

Cypress Mountain Bouldering

Introduction

The last few years have seen a resurgence of bouldering development in Cypress Mountain. This guide attempts to consolidate those climbs into one live document and share the information with other climbers so that the area sees more traffic.

Updates

This PDF was last modified on 15 January 2023. A live Google Doc with new problems and updates can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVPCO0hwodLamRclALx9rGmZdjwoQKT3SoGKfKNmsQI/edit>

First Ascents

I have tried to credit the first ascensionist wherever possible. Sometimes they are marked as unknown or FKA (first known ascent) where it is unclear who has climbed it first. Please send any corrections or new FA's to the contact email below.

Projects

Bouldering routes that have not been climbed yet are noted as a (project). Feel free to give it a shot and let me know if you think you've made the first ascent. Please avoid climbing the bouldering routes noted as (closed projects) as they are either not safe to climb yet or are soon to be climbed by the person who put in the time to clean the boulder.

Grading

This guide uses the V-Scale for climbing grades. Climbing grades are highly subjective but are generally determined by the first ascensionist or by general consensus.

Rating

The quality of a climb can be even more subjective than the grade. Bouldering routes in this guide follow the Vancouver Rock Climbing Guide Book's 3-star rating system. Routes are marked with asterix * beside their names to indicate the star rating.

Contact Info

Do you have questions, comments, corrections, new boulders, etc?
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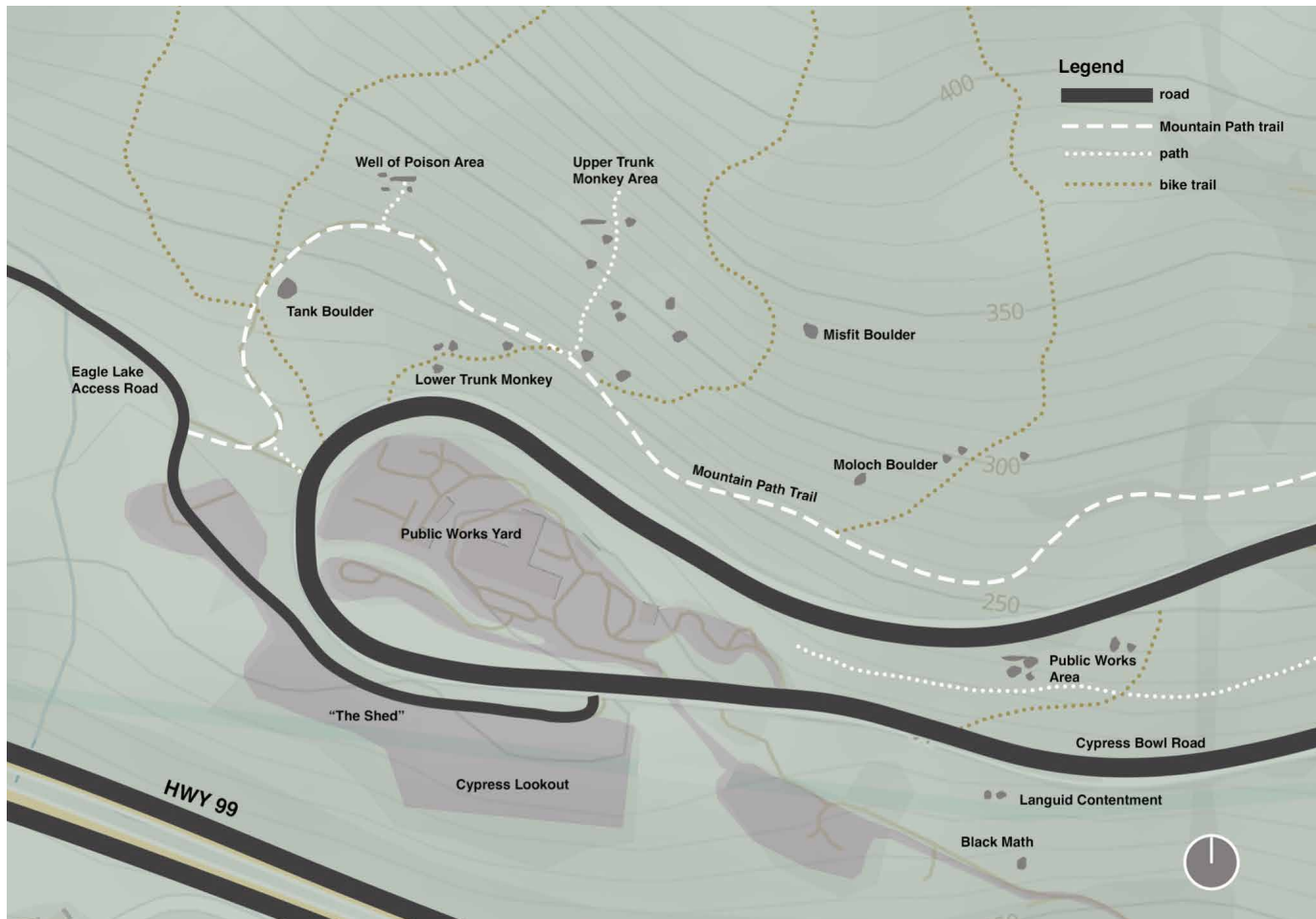


Warren climbing "Fish Tank"



Tianna cleaning a new problem beside "Current of Life"

