

Boulder Rock Mini Guide

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INTRO

Boulder Rock is well worth a visit for an introduction to bouldering on Perth granite. This area has a good selection of problems to keep both punters and hard climbers busy for several afternoons.

ACCESS

Boulder Rock has the best access of all bouldering areas in WA! Just follow the access map. Boulder #1 (the Witch Boulder) is clearly visible from the car park.

STYLE

Thin slabs and faces with distressingly sloping top-outs typical of Perth granite bouldering. Most problems have safe flat landings. There are a few surprises such as the overhanging classic Watermelon, the sloper traverse Panic Button and the classic jump-start Beta Boy. The area is worth a visit just for these problems.

SCOPE

There are 47 problems listed in the problem table ranging from V0-V9. There are many unclimbed projects in the harder grades. Listed grades are a guide only. Some problems are unnamed. If you come up with a suitable name post to the CAWA bulletin board for it to be included in the next revision of the mini-guide.

RECOMMENDED

Beta Boy, The Witch, Watermelon & variants

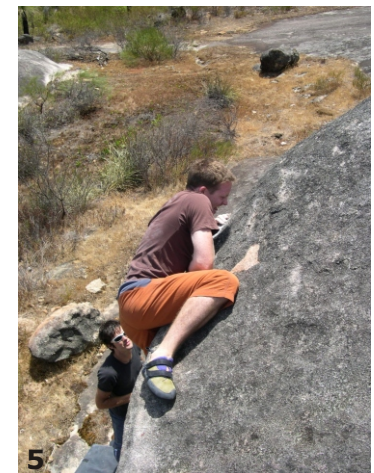
TIMING

Best on cold dry winter days. Possible to climb all year however stick to late afternoon in Summer when the rock is shaded.

ETHICS

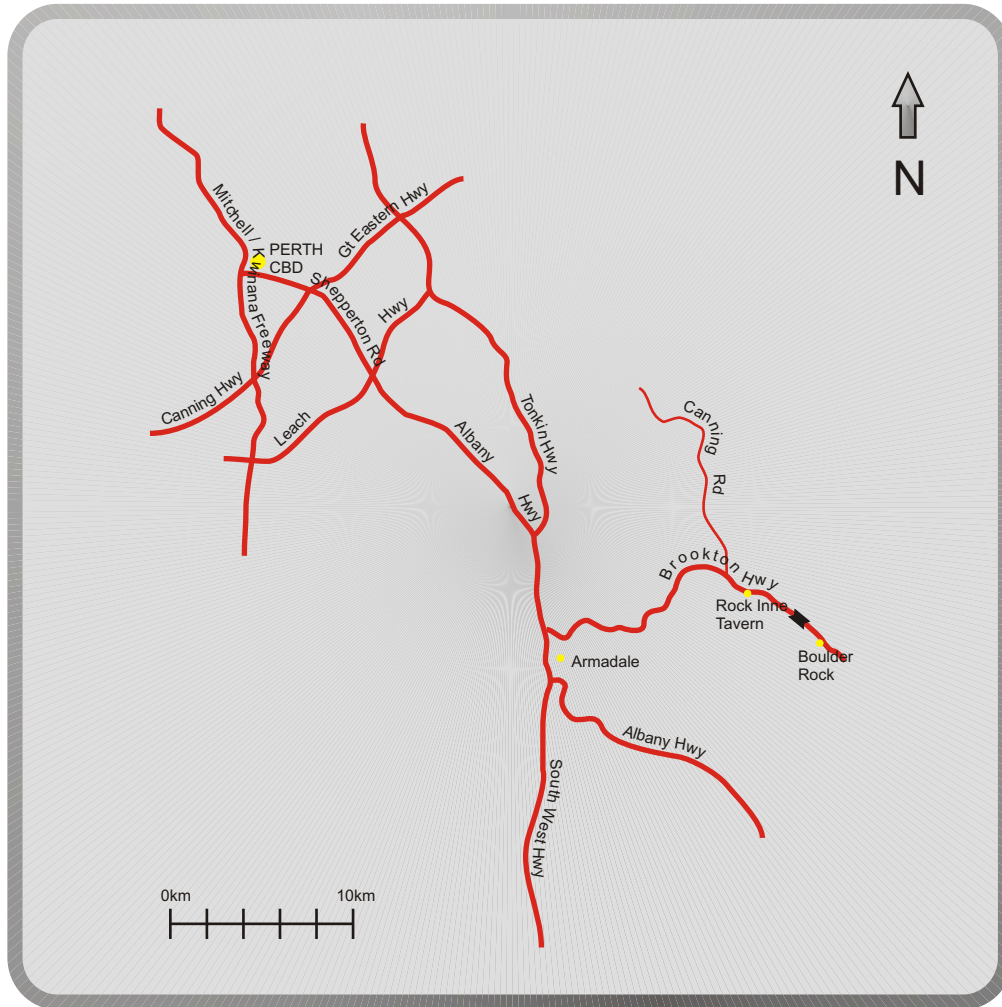
Absolutely no bolting! Boulder Rock is a public picnic area, minimise visual impact of chalk by brushing / whacking after climbing

