

Guidebook Kjerringveggen

The best way to get information about climbing in the Narvik area, is Mikael Af Ekenstam's excellent guidebook "Dancing on the devil's dancefloor". It's highly recommended and can be bought in the local book stores or through the internet at www.topptur.nu. However Kjerringveggen is being continuously developed, and to make sure climbers don't miss new routes, this guidebook only for Kjerringveggen is updated with the latest additions.

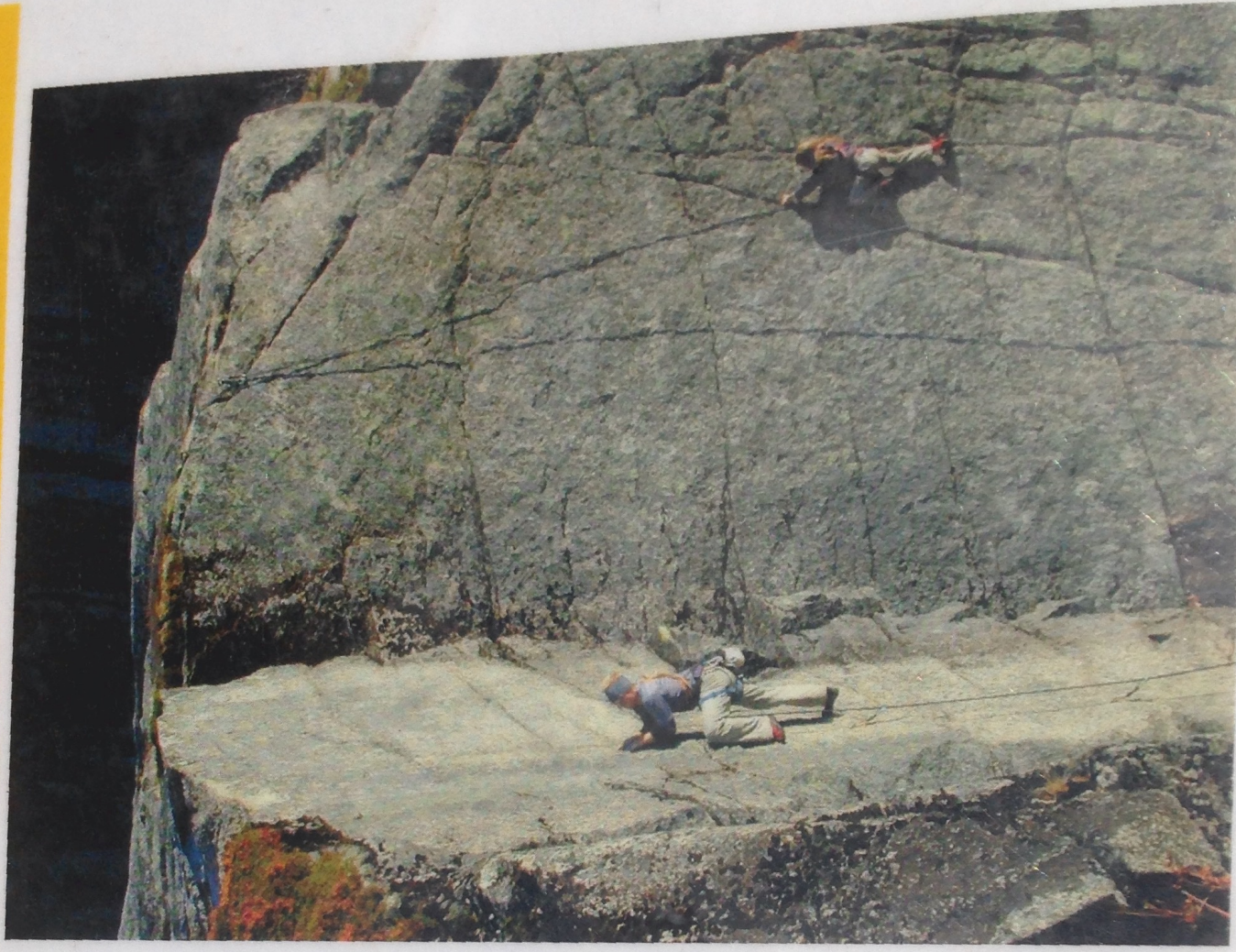
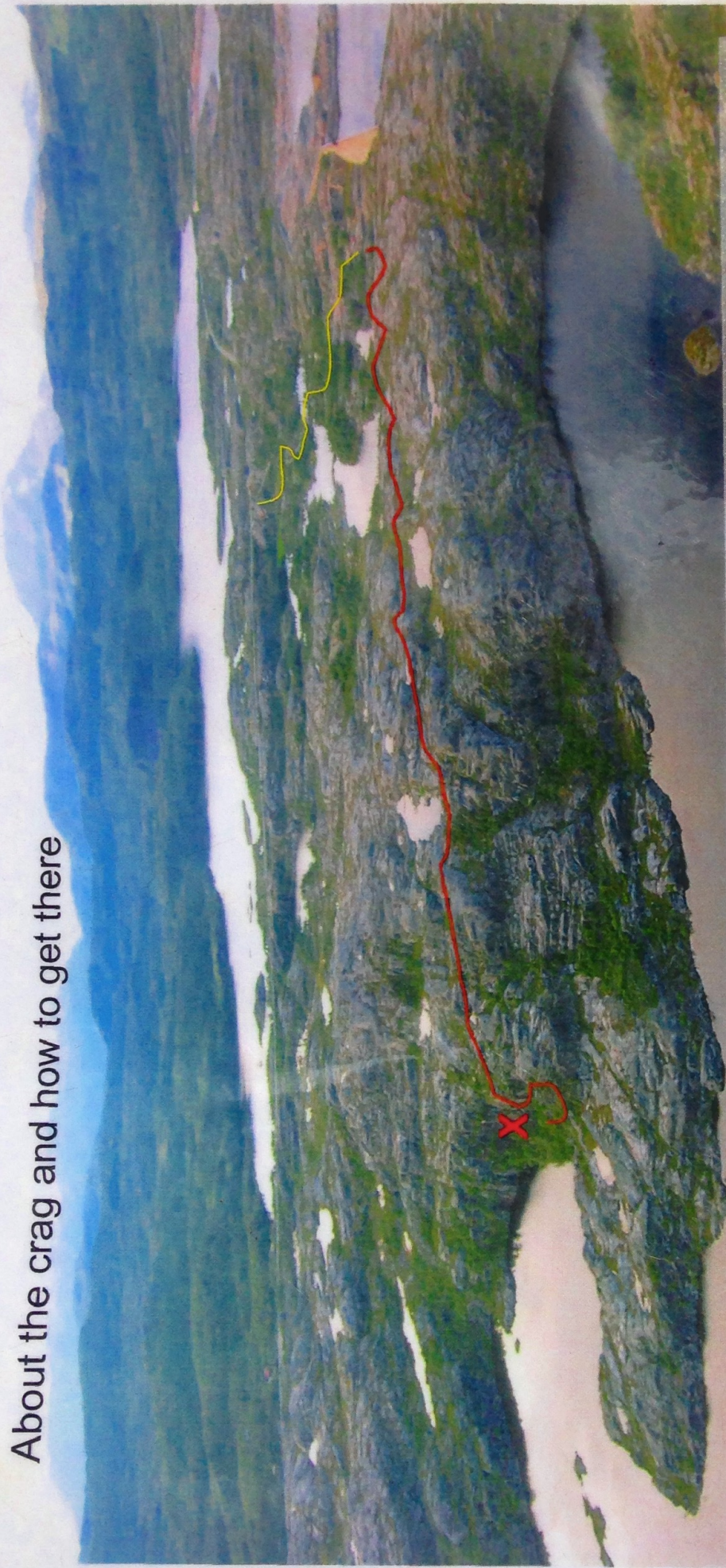


Photo: Mikael Af Ekenstam on Escalade Feminine, Tina Soleng Bertnes mixing Holalahoy and La Frageole Grande. (B.Soleng)