Overview Map

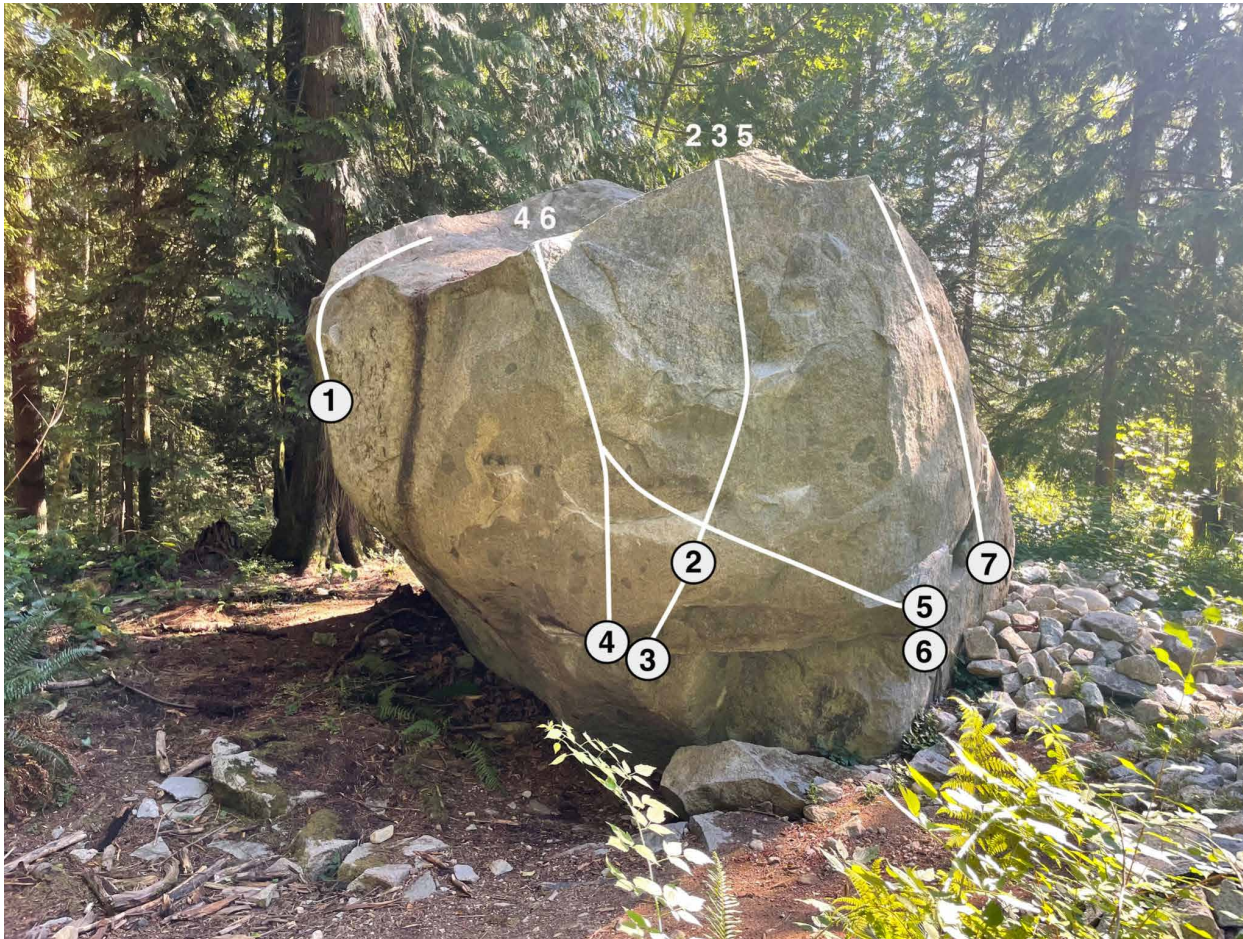


Top 10 boulder problems

- **Easter Island V1** (public works area)
- **The Grid V1** (upper trunk monkey area)
- **Well of Poison V3** (well of poison area)
- **Surface Detail V3/4** (upper trunk monkey area)
- **Black Math V4** (the talus)
- **Tank Top V4/5** (tank boulder)
- **Shark Tank V5** (tank boulder)
- **The Rusty Barbeque V5** (public works area)
- **Thumb Catcher V6** (public works area)
- **Explosive Gas V7** (tank boulder)

The Tank boulder

Just a few minutes from the parking lot lies a conspicuous freestanding boulder that currently hosts 9 established pathways to the top. A large propane tank, which has since been removed, used to block off this fantastic boulder from being developed.



1 Paludarium V2

Just to the left of Explosive Gas, reach high above your head (short people may have to jump) to a leftward leaning edge. Pull off the ground and mantle it out.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

2 Fish Tank V3 **

Start on the right side of the large rail and climb straight up.

FA Jordan Konyk, 2021.

3 Shark Tank V5 ***

Sit start into Fish Tank.

FA Jason Morden, 2021.

4 Explosive Gas V7 ***

Start seated as for Shark Tank but continue straight up after making the first move, avoiding the sloping dish used as the second hold on Fish Tank. One of the best climbs in Godman Creek.

FA Jason Morden, 2021.

5 Propane, Propane V4 * *

Start right on obvious blocky holds and move left into “Fish Tank” with a fun heel/toe hook.

FA Cole Barber, 2022.

6 Give'r Diesel V7 * *

Start right as for “Propane, Propane” and traverse into the upper crux move of “Explosive Gas”

FA Cole Barber, 2022.

7 Lanky Horvath (AKA Horvath's Huge Huck) V3 *

This route is located just left of the pile of loose rocks as you walk up to the boulder. Start very low on the obvious holds by the small in-cut ledge. Huck to either the left side pull or right crimp and top it out. Very much a tall person boulder.



8 Aquarium V2 * *

The big lip traverse on the Tank boulder. Start with opposing side pulls near the rock pile, then traverse right along the lip to the peak of the boulder.

FA Jason Morden, 2021.

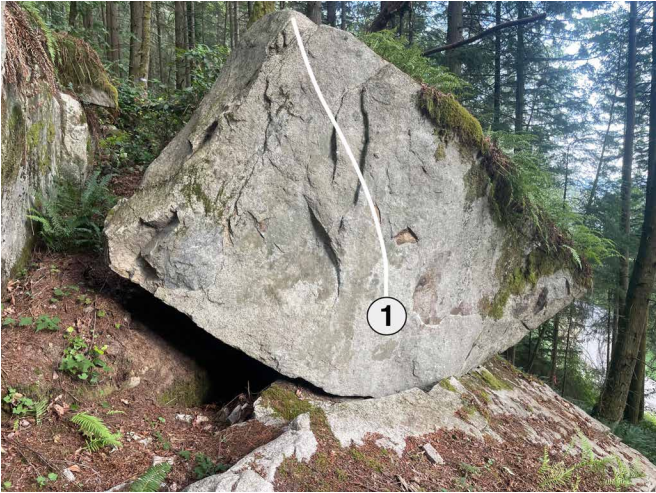
9 Tank Top V4/5 * * *

This problem is located on the southwest face. Start matched on a horizontal crimp, feet pasted lower right, avoiding the detached block at the base to the left, and move up slopers and crimps. Fantastic!

FA Jordan Konyk, 2021.

Well of Poison Area

This small cluster of boulders was established by Jason Morden and friends in 2020. To reach this area from the Tank boulder continue northwest along the Mountain Path Trail for a couple of minutes. A faint trail marked by a cairn leads northward up the hill to a patch of boulders visible through the forest.



1 Well of Poison V3 * * *

Start seated with a left hand side pull and right hand on a solid but hollow sounding rail.

FA Jason Morden, 2020.

2 Mutual Mastication V3 *

Start matched on a side pull undercling. Fire to the right arete then slap your way to the top.

FA Nathaniel Saindon, 2020.



