

AN INTERPRETIVE BOULDERING GUIDE TO

# HALFWAY LOG DUMP



Halfway Log Dump, Bruce Peninsula National Park

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## A WORD FROM THE OAC

Thanks in advance for your help in being a steward for Halfway Log Dump (HWLD). Halfway Log Dump is a wild and natural place. Parks Canada chose bouldering as the first activity nationally to complete the new standard for evaluating the feasibility of activities in Canada's Parks. Boulders as a community have the opportunity at HWLD to set an example that will be noted nationwide. The work to regain access to bouldering at HWLD has taken nearly a decade of volunteer efforts by your fellow boulderers and work by Bruce Peninsula National Park staff. Show your thanks by helping ensure that you and other boulderers follow the guidelines outlined in this guide. By looking after HWLD we can continue to enjoy bouldering in this special place.

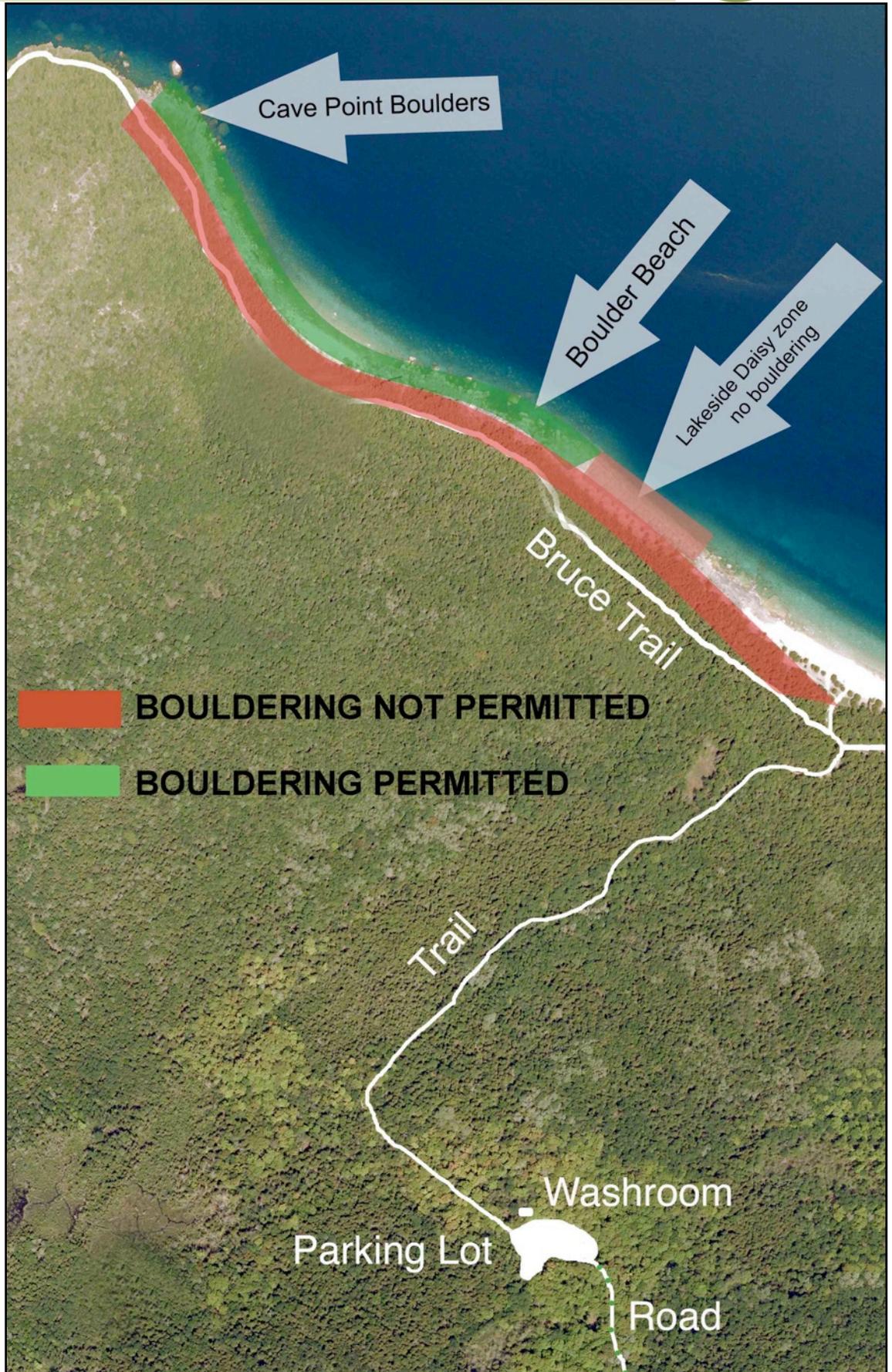
## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the OAC members, sponsors and partners for your continued support that allowed us to make access to bouldering at Halfway Log Dump a reality. If you enjoy bouldering at HWLD then show your support for the OAC by becoming a member at [www.OntarioAccessCoalition.com](http://www.OntarioAccessCoalition.com). Below are a list of organizations that supported the OAC in opening HWLD. Please give them thanks and support!

<b>Bruce Peninsula National Park</b>	<b>Mountain Equipment Co-Op</b>	<b>National Climbers Access Initiative</b>
<b>OAC Members</b>	<b>Climber's Rock</b>	<b>Joe Rockhead's</b>
<b>Friction Climbing</b>	<b>Boulderz Climbing</b>	<b>Gripped Magazine</b>
<b>Beta Clothing Designs</b>	<b>Rock Oasis</b>	<b>Alpine Club of Canada</b>
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## 2. A Word From the OAC

Overview of the HWLD area showing the parking lot, washroom, road, trail, and boulder areas.



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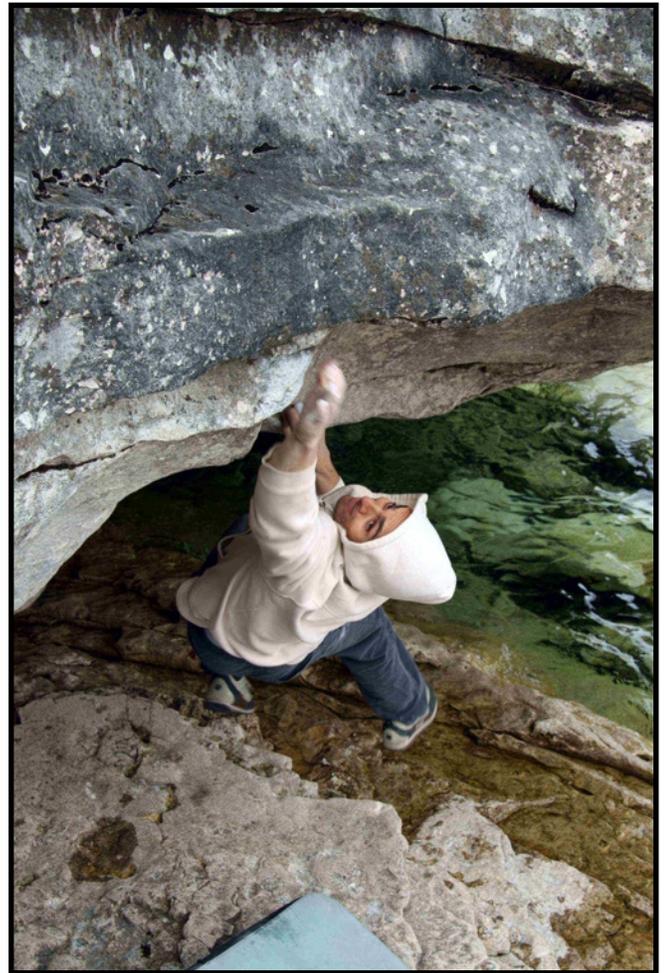
## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### BOULDERING GUIDELINES

1. **Aspire to boulder without leaving a trace at Halfway Log Dump. Remove chalk after climbing, pack out trash, and pick up litter. There is a composting toilet at the parking lot for use at Halfway Log Dump.**
2. **Maintain a low profile when bouldering at Halfway Log Dump. By maintaining a low profile we help to preserve the quality of experience for other visitors.**
3. **Climb only on the boulders on the flat rock beach area between the Crab boulder and Cave Point. There are hundreds of boulders in this area. Do not boulder in the forest or on the Lakeside Daisy boulders. Use existing trails to help protect natural features.**
4. **Be aware of key plant species to be protected in Halfway Log Dump. Plant species can be easily overlooked. Do not trample or pick vegetation.**
5. **Understand and respect historical ethics and restrictions Halfway Log Dump. Stay on the beach, brush off chalk, keep your gear tidy, and be friendly!**
6. **Follow all of the rules of the Park. Educate others and report violations to the Park. Be a steward.**
7. **Boulder safely at Halfway Log Dump. Boulder within your comfort zone and be an attentive spotter. Provide assistance and guidance to other visitors, as needed.**
8. **Develop new Boulder problems responsibly. Violating this rule led to closure of bouldering at Halfway Log Dump in the past. If in doubt, leave it alone.**



Campus 'Poseidon' 'V7'

## DIRECTIONS

Halfway Log Dump is located in Bruce Peninsula National Park on the Bruce Peninsula just south of Tobermory, Ontario and about 70km north of Wiarton, Ontario. Take Highway 6 to Emmett Lake Road, just south of Cyprus Lake. This is a two way road with loose gravel. Conditions of this road can change suddenly - Please drive safely. At the fork in Emmett Lake Road, fork left to the parking area. Do not park on the road if the lot is full. Pay the parking fee (currently \$11.70) and follow the trail for about 1km to the shoreline, go left / west toward a rocky bluff. Go around the bluff and past the Lakeside Daisy boulders to Shelf Beach area.

## FACILITIES

There is a composting toilet and garbage bins at the parking lot. There are no washroom facilities at the boulders. Please pack out all waste and leave no trace.

## EQUIPMENT

- Crash Pad
- Solid footwear
- Raincoat
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Fresh Water
- First Aid Kit
- Headlamp
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Food
- Water



## CHALK

Chalk is for your hands, not for the rock. Please brush chalk off the rock whenever possible. Get in the practice of packing your toothbrush after you walk through the boulders when leaving and clean off any excess chalk from the day. Only toothbrushes are permitted. Do not remove vegetation.

## EMERGENCIES

Boulderers should come prepared with first aid kits. Park Staff may be contacted at 519-596-2702 or dial 911. Cellular phone service is not reliable at Halfway Log Dump.

## FEES

\$11.70 – Daily parking fee for vehicle. Bring exact change and self-register in the parking lot.

## BUGS

Bugs can get very bad for certain weeks in mid-late summer with large biting flies. The best bet is to leave and go to Lion's Head for route climbing.

### MONITORING

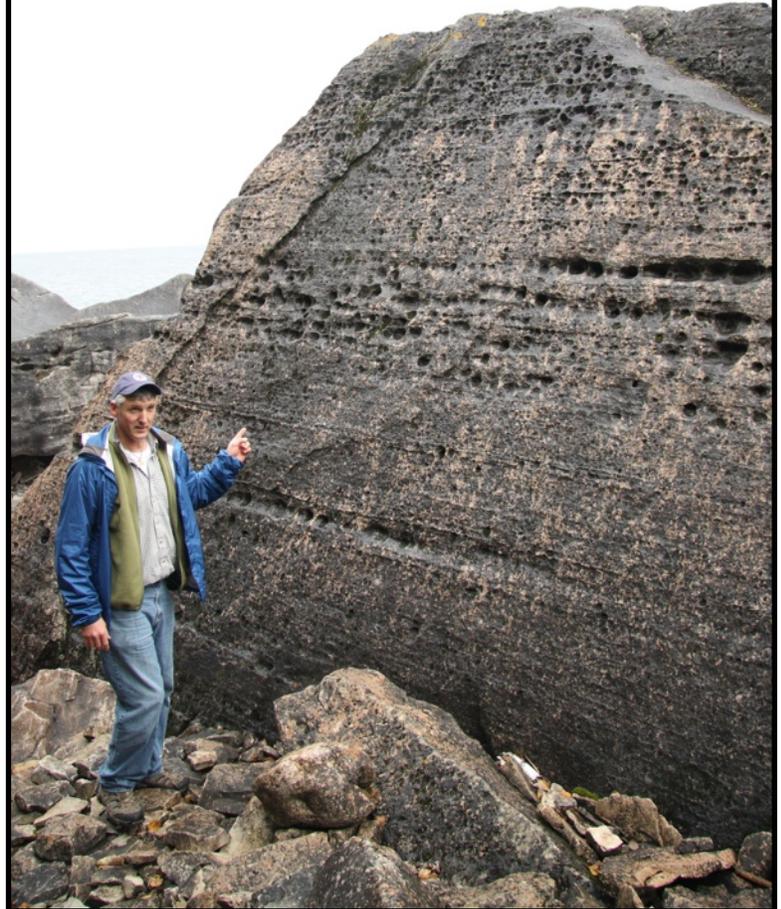
Through a mutual understanding between the OAC and Bruce Peninsula National Park, bouldering is permitted in specific areas of HWLD. The guidelines under which it is permitted apply to all participants. Boulderers are a special user group with requirements beyond that of the Park beyond that of typical visitors. Boulderers should bear in mind that preservation of the Park and its natural resources are the highest priority and strive to leave no trace.