About the crag and how to get there



Kjerringveggen is located at Haugfjell, a 20 minutes drive from Narvik. From centre of Narvik, follow the E6 to Træidal, and then continue to drive along the E10 towards Sweden. When you pass Tinja Fjellgård and the road starts descending you reach two lakes, one on each side of the road, Sirkelvann and Nygårdsvann. Just as you pass Sirkelvann the road starts to climb again, in a quite straight line. Just as you have passed the highest point of this hill, there is a small gravel road to the right, just before reaching a cottage nearby the road. Follow this road to the hydro dam (yellow line). Park by the hydro dam, and start the walk by passing over the little bridge and follow the path. As soon as you have jumped over to the granite slabs, take right and follow cairns towards the crag (red line).

The first routes on Kjerringveggen was established by swedes in the late 80's and early 90's, but the crag was not really developed until the the 00's, this time by norwegians!

Even though the cliff is quite small, it currently features around 25 routes. Most of them of high quality and varying from grade 4 to 8. The surroundings are astonishing, and it's usually sheltered from wind, simply a beautiful place to spend a day climbing, fishing or just relaxing!

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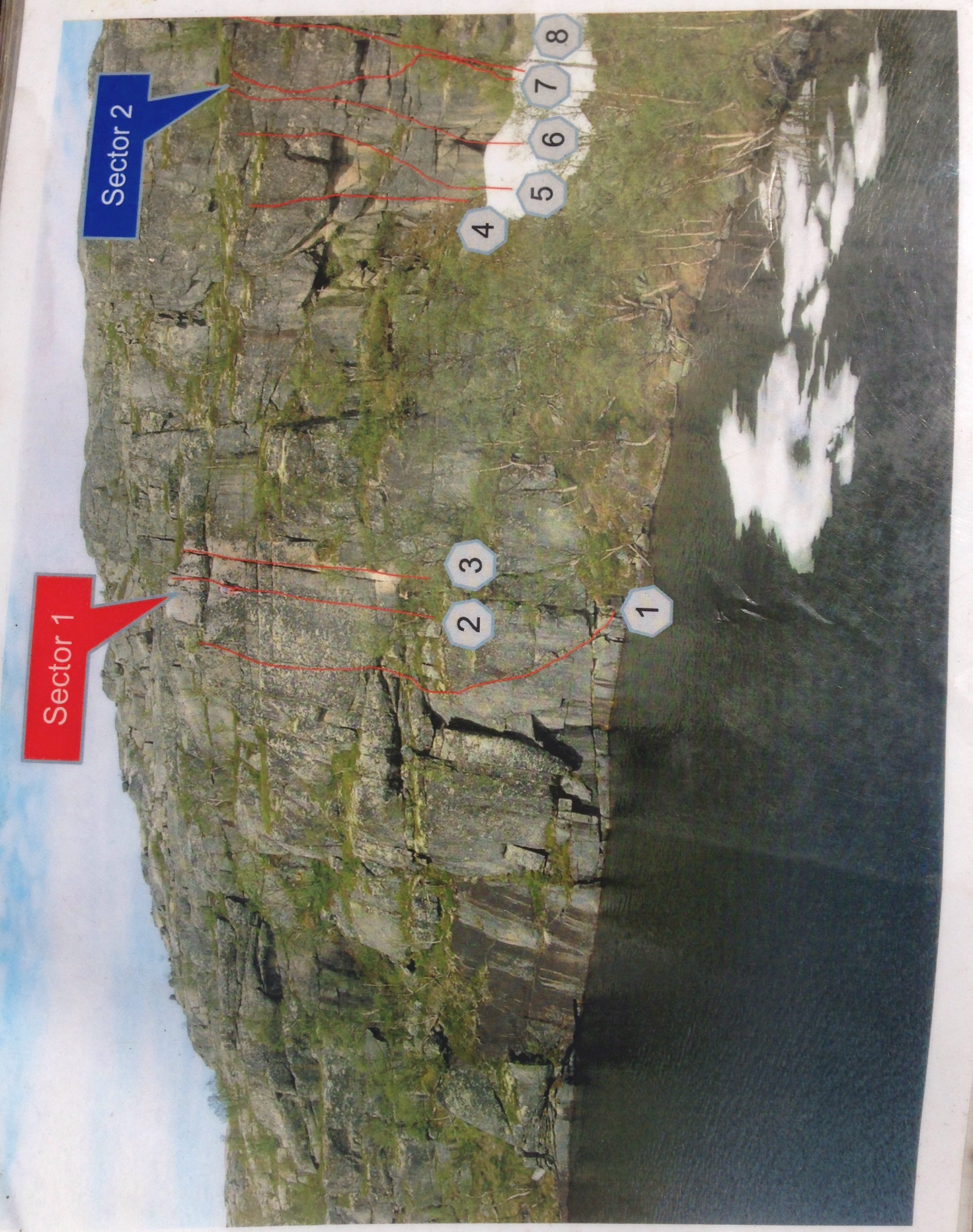
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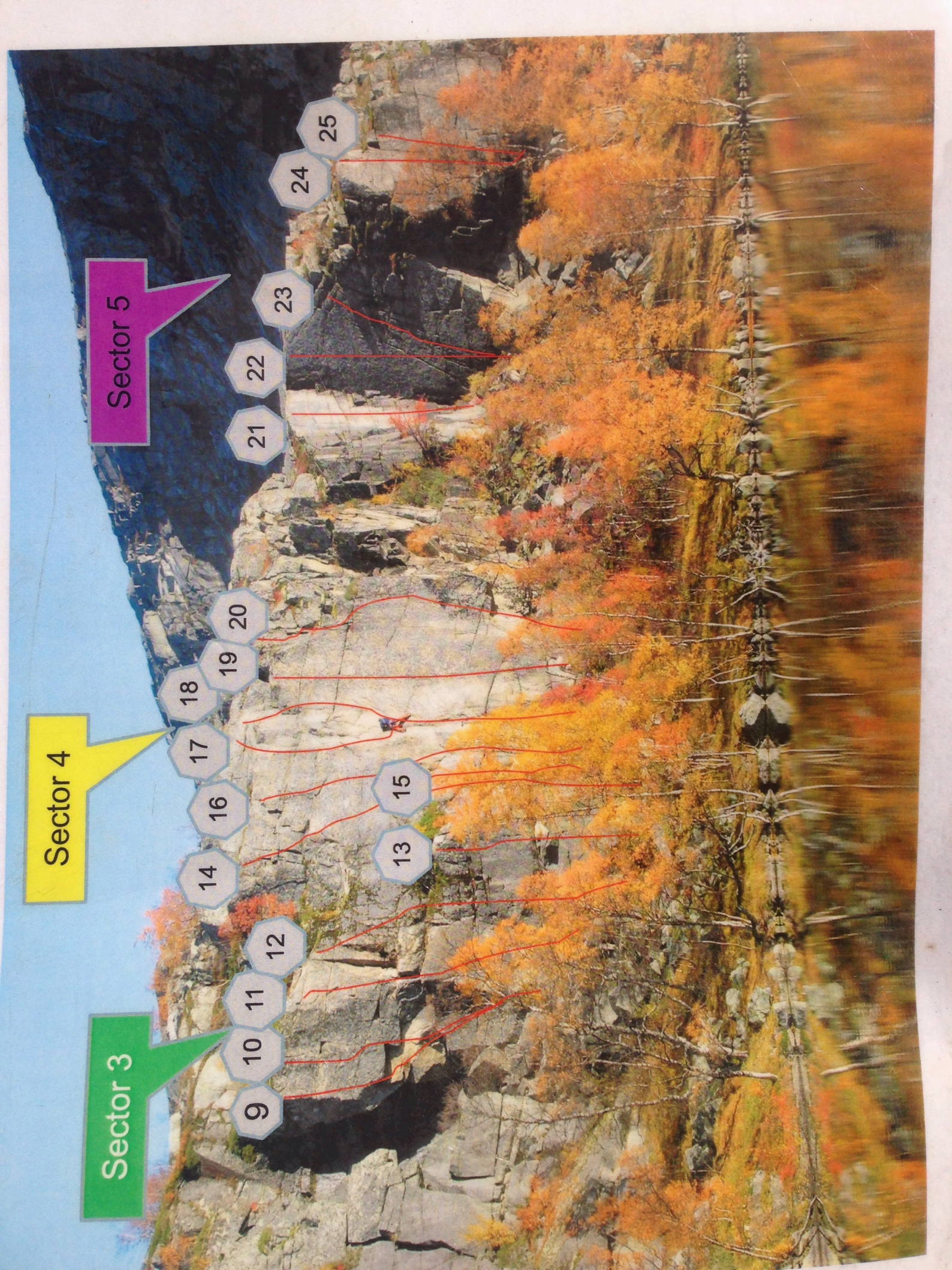
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Route Descriptions

