

A Guide to Rock Climbing
Routes & Boulders at
Papineau Roadside

Madawaska Rock
Maple Leaf ON

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Crag Ethics

Park in designated areas or safe pull-outs on the roadside. Do not block driveways or ATV trails.

Keep to the trails where available.

Leave No Trace principles. Pack out garbage, avoid leaving food out.

Pack out human waste or bury >30m from trails, cliffs or streams.

Avoid excessive noise, this is a roadside crag with cottages nearby. Respect other recreationists who share the space.

Hunting is popular in the area in the late fall season. **Be Seen, Be Heard!**

Plan to camp at any of the numerous Crown Land camping locations close by, not at the crag itself.

No fires at the crag. Use fire pits at established Crown Land sites and adhere to the current status of fire restrictions.

Return the crag ladder after use to the stashed location to protect it from the elements and for ease of finding for the next party.

This was an established mixed-ice/ drytooling crag prior to rock climbing, expect scuffs and tool marks on certain routes.

Introduction

Rock climbing is inherently dangerous and remote crags carry additional considerations. This guide is meant to be used as one tool climbers can utilize alongside up-to-date local knowledge and a refined level of experience. Plan for contingencies in case of an accident and for the ability of self-rescue.

This guide is only current as of the publish date, and as the crag grows in popularity one can expect to see many new boulders and routes opening up. Updates are best to be added to the online guidebook at thecrag.com. Any input on developments, as well as any corrections and suggestions, are much appreciated. You can contact the author at madawaska.rock@gmail.com.

Papineau Roadside has seen several iterations of development, and for decades has been frequented by ice climbers who feast on the thick ice that forms the route Consolation Prize. In the late 2010s, the next generation of ice climbers got a knack for bolting fun mixed-ice and drytooling lines, which have been since freed as rock routes as well. The impressive boulders below the cliff have drawn attention from a number of independent parties over the years. This guidebook brings together the efforts of those who have contributed to developing the crag so far, while providing a resource to support a cohesive approach to future development.

The crag at Papineau hosts a variety of climbing styles on metamorphic granite, many of which are unique for the region. Cliffs are relatively short, topping out at about 20 meters. First ascensionists have put effort to clean things up, but still be mindful of potential hollow flakes and loose rock. The bottom of many routes can be quite sandy, bring a brush! This crag is west facing and gets afternoon sun. The best season to climb is from mid-summer to late fall, as the area is notorious for black flies and mosquitoes during the spring and early summer. The entirety of Papineau Roadside (as well as Sucker Wall) is located on Crown Land, please refer to the Crag Ethics on the previous page.

Bolted Anchor 

Permadraw 

Red Routes require gear

Blue Routes are sport

Boulder Breakdown

V0 **V1-V4** **V5-V8** **V9+** **Project**



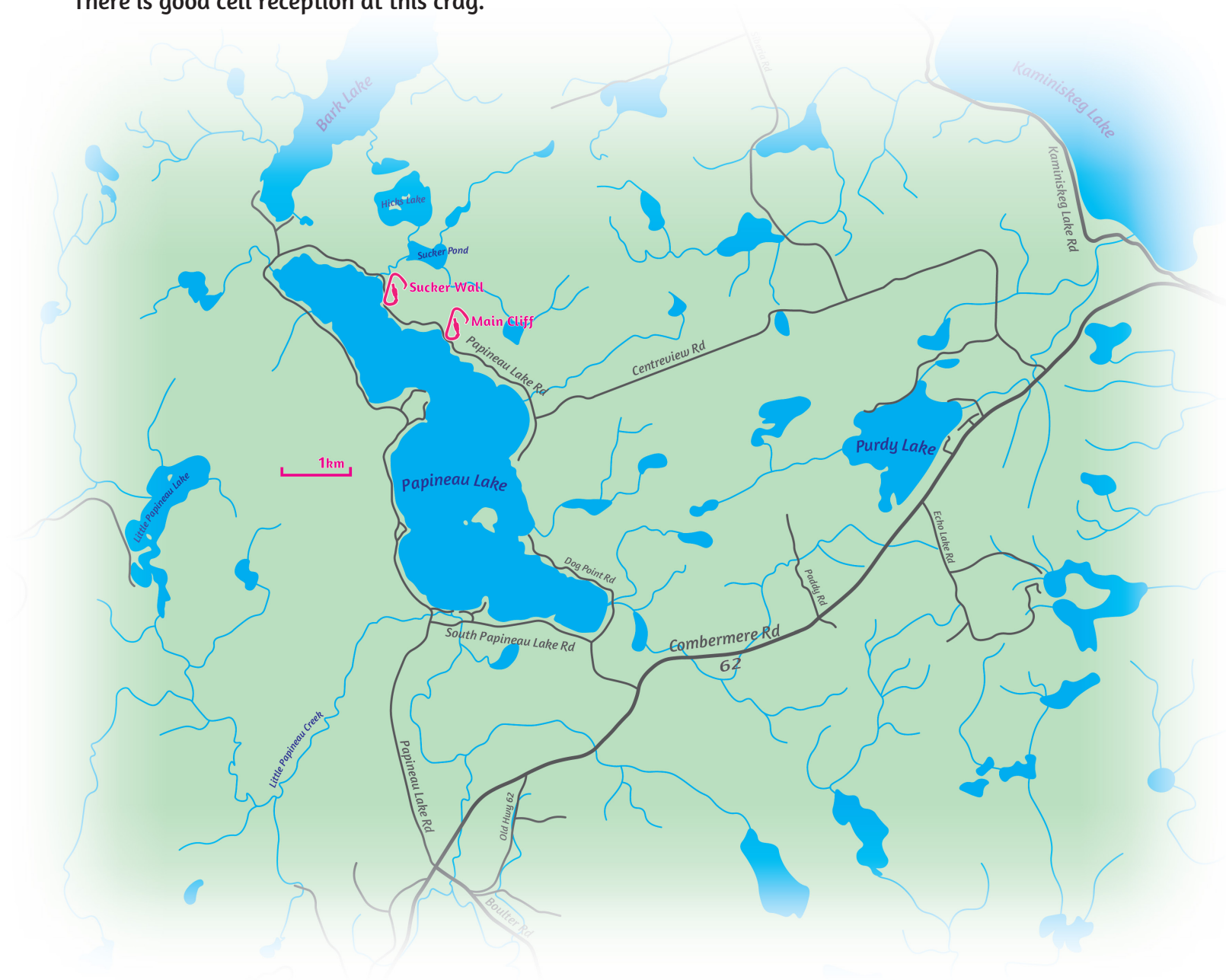
A Night at the Arlington 5.11a (page 11)

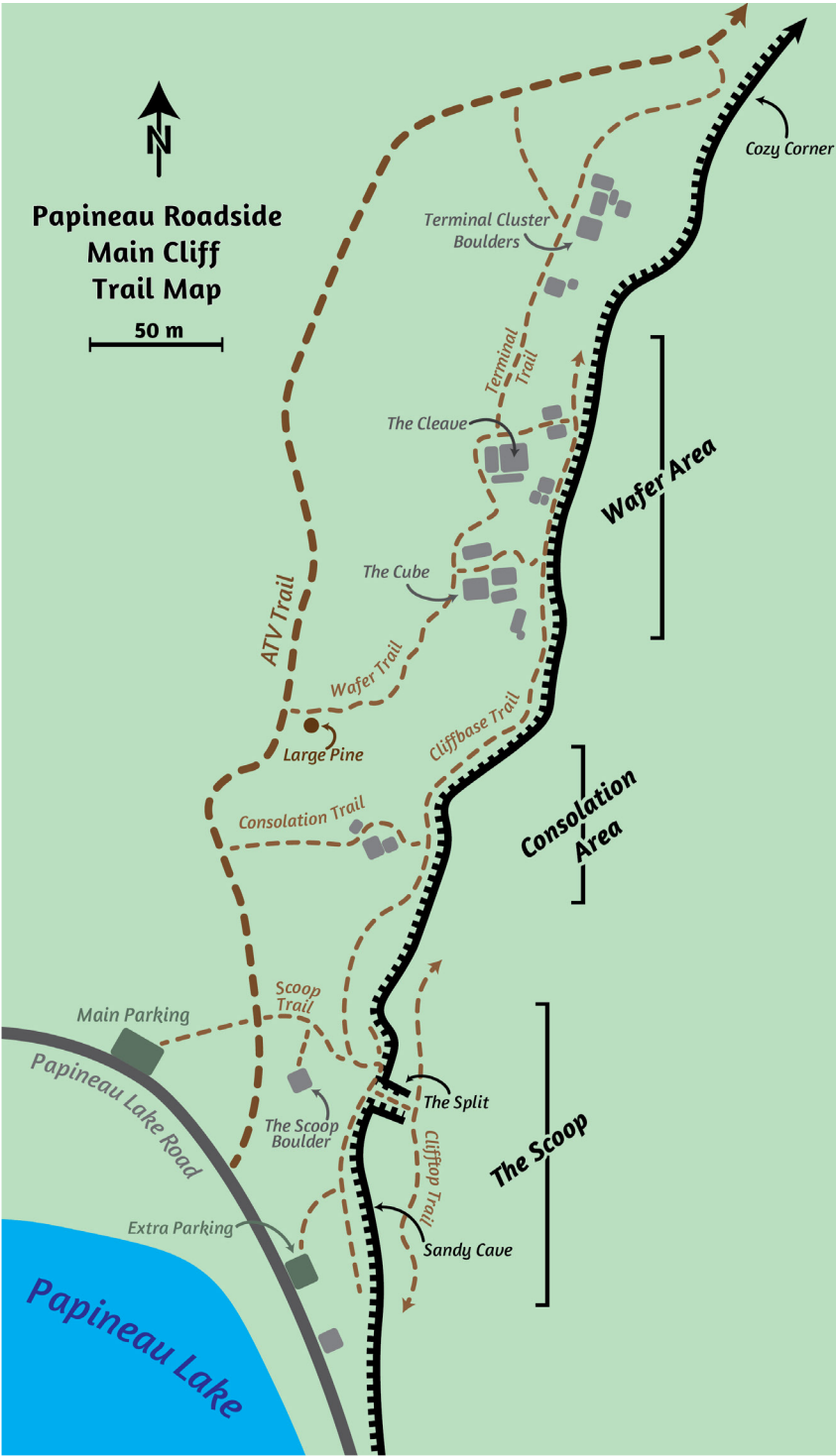
Access

The primary parking for the Main Cliff is located across the road and about 50m north of 2740 Papineau Lake Road, Maple Leaf ON (Hastings Highlands Township). There are spots for up to 6 vehicles parked perpendicular to the road, and it is recommended to back-in to avoid the blind-spot around the corner when leaving (see photo on the following page for reference). DO NOT PARK in the lake-side open area another 20m up the road going north-west; that is private land where locals will park their boats/ trailers depending on the season. Extra parking space can be found 100m south down the road, also cliff-side, however this spot is not as well maintained and will currently accommodate only a couple vehicles.

Sucker Wall has its own separate parking about 1km north on Papineau Lake Road, approximately 150 meters north of 2516 Papineau Lake Road (the residence of *Papineau Joe*). There is an obvious large parking area and the trailhead to the Sucker Pond hiking loop, as well as a small public beach access across the road. Avoid blocking the trail as that could inconvenience other recreationists. There are Crown Land camping sites up the trail.

There is good cell reception at this crag.





Routes

Routes are written from climber's right to left (i.e. nearest the road to furthest).
Routes requiring gear are red. Bolted sport routes are blue.
Winter names of routes (mixed ice/ drytooling) are written where applicable.

The Scoop

From the main parking, cross over the ATV Trail and continue on the Scoop Trail until you reach the cliff. The Split is a impressive fissure in the rock that separates the wall and provides access to the cliff top.

1) Comforting Self Illusion 5.10b - Sport, 2 bolts + anchors, 9m.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Drip Clip M5) Addison Eady & Marc Godbout March 2019. FA rock Damian Orlowski July 2022.

2) Let's Blow This Popsicle Stand 5.10c - Sport, 4 bolts + anchors, 9m.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Casual Encounter M5+) Addison Eady & Marc Godbout March 2019. FA rock Damian Orlowski July 2022.

3) Another Chance to Be Misunderstood 5.11c - Sport, 4 bolts + anchors, 9m.

Bolted Addison Eady & Marc Godbout March 2019. FA Damian Orlowski May 2022.

4) Damning With Faint Praise 5.11b - Sport, 4 bolts + permadraw on last bolt + anchors, 10m.

Bolted Addison Eady & Marc Godbout March 2019. FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (The Way We Touch M7) Matt Zavitz March 2019. FA rock Damian Orlowski July 2022.

5) Fear Disguised as Bravado 5.10b - Sport, 4 bolts + anchors, 9m.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Kowabunga M5+) Addison Eady & Marc Godbout March 2019. FA rock Damian Orlowski July 2022.

6) Pepperoni Tony 5.9 - Sport, 3 bolts + chain anchors, 10m.

Bolted & FA Basile Robitaille Aug 2025.

7) The Husband 5.11b - Sport, 3 bolts + chain anchors, 11m.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski Aug 2025.

8) The Bachelor 5.11a - Sport, 4 bolts + chain anchors, 11m. Shares anchors with the following two climbs.

Bolted & FA Jorge Gabayet Aug 2025.

9) Banana Split 5.9 - Sport, 4 bolts + chain anchors, 11m. Climb the arête without using the wall across the Split. Shares anchors with **The Bachelor**.

Bolted & FA Jorge Gabayet Aug 2025.

The Split - 3rd class

10) It's My Friday 5.10c - Sport, 5 bolts + chain anchors, 12m. Start with **It's My Saturday**, traverse the ledge right and cross the Split to finish with **Banana Split**.