As part of the assessment to determine if it was feasible to re-open HWLD to bouldering a system of ongoing monitoring has been setup.

**Environmental monitoring** is in place to ensure that the impact of bouldering is not excessive. This involves comparing before and after photography of boulders, as well as comparisons of randomly selected problems against a control group.

**Enforcement monitoring** will be carried out as a regular responsibility of Park operations. Boulderers not complying with regulations will be charged. Boulderers should note that the endangered species act 2007 carries a maximum individual ***fine of \$250,000.00*** at the time of this writing.

Bruce Peninsula National Park Ecologist surveys the area for the impact of bouldering.



**Self-Monitoring:** The best monitoring system is the one that the Park asks of the bouldering community, and that is to monitor ourselves and act as stewards for Halfway Log Dump. If you need to report any suspicious activity to the Park please call (519)-596-2702.

Signage at the parking lot

## NATURE

Visitors to the Park should not disturb any plants for any reason. With the recession of the last ice age the flat slabs of rock (called 'alvars') that the boulders sit on were exposed. Some of the plants that lived at that time clung on and survive there still today. With the departure of the ice age, temperatures heated up and many new plants started growing in these warmer conditions. We can now find ancient arctic plants growing beside plants that usually inhabit much warmer climates. This odd mix of inhabitants makes the area home to a unique mix of species.



Right: Grass Pink



Left: The endangered Lakeside Daisy

The endangered Lakeside Daisy is the plant the climbers need to be able to recognize and care for. This small yellow endangered flower lives along the shore and on the actual boulders before the Crab. The key animal to be aware of is the Massausga Rattlesnake. This snake is also one of Canada's species at risk. These snakes are venomous. Please ensure you don't disturb these snakes.

To learn more about the plants and animals of the area take note of the names of the boulder problems in the Shelf Beach area. These are named after many of the local endangered inhabitants (except crabs and whales of course).

## WEATHER

The bouldering season begins and ends with the opening of closing of Emmett Lake Road for the winter. Call the National Park for the most up to date information Phone: 519-596-2233. As a rule, the forecast is often wrong. 90.7 FM is the Park weather channel and is broadcast in both French and English.

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Avg	-6.5	-6	-1.6	3.6	10.4	16.2	18.6	18.2	14.5	8.8	1.8	-3.3
Avg Hi	-2.8	-1	3.4	8.8	16.6	22.4	24.1	23.5	19.6	12.7	4.8	-0.3
Avg Lo	-10.2	-10	-6.5	-1.6	4	10	13	12.9	9.4	4.8	-1.2	-6.2
Avg Rain mm	9	-	-	6	83	51	97	134	88	73	-	-

### HISTORY

The origin of the name Halfway Log Dump refers to the use of the area as a 'dump' for lumber. From this spot logs would be floated to mills to make homes, furniture, and other items of the day.

In more recent times, Halfway Log Dump provided welcome relief from the hard work that has gone into developing sport climbing in the Bruce Peninsula by the first ascensionists for over a quarter century. Geologically the boulders were once part of the solid capstone of the above cliffs. This cliff is the part of Niagara Escarpment and was designated a World Biosphere preserve in 1990. The cliff was once the edge of an ancient sea that covered the Great Lakes. The actions of storms and ice have removed many features from the boulders.



Boulder Beach overview with Shelf Beach, The Maze, and Terminal Beach

### BOULDERING HISTORY

Long before crash pads, climbers came here to lounge in their lycra, boulder in their Ballets, and climb the few routes that dot the cliff line. Many of the obvious were done at in this era well before the boom in popularity of bouldering.

In 2001, Matt Zavitz and Adam Reeve began frequenting the area with the idea that the area was a worthwhile bouldering location in its own right. Jeremy Smith and Tyson Braun began regular visits and soon most of the lines in this guide today were established.

By the summer of 2002, word had spread and weekends saw more and more boulderers make the journey to HWLD. An onslaught of biting flies in the summer of 2002 drove many boulderers into the forest beside the shore seeking shelter from the flies. Once in the forest, boulderers familiar with bouldering development in western Canada aggressively removed vegetation in search of lines to climb. In the spring of 2003, Bruce Peninsula National Park discovered the damage that some boulderers were causing and closed the area to bouldering in order to protect the Park and its rare plant life from this kind of behaviour.

### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

By supporting local businesses climbers can help ensure continued climbing access to areas in the Bruce. The annual OAC Climbers survey shows that climbers contribute significantly to the local economy. Pick up things you need for back at home locally and you will help give the economy on the Bruce help every time you do. Check [www.tobermory.com](http://www.tobermory.com) and [www.explorethebruce.com](http://www.explorethebruce.com) for more information.

### EATS

#### Lion's Head Area

*Marydale's Family Restaurant*, 76 Main Street, Lions Head, (519) 793-4224

Marydale's has supported climbers for many years. Give thanks by getting your breakfast fix. Try the Taxi Driver to go or try pie around the campfire.

*Positano's Pizza*, Located in Ferndale strip mall, (519)-793-6455

Bouldered late? Forgot to get dinner? Call Positano's Pizza for takeout when you leave HWLD it will be hot out of the oven when you arrive. Wings too.

*Lion's Head Inn*, 8 Helen Street, Lions Head, (519) 793-4601

Cold beer and friendly locals. Great patio in the summer and good place to catch that must watch sport game.

#### Tobermory Area

*The Fish and Chips Place*, 24 Bay Street S. Tobermory, (519)-596-8375

This spot in Tobermory serves up a great whitefish taco. Fresh fish, a patio seat, and great view of the harbour. Worth the wait. Open May 21st to Sept 6th.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The Bruce Peninsula has lots options for accommodation ranging from basic camping to private cottages. Arrange accommodations ahead of your visit. If you sleep in your vehicle in the parking lot you will get a ticket.

**Camping in the Park:** The park has 242 campsites in the area of Cyprus Lake. To reserve a campsite in our park, please visit the 24-hour Internet service at [www.pccamping.ca](http://www.pccamping.ca) or dial toll free 1-877-737-3783 (1-877-RESERVE) (12 hours/day), Reservations are strongly recommended during high season. To try to counter the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, the park does not allow non-local firewood.

**Other Camping:** check out <http://www.thebrucepeninsula.com/camping.html> for a huge listing of campsites on the Bruce.

*Rainbow Campground: Campsites, a pool, and a colourful nightlife* (519) 793-3414

*Cape Croker Park* (519) 534-0571 Good sites overlooking the bay.

**Hotels:** There are hotels and cabin rentals in both Lion's Head and Tobermory. Reserve ahead of time. Check [http://www.thebrucepeninsula.com/bed\\_breakfast.html](http://www.thebrucepeninsula.com/bed_breakfast.html)Hotels:

*Adventure The Bruce Inn*, 7362 Highway #6, Tobermory, (519) 596-2273

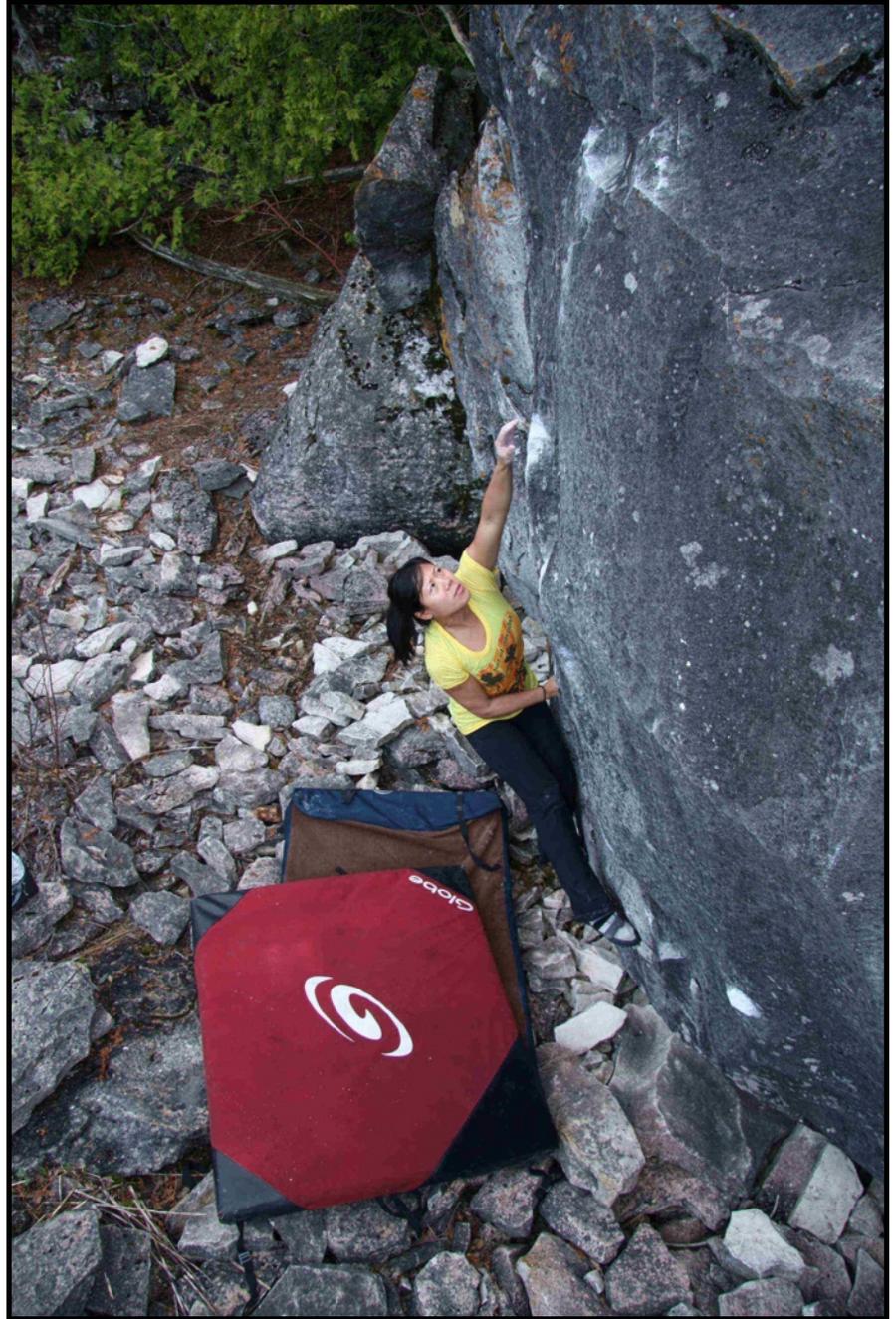
*Lion's Head Beach Hotel*, 1 McNeil St., Lions Head, (519)-793-3155

### USING THIS GUIDE

The topo maps included in this guide are satellite photographs in which the relevant boulders and their problems have been illustrated on top of. The easiest way to orient yourself is to use the compasses on each map. When moving away from the trailhead at the beach towards Cave Point Shelf you are traveling westward.