Route descriptions are starting from left to right on the crag when you are faced towards the parking lot, meaning that when you enter the crag, the first route you pass is the one listed last in the route description. The crag is divided in five main sectors, also numbered from left to right, so sector 5 is the first you enter when you arrive at the crag and walk along the walls. The location of the different sectors are indicated in the pictures. 8 of the routes are naturally protected or mixed, the remaining ones are bolted. All routes have anchors for top roping, a couple of exceptions where anchors of neighbour routes can be used. Most routes have rapell rings.

Route no	Name	Grade	Protection	FA	Year	RC	Length	Description	Comment
1	Daivannstraversen	5+	BB	B.Soleng	2008	B.Soleng	20 m	Follow the path pass the fireplace and along the water until you hit the cliff furthest away from the entrance to the crag, where you can see a bolt on the corner, just by the water. The route passes the corner and traverses left before it goes straight up to the slab, then follows a short vertical wall to reach the top anchor. A fun and different route that will bring new experiences to the indoor rats! Fall on the wrong place, and you will have to dry you climbing shoes!	Do it if you want to try something a bit unusual -exciting!
2	Mickey Finn	5+	Mix	B.soleng	2006	B.Soleng	12 m	In the left part of the bay, follow the path up to the ledge where you see some cracks splitting the wall. Mickey Finn follows the two thin cracks starting with two bolts. The rest of the route is naturally protected with bomber placements. A fun route that requires some delicate and precise footwork! Rapell rings.	Do it if you want a footwork test and like bomber placements!
3	Storrisset	4	Nat	B.Soleng	2006	B.Soleng	12 m	The obvious big crack starting from the big ledge, just right of Mickey Finn. Nice, easy and well protected, makes it a perfect route for the beginner who wants to try his first naturally protected route.	Do it if you need to practice natural protection!

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4	Rute 25	6-	BB	B.S	2011	B.Soleng	14 m	Starting on the west facing wall on the very left of the sector 2 wall section. Varied climbing leads to the the upper slab. Getting established on the slab is the is the crux of the route. Rapell rings.	Do it if you want fun, challenging and varied climbing!
5	Ludviks Rute	5	Nat	H.Haugerud	2011	H. Haugerud	14 m	Starting out on the leftmost arete on the sector 2 wall section, just between Rute 25 and Blåkløkkeruta. The route follows the arete to the big shelf and continues up the right dihedral. Very nice climbing. Rapell rings.	Do it if you want to use your friends and nuts and enjoy very nice climbing!
6	Blåkløkkeruta	6-	BB	B.Soleng/ I.Langås	2007	B.Soleng	14 m	Starting in the inside corner of section two, with the first bolt in a jammed block, continuing up steps to the top wall where there is a white triangular rock scar after a removed loose stone. The route is more interesting than it looks, and the steep start is not the only challenge... Rapell rings.	Do it if you want a steep start, a rest in the middle and a hidden challenge towards the top!
7	Despoten	6+	BB	B.Soleng	2011	B.Soleng	15 m	Starts in the rightmost end of sector 2, following two bolts along a big crack to the top of a big boulder. Then follows the arete to the anchor. An interesting and sustained route that requires some thinking! If you do the right moves it will go quite smooth, if you don't, you'll have to use some strength! Recommended! Rapell rings.	Do it if you want to use both your brain and your biceps for some fun climbing!
8	So What	5-	Nat	B.Soleng	2011	B.Soleng	15 m	Starts in the rightmost end of sector 2, following two bolts along a big crack to the top of a big boulder (same start as Despoten). Then continues up the right slanting crack system. Nice and well protected climbing to the top. Rapell rings are placed on the next wall, so you'll have to step up on the big shelf with bushes to reach the anchor.	Do it if you want to use your rack, do some nice climbing and have some good rests along the way!

