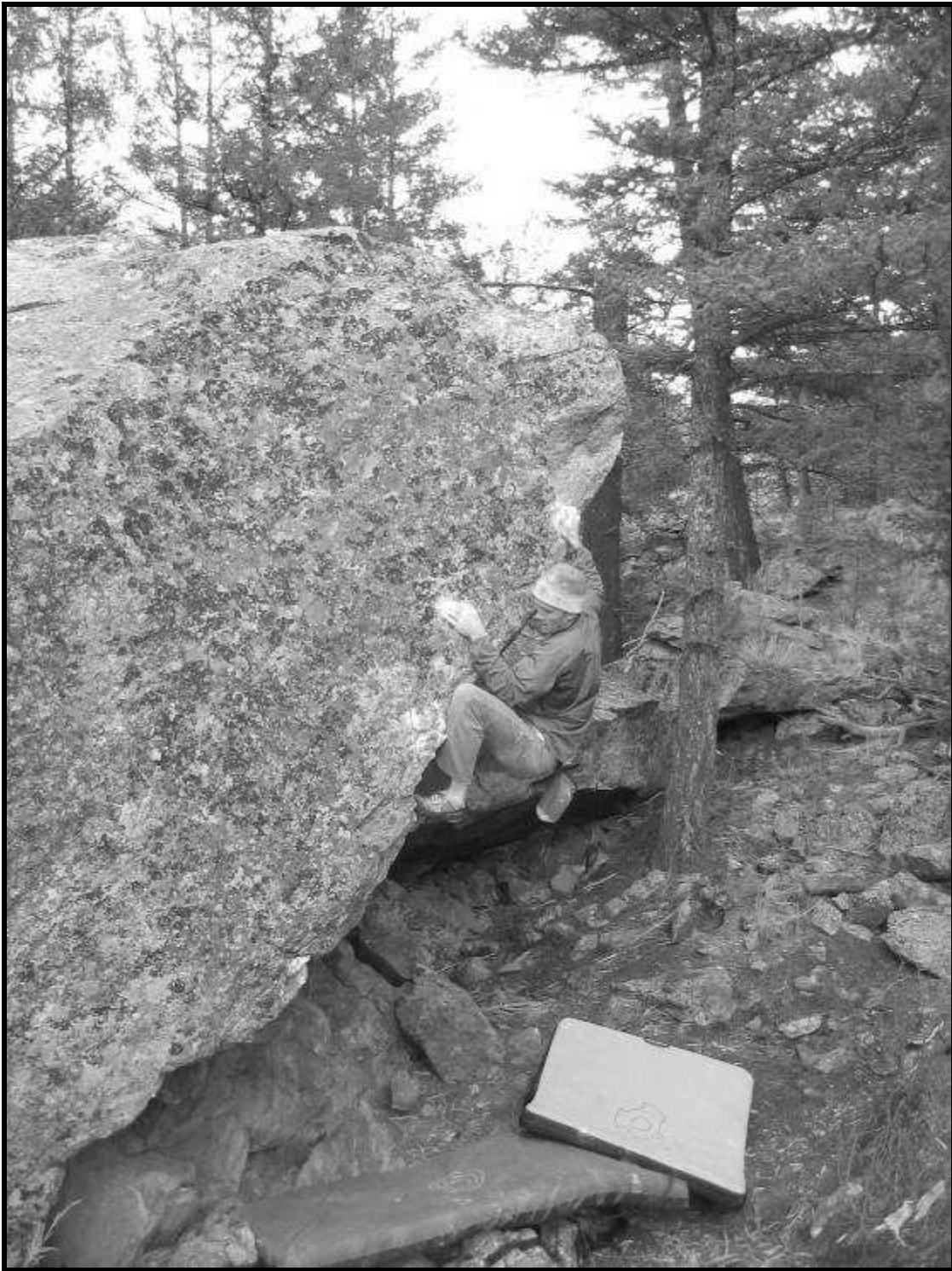


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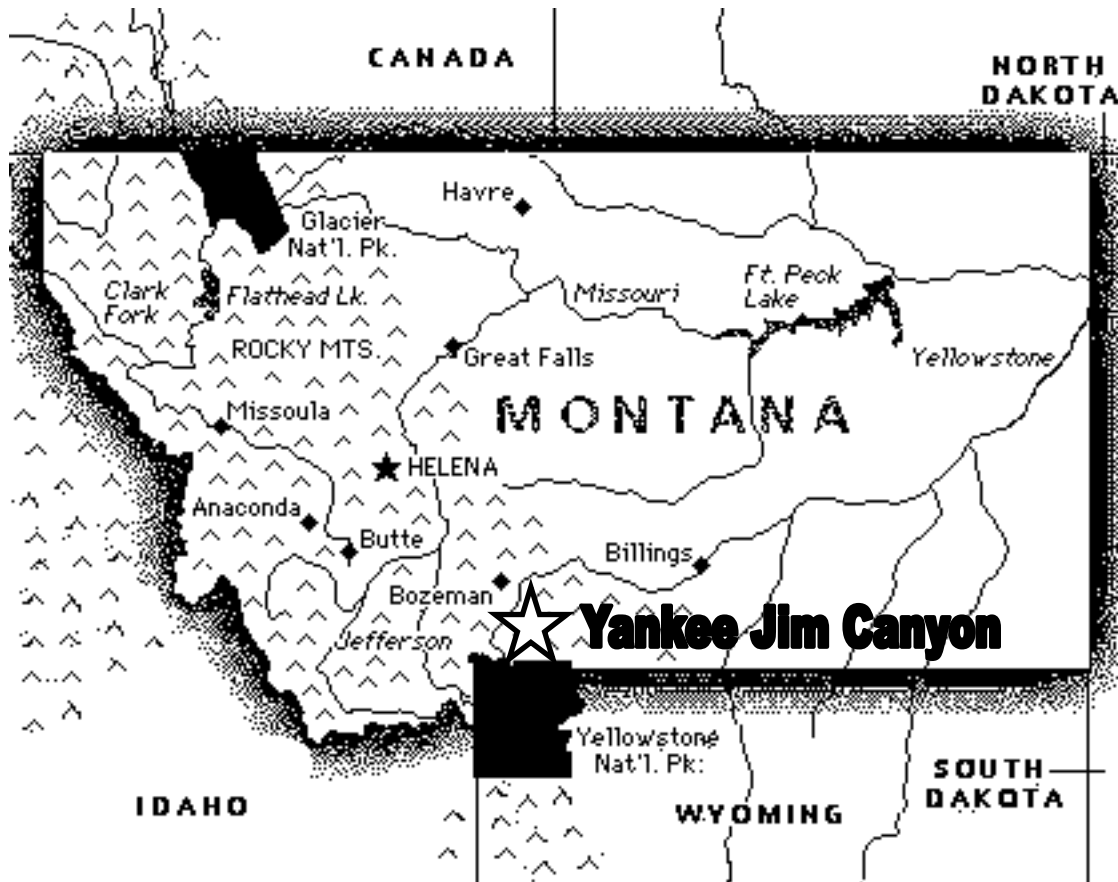


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General Information

Getting there: Yankee Jim Canyon is located about an hours drive from Bozeman, MT. From Bozeman drive east on I-90 until Livingston and take exit 333. Head south on Hwy 89 for 36 miles. At this point either turn right on Tom Miner road to access the Loco-Motives or continue for 2 more miles on Hwy 89 to Yankee Jim Campground.

Access: National Forest

Camping: Pay camping is available on the northeast side of the river at the Yankee Jim Campground for a couple dollars a night. Free camping sites are available on the southwest side of the river along the Old Yellowstone road in National forest areas along the river. Please do not camp on private land.

Climbing season: The best climbing can be had in the spring and fall although it is possible to climb here year round. The campground boulders get plenty of sun making winter bouldering very enjoyable. The Loco-Motives does not get much sun in the winter so it can be significantly colder than the campground. Summer bouldering is always possible as long as you can bear the heat.