The area is broken into two main sections called 'Boulder Beach' and 'Cave Point'. The Boulder Beach is broken into three subsections called 'Shelf Beach', 'The Maze', and 'Terminal Beach'. There are three topo maps provided for the area and several photographs to help you orient yourself. Problems at Cave Point have not been labelled in the version of the guide to preserve the adventurous nature of bouldering here.

The topo maps have the names of the boulders listed along the side in the order that they are encountered when traveling west along the shore from the trailhead to Cave Point.



The classic 'Rusty Blackbird' V5

### GRADES & NAMING

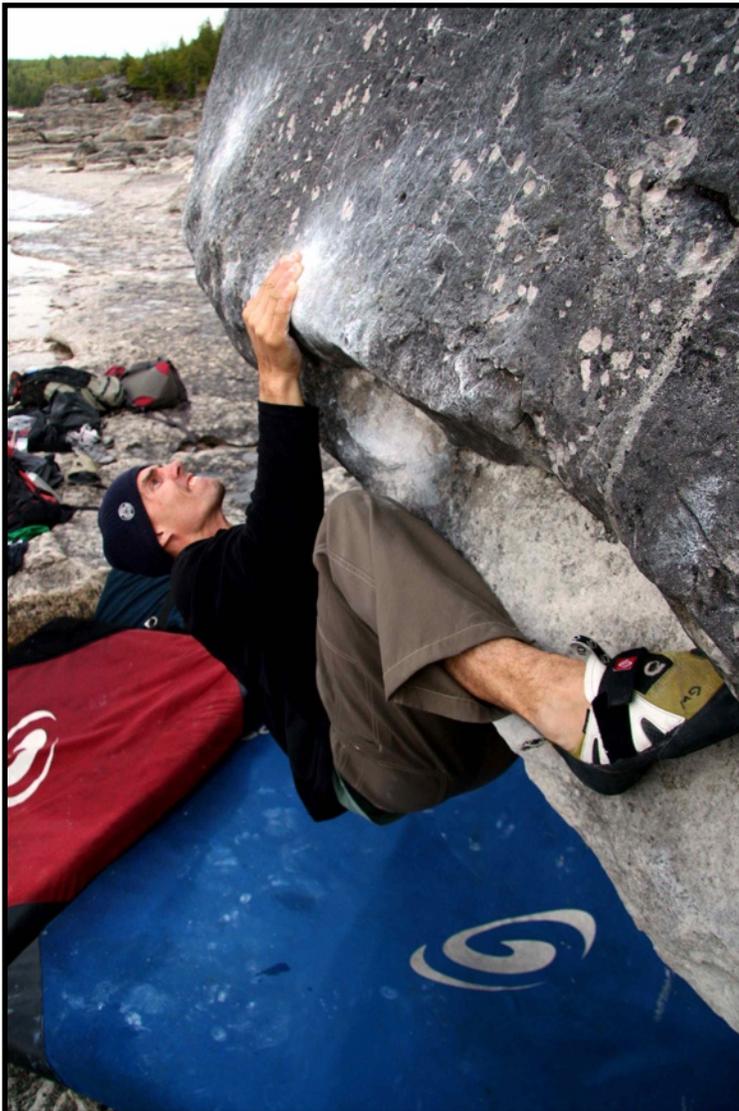
The grades in this guide have been updated from the last version, as have the locations of some problems. If the grade seems sandbagged or soft...you need to train more. This guide will be updated as new problems are established and grades settled by consensus so be sure to check back to [www.ontarioaccesscoalition.com](http://www.ontarioaccesscoalition.com) to get the latest copy with the newest problems and updated gradings. This guide should be printed double-sided in 8x10 landscape for best results.

The names of most of the original problems at Halfway Dump were long forgotten or never named. To help climbers learn about the natural environment many of the problems have been named after local flora and fauna. You can find images of some of the plants and animals of the area in this guide.

## THE BOULDERING

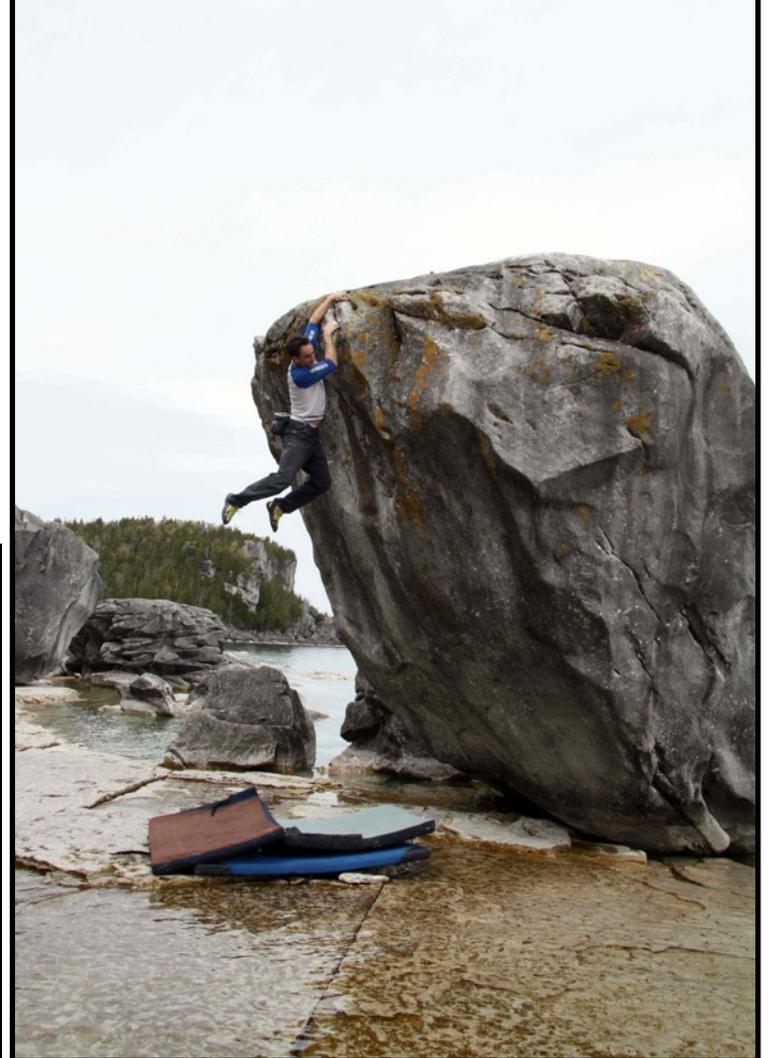
The character of the physical bouldering at Halfway Log Dump is defined by two areas. Each offers something different for boulderers and there is potential for new lines.

'The Boulder Beach' is the first area encountered from the trailhead and characterized by rounded features, and sparse holds. Climbing occurs on and under boulders, out of caves, on bright beaches and dark tunnels. Holds have been smoothed away by the waves and ice, making for sparse features and fun climbing. The steeper problems often require technical toe and heel hooks, while the lower angles require balance.



Right: Squeezing the 'The Crab', V10

Bouldering on 'The Whale'



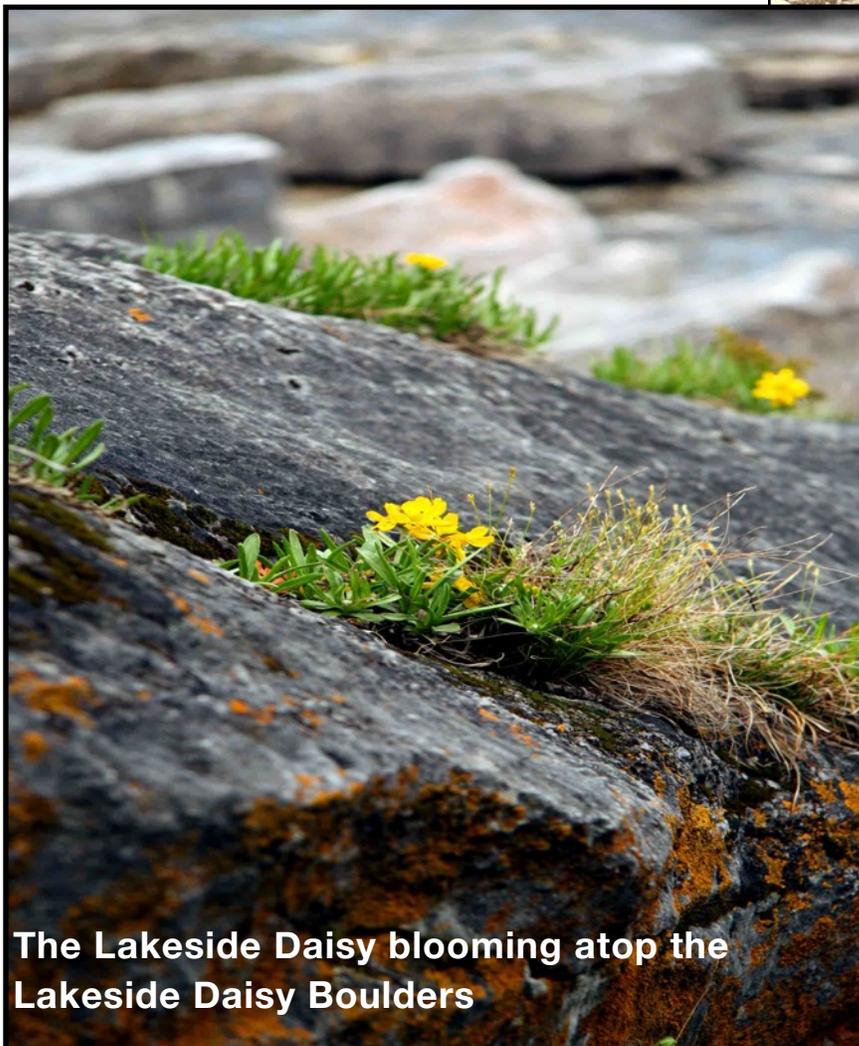
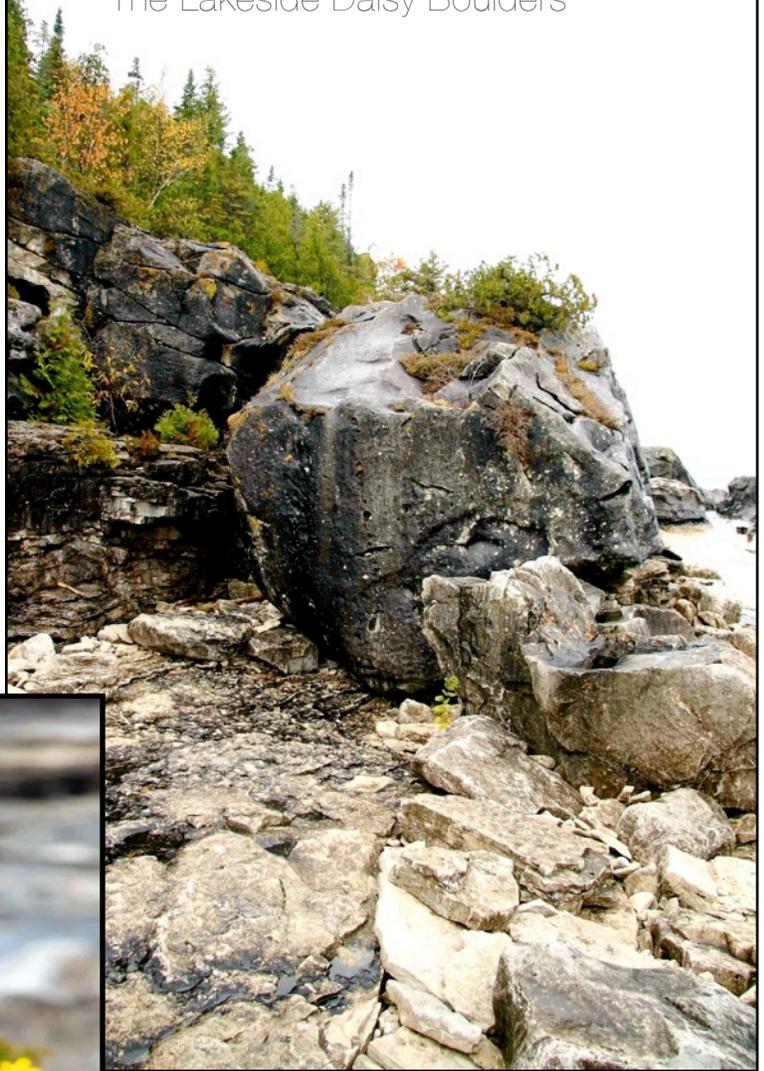
The 'Cave Point' boulders quite different in character. Boulders here are very high and are dotted in small features. Be sure to check that the boulder you are climbing has a down-climb prior going up. The more spotters and pads you can bring when bouldering in this area the safer you will be and the more problems you will be able to do. This area is not well suited to the inexperienced. The more spotters and pads you can bring the safer.