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9	Regndans	7-	BB	S.Norman/ F.Schneider	1990s	S.Norman/ Schneider	18 m	The route starts in the very left end of section 3, close to the broken terrain, on top of a big boulder. The route follows the left corner through the overhang. Challenging climbing, but be aware that the protection is somewhat old and shaky. New bolts for top roping.	Do it if you want to challenge your strength! Do it if you want a nice climb and put your protection skills on a test!
10	?	6	Mix	Unknown	1990s	Unknown	18 m	Starts out by the big white flakes and follows the cracks up left. Even though there are some old bolts and pitons a couple of places, this is a route that shouldn't be lead by novices not well skilled in placing natural protection. The climbing is however nice. New bolts for top roping.	Do it if you want to test your strength on good holds and experience fun climbing!
11	Jepperuta	6-	BB	B.Soleng	2007	B.Soleng	18 m	Starts down to the right of the big light flakes. Steep start on good holds leads to the arete and then up the slab leading to the anchor. One of the most popular routes on the crag, recommended. One ring and one bolt as the anchor.	Do it if you're strong and need a nice challenge that only a few have managed to get up!
12	Mickes ide	8-	BB	J.Bjerga	2008	B.Soleng	18 m	Starts in the steep section right of Jepperuta. Stemming to reach the top of the boulder to the right, then left through the hard crux section. The rest of the route is nice, but substantially easier. Anchor on the left facing cliff on the very top (to the right of the tree), a meter or two above an old anchor with no hangers.	Do it if you want a short but excellent and varied challenge!
13	Den Lille	7-	BB	B.Soleng	2007	B.Soleng	8 m	A short and fun route on the rightmost arete of section 3. Starts just left of the arete, and can be recognized by a bulgy ledge halfway up the route. The start requires some thinking as well as balance, while the upper section requires some strength! Recommended! Rapell rings.	

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14	Pilutta	7-	BB	B.Soleng	2006	B.Soleng	25 m	Starts just right of the arete that represents the left end of section 4, just left of the ledge that is the starting point for the other routes in this sector. (Section 4 is the west facing section). Getting off the ground is the crux of the route! It starts with good, but small finger holds in a left slanting crack, but not many places to put the feet! Continues up cracks to the right and then over two slabs to make sure the footwork is also put on test! A nice route with a couple of challenges, and also the longest route on Kjerringveggen.	Do it if you can get off the ground, and enjoy the rest of the fun!
15	Lazy Bird	5+	BB	B.Soleng/ H.haugerud/ K.Pettersen	2009	B.Soleng	20 m	Starts on the left end of the big ledge of sector 4, just by the tree. It requires some balance to get off the ground, then up steeper cracks until the slab is reached. Follow the right hand side of the slab, slanting left. After the first slab the routes joins Pilutta to the anchor. Nice and not too difficult climbing.	Do it if you're looking for more fun that struggle!
16	Frosken	6+	BB	B.Soleng/ H.haugerud	2005	B.Soleng/ H.Haugerud	20 m	Starts just right of the tree on the obvious ledge, meaning a couple of metres left of Skidor er løjligt. Follow cracks up to the overhang, which is the crux of the route. When the crux is done you can let the arms rest and focus on precise foot work when you enter the slab above! A fun and exiting route that may cause some adrenalin..	Do it if you want to test your finger strength, footwork and have some real excitement!
17	Skidor er løjligt	5	Nat	T.Niva/ L.Thulin	1990s	T.Niva/ L.Thulin	20 m	The original classic on Kjerringveggen! Starts on the big ledge just where the path down to the fireplace by the lake enters the ledge. The route is following the obvious big groove up to the flake, then following the right hand side of the flake up to cracks leading to the top. Varied and interested climbing.	Do it if you have brought your rack!
18	Skidor er løjligt - direkte avslutninge	5+	Mix	B.Soleng	2005	B.Soleng	20 m	A slightly steeper and harder variation going straight up instead out right on the flake. Boltet from where it exists the original route.	Do it if you want a steeper end, or avoid the flake!
19	Kjerringhelvete	8/8+	BB	Project!	2007	B.Soleng	20 m	A difficult route a couple of meters to the right of Skidor er løjligt. Follows a crack that disappears, and then continues on small holds and friction. The first ascent has yet to be done! Johanna Tiensu Stålnacke has made an attempt on the project, and rumour says that she was able to do all the moves, but didn't manage to complete the ascent during this attempt. She estimates the grade to 8/8+. So far no one has reported to have made the route, so the FA is still possible! The project is open!	Do it if you want a first ascent!
20	Spagaten	5+	BB	B.Soleng	2009	B.Soleng	20 m	The rightmost route of sector four, in the area where the nice and solid granite walls ends and a very broken and unstable wall starts. The route starts just right of the obvious arete where an overhanging dihedral can be seen. Starts up the wall, traverses slightly left into the dihedral and then straight up. Your flexibility might be put on a test here! A fun and not too difficult route. Rapell rings.	Do it if you want to test your flexibility and something not too hard!

