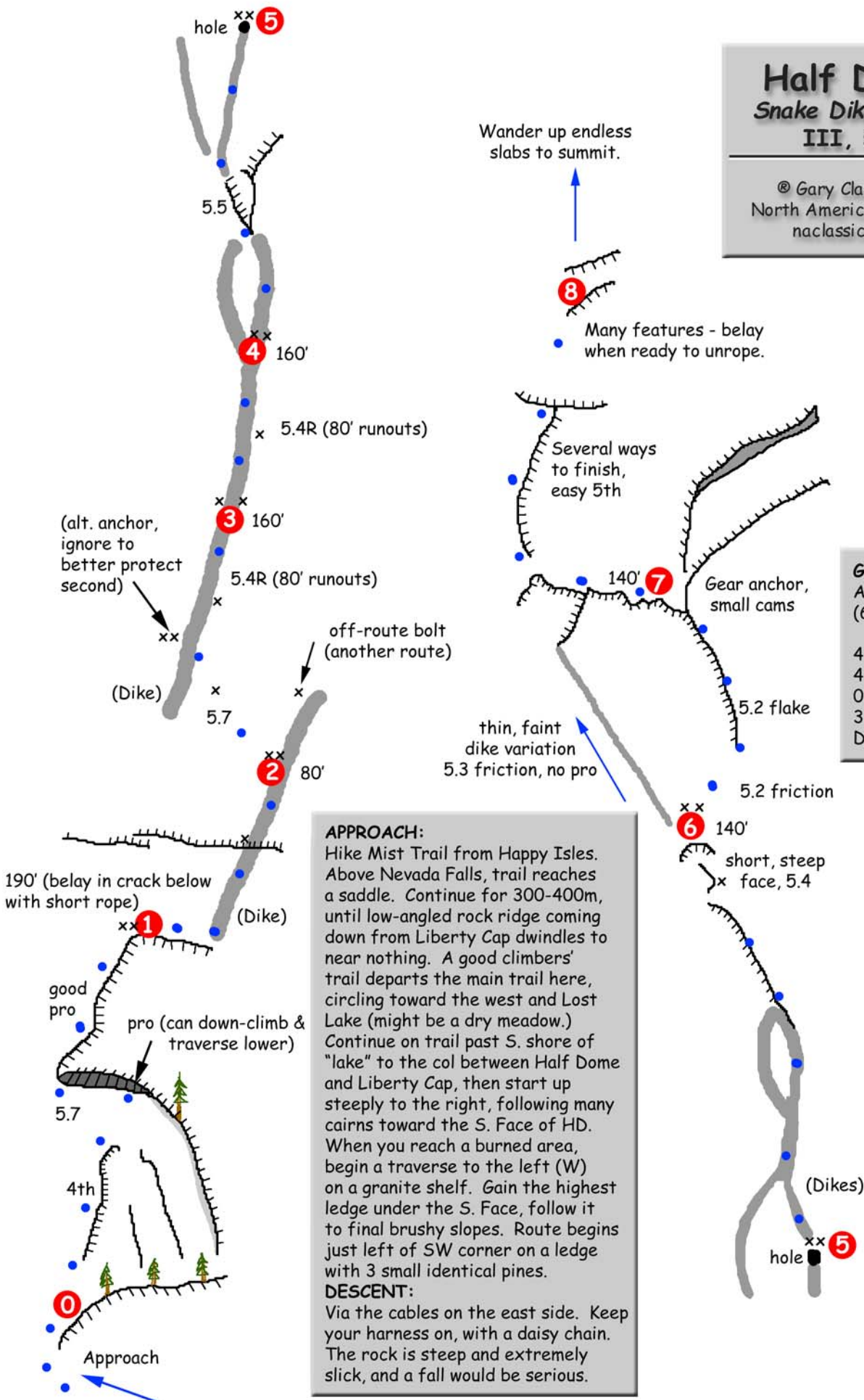


Half Dome Snake Dike Route III, 5.7

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Wander up endless
slabs to summit.

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Many features - belay
when ready to unrope.

Several ways
to finish,
easy 5th

GEAR:
At least 50m rope
(60m useful)

- 4 regular slings
- 4 quick draws
- 0.4 - 2.0" cams
- 3 or 4 med. chocks
- Daisy chain

thin, faint
dike variation
5.3 friction, no pro

APPROACH:
Hike Mist Trail from Happy Isles. Above Nevada Falls, trail reaches a saddle. Continue for 300-400m, until low-angled rock ridge coming down from Liberty Cap dwindles to near nothing. A good climbers' trail departs the main trail here, circling toward the west and Lost Lake (might be a dry meadow.) Continue on trail past S. shore of "lake" to the col between Half Dome and Liberty Cap, then start up steeply to the right, following many cairns toward the S. Face of HD. When you reach a burned area, begin a traverse to the left (W) on a granite shelf. Gain the highest ledge under the S. Face, follow it to final brushy slopes. Route begins just left of SW corner on a ledge with 3 small identical pines.

DESCENT:
Via the cables on the east side. Keep your harness on, with a daisy chain. The rock is steep and extremely slick, and a fall would be serious.

190' (belay in crack below
with short rope)

good pro
pro (can down-climb &
traverse lower)

5.2 friction
6 140'
short, steep
face, 5.4

(Dikes)

Approach