

IBEX VALLEY BOULDERS

over 100 problems

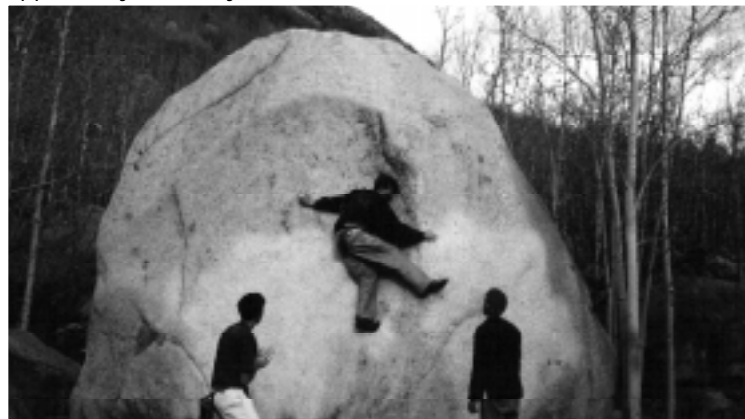
bouldering in the ibex valley
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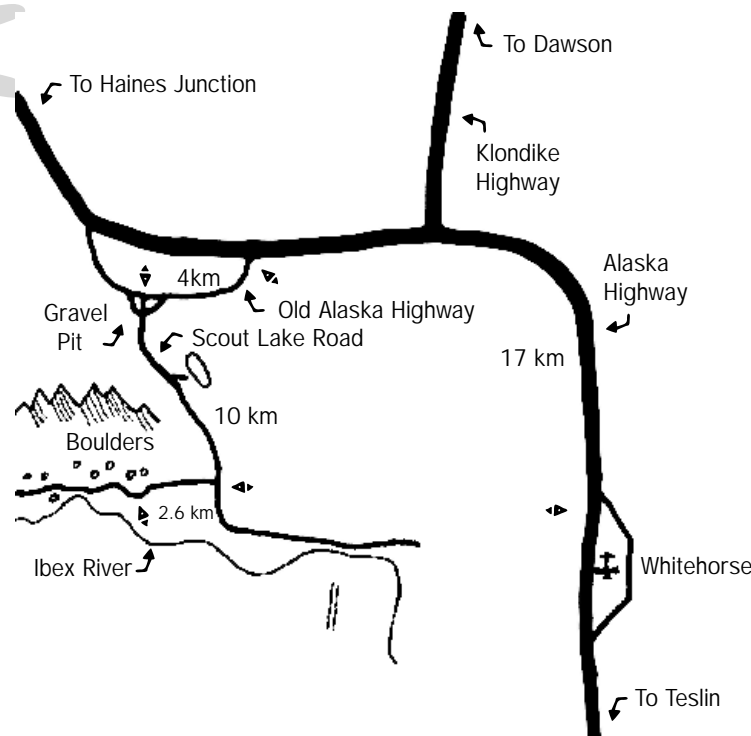
ibex rock

The boulders lie nestled at the base of the imposing Ibx Face in the sweeping Ibx Valley located 30 km Northwest of Whitehorse, Yukon. A result of gravitational action, the boulders lie fallen from the layers of fine quartz monzonite above. The people who climb them battle the same nemesis force.

The granite boulders range from the imposing Big Julie boulder to prosaic hunks that lack distinguishment in size or feature. Yet strikingly beautiful sequences of movements abound throughout. While a sprinkling of large holds exist, the majority of problems tend to feature dicy slabs, sick slopers, henious crimps, and an indescribable yet charming Ibx funk. Rather than obvious thuggery, Ibx problems tend to be balancy and dicy, subtle even to the point of deviousness. But the Ibx offers something at every style and difficulty level, providing a unique challenge and opportunity for everyone to dance with the Rock.



how to get there



philosophy of bouldering

While bouldering is many things to many people, we believe these suggestions contribute to the best bouldering experience and the hardest possible cranking.

- ★ bring lots of friends
- ★ spot well
- ★ encourage all effort
- ★ be creative
- ★ live the moment
- ★ believe that it *can* be done
- ★ maintain respect even if you're getting spanked
- ★ learn from the rock



Historically, the many branches of climbing have often been dominated by an exclusive and elitist mentality, driven by ego, a hypercompetitive culture, and animosity between groups and individuals. Bouldering has always been common ground for trads and rads, aces and beginners. Everyone can enjoy the beauty and simplicity of playing on small rocks.

