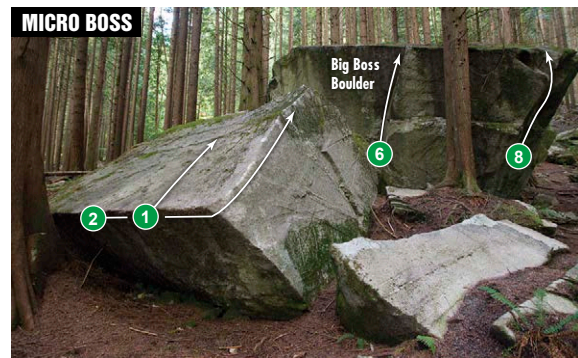
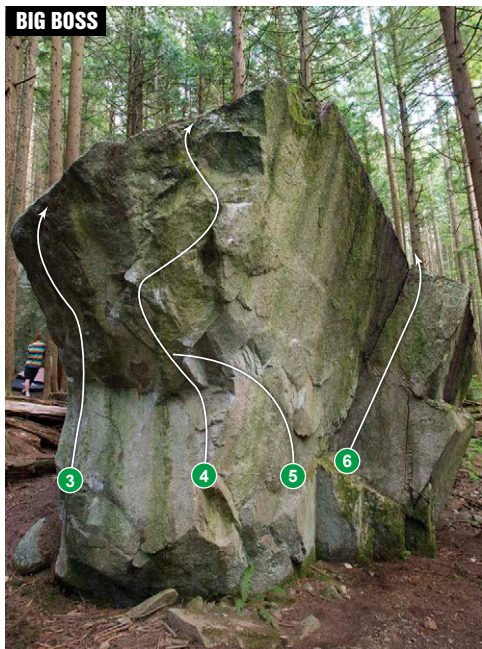
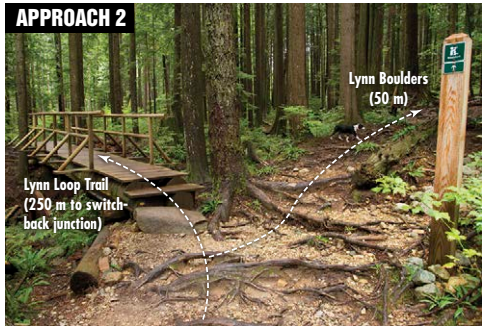
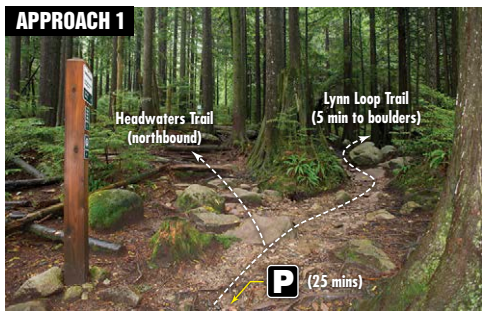
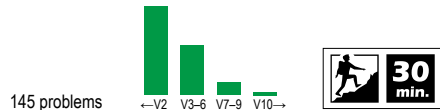


THE LYNN BOULDERS

The Lynn Boulders are a unique cluster of granite blocks sitting virtually undetectable at the north end of the Lynn Loop trail. If it weren't for a signpost indicating them as a point-of-interest, we might never know they existed. Recently, this zone has enjoyed a feverish wave of development. There are now more than 140 Squamish-style problems and the area has blossomed into what is arguably the best bouldering on the North Shore.

**Conditions:** The Lynn Boulders are forested and stay remarkably cool, even in the heat of summer. As such, they take 3–5 days of warm weather to fully dry (the road leading into the park is a fairly reliable "moisture-meter"). When it's humid, mosquito swarms may drive you into a sickening psychosis. Note that cellular service is unreliable to non-existent once you enter the park.

**Approach:** From the main parking lot in Lynn Headwaters Park, walk through the picnic area and across the Lynn Creek bridge to a large information kiosk. Turn left and head up the gravel service road (Cedar Mills Trail) that runs alongside Lynn Creek for about two kilometres, and then turn right at a signpost for the Lynn Loop and Headwaters Trail (20 minutes). Crank up steep switchbacks for 10 sweaty minutes to a junction with Headwaters Trail at the top (Approach 1 photo). Turn right and head south on Lynn Loop for about 150 metres watching for a signpost on your left pointing to "Boulders" (Approach 2 photo). Follow the rough trail uphill for one minute to the obvious Boss Boulders (30 minutes). Public transit is via Bus 210, 227 or 228.



Lower Lynn Boulders

The climbs in this area run the gamut from slabby to steep. Expect filtered afternoon sun.

**The Boss Boulders** – This is the first group of big boulders you encounter just one minute up from the Lynn Loop trail. Most of the problems are excellent and there are several classic highballs. The first block encountered is *Micro-management*, with the imposing *Boss* directly behind.

**1 Chickenhead Mantel V2 ★**  
 Your basic mantel problem. Short; harder than it looks.  
 FA Unknown.

**2 Micro-Boss Traverse V1 ★**  
 Start seated by the tree. Traverse the rail from left to right, around the 90-degree corner and up to the boulder's end.  
 FA Unknown.

**3 Prow Left V6 ★★**  
 The north end of The Boss is a huge tanker prow with two prominent arêtes. *Prow Left* ascends the left arête and utilizes a sneaky heel-toe cam.  
 FA Will Stanhope, 2012.

**4 Prow Right V7 TOP 50**  
 Climb the right side of the ship's prow using a series of slopy undercling pinches and funky footwork.  
 FA Chris Hecimovic, 1997.

**5 Prow Right Extension V9 ★★★**  
 In the middle of the west side of The Boss is a tall blank face. Start this problem at the bottom with both hands on a flat shelf. Move up to a flat sidepull then left to a tiny crimp. From here, merge with *Prow Right* and gun for the summit.  
 FA Tim Catcher, 2013.

**6 The Boss' Crack V1 ★**  
 The obvious corner crack that leads to the top of The Boss provides the easiest way up. It's also the best descent.  
 FA Unknown.

**7 Full Swami V5 ★★★**  
 This is the longest problem in the Lynn Boulders. Start seated at a small, prominent horn to the right of *The Boss' Crack*. Crank up to the huge ledge, then traverse right, around the corner, through *Grand Grimoire* and finish as for *Swami of the Creek*.  
 FA Tim Catcher, 2013.

