

SQUAMISH BOULDERING – Updates and Corrections to 4th Edition

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ACCESS UPDATES

Rockfall Closures

As of spring 2022, a variety of central areas in the Grand Wall forest remain **closed** as do a couple of areas in the North Walls. This shouldn't deter visitors, though, since there are still many areas that remain open. Please go to the Squamish Access Society website and check their "News" page (squamishaccess.ca/news/) for current details and updates on the closures, which are supposed to be lifted for the summer 2022 climbing season.

MURRIN PARK

The Missing Boulders

1 There is a Fire V11 ★★★

Start seated as for *Natural Reaction* and climb left into *Vertigo*. (Tim Doyle, 2022)

SHANNON FALLS

Gonzales Creek - North Creek Zone

1 Well-Scrubbed Evil V7 ★★

This small boulder is 30 m in front (downhill) of *An Understanding*. Traverse rightward along the lip and mantle on the right side of the arête. (Tristan Salson, 2022)

2 Well-Scrubbed Evil Direct V4 ★★

Climb *Well-Scrubbed Evil*, but mantel left of the arête. (Tristan Salson, 2022)

3 Understanding Traverse V5 ★★

Traverse leftward along the lip of the obvious cave on the *Understanding* boulder. Roll up at the flat shelf on the left side of the overhang. (Unknown)

4 Aven V7 ★★★

This problem is somewhat hidden in the ground between *Archer Pose* and *An Understanding*. Look for it 80 m downhill and south of *Archer Pose* next to a huge fallen log. Start seated low in the overhang and work through steep holds which lead rightward to a rail at the cave's lip. Execute a tough mantel to reach the clean upper lip by a mossy log. There is a video of this problem here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ca8qfSjQbh/> (Tristan Salson, 2022)

5 Javelin Thrower Pose V5 ★★★

Start up *Archer Pose*, but instead of making the massive left-hand reach to the upper rail hold, traverse low across the smooth face using crimping edges and sidepulls. Slap to the arête just below the *Archer Pose* rail. There is a video of this problem here following the footage of *Archer Pose* and *Aven*: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ca8qfSjQbh/> (Tristan Salson, 2022)

Falls Area - Crack'n Boulders

1 Catheye V9 ★★

This problem is on the *Enter the Crackn'* boulder. Start seated using a low left-hand sloper and a right-hand pinch at the angle change on the arête (the left side of the *Crackn'* crack). Compress your way to the top. The boulder on the right is off. There is a video of this problem here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CalKt-3Dkdg/> (Tristan Salson, 2022)

Falls Area - God Boulders

1 Se Planter dans le Décor V6 ★★

This problem climbs the face right of *My Personal Savior*. Start low on the rightmost part of the boulder using two micro-crumps and a big, hidden foothold. Reach to a small crimp 20 cm above and then huck for the top. (Tristan Salson, 2022)

2 SéVice et Versa V9 ★★★

Start as for *Se Planter dans le Décor* and then traverse leftward into *Disproving God* from the small crimp, the reverse of the *Sacrilege* traverse. (Tristan Salson, 2022)

3 Old Wolf V9/10? ★★★

From the start of *Old Dog*, *New Trick* traverse leftward into the *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, staying low. Don't exit up the middle as for *Old Dog Left*. (Tristan Salson, 2022)

Note that there is now a **rough trail** that links the *God Boulders* to the *Intoxicants Boulder*. It follows an old logging road quite directly and is the best option if approaching from the north. Look for the start of the trail just above the upper of the two *God Boulders*. Hike uphill and rightward across the slope along the old road to reach the *Intoxicants Boulder*.

APRON BOULDERS

Parking Lot

1 Slim Jim VH ★★★

This problem was severely undergraded at V5 in the guidebook. It's likely much harder and possibly unclimbed. It's a very nice gently overhanging line that could use a bit of scrubbing. A first ascent perhaps, but not an easy one!

NORTH WALLS

Upper Badge

1 Stop Chewing My Shoes V1 ★★

This and the next three problems are on a boulder uphill of *Stillwater*. Look for a cleaned block with a pronounced prow and a large log on top. This line climbs the left side and starts using a left-hand arête pinch and a right-hand sidepull at head height. Move up and right to top out at the apex of the face. (Jack Fieldhouse, 2021)

2 Go Get Your Shoes V1 ★★

Climb the middle of the face. Start using a left-hand crimp just right of the left arête and a right crimp, both at head height. Move straight up to the rail and finish as for *Stop Chewing My Shoes*. (Keith Chan, 2021)

3 Field of Beagles Left V1 ★★

Climb the prow. Start palming the blunt left arête and use a high sidepull around the right arête in opposition. Climb straight up, finishing to the left near the top as the prow narrows. (Keith Chan, 2021)

4 Field of Beagles Left V2 ★★

Same problem, but finish on the right side of the prow. (Keith Chan, 2021)

The Dark Side

A number of new problems have been established on *The Platypus*, a bizarre flat-topped boulder to the right of *Shanksville*. A video that shows the problems can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4cSIHqMxDs>

1 Platypus Right V2 ★★

Start seated with hands on either side of the far-right corner and traverse all the way around the far-left corner to an easy mantel. (Cedar Hendry, Ariane Nguyen, 2021)

2 PlatyWhale V4 ★★

Start seated. Grab the middle of the long front side and execute a hard mantel. (Cedar Hendry, Ariane Nguyen, 2021)

3 PlatyBat V5 ★★

Start seated. Touch the roof in control with both hands (which requires a double toe, bat-hang start), turn around and execute the *PlatyWhale* mantel. (Cedar Hendry, Ariane Nguyen, 2021)

4 Platypus Wrong V6 ★★

Start seated beyond the far-left corner. Traverse to the middle of the long front side and do the *PlatyWhale* mantel. (Cedar Hendry, Ariane Nguyen, 2021)

5 PlatyRat (Go Splat) V0 ★★

Start seated and mantel anywhere near the highest point on the left of the boulder.

(Cedar Hendry, Ariane Nguyen, 2021)

The Farm

① Widowmaker V11 ★★★

This problem is about 20 m opposite *Get to the Point* and has a considerable built-up landing consisting of logs and sticks. Start standing (a seated start looks worthwhile) and climb the right side of the arête (the left side remains unclimbed). This problem is of similar quality to *Inverted K* and *Onimatopea Generator*. There is a video of this problem here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CZ-XbfyDw71/> (Tristan Salson, 2022)

② Le Sang Lié V8 ★★★

Start *Slop the Hog*, but finish directly up the slab above. (Tristan Salson, 2022)