Do not climb on the highball, low angle, bad landing, slab that has no down climb located on the cliff facing side of the largest boulder in this area. This is closed to climbing, but the steep angle underneath is open.

## 12. Shelf Beach

The first section of boulders at Halfway Log Dump (HWLD) is called Shelf Beach. This area is characterized by large, boulders that are relatively easy to navigate between. Shelf Beach is a good place to warmup and meet with other boulderers. The problems here are the ones most frequently climbed as they are closest to the trailhead. The topo labels the boulders in the order that they are encountered. A large section of this area typically has wet landings unless lake levels are low (Red Knot, The Whale, and The Turtle). In spring and fall the first boulders can funnel cold wind. On summer weekends this section can get particularly busy with other visitors to the park. Solitude can usually be found by moving into the next section of boulders. If you encounter other boulderers please pass the message along not to climb on the Lakeside Daisy boulders or in the forest.

### The Lakeside Daisy Boulders



**The Lakeside Daisy blooming atop the Lakeside Daisy Boulders**

The **Lakeside Daisy Boulders**- The first group of large boulders encountered along the alvar are the home to the endangered Lakeside Daisy. These boulders are closed to climbing to protect the Lakeside Daisy. This small yellow flower only grows in this area and is on the actual boulders themselves. When not in bloom this plant is difficult to distinguish from other plants and grasses. These boulders will be closely monitored by Parks Canada for impact. Please **do not climb on any boulders between where the trail from the parking lot meets the beach and the Crab boulder** and enjoy the remainder of the boulders at HWLD.

# 13. Shelf Beach



Above: Shelf Beach problems labeled



**The Crab** -. A scooped roof near the water edge.

- V2, Queensnake, \*\*\*, SDS, Start on the left lowest hold and traverse up the left side
- V10, The Crab, \*\*\*, SDS, Start left underneath the scoop and go right and up the steep prow.
- V3, Grebe, \*, Start high on crimps on the slab facing the water
- V4, Moonwart, \*, SDS, Start low on the northwest corner and move up and left to the slab.



**Cedar Boulder** - Large boulder just north of the Crab boulder

V4, Black Tern, SDS, \*\*\*, Nearest the lake, Start low and move up to match a large sloper before heading right to gain the hueco and pocket specked slab.

V4, Snapping Turtle, SDS, Start low in the alley and between the Crab

V4, Hill's Thistle, \*, SDS, Climb the long sloper on the arete closest to the Crab .

V7, Cedar Arete, \*\*\*, SDS, Start low as possible and compress up the arete. Finish on the jug avoiding the small tree.

V8, Pinch the Log, \*\*\*, SDS, Start left and low in the alcove and move then move right and up. Cedar arete holds are "off limits".

V3, Deadhead, \*, SDS, Through the alley past 'Pinch the Log', climb the corner.



The Rusty Blackbird

**Wall Rue**- A long boulder with numerous problems.

V7, Calypso, SDS, \*\*, Slap up the north corner opposite Pinch the Log from the low sit.

V3, The Belly Button Right, \*\*, Climb from high crimps on the right side of the wall. Exit right into the scoop.

V5, The Belly Button Left, \*\*\*, Climb from high crimps on the right side of the wall. Top out slightly left through balance dependent moves on bad holds

V4, Wood Frog, SDS, Climb the face in the middle of the boulder on unappealing moves.

V5, Chimney Swift, SDS, \*\*, Start deep under the left side and exit on improbable holds.

V6, The Low Lo, SDS, Start low on the opposite side of the boulder as Chimney Swift. Traverse left and avoid the dab.

## 16. Shelf Beach

**Cliffbrake Boulder** - The long suspended rectangle close the the cliffline. Walk behind this boulder to travel beyond it.

V3, Cliffbrake, SDS, \*\*, Good left left and right variants on this short wall of pockets. A traverse in from the right is possible through the tunnel.

**The Turtle** - The big boulder opposite the Whale. Water level dependent  
V0, Loggerhead Shrike, \*\*, Easy climbing up the obvious ladder of great holds. Great for beginners.

**The Whale** - Impressive boulder angling from the lake. Water level dependent.  
V5, The Whale, \*\*\*, Jump start from two pads to the crescent moon shaped hold in the middle of the overhung wall. 3 pads V4, 4 pads V3, etc.,  
V7, Rose Pagonia, \*\*\*, If you are lucky enough to catch the water very low then climb the right side of the Whale boulder on angled edges and sloping pockets.



Left: The Lakeside Daisy not in bloom



Right: Warming up with some yoga on the alvar



Above: The Redknot boulder with problems illustrated

**Red Knot-** Big boulder at end of the alvar. Water level dependent. The problems over the lake are best climbed in the spring when the lake is still frozen and a soft pile of snow is beneath.

V2, Least Bittern, \*\*\*, Start on the the lowest corner on the West side of the boulder and move up the slab to the right.

V5, Paintbrush, \*\*, From a long hold over the lip, move left and up through a committing top out. Bad landing. Climb over snow

V7, Puttyroot, \*\*, The committing northwest arete over the water. Bad landing. Climb over snow

V2, Pondweed, \*\*\*, The eastern arete over the water. Bad landing.

V1, Grass Pink, \* Climb the north-east face of the boulder. Numerous options

V4, Short-Eared, SDS, Climb the low brunt arete from the sit.

V4, Nighthawk , SDS, \*\*\*, Climb the overhang and wall from the middle of the back.



**Crow-** Up the short cliff west of the Red Knot boulder at the edge of the forest. Look for a black coloured boulder with a row of pockets up the side.

V2, Koka Kola Klassic, SDS, Climb the left side of the boulder from just left of the Rusty Blackbird start

V5, Rusty Blackbird, SDS, \*\*\*, Climb the east face from the left sit through triangle shaped edges to the sloping top out. Classic.

V7, Chrome Blackbird, SDS, \*\*, Climb Rusty Blackbird from the right sit.

V2, The Warbler, SDS, \*, Climb row of large sloping pockets and the blunt arete.

**Blunt Lobed** - North of the Crow and down a tier is a boulder with a scooped smooth roof.

V2, Nomo, SDS, \* Climb the right side of the boulder

V10, Stringray, SDS, \*\*, Climb the left side of the boulder using some seriously bad slopers. Mind the little tree.

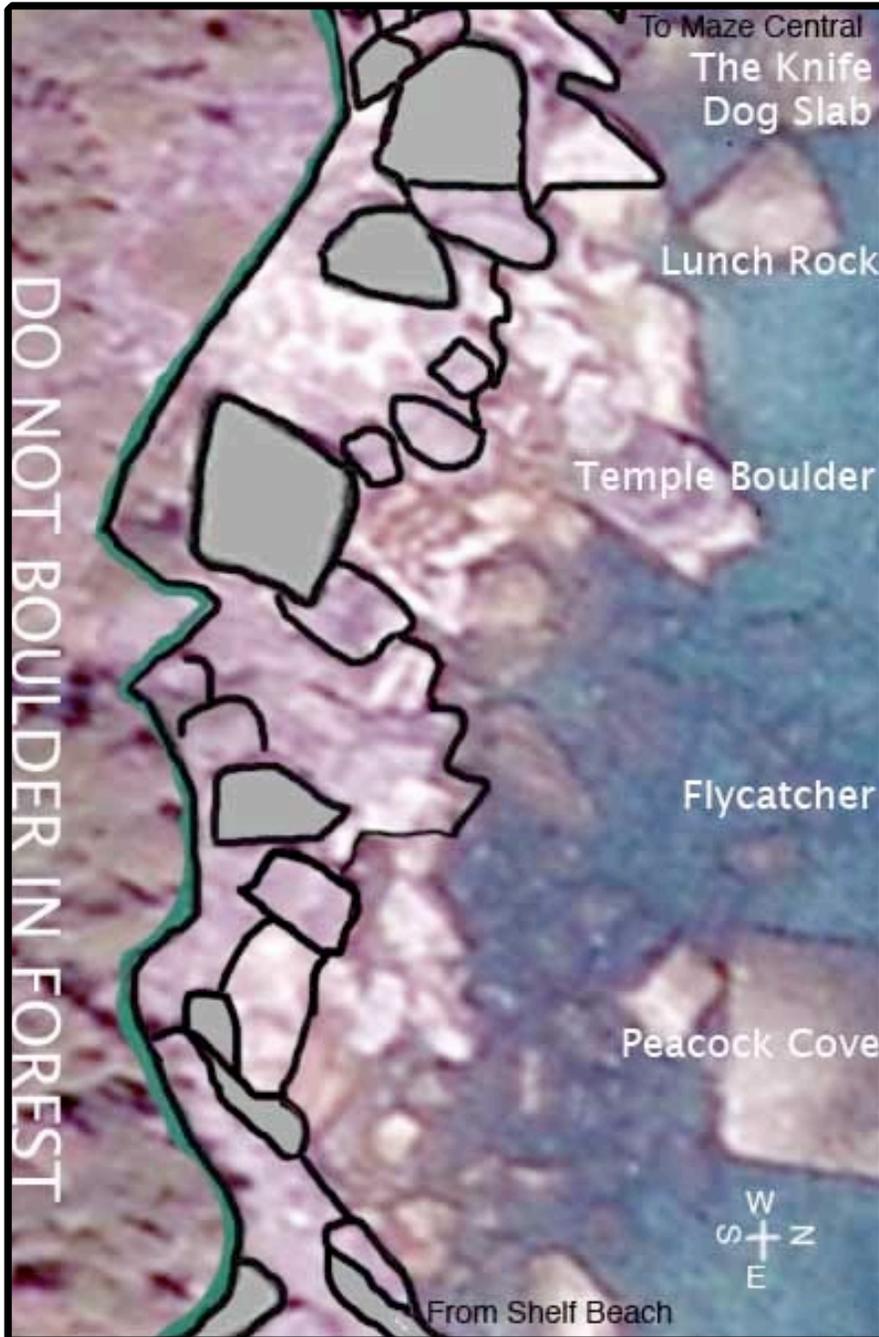
Left: Boulderer on Nighthawk

**Water Beetle-** North-West of the Crow along the shore is a steep angle with fun problems that starts as a roof and becomes a crevasse.

V4, Water Beetle, SDS, \*\*\*, By the lake is a steep wall/cave by the lake. Start on underclings and move out using a long and thin rail pocket to gain the lip. Tarp useful.

V5, Low Nut Rush, SDS, \*\*\*, Down in a crevasse is a large undercling. Use it to move up and left along the lip to a fun sloping top out. Spot the hole into the lake.

