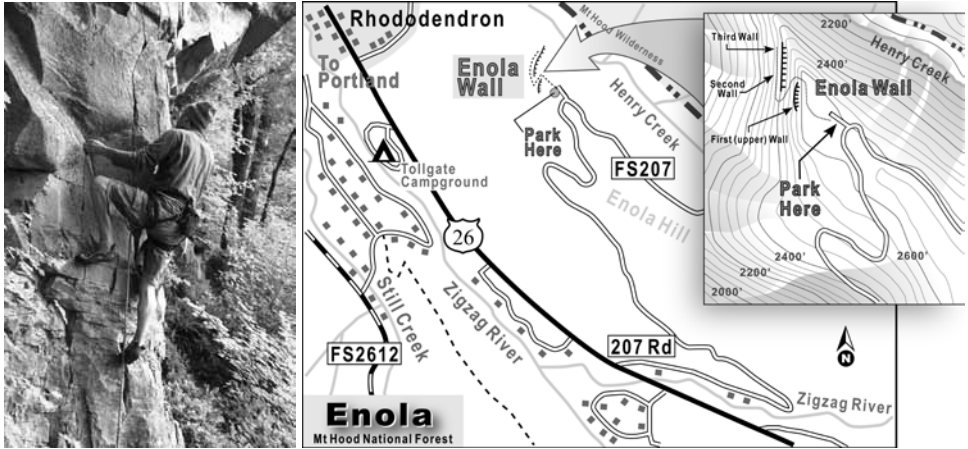


Dave leading Burning Tree, Enola Hill



6. Desert of Reason IV 5.4 A4

Pro: Nuts to 1½”, cams to 2”, LA, KBs, Bugaboos, RURP’s, hooks, and hangers

This is an exhilarating, and fascinating ultra extreme nailing route that ascends the fabulous overhanging north face of the Blade. To the right of the route and high on the face is a blown out donut shaped rock scar. The Desert of Reason ascends the blank, overhung face to the left of this scar. The climb begins near the center of the north face in a short left leaning, left facing corner. Exit the corner onto a thin seam rightward that leads to a narrow left leaning ramp. Nail up left to the top of the ramp then upward to a hanging belay. The next lead continues up mostly blank sections of wall that offer hollow flakes, loose blocks, and incipient seams for nailing. Free the last 15’ to the main ledge and rappel. Estimated height to the upper belay ledge is approximately 200’. The summit leans out from the base of the wall near the start of the route approximately 20’. The last 50’ above the belay ledge is a steep unclimbed dirty corner system that leads to the summit.

Note: The extensive boulder field below the north face has slide downhill into the north Muddy Fork creek drainage. Expect difficult access to north side routes and expect the routes to be 25’+ longer.

ENOLA HILL (THE SWINE)

Primary beta by Jim Tripp, Tymun Abbott and associates

Enola Hill (more commonly known as The Swine) is a well-established crag that holds a sizable selection of steep rock climbs on a bluff that faces directly west overlooking the tiny community of Rhododendron.

The bluff is composed of Tertiary pliocene andesite (Ta1) and is surprisingly steep in places. The rock climbing routes and quality vary from small finger edge face climbs to sloping pocketed sections interspersed with larger edges. A variety of climbing routes exist such as pure face routes while others are traditional crack climbs using natural/mixed pro. The climbing routes are typically 50’ to 100’ in length. The crag is well-suited for climbers who have solid 5.10 to 5.11 leading capabilities. The lesser traveled 5.9-and-under routes (and there are plenty) tend to be a bit mossy and dirty from lack of use. A few route names and ratings are not known at this time.

Seasonally the crag is generally limited to Oregon’s rea-



Dave leading a *Too Cool* at Enola

sonably good summer weather (May to late October) as it receives the brunt of most weather systems arriving from the west. Yet a mild breeze rolls up through the trees from the valley below the crag keeping the temperatures comfortable all season while generally keeping various pesky insects away.

Cliff Sections

This guide sub-divides the entire wall into recognizable sections for easy reference. The initial upper wall at the overlook is called Sunset Wall. The popular middle wall (with its stellar classics) is the Moonshine Wall (the alcove). A hidden Bench Area branches up left from the alcove on a steeply zigzagging trail. The North Point Wall is located about 400' northward along a path from the second wall.

Directions

Drive east of Rhododendron 1¼ miles, then turn left onto road 27. Follow the paved portion east, then back up west on a very rough gravel road to the upper west most bend in the road at the 3000' elevation (total of 2½ miles from highway). Park on a small dead-end side spur road in a thick stand of fir trees.