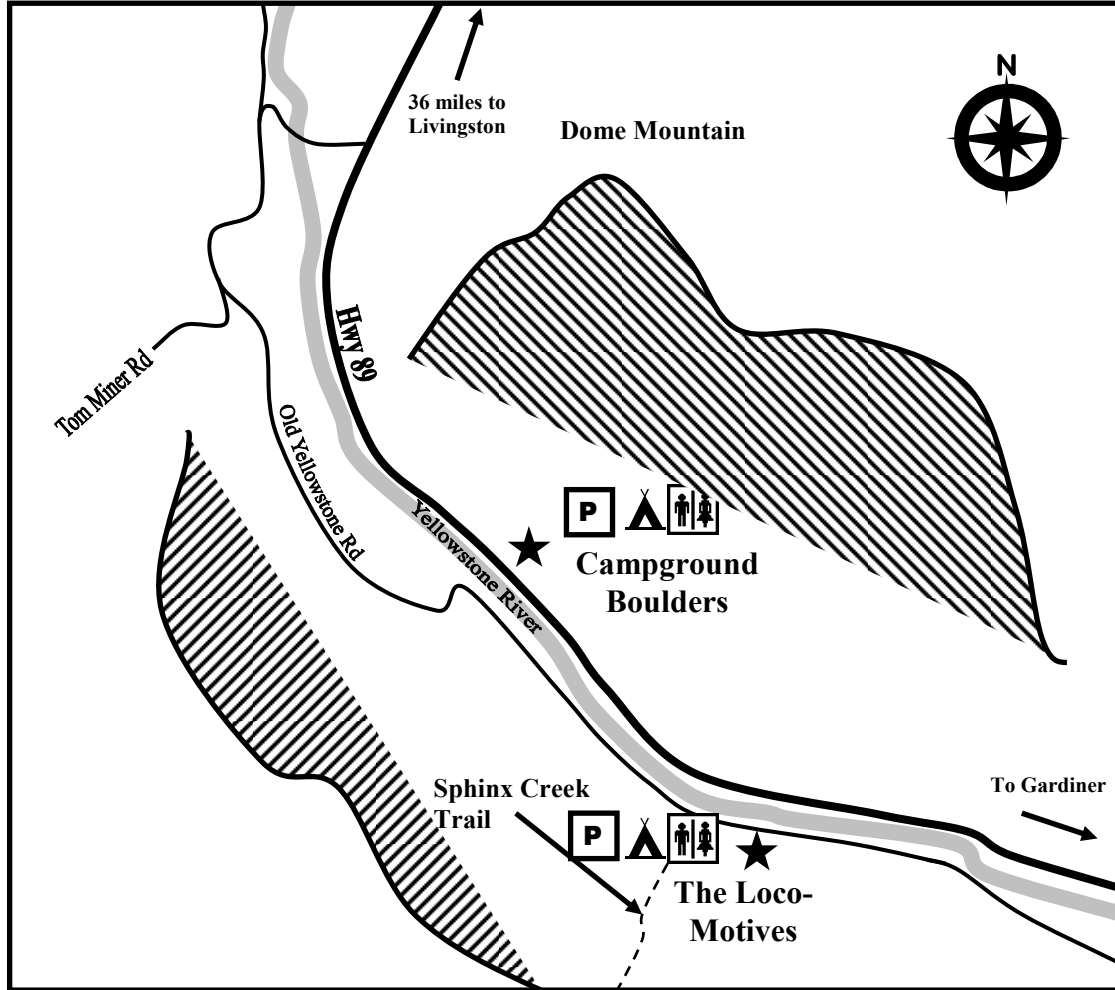
Canyon History: The canyon is named after an old man “Yankee Jim” who constructed and operated the first toll road through the canyon to Yellowstone Park. Travelers and prospectors used the toll road until 1887 when the Northern Pacific Railroad was built over much of the road. A new road was built in the early 1900’s and abandoned in the 1920’s when the current Hwy 89 was built on the opposite side of the river to accommodate the travelers touring to the now world famous Yellowstone Park. Prior to “Yankee Jim” the canyon was used by Native Americans to travel up river in search of obsidian.

Much of the history in the canyon is still visible. Please pay respect to the history of the area. If you see any painted rock ads or even Native American rock art please do not disturb it.

Climbing History: Climbers have probably been bouldering in the campground area as a winter climbing area for probably as long as the sport has been around. Bouldering in the Loco-Motives started in 2000 with its discovery by Shawn Anderson, Brad Carpenter and Jeff Hollenbough.

Geology: Yankee Jim Canyon provides climbers the opportunity to boulder on a type of rock rarely exposed in North America. Although similar to the granitic boulders of Pipestone or Whiskey Gulch near Butte, these rocks are actually a metamorphic rock known as a high-grade Archean Gneiss. In more simplistic terms, the boulders found in Yankee Jim Canyon once existed as undeformed rock (most likely a sedimentary rock) which underwent tremendous pressures and temperatures before structural uplift and weathering exposed them to the surface. Furthermore, the conditions experienced by these rocks re-crystallized the original minerals to produce a new assemblage, along with beautiful structures. Keep your eyes open for stunning folds and banding. In short, take a moment to relax and look closely at these little treasures!

Area Topo

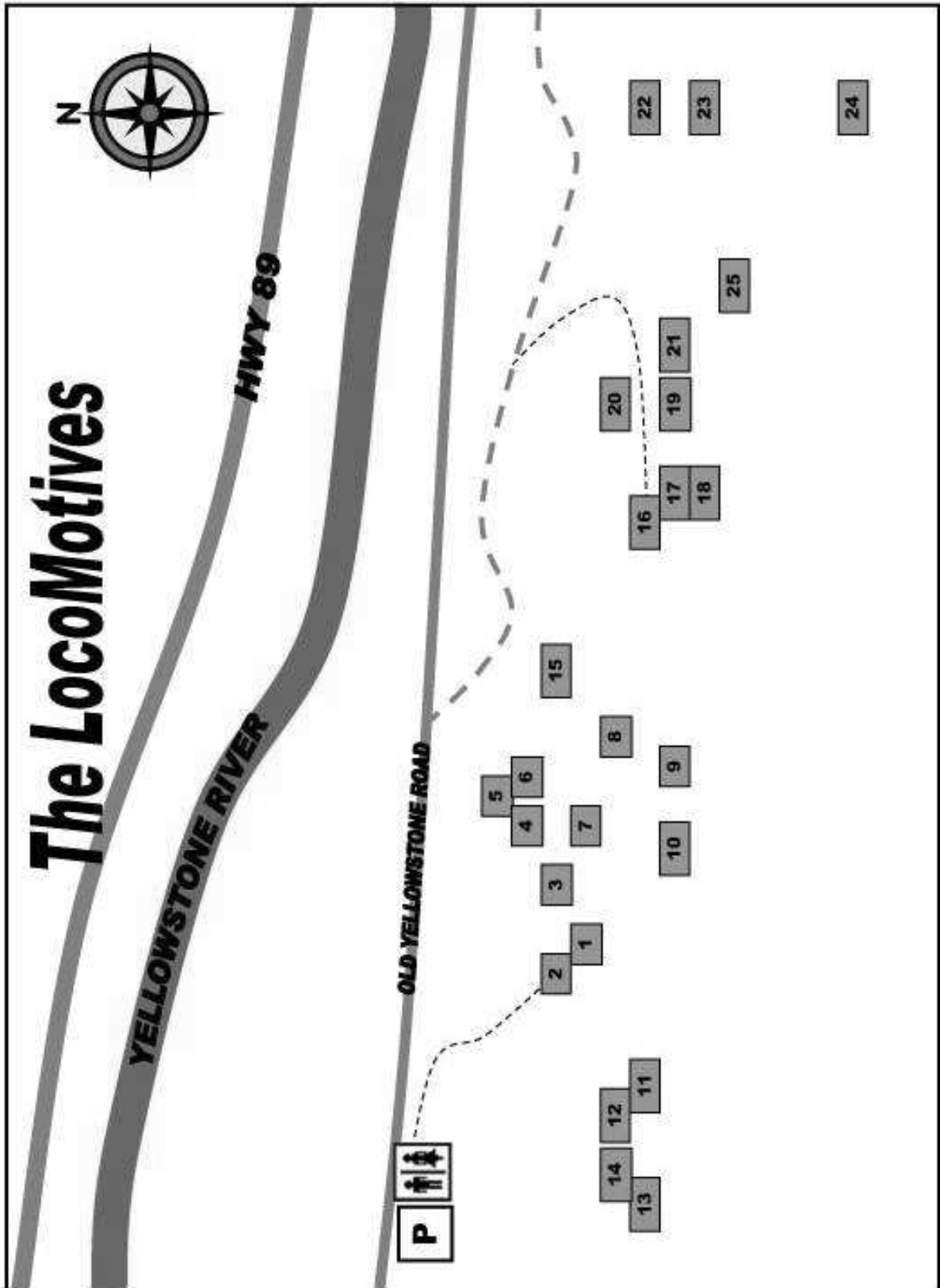


Campground Boulders

The campground boulders are located in Yankee Jim campground. The campground is located just off the highway about 38 miles from Livingston. Many of the boulders in the campground are located in camp sites. In the summer months it can be difficult to climb here due to the high volume of campers. The campground boulders are not described here.