# 18. The Maze East

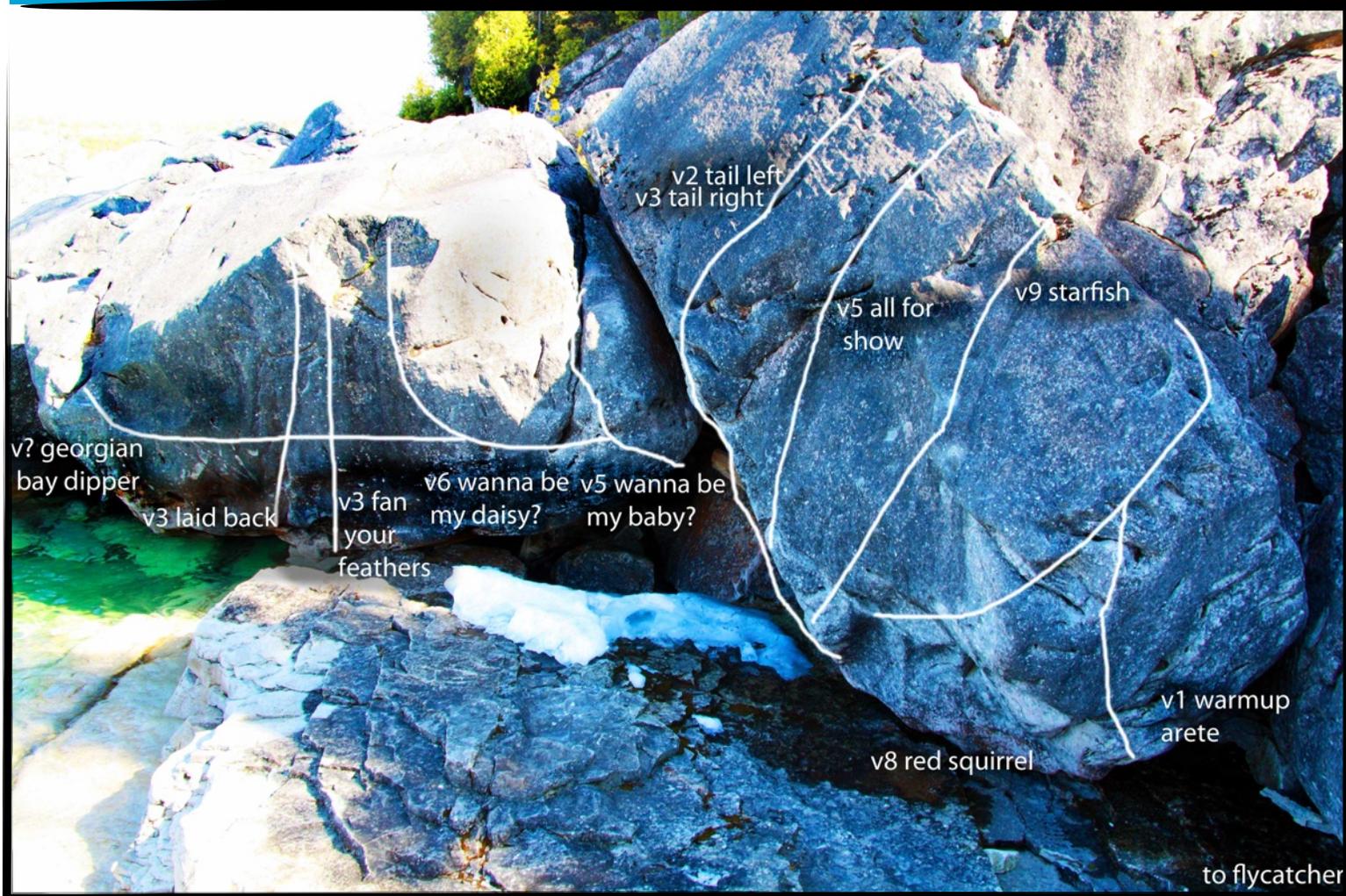


The Maze is the area found west of Shelf Beach and is a maze of boulders that clogs the shoreline until you reach Terminal Beach. The terrain is uneven, difficult, confusing and can be dangerous, especially when wet. Bring appropriate footwear. Using the profile of the cliff and the boulders in the water on the map is a good way to orient yourself.

**Peacock Cove** - The first small cove encountered at water level in the Maze. Despite being shorter in height this small area offers much more climbing than it appears. Just West of Rusty Blackbird over maze-like boulders.



Above: The Calypso Orchid



Above: Peacock Cove

V1, Warmup Arete, \*\* Start on good pockets on the blunt arete. Holds become increasingly larger. SDS is V4

V8, Red Squirrel, \*\*\*, SDS, Start laying down with both hands on the low rail to the left and finish up warm-up arete.

V9, Starfish, \*\*\*, SDS, Finish straight up Red Squirrel on some very flat slopers

V2, Tail Left, SDS, \*\*, Traverse up and left on edges and gastons.

v3, TailRight, SDS,\*, From low crimps climb direct into tail lefts finish.

V5, All For Show,\* ,Start on double underclings and stand/dyno up to the large hold.

V5, Wanna Be My Baby?, SDS, \*\*\*, Start back in the corner on large sidepulls and bust out the funky moves up and left around the the prow to top out. Fantastic gymnastics!

V6, Wanna Be My Daisy?, \*\*\*, Climb Wanna Be My Baby, but continue climbing low and left to a sloper and edges for the top out.

Project, Georgian Bay Dipper, SDS, Climb Wanna Be my Baby and continue low and left to finish at the end of the boulder over the lake. Swimming and close spot required.

V3, Fan Your Feathers, SDS, \*, Start low on pockets and angle up and right.

V3, Laid Back, SDS, \*\*\*,Start left with your feet near the water. Climb up and right through left facing sidepulls and pockets.



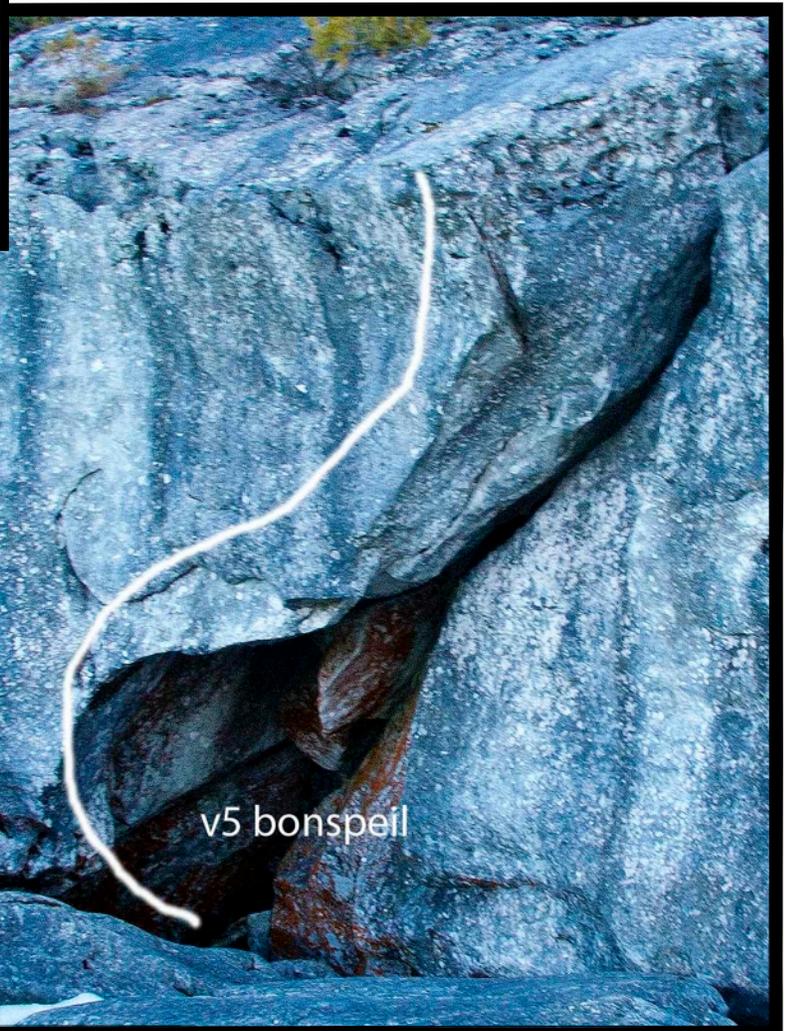
A young boulderer showing the old guard how its done

**Flycatcher** - To get to the flycatcher cove sneak through a small cave on the west end of Peacock Cove.

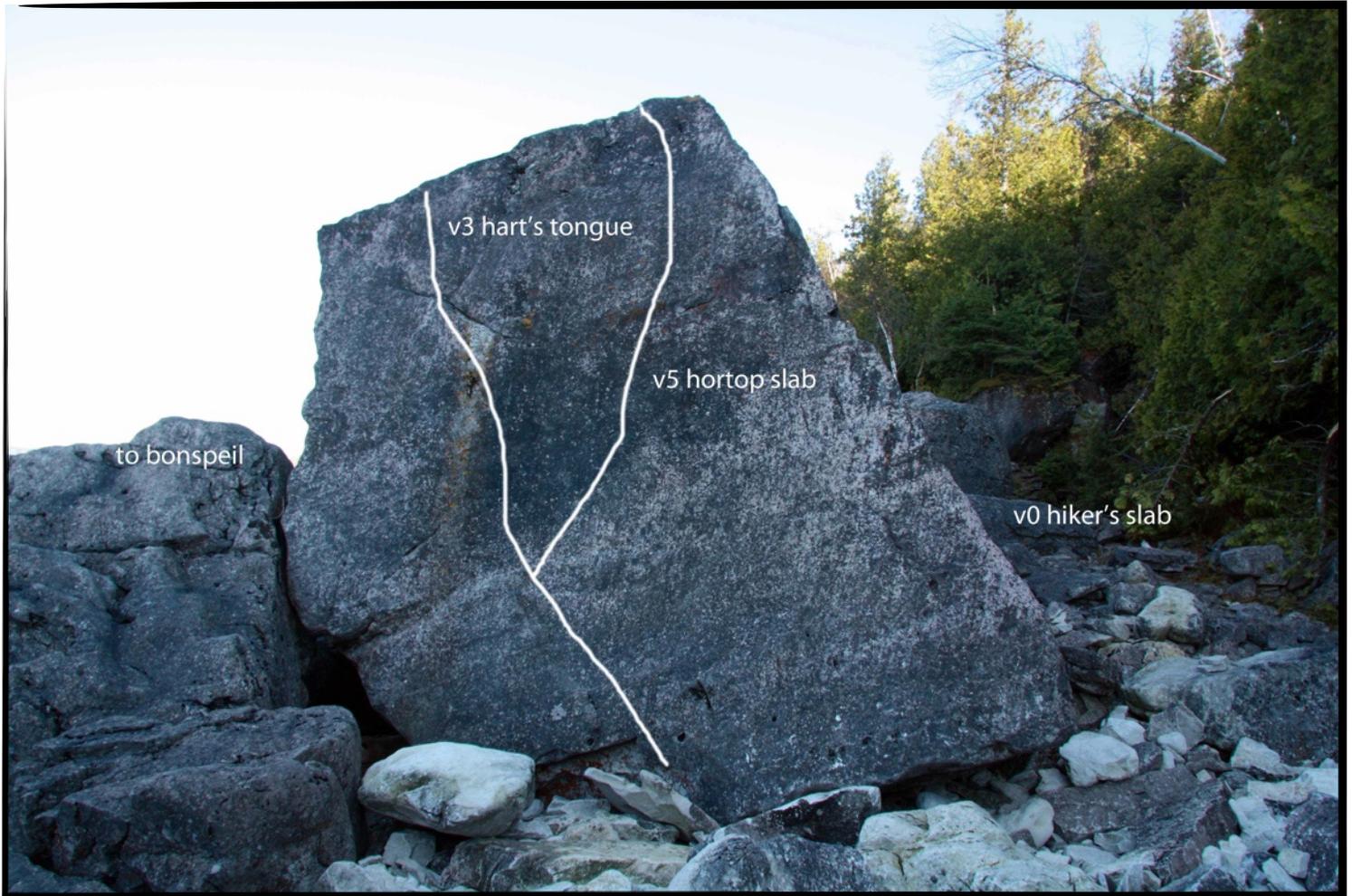
Flycatcher Project, SDS, Climb the steep line on perfect pockets over the brutal landing in the lake. Best attempted with snowy landing.

V2, Skinnydip, SDS, \*\*, From the bottom left arete on the west side of the cove traverse right to giant featured top out. Swimming possible.