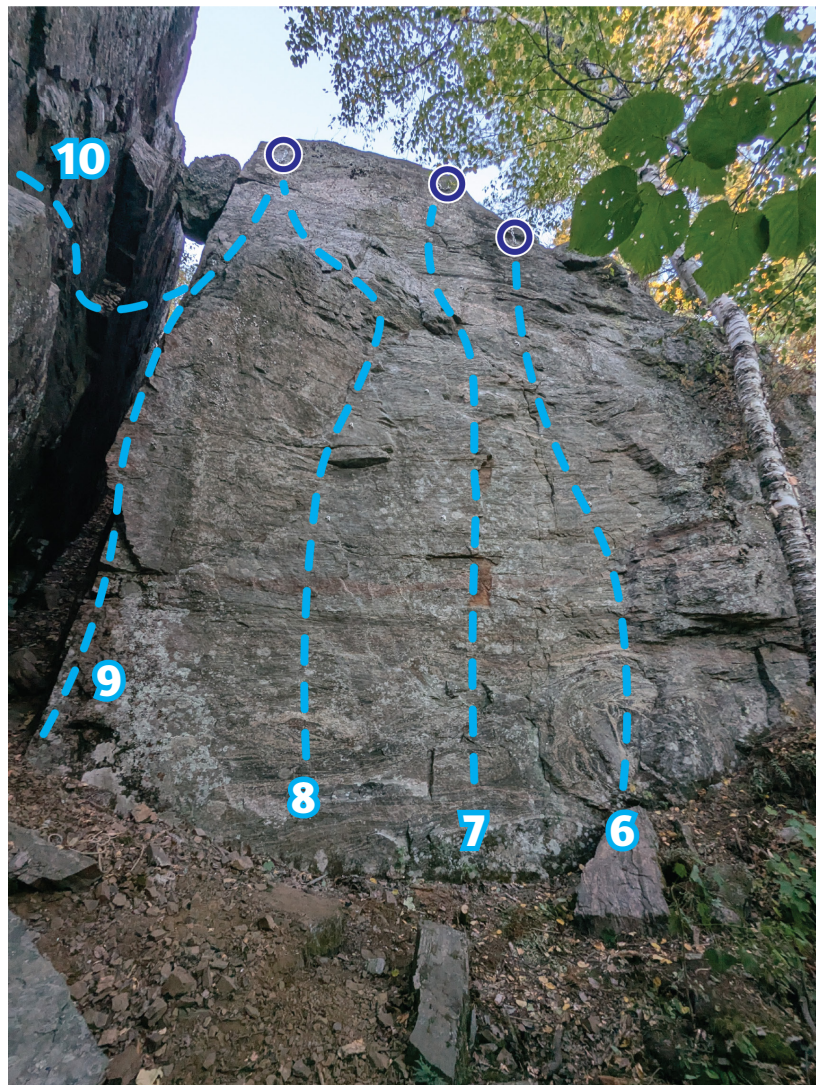
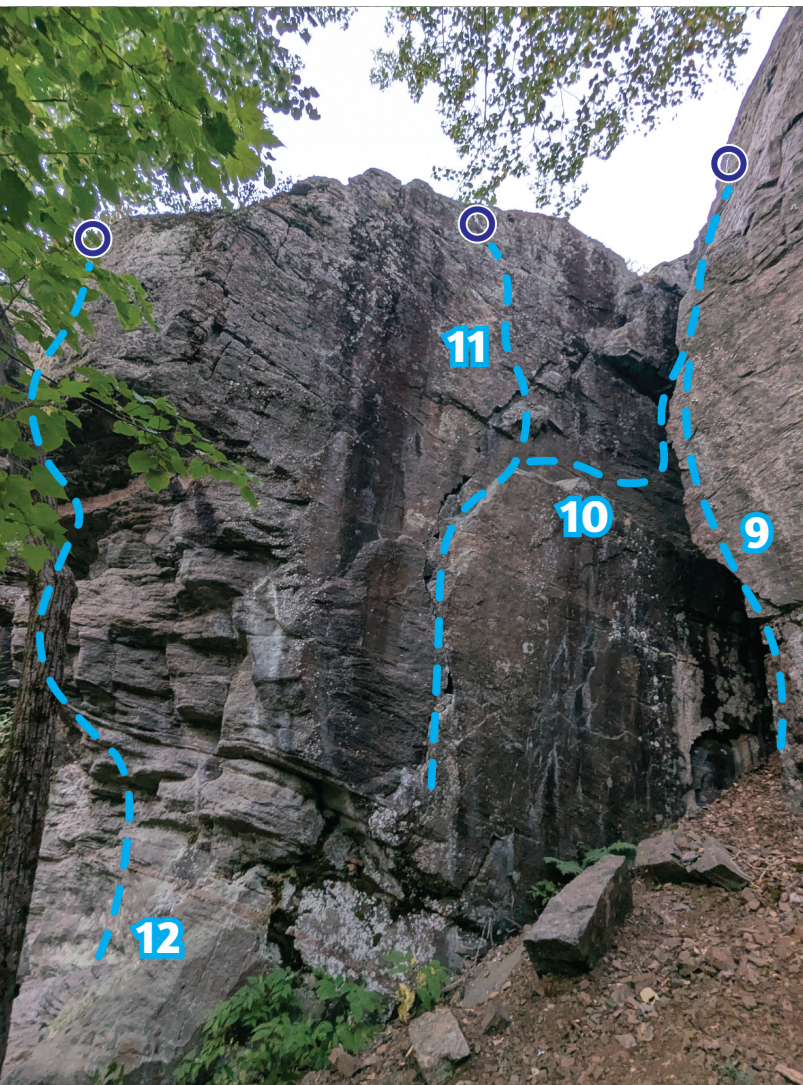
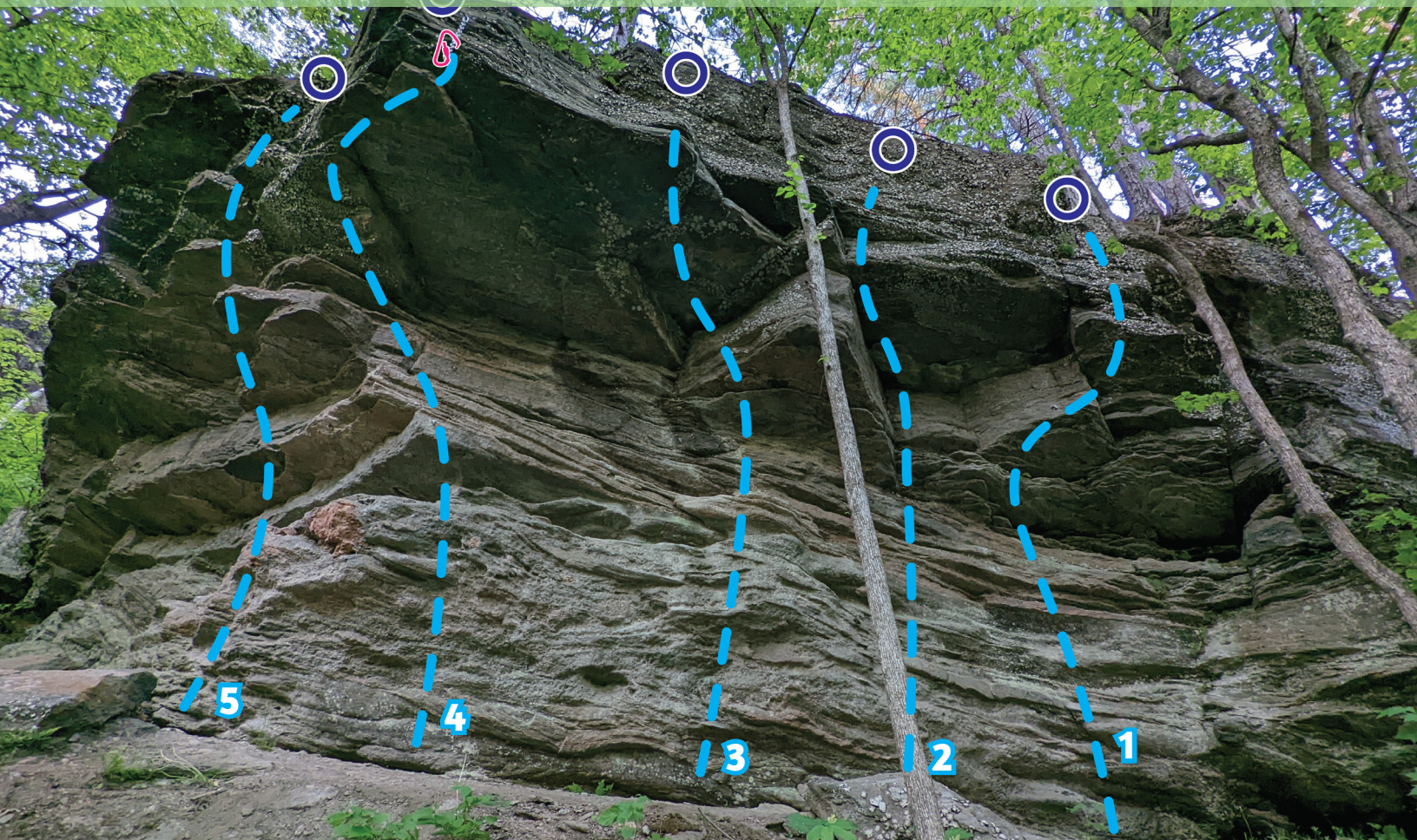
Bolted Brandon Pullan Sept 2024/ Aug 2025. FA Brandon Pullan Aug 2025.

11) It's My Saturday 5.12c - Sport, 3 bolts + chain anchors, 10m. Start with **It's My Friday**, after the second bolt continue to the chain anchors straight above.

Bolted Brandon Pullan Sept 2024. FA Damian Orlowski Aug 2025.

12) Papi, no! 5.12a - Sport, 5 bolts + ring anchors, 11m. Climb the overhang to the left of **It's My Saturday**. Steep, bouldery, and very fun.

Bolted and FA Damian Orlowski April 2026.



13) Crimp de la Crimp 5.11c - Sport, 4 bolts + anchors, 11m. Shares first bolt with **Rock Gardening**, then climbs right.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Portage M7) Andriy Kolos & Pascal Simard March 2019.

FA rock Damian Orlowski Sept 2022.

14) Rock Gardening 5.10b - Sport, 4 bolts + anchors, 11m.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Algonquin M7) Andriy Kolos & Pascal Simard March 2019.

FA rock Damian Orlowski Sept 2022.

15) Newlyweds 5.12c - Sport, 5 bolts + ring anchors, 11m. Start on the slopey ramp at the apex of the cave. Technical climbing through the steep section.

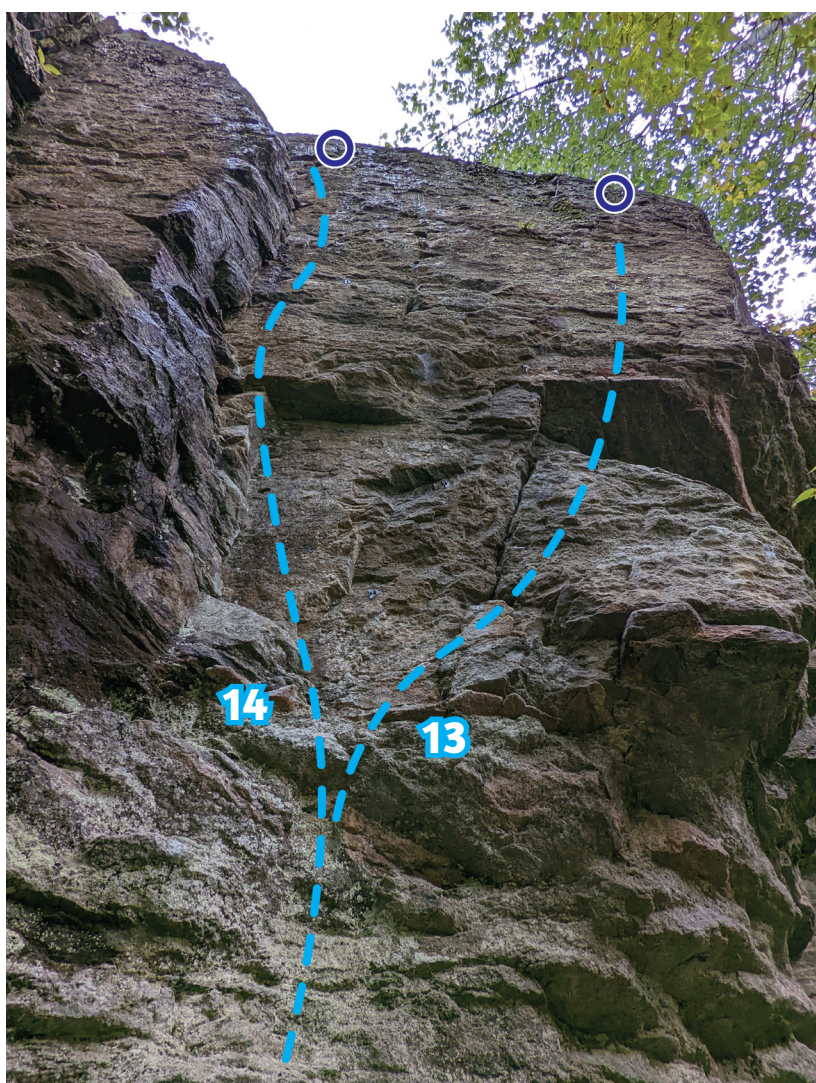
Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski Aug 2025.

16) Newlyweds on Their Honeymoon Project - Sport, 5 bolts + ring anchors, 12m. Cave extension, climb **Honeymoon V6** (page 19) into Newlyweds.

17) Newlyweds on Their Babymoon Project - Sport, 5 bolts + ring anchors, 12m. Cave extension, climb **Babymoon V6** (page 19) into Newlyweds.



Crimp de la Crimp 5.11c



Consolation Area

The wall is named after the thick ice-fall that forms Consolation Prize in the winter. Easiest approach is walking the ATV Trail about 60m from the Main Parking path, then following a right turnoff onto the Consolation Trail. The cliffbase trail between The Scoop and Consolation Area is often mucky as it follows along the stream.

1) Foibles 5.10b - Sport, 6 bolts + carabiner anchors, 18m. Climb past two bolts on chossy rock, followed by quality climbing through the roof and headwall. Bolted anchors with rusty maillons and aluminum carabiners could use replacement. Often wet until mid-summer.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Trojan Horse M6+) Sam Eastman pre-2015. FA rock Damian Orlowski Sept 2023.

2) I Ain't Guilty 5.10d - Sport, 6 bolts + ring anchors, 18m. Suggested stickclip the first bolt which is located on the chossy slab leading up to the roof. Fun physical climbing through the roof and a technical finish. Often wet until mid-summer.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Office Hands M6) Josh Smith Dec 2019. FA rock Damian Orlowski Sept 2023.

3) Rust Buster 5.10a - Sport, 5 bolts + ring/maillon anchors, 15m. Stickclip first bolt while standing on the diagonal ramp. Right anchor bolt is loose in the rock and should be rebolted. Often wet until mid-summer.

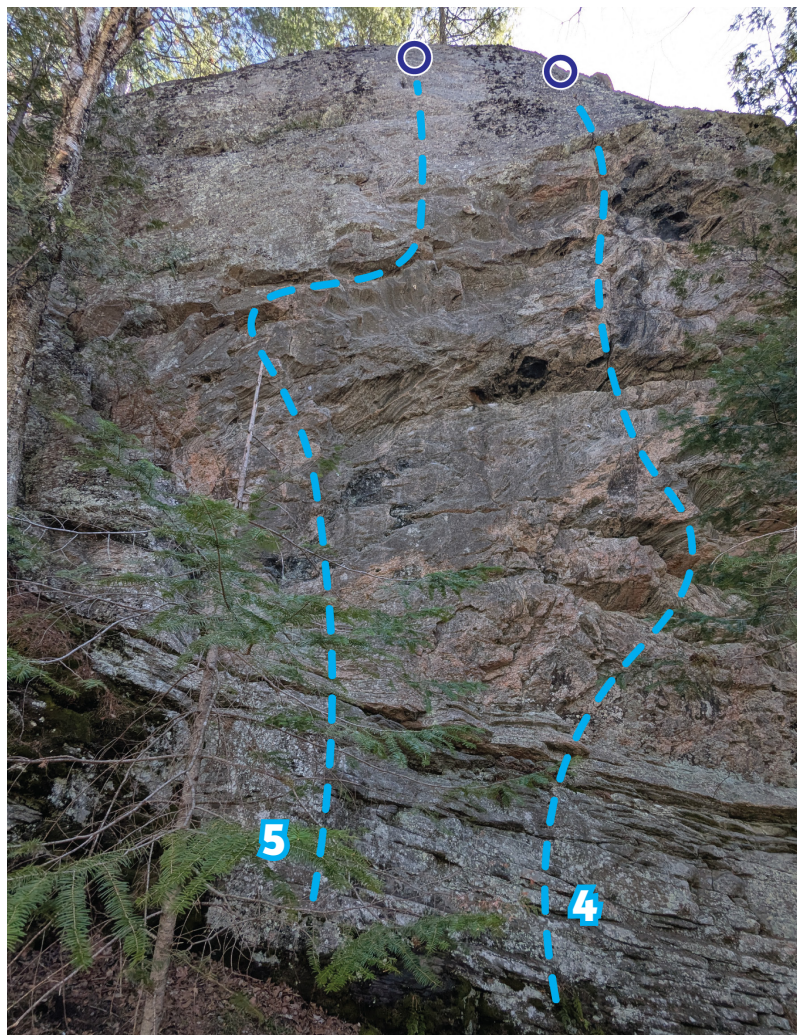
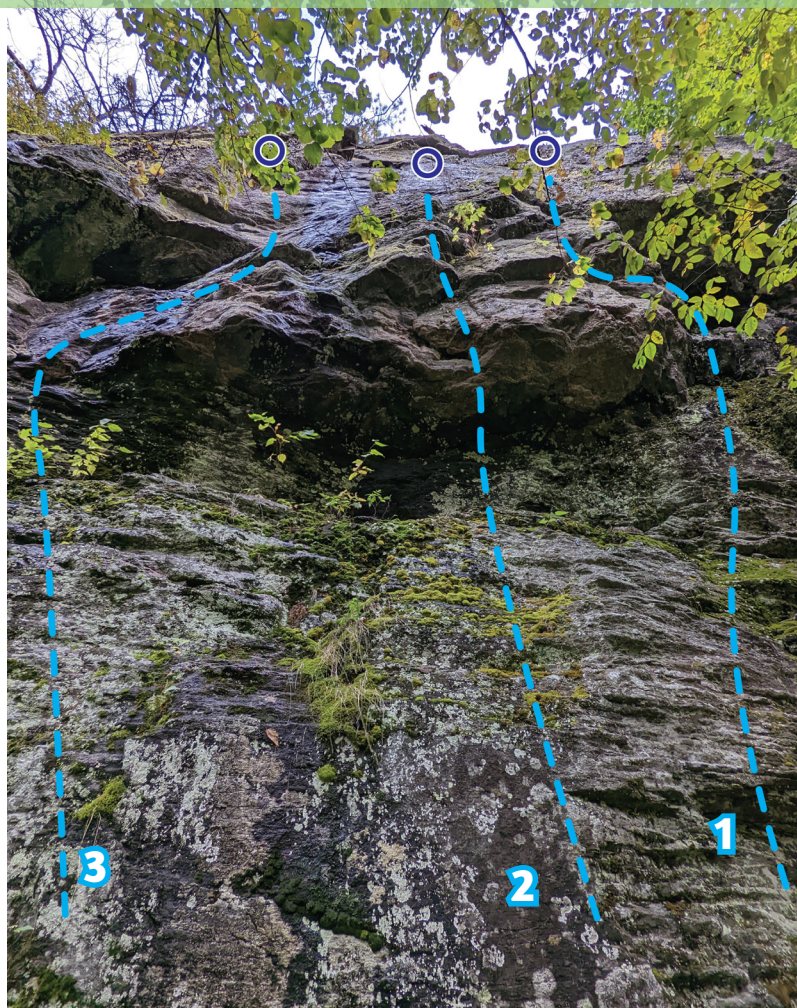
Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Clip and Go M5+) Sam Eastman pre-2015. FA rock Damian Orlowski Sept 2023.

4) Stress Cracks Me Up 5.11c - Sport, 8 bolts + anchors, 17m. Starts across from the small boulder with a low bolt on it.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Spartacus M8) Sam Eastman pre-2015. FA rock Damian Orlowski July 2022.

5) Frozen Muskrat 5.11a - Sport, 5 bolts + anchors, 18m. Excellent climb to get the juices flowing.

Bolted Damian Orlowski & Jorge Gabayet. FA Jorge Gabayet April 2026.