3 Price Slumpus V5 *

Start standing with your left hand on a hidden side pull and your right hand on an opposing crimp higher on the face. Climb up crimps to the rail, then top out.

FA Jason Morden, 2020.

4 Hzy Pal AI V0

Start with a large incut on the right arete. Climb up the arete and a few face holds to the top.

FA Jordan Konyk, 2020.

5 Sharpened Spoon V0 *

Start sitting on nice incuts to the right of Hzy Pal AI. Follow the pleasant ramp to the top.

FA Jason Morden, 2020.

6 Sharpened Spoon Traverse V0 *

Make the first move or 2 on Sharpened Spoon, then traverse right through a nice sloper and up.

FA Jason Morden, 2020.

7 Tabaxi Taxi V4 *

Start matched on the left-facing sloper to the right of Sharpened Spoon. Grab a few crimps before getting to the jugs below the lip.

FA Jason Morden, 2020.



8 Coup De Grace V4/5 **

This unique problem starts with a left hand on the arete and right on a low incut side pull. Finger jam and layback the thin crack towards an engaging top out. The grade needs consensus.

FKA Noah Jarvis 2022

9 Banana Phone V3 **

Start at the obvious hole at the base of the crack. Neat climbing to a satisfying jug top out.

FA Nathaniel Saindon, 2021.



10 Dial Tone V4 *

Start seated with your left hand on an incut sidepull and your right hand on an even better incut sidepull. Fun compression moves lead up and over the bulging lip.

FA Unknown

11 London Electricity V4 **

Start seated with a crimping pinch for your left hand and your right hand in the crack. Squeeze your way up.

FA Unknown

12 Culture Shock V3 **

Start seated with a hand in each of the parallel cracks. Slap, squeeze, lock and jam to the top.

FA Unknown

Trunk Monkey Boulders

To access the Trunk Monkey Boulders, travel west along the Mountain Path Trail for about 100 meters past the Well of Poison area until you see the Peanut Boulder. About 10 meters to the left of the Peanut Boulder is a ramp that leads to a faint trail up the hill. This area is still being developed and therefore the trail is currently quite rough and boulders are chossy (proceed with caution). This area is named after the Trunk Monkey Mountain Bike Trail that runs through the east side of the site.

Peanut Boulder

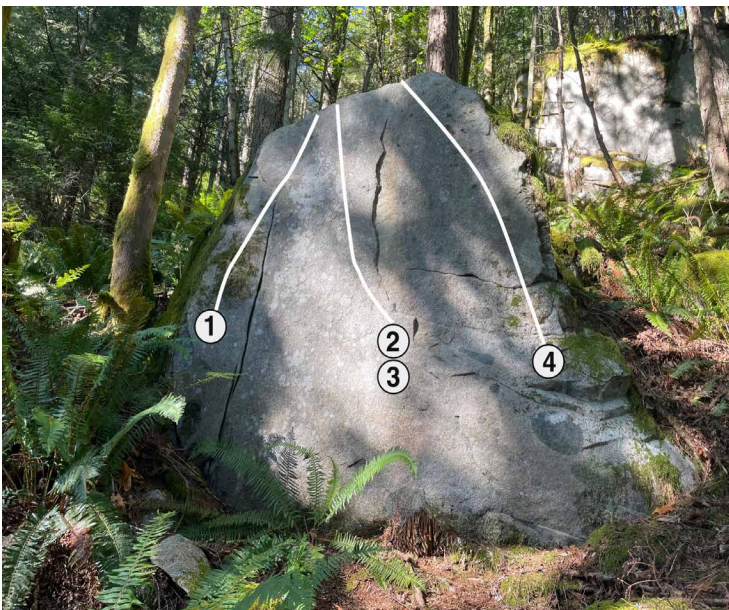


1 Mr Peanut V1 *

There are many ways to climb this thing but the most obvious line starts with hands matched in the low horizontal crack. Head straight up the face. Good warm up.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Tombstone Boulder



1 Tombstone Left V0-

Climb the left side of the boulder. A sit start is slightly more difficult if you're into that kind of thing.

FA Unknown, 2022.

2 Tombstone Centre V3 **

Start matched on the lowest diagonal edge in the middle of the face. Climb up the centre of the boulder using the thin crack and good edges. The grade might feel soft if you're tall.

FA Unknown, 2022.

3 Hand Sanitizer V4 **

Start the same as Tombstone Centre. Climb up the center of the face without using the crack. A fun eliminate.

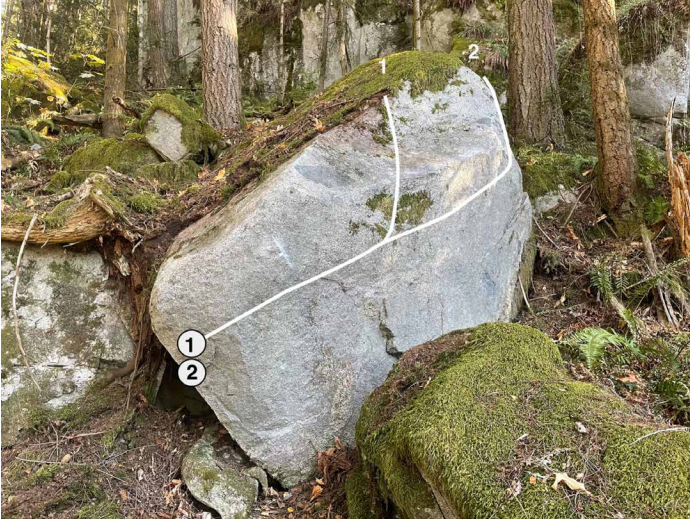
FKA Warren Nicholls and Noah Jarvis, 2022.

4 Tombstone Right V0 *

Start on the right side of the boulder.

FA Unknown, 2022.

Heelflip Boulder



1 Inward Heelflip V3/4 **

Start with your right hand on a good sidepull and left hand on a lower crimp sidepull around the bulge. Slap your way onto the rail and mantel above.

FKA Noah Jarvis

2 Heelflip Traverse V5 **

Start as for Inward Heelflip but continue along the rail, topping out at the far right side of the boulder.