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21	Escalade Feminine	7-	BB	T.Niva	1990s	T.Niva	10 m	An old classical! When you enter the crag, Escalade Feminine is the first route you can see from above, if you turn around and look right just before you start the descent to the crag. Located in the left end of sector 5 on the west facing wall, scramble through stones and boulders to get to the start of the route. There is a prominent big dieder a few metres to the right of the route, a black wall to the left of the route. In addition to drilled bolts the route is protected by a couple of pitons. Quite hard wall climbing, the route is actually harder than it looks. A typical route where you'll get into trouble if you don't manage the sequences correctly.	Do it if you want fun moves and challenging sequences - and if you have the strength!
22	Holaholahoy	6-	BB	B.Soleng	2005	B.Soleng	15 m	You pass this route's anchor just before you start the descent path when approaching the crack. Starts just right of the big dihedral splitting the two walls by 90 degrees. A slab route that really puts your footwork on test. Not much to hold on to, but if you focus on your feet, you'll make it! Make sure to follow the bolts and don't cheat by following the cracks up right!	Do it if you want to show your good foot work!
23	La Frageole Grande	4	Nat	T.Niva/ M.Gøranson	1990	T.Niva/ M.Gøranson	15 m	The right slanting cracks just right of Holalahohoy. Naturally protected.	Do it if you need something easy!
24	Hjørnet direkte	7+	BB	M.Holmberg	2006	B.Soleng	13 m	When you have dimbed down the approach path to the crag, and turn right around the corner of the cliff, this is the first bolted route you enter. Starts by a bent birch. Goes straight up along the bolts, crux section towards the top that you can step on. Hard and crimpy.	Do it if you need a hard and painful challenge!
25	Her får nog Mazda ta och tenka om	5+	Nat	T.Niva	1993	T.Niva	7 m	The first cracks you enter as you enter the crag. Natural protected.	Do it if you have done the other ones!

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6	Blåkløkkeruta	6-	BB
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9	Regndans	7-	BB
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11	Jepperuta	6-	BB
12	Mickes Ide	8-	BB
13	Den Lille	7-	BB
14	Pilutta	7-	BB
15	Lazy Bird	5+	BB
16	Frosken	6+	BB
17	Skidor er løjligt	5	Nat
18	Skidor er løjligt - left exit	5+	Mix
19	Kjerringhelvete	8	BB
20	Spagaten	5+	BB
21	Escalade Feminine	7-	BB
22	Holaholahoy	6-	BB
23	La Frageole Grande	4	Nat
24	Hjørnet direkte	7+	BB
25	Her får nog Mazda ta och tenka om	5+	Nat

Grade Distribution Kjerringveggen

