

Dark Tower 5.8 at Monster Area/ Mount Rushmore

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Dark tower is an excellent mixed route that received four stars in the new guidebook. This has led to a large increase in traffic on the route and a hardware upgrade was in order. We pulled and patched the old hardware on the route and replaced it with top of the line BHCC stainless hardware.

**Previous bolts on the route:**

1<sup>st</sup> bolt: ¼ inch self drill homemade angle iron hanger

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt: 3/8 plated wedge bolt with stainless kong hangers (rusty washers)

4<sup>th</sup> bolt: ¼ inch self drill homemade angle iron hanger

5<sup>th</sup> bolt: ¼ inch self drill homemade angle iron hanger

**BHCC hardware installed:**

Fixe Triplex Bolt (x5)

Petzl Coeur Hanger (x5)

**Previous Anchor**

2x ¼ inch self drill homemade angle iron hanger

Twisted non stainless chain

1 non stainless Lap link

1 sewn webbing loop

1 tied webbing loop

**BHCC anchor installed**

Fixe Triplex Bolt (x2)

Petzl Coeur Hanger (x1)

Fixe Top Hanger (X1)

8mm stainless quick link (x3)

8mm stainless quick link (x5....4 on anchor plus 1 for cutting)