Wafer Area

Follow the Cliffbase Trail from the Consolation Area about 50m north to find the first climbs of the Wafer Area. Alternatively, from the Main Parking path, walk about 110m north on the ATV Trail and turnoff at the Wafer Trail by a majestic pine tree. Follow the Wafer Trail around the base of a hill and to The Cube boulder, from where you can shortcut between the blocs to the base of the cliff.

1) Joy 5.7 - Sport, 3 bolts + carabiner anchors, 10m.

Bolted and FA Dani OC Oct 2024.

2) Chimney Sweep 5.6 - Gear, ring anchors, 10m. Pleasant!

*Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Zip A Dee Doo Dah M4) Danylo pre-2015.
FA rock likely unknown.*

3) Intercontinental Ballistic Smooches 5.9 - Sport, 4 bolts + ring anchors, 15m. Climb the fissure, to the face, to the arête, and pull through the small roof.

Bolted Damian Orlowski & Gustavo Perez; FA Gustavo Perez April 2026.

4) Old School Cool 5.8 - Gear, ring anchors, 15m. Two pitons, but plenty of gear options. A loose handhold towards the top was unable to be removed. Brown painted chain-ring anchor. Gear single rack #0.3-1 cams.

*Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Spectre M5) David Broadhead pre-2015.
FA rock Damian Orlowski and Matthew Stirling Sept 2023.*

5) A Night at the Arlington 5.11a - Sport, 5 bolts + ring anchors, 15m. Loads of fun! Climb past a couple ledges, follow the bolts left and up through the steep.

Bolted and FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Maynooth Goes Boom M6+) Andriy Kolos Pre-2015. FA rock Damian Orlowski Nov 2022.

6) Cottage Life 5.11a - Sport, 8 bolts + ring anchors, 17m. Start on the slabby ramp followed by fun steep climbing on great holds. Difficult to clean and rope drag on the lower.

Bolted & FA Brandon Pullan Aug 2025.

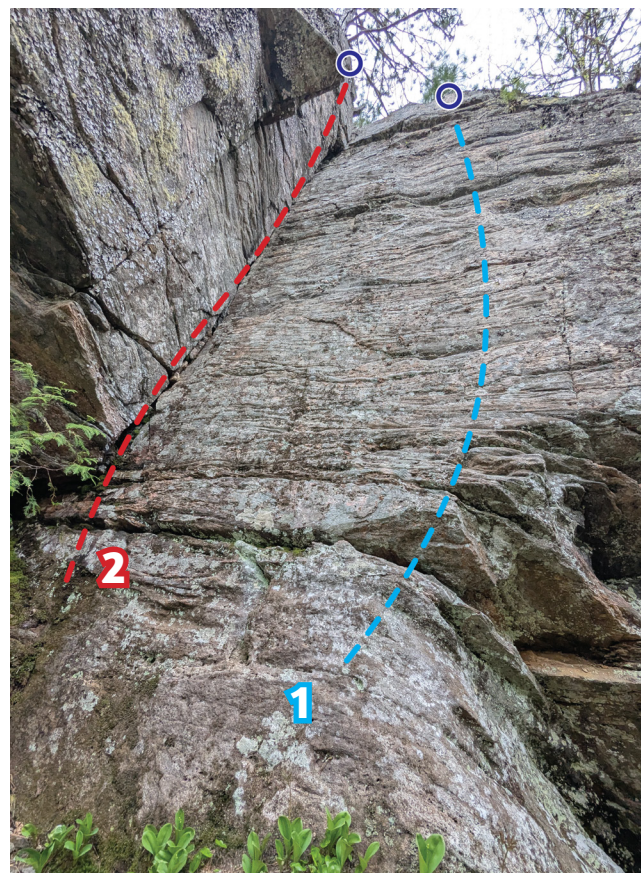
7) Little Corporal 5.10b - Sport, 4 bolts + ring anchors, 10m. Fun & engaging climbing, stick clip recommended.

Bolted Damian Orlowski Oct 2022. FA Olivia Perryman Nov 2022.

8) Wafer 5.11b - Mixed-gear, 2 bolts & natural anchor, 20m. A large open book dihedral, and the namesake for the wall. Stick-clip the first bolt and climb the cool but tricky boulder problem to gain the shelf. Enjoy the excellent 5.9 crack climbing to the top. Second bolt can be found after the roof on right side. Gear single rack cams #0.3 to #6. Use the large pine for tree anchor. *Unknown bolting, follows establish mixed-ice route Wafer Thin M8-. FA rock Damian Orlowski Aug 2023.*

9) Cave Creature 5.11d - Gear, ring anchors, 20m. A couple meters to the left of **Wafer**. Start at the cave, climb up and left to a crux bouldery mantle. Follow the crack to the anchors.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski Oct/ Nov 2022.





Wafer Area Topos



On the far end of the Wafer Area there are a series of slab walls. *Face That Launched 100 Awes* is the first found around the corner from **Cave Creature** and hosts routes numbered 10 to 13, as well as mixed-ice routes in the winter. The second slab wall has routes 14 & 15. The third slab is where you can find **Petrified Frog**, and to the left of it is a fourth class scramble to gain cliff-top access.

10) Basileois Project - Requires bolting, 16m. Rock has been scrubbed and trundled. Start on the slanted crack on the right side of the roof, moving left to gain the headwall, and continue up the right side of the slab face.

11) Our Song 5.9 - Mixed-gear SR, 2 bolts + ring anchors, 15m. Start under the roof on the right end of the slab face, stick-clip recommended as you pull through the crux to gain the pod and vertical crack above - harder than 5.9 for shorter climbers. Follow the crack until the anchors, don't miss out on the last move to the jug even if you can clip the anchors early.

Bolted unknown pre-2015/ anchors Damian Orlowski Oct 2025. FA mixed-ice/ drytooling (Naked Soul M5+) unknown. FA rock Damian Orlowski & Matthew Stirling Oct 2025.

12) Our Thought 5.10a - Mixed-gear SR, 1 bolt + ring anchors, 15m. Technical face climbing protected by a bolt followed by enjoyable crack to the anchors.

Bolted Damian Orlowski Oct 2025. FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2025. Roughly follows the winter ice route The Streets Cry Freedom.

13) Dihedral Project - Gear, tree anchors, 15m. Climb the chimney to offwidth up the dihedral to the left.

Roughly follows the winter ice route Sticks and Stones.

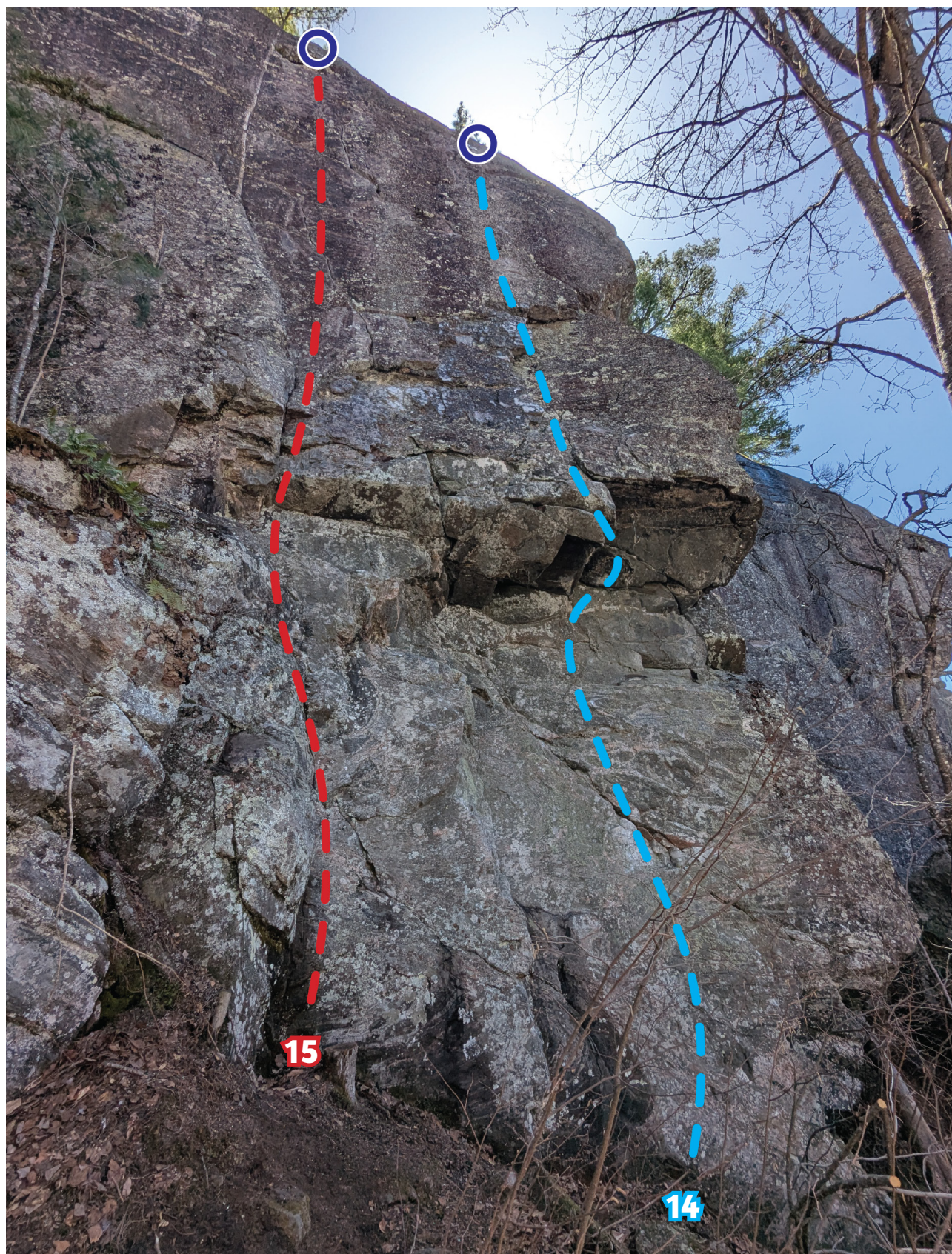


14) Ay Papi 5.10d - Sport, 5 bolts (second bolt is a permadraw) + chain anchors, 15m. Slab intro to a crux sequence through the roof and easier climbing to the finish.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski April 2026.

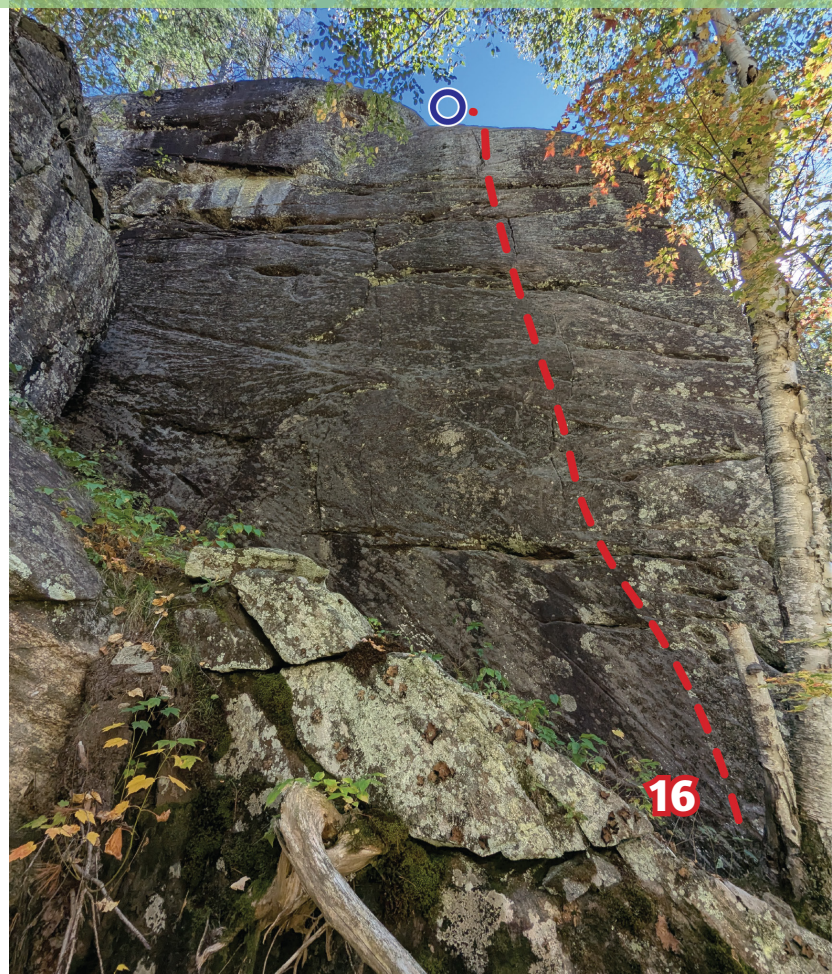
15) Digitalis 5.10a - Gear SR + ring anchors, 15m. Start in the small dihedral off the tree stump. Initially moderate quality rock with moderate protection (possibly cam #0.1 or 0.2 in the mini-roof to start), followed by excellent quality and well-protected rock on the face that you wish would keep on going.

Bolted Damian Orlowski and FA Gustavo Perez April 2026.



16) Petrified Frog 5.9 - Gear SR, ring anchors, 16m. Start by the birch tree, follow the disjointed vertical cracks, until a heady mantel to end the climb with a bit of excitement! Anchors above the finishing ledge.

FA Damian Orlowski & Matthew Stirling Oct 2025.



Petrified Frog 5.9

Sucker Wall

Park at the large opening for the trailhead leading to Sucker Pond, approximately 150 meters north of 2516 Papineau Lake Road. Walk south along the road about 80m, the climber's path is located just past the large boulders that kiss the road. Routes are listed climber's right to left (nearest to the road to farthest).

1) Lollipop! 5.12c - Sport, 3 bolts + ring anchors, 11m. Two distinct boulder problems with a good rest between them. For the crimp connoisseur. No endurance required.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski March/ Oct 2024.

2) Lollipopunch 5.12a - Sport, 4 bolts + ring anchors, 12m. Link up. Start on **Lollipop**, and after clipping the last bolt (use an extended draw here), traverse the jug rail left and finish on **Sucker Punch**.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2024.

3) Suckerpop 5.12b - Sport, 3 bolts + ring anchors, 12m. Link up. Start up **Sucker Punch** and traverse right after the second bolt to finish on **Lollipop**!

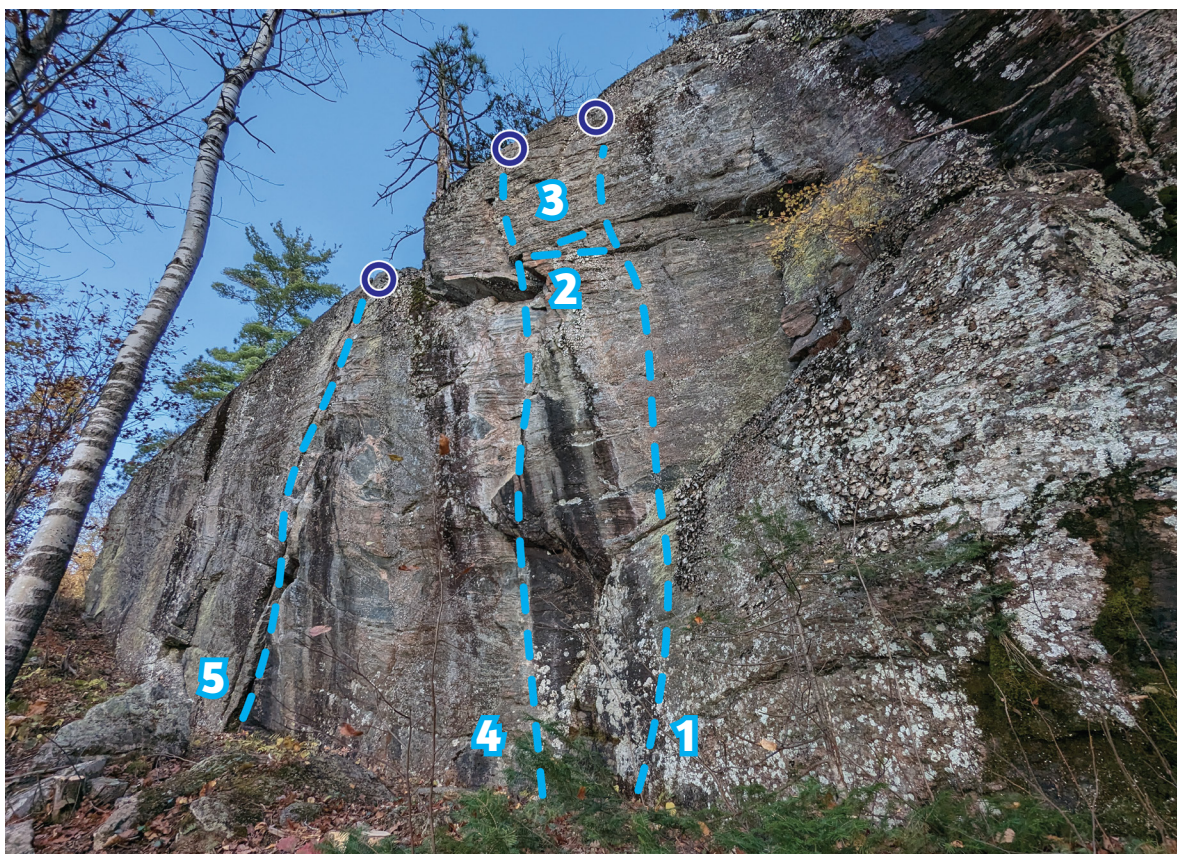
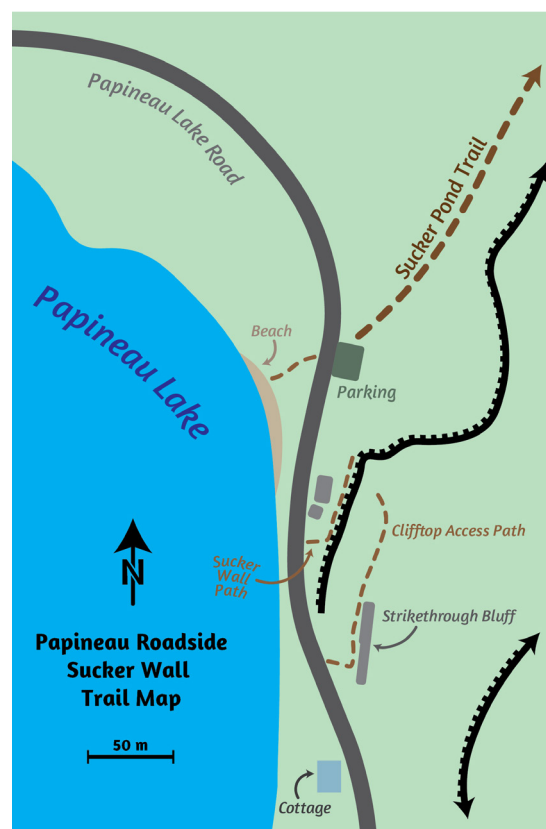
FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2024.