V0, Whooping Crane, The west side of this low angle slab offers a number of options.



Right: The lake facing side of Temple Boulder hides the problem Bonspeil



Above: The west side of the Temple Boulder

**Temple Boulder-** After a squeeze this big boulder appears.

Below: The threatened Massasauga Rattlesnake

V0, Hikers Slab, \*\*\*, Tall and wide wall facing the cliff covered in pockets. Great for smalls kids and first time climbers.

V3, Hart's Tongue, \*\*, Move up a sloped ramp and exit out the V feature

V5, Hortop Slab, \*, Exit right without the V feature. Big and spooky.

V5, Bonspeil, \*\*, SDS, On the lake facing side of the Temple boulder climb from the small cave up are right. "Champagne Bonspiel" adds a grade from a very low start deep in the cave.





**Lunch Rock-** A long suspended 3m high boulder.

V4, Wolverine, SDS, Start to the left of the features

V5, Merganser, SDS, \*\*, Start under the boulder on the right end and escape on pockets.

v3, Bouchee, SDS, \*\*\*, Start as Merganser, but head right to the long rail and up

**Dog Boulder-** Between Lunch Rock and the Knife is a large low angle slab.

V1, Bart's Slab, \*, Climb the wide slab where ever you like. Good for dogs to climb too.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Canada's National Parks are dedicated to assisting species at risk such as the Lakeside Daisy and the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake through research and habitat protection.

### Threatened Species:

a wildlife species that is likely to become endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction.

### Endangered Species:

a wildlife species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

### Extirpated Species:

a wildlife species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but exists elsewhere.

### Extinct Species:

a wildlife species that no longer exists throughout the world.



View of the Maze Central section from above 'the Knife'

**The Knife** - A short sharp angled arete  
 V2, The Knife, SDS, \*\*, Climb the short, sharp arete.

V1, Blazing Stars Left, SDS,\*\*\*, Climb the left side of the arete with the face holds

V2, Blazing Stars Right, SDS, \*\*, Balance up thin crimps on the right face without the arete

V2, Stay Sharp, \*, Using a small pocket and a sidepull on the left side of the arete make the long move up.

**54 Degree Wall**- Shaded steep angle that leads to a cave-like passage.

V4, SDS, Small Footed Bat, SDS, Climb the right side by the smaller boulder

V4, The Flat Iron, SDS, \*\*, Start on the large triangle and press through the opening.

**Wiarion Willy** - The side of the passage closest to the cliff. Shadey.

V6, Wiarion Willy, SDS, Wet, damp, awkward, difficult, and good in the heat.

**Capstone**- Small boulder suspended on Wiarion Willy and 54 Degree wall.

V5, Coralroot,\*, Climb the floating prow at the end of the upper level passage.

**The Opener**- First boulder on the left down through the small tunnel. Shady  
 V5, The Opener. \*, Climb the west wall of the boulder in the lower passage opening.

**The Lakeroom** - At the end of the passageway an orange wall in a big cave. Shady.  
 V5, Reeve's Review, \*\*\*, Climb the east arete. Bring spotters.



**The Project Boulder** - The typical path along the shore drops between this and a large suspended boulder through a underpass/tunnel where a small wall has to be descended/ascended.

V? The Under Projects, A number of possible lines exist under this boulder that are worth exploring.

V9, Old School, \*\*\*, Start with left hand on a small sidepull and left foot on the wall and jump off the ground to the slopers (font style start). The full project from a proper start is still a project despite siege

**Jeremy's Boulder** - This low boulder sits atop a sloping rock hill.

V7, Jeremy's Dyno, SDS, \*\*\*, From the bottom of the dihedral dyno to the lip. One of the biggest around.

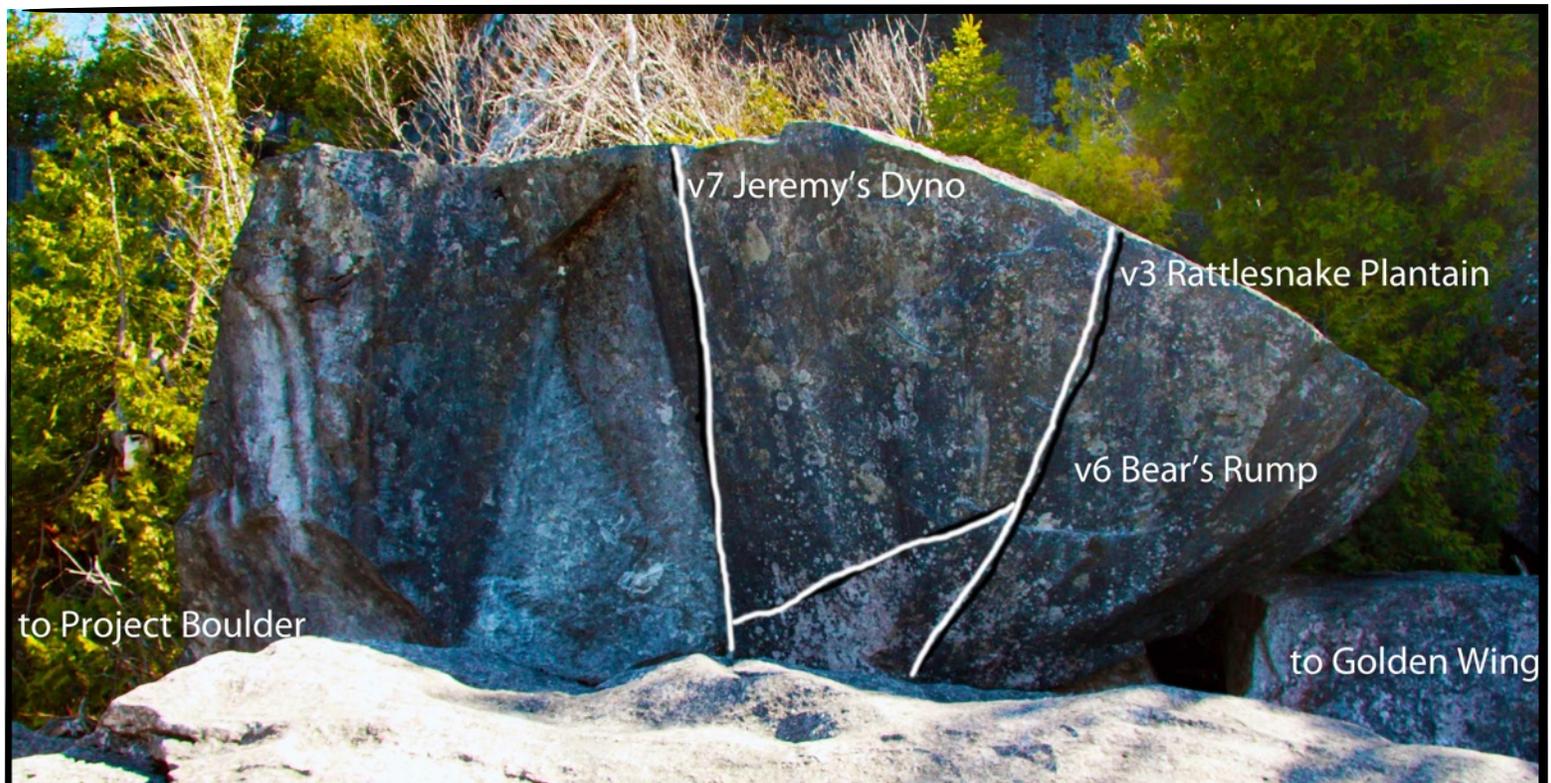
V3, Rattlesnake Plantain, SDS, \*\*\*, Climb up the right side on incut edges.

V6, Bear's Rump, SDS, \*\*, Start on Jeremy's Dyno and finish on Rattlesnake Plantain

**Golden Wing** - The boulder above the amphitheater across the gap from Jeremy's boulder.

V1, Warbler, SDS, Climb the on rounded pockets and edges using the arete.

V3, Golden Wing, SDS, \*\*, Climb the wall without using the arete.



**The Hill-** The back of the lower amphitheater that Golden Wing rests on.

V3, The Kids Are Alright, SDS, \*\*\*, Start under the middle of the roof and climb out on huge holds and fun moves. On the face trend slightly left to the top out.

V4, 3 Fingers Deep, SDS, \*\*, Start under the right side of the steep roof on a rail and a pocket. Climb straight up .

V6, Nine Hours, SDS, \*\*\*, Start as per Kids, but head left while under the roof. Use toe hooks and jams to get to a pocket on a under the roof and pull the lip to the face and top out.

**Poseidon (Front)** -The large boulder blocking the shore with a boulder on top. East side.

V7, Poseidon, \*\*\*, Start under the roof lip and power out and up on slopers and edges. Tarp useful  
Full Poseidon Project, Start at the back of the roof and climb into Poseidon. Tarp useful.

V5, Harvest Moon Bakery, SDS, \*\*, In the cave left of Poseidon start on a larger ledge in the back and traverse right, through the archway and finish as Poseidon. Mind the small tree.



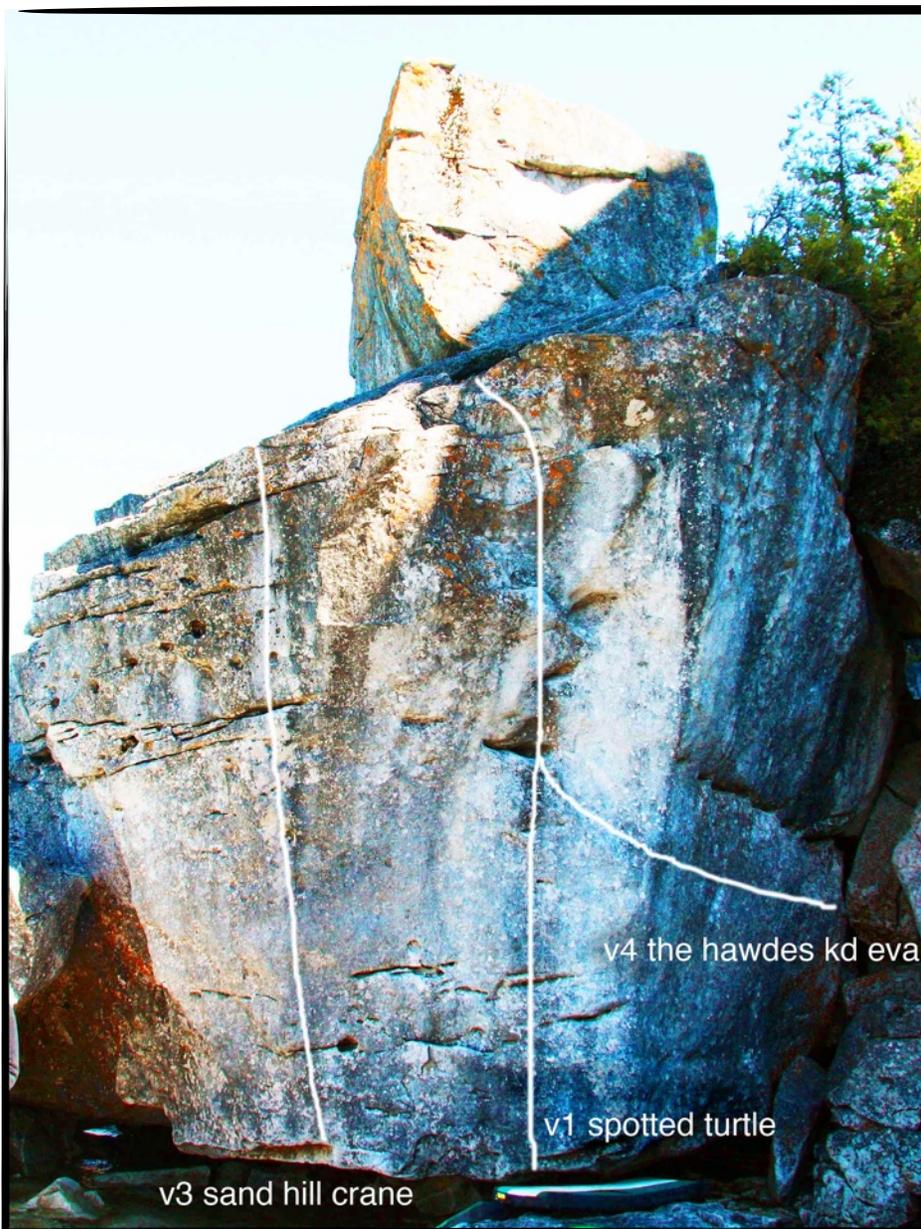
View of the Poseidon boulder and the Hill boulder looking toward Terminal Beach



**Dan's Boulder** - Opposite the Hill boulder is a angle at the back of a cave/alcove V7, Dan's Problem, \*, SDS, Sit low and left in the cave matched on the crack. Power up through increasingly easier territory to the top out.

