

Cave Boulders

The first boulder(s) you encounter on the trail down, 2 minutes from the car. Home to some of the best boulder problems in Nelson, a little here for everyone. The Axe traverse should not be missed!

1 - Stage 5 Under Clinger - VO *

Under cling the cool feature with your back at the cave. Traverse left to right and finish up the face.

2 - 15 Bags - V5 *

Start standing with a small scoop and a micro crimp. Traverse right and into Vertigo.

3 - Vertigo - V5 ***

Sit-start as low as you can in the cave on a sloper and a nice in-cut. Power straight up and onto the arête to better holds and a final tricky mantle. Awesome!

4 - Equilibrium - V4 *

Start low on the arête and climb into Vertigo, skipping the opening cave moves.

5 - The Axe - V3 ***

Traverse the entire lip from left to right. Start very low on jugs and make some crux moves transferring into the sloping lip. Absolutely classic!

6 - The Hatchet - V2 *

Start directly from the sloping lip and climb it to the top. Skips the opening crux moves of 'The Axe'.

7 - Oscar - V5-7 *

There a couple of variations here but basically power up through the crimps from a low as you can on the steep face underneath the Axe. Fun.

8 - Moss Highway - VO *

This is the low angle (friendly) face opposite of The Axe. Several variations on nice rock will leave you (and your beginner boulder) with a smile.

9 - Security Blanket - VI *

Just downhill on the same boulder as 'Moss Highway' is another nice mellow face with friendly climbing and a nice landing.

10 - 9 Bags - V3 *

Climb the nice arête on the far right side of the boulder from a low start through a few nice sequences and side-pulls.

5 - The Beauty Slab Left - VO **

Climb the left side of the awesome slab with holds right where you need them.

6 - The Beauty Slab Direct - VI **

Climb the awesome slab direct through some more thoughtful holds.

7 - The Top Tier Left Arête - V3 **

Start seated on some great holds, power up the arête and make a big finishing move. Great climbing.

8 - The Top Tier Left - V5

Start on the left side of the face on some sharp crimps and power into the finish of the 'Top Tier Left' arête.

9 - The Top Tier Direct - V8

Some seriously devious crimps will entice only those with a high pain tolerance. Climb it straight up with nice holds to finish.

10 - The Top Tier Right Arête - V3

Start low and climb the far right arête to a mellow finish.

11 - Nice Rock - VI *

This is the boulder just uphill from the 'Beauty Slab'. Start crouched, find the best holds and finish with care ☺

12 - Green - V3

This is the left line on the boulder that seems to always get reclaimed by the moss. Just uphill from 'Nice Rock'

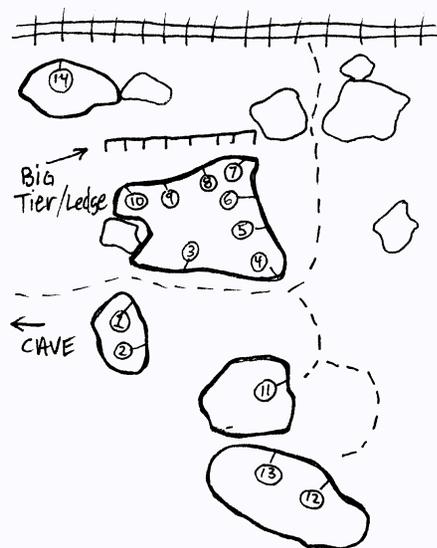
13 - And Mossy - V4

This is the right problem on the same boulder that hosts some nice climbing but a mossy finish.

14 - Raintown - V2 *

Head down the trail to the tracks take a left, walk about 50m's and you will find this quality problem right above the tracks. Start low with some nice in-cuts and climb the steep arête/bulge through some interesting moves. Careful of trains

TREE FORT BOULDERS



Darkside Boulders

These two boulders are strewn along the banks of the river; they feature some beautifully water worn rock that is very different than everything else around. Un-climbable during high water, but nice when you're able to lounge on the beach. The Force is worth the scramble down.

1 - Face Wash - VI *

Start on the crack/arête on the right hand side of the cool black boulder. Climb out onto the face and then back right to finish.