4) Sucker Punch 5.10c - Sport, 3 bolts + ring anchors, 11m. Crux off the ground on small holds leads to steep laybacking on jugs. Stick clip recommended.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2023.

5) Bloodsucker 5.11d - Sport, 2 bolts + ring anchors, 10m. Stick clip recommended, fun and physical crux around the first bolt.

Bolted & FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2023.





Boulders

The Scoop Area Boulders

The Scoop area is nearest to the road. From the Main Parking continue on the Scoop Trail as it crosses over the ATV trail. The Scoop boulder, has also been known as the Reception boulder and the Heart boulder by independent parties developing over the years. The cliff itself has caves that have bouldering potential.

The Scoop

Decent - walk off/ scramble on the south side.

1) Salted Caramel Toffee V3 - On the steep side that faces the cliff. Start in the middle of the face on the right-slanted rail and a right-slanted small jug, about a foot apart and under chest height. Work through smaller holds to the arête, and continue the arête to the top.

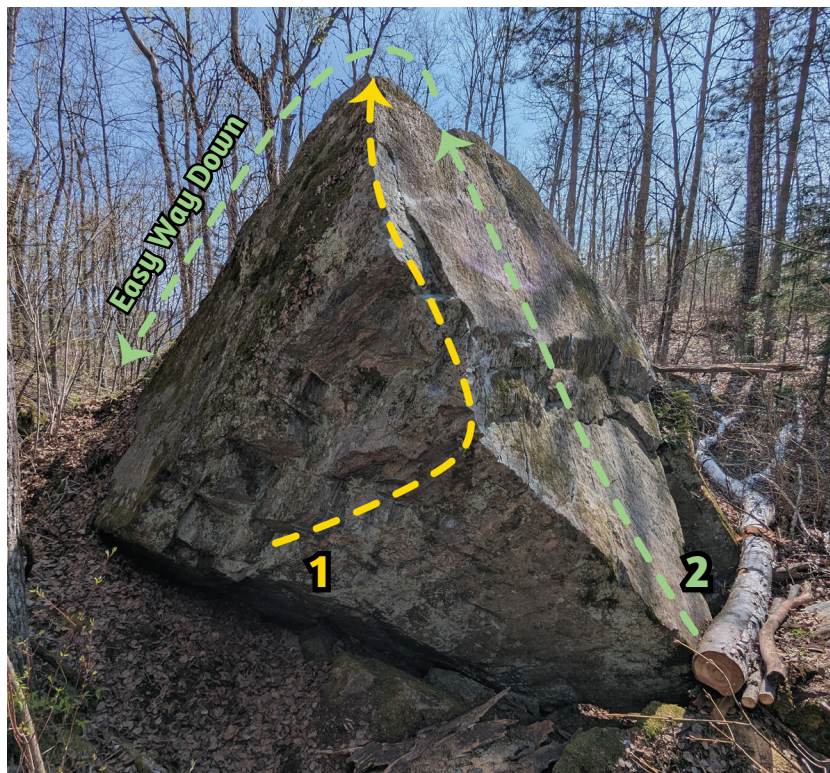
FA Damian Orlowski May 2023.

2) Skewed Perception V0 - Excellent slab up the center to the heart shaped face that finishes in the notch. Couple fun variations, going left and right.

FA Mike Grainger 2019.

Sandy Cave

Pictured below. Follow the cliffbase trail past the Split and Scoop area routes. Sandy Cave is till being developed.



Honeymoon Cave

Located where the Scoop trail meets the cliff.
Dry on rainy days.

3) **Honeymoon V6** - This boulder can also be an extension into the sport route **Newlyweds**. Sit start with hands on the orange and black rail. Climb the thuggy and technical sequence out of the cave and finish on the large pinch-jug at the top of the slopey ramp.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2025.

4) **Babymoon V6** - Slightly easier problem than its neighbour to the right. Start with a hand on the low crimp rail and the other on positive crimp higher up, and feet even higher if you want. Another sequence of steep fun moves that finish on the same large pinch-jug at the top of the slopey ramp. This is also an alternative intro to the sport route **Newlyweds**. A lower start with both hands on the low crimp rail is a potential project.

FA Damian Orlowski April 2026.



Consolation Boulders

Approach via the Consolation Trail.

Decent - scramble down either the north gully, alternatively down climb and step off onto the Consolation Cave boulder on the east face.

Consolation Boulder West

1) Thoughts and Prayers V3 (highball) - Climb the well featured arête and finish with compression moves to the top.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2023.

2) Glory Is Not Never Falling V7 (highball) - Start on the large rail above chest height under the tallest part of the face. Powerful fingery moves to the large scooped rail, then up to crimps. First half of the boulder is the crux, second half tops out on good holds and easier moves.

FA Jakob Elliott July 2023.

3) Stolen Glory V6 - Climb the first crux of **Glory is Not Never Falling** and continue right to top with **Here For You**.

FA Max Caudle July 2025.

4) Here For You V2 - Start on crimp rail above face level toward the right side of the boulder face. Climb straight up but top out slightly right at the end.

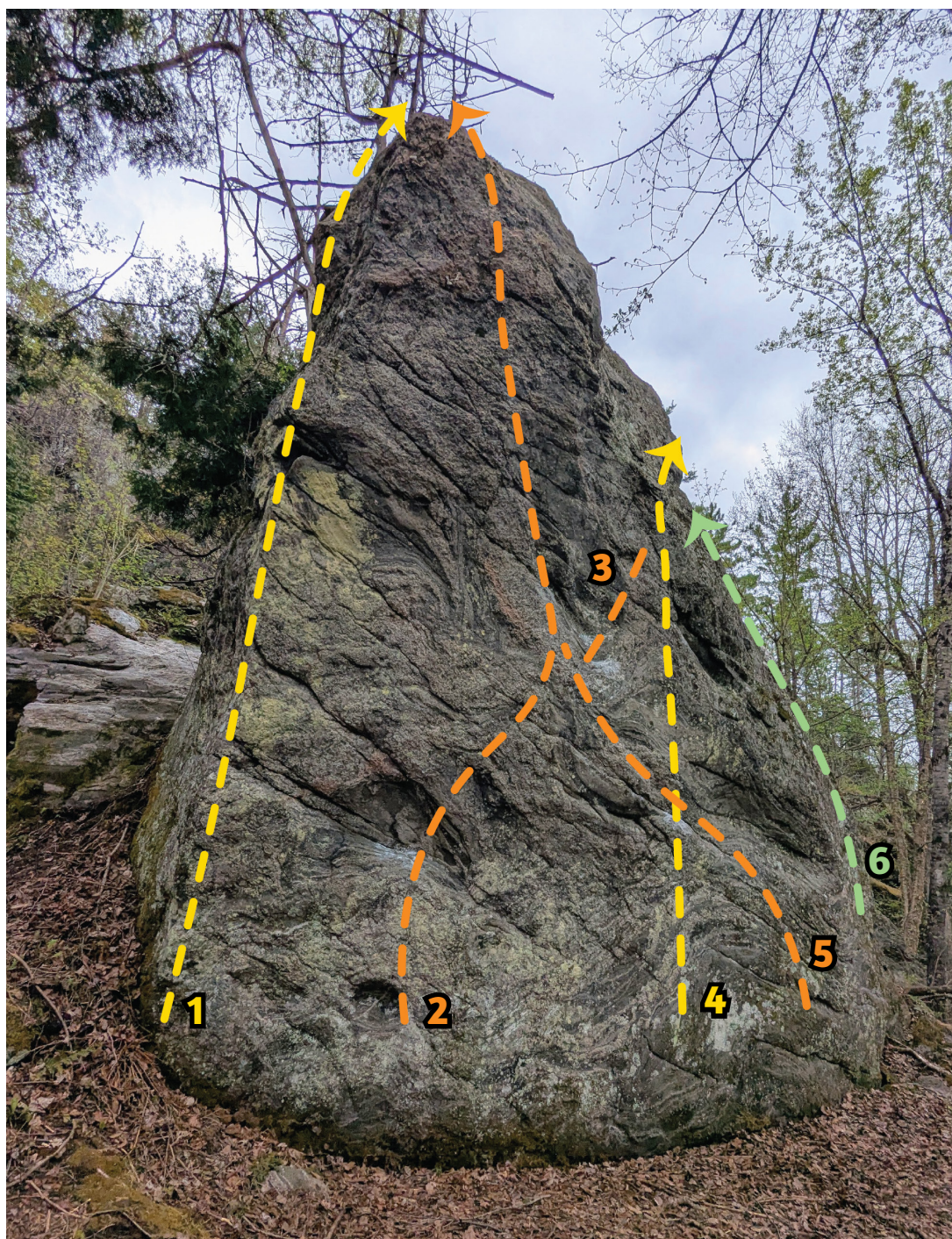
FA Damian Orlowski July 2023.

5) Comfort Line V7 (highball) - Start to the right of **Here For You** with right hand vertical pinch at chest height and left crimp at waist height. Traverse the obvious feature left to join onto the second crux of **Glory Is Not Never Falling**.

FA Jakob Elliott July 2023.

6) Shining Path V0 - At the right end of the face, follow the quartz dike up and left.

FA Mike Grainger 2019.



Consolation Boulder East

7) **A Tender Time Project** - Landing area requires some work for safe falls.

8) **Cheer Up Buttercup V2** - Sit start on crimps below the jug, head straight up. If you have the pads and spotters, try the fun dyno from the jug to the top.

FA Damian Orlowski May 2023.

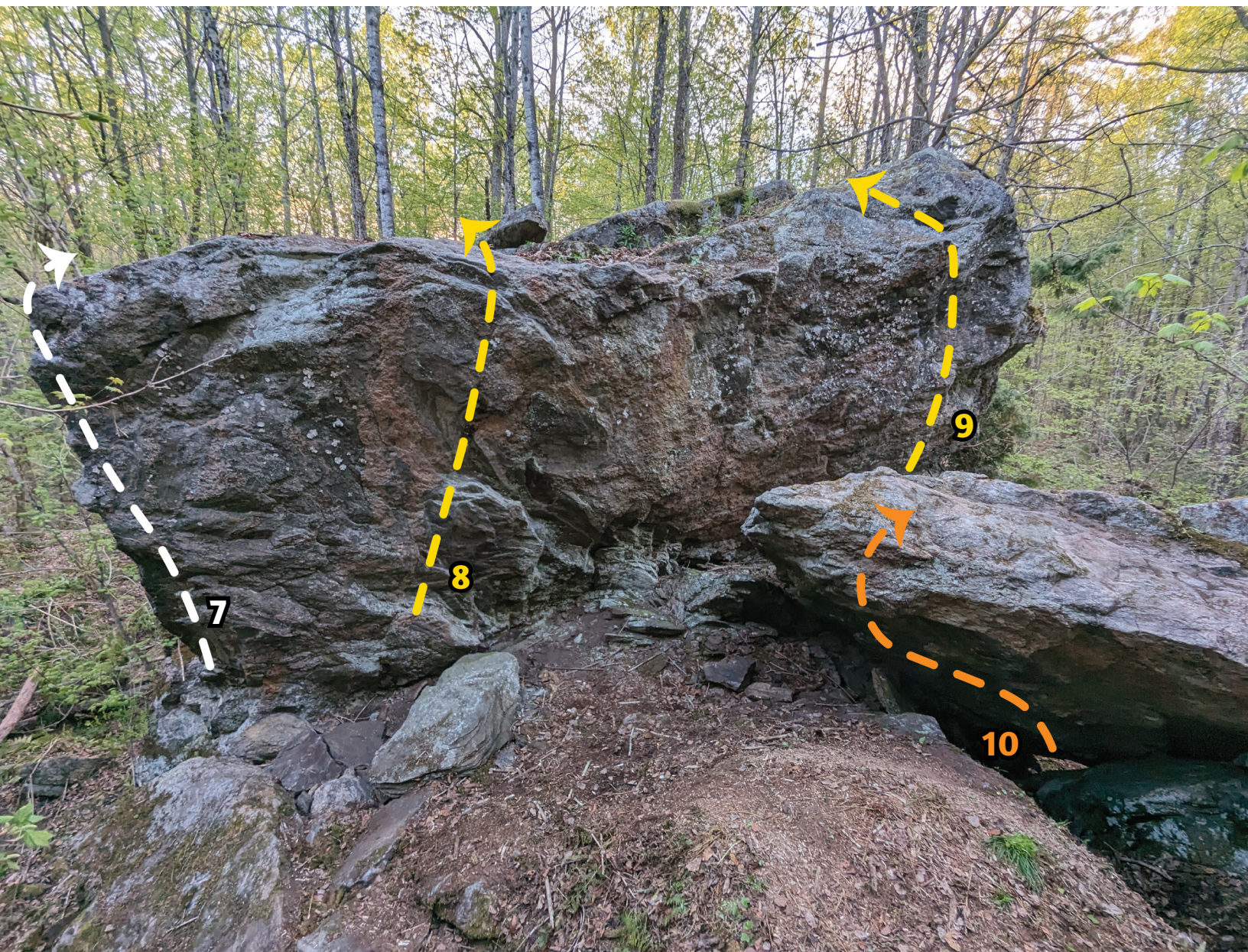
9) **Turn That Frown Upside Down V4** - Sit start on your choice of small holds. Move up through the crimps and gymnastic moves to the bucket up top.

FA Damian Orlowski May 2023.

Consolation Cave

10) **Participation Ribbon V7** - Start deep in the cave on slot jugs facing away from each other. Powerful moves on good holds. Bring some thin pads or blankets to protect any (short) falls without them getting in the way.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2023.



Wafer Area Boulders

The highest density of bouldering to be found in Madawaska Valley, and still plenty of room for development. Several blocs in this area are not listed yet as they have yet to be cleaned and climbed.

The Cube

Approach via Wafer trail. Decent - walk off through the secret corridor or scramble at the far end of the slab.

1) **Schrodinger's V1** - Sit start with hands on the left facing vertical rail. Climb fun moves on underclings.

FA Damian Orlowski May 2025.

2) **Frozen in Motion V8** - Start on a good left hand slot and right had undercling. Climb left and up through an excellent starting sequence.

FA Jarret Parsons July 2025.

3) **Success in Progress V5** - On the left side of the boulder, start on the left sidepull at face height and a right undercling at waist height. Head straight up.