**The Lifeguard** - This boulder sits atop Poseidon and keeps watch. y.V0-V3, Lifeguard, SDS, \*, Lowballs have never felt so high. Climb up, around, and watch swimmers.

**Font Boulder** - Behind Dan's Boulder facing the lake. Look for a good hold on the left hand side of the lip leading to rounded top and a passage on the right had side of the boulder. Font Easy, V1, Grab the large hold on climbers left and topout. Font Hard, V5, From the large hold on the left traverse up and right to the peak of the boulder and press your way up through a difficult top out. Font Proj, ?, Hold the useless sloper on the left face and jump to the peak to top out. Good-luck.



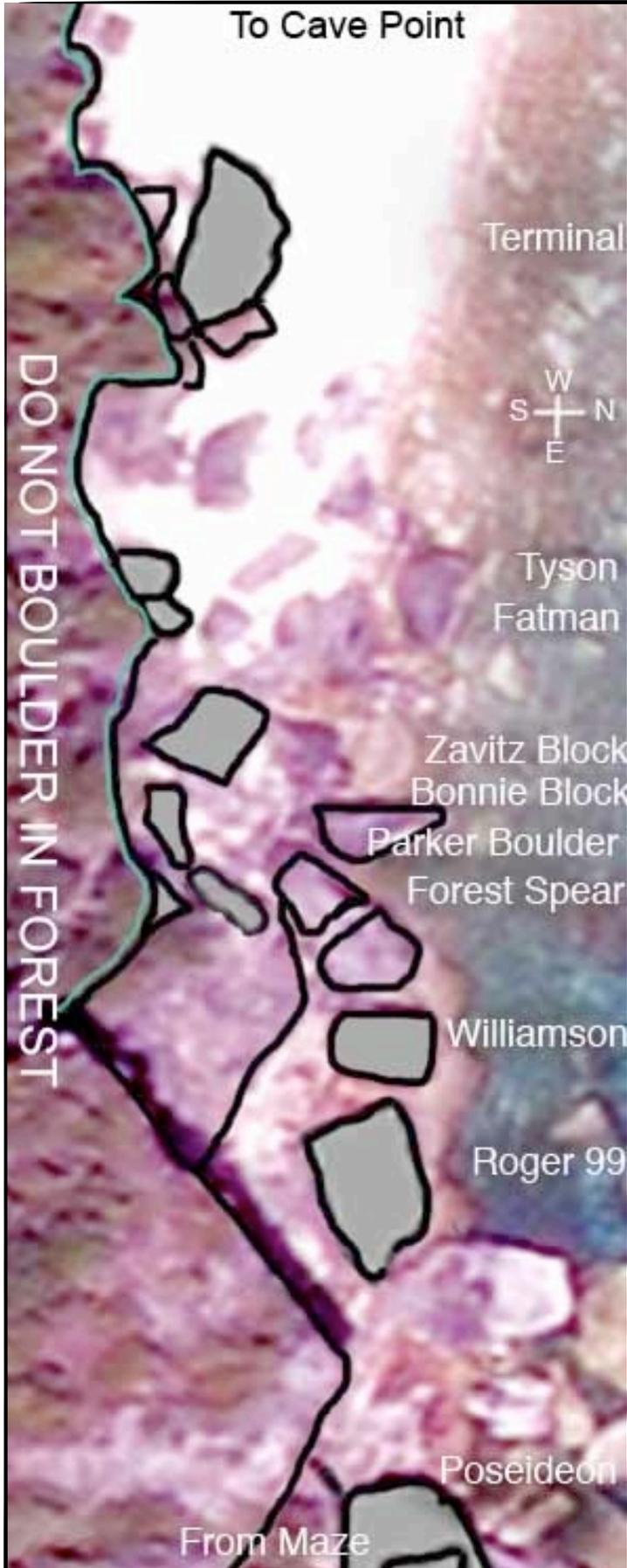
The Terminal Beach area begins after the Poseidon boulder and stretches onto the cobblestone beach. These boulders offer some high quality problems with interesting moves. It's a great spot to relax and take a swim away from it all soak up the late day sunshine.

**Poseidon (Back)** -The large boulder blocking the shore with a boulder on top. West side the boulder shown holds three tall problems/

V1, Spotted Turtle, \*\*\*, Climb the obvious holds near the waterline. Beautiful.

V4, Tha Hawtes KD Eva, \*\*\*, Traverse from the right into Spotted Turtle along the row of pockets devoid of footholds. Pull the corner and then climb Spotted Turtle. Great problem.