2 - The Force - V5 ***

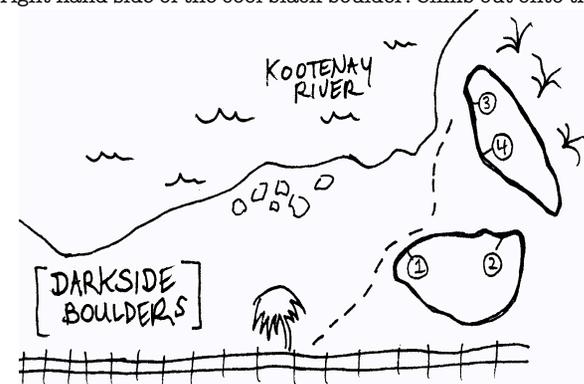
Start seated very low on the far left. Power up the face and arête through some cool holds and side pulls to a rest and a final lunge out right. Ridiculously good!

3 - Seaside Sundae - VO *

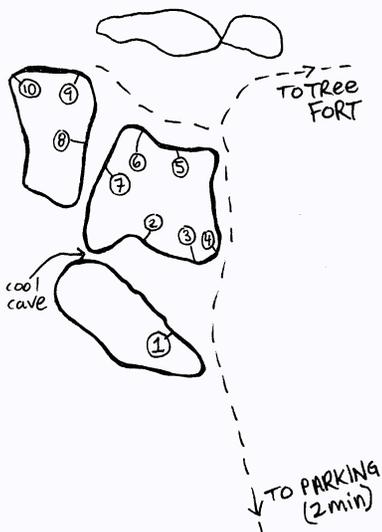
This is the left line on the neatly featured boulder right beside the river. Climb unique rock straight up and finish out right

4 - Hot Fudge Brownie Delight - VO *

The right hand line starts low and traverses up and right through the horizontal feature.



CAVE BOULDERS



Tree Fort Boulders

The next area located above the tracks 2 more minutes along the trail. There are plenty of great moderates here and a nice atmosphere looking across the river towards Nelson.

1 - Small Boulder - V4

The first small boulder you squeeze by on route to the bigger guys has a nice short face climb on it.

2 - On The Trail - VI

Traverse the lip of the same boulder.

3 - The Downclimbs - VO *

This is a nice climb for beginners that's full of positive holds, or alternatively use it as the down climb for the other problems.

4 - The Beauty Arête - VI **

Start as low as you can and climb the sloping arête to an easy finish. High quality!

Boxcar Boulder

A lone boulder nestled under a shaded canopy that provides some steep and beautiful face climbing. Just hidden amongst the trees right off the tracks.

1 - Greasy Spoons - V3 *

Climb the slab/arête on the far left and finish to the right.

2 - The Fly - V5 *

The middle line up the slab/bulge, hard to get established but easy to finish.

3 - The Little Engine That Could - V7 *

Start low on a positive hold just to the left of the steep face. Rock up and climb the scooped slab. Serious ☺

4 - Boxcar Willy - V7 *

Start low on the left arête on two nice holds on either face. A set of powerful squeeze moves up to the sloper will be your demise, awkward if you're tall. Nice finish.

5 - The Night Moves - V6 ***

Sit start as per 'Littlest Hobo' but move up and traverse out left on the face (awesome) to the sloper on the far left. An exciting throw to the finish awaits you!!

6 - Littlest Hobo - V5 ***

Sit start on the right side of the face on two good holds. Slap your way up on slopers and work your way into the deep in-cut. A final devious sequence guards the top. Technical & Great!

7 - Boxcar Corner - V1 *

The cool little corner on the far right starts the same as 'Littlest Hobo' but dekes out right.

Chainsaw Boulders

This area is home to some really unique problems nestled amongst a beautiful forest. Bring lots of pads as the landings are less than perfect here. Chainsaw will draw you in ☺

1 - Chainsaw - V4 ***

Start low with a hand on either side of the prow and a heel hook. Slap your way up the feature and avoid the crux move by quickly using the block on the left to get established onto the knife-edge feature. Still awesome!

2 - Chainsaw Direct - V9 ***

Start as per 'Chainsaw' but climb the prow direct (avoiding the block on your left) into a hard crux gaining the knife-edge feature. Bring as many pads as you can muster.

3 - Hacksaw - V2 **

Squirm your way onto the far left of the boulder and two positive holds. Climb the juggy rail left to right and execute a hard mantle to finish. Fun climbing.

4 - Hacksaw Traverse - V6 **

Start as per 'Hacksaw' but make a very tricky traverse to the far right through slopers and crazy footwork. Great!

