

## Deer's Leap - Vermont

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### 4. The Bulge aka Flying Ground Hog \*\*\*



**Difficulty:** 5.10c

**Protection:** PG13

**Description:** Climb about six feet out onto the finger traverse on THE MONKEY. Head straight up through overhang on thin quartz holds until eventually joining THE MONKEY again on the upper part.

There are only 2 good stopper placements on this route. To miss either one of them would increase 'pucker factor' by at least 10! Long considered a top rope, Wild Woman head pointed the route and declared it safer than its reputation.

The FLYING GROUND HOG is in honor of the kamikazi ground hog that jumped off the cliff while Isa worked the route. The little bugger landed at the base of CENTER CRACK in front of an astounded party (Jeff & Kevin) who shook himself off and ran away. Considered one of the best hard leads at the Leap.

**First Free Ascent:** Isa Oehry and Nick Goldsmith, 5-25-2002



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