

# CLOUDBURST

**Grade:** WI5+, 130m

**Location:** Storm Creek Headwall, Kootenay National Park BC

**Base Elevation & Aspect:** 2400m, Northwest facing

**First Ascent:** Ethan Berman, Maarten van Haeren, Marcelo León, Nov 7 2023

**ATES:** Complex (3)

*Editor's Note: I have reformatted and edited this from the original post by Maarten on the Facebook group Rockies Ice & Mixed Conditions. All photos and text are from that post -NB*

"Climbed a nice line yesterday left of *Splitter Choss*, but right of *Scar Tissue/Ikiru* (currently almost no ice this year). We'd like to call it *Cloudburst*: during our recent trip to India, the flash flood that cut our trip short was initially [attributed] to a cloudburst (a local very heavy rain event). Turns out it was a giant glacial recession lake that released, slightly different!"

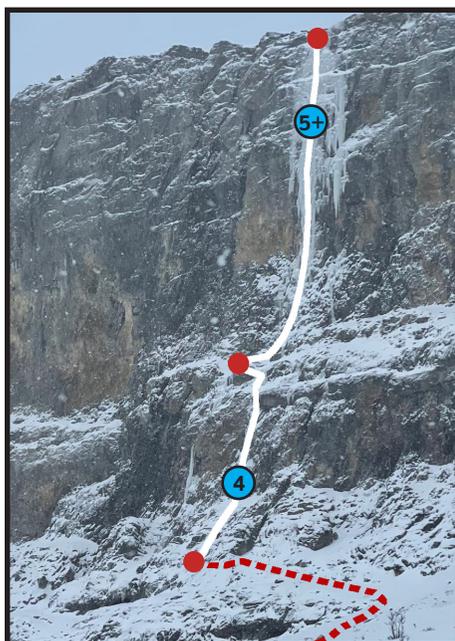
## Approach

As for *Scar Tissue*. Park at the Stanley Glacier parking lot off of Highway 93S.

Hike the road to the firebreak, and head uphill to a trail on the left. Follow the trail up and into the Storm Creek drainage. Continue up avalanche slopes to the tree band below the first routes, and keep going up the valley to the prominent buttress at the back. The ice of *Scar Tissue* usually forms on the prow. Walk up to the right of the ice, and head back left along exposed snow ledges to below a thin WI2 ice flow below the pillar higher up. 2.5-3 hours from the road.



The airy, steep pillar of pitch 2



## P1: WI4 60m

Belay off small gear left of the ice. Thin, runout WI2 leads to funky ice pillars. Belay far left on the snow ledge below P2 off cams, or use ice screws and extend the anchor. An alternate P1 exists further left that has more ice.

## P2: WI5+ 70m

Step back right onto the ice and take the ice to the top. Beautiful pasted-on blobs lead to the steep pillar. Very airy! This can be split with 60m ropes.

## Descent

Rappel the route in 2 rappels on V-threads.

## Rack

Ice screws including a few stubbies. Single set of cams from #0.1-0.75 for anchors only. Single/tag or double ropes (see note below)

## Editor's Notes

- A party (Seb Taborszky, Jas Fauteux) climbed it shortly after the FA, and noted that they think the climb should be done with 60m ropes.
- The FAs disagree, and suggest 70m ropes.



Marcelo León heading up the thin pillars on pitch 1, with the steep pitch 2 in the background.