5 - Hacksaw Face - V3

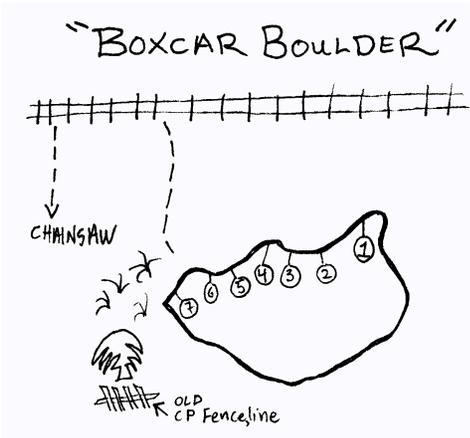
Climb the face on the far right of the boulder following a faint crack up and left then finish on the Hacksaw Traverse.

6 - Seven - V3 **

Just in behind the 'Chainsaw' boulder is this beautiful corner/roof problem. Start low, climb up under the roof and make a hero move up to a nice finger jam and the finish. ☺

7 - It's a V4 Man - V1 *

Just to the east of the Chainsaw boulder is this nice clean face. Start low on a nice side pull, make a tricky move up to a crimp and finish on jugs. Named after the person tagging all the boulders with "V4" ☺



8 - Uphill Face/Downclimb - V0

The down climb or problem on the uphill face that climbs up/down on huge horizontal holds.

9 - The Unknown - V4 *

This boulder is located about 50m up hill from the 'Chainsaw' boulder. Start low on two nice side pulls, power up the arête/prow and finish up and left. Great holds & rock but unfortunately feels kinda awkward.

10 - Project - V?

A project just to the right of 'The Unknown' that looks hard.

Nascar Boulders

A little further up from the Chainsaw boulders is the cool little area with some fun moderates in shouting distance from the road. This area should become popular with some traffic. The cars engines seem to really echo in here.

1 - Little Boulders - V0-2 *

On the trail up to the larger Nascar boulder there are a couple short moderates that offer some fun climbing on nice rock.

2 - Cole Trickle - V3 **

This is the reason for coming up here. Start seated with a full arm span on two good holds, slap and compress up the feature on fun holds and great rock. Awesome!

3 - Unknown - V4 *

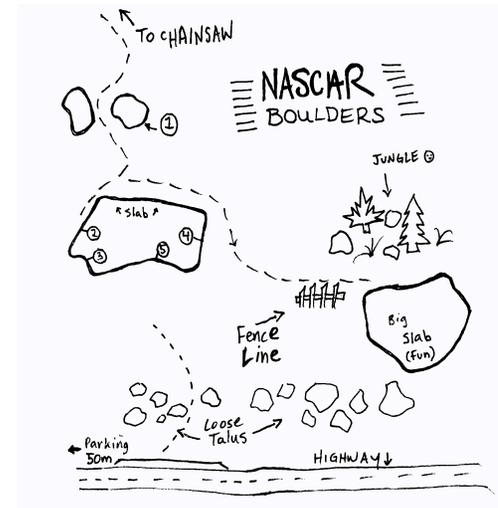
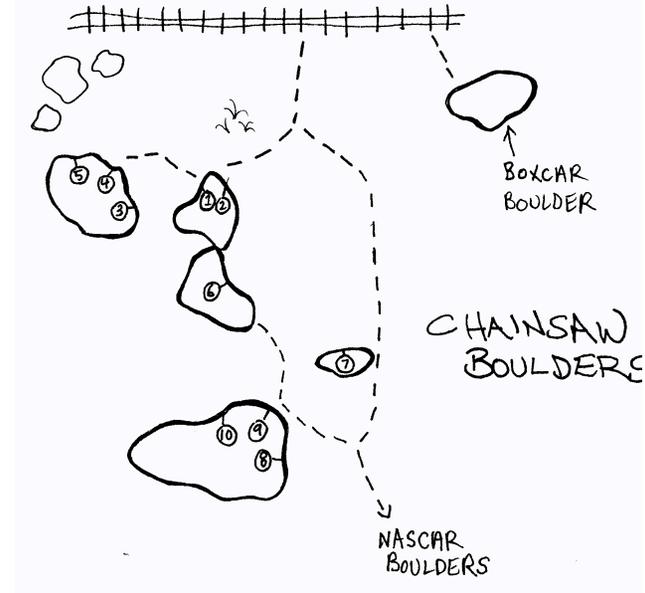
Start low on the right arête and climb awkwardly up right into the shallow corner feature.

4 - Daytona 500 - V1 *

The opposite (east) face features another fun little compression problem with a very soft landing.