The bouldering revolution has brought with it a purer paradigm, where we seek not to boost our egos by sandbagging, but seek to build each other up, pushing everyone to their utmost ability and beyond. Rather than a Darwinian struggle to conquer and dominate, we realize that we are working together, learning a sacred and mystical dance with the Rock. Join the revolution!



ratings

Vermin	Y.D.S	Fontainebleau	# of problems in this guide
VB	5.5 - 5.9		19
VO-	5.10a		12
VO	5.10b/c	5+	11
VO+	5.10d	6a	13
V1	5.11a	6b	17
V2	5.11b/c	6b+	13
V3	5.11d	6c	12
V4	5.12a	6c+	8
V5	5.12b/c	7a	5
V6	5.12d	7a+	
V7	5.13a	7b	
V8	5.13b/c	7b+	
V9	5.13d	7c	
V10	5.14a	7c+	
V11	5.14b	8a	
V12	5.14c	8a+	
V13	5.14d	8b	
V14	5.15a	8b+	



All ratings are subjective, especially with the Ibx funk factor. A problem that may be easy for you due to your morphology or other factors may seem impossible for me, and vice versa. Use our ratings as a rough guide to difficulty, but avoid preoccupation with numbers. You get enough of them in school. A really great problem is about aesthetics, the beauty of the line, the complexity of the moves, and how good it felt to *you* -- whether you liked it.

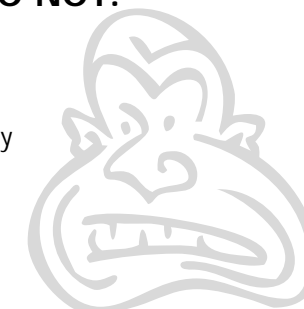
Furthermore, there are some very worthwhile and entertaining problems that defy classification using traditional means. For these problems, unconventional ratings will appear. The symbol J for a jump start and a symbol P for a yet unclimbed project. In extraordinary circumstances, the "Sick" system is used, denoted by an S preceded by a number indicating the severity of sickness. Such problems could involve just about anything. Beware!

Bouldering does not fit in a box. Bouldering is about doing rad moves, attempting the impossible, and above all, having fun with your friends.

responsibility

If you love the Ibx, DO NOT:

- defecate in the area
- spill chalk all over
- mark the rock in any way
- leave trash around
- disturb wildlife or plants
- drive off the road



Responsibility, reverence, and respect have been known to lower the levels of gravity and open the doors of perception. The Rock knows.

safety

All bouldering falls hit the ground. Or worse. You can DIE or be MAIMED for life.

- ☠ use a bouldering pad
- ☠ visualize your fall
- ☠ get a spot where needed
- ☠ if it feels wrong, step off

Only YOU are responsible for your safety.

Bouldering is NOT SAFE

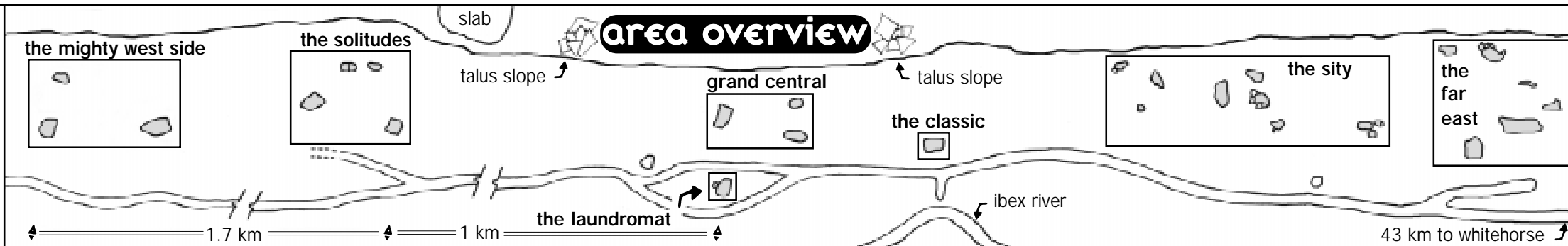


the future

Ibx Bouldering began in the 70's. To date there is nothing which says the area could not be turned into a farm or a mine. We have a responsibility to share and protect this unique area for future generations.

