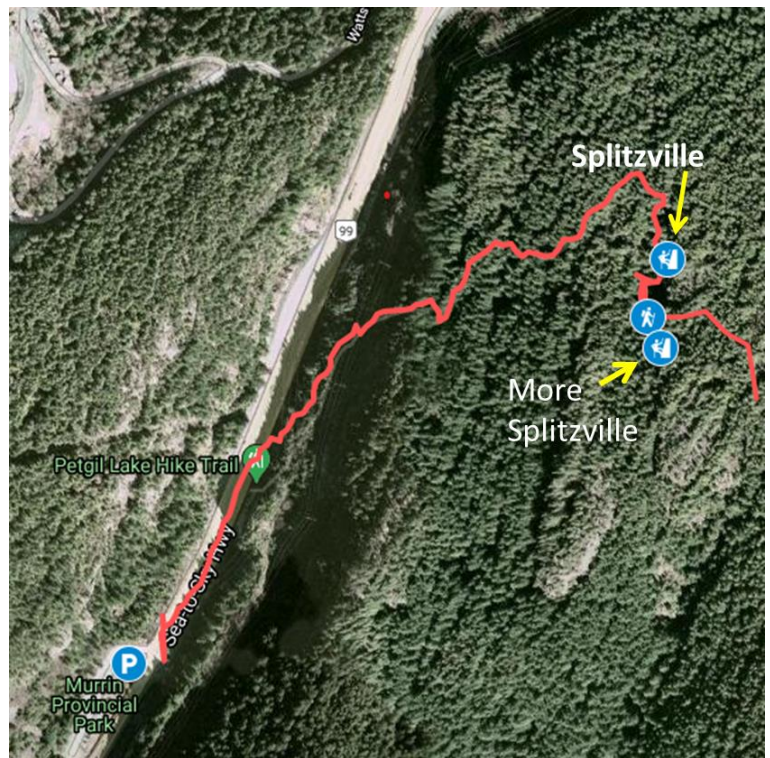
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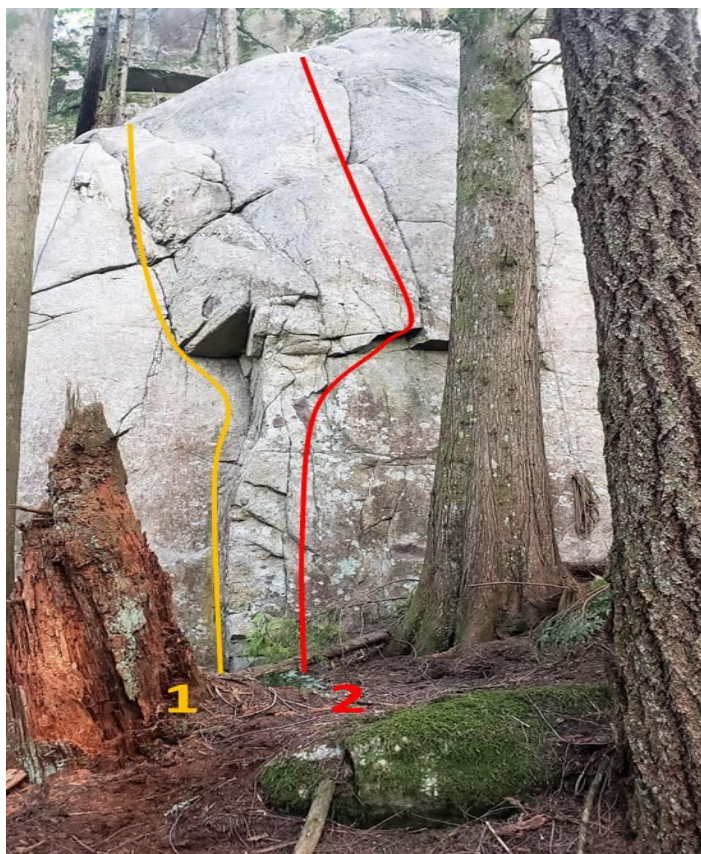
Splitzville is a large newish trad crag located about 20 minutes up the Petgill Lake Trail from the Murrin Park parking lot and is home to 51 routes developed between 2018 – August 2020. As the name suggests, Splitzville has plenty of splitter cracks of varying widths, from tiny to off-width. The route names touch on the common clichés and themes involved with Relationships and “Splitting up”.

This new topo covers an additional 11 routes developed in late 2020/ early 2021 on a satellite formation approximately 50 m south of the main Splitzville crag visible across the Petgill Lake trail.