5 - Sketchy Face - V1

The sketchy face that looms under the big tombstone block has a few variations.



Land of the Lost

Located a little further down the tracks towards Nelson is this hidden little gem of an area. Walk past the white 'Nelson' sign about 3 more minutes to these hard to miss boulders right off the tracks. There are some really sweet moderates and a great highball test piece.

1 - Jurassic Park - VI **

Way in behind the cluster of boulders is this nice moderate face. Sit start and climb the face right to left through the sloping rail with good feet. Good landing and nice rock.

2 - Lost Arête - V2 *

Climb the right hand arête from the same sit start as 'Jurassic Park'. Stay on the arête proper and move through sloping terrain on good rock.

3 - Lost Slab - VI *

The tricky slab to the right of the arête, A few committing moves leads to a easier finish.

4 - Cretaceous Crack - V0 *

The really nice fist crack splitting the two boulders. Nice!

5 - Squeeze Play - V2 *

Squeezed in between all the boulders is this nice compression problem. Sit start and climb up using the arête and the nice hand crack on the right.

6 - Extinction Level Event - V4 *

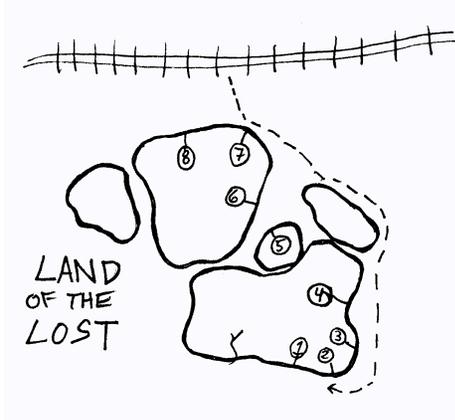
The tall face on the east side of the big boulder offers a couple of nice problems that require care while topping out. They would be classic if it weren't for the terrible landing.

7 - Land of the Lost - V7 ***

Start low on the left arête, climb up into the sloping rail and make a long reach to big holds, committing from here onto the upper face is tricky and will require a strong head. Awesome highball testpiece!

8 - Messing With Manitobans - V3 *

Start underneath the overhang of 'Land of the Lost' and climb out right, traversing through some fun crimps along the way and a final rock over onto the slab.



Track Boulders

These boulders offer a wonderful concentration of quality problems strewn all along the river with great views. There are some must do problems here and a few unsent (sick looking) projects.

1 - Track Arête - V0 *

This climb is located just above the tracks to the west of the main concentration of boulders. Look for the fun in cut arête.

2 - Track Slab - VI

This is the slab facing the river on the same boulder. Sneakier than it looks.

3 - Hitman - V3 *

Climb up the small boulder, layback onto the arête and traverse the lip left to right. Pretty fun climb considering.

4 - Project - V?

The right trending diagonal crimps on this steep face are all there but no one has linked it together yet. Tough feet.

5 - Macho Man - V4 **

Sit-start on the right hand arête, power up into the dish and move out left to a big hold at the finish. Fun!

6 - Project - V?

The committing highball face on the left through the nice side pull feature, too bad about the landing.

7 - Project - V?

The lip traverse that moves out left from the same start as Hulk Hogan. Slopey!

8 - Hulk Hogan - V2 **

Jump-start to the prow and traverse the beautiful lip out right to some nice big holds and a mantle finish. Great rock!!

9 - Peninsula Pinch - V7+ ***

Sit start on the two lowest crimps you can find. Power up to the pinch, a mono and one final throw to the lip. Absolutely classic!

10 - Project - V9?

Start as per 'Peninsula' but move out right into the side pull feature.