The Loco-Motives

The Loco-Motives is located on the southwest side of the Yellowstone river. To get there from Hwy 89 turn west on to Tom Miner Rd, cross the bridge and turn left at the intersection on to Old Yellowstone Trail. Stay on this road following the river upstream for about 4 miles and park at the Sphinx Creek trail head. See topo.



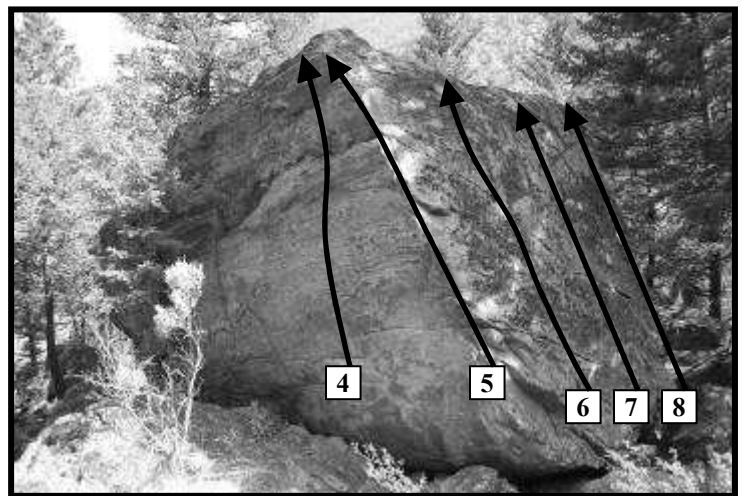
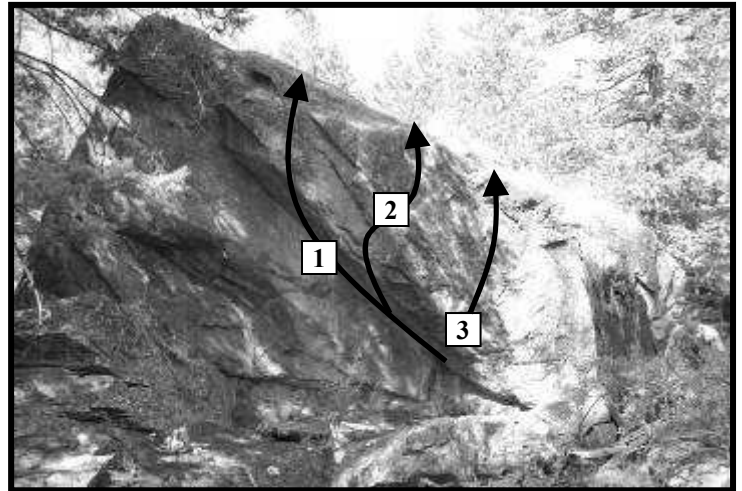
The Loco-Motives

The Loco-Motives has some of the best bouldering Yankee Jim has to offer. To get there from the Sphinx Creek trail head walk past the restroom heading east and uphill for about two minutes until you find the Gigarete boulder. The Loco-Motives are located directly underneath the power lines above.

To access boulders #16-#24 walk eastward on the road from the Sphinx Creek trail head for several hundred meters until you see the historic road that head uphill to your right. Walk uphill along this road for several hundred more meters until you see a small trail on the right marked with a cairn. Walk through south until you find the Anderson cave.

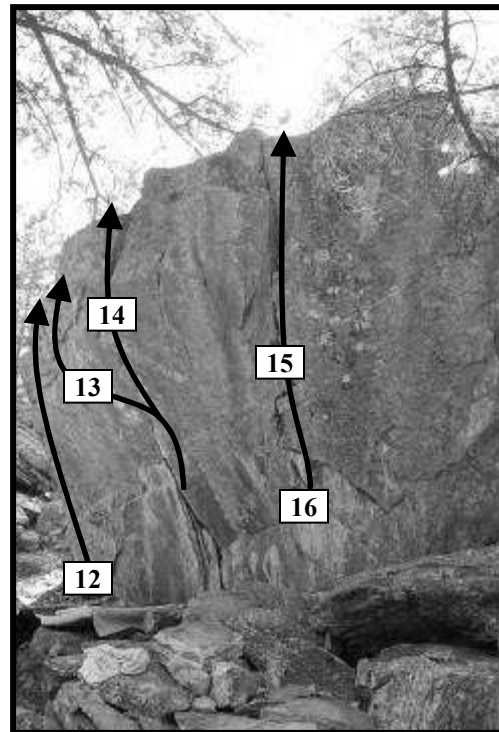
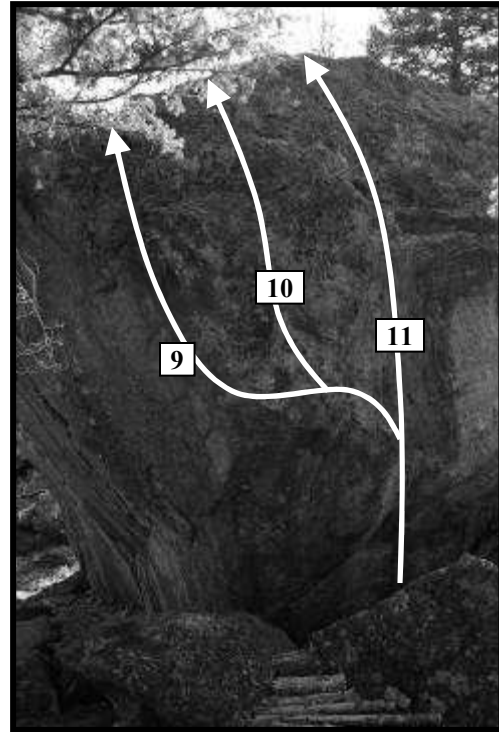
1. HO Boulder

1. **Powerline Left V6** ☆☆☆
Same start as Powerline but continue out undercling rail and then up.
2. **Powerline Right V5** ☆☆
Start with left hand on sidepull undercling and right hand on start hold of Power Pig. Climb out left to good undercling in rail and then right and up.
3. **Power Pig V3** ☆
Start matched on a small crimp rail and head up.
4. **Project**
Start on jug rail an move up to two slopy crimps and then try to move up the blank face.
5. **Brads Arête V3** ☆
Start on jugs and climb arête. Harder than it looks.
6. **V0 Solar Powered**
Climb slab.
7. **V0 Solar Slab**
Climb Slab.
8. **V2 Horse Power**
Start sitting and climb arête.



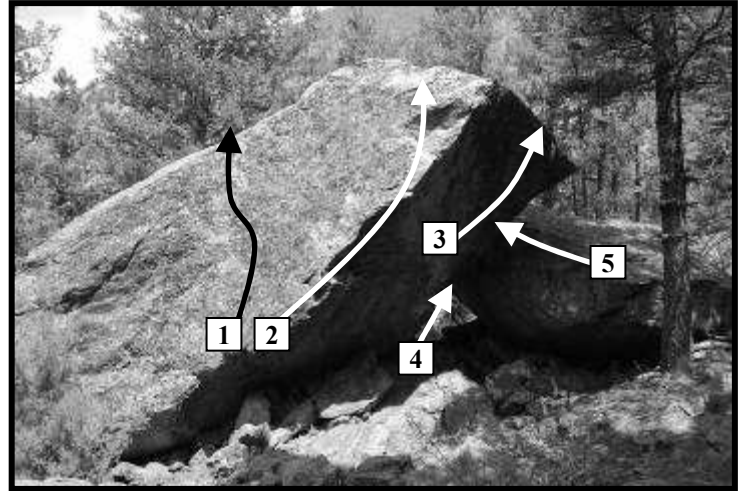
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9. **Ho Chi Min Left V6/7**
Start down in the hole and climb up and then traverse left until the arête and then head straight up.
10. **Ho Chi Min Right V4/5 ☆**
Start down in the hole and climb up and then traverse left but climb up before arête.
11. **V0 High and Dry**
Climb up from the hole or down from the top.
12. **Foo Man Chew V6 ☆**
Start sitting in the dirt with a left heel hook and hands on both sides of the arête. Climb up arête and slap slopers with left hand to gain summit.
13. **Project ☆☆☆**
Start sitting with hands matched on a good crimp rail, make a hard lock off move up and then head out left and huck for the lip. The Stand up goes at V9.
14. **Project**
Start the same as #2 but continue straight up.
15. **Plumbers Crack V7 ☆☆**
Start matched in a V shaped hold and climb straight up using crack or face features to gain committing mantel.
16. **Carpenters Crack V8 ☆☆**
The V8 sit start to Plumbers Crack. Start on two opposing gastons, then make a hard move to the V slot and continue up Plumbers Crack.