From the forested parking area follow a level trail one minute west to a viewpoint overlooking the community of Rhododendron. Immediately below your feet is the Sunset Wall. Follow a narrow descending trail northward that zigzags down below the Sunset Wall.

SUNSET WALL (UPPER WALL)

The climbing routes are listed as if you are descending the trail. The first route described is the long arête climb on the left of the Sunset Wall.

1. Pig's Knuckles 5.11b/c ★★

Length: 100'; Pro: 8 QD's

This is the bolted arête on left side of the wall. Great climb involving technical steep face climbing.

2. Pigs Nipples 5.11a ★★

Length: 100'; Pro to 2½" including cams & doubles

This is a stellar crack that climbs a corner system to the immediate right of the arête. Route involves a tenuous layback through the middle crux section.

3. Forbidden Zone 5.10a

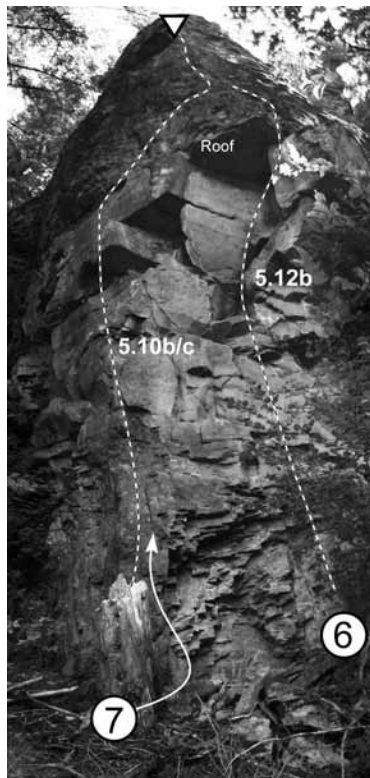
Length: 90'; Pro: nuts and cams to 2"

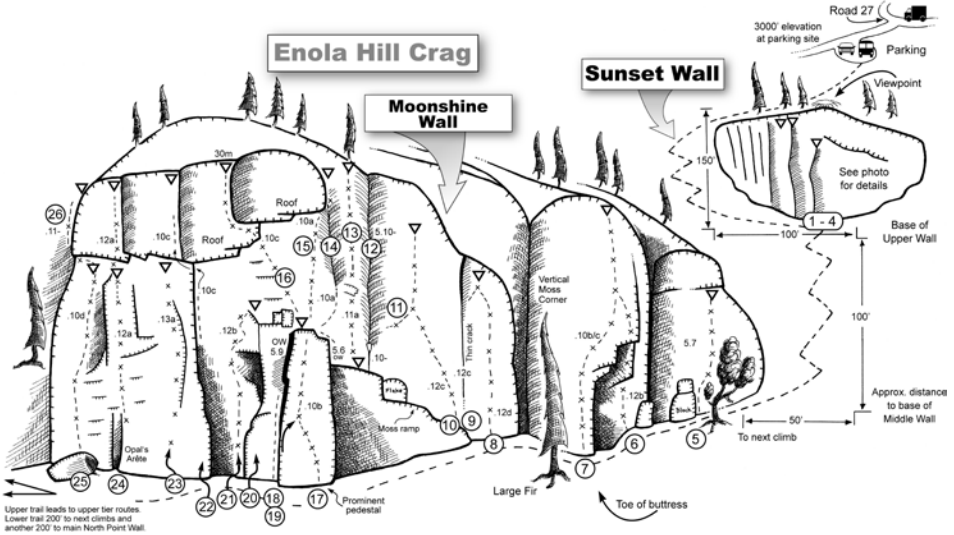
This is the left direct crack leading up and right to merge with Tibbets.

4. Tibbet's Crack 5.12a

Length: 90'; Pro: nuts and cams to 2"

A deceptively difficult crack system that starts under the left corner of a roof and powers up a tenuous thin





crack. Merges with FZ.

MOONSHINE WALL

Continue to descend steeply down a narrow trail to the next wall. The first climb is next to a large maple tree. A short distance further lands at the main area. This wall offers a comprehensive selection of routes ranging from quality 5.9 routes, puppy 5.10 routes, to stellar crimper 5.12 face routes. The alcove is the place where most first-time climbers come in order to experience the invigorating flavor of Enola.

5. **Calm Before The Storm 5.7**

Length: 40' Pro: 4 QD's

This is a nice climb on a fairly steep face that follows next to a minor crack on the upper part. Start behind a large maple tree.

6. **Granny's Got A Gun 5.12b**

Length: 75' Pro: 8 QD's

This climb is located to the immediate right of the toe of a minor sunny buttress that overlooks a boulder field. This climb zooms up positive holds to a 'knock-you-in-the-head' powerful crux move punching through the outer right edge of the overhang then merges into the classic Burning Tree route.