11 - Heavy Metal - V5 **

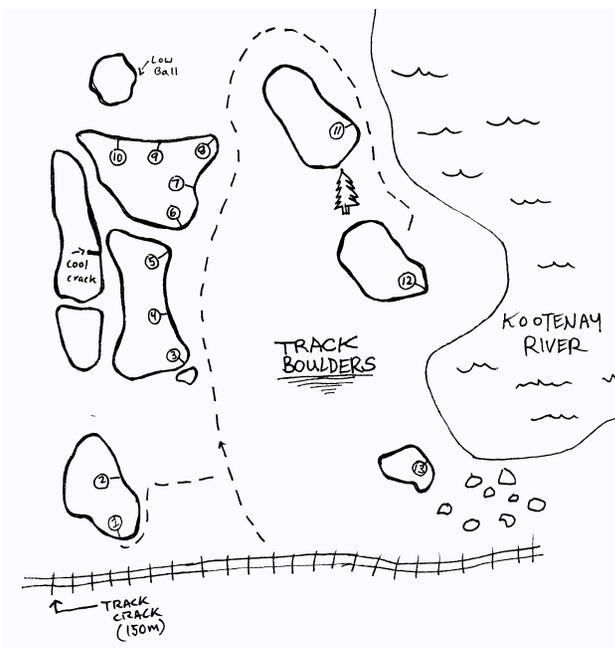
Start low on the left with a mono pocket and a sloper. Power up to the lip and traverse the entirety of the boulder left to right with a couple of cruxes along the way. Sweet!

12 - Steel Wheels - V6 ***

This one climbs the excellent prow just downhill from 'Heavy Metal'. Sit start and make some wild moves up the prow feature to a sloping finish. Bring ample power!

13 - River Arête - V5

Just down by the river in the talus is this fun but sketchy problem on the crack and arête.



Hippy Boulders

Sometimes home to wandering gypsies, hippies and squatters, from where these boulders get their name, this is a wonderful place to come spend a day. There are many problems to choose from here and some definite classics. A great perk here is the sweet little fire pit and rock slab/chill spot located just beside the river that makes for some awesome lounging. Hippy Crack should not be missed ☺

1 - Track Crack - V0 ***

On the track between the Track & Hippy boulders is this unmistakable diagonal crack. Climb it left to right from fingers to hands and one final lunge to the finish. Classic!

2 - Unknown - V5 **

The first small boulder you come to on the trail. Climb the bulge from a sit start on some really nice rock, packs some really nice movement for its length!

3 - Backside - VI

There are a couple of variations on the backside of the same boulder.

4 - Hippy Under The Roof - VI **

Start down on the lower terrace looking over the river. Climb the nice jam crack to a fun transition under the roof. Traverse to your right through some more fun moves and a final transition to the far right. Great warm-up!

5 - Hippy Roof - V5 **

Climb the same crack system, transition under the roof and pull up and over to a nice juggy rail on the right side of the big roof. A big lunge and a super committing move will get you on top! Crazy position!

6 - Skid Row - V4

Climb up the rail feature and transition into some painful holds on the left arête. One final throw will get you to a good hold and the finish.

7 - Ribbed For Your Pleasure - V4 ***

Sit start on two really low finger jams on the far left. Make a hard move out right into the awesome rail feature then set up for an awesome move onto the upper face! Great problem, named after the trash picked up from all over this area. ☺

8 - Unknown - V2 **

Climb the same feature as 'Ribbed' but start from the positive part of the rail and climb all the way out to the right and an easier finish. Fun!

9 - Nick's Face Climb - V2

There are a couple of nice variations on this vertical clean face: crimpy and technical.

10 - Hippy Crack - V4 ***

Start low down to the left and power up the crack and lip to a finish on the far right. Burlier than it looks. CLASSIC!

11 - Hippy Crack Direct - V5 ***

Start WAY down low with two jams and climb the crack direct without using the lip, finish way out right on the far lip. AMAZING!

12 - Hippy Arete - V5

The sharp arête to the right of the crack offers some painful climbing to the same finish as 'Hippy Crack'.

13 - Left Crack - V0 *

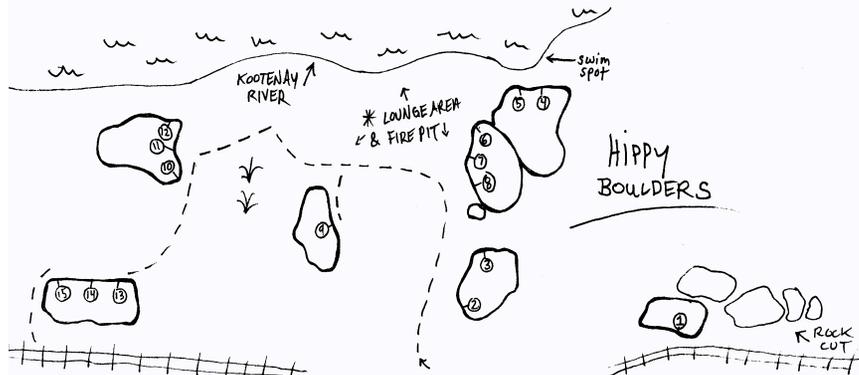
Climb the cool diagonal crack right to left to a tricky top-out. Nice rock!