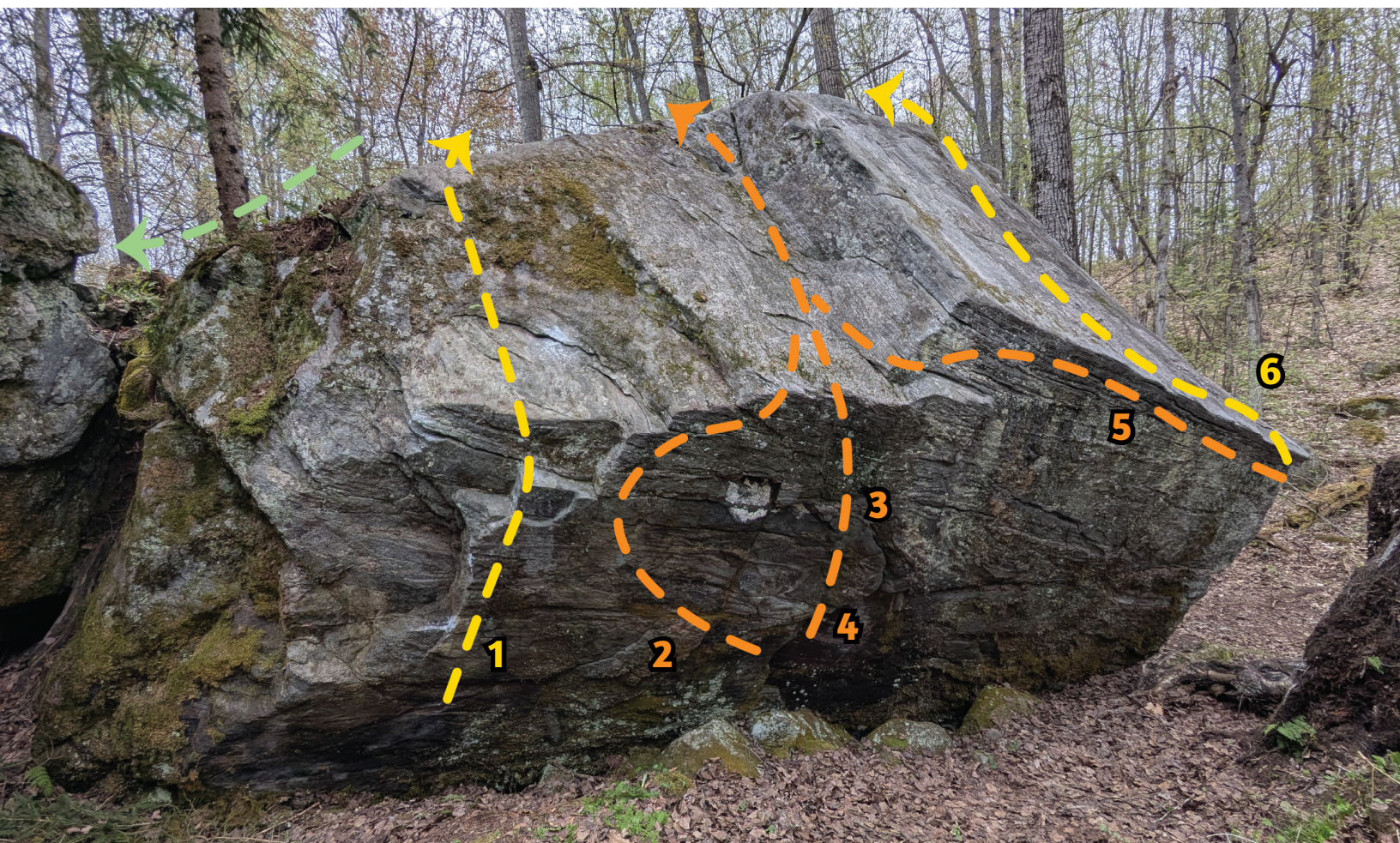
FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.

4) **Progress to Success V8** - Low start to **Success in Progress**, start with a right undercling and left hand on the rail.

FA Jakob Elliott Aug 2025.

5) **Edge Case V6** - A taste of Squamish. Start hands on the corner. Traverse the edge left until you run out of lip, top out the same as **Success in Progress**. Friction dependent, the problem will feel extra hard with humid conditions.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.



6) **Portmanteaul V2** - Start both hands on the corner where the three edges meet, same as **Edge Case**. Originally mantled with your center of mass to the left side of the corner. For an easier variation swing over to the right side and do the same mantle as **Arithmetickle**. Enjoy the walk to the top.
 FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.

7) **Arithmetickle V1** - Start with your hands on the rail at chest height just around right from the corner. Work up to an easier mantle and cakewalk to the top.

8) **Gaussian Noise V3** - Same start as **Arithmetickle**, climb up and right following the thin crack feature about halfway across the boulder, then climb up and slightly left to mantle and top.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.

9) **Latent Diffusion V3** - Start at the obvious slanted crimp rail at about face height. Work your way up and left to a shared finish with **Gaussian Noise**.

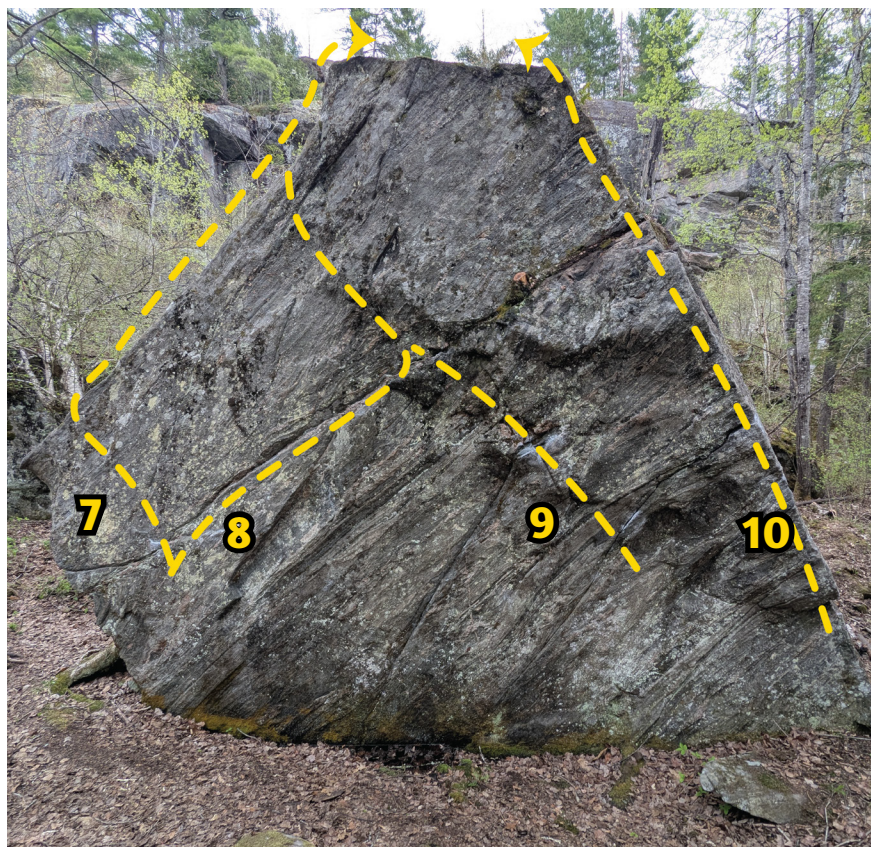
FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.

10) **High on Potenuse V2** - Sit start and climb the arête.

FA Gustavo Perez May 2025.

11) **Square Root V1** - Climb the slab just right of the arête without using the arête.

FA Matthew Stirling May 2025.



12) **Divide By One V1** - Centre line up the slab.

FA Gustavo Perez May 2025.

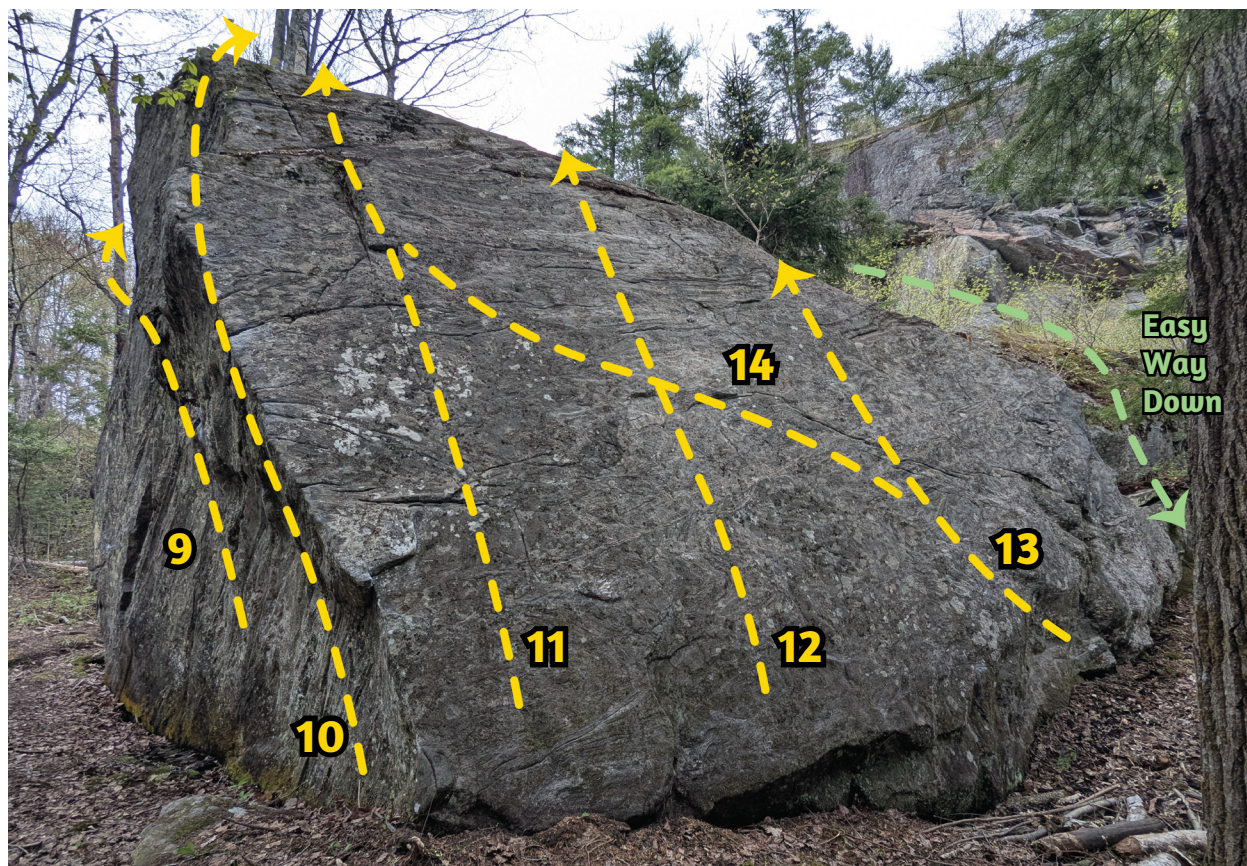
13) **Multiple By One V1** - Rightmost line.

FA Gustavo Perez May 2025.

14) **Matthewmatics**

V1 Same start as **Multiple By One**, traverse left on the diagonal features, top out same as **Square Root**.

FA Matthew Stirling May 2025.



The Jaw

The best warms up at the crag regardless of climbing expertise! From the Cube head towards the cliff. Decent - walk off to the Cube and continue through the secret corridor.

15) Teething Pains V1 - Sit start towards the left end under the roof. Climb up and mantle on the jugs.
FA Olivia Perryman May 2025.

16) Jaw Line V1 - Start low under the roof on the large shark-tooth hold. Climb left under the roof, finish same as **Teething Pains**.
FA Damian Orlowski May 2025.

17) Jaw Direct V3 - Start on the shark-tooth hold. Climb up the arête without going out left to the big jug.
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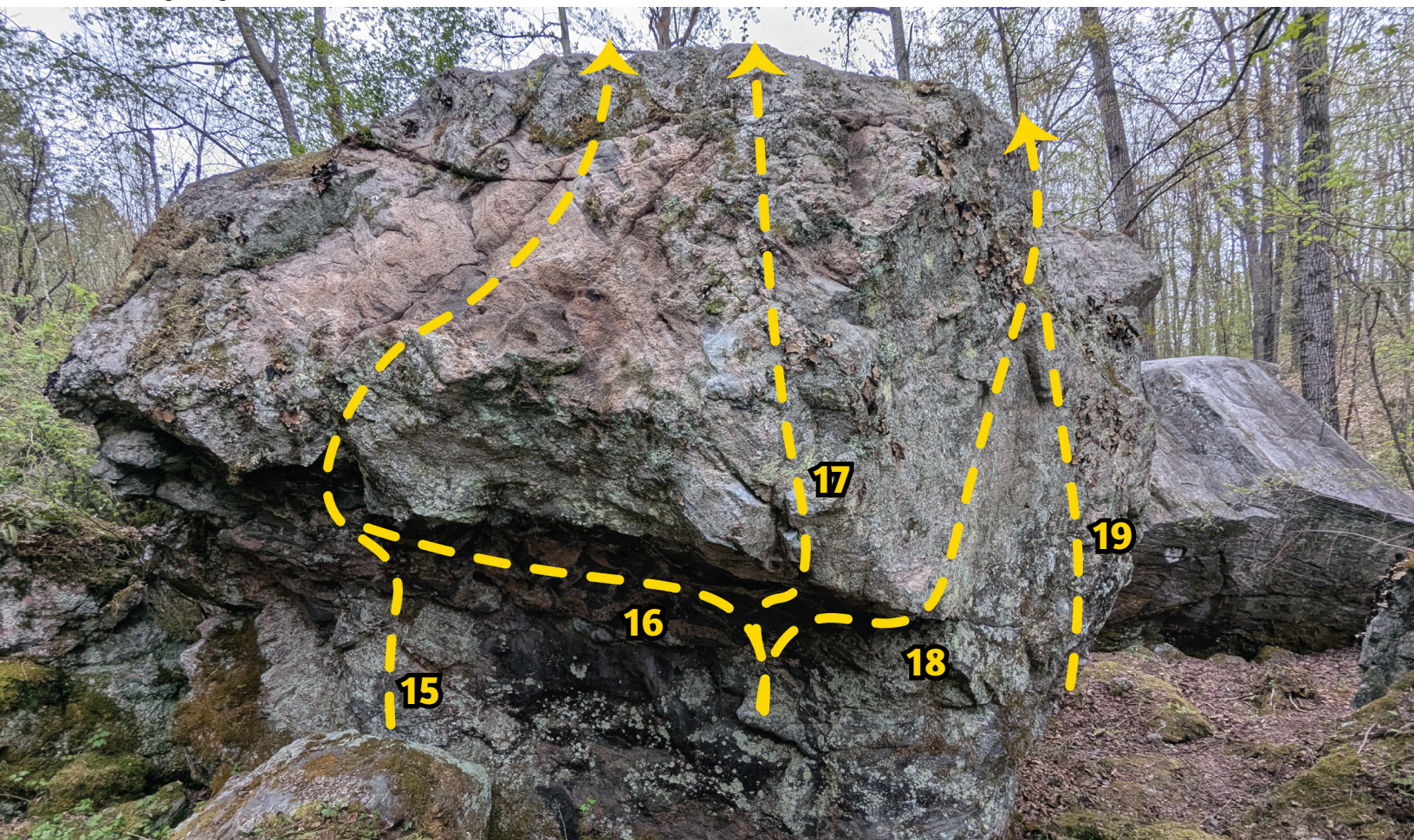
18) Jaw Right Dude V1 - Start on the shark-tooth hold. Climb out of the roof right, face climb to the large slanted rail to top out.
FA Damian Orlowski May 2025.

19) Amarone V1 - Start left hand on the juggy step and right hand around the arête. Climb up and finish same as **Jaw Right Dude**.
FA Mike Grainger 2019.

Krusty Boulder

*Not pictured in the book, found across from **Edge Case** on the Cube boulder. Decent - easy scramble off.*

20) Inner Krust V0 - Sit start, both hands on the good arête hold, enjoyable climbing the top.
FA Mike Grainger 2019.



Under The Cleave

Not pictured in the book. Continue the Wafer Trail heading north from the Cube. Decent - the top out of Under the Cleave is the landing area for the Cleave boulder.

21) **Big Zee V0** - Start under the "Z" feature just right of the tree and climb up the slab.

The Cleave

This is one of the best single boulders to be found in the valley. Each of its four faces features a different style of climbing, from easy scrambling to projects waiting for the best in Ontario. The crag ladder is stashed under the roof of the east face.