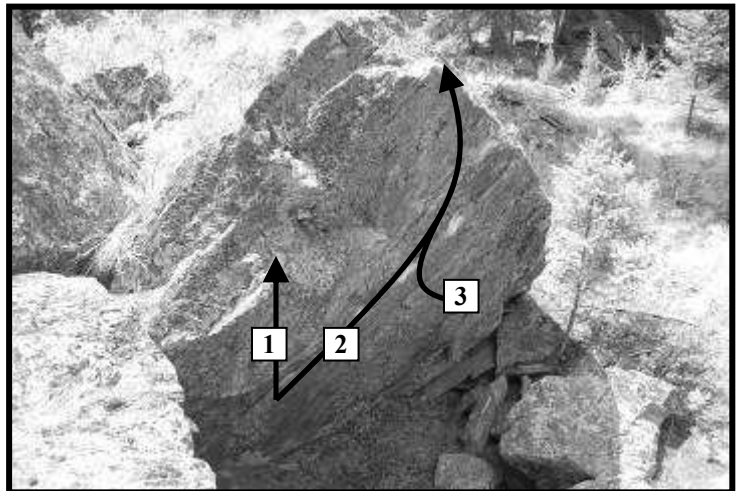
2. Gigarete Boulder

1. **V0 Three Little Pigs**
Climb slab to the left of Gigarete.
2. **V7 Gigarete** ☆☆☆
Sit start on two crimps and climb arête with an exciting throw for the finish.
3. **V6 Mr. Leslie** ☆☆
Start on two side pull crimps, step on and huck for the lip. Starting one move lower adds substantial difficulty.
4. **V7 Baby Joe** ☆
Grab two bad holds and make a hard move to the lip. Short and sweet.
5. **V2 Gunshy** ☆☆☆
Traverse the rail from right to left through the slot and then mantle over for the finish. Variation: If you want add a one move sit start and call it V3.



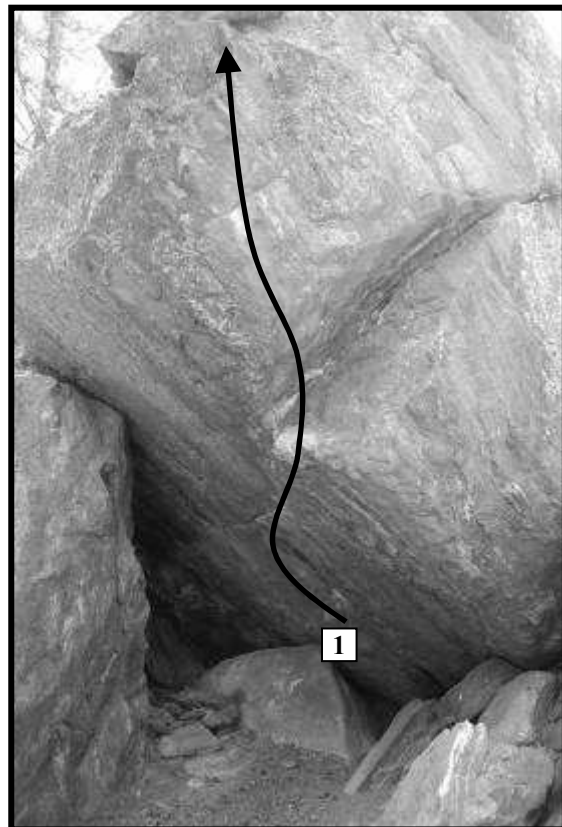
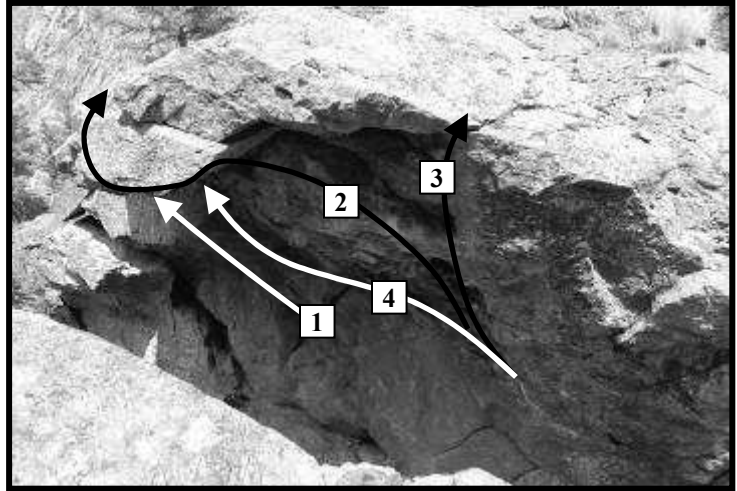
3. The Yardstick Boulder

1. **V2 Watch your Arce**
Start on Animal instinct an move up to a left hand gaston, then climb straight up. Still a little dirty.
2. **V3/4 Yardstick** ☆☆☆
Climb up and right on great edges.
3. **V3 Yardstick Direct** ☆☆
Start to the right of Animal instinct and make a move up and left to the crack. Finish on Animal instinct.



4. Choss and Moss Boulder

1. **V2 Choss, Moss and Butt Floss** ☆
Climb jugs to dirty mantle top out.
2. **V3 Gutter Ball** ☆☆
Stat on right of cave and climb on good holds to a hard pull over the top.
3. **V0 Bumper Ball** ☆☆
Good jugs all the way to the top. Find the knee bar for extra points on your 8a scorecard.
4. **V3 Choss and Moss Traverse** ☆☆
Start on Gutter Ball and finish on Choss, Moss and Butt Floss.
5. **V5 Finders Keepers** ☆
This problem is located on the North side of the Choss and Moss boulder. Sit start on the lowest of crimps and climb up using arête and make a big move to a jug.
6. **V0 Marley and Me**
Climb Slab. Located to the right of Finders Keepers.

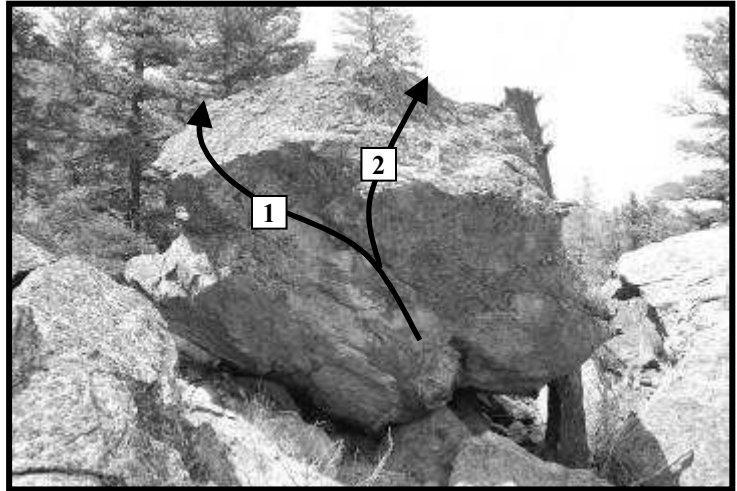


5. Hookers in Training

1. **V9 Hookers in training** ☆☆☆
Start on tufa shaped hold and make good moves on bad holds to gain the top.