FKA Noah Jarvis

Hot Cameron



1 Hot Cameron V0+

Start low on the right side and traverse leftward along the arete. A low mantel start seems possible and would significantly increase the grade. Good warm up.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

The Fish Mouth



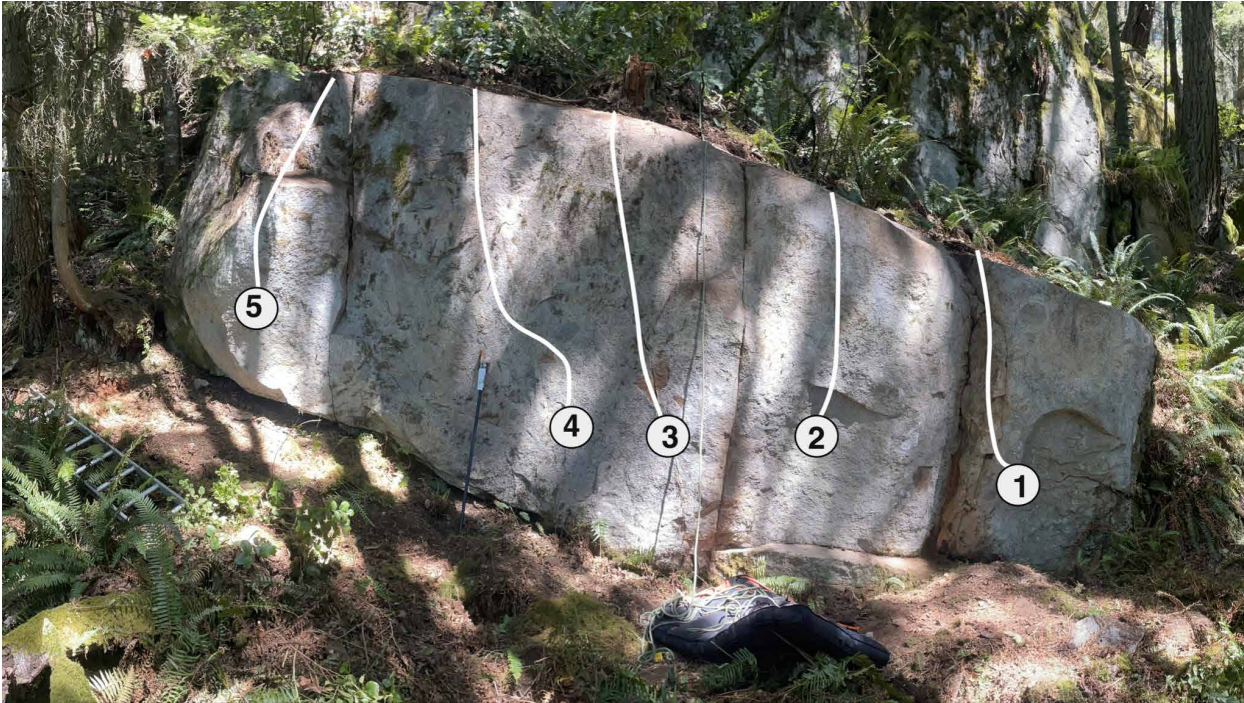
1 The Fish Mouth V0

Start crouched in the fish's mouth. Grab the fish by the gilles and climb out and up.

FA unknown

Surface Detail

Keep following the trail uphill through the ferns and you'll reach the first of a few tiered boulders.



1 Cellular Automata V0+ *

Start sitting at the right side of the tier with two opposing sloper sidepulls. Climb up the dihedral crack.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 Black Pistol Fire (open project)

Stand on the ledge with both hands on the large undercling. Gain a high right foot and then pistol squat and fire for the lip.

3 Optical Photoconductor V2 *

Start standing, crimping the thin crack with your right hand and a small crimp for your left. Reach up to a jug and gracefully mantel over the lip.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

4 Surface Detail V3/4 * * *

Start standing with crimps for each hand. Reach up to a small crimp edge for your right hand and then lean over to a left gaston. Finish by mantling over the slopey lip. Awesome technical face climb.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

5 Fractal Forest V1 *

Start by bear-hugging the chunky block at the left side of the tier. Wrestle your way to a sinker jug.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

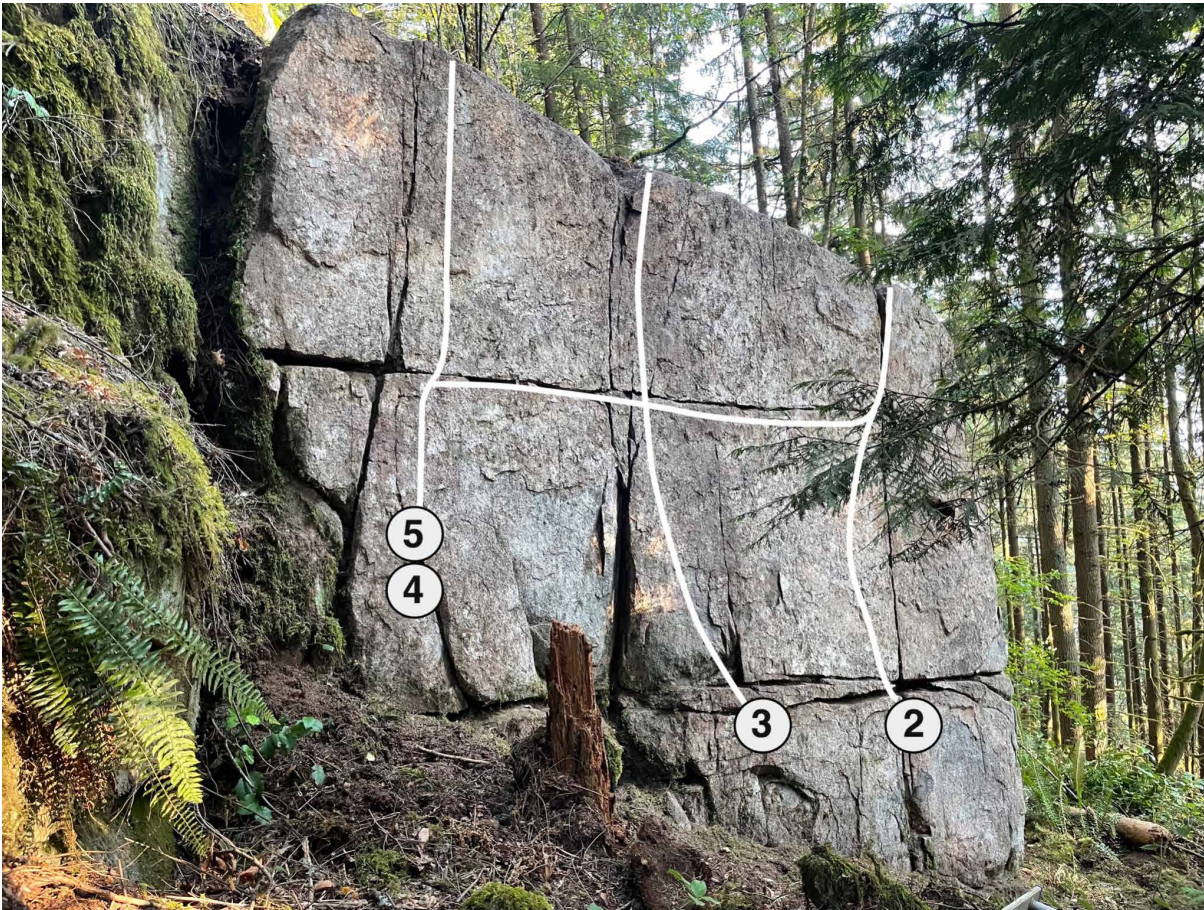
6 Pruitt Igoe V0

Description TBD

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

The Grid

Just above the Surface Detail wall is another small tier with a handful of routes on thin cracks and edges.