V3, Sand Hill Crane, \*\*, Climb up on comfy pockets and huecos



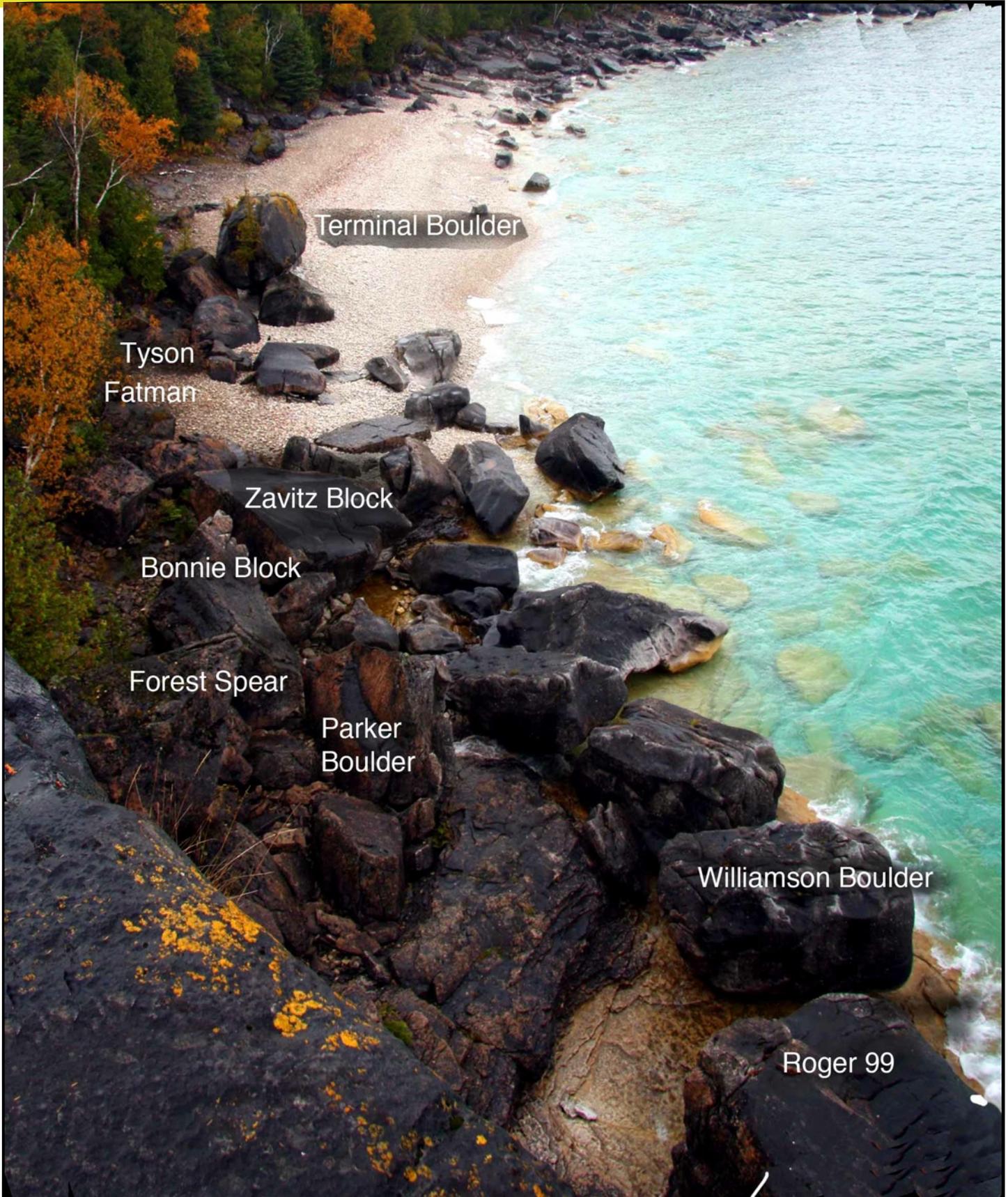
Wood Frog



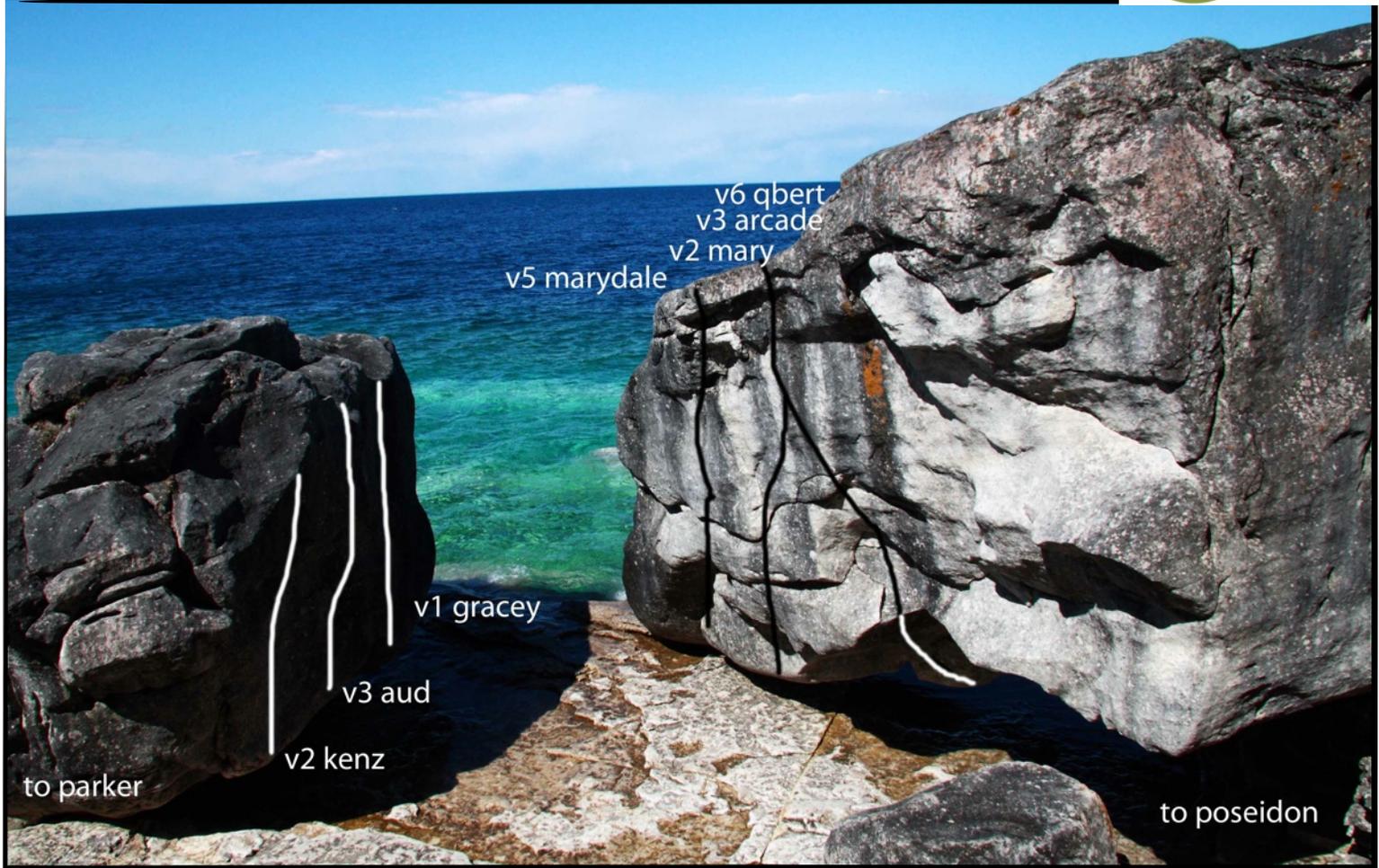
Brightly coloured Indian Paintbrush



Purple Stemmed Cliffbrake Fern



View of the Terminal Beach looking West from above Poseidon



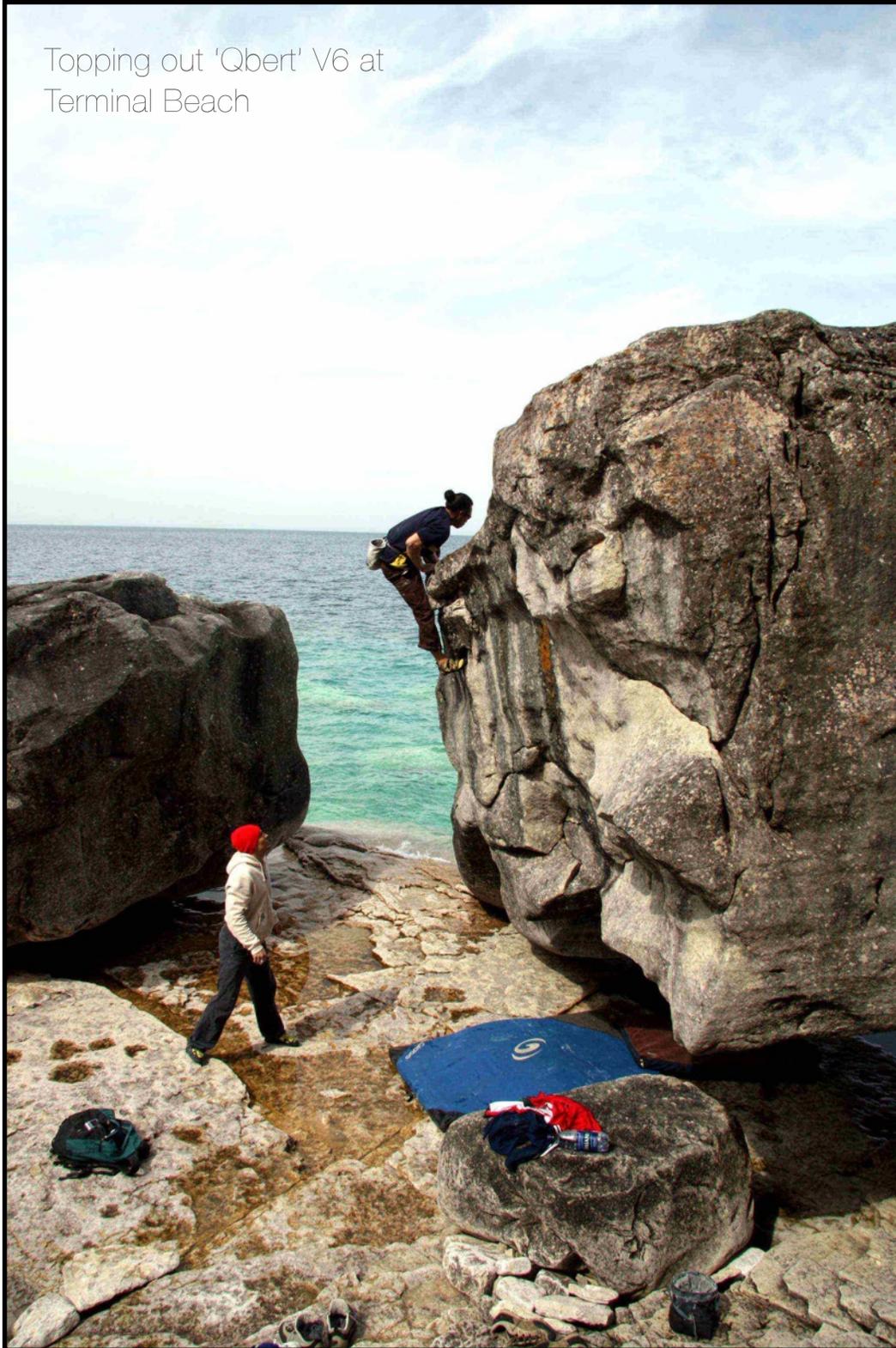
**Roger 99 Boulder**- A large balancing boulder vandalized by Roger in 1999. Water level dependent. Tarp useful. Great boulder at the end of the day as the Qbert side gets lots of sun.

- V?, Project, Climb out the impressive east roof of Roger 99 on beautiful and unlikely pinches.
- V2, Piping Plover, \*\*, Climb the tall lakeside using a large scoop and deep incut. Be sure to protect the ledge of the small boulder behind the landing.
- V0, Bruce Trail, Climb all over the cliff facing pocketed wall on easy moves. Easy and safe.
- V3, Arcade, SDS, \*, Climb the west wall above low roof starting on the big edge at the lip.
- V6, Qbert, SDS, \*\*\*, Start lying down with a large smooth undercling under the blocky and confusing roof and climb out on amazing 3 dimensional moves and finish up Arcade.
- V2, Mary, Start left of the roof and climb into Arcade
- V5, Marydale, SDS, \*, Climb up burly underclings left of the roof from the sit.

**Williamson Boulder** - The boulder next to Roger 99. Water level dependent. Tarp useful. A good selection of easy problems that can be tricky to build technique.

- V2, Gracey, ,SDS, \*\*, Climb the right side of the wall. V1 from the stand start.
- V3, Aud, SDS,\*, Climb the middle of the boulder using edges and underclings
- V2, The Kenz, SDS, \*, Climb the left side of the wall using a large scooping.

Topping out 'Qbert' V6 at  
Terminal Beach



**Forest Spear** - A broad overhung triangle shaped boulder protruding from the forest and sitting on some smaller blocks has some easier lines on steep angles.

V1, Merlin, SDS, traverse up the right ridge

V2, Forest Spear, SDS, Traverse up the left ridge



**Parker Boulder-** A short textured wall facing the water.

V2, Flip it to an Undercling, SDS, Gain the wall by using textured edges and the small ring.

V5, Flip you for Real, SDS, \*\*, Just before the “passage between Bonnie and Zavitz block is a long, low, prow. Start facing feet out and lying down and flip yourself onto the top of the low prow from beneath. Pure circus trick.

**Bonnie Block** - The boulder that forms the passage with Zavitz Block

V5, Bonnie Block, SDS, \*\*, Squeeze the rounded arete at the back of the boulder. Burly compression climbing at it's best.

**Zavitz Block** - The boulder that forms the passage with Bonnie Block.

V7, Zavitz, SDS, \*, Squeeze and slap up the north arete. Mind the tree.

V4, Mikey's Traverse, SDS, \*\*\*, Start on the lowest corner by the lake and traverse right to Zavitz

**Fatman** - A smaller boulder protrudes from the forest with a round arete.

V5, Fatman, SDS, \*, Climb the short round arete.

**Tyson** - A smaller triangular boulder with a angled arete next to Fatman

V6, Tyson, SDS, \*, Powerful moves on the left angled arete and wall

V5, Rabbit in the Moon, SDS, \*\*\*, Start right and low on a softball sized pod and move left across pockets and edges to topout as per Tyson.



**Terminal Boulder** - The large boulder sitting on the cobble beach

v?, Project, Climb the wall under the tree on the east side of the boulder

V8, Big Tub's Mom, SDS, \*\*, Climb the east corner from the sit start.

V2, Big Tub, \*\*, Climb the holds on the east end of the boulder at the corner.

V9?, Little Tub, SDS, \*\*, The most direct line. Climb the crack and gain the wall above.

v?, Project, Use an opposing pocket and sidepull to gain the sloper above

V5, Terminal Boulder, SDS, \*\*, Start on the left end of a long horizontal and move up using powerful smears to climb into Night Heron.

V4, Night Heron, SDS, \*\*\*, Climb along the lip of the boulder and top out as Terminal boulder. Touching lichen and thinking about touching lichen invalidates the ascent.

v?, Meleg Project, A classic line that has rejected numerous attempts. Jump from the low boulder to the huge sloping smile on the back of the boulder and top ou

Cave Point is an intimidating area to boulder at. Located at the western end of the Halfway Log Dump, Cave Point is home to some simply massive boulders. Established problems at Cave Point have been left out of this guide to preserve the adventure that comes with a visit here. Many days begin with the intent to boulder here, but boulderers often find themselves caught up in the problems they pass on the way and never actually make it. The rock in the water covered in bird feces is the marker for the end of the permitted bouldering. Walking to the end is worth the trip to see the impressive Cave at Cave Point that hides around the corner. Many large, thick pads and groups of 4 boulders or larger are recommended as spotting lines here is a sport of it's own

**The Gates-** The first significant boulder encountered when heading towards Cave Point offers good climbing on and around a corner.

**Whitefish-** A large boulder south-east of 'Lessons of the Past' with several cedar trees growing on the south-east side has a number of options for lines. Good potential.



**Pine Martin-** The “shorter” (25 foot) of the tall faces looking north over the lake above ‘Lessons of the Past’ that requires courage and crash pads. Difficult suspended start with scary ending.

**Lessons of the Past-** The house sized boulder that overwhelms the point and ranges from about 6 to 10 meters in height. A number of options exist both underneath and on the sides of this boulder. The south side of this boulder has a steep angle with holds on the underside that has a reasonable landing. Spotter should “hug” the climbers over the bad landing sections. Do not climb on the slab above the south side. Bring lots of pads. For those looking to climb this boulder be sure to figure out how to get down from a top out ahead of time. There is potential for a simply enormous roof problem under this boulder, but your tan would fade working it

**Pileated-** The large boulder hiding west of ‘The Lessons of the Past’. Please keep off of the unappealing (for climbing) east face of this boulder.

### WHAT IS BOULDERING?

Bouldering is the practice of climbing on boulders using spotters and protective mats. It is a safe, self-powered, low impact outdoor activity that encourages a connection to nature. Halfway Log Dump (HWLD) provides an ideal setting for the activity with its rounded white limestone boulders sitting balanced on the edge of Georgian Bay. The area is nestled deep within one of Canada's most beautiful National Parks and is home to a large number of endangered and at risk species.

To protect these species bouldering is permitted at Halfway Log Dump through an agreement between Parks Canada and the Ontario Access Coalition that contains a number of guidelines that all boulderers must be aware of, follow, and promote. Please go above and beyond to ensure that both you and climbers around you follow these restrictions to ensure impact is minimized.

### WHERE CAN I BOULDER AT HWLD?

The map below illustrates where bouldering is permitted at HWLD. Bouldering is permitted along the shoreline from the Crab Boulder to Cave Point. Bouldering is not permitted in the forest or on the first group of boulders encountered. There are additional, specific rules for bouldering at HWLD that you should be aware of - please see 'Understanding the Rules' on page 4 of this guide for more info.



### ABOUT THE OAC

The Ontario Access Coalition (OAC) is a volunteer, not-for-profit group that works with the climbing community, landowners, conservation authorities and property managers to keep climbing and bouldering areas open in an environmentally responsible manner.

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### WARNING!

Bouldering can be hazardous. Please participate responsibly by using crash pads and spotters to reduce your chance of injury. All statements of danger and difficulty given in this guide are subjective and does not include all of the potential hazards. The inclusion of a boulder problem in this guide does not mean it is safe. Participants are responsible for their own safety.