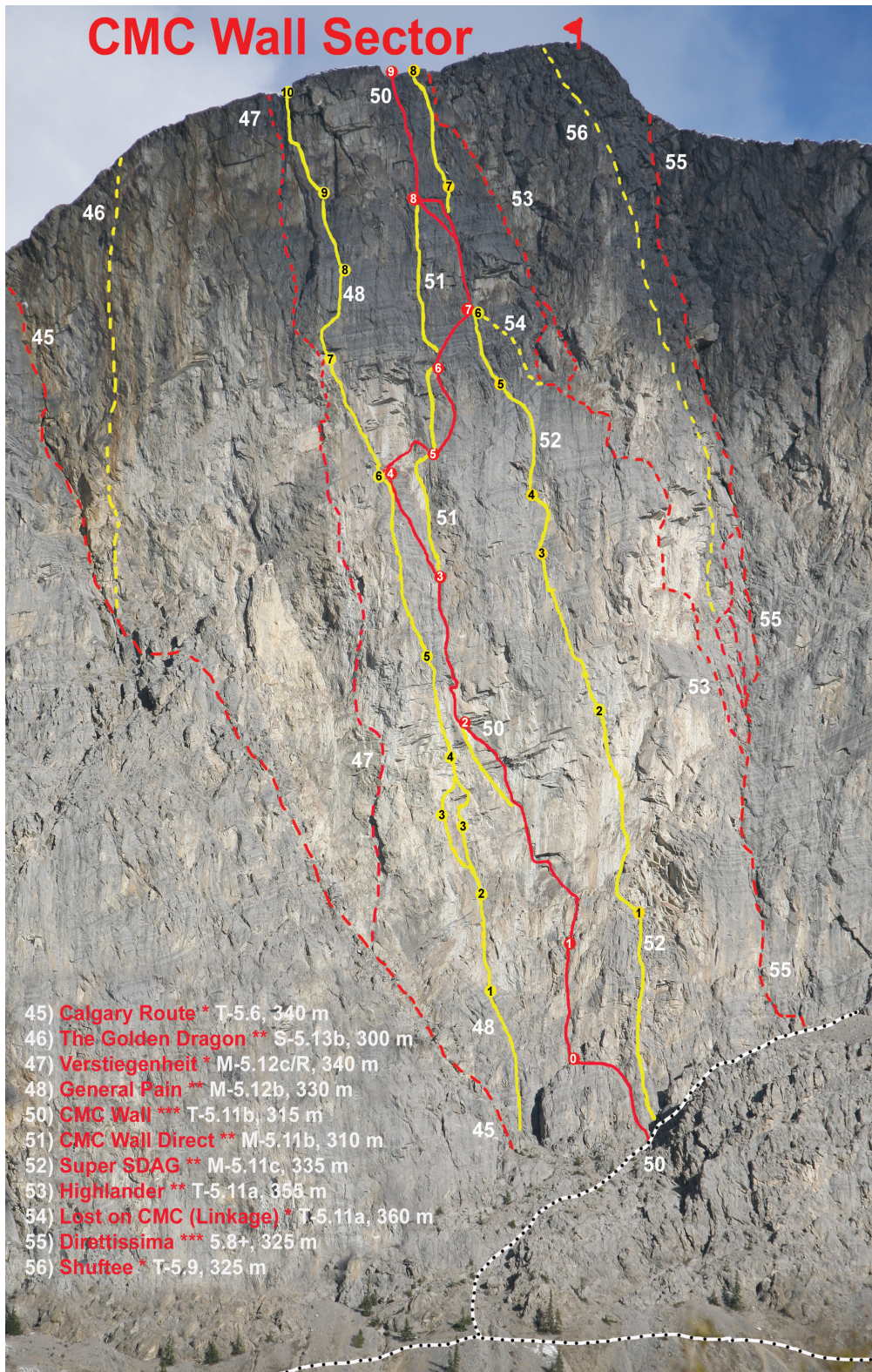


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- 45) **Calgary Route** \* T-5.6, 340 m
- 46) **The Golden Dragon** \*\* S-5.13b, 300 m
- 47) **Verstiegenheit** \* M-5.12c/R, 340 m
- 48) **General Pain** \*\* M-5.12b, 330 m
- 50) **CMC Wall** \*\*\* T-5.11b, 315 m
- 51) **CMC Wall Direct** \*\* M-5.11b, 310 m
- 52) **Super SDAG** \*\* M-5.11c, 335 m
- 53) **Highlander** \*\* T-5.11a, 358 m
- 54) **Lost on CMC (Linkage)** \* T-5.11a, 360 m
- 55) **Direttissima** \*\*\* 5.8+, 325 m
- 56) **Shuftee** \* T-5.9, 325 m

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This impressive overhanging part of the south face also houses the true summit of Mt. Yamnuska. Considered a special segment of the mountain historically for climbers. Having some of the steepest terrain on the south face, this sector of Yamnuska has witnessed several significant changes in style as well as several major grade advances over the past sixty years. Confined on either side by two of the oldest routes on the mountain *Calgary Route* and *Direttissima*, what lies between are several ground breaking harder free lines established over five decades of traditional challenge. This sector witnessed the first bolts drilled using a power drill on lead and on rappel. It holds the second most difficult route on the mountain called *The Golden Dragon*, which incidentally is a rap-bolted Sport route. Ethical barriers have been broken and whole new eras of style launched over this sector. Enjoy the adventure on this interesting part of Yamnuska. It's an impressive cliff line containing mostly harder climbs.

### 46) **Golden Dragon \*\* S-5.13b, 300 m**

*Sonnie Trotter & Derek Galloway, August 2008*

This grade breaking route ascends the golden striped headwall found above the left leaning climb *Calgary Route*. The line attacks a deeply stained dark orange strip of overhanging rock about 50 m left of the climb *Verstiegenheit*. *Golden Dragon* climbs four excellent hard pitches (5.12b, 5.13b, 5.13a, & 5.12b) at the time achieving a new benchmark on the mountain for technical difficulty. It was most likely the hardest multi-pitch climb in the Canadian Rockies until it was unseated in 2011 by newest testpiece on the mountain called *Blue Jeans*, found just left of *East End Boys* over on the eastern ramparts of Yamnuska.

Established top-down by two of the leading activists using this approach on the mountain, Sonnie Trotter and his partner Nick Rochacewich. They started working on the project back in 2006. The team progressed off and on with several friends, needing a number of months employing fixed lines in order to see the cleaning and bolting completed. The climb gets accessed from the bottom by scrambling nearly three quarters the way up *Calgary Route* to reach a bolted anchor on the right wall at the base of this gently overhanging orange streak. Here the fun starts. Climbers come to this route intending to take on a hard Sport route but they should feel comfortable soloing the scrappy 5.6 traditional terrain found on the *Calgary Route* to get there. **Caution:** This bottom up access option has plenty of loose rock and does require care. The other choice for climbers is to access this gem by rappel from the top of the wall and start at the bottom of the hard pitches, hopefully climbing back out. This latter option was used during the successful redpoint ascent. According to Sonnie he has used the bottom approach on several earlier visits working the line.

*"We had a few different names, naming routes has never been my strong suit. I personally liked "the golden dragon" because the name just sounds hilarious and Nick Rochacewich wanted to call it that originally. Then we played with 'The Mistress' for obvious reasons, but I still call it 'The Golden Dragon'. I just get such a kick out of that name and somehow I think it goes well with the climb Yamabushi. So, yes, it was Nick and myself doing the dirty deed bolting on rappel. The climb is otherwise known in the Bow Valley as 'The Pump'. We drilled it top-down, trying*