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Caveats: At press time, some routes had seen only one or two ascents and thus consensus grades and quality rankings have not been fully established. Take this into consideration when climbing these routes. Grade feedback is welcomed





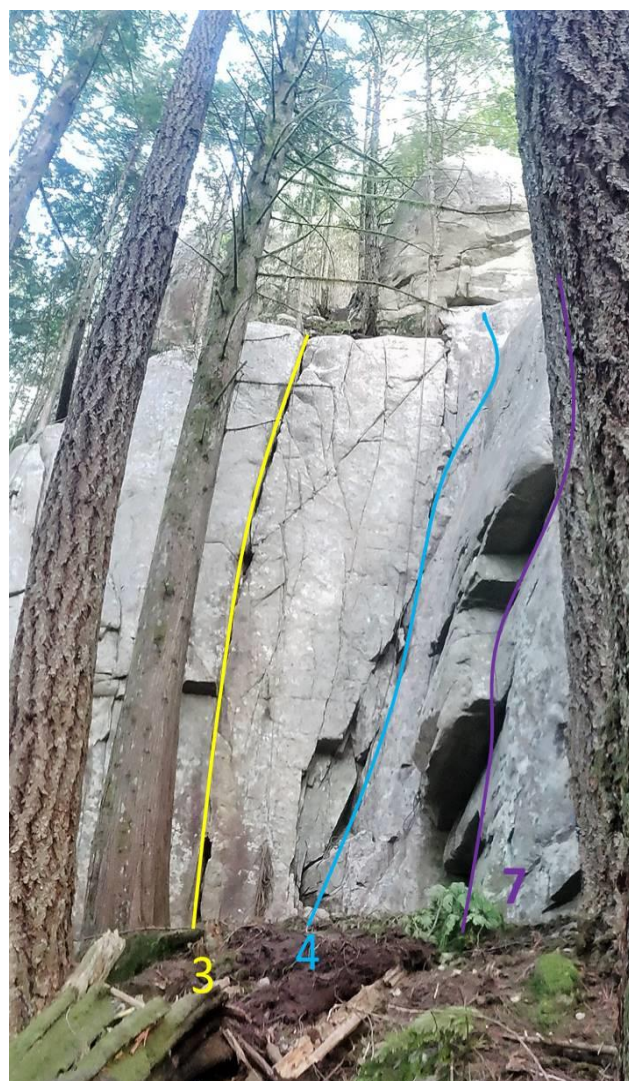
1. Talking Loud, Saying Nothin'. 5.9 PG 13. Gear to 2". 12m. FA. Chris Small, 2020. A committing start leads to a mega enjoyable ride through a left facing corner and an amazing hand crack. 3.5 stars – would be more if longer.

2. It's All in the Grip. 10b. PG 13 Gear to 1". 15m. FA. Nick McNutt. 2021. Prep C Small. Face climb right of arête to small overlap. Move right under the overlap to a left leaning finger crack. A lot of great climbing is packed into this route. 3.5 stars.

3. The First One is Free. 10a -. Gear to 2". 15m. FA. Todd Gerhart. 2020. Cryptic start leads to classic hand jamming 3 stars.

4. A Night's Entertainment, A Lifetime of Repercussions. 5.9. Gear to 4". Chris Small, 2020. **2 pitches**. The twin cracked dihedral which leads into an awesome overhanging corner. The cracks of the bottom pitch (A Nights Entertainment) are easy

and entertaining (5.7). The second pitch (A Lifetime of Repercussions)(5.9) is actually easier than it appears from the ground.. Probably best to belay the second pitch from the provided anchor though as the crux is blind from the ground and additional rope stretch from more rope out could have a lifetime of repercussions to the leader. Super fun. 3 stars.



5. Our Lady of Perpetual Dissatisfaction. 10a. Gear to 3". FA. Chris Small. 2020. The Patron Saint of Relationship Dysfunction?. Climb the right crack of A Night's Entertainment, past the cedar tree on the ledge. Step off the large boulder on the ledge; pull through an overhang into a right traversing thin crack. 3 stars
6. Where there is Smoke..... 11a. Gear to 2 ". 4 bolts. Todd Gerhart. 2020. "The start looks simple enough...." Famous last words. The name refers to atmospheric conditions so poor as to conceal an incredibly bold 2020 act of sabotage.





7. Smear Campaign. 11a. Gear to 1 "2 bolts.. Nick McNutt+2021. 15m Prep C Small. A thin grasp on reality and marginal footings are the crux of this smear campaign. 3 stars

8. Sometimes Things Don't Work Out. 5.10a. 15 m. Gear to 1". Chris Small. 2021. Initial pre scrub impressions were that a continuous splitter finger crack would form this route. But "hey, sometimes things don't work out" as planned. 3 stars

9. Sometimes Happens All the Time. 5.6. Gear to 2.5" Chris Small. 2021. 15 m. Pleasant, Hand jamming fun. Appearances don't deceive on this one. 2.5 stars



The next two routes are located uphill left of Talking Loud, Saying Nothin'. The trail passes under this scary landmark tree.

10. Life Won't Break Your Heart.... 5.8 Gear to 3". Chris Small, 2021. 17m. Start in corners and move left into left trending ramp / crack system to a large ledge. Depart the ledge via the left hand crack and climb this to anchor. A fine outing.
11.It will Crush It. 5.8. Gear to 3" Chris Small, 2021. 15m. Your heart and the rest of you could indeed be crushed by straying into the gravity defying mass of huge blocks right of this route. Climb shallow corner with finger crack to large ledge with stump. From stump enter into triangular alcove and hand crack. Wide variety of techniques required for this one! 3.5 stars.

