

Meig Crag Bouldering

A Huge Split boulder sits underneath the left hand side of Meig Crag in Strathconon (NH 366557), about 40 minutes west of Inverness.

A number of enjoyable problems have been cleaned and climbed and a couple of project lines remain. The boulders now give a varied and pleasant evening circuit.

The rock quality ranges from soft and crumbly in places to solid and reliable in others and is likely to settle down as the problems get more traffic. Care is needed with the occasional loose flake.

Many of the problems have a highball feel and mats and spotters will be handy. The crag itself faces north but the aspect is open and the boulders get plenty of evening sun.

The situation above Loch Meig is very pleasant and the walk in takes less than a minute.

Some of the easier lines may have been first climbed during the development of the crag itself in the 1990's.

The Problems

Lone Ranger Boulder

1. The Lone Ranger (V4) - The excellent prow from a sit start on opposing sidepulls / pinches.
2. The Lone Ranger left hand (V1) The short slab with a worrying last move to the summit ridge.

Lower Boulder

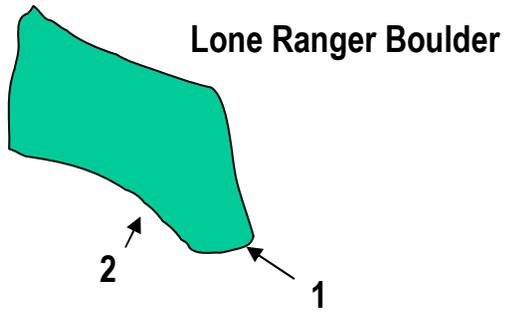
3. The Prow (V2) - The steep prow from a low start, watch the hollow sounding flake on top.
4. Yellow Wall (V5) – Start