1 Current of Life V3 *

Start matched on a sloper jug on the face about a meter off the ground and a meter right of the arete. Use crimps to make a big move to a slopy ledge and then exit up and left. The first ascensionist used the jug hold at the top of The Grid. A much harder version would avoid the jug at the top of The Grid and instead mantel directly up.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 The Grid V1 * * *

Start matched on the horizontal crack then climb up the thin vertical crack.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

3 Labour of love V1 *

Start standing matched on the horizontal ledge to the left of The Grid. Climb up the thin finger crack.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

4 Mondrian V1

Start standing on the ledge with hands matched in the horizontal crack. Avoid the left arete for the full V-point.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

5 The Grid Traverse V1 *

Start the same as Mondrian. Traverse the horizontal crack then finish up via The Grid.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Radithor

Radithor is located about 50m east of Surface Detail. Cleaning in progress. This thing is tall, chossy and dangerous - approach with caution. Please email Noah if you've got the means to put a bolt on the top.



1 Nuclear Fission (closed project)

Start matched on the obvious flat ledge. Traverse to the right.

2 Radithor (closed project)

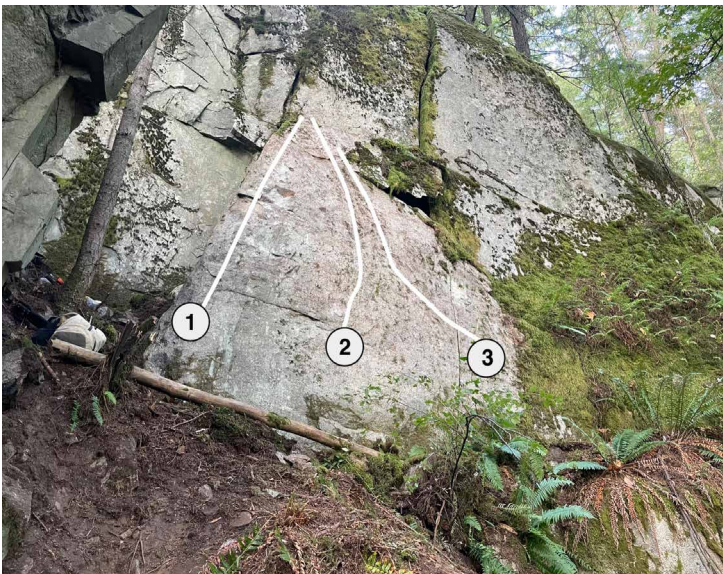
Start matched on the same obvious flat ledge for Nuclear Fission but climb straight up the blocky arete.

3 Stairway to Shaolin (closed project)

Climb the blocky arete to the left of Radithor.

Death Boulder

The death boulder is located a few meters west of Radithor. The boulder is named after a rock that was pulled off the top of the boulder and nearly killed the first ascensionist.



1 Destroyer of Worlds V1 *

Start standing with a side pull edge for your left hand and a horizontal crimp for your right. Slap up the arete with your left hand while using face holds for your right. Down climb the left side of the boulder.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022

2 Death From Above V5 *

Start to the right of Destroyer of Worlds on face crimps. Crimp your way up the face and finish with a big move to the sloping lip. Using the left arete lowers the grade.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022

3 I Am Become Death (open project)

Start on the far right side of the boulder and traverse midway into death from above. Poor landing; be careful!

Miscellaneous

Below are a few images of boulders that have been recently cleaned and climbed by Rich Wheeler, Noah Jarvis and others. Route descriptions TBD spring 2023.



Misfit boulder

Head east along the Mountain Path Trail, past the peanut boulder until you reach the Trunk Monkey Mountain Bike Trail. Access this lone boulder by hiking up the mountain bike trail for about 5 minutes and you'll see it on the right.



1 Hybrid Moments V2 *

Start on the downhill side of the boulder just right of the tree. Climb up the slabby arete to an engaging top out.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 The Misfit (open project)

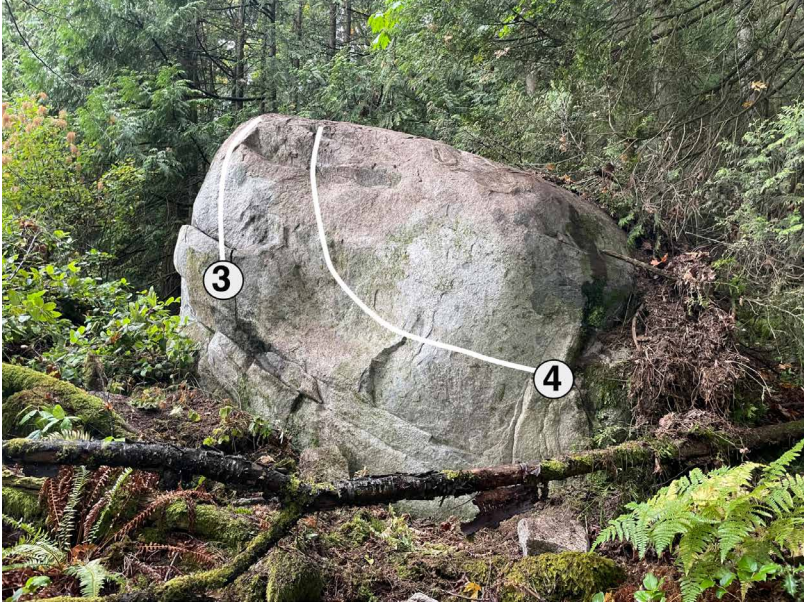
Description TBD

3 Danzig (open project)

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Moloch Boulder

The approach to this boulder is arduous and quite frankly the climbing isn't great. There are a few other boulders not listed in this guide that are near Moloch - I might build a trail and scrub the rest eventually...