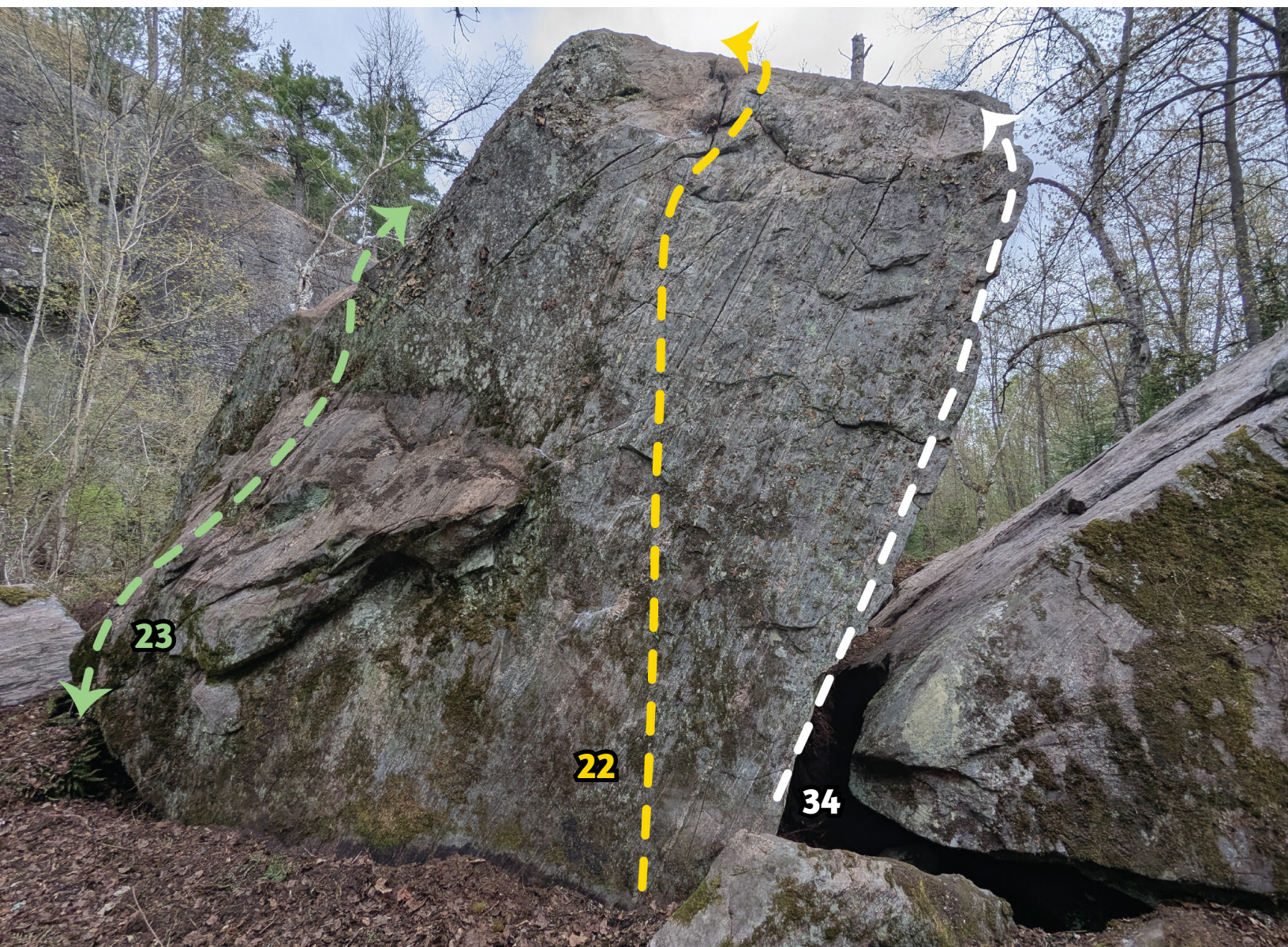
Decent - easiest climb down is **Cleavage** on the east face. Recommended to use the ladder to get down.

On the North Face

22) **Cleaver? Hardly Know'er! V2** - Climb the tall slab between the ledge to the left and the arête to the right.

FA Olivia Perryman May 2025.

23) **Fourth Class V0** - Enjoyable scramble to the top or back down.



On the East Face

24) Cleavage V0 - Climb the jugs on the far right side of the east face.

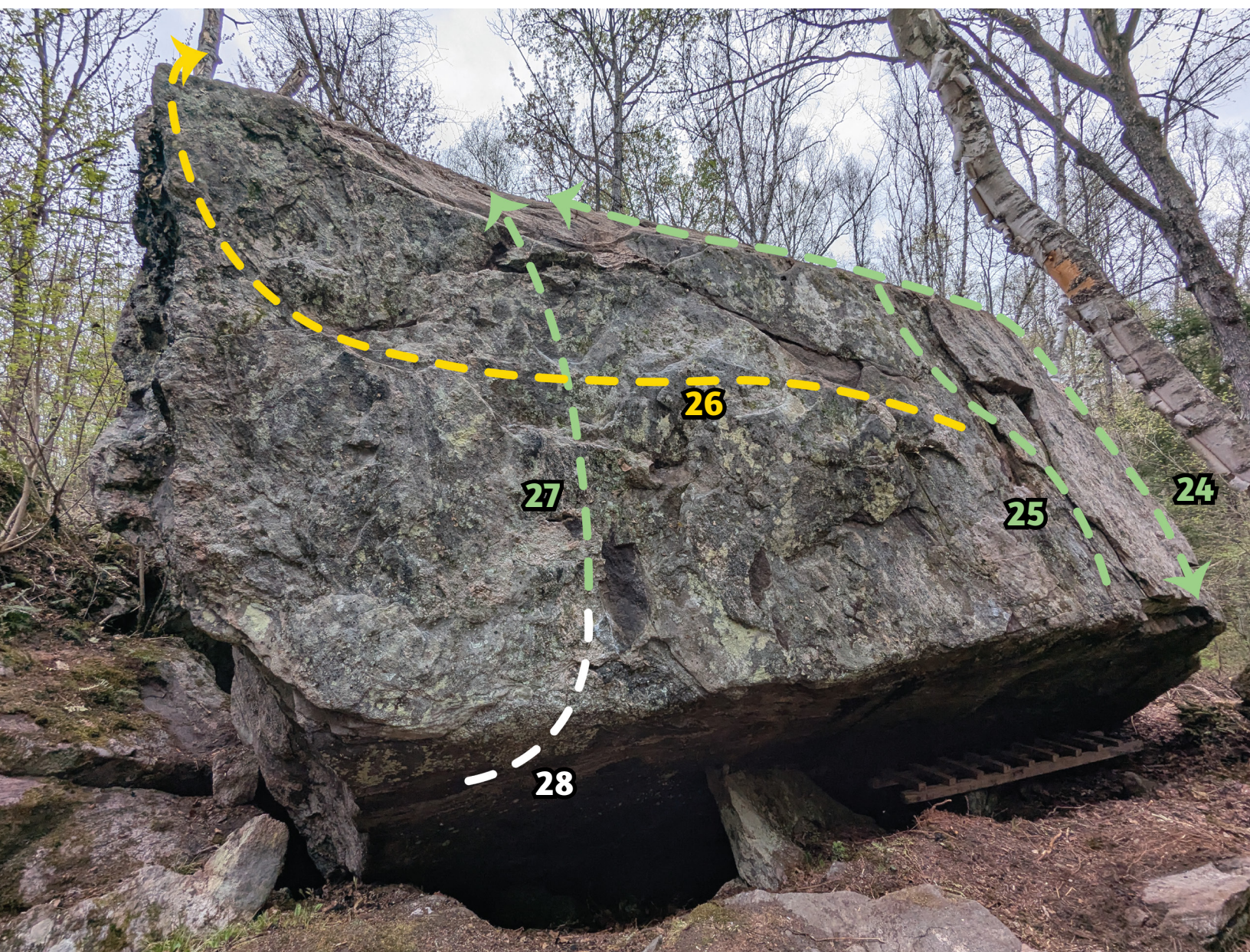
25) Up and Away V0 - Climb the left face flake system.

26) Up, Left and Away V1 - Start same as **Up and Away**, traverse the face left without ever using the top lip and mantle at the left arête.

FA Olivia Perryman May 2025.

27) No Move Wonder V0 - Stand start at the deep pocket and climb up.

28) One Move Wonder Project - Sit start with your body under the roof, left hand on a crimp undercling, right hand on the left facing rail above the cave. On move wonder to get to the start position of **No Move Wonder**.



On the South Face (not pictured) - Rough landing that requires work, nothing established so far.

On the West Face

Lots of crash pads make this bloc feel like a gym setup! If you lack pads, take notice of possible falls directions, and bring tie-downs or cord to secure crash pads on the ramp to prevent them from sliding off - bolts have been placed on either top corner of the landing zone for this use.

29) Other Cleft V2 - From the jug climb right around the arête using the large features and clefts.

FA Damian Orlowski May 2025.

30) Cleave Hanger Project - Same start as **Other Cleft**, climb up to the lip without using any of the large blocs around the arête (the arête is in though). Traverse left the entire lip and top out with **Writer's Bloc**.

31) Cleave It to Beaver Project - Sit start in the middle of the face with hands on two slightly right leaning jugs. Climb the thin splitter up and right.

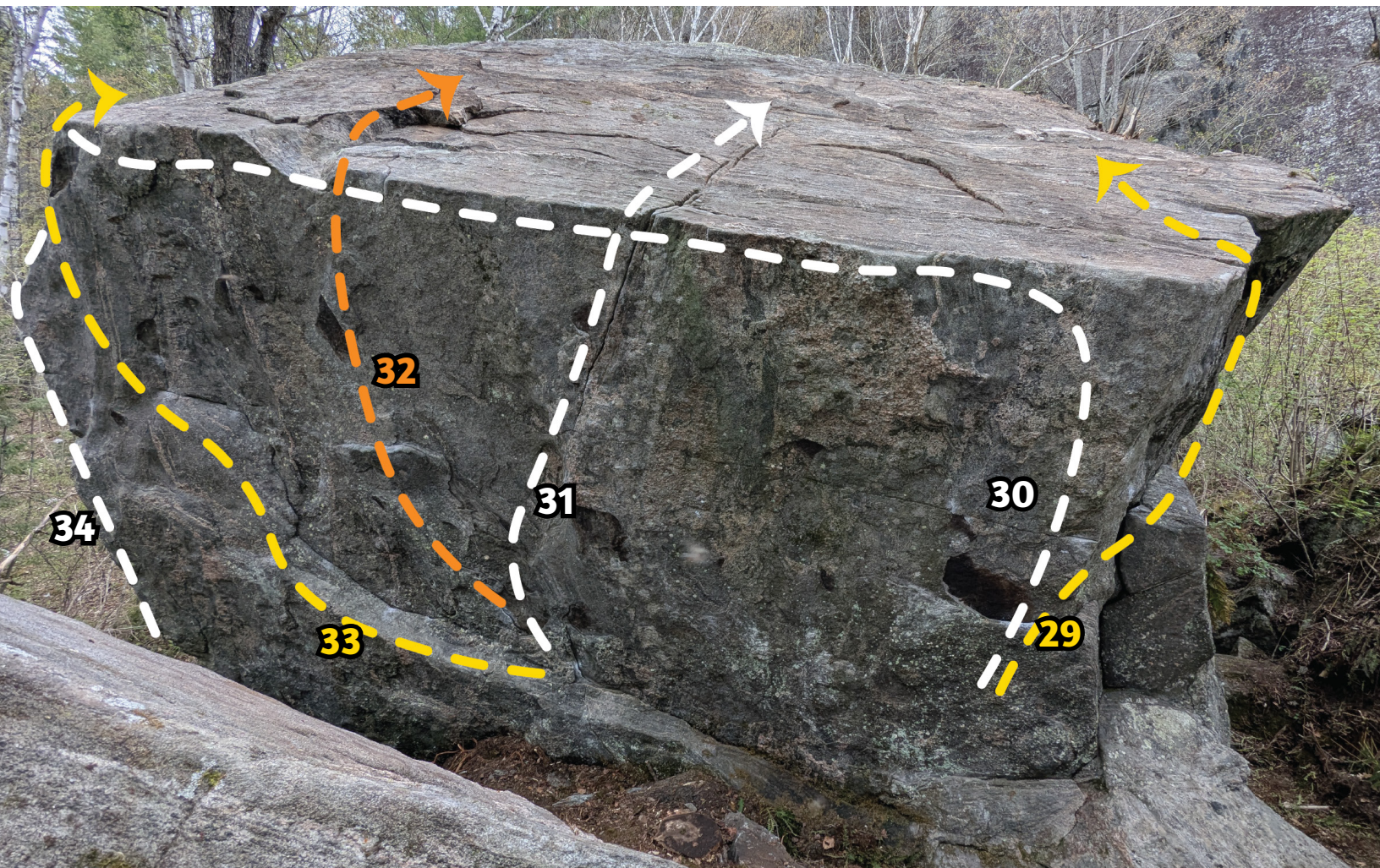
32) Finger Cleaver V6 - Sit start in the middle of the face with hands on two slightly right leaning jugs (same as previous climb). Climb up and left into the deep jugs, and battle to get to the lip. Be careful on the deep jugs, they tend not to let go of your fingers!!!

FA Jakob Elliott Aug 2025.

33) Writer's Bloc V4 - Sit start in the middle of the face with hands on two slightly right leaning jugs (same as previous climbs). Traverse the ramp left and then up to the arête to top out. Put some effort into your landing & spotting setup.

FA Damian Orlowski May 2025.

34) Butcher's Bloc Project - Climb the arête from the ground and top out same as **Writer's Bloc**.



The Hallway

From the Cleave, continue the Wafer trail towards the cliff.

35) Hall Pass V5 - Start both hands undercling in the alcove around the left corner from the steep face. Bump up to the obvious shelf and traverse right across the entire face (without going up to the lip at any point). Top out with a mantle around the right corner.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.

36) Hooky V3 - Start near the left-of-middle of the steep face with both hands on the hidden crimp-underclings at chest height. Head straight up.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2022.



Crystal Tower Boulders

These boulders lay just off the cliffbase trail, about 40 meters south from the Hallway. Easily recognized by the prominent quartz tower at the top.



37) Lookout Traverse V1 - Start with hands on the obvious tooth, traverse left until you can mantle on the opposite side of the boulder.

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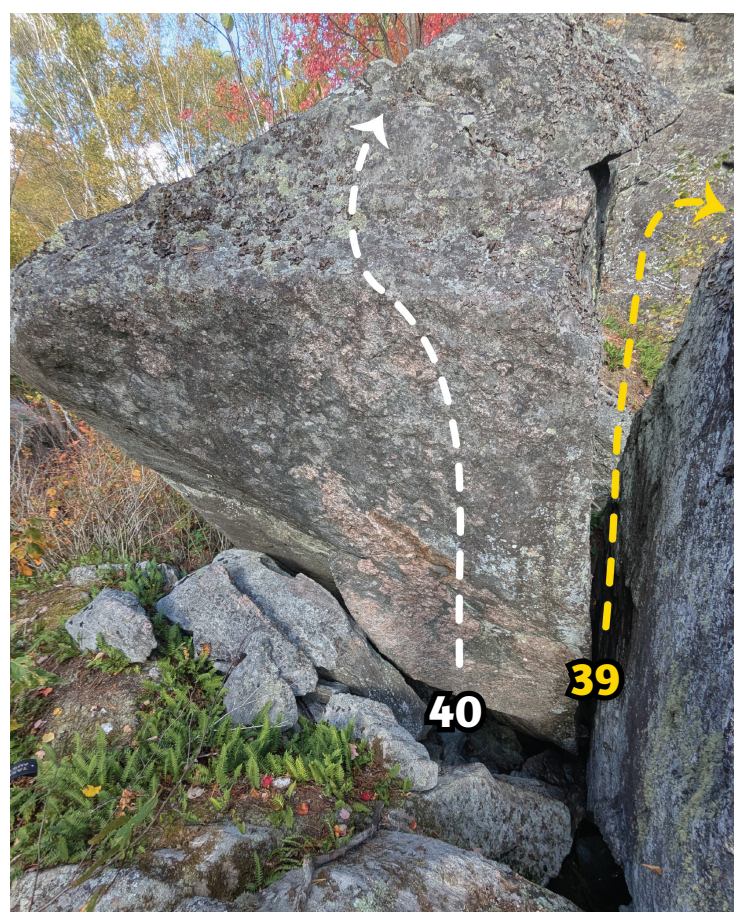
38) Contrive V5 - The lip of the boulder on the right-leaning ramp is out. Start with right hand on a slanted sidepull and left on a slanted undercling. Climb up and left using the large undercling rail and top out left of where it meets the upper lip. Burly and satisfying.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2025.

39) A House Divided V1 - Breath out, squeeze in, and start the climb wherever you can fit your chest in. Trickier than it looks.

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40) Back of the Tower Project - Steep climbing leads to a difficult mantle.



Hidden Gem

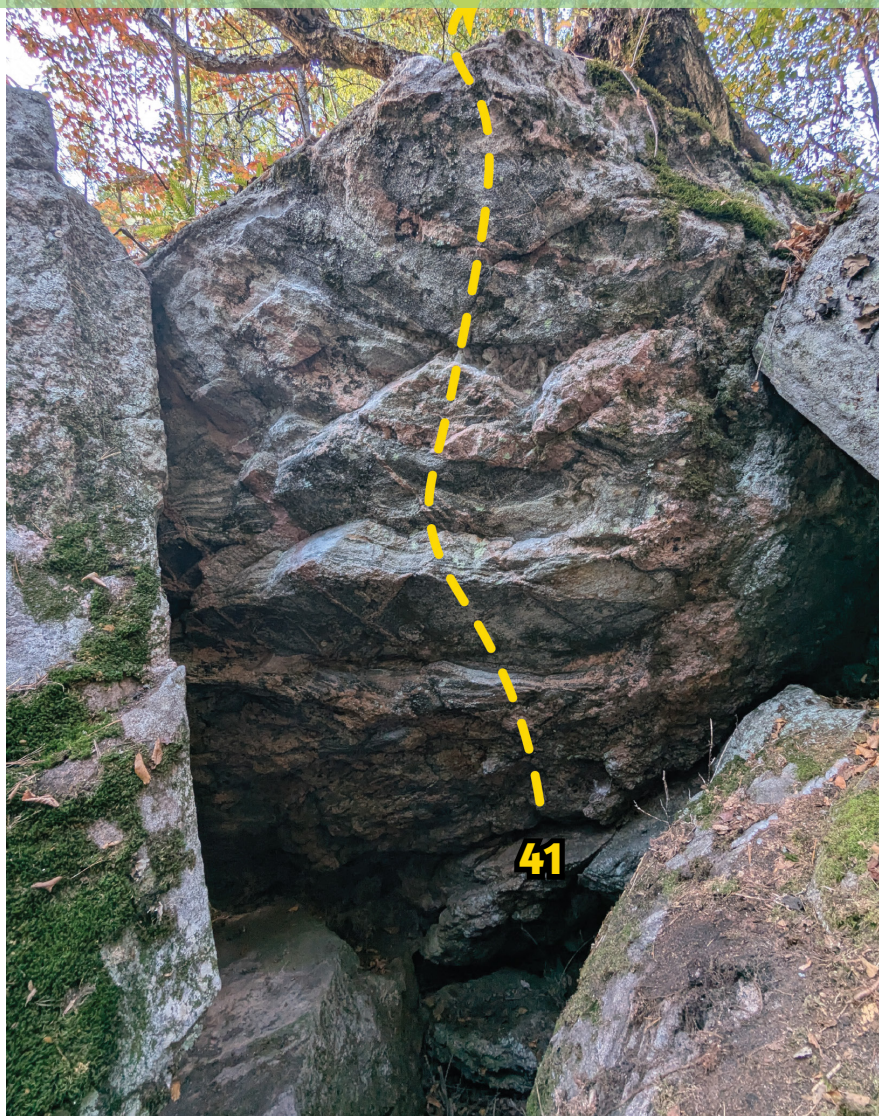
A little more difficult to locate. Approach either from the slab (south) side of the Cube boulder towards the cliff and skirt right around the large rounded boulder to find these climbs tucked away. Alternatively, from the cliffbase trail at the route **A Night at the Arlington**, walk away at from the cliff, veer left at the pyramid looking boulder and scramble down.