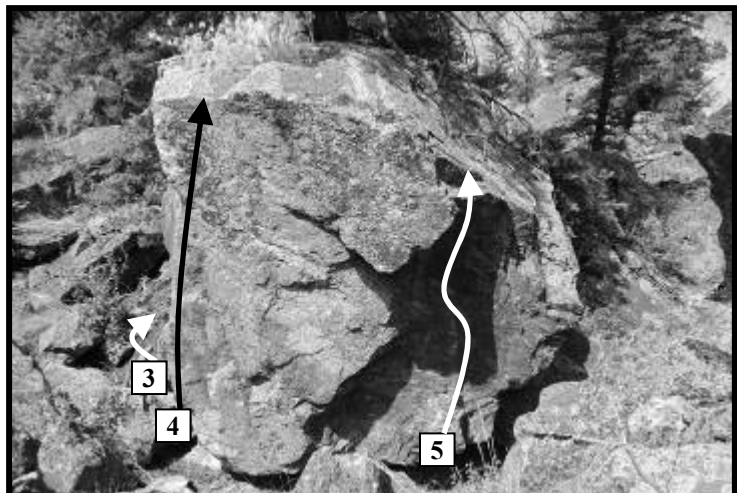
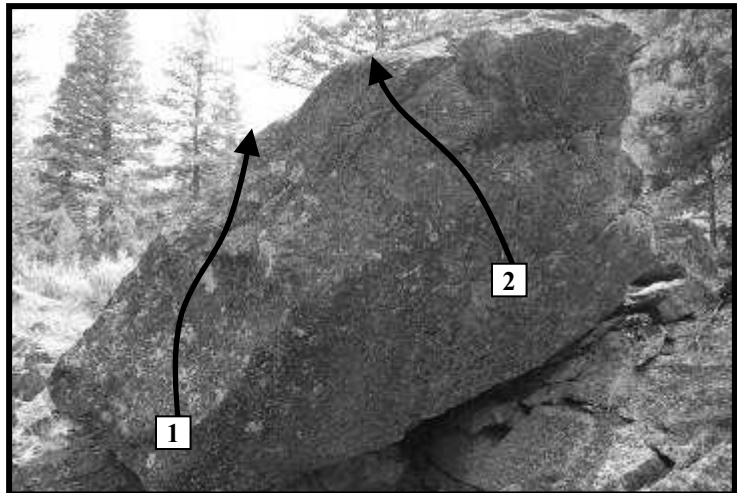
6. Henry's Boulder

1. **V3 Better Eat Your Greens**
Start in an awkward position and climb out left.
2. **V4 High Life**
Same start as Better Eat Your Greens. Climb left and then up and mantle.



7. The Jewel Box Boulders

1. **V3 Lip Gloss ☆☆**
Pull on to arête and climb up face.
2. **Project -**
3. **V0 Ruby**
Sit start to the left of the arête and climb straight up.
4. **V0 Emerald**
Sit start. Climb arête.
5. **V5 Diamonds aren't forever**
A hard sit start on a sloping crimp and small edge leads to easier climbing.

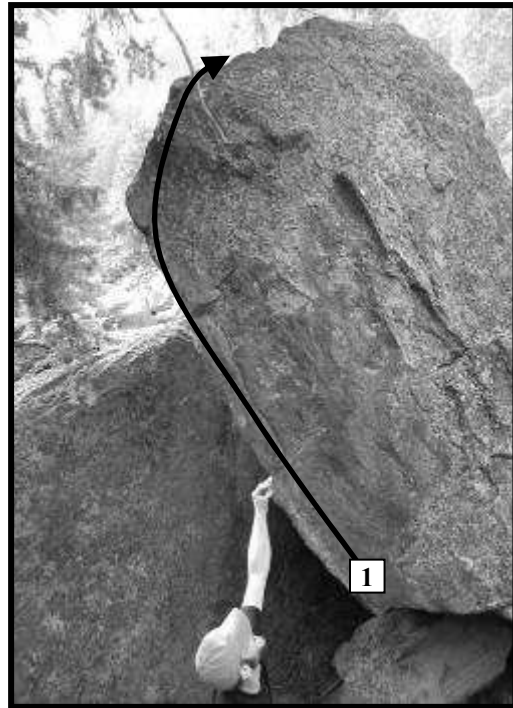


8. The Cleaver Boulder

1. **V3 Cleaver Arête** ☆
Sit start on a tooth and climb the arête.

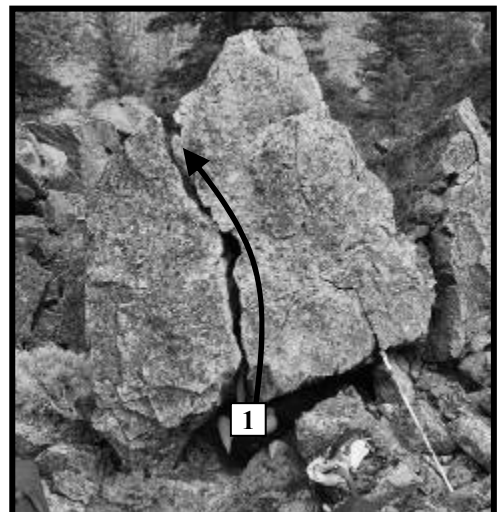
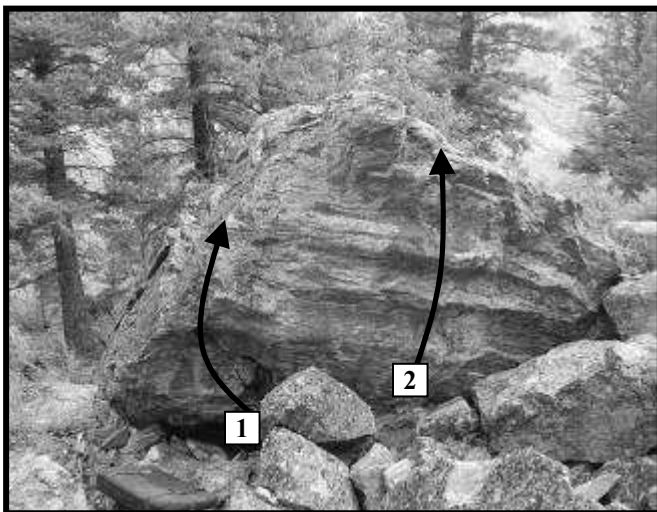
9. King of Crimson Boulder

1. **V1 Tonges in Aspic**
Sit start in hole and climb u p crack.
2. **V2 Crimson and Clover**
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Sit start on a flake and make big moves on good holds to the top.



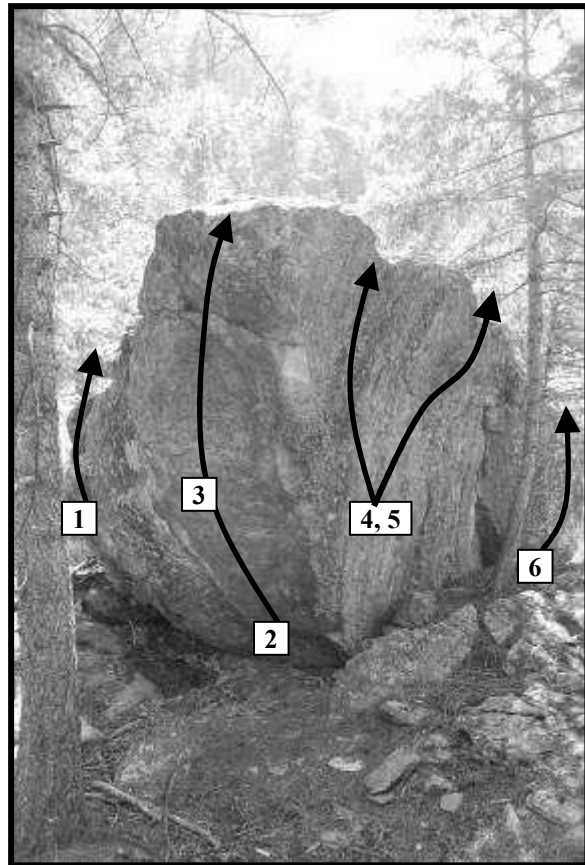
10. Webb Crack Boulder

1. **V2 Webb Crack**
Climb down in to the hole as far as you can and jam your way out of the hole.



