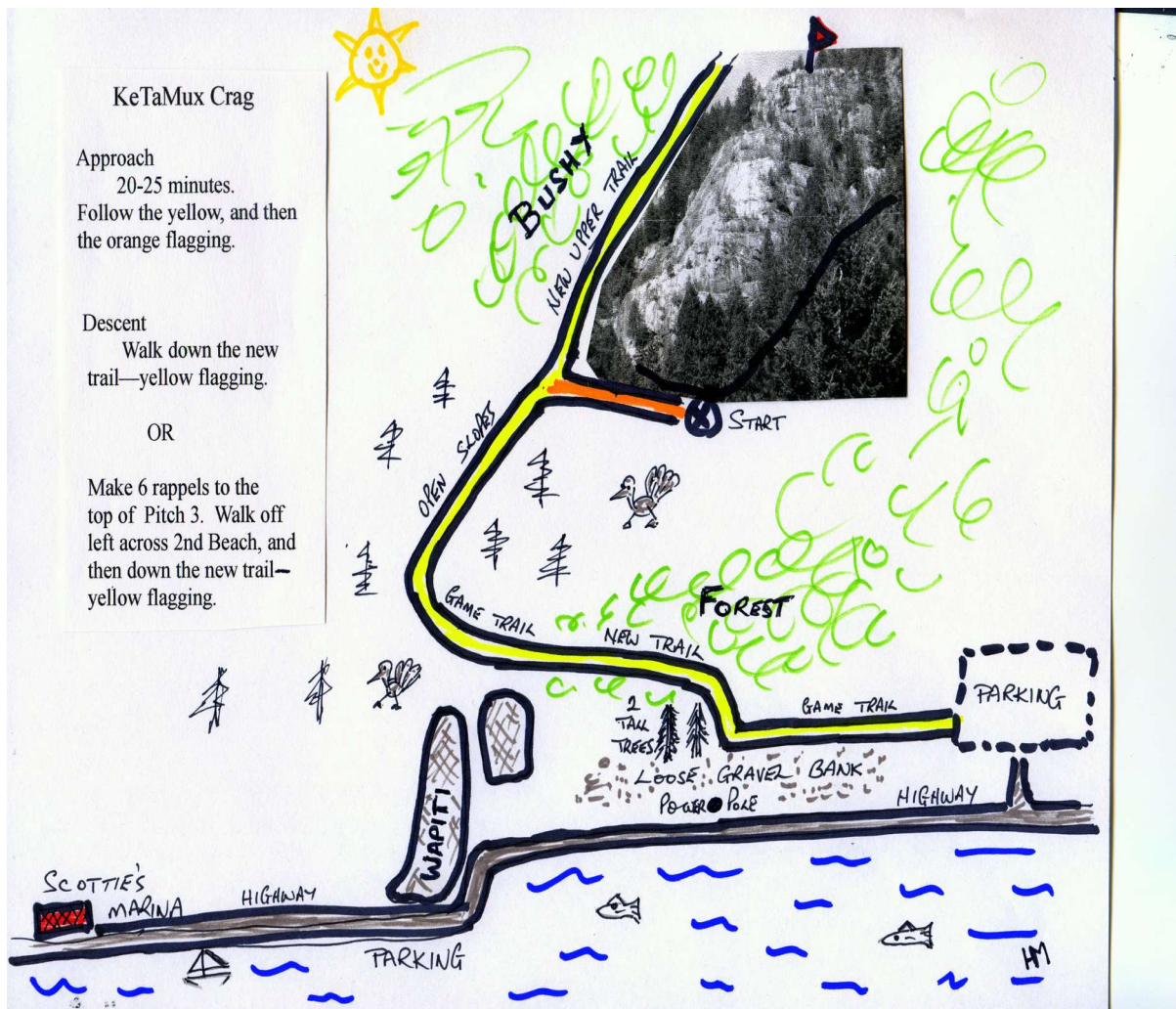


KeTaMux Crag

KeTaMux is an Indigenous word which is loosely translated as “warrior princess”. The first two climbs have been named accordingly.

KeTaMux Crag is located on the road to Syringa, about 350m before Scottie's Marina, and a 20-25 minute walk above Wapiti. There is good parking on the right side, where the highway levels out, some 200m before Wapiti. The bank between the trail and the road consists of very loose gravel, nasty to ascend and even nastier to descend. To avoid this, follow an old game trail from the parking area, to a point above the obvious power pole, with occasional small (discreet) yellow flagging. A new trail enters the forest here, right of two tall fir trees. Lots of yellow flagging after this!

The new trail through the forest leads to another old game trail, and then to open slopes of ponderosa pine. When you can see the marina from the ridge, turn right and follow the flagging up the open slopes. Near the base of the cliff the trail splits. The yellow flagging leads to the top (descent route), mostly through bush and rock slides. At the split in the trail the orange flagging leads easily to the base of the cliff, and the start of the climbing. Dead grass and pine needles can be slippery, especially when wet.



KeTaMux Crag

3RD BEACH
(WALK OFF)

NEW UPPER TRAIL (DESCENT) (OR RAPPÉL)

PROJECT 2018

2ND BEACH
(WALK OFF)

1ST BEACH
(WALK OFF)

Pitches 1-3 Joan of Arc **5.8**
Pitches 1-9 Amazons **5.8**

Pitches 5, 6 and 7 are foreshortened.

