Tortilla Flats Route Guide

Tortilla Flats is a beginners' top roping area developed by Roy Lucht, Mike Montoya, Lou Horak and Jim Straight. It is located about 200-300 yards west of the Big Enchilada on Potrillo Canyon. To get to "Tortilla Flats," in the middle of the Estante Way loop road, park near a fire hydrant and a marked trail. Estante Way is a road off Potrillo Drive, which connects with Monte Rey Drive South. Take the trail until it splits: veer LEFT (if

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trail, you have gone too far). There is an obvious, easy, descent gully on the east end of the cliffs (probably the easiest in the area) and a slightly harder one on the west end. The climbs are bounded by these two gullies. The cliffs tend to be

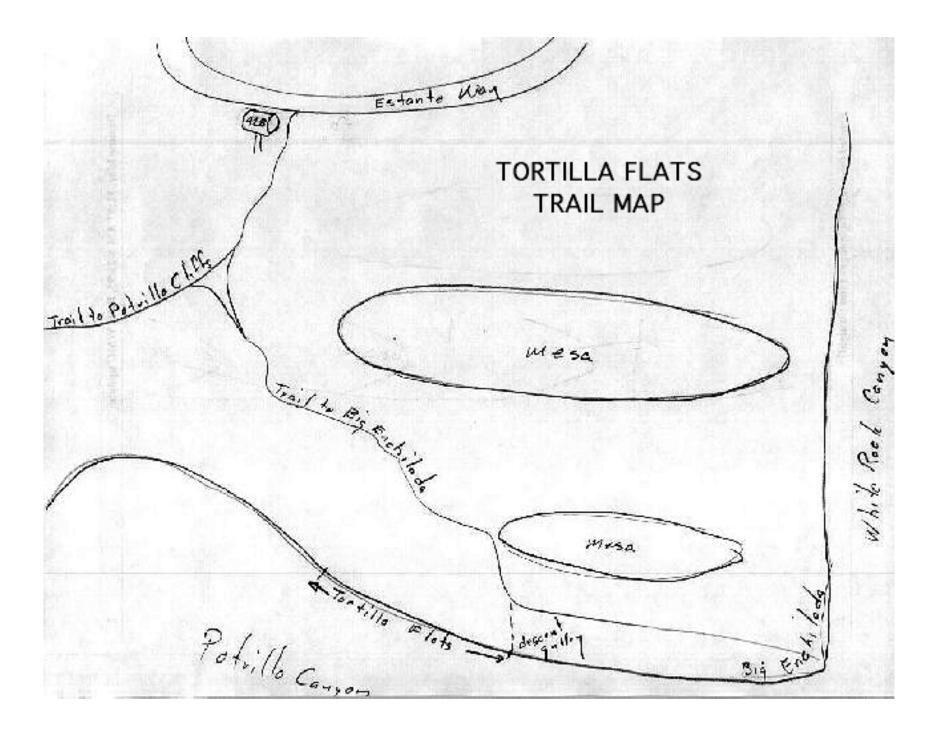
you go all the way to the end of the

short (40-50 ft) and have a ledge about halfway up. Most of the top rope sets provide two climbs, and in many cases, one is comparatively easy and coupled with a harder one. The area offers a wide variety of cracks, mantles, and more importantly, faces. The top rope sets generally use a length of static line back to a tree or to large rocks. The top also accommodates pro for sets. The actual cliffs run from southeast to northwest and are therefore in the shade until about 1 pm. They are hot on summer afternoons.

RATINGS: The ratings are based, as closely as possible, on the system used by Gary Clark at Potrillo.

NOTES: Tortilla Flats is not a good beginners' lead area. Also, be very careful to keep adequate distance from the FIRE HYDRANT, mail boxes, driveways, and the edge of the road, when parking. You must keep your tires off the road when you park. If you don't obey these rules, you may get a ticket. The local property owners demand legal enforcement. We are developing a bad reputation with them, which could haunt us for years to come.

The next page is a trail map to help you find the area, and the following page is a topo of cliff.