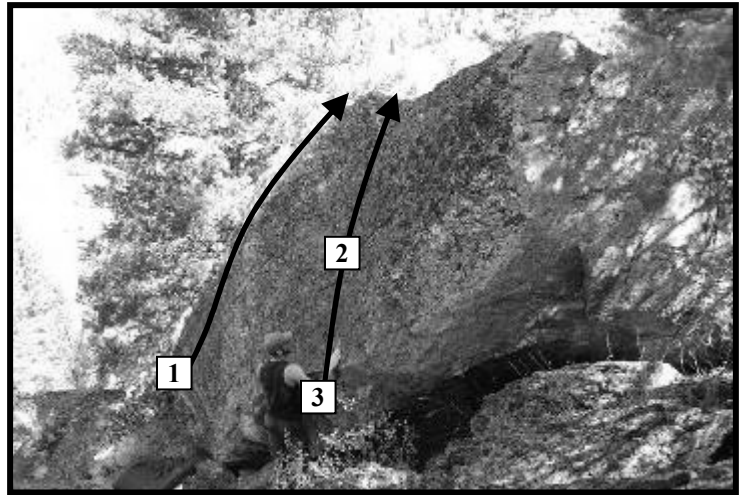
11. Way Out Boulder

1. **V3 Little People** ☆
Start matched on a giant sloper with no feet and campus/grovel your way up.
2. **V8 Way Out** ☆☆☆
Sit start on a tiny right hand side pull on arête and a left hand side pull under cling, slap up until you are in the position of the stand start and finish.
V6 Variation: ☆☆☆
Start right hand on small crimp side pull and left hand sloper just up and left of undercling. Tricky feet.
3. **V3 Way Out Stand** ☆☆☆
Good left hand and bad right hand. Dyno for the jug.
4. **V4 Heat**
Sit start on right hand side pull. Move out to arête with left hand and dyno for top.
5. **V2 Mojo Risin'** ☆☆☆
Same start as "Heat" but move right and top out trough tree branches.
6. **V4 Sir moves a lot** ☆☆☆
Directly to the west of the hidden boulder lies another small boulder. Climb the north face from a sit start.



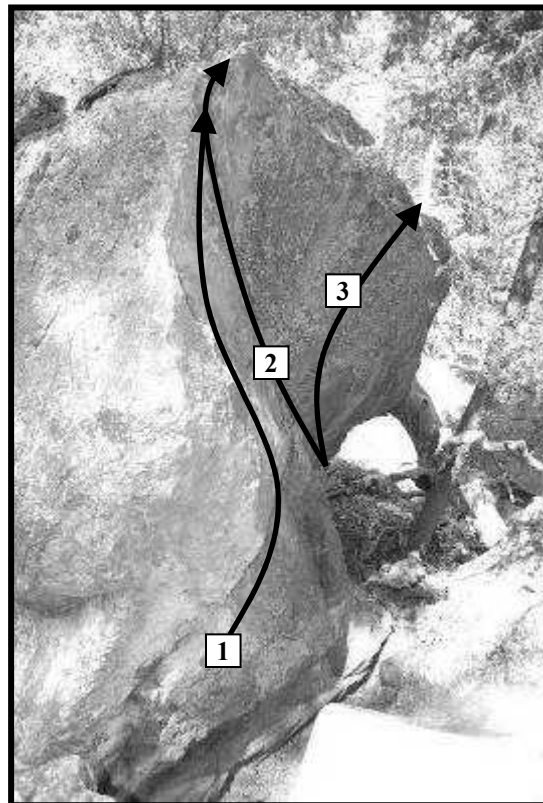
12. Sidewinder Boulder

1. **V0 Sidewinder**
Start on the left side of the boulder underneath a crack and climb face.
2. **V1 French Roast ☆☆**
Start standing and climb slab.
3. **V3 Italian Roast ☆**
Start sitting and climb slab. Left hand small crimp, right hand sloper.
4. **V0 Unnamed (no topo)**
Climb face on small boulder directly south of sidewinder.



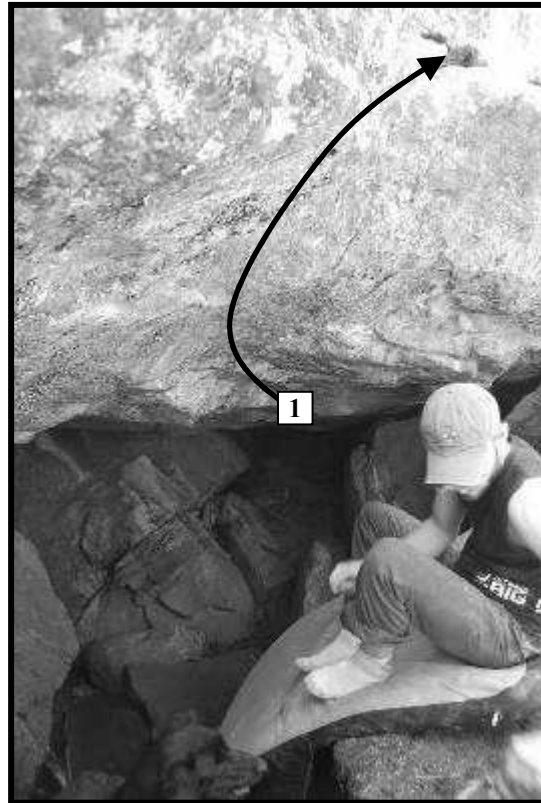
13. Way out West Boulder

1. **V4 Unnamed ☆**
Sit start. Move up and left to arête.
2. **V3 Montana Ted**
Start at the right side of boulder and traverse left and finish on #1
3. **V2 Cheese Burger in Paradise ☆**
Make big move to lip and mantle.



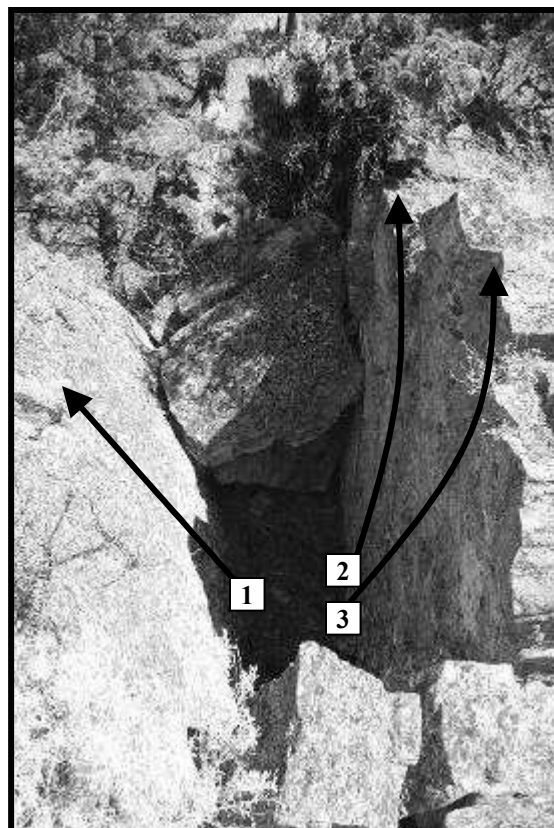
14. The Rabbit Hole

1. **Project** – ☆☆☆
Start in the back of the cave on an undercling and side pull and make hard moves out roof.