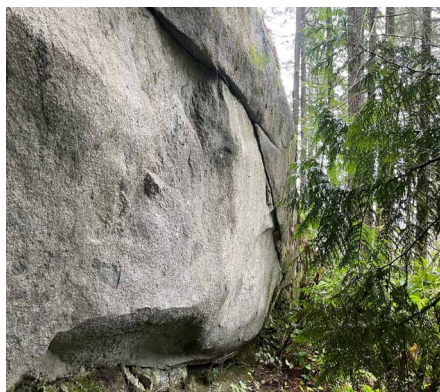
1 Moloch Slab Problem (open project)
Climb the slab on the backside of the boulder.

2 Moloch V0+
Start standing matched on a horizontal edge around head height. The blocky ledge to the right is out.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

3 Koyaanisqatsi V0 *
Start matched on the blocky ledge to the right of Moloch.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

4 Baraka V2 *
Start right on the far right side of the boulder, traverse left then mantle straight up, to the right of Koyaanisqatsi.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

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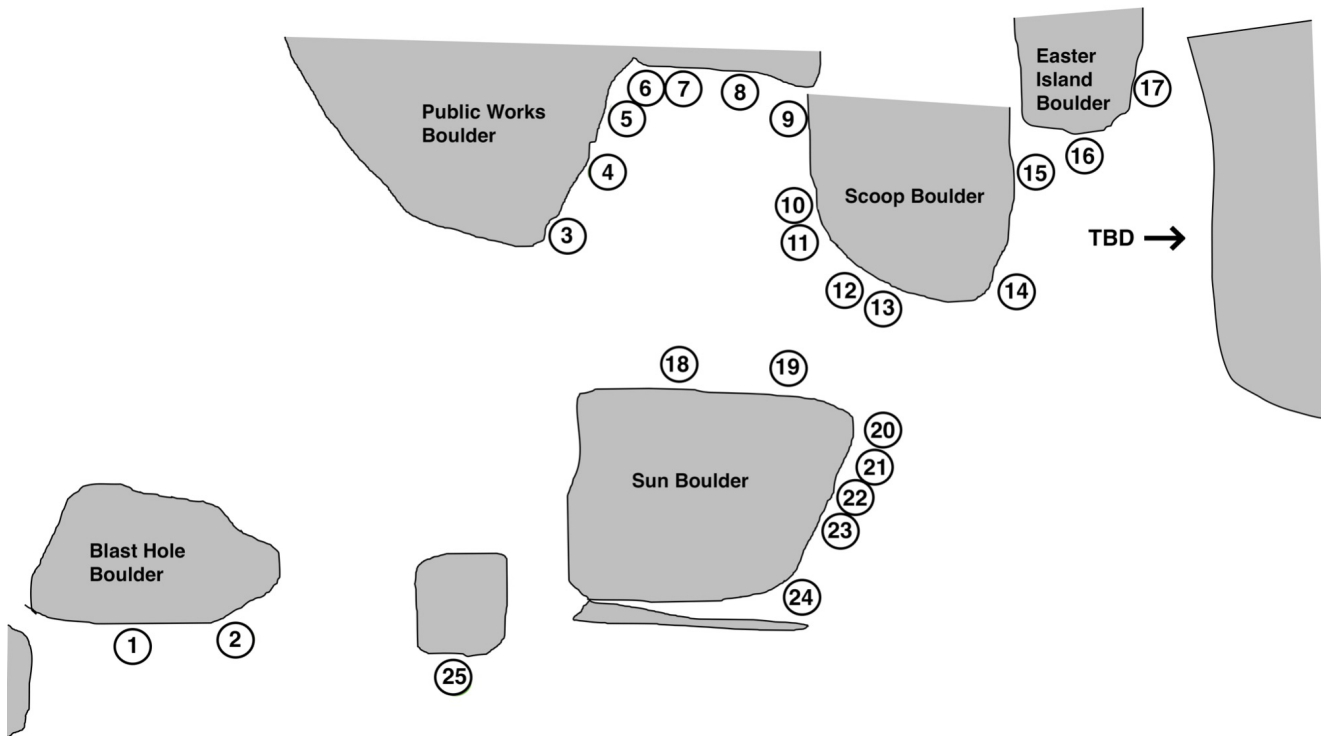


Public Works Area

Originally developed by Trent Hoover over a decade ago, the Public Works boulders offer a collection of quality problems on mostly immaculate stone. These boulders are unique for Godman Creek and well worth the short approach. Shout out to Forrest for retro-scrubbing this area and putting up fantastic new lines.

To access this area walk east from the main parking lot along Cypress Bowl Road past the Public Works Yard until it's possible to turn north up a mountain bike trail. Head up the hill a couple minutes until you reach an intersection with another trail running east/west. Turn left (west) to access the main area or go straight up the hill to access the Rusty Barbeque area.

Overview Map of Main Area



1 Blast off (open project)

Start with a crimp for each hand and a drill hole for your foot. Located just to the left of Blasted. Hard!

2 Blasted V1 *

Sit start this short problem with two hands on the big flat hold and move to the lip. Scrunchy.

FA Trent Hoover

3 Emergency Alert V2*

Start with two hands on the blunt arete, following the arete until it merges with Inspection Standards and top out.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

4 Inspection Standards V2 *

Follow the seam to the lip.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

5 Pothole V2 *

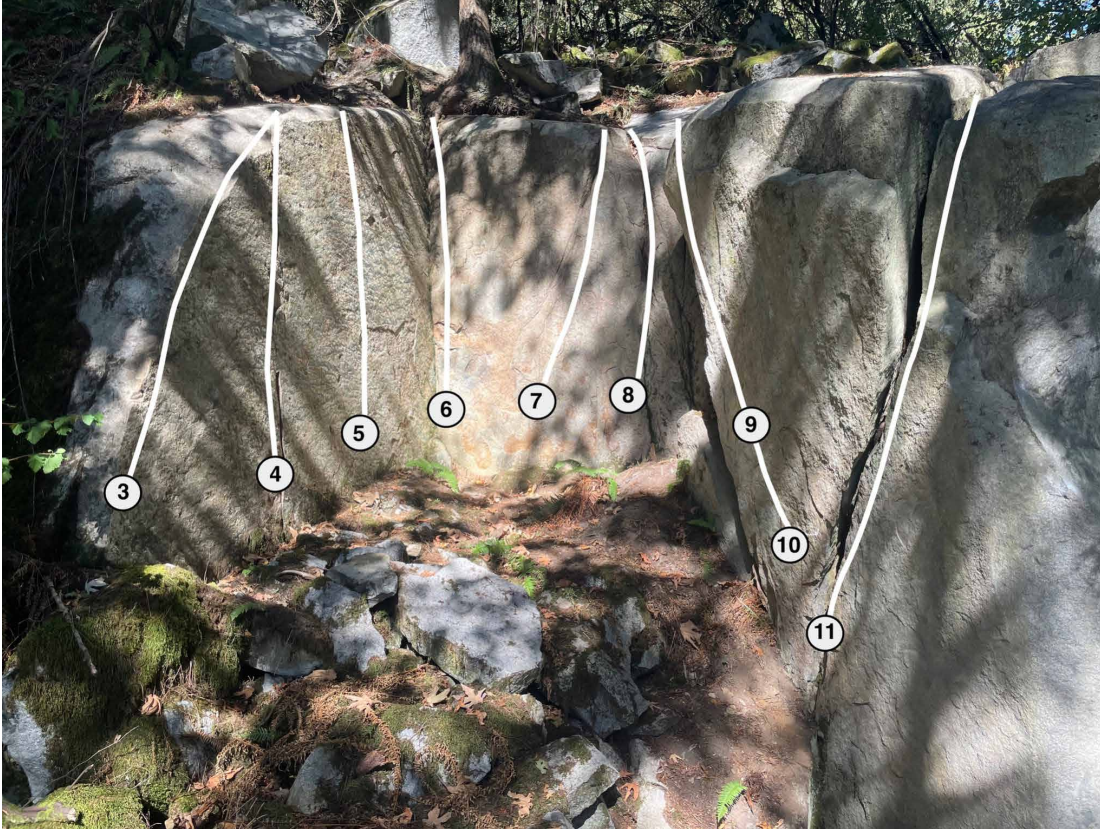
Sit start on the lowest flake. Move up through the insecure pothole-like grips and make a big reach for the lip. The rock quality is suspect - proceed with caution.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

