



# THE SUBSTATION

**Overview:** a newly-developed cliff in the Cheakamus Canyon area with a good selection of short steep power-endurance routes and a very quick approach.

**Conditions:** the cliff faces east with an open aspect so it gets plenty of sun until noon, but is then in full shade. Aside from some finishing holds, the steeper routes stay dry in the rain.

**Approach:** park at the base of the Conroy Creek FSR as for the Sport Temple zone and The Gym (see page 316 of Squamish Select). Staying on the east side of the 99, locate the yellow gate a few metres from your vehicle. Go under the gate (watch where you step) onto a dirt road in a clear-cut heading south-east. Stroll along this for two minutes. The cliff is obvious on the right.

**Access issues:** the Substation was named after a mystery electrical facility located about 50m further south; this was eventually discovered to be part of a cellular antenna installation that has since (~June 2016) been decommissioned and dismantled. From conversations with contractors removing material, it seems there is no plan to resume active use.

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## The Routes:

- 1. Zero Bars 5.11b ★★** *Chris Hecimovic, July 2016*  
Solve the entertaining boulder problem at the first bolt (V2, apparently) then wander up the moderate slab. 4 bolts.
- 2. Leakage Flux 5.10d ★★** *Toby Foord-Kelcey, Chris Hecimovic, April 2016*  
Like the previous route except the boulder problem is easier and more obvious, and the slab is more interesting. Not a good warm-up. 5 bolts.
- 3. Crosstalk 5.12b ★★★★★** *Toby Foord-Kelcey, April 2016*  
Swing leftwards up the diagonal rail to the giant hold then move right and up the headwall. Continuously interesting climbing. 5 bolts.
- 4. Incandescence 5.13a ★★★★★** *Toby Foord-Kelcey, August 2016*  
The fierce central line. 4 bolts, fixed quickdraws. (Bolts to the left are an abandoned variant, "the pinch project".)
- 5. Impedance Wave 5.12c ★★★★★** *Toby Foord-Kelcey, June 2016*  
The aesthetic right-trending line with a wild finishing move off tiny crimps. Sausage-fingered climbers may struggle. 4 bolts, fixed quickdraws.
- 6. Inductance 5.10b ★★★★★** *Toby Foord-Kelcey, Kay Wong, September 2015*  
Fun jug-pulling. A slightly less juggy crux guards the chains. A good warm-up. 4 bolts.