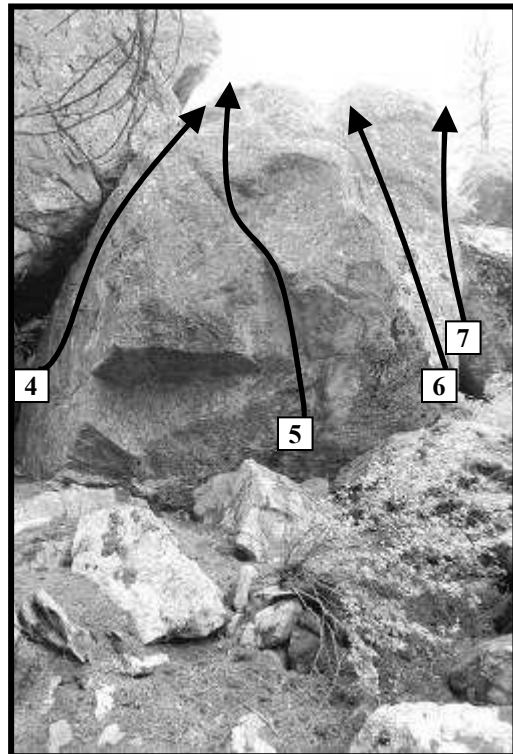
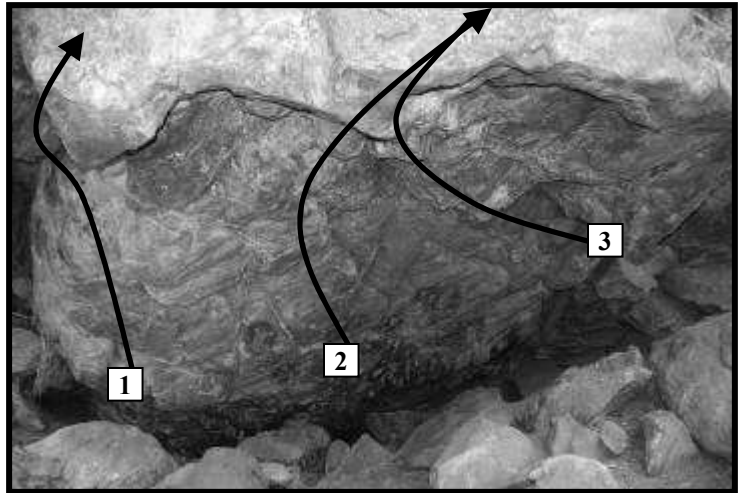
15. Six Feet Under Boulder

1. **Unknown**
Climb Slab.
2. **V1/2? Worm**
Climb crack. Still very dirty.
3. **Unknown**
Climb face to right of crack



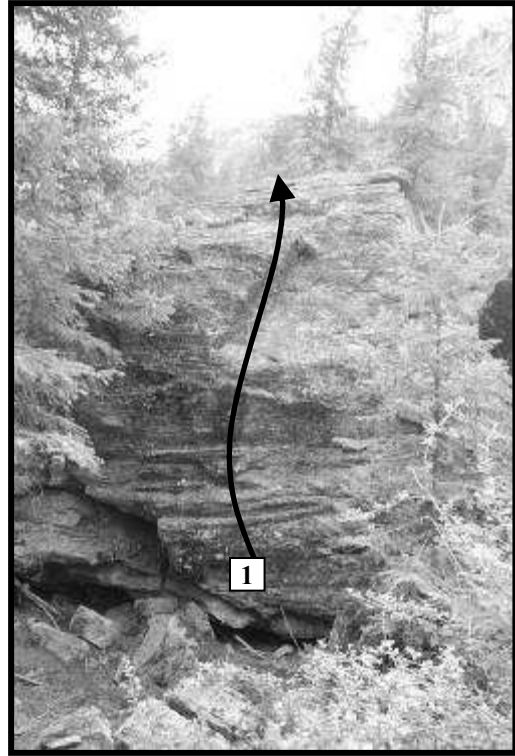
16. The Anderson Cave

1. **V3/4 Uncaged Monkey** ☆
Start on good holds and move up through slopy jugs and underclings. Pull the roof and drop off or continue up highball slab.
2. **V7 Hang like a monkey** ☆☆
Start on two slopy side pulls and make a hard move which leads to easier climbing and a hard pull around the lip. Once above lip drop off or continue up if you really want to.
3. **V6 Hang like an orangutan** ☆
Start to the right of Hang like a monkey and make good move out and left. Finish on Hang like a monkey.
4. **V1 Unnamed** -
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7. **Unclimbed** -



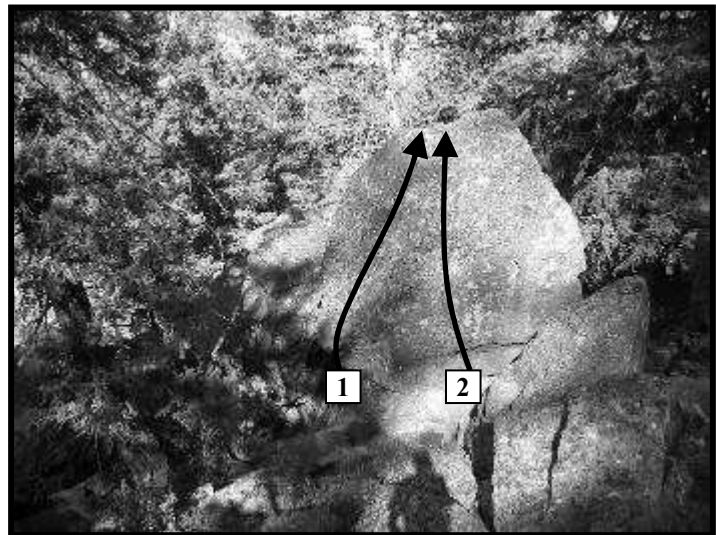
17. Humpty Dumpty Boulder

1. **V5 Humpty Dumpty** ☆☆☆
Start on the a good rail, climb to the lip and make a committing move over the lip. Excellent but needs more cleaning.



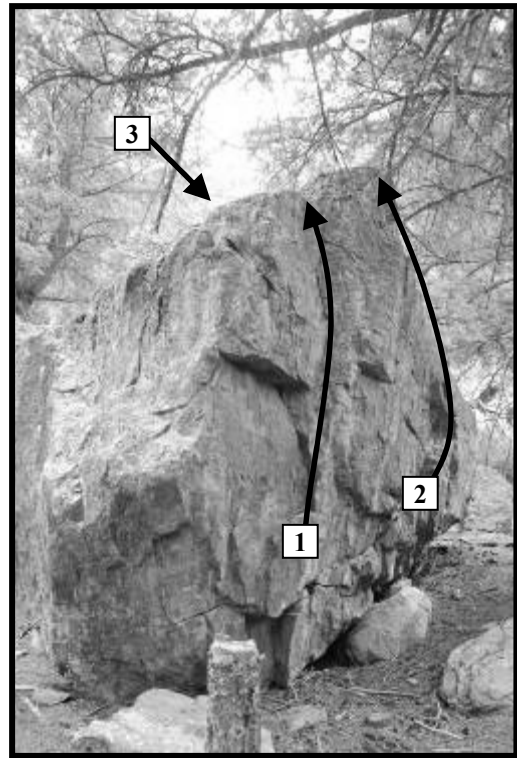
18. Iron Grip Boulder

1. **V5/6 Iron Grip** ☆
Start standing with a good left hand sidepull on left side of arete. Mantle over and climb slab. Asit could also be added.
2. **Project**
Sit start and mantle over.



19. Family Boulders

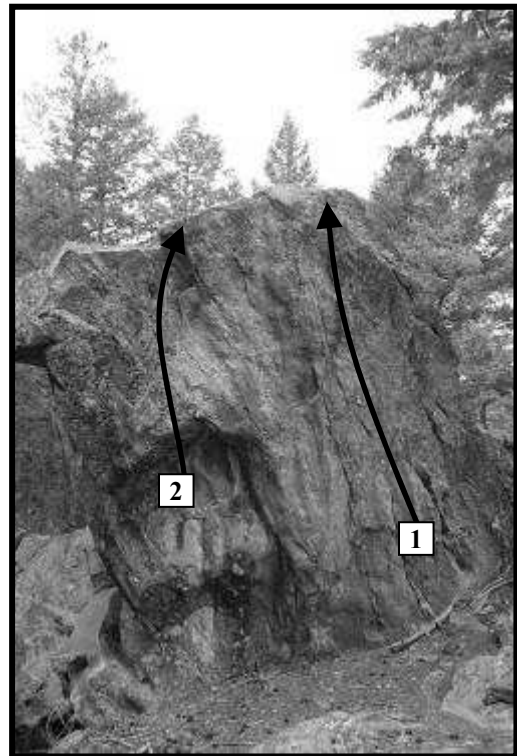
1. **V0 Beach Party** ☆
Sit start on good hold and climb straight up.
2. **V0 Family Outing**
Sit start on good hold and climb up and left.
3. **V2 Slab Surfer** ☆ ☆
Climb slab straight up. Problem is located behind the Family Boulder.
4. **V0 Yankee Jim Rat** ☆
No Topo. Located East of Family boulder in a rock filled pit.



