



NORWAY, SENJA ISLAND

Hesten North: Blazing Saddles

RATING/DIFFICULTY:

- » AI4, 6 pitches, 300m to the summit of Hesten North, 725m.

LOCATION/ACCESS:

- » Approach 1: From the parking at the Skaland tunnel (North entrance) approach along the Botnvatnet lake (161m), traverse the central gully to the start of the route at about 400m above sea level (1,5 hours).
- » Approach 2: From the parking at the Bergsfjorden viewpoint (100m) walk down the road till you have crossed the river. Leave the road and approach up the steep slope in 1 hour.

DECENT:

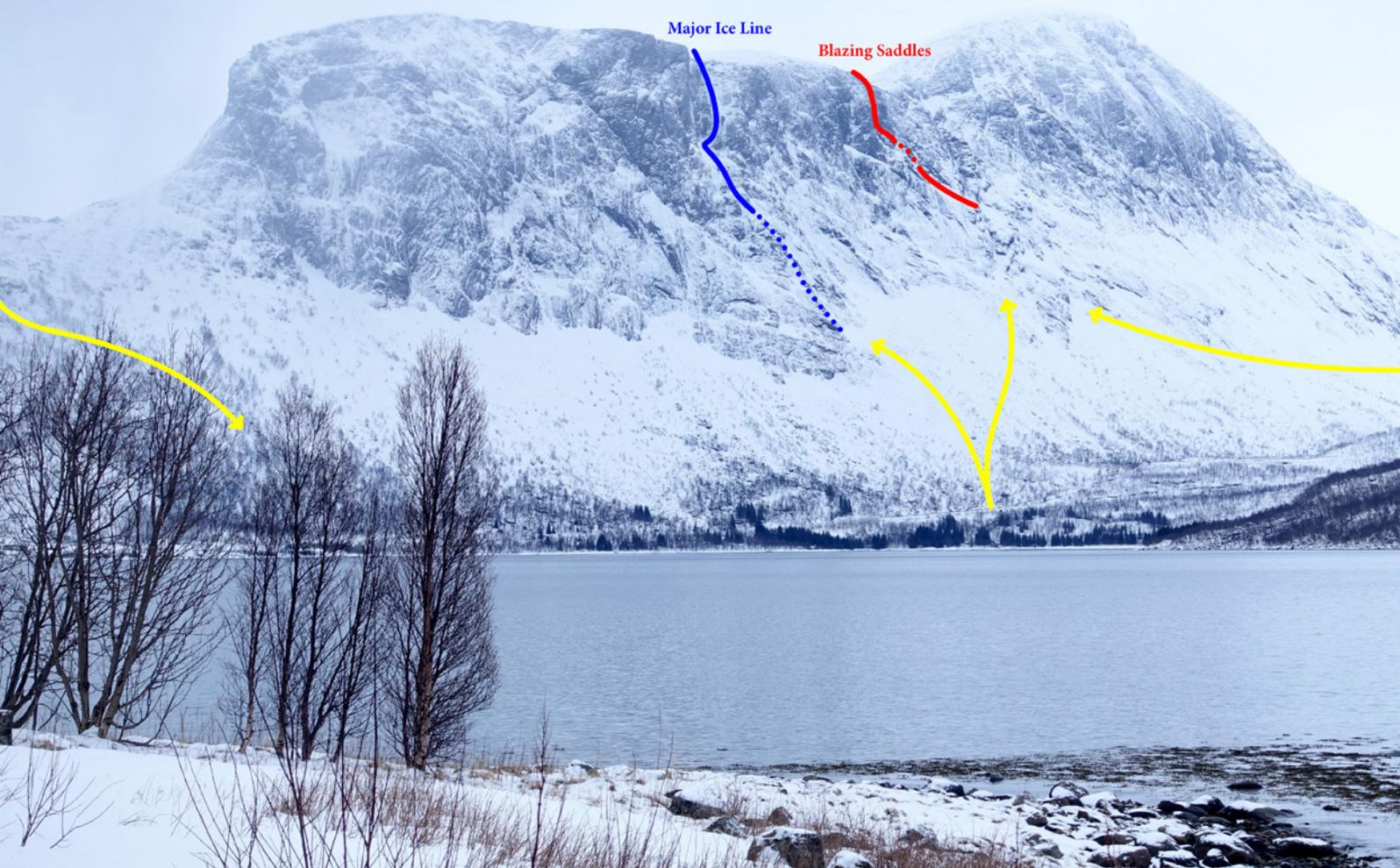
- » Once you've reached the saddle between Hesten North and Hesten South, turn left (North) towards the northern summit (725m), then turn East and follow the slope down to the Store Hestvatnet lake (360m). Cross the lake until you reach the power lines. Follow the power lines westwards down the hill and back onto the road (1,5 hours).

NOTE:

- » Nice gully line in a beautiful setting. We left one Bulldog in place at the end of pitch 5, where the gully widens. Beware of the avalanche situation for approach and decent!

FIRST ASCENT:

- » Micha Rinn (Germany) and Simon Richardson (Scotland), 26 February 2019.



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OVERALL VIEW:

- » The line “Blazing Saddles” is situated right of major ice line (WI4+, 9 pitches, 400m), which cuts through the center of the West Face of Hesten North. There are two options to approach the line. “Blazing Saddles” is best seen from Botnvatnet lake.