41) Hidden Gem V3 - Start low in the cave on the prominent sidepull jug and the crimp-jug down to the right of it. Great holds and excellent moves. The detached rocks that make up a ramp ledge underneath your feet are out.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2025.

42) Architect V3 - Sit start at the arête with both hands on the juggy rail about 2 feet off the ground. Climb up using only the holds on the arête without going to the face out right.

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Terminal Cluster Boulders

Newest addition to Papineau bouldering, with paths cleared as of July 2025.

The Doozer

Initially approach via Wafer trail, then continue the newly marked Terminal Trail that begins at the Cleave boulder. The Doozer will be the first boulder about 50 meters up the path. Can't miss the plow-looking shelf. Decent - easy walk off the side.

1) Daydream V0 - Up the easy slab around the arête left of the face with the shelf.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

2) Lullaby V0 - Climb the arête left of the swoop, without using the large low shelf of the swoop for feet.

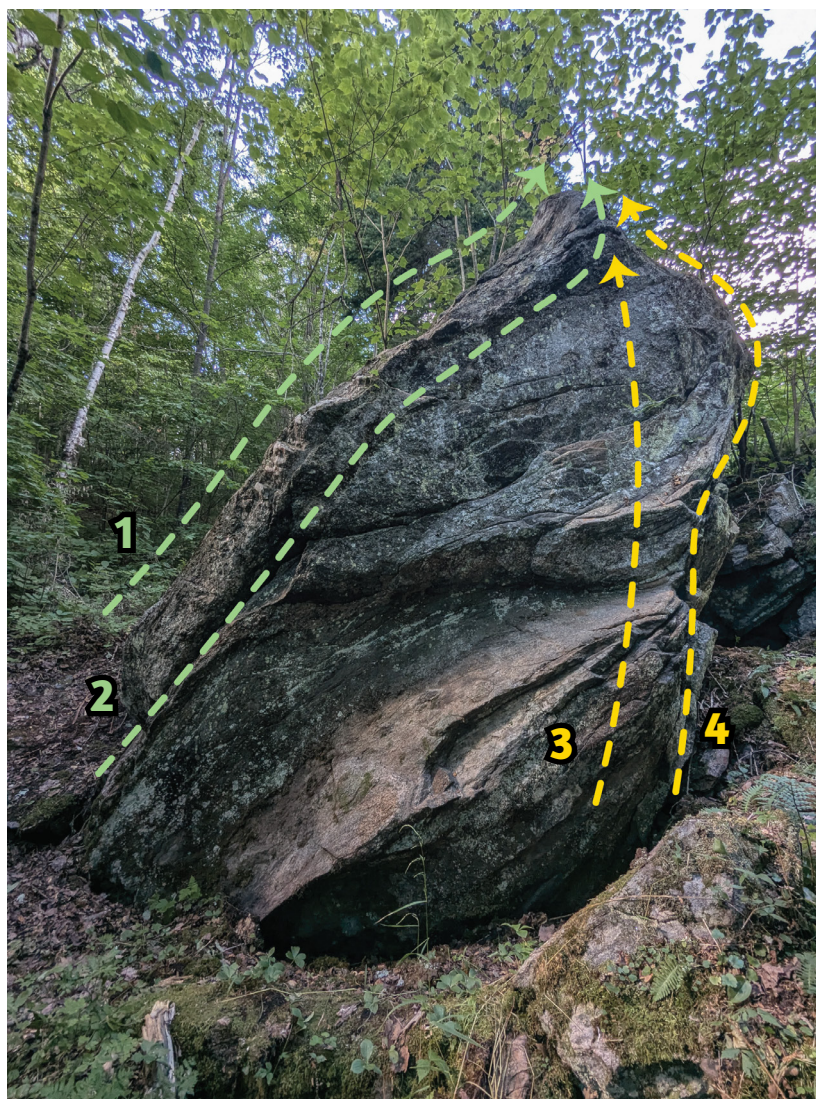
FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

3) Rockabye V1 - Low start below the shelf and climb up.

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4) Font of Dreams V1 - Low start below the shelf on the right side. Climb the arête up and right to top out.

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Fight or Flight

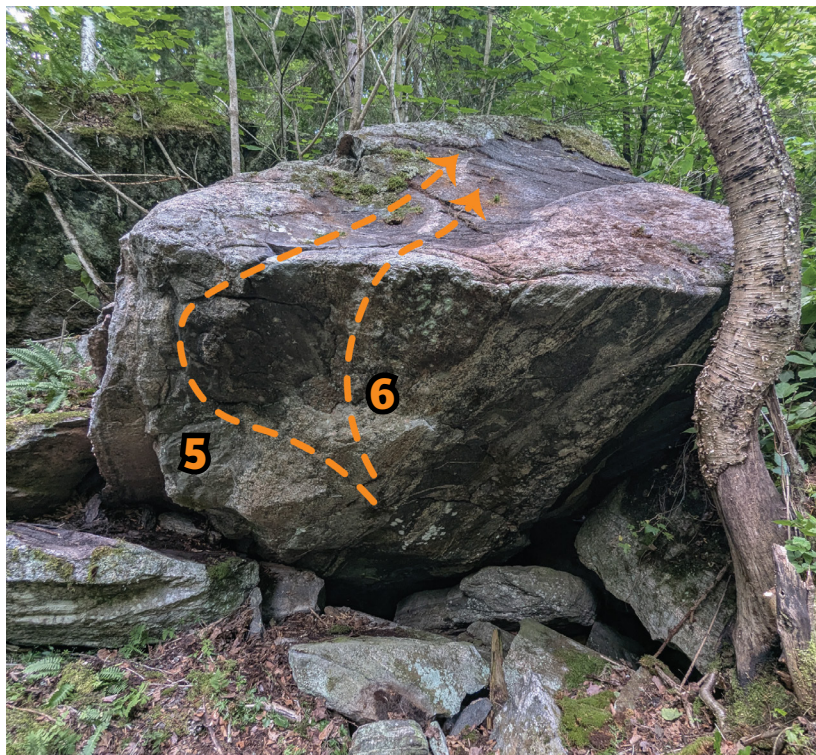
Tucked away behind the Doozer.

5) Fight or Flight V5 - Sit-start using one of the two sidepulls in the middle of the face for a right hand and a low left undercling. Pop out to the left arête, crux might be avoiding the dab on the swing!

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.

6) Flop or Drop V6 - Sit start using the two right facing crimps, punch up to the lip and mantle without using the arête out left.

FA Jarret Parsons July 2025.



Cruiser

This large boulder has an impressive low overhang. Continue another 30 meters up the Terminal Trail, this is the first of the three main Terminal Cluster Boulders. Currently the easiest way down is on the backside, and could be improved with some cleaning. Four bolts installed at the top for ease of cleaning on top rope (Mike Grainger July 2025).

7) Water Under The Fridge V2 - On the back side of the boulder. Sit start with hands on the low rail.

FA Damian Orlowski April 2026.

8) On Your Mark Project - Similar start as Cruising for a Bruising, but climb the face instead.

9) Cruising for a Bruising V4 - On the vertical face left of the overhang, start with a left sidepull at chest height and a right crimp at head height. Climb up and right to the intersection where the three edges meet, and top out on easier slab.

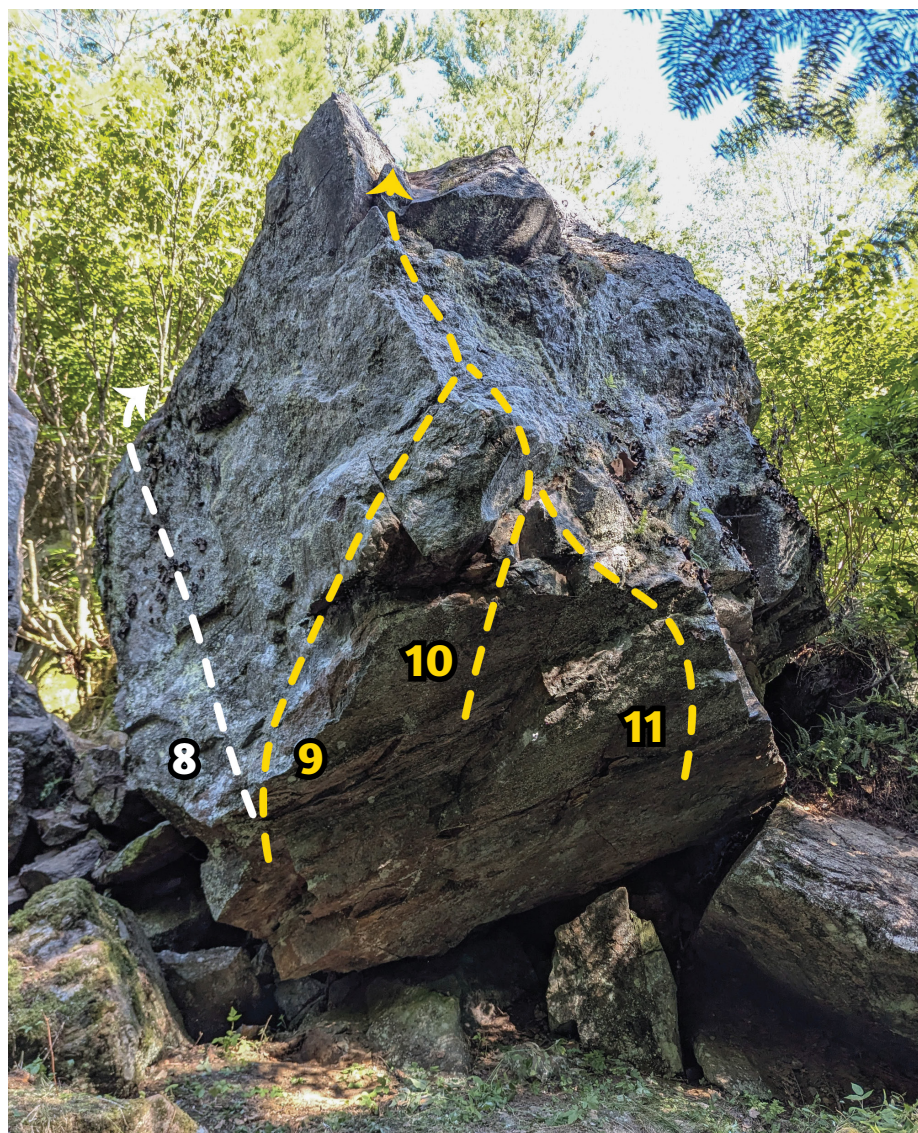
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10) Pity Cruiser V2 - Standing under the overhang, reach high for a left hand jug just below the intersection where the three edges meet, right hand on a small triangle looking crimp in the roof (or any other hold you can find on the overhang). A few jugs later, top out on easier slab same as the previous climb.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.

11) Itching for a Stitching V3 - Standing under the overhang on the right side, start with a right hand on a good pinch on the edge and span over with your left hand wherever feels good on the large rail splitting the overhang vertically. Some fun compression and cut loose later, top out on easier slab same as the previous two climbs.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.



Blade in the Shade

This boulder is full of fun features. Easiest way down is on the backside, where you can lower yourself onto Terminal Shelter boulder and scramble off from there. Two bolts installed at the top for ease of cleaning on toprope (Mike Grainger July 2025).

12) Romulus V3 - Start on the jug rail in the middle of the face. Climb left and up through moves requiring a surprising amount of tension. The boulder to the left (the one that the Blade in the Shade is resting upon) is out.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.

13) Romulus (Cave Start) V4 - Start inside the cave, with both hands in the perfect crack. Fun moves gain the face and then continue up **Romulus**.

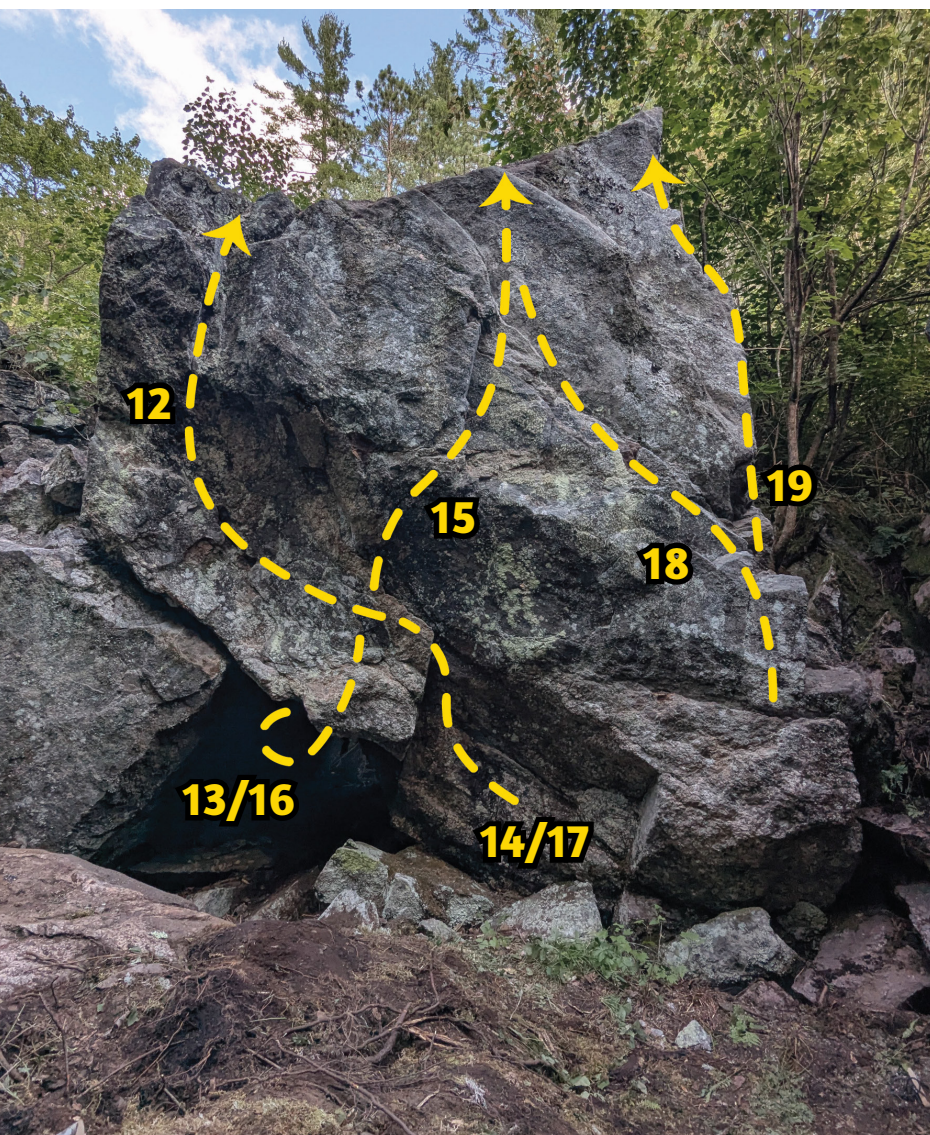
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14) Romulus (Sit Start) V4 - Start sitting on the low jug rail to the right, add a difficult one or two moves to **Romulus**.

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15) Remus V3 - Start on the jug rail in the middle of the face, same as **Romulus**. Climb up and then right to finish with **Wolf's Furrow**. The crux undercling crimp can likely be skipped with tall-beta.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.



16) Remus (Cave Start) V4 - Start inside the cave, with both hands in the crack. Gain the face and continue up **Remus**.

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17) Remus (Sit Start) V4 - Start sitting on the low jug rail to the right, add a difficult one or two moves to **Remus**.

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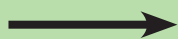
18) Wolf's Furrow V1 - Start on the jug on the arête. Follow the diagonal feature left and up.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.

19) Toledo V1 - Same start as **Wolf's Furrow**, climb the arête.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

Hand crack for the
Cave Starts of
Romulus and Remus



20) Solingen V1 - Climb the face between the arête and the offwidth without using either.