20. Fortress Boulder

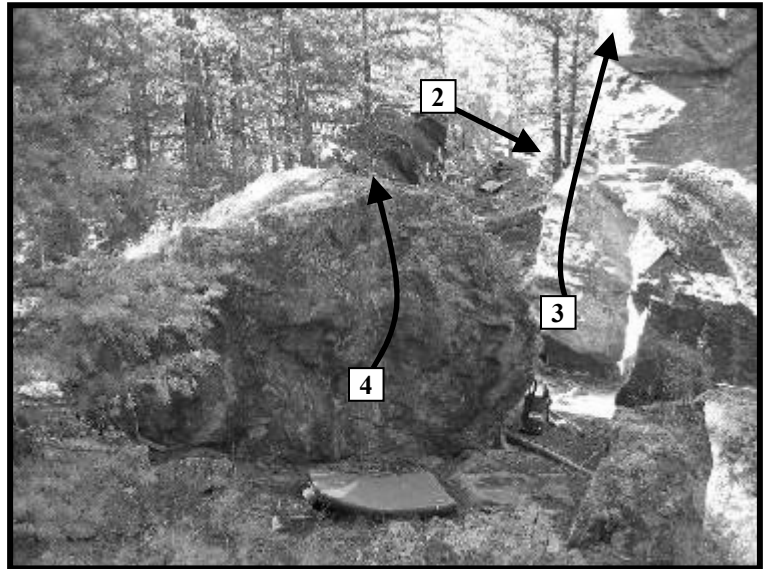
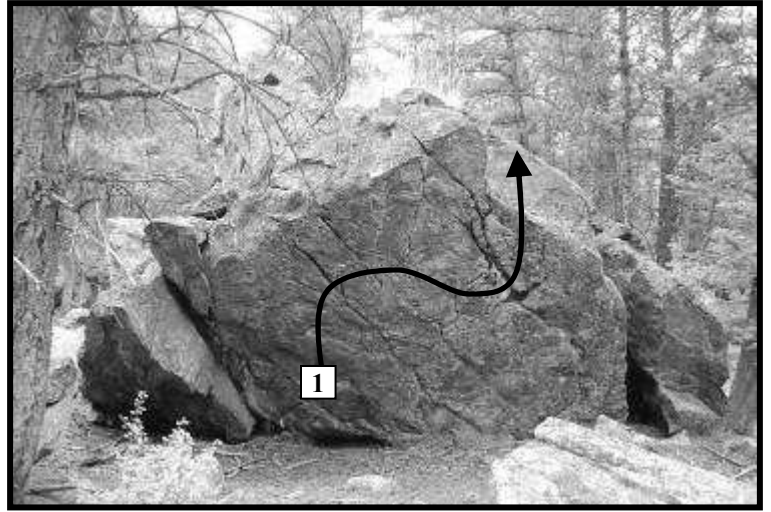
1. **V1 Assault From Above** ☆ ☆
Sit start on two side pulls and climb up using arête.
2. **V2 Stronghold** ☆ ☆ ☆
Stand start with a left hand gaston and right hand undercling. Climb up.

More problems can be on the south face but still needs cleaning.



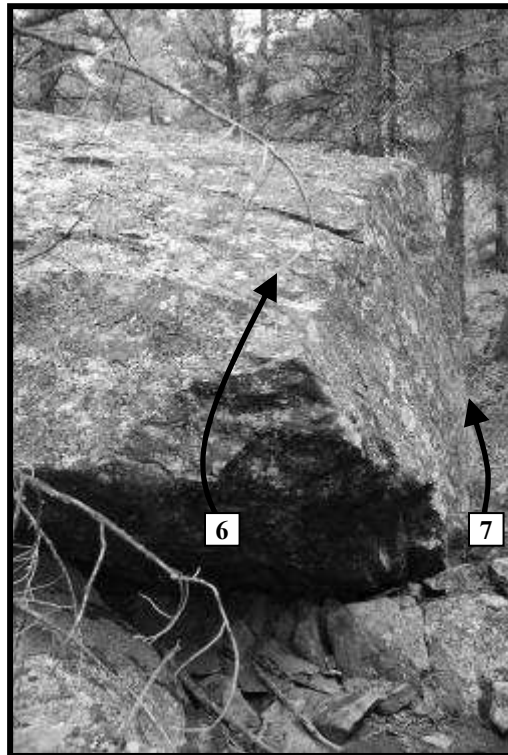
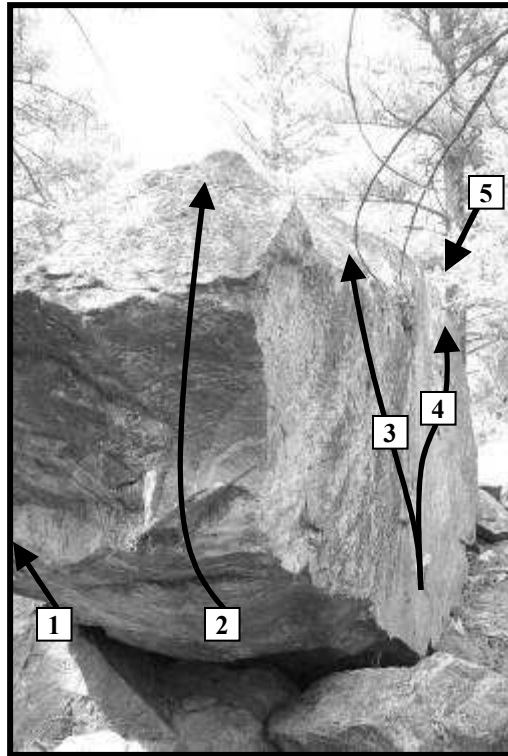
21. Lightweight Boulders

1. **V4/7 Lightweight** ☆
Start low on small holds and make a hard lockoff move up to the crack. Match and make a BIG move out right and then climb up to finish.
2. **V0 Knock Out**
Start standing and climb up tricky slab.
3. **V2 Shell Shock** ☆☆☆
Start sitting and climb arête using good pocket on the right.
4. **V1 Upper Cut** ☆
Start sitting and climb up.



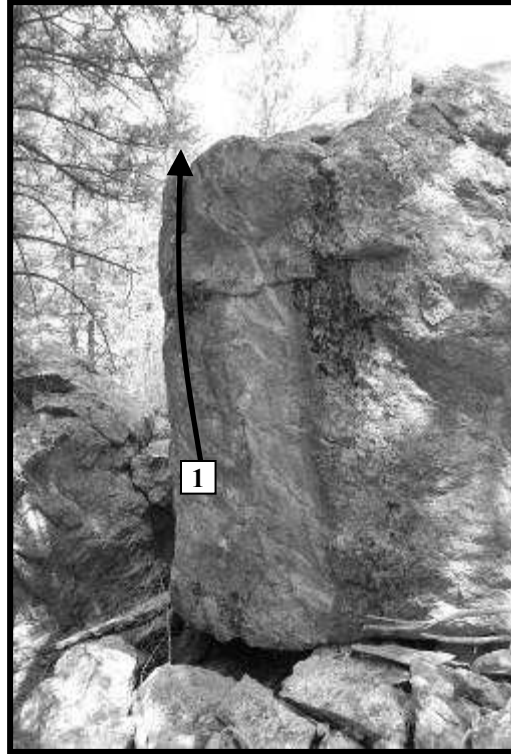
22. Megan Boulders

1. **V3 Out With The Hammer**
Sit start matched on good crimp and climb up through jugs.
2. **V3 Jars of Clay** ☆☆☆
Sit start matched on sloper and climb up overhanging arête.
3. **V5 Megan** ☆☆
Sit start on rail and climb up then left on sloppy top out.
4. **V3 Bobby Wonder** ☆☆☆
Sit star on rail and climb up then right to top out.
5. **V3 Ha**
Sit start with left hand on undercling and right hand on crimp. Make hard move then climb arete.
6. **V6 X-Rated** ☆☆
Sit start on crimp and mantle over steep arête. **Caution! Block on prow sounds hollow!!!**
7. **V1 The Webber Phenomenon**
Sit start on two small side pull crimps and climb up slab arête.
8. **V0 Stickpit**
Located on the back side of the boulder. Sit start and climb up.



23. ???

1. Unclimbed



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