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PHOTOS

1. View of boulders from car-park, the large boulder on the left is the Witch Boulder (Boulder 1 on topo) 2. Andy trying a project on the Witch boulder 3. Big John on Warlock 4. Ben getting the jump on Beta Boy 5. Goyds battling the bulge on Panic Button



Problem	Name	Grade	Boulder	Comment	Rating	Photo
1	The Witch	V2	1	Up past bolt scary top-out	★	
1a	The Witch (sit-down)	V9	1		★	
2	The Warlock	V2	1			
3	Project		1	Tiny crimps and a tiny nipple to pinch		
4	Beta Boy	V7	1	Jump to good crimp for right hand and then desperate moves to finish	★★★	
5		V0	2	Easy warm-ups on this boulder		
6		V0	2			
7	Panic Button Direct	V2	3	Jump to the lip and mantle up.	★	
8		V3	3			
9		V2	3			
10		V1	3			
11	Panic Button	V4	3	Sit-start, traverse the lip finish as for #7	★★	
12		V1	4			
13		V1	4			
14		V1	4			
15		V1	4			
16		V1	4			
17	Project		4	Sit-start, small crimps desperate mantle		
18	Project		5	Blunt arete		
19	Project		6	Tricky, nasty fall needs two spotters		
20	Project		6	Hard, high, the r/h arete no crack		
21	Project		6	Death!		
22	Project		7	Rising traverse right finish up blunt arete. DEATH		
23		V1	8	Slab with bolt. Ignore bolt.		
24		V1	9	Mantle. Traverse L to join to finish #25 for a ~V4		
25		V3	9	Jump to the lip and mantle up.		
26		V4	9	Thin		
27		V0	9			
28	Project		10	Desperate mantle		
29	Watermelon (left)	V6	10	Traverse crack right then up flake (sit-start)	★★	
30	Watermelon	V5	10	Up flake (Classic)	★★★	
31	Watchyadoinandy	V7	10	1m right of #30, up LH side of east face of boulder. Pop to tiny crimp then up. Can be extended by sit starting slightly R and traversing into the stand-up moves.	★	
32	Watermelon (right)	V6	10	Traverse crack left then finish as for #30	★★★	
33	Slaspastic	V2	10			
34	Treehugger	V1	11			
35	Bermuda Triangle	V3	11	Two variants; follow crack or straight up		
36	Project		12	Hard and high potential classic		
37	Project		13	Thin, holds have been brushed but has it been done? RH of north face up slab avoid easy scoop for feet low on the right		
38	Gurning	V1	14	Middle/left of north face avoiding flakes of #40		
39	Gill Skill	V2	14	Up flakes on LH of north face		
40	John Dory	V0	14	Start about 1m left of #40		
41		V0	14			
42		V2	15			
43		V0	15			
44		V0	16			
45		V1	16			
46	Use Your In-stink Boulder Rock	V9	13	Sit start to desperate slapping to gain the higher slab. New prob done Oct 2004	★★	
47	Renaissance	V4	13	Difficult rock over to gain slab. Marginal slab moves to top-out. New prob done Oct 2004	★	

