

# Sailor Jerry —

5.10d - 5 pitches

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5.4 then 4th class to summit

5.10a- 20m

watch for  
rope drag

5.10d- 18m

**Unnamed** — — —  
5.11 A1  
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This was the first route that was established on this wall, which has been called "The Little South Face" of Mt. Gimli

5.10a- 30m

watch for  
loose flakes

5.9- 35m

Walk off to descend  
(standard descent of East Ridge)



## Rack:

- single set of nuts
- 2 each blue metolius to #2 Camalot
- 1 each #3 and #4 Camalot, purple metolius

## Note:

Start of route is threatened by cornice and rockfall, so probably safest to climb after the snow has melted, or while it's very well frozen. All belays are bolted, except pitch 1

# Route Description for Sailor Jerry

## 5.10d, III – 5 Pitches ~120m

### Route Description

**Pitch 1 – 5.9 – 35m.** Begin climbing in a shallow right facing corner system, and continue up trending generally up and left towards the main right facing corner system. Take care as there's some loose rocks and flakes on this pitch. Belay at a nice stance at the base of the main right facing corner system. (no bolts).

**Pitch 2 – 5.10a – 30m.** From the belay, step slightly right and head up the corner system, trending into the righthand corner option about 12m up. Delicately stem up the corner (10a), or work the technical arête (10b) to a nice stance with bolts below a steep clean sweep of rock.

**Pitch 3 – 5.10d – 18m.** Step right, and climb steep juggy rock to an alcove below a small roof. Climb the technical and thin corner in a fantastic position, clipping two bolts at the crux. Enjoy super featured corner and crack climbing above, stopping at a small stance with bolts to belay below a large roof. The crux on this pitch is short and very well protected.

**Pitch 4 – 5.9 – 20m.** Continue up the corner to the large roof, and undercling/traverse out and right towards the bolt on good holds, and amazing feet. Without the "magic" foot rail, this pitch would have been much harder. Continue past the bolt to a nice stance at the base of a right facing corner. Watch that the rope doesn't run below the roof/corner, as it will get stuck or cause major rope drag/problems. Continue easily up the corner to belay at bolts.

**Pitch 5 – 5.4/3<sup>rd</sup> class.** Trend right through some easy slab steps, and once you gain the ridge head along the easiest line to the summit.

### Rack:

- 1 set of nuts
- 2 each #1 metolius to #2 Camalot
- 1 each #3 and #4 Camalot, #0 metolius

### Rope:

- 2x 60m ropes recommended in case you get one stuck or want to bail. It is possible to climb on a single rope as well.

# Approach and Descent for the Little South Face of Gimli

The image below from Kevin McLane's *Canadian Rock, Select Climbs of the West*, shows quite clearly where Sailor Jerry is located and what the best approach and descents are. I've indicated our line in red, and drawn the best approach in green. The recommended descent is down the regular descent off Gimli, via the east ridge (indicated in white below).

To approach the little south face of Gimli from the beach, traverse right (East) 100m around the base of the south ridge. Scramble up grassy (snowy) ramps towards the upper east facing basin below Gimli peak. Ascend to the base of the East facing couloir separating the upper south ridge and the main summit of Gimli peak. From here climb up the couloir ~40m and be very aware of how exposed you are to rock and cornice fall. This route is likely safest to climb while the snow is still frozen, or when the couloir has melted out. Heads Up!!

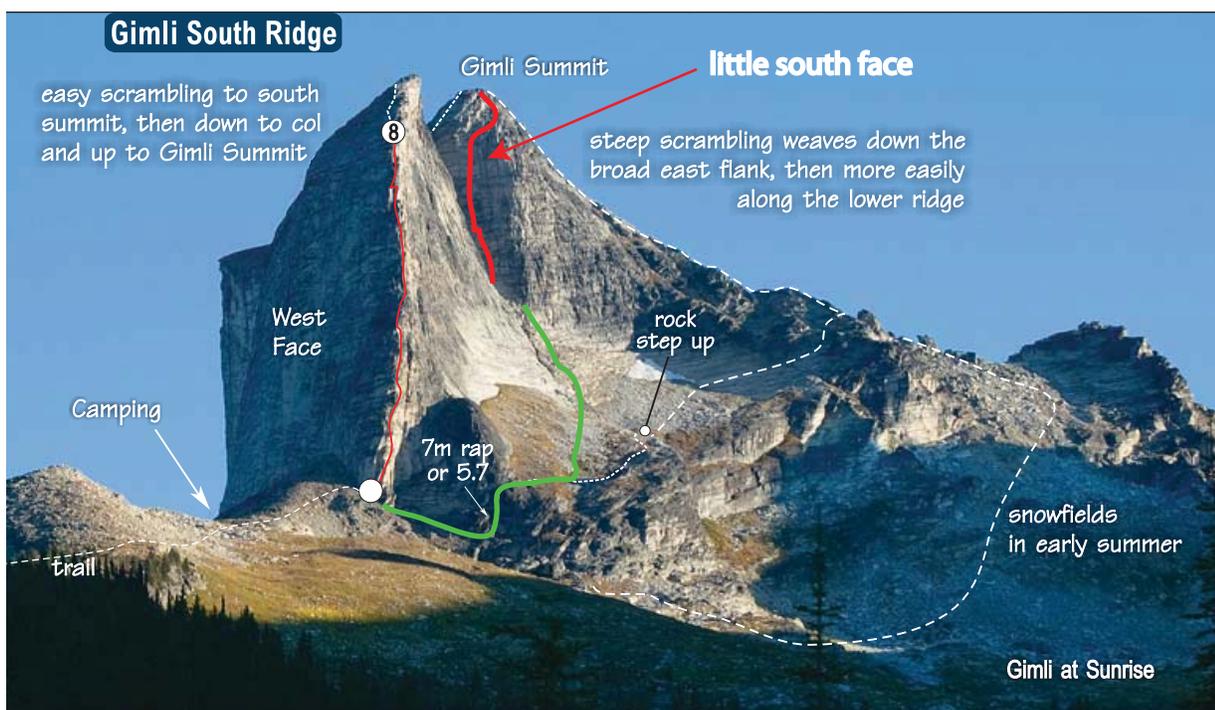


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