

CLIMBING AREAS

To reach Skaha from Penticton, follow South Main Street/Lakeside Road south out of town. At Smythe Drive, turn left and head uphill past Painted Rock Winery to the gated access road, which weaves uphill to the parking lots.

- **Fortress to Red Tail Area** – The most popular area in Skaha. Close to the parking with many routes in the 5.7–5.11 range.
- **Doctors' Area** – Variety in all grades on crags centred around Doctors' Wall, an awesome cliff with overhanging 5.12–5.13 routes.
- **Foreplay Area** – Seldom visited area in the north. Foreplay and Kids' Cliff have quality 5.9–5.12 sport. Good cracks at Chatsworth.
- **Wave Area** – Close to the parking. Day-care has great novice climbs and The Wave has very steep, gym-like 5.12 sport climbs.
- **Great White Area** – Great White Wall has some of Skaha's best, long 5.11–5.13 sport climbs. Little White Wall has fingery 5.11–5.12s. Good novice routes at Go Anywhere.
- **Diamondback Area** – Close to the parking. Diamondback has many popular 5.10–5.11s. Raven's Castle has underappreciated 5.12–5.13 sport routes.
- **Morning Glory Area** – Home to excellent moderates at Grassy Glades, gymnastic 5.11s at The Euphorium and fingery 5.11–5.12 testpieces at Morning Glory Wall.
- **Claim-It-All Area** – 5.10 heaven. Remote.
- **Grand Canyon** – The best overhanging and physical 5.12–5.13 climbing in Skaha. Excellent 5.10–5.11 on The Terraces.
- **Gillies Creek** – Seldom visited, but high-quality crags spread across the Gillies Creek drainage. Lots of options from 5.9 to 5.12.



1. Skaha Bluffs entrance gate on Smythe Drive with Painted Rock Winery on right. This gate is closed at dusk every day.



2. Lower parking lot trailhead for Fortress to Red Tail Area, Doctors' Area and Foreplay Area, if not approaching from the north.



3. Trailhead for Wave Area, Great White Area, Morning Glory Area and Claim-It-All Area. Located between the two parking lots.



4. Upper parking lot trailhead for Diamondback Area, Grand Canyon and northern section of Gillies Creek.