7. **Burning Zone 5.10b/c ★★★**

Length: 75' Pro: 8 QD's

This is considered to be one of the best routes at Enola. This stellar line gets plenty of sunshine in the afternoon hours. Climb starts at the toe of a minor buttress and ascends tricky face edges then angles up right above the lip of the large roof on good holds. Finish up a very steep rounded nose on interesting face holds.

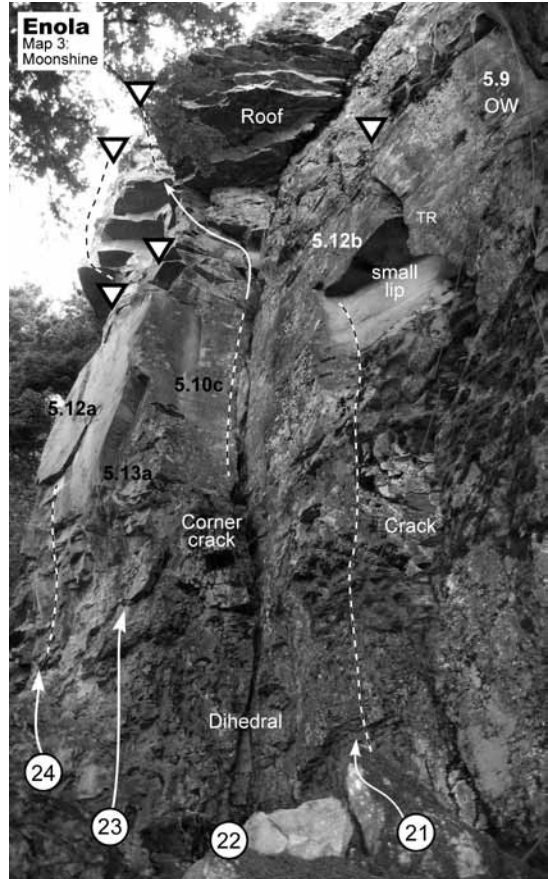
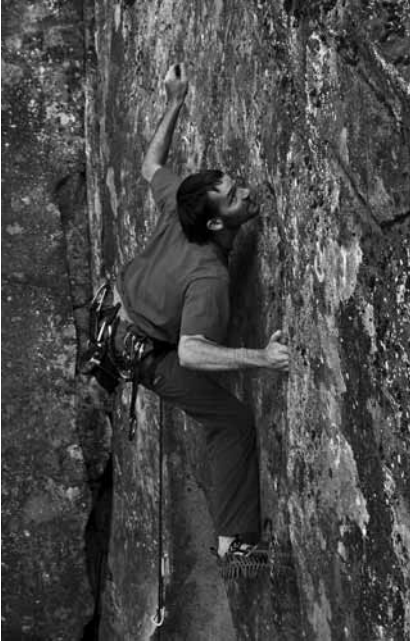
8. **White Lightning 5.12d**

Length: 45' Pro: 4 QD's

An extreme thin face climb immediately to the right of Scorpion.



Dave leading *Fifty-seven*



9. Scorpion BBQ 5.12c ★★★

Length: 45'

Pro: #3 TCU, #1 WC rock, #00 TCU (opt.), #5 nut, #0 TCU, 1½" Cam

A powerful thin seam lacking in real holds this quality climb is composed of painful side pulls, smears, crimps and long reaches. The climb eases at the bolt so don't peel off during the last few moves. Just use a biner on each pro piece.

10. Fifty-seven 5.12c ★★

Length: 70'; Pro: 7 QD's

As in AGE fifty-seven not Heinz. A fierce edge face climb that powers up left from the seam. Merges with the next route. Starts at the base of the grass ramp. The rating is based upon avoiding the thin vertical seam of Scorpion BBQ. This route merges into the upper portion of route #10.

Access the next three climbs on a long grass ramp ledge system by utilizing a belay anchor at a stance immediately above the large flake.

11. Serpentine Arête 5.10a

Length: 60'; Pro to 2" then QD's

Scramble up the grass ramp past the large flake to a belay stance. Power up a vertical crack over the chock stone (crux) wedged in the crack, and then angle up RIGHT on the bolt line that ascends a vertical face. This route merges with the route Fifty-Seven.

12. The Easy Way 5.10a

Length: 60'; Pro to 3" including small cams & nuts

Walk up the ramp and hop up past the large flake to a belay stance at a single bolt. Power past the initial chockstone (crux) wedged in the crack. Finish directly up the vertical minor crack corner system (5.9) on good edges and smears.