We invite you to share in the excitement and agony involved in putting up new problems. Bouldering teaches us that there is strength in numbers, and that nothing is impossible, we just need to see from a new perspective. We'll see ya there!





the laundry

1. washboard J1/V2
2. bounce J3
3. permanent press V3
4. static cling J1/V2
5. maytag man VB
6. detergent V0+
7. ring around the collar V1
8. coin-op V4

catamount

1. the evil yorkers V0+
2. fort ticonderoga V1
3. eternal phatness V4
4. go figure V3

fat city

1. cleaning the tank V4
2. algae V0-
3. joe's lunch V1/V0+
4. sucker minnows V2
5. timid goldfish V0+

the aquarium

1. clutch cable V2
2. big V V1
3. hitler's revenge V0-
4. crankshaft V0
5. the ribbon/ator V4/5
6. hasta la pasta V2
7. gift wrapped VB
8. way sicker than average V4
9. fredrick's traverse V1

the city

1. triceratops V0
2. try plane V1
3. try corner V0
4. try dike V0+
5. try slab VB

the volkwagon

6. try mantle V1
7. tryannasaurus VB
8. tryals and temptations V0+
9. tried and true V0-

the gift

1. la escuela V0+
2. brincando J2/V0+
3. mosca brava V4
4. vista cresta V4
5. nueva vista V3

the tryclops

1. kyle's slab V0
2. power to change VB
3. stone hinge mantle J0/V1
4. spotter assisted suicide V3
5. what it comes to VB

the clingdom

1. judo V1
2. wwf V0
3. ooga ooga V0-
4. burly dude V1
5. peacable kingdom V0+
6. the power V2

the far east

1. kyle's slab V0
2. power to change VB
3. stone hinge mantle J0/V1
4. spotter assisted suicide V3
5. what it comes to VB

the thrown

1. kyle's slab V0
2. power to change VB
3. stone hinge mantle J0/V1
4. spotter assisted suicide V3
5. what it comes to VB

the mighty west side

1. funk rock

1. mike's hike V1
2. funky granola V0+
3. the green room V4
4. boogy traverse V0
5. uppa hand VB
6. the pipeline J2/V1
7. surfin' safari V5
8. tidal wave V3
9. jungle boogy V1
10. macarena V0

green boulder

1. timeless classic VB
2. classic traverse V0-
3. retro arete V1
4. new vision V4

the classic

1. classic boulder

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the star indicates a problem that we feel is particularly noteworthy, aesthetic, worth doing over and over again. such a problem may keep you up at night.
the squatting dude indicates a sit-down-start, which means you start with two cheeks squarely on the ground. although considered to some to be a contrivance, sit-starts are often essential in producing some of the best problems.
while all bouldering falls are potentially hazardous, some problems have more obvious risks than others. some of these include excessive height, and/or talus and other hazards in the landing zone. use extra caution on these problems.

the solitudes

1. unknown boulder
2. the incisor

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1. veeby jeebies VB
2. unknown slab VB
3. oral hygiene V2
4. impacpion V3
5. hensel project

the stone

6. the talk VB
7. the walk VB
8. yabbalujah V5
9. groovin V2
10. revival V3

vista cresta boulder

1. an edgy feeling V3
2. on the edge V0-
3. the edger V0+
4. navejo V2
5. anasazi V3
6. palmito V4

the stone

9. cornerstone V0
P. project rejection potential, but thus far, rejected.

the temple

7. cleansing of the sanctuary V5
8. largo's traverse V2

the fluffy boulder

1. strike back V2
2. hands up high V1
3. apostate philosophy V3
4. highball easy slab variations VB
P. traverse project

the big julie boulder

1. leap of faith V3
2. whas goin' on in da kitchen V1
3. lunge or plunge V1
4. largo's lunge V2
5. staircase V0-
6. paradigm shift V5

the house

1. leap of faith V3
2. whas goin' on in da kitchen V1
3. lunge or plunge V1
4. largo's lunge V2
5. staircase V0-
6. paradigm shift V5

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largo's pinch boulder

1. largo's pinch arete V3
2. kindred spirit V2
3. positive energy V4
4. descent problem VB
5. hike-up VB
6. snoozin' V1
7. oozin' V3

the edge

1. an edgy feeling V3
2. on the edge V0-
3. the edger V0+
4. navejo V2
5. anasazi V3
6. palmito V4

grand central

1. an edgy feeling V3
2. on the edge V0-
3. the edger V0+
4. navejo V2
5. anasazi V3
6. palmito V4

the monument

7. cleansing of the sanctuary V5
8. largo's traverse V2