6 Waste Water V1 *

Stem, lie back, or jam this 90-degree corner crack.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.



7 Active Transportation V4 *

Follow the thin seam just to the left of Sidewalk. Avoid using the crack for full value.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

8 Sidewalk V1/2 * *

Walk your way up the layback crack.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

9 Mini Wheats V2 *

Start on the low ledge and move up on good holds. Avoid dabbing the big block at the base.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

10 Wheat V5 *

Start as for Antivenom, but move right into the start of Mini Wheats. A fun alternative called Standard Wheat starts on Wheat and traverses left around the wall into Inspection Standards.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

11 Anti-Venom V2 **

Exciting jams lead to a juggy top out.

FA Trent Hoover

12 Half Scoop V5 *

Start on the left side of the Scoop Boulder prow and make your way to the scoop lip then traverse left and merge with Antivenom.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

13 Full Scoop (project)

Start for Half Scoop, but mantel into the scoop and make a daring exit at the top of the Scoop Boulder. Bring lots of pads. Forrest Bjornson climbed Full Scoop with a rope in 2022. The climb still awaits a bouldering first ascent.

FA (toprope) Forrest Bjornson, 2022

14 Two Scoops (project)

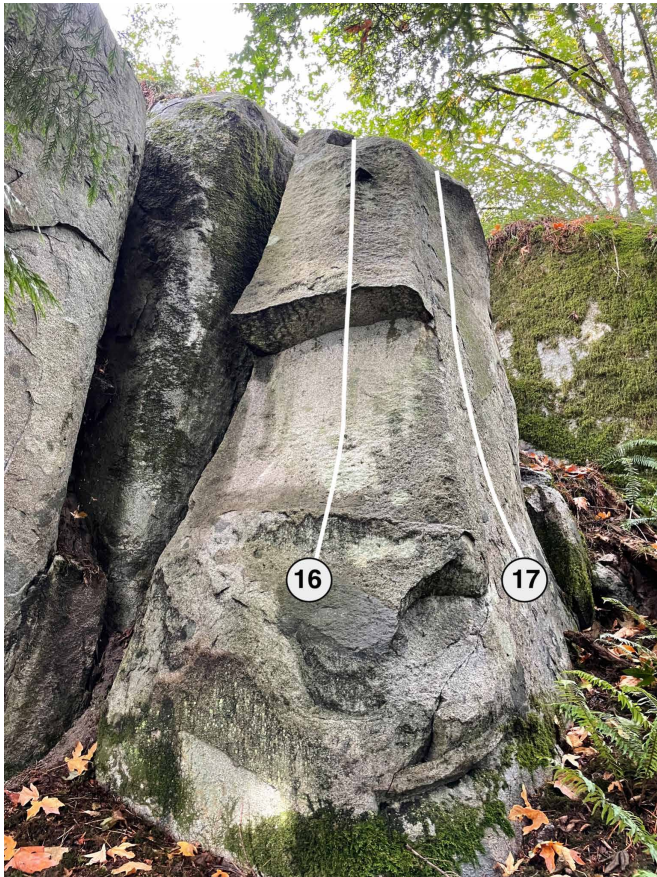
The right hand line of the scoop feature follows a slippery midway mantle into a full value finish.

15 Thumb Catcher V6 ***

Start with two hands on the pad deep side pull. Climb through thin holds with the problems namesake move, and the mid-way technical crux gives way to a wide rail. Chalk up here and keep your focus, the top out is spooky and a tad insecure.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

Easter Island Boulder



16 Easter Island V1 ***

Climb the opposing arêtes, high-stepping above the nose of this giant face-shaped boulder. Awesome!

FA Trent Hoover

17 East of Easter V3 *

Climb the face and arête right of Easter Island.

FA Trent Hoover

18 Sun Wheel V3 *

Sit start. Essentially the finish of Helios; start matched on the thin edge at the lower edge of the boulder (the end of the roof), climb positive edges to lip and mantle.

FA Trent Hoover

19 Take The Wheel V0 *

Start on the incut flake right of the finish of Helios, traverse left along the lip, and mantle near the arête.
FA Trent Hoover

The Sun Boulder



20 Pothos (PROJECT)

Start on the lowest east facing jug. Follow increasingly smaller crimps underneath the roof until you merge with Sun Wheel.

21 Helios (PROJECT)

Starting on the lowest east facing jug, cross under the big roof and finish on the vertical crimp face on the far side of the boulder. Much body tension is required.

22 Equinox V4 *

Start on the lowest jug of Helios. Move up and left onto the slab with an awkward rock over move, and top out.
FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

23 Put Your American Away V0

While standing on a boulder below the Sun Boulder's roof, grab two crimps at 1.5m height and climb up the slab.
FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

24 Sunny Side Up V6

Start on the southernmost end of the Sun Boulder below the roof with opposing crimp holds at 1.5 m. Powerful moves lead to increasingly better holds, but a large flake to your left will make dabbing an unfortunate challenge.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

25 PO V0+

Sit start this short problem on the small boulder below Helios.

FA Trent Hoover

Diamond Tipped V2

Start seated on the right side of the small overhang with your left hand in the drill hole, and right on the slopy arete.

