

“New” Routes at Red Tail South/Upper Redtail

Raptored 5.10c (retrofit), 7 bolts. (2 bolts)

Gentle Caress 5.10c (retrofit), 8 bolts, originally graded 10b.

Raptor’s Rise 5.10c (new) 9-12 bolts. This new variation leaves Raptored after the 2nd bolt, and can be used to provide direct access to the Enraptured belay ledge (continue past the ledge and anchor via 3 clips).

Enraptured 11a (retrofit) Originally graded 10d, this stellar route on Upper Redtail Wall is now completely bolted. It has 14 bolts to drop-ins for lowering to the belay anchor. Access via Raptor’s Rise in 1 pitch. *Lowering climbers may want to unclip at least the chain draws above the roof (less drag) and should re-clip into the chain draws below the roof to deliver them safely back to the belay, and to prevent the rope falling onto climbers below. Descent is via rappel from this belay to the ground. Please DO NOT attempt to lower to the ground from the drop-ins at the top of Enraptured!*

Raptored, Raptor’s Rise, Gentle Caress, and Enraptured improvements were made possible by SCARS bolt and anchor replacement fund. They are located in the high demand Redtail South area, and are back after 25-30 years of little to no traffic. All but Raptor Rising (new variation by P. Street) were retrofitted with the explicit permission of Robin Barley. Bolts are painted black to honour Robin’s incredible contributions to Skaha over many years. The work was completed by Paul Street in November 2023. This concludes Phase 1 of the work in this zone. Watch for more in 2024.