

26 The Peacemaker 5.10- ★ ★ ★

One of the three most popular routes on the Sheepshead, with interesting climbing throughout its length. "The Peacemaker" was the brand name of one of Wyatt Earp's guns while he was the sheriff of Tombstone. This Colt 45 six-shooter, known for its "quality, reliability, and quick-draw reputation", made it legendary as "The Weapon That Won the West." Small clipping stances may challenge your ability to "draw fast" as well! Begin approximately 50' right of where the approach trail reaches the base of the dome. A flat, sandy area marks the start; a long section of slab in a brown water stain.

Pro to 2"

P1-Thin moves past the first bolt lead to a long stretch of edging. Higher up, the line joins the large right-facing dihedral out left. Continue up into the chimney, and stem up for 10' until a bolt out right draws the leader back out onto the face. A few final moves attain a small ledge, and anchor. **5.9, 11 bolts, pro to 2"**, 140'

P2-Step straight right, into a short, right-facing corner. Up this, then back left and

up face moves to a small overlap. Pass a bulge, then continue up to a good stance and anchors. **5.9, 8 bolts, pro to ½"**, 100'

Variation: At the end of P2 it is possible to branch off left for 2 pitches. Move left into the prominent brown water stain bearing a right facing corner and abundant chickenheads. Climb to short steep wall followed by recess and belay, 5.7. Continue on one of the two choices above: left crack 5.9+ recommended, right crack 5.7. Pro to 3". Finish on other route leaving this ledge.

P3-Ascend the right-leaning corner above, then continue up on steep face to easier climbing. A short, right-curving crack is encountered, with the belay stance just beyond and anchors. **5.8+, 13 bolts, pro to 1½"**, 160'

P4-Pass a strenuous overhang to a stance below a steep slab. Delicate moves on immaculate stone gain easier ground, which reaches another difficult section starting at bolt 8. It is recommended to climb this final section to the right of the bolt line, as the rock is more featured (and less grainy!) An excellent ledge is found above, with anchors. **5.10-, 11 bolts, 140'**

P5-Step up and left to thin face moves, then a small arch. Head left and up to a crucial nut placement,



Jenny Fisher on the 5th pitch of Peacemaker. She climbed the 1st pitch barefoot. YIKES!

then on to a bolt that protects moves up to the left side of a large pine tree. Scramble up and left passing one final bolt (more important for the follower than the leader), and on to a grassy ledge with anchors. **5.10-, 5 bolts, pro to 2"**, 110'

P6-There are two bolt lines above the anchors; take the left. Fun face climbing leads to a step left into a low angled corner. Continue up to a left-leaning seam, which is followed by a right-leaning crack. A comfortable ledge and anchors are found just above. **5.8+, 9 bolts, 1" cam, 160'**

P7-Move right into the obvious left-facing corner, and scramble up to where low-angled face climbing reaches flat ground and opportunities for natural belay anchors. **5.4, pro to 2"**, 30'

It is also possible to climb the last short section of pitch 7 of Stampede, as it is on the left end of the belay ledge. This choice is a one bolt, 5.6 finish.