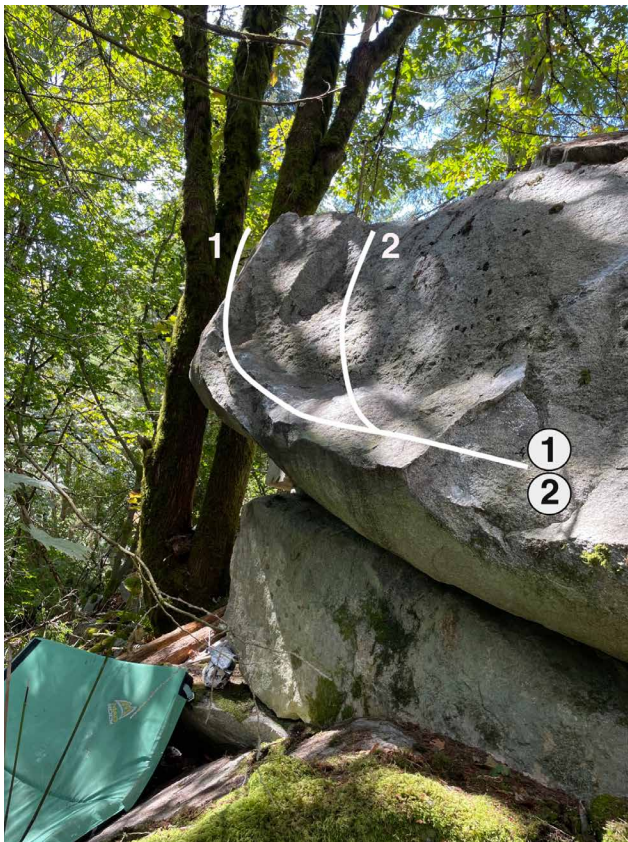
FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

Detonation V5

Start seated on the left side of the overhang with your left hand on a bulgy side pull, and right hand on the slopy arete at the peak of the roof.

FA Forrest Bjornson, 2022.

The Rusty Barbeque Boulder



1 The Rusty Barbeque V5 * * *

Start with your hands matched anywhere along the juggy side pull on the right side of the boulder. Throw up a heel, traverse leftwards and top out at the peak.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 Infinite Regression of Turtles V2 *

A fun alternate route starts the same as the Rusty Barbeque but exits early via manteling straight up the middle.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Noah's Roof

Noah's Roof is located approx. 20 meters east of the Rusty Barbeque.



1 Noah's Roof Problem (closed project)
Start with your right hand on a good sloper and your left hand on an edge. Traverse left, then climb to the top using small face holds.

2 Noah's Mantel Problem (closed project)
Start as per Noah's Roof Problem but mantel straight up instead of traversing left.

The Gom Jabbar Boulder

Follow the path uphill towards the Rusty Barbeque. About 30 meters up the trail, turn left (west) between two trees and head into the talus field. Gom Jabbar is located at the top of the hill. The flat landing below this boulder is a nice place to stop and have lunch.



1 The Gom Jabbar left V0+
Start with your right hand in the Gom Jabbar test (blast hole) and your left hand on the left arete crimp.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 The Gom Jabbar V0+
Start with your left hand in the blast hole and your right hand on the right arete. Slap your way up to the peak of the boulder.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Aisatsana

Located just down the hill from the Rusty Barbeque.



1 Aisatsana V?

Route description TBD

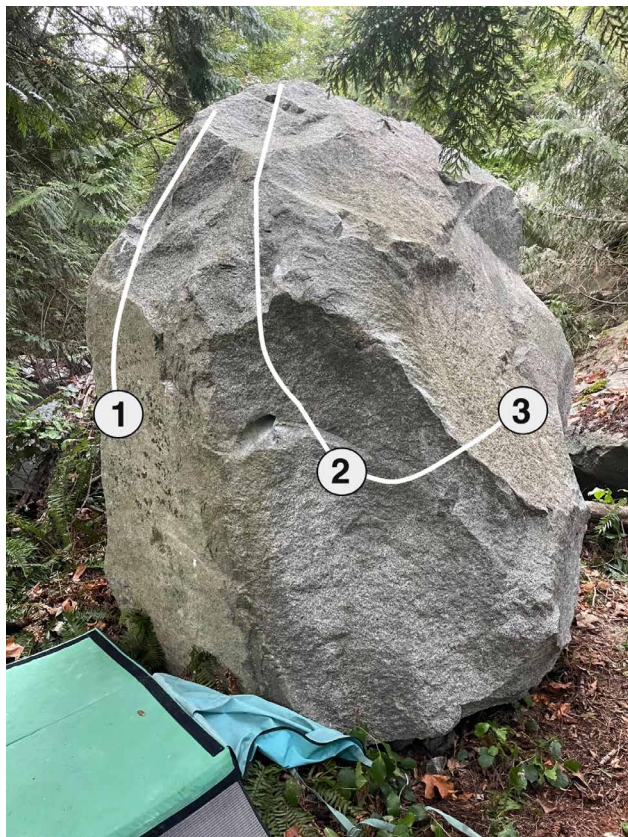
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

The Talus

There is a small talus field between Cypress Bowl Road and the quarry service road. The boulders are few and far between.

Black Math

Black Math is located at the bottom of the talus field and can be accessed via a faint trail leading north from the bottom of the quarry service road.



1 Earl Grey V2 *

Start with your left hand on a blast hole groove and right hand on a good edge.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 Blue Orchid V2 *

Start with your left hand in the blast hole and right hand on the arete. Cross right hand into a diagonal sidepull and top out above.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

3 Black Math V4 **

Start matched on the obvious crimp on the face and traverse left into Blue Orchid.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

4 Dead Leaves V0 *

This problem is located to the right of Black Math. Start with a left edge and right arete. Move up to a blast hole.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Mary's Briefcase

This boulder is located at the top of the talus and can be accessed from the south side of Cypress Bowl Road.



1 Mary's Briefcase V1 *

Climb the centre of the slab without using the left arete. Tricky start.
FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

2 Tea and Strumpets V2 *

Start by bear-hugging the boulder with a hand on each side. Slap your right hand up the slippery arete. Harder than it looks! An awkward sit start is possible and significantly bumps the grade.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.

Languid Contentment

This boulder is located right beside Mary's Briefcase.



1 name tbd (open project)

Start matched on the lip and mantel onto the slab. Frustrating and hard.

2 name tbd (open project)

Sit start on the left side of the boulder with opposing side pull edges. Hard!

3 Languid Contentment V5? *

Start on the lip just right of the tree and traverse from right to left. Classic sloper lip traverse.

FA Noah Jarvis, 2022.