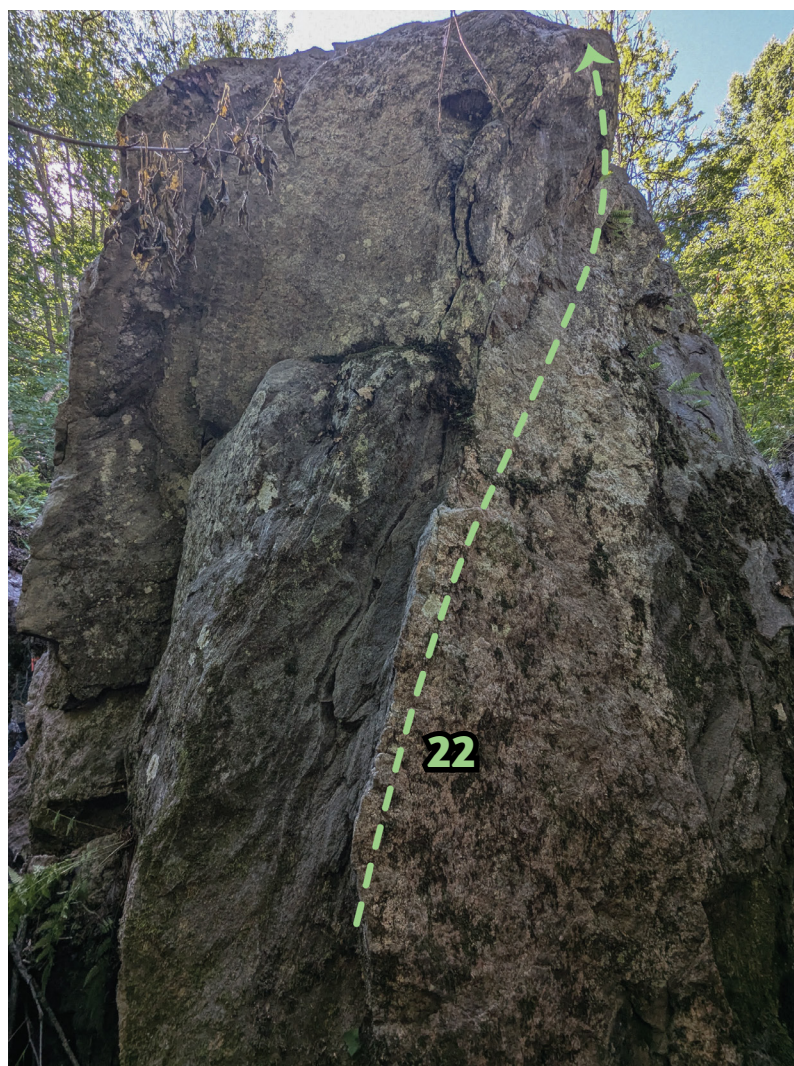
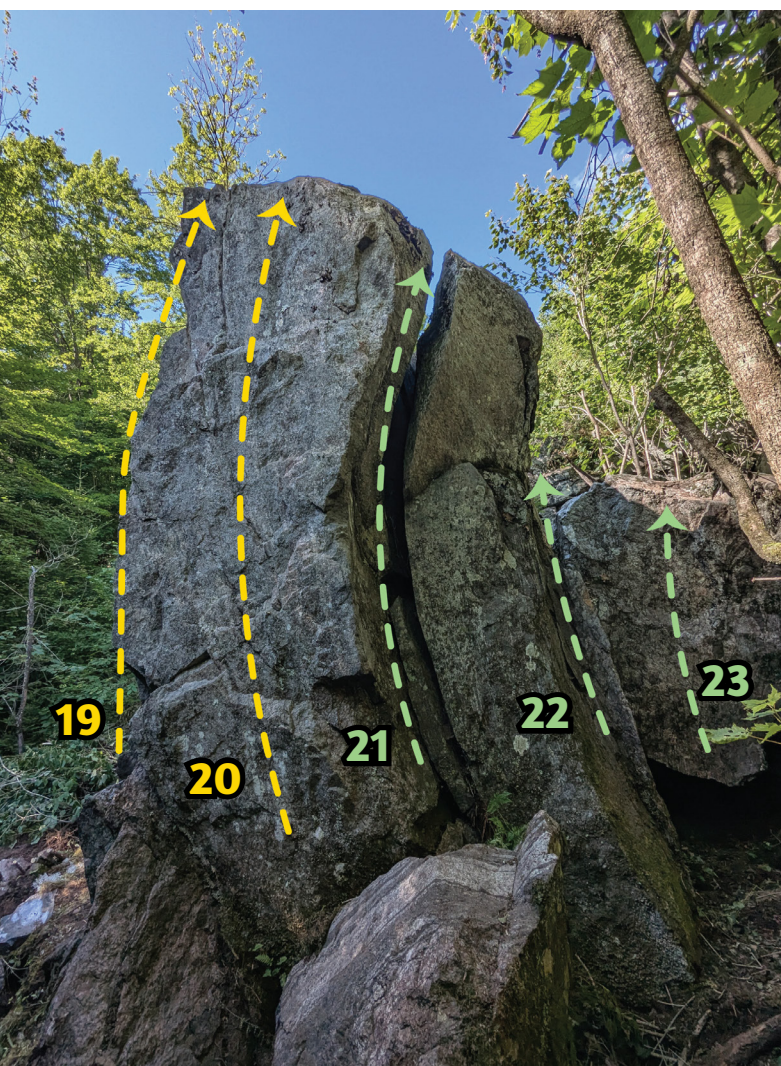
FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

21) Trac II V0 - Climb the arching offwidth crack.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

22) Sheffield V0 - Easier climb on the backside of the boulder.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.



Terminal Shelter

Behind the Blade in the Shade, you'll find a narrow corridor ending at a perched boulder and beneath it the 'terminal shelter'. Easiest way down is on the backside of the boulder.

23) Terminal Slab V0

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.

End of the Line

Last large boulder in the Terminal Cluster. Easy way down on the backside (north side) of the boulder. Two bolts installed at the top for ease of cleaning on top rope (Mike Grainger July 2025).

24) **Dotted Line V1** - Up the finger crack and left to top out.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.

25) **Broken Line V0** - Climb to the right of **Dotted Line** and top out right.

FA Mike Grainger July 2025.



Terminal Cliff Bouldering

Continue the Terminal Trail until it approaches the cliffside, where you will find two highball problems (listed as you approach from climber's right to left). Decent is to continue north on the cliff top as is descends and return via ATV trail.

26) Hanging Loose V1 (highball) - Start on the horizontal quartz band.

FA Mike Grainger 2019.

27) Cozy Corner V0 (highball) - Climb the dihedral about 7 meters left of **Hanging Loose**.

FA Mike Grainger 2019.



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Sucker Area Boulders

Park at Sucker Wall, can't miss the roadside boulders. The big boulder does not have any established problems, but there is a fairly clean low ball project on the north side. The Strikethrough bluff is another 60 meters down the road.

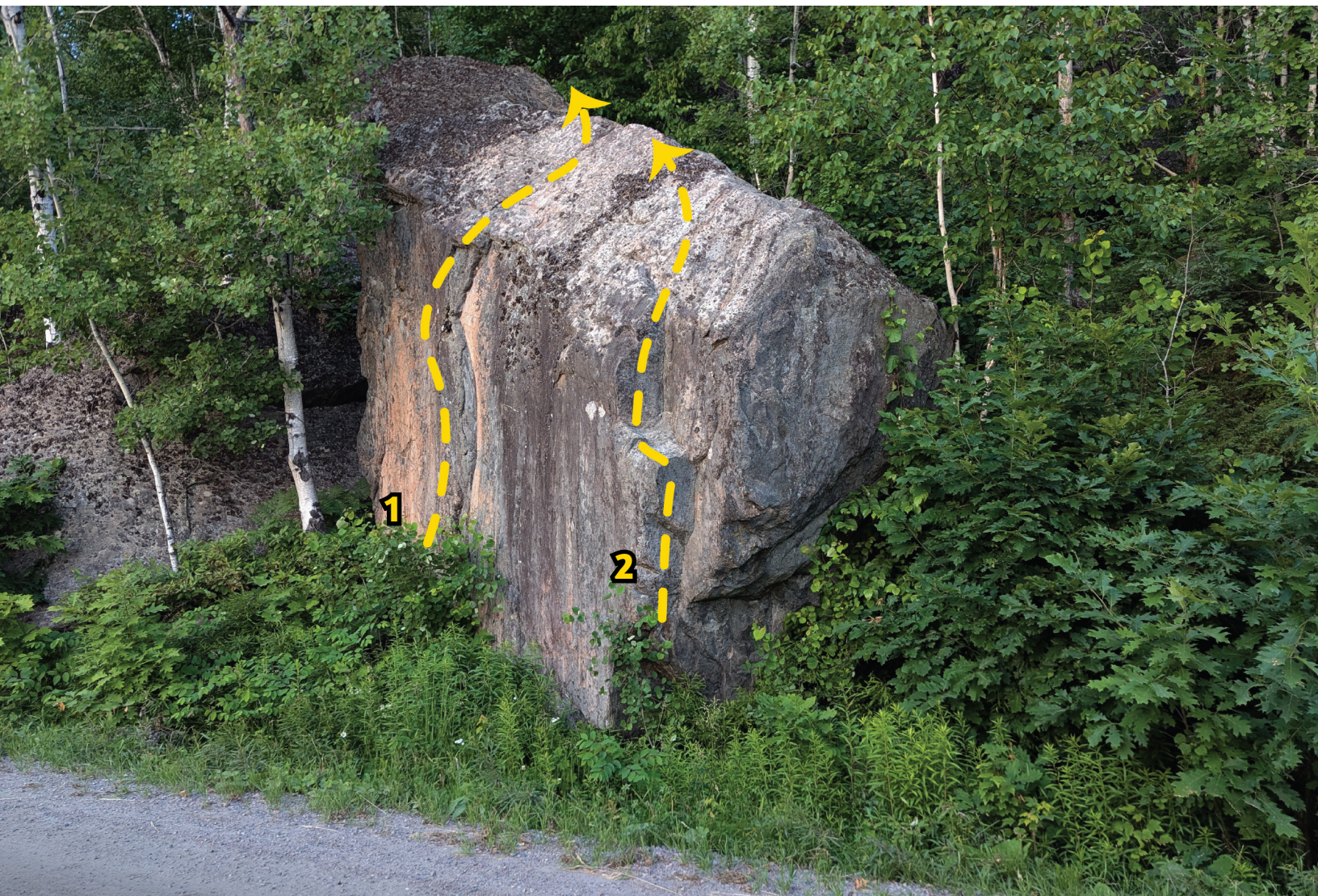
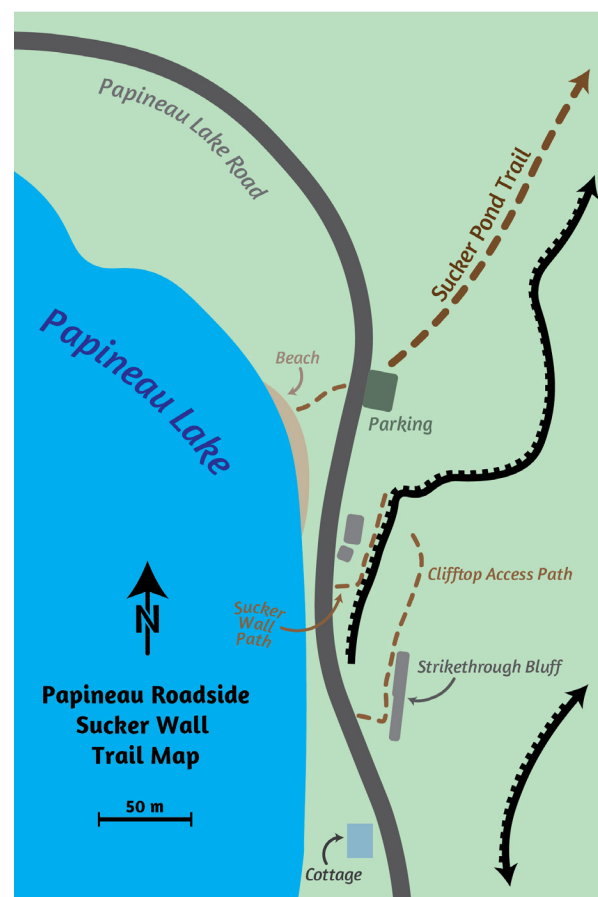
Sun Kissed Boulder

1) **Sun Kissed V3** - Climbs just left of the crescent of orange rock. Start both hands in the sidepull jug at chest height.

FA Damian Orlowski Oct 2023.

2) **Ants in My Pants V3** - Climbs the arête to the right of **Sun Kissed**. Stand start by hugging the arête, left hand in a side pull crimp at chest height and right hand at the undergoing at head height. Establish the hard start and launch up to the small ledge, followed by a fun sequence to get yourself standing upright and then top out. V2 jump start variation starting hands at the small ledge.

FA Damian Orlowski June 2024



Strikethrough Bluff

From the Sun Kissed boulder walk about 60 meters down south on the road, and there will be an overgrown path on some easy scrambling over a bit of talus rocks below the bluff. If you reach the cottage on the road, you've gone too far.

3) Chalk in My Pocket V4 (5.11+)

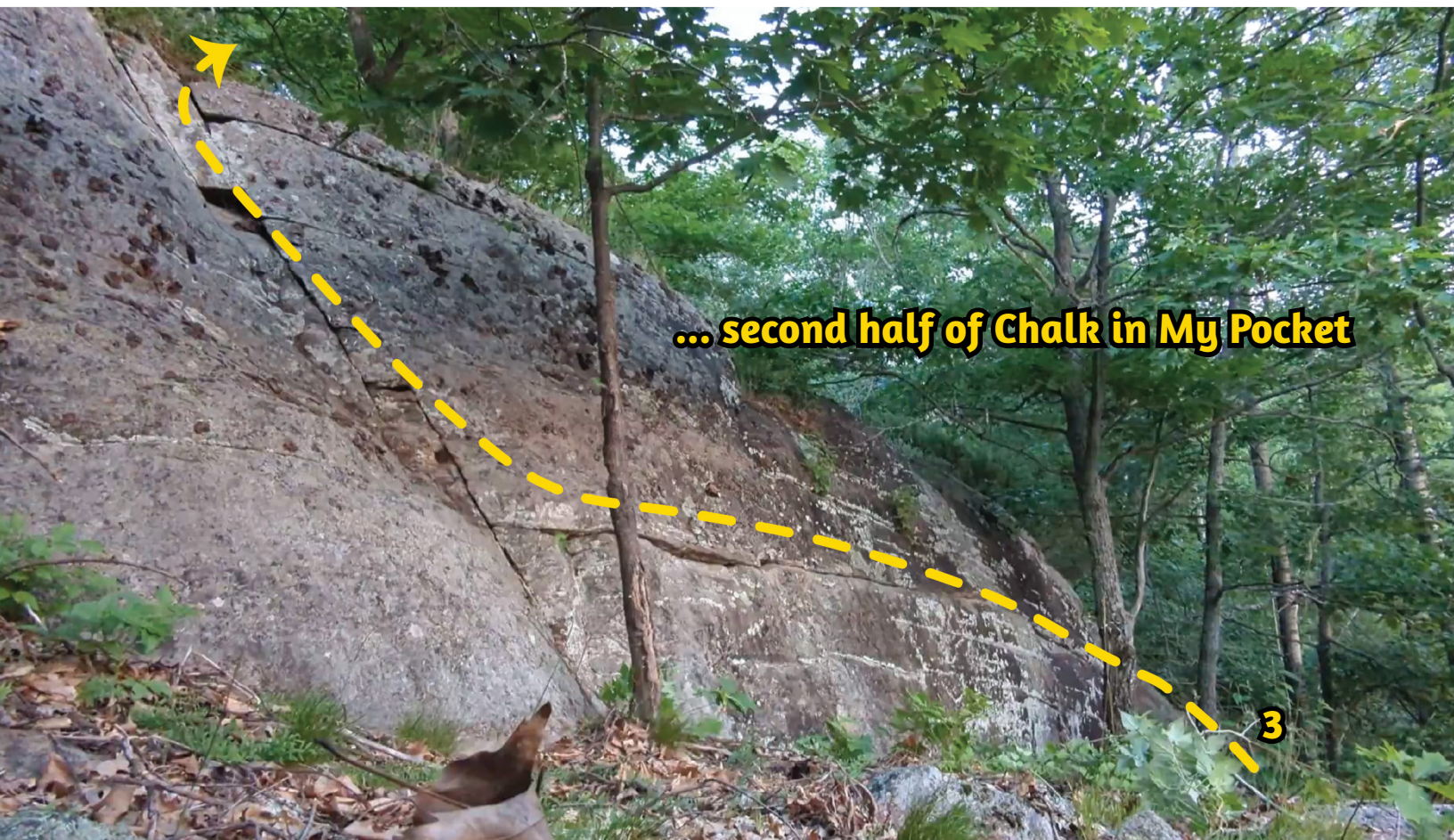
No partner? No pads? No problem!

This exceptional traverse follows a crack at chest-to-head height for 40 meters or so, and it will get you pumped! Sit start as low as you can on the right end of the crack, work your way along the crack to the left, without climbing up to the lip of the bluff, and until you run out of crack. There is a lovely no hands rest in the dihedral in the middle of the line.

FA Damian Orlowski July 2025.



Chalk in My Pocket V4



... second half of Chalk in My Pocket

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