14 - Locomotion - V3 **

Start down low in the crack in the middle of the face and power straight up to a super fun crux surmounting the bulge.

15 - Right Problem - V2 *

Sit start on the far right of the face and make tricky moves to gain some positive holds. From here a really nice move to a cool pocket finishes you off!



Mother Earth Boulders

These awesome boulders are very unique to Grohman and if you like tall, technical face climbing, cracks and corners then you got to check it out. Walk down the tracks to the west for about 5 minutes until you must pass through a sketchy rock tunnel (careful for trains here) The boulders are immediately uphill on your left.

1 - Escape Velocity - V2 *

Climb the arête on the far left through some awesome compression moves and one tricky mantle. Pretend you are trying to get up on a dock ☺

2 - Mother Earth - V5 ***

Start in the middle of the face from as low as you can, make some nice moves up on crimps, get established and make some cruxy moves into the big side pull and a solid finish. Classic highball test piece, one of the best fingery climbs at Grohman!

3 - The Fire Within - V6 **

Start the same as 'Mother Earth' but once on the upper face, make a super move off the crimps straight up to the top.

4 - Flight of the Osprey - V6+ *

Climb the nice arête on the far right from a sit start on an awesome side pull feature. Fun!

5 - The Crack of Unknown Origin - V3 ***

The splitter finger crack, climb it through sustained laybacking and jams. AMAZING!

5 - The Crack of Unknown Origin - V3 ***

Just as you walk up from the track, you'll spot this hard to miss finger crack. Climb it via laybacking and jamming to a nice easier finish. True crack climbing at it's finest!! The landing has been spruced up and feels pretty safe considering

6 - Crimptonite - V5 *

An awesome line up the tall crimpy face, the direct finish has yet to be conquered. Start by climbing the face direct through some serious crimps and finish out right once you are incredibly high off the ground.

Could be climbed direct.

7 - Predator - V2 **

Climb the super fun dihedral; the holds get substantially better once you are way up there.

8 - Prey - V2 **

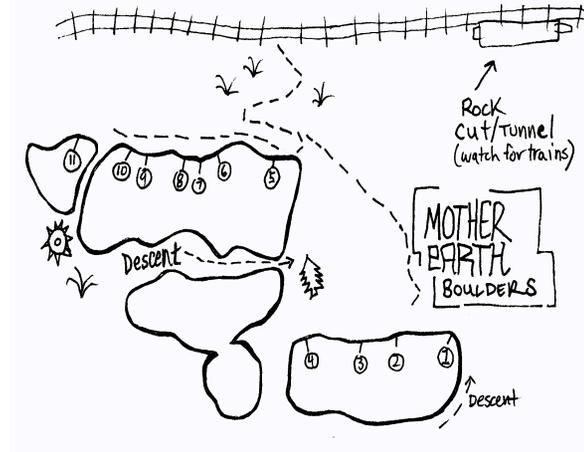
The nice lay back feature just to the right of 'Predator', climb it through some really fun moves and jams.

9 - Railway Avenue - V2 **

Climb the steep right trending crack from fingers to hands then transition out left out onto the lip feature. Finish way up and to the left. Great!

10 - The Last Spike - V2 *

Climb the same crack but finish prematurely out right.



Plant Boulders

The Plant boulders are the furthest climbs from the car but don't let the 10 minute walk deter you, great soft landings, laser cut arêtes and aesthetic problems should keep anyone happy and they are well worth the hike.

1 - The Eternal Flame - V2 **

Climb the fun roof on the short side of the boulder from way underneath. A few steep moves and heel hooks should get you up and over onto the easy finish.

2 - The Slab - V0 *

The easy slab with nice holds will make a beginner smile ☺

3 - Arete # 1 - V0 *

The first arête on the left, climb it through some nice layaways.

4 - Inside Corner Arete - V4 **

The trickiest problem here, start in the little corner and climb out right onto the tough layback feature. Nice!

5 - Right Arete Direct - V2 **

The sharp right hand arête., fun laybacking with smearing feet.

6 - Right Arete - V1 **

Climb the right hand arête but on the right side, more nice climbing!

7 - The Plant - V2 **

This is the steep face behind the 'Arete' boulder. Sit start and climb up and left on sloping holds to a nice juggy finish. Nice rock and great landing.

8 - The Plant Right - V2 *

Use the same sit start but climb out right.

