

# Sheepshead Left

The left side of the Sheepshead has an aspect that faces roughly west-northwest. A number of fine multi-pitch routes occupy this face, with some scattered, shorter routes along the base. The sector starts from where the Barnyard tower breaks from the main curve of the dome, includes the "sheep's eye" and down to the right edge of the impressive roof forming the "sheep's mouth" at the base of the wall.

To reach these routes, follow the main approach trail left (counter-clockwise) along the base, and continue up into the gully that separates the Sheepshead from the Muttonhead.

## **7 Get the Flock Out of Here 5.10+ ★ ★**

Begin ~200' uphill from Ewephoria at another small clearing below a ramp leading up and left. The two prominent right facing corners on the first pitch help to identify the base of this route. Interesting and sustained sections of crack climbing of all sizes and techniques with multiple cruxes, makes this a worthwhile line. **Pro to 4"**

**P1**—Scramble up the left leaning ramp to where it steepens. Clip a bolt out right and climb up a clean right facing corner to a ledge with a large block. Continue up the next corner, then move left and up to the ledge with anchors. **5.10-, 4 bolts, pro to 3", 100'**

**P2**—Move right from the belay and follow the right of the two right leaning seams. Do not make the mistake of trending too far right and joining Ewephoria as this pitch climbs relatively straight up to a comfortable stance in a recessed bowl with anchors. **5.7+, 8 bolts, pro to 1½", 120'**

**P3**—Step up and right, continue up past an overhang to face climbing. Pass through a treed ledge (take care not to knock anything off) and up a second steep face to a second ledge/gully. Continue up and out the left side of this past two last bolts to anchors in a low angled recess. **5.10+, 11 bolts, pro to 1½", 140'**

**P4**—Climb up, then negotiate an easy but grainy slab. Move into the crack system and follow it to its end (from this location an escape can be made by walking off left and down to the main descent trail). Move up and right to the horizontal crack which becomes a roof, and traverse straight right under the roof and around the corner. At the end of the traverse step down to belay bolts. **5.10, 5 bolts, pro to 4", 140'**

**P5**—Engage the steep crack above and ascend it for 20'. Although the crack continues up, it dead ends at blank face, so an improbable traverse left out of the crack leads to a featured face. A rising, leftward trending line leads to the summit and anchors by a dike. **5.10+, 5 bolts, pro to 3½", 100'**

*SA, TB, AS, old parts from '87 – SA, SHa, SAm*