2018 Project---Please respect, and leave.

START for both climbs: About 15m left of the lowest point on the cliff. Belay bolt.

ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Joan of Arc, 5.8

The first three pitches make for a fun half-day outing. A slab, a rib, and then a long corner combine for a varied climb, with an easy walk-off descent.

1st ascent, Roped solo, H. Mutch, 2017.

Amazons, 5.8

The full 9 pitches is a longer, most of the day trip, with great lake views.

1st ascent, Roped solo, H. Mutch, 2017.

P1. Starting in the blocky corner, cross right up 2 narrow slabs, and then swing left, to reach another slab and a good ledge. 25m. 7/8. (Var: Continue up the cracks above the blocky corner. 9/10a L. Fodor)

P2. Traverse the face and climb the rib above, to a very large sloping grass ledge—1st Beach. Pass left of the tree and belay in a small rock recess. 30m. 8. (Possible to walk off left to descent trail.)

P3. Hand-traverse right, then stem the long corner. Belay on 2nd Beach, another large grassy ledge. 40m. 8. (Possible to walk off left.) “Joan of Arc” ends here.

P4. Angle up right, over two short steps. Tree belay. 20m. Mid 5.

P5. Continue up the buttress. 15m. Mid 5.

P6. “ “ “ 20m. Mid 5.

--Walk up and left 10m (on belay) to next station, a bolt and a rock spike.--

P7. An easy slab. 25m. Low 5. The huge belay ledge is 3rd Beach. (Possible to walk off left to descent trail.)

--Walk up and right 15m (on belay) to next station, a 2 bolt anchor.--

P8. Rib/slab. Tree belay. 20m. Low 5.

P9. Climb the corner/groove to a roof. Escape left (the sting in the tail!), up a few more feet, and you're done. Tree belay on 4th Beach. 20m. 8.

Notes: The first bolt on P2 and P6 may create some rope drag and might be skipped. Some short pitches can be linked. Take several longer slings.

DESCENT

From the top of P9 walk uphill 40m, then follow the yellow flagging down the new descent trail on the left.

OR

Make 6 rappels to the top of Pitch 3, and then walk off left to the descent trail. Avoid jamming your rope in the crack at the top of Pitch 9, and watch for possible rope drag/friction on the lower angled Pitch 4. Three raps are from Fixe belay/rappel anchors, and three are from robust chains.

PROJECT--2018 The long slab on the left side of the crag was tagged as a project for 2018. The lengthy 2018 fire closure in this area prevented any development this summer. It is still a closed project, and has now become Project 2019. Please respect this request. Thanks.

All fixed gear (except one) was painted/camouflaged with a dark flat paint.

Have fun. I did.

HM.



1. Upper approach trail.



2. Gear tree, with a good crop.



3. 5 of 7 pieces. A close call.



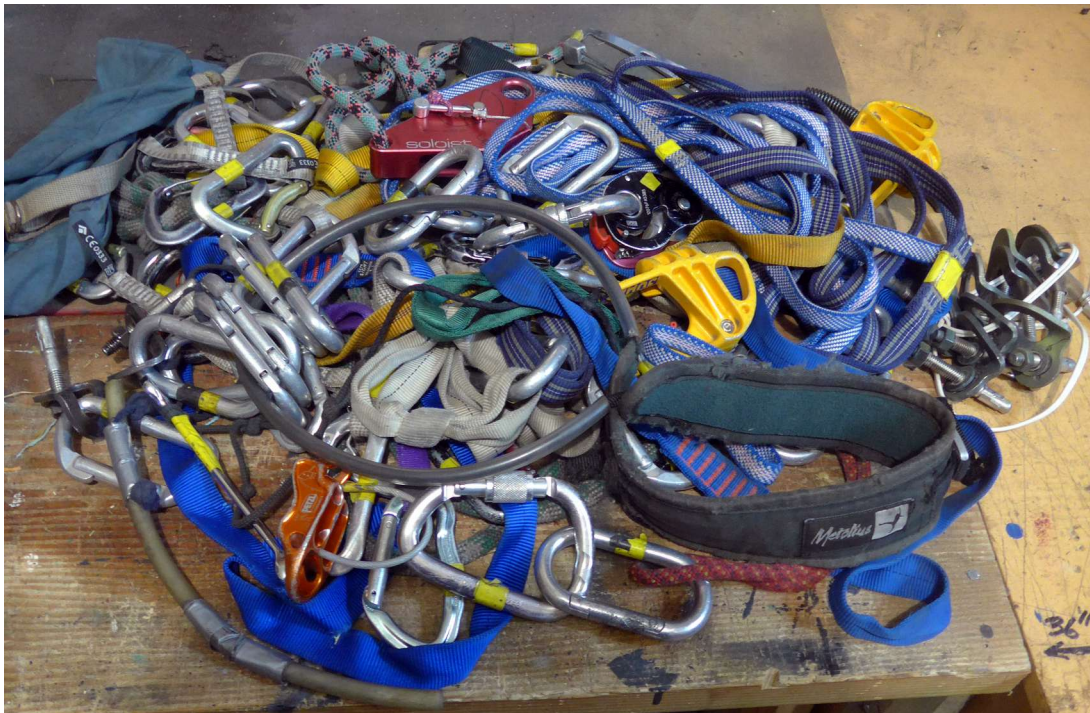
4. Another day at the office.



5. 4 th Beach. The view from the top.



6. Descent trail.



7. Home sweet home.