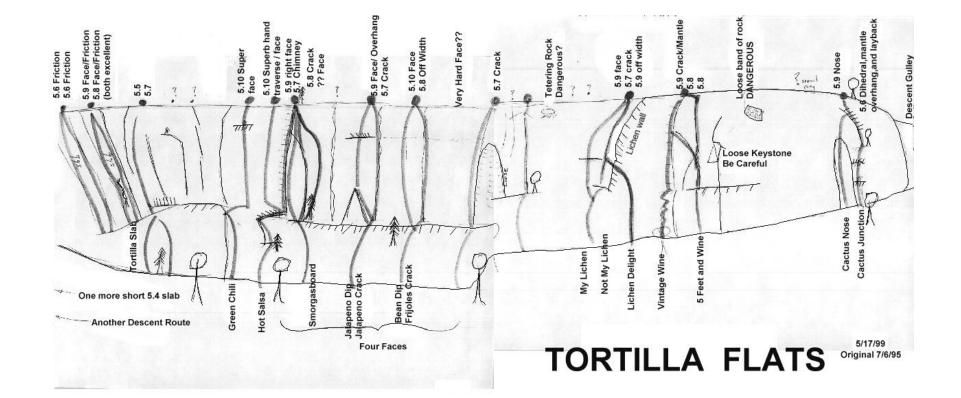
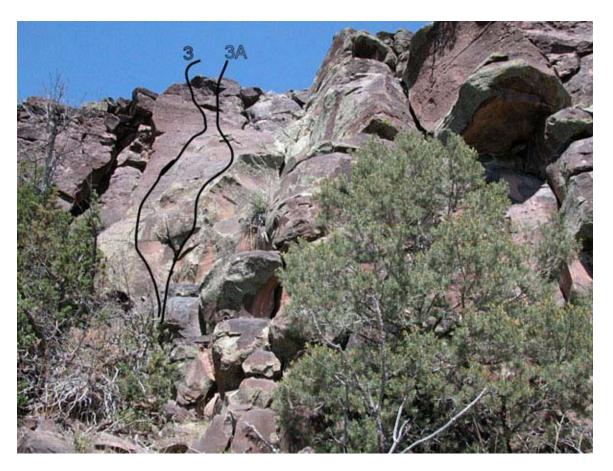
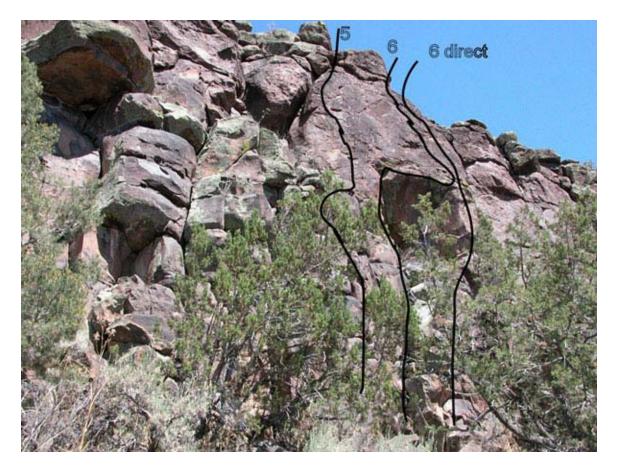


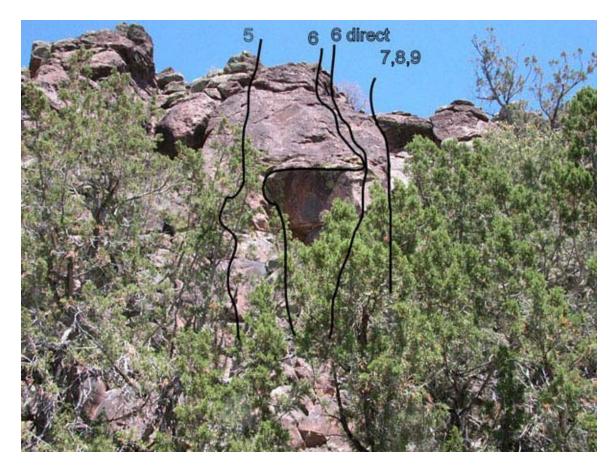
Photo Route Guide to Tortilla Flats Most Popular Routes



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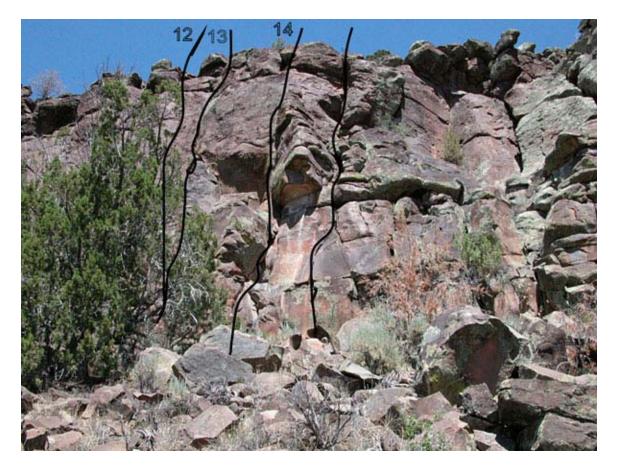


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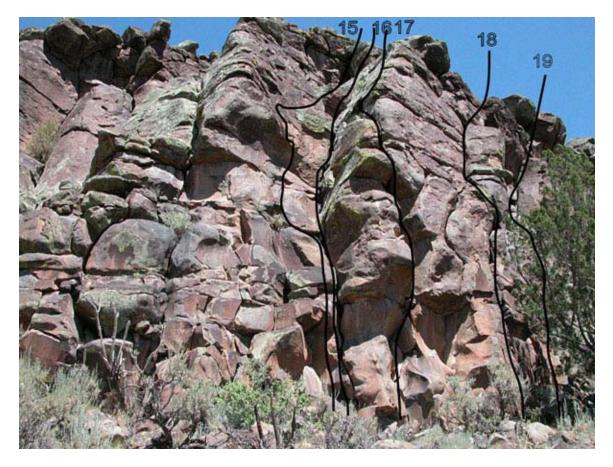
7), 8), 9) 5.7-5.9, Smorgasboard – wander around until you find a line you like.



- 9) 5.7- 5.9, Smorgasboard wander around until you find a line you like.
 10) 5.9, Jalapeno Dip.
 11) 5.7, Jalapeno Crack.
 12) 5.10, Bean Dip.
 13) 5.8, Frijoles Crack.



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 5.8, Frijoles Crack.
 Unnamed.



- 15) 5.9, My Lichen (the crack is 5.7, the left face is 5.9).16) 5.9, Not My Lichen.
- 17) 5.10, Lichen Delight (start to the right of 16) in an awkward off-width crack).
- 18) 5.9, Vintage Wine.19) 5.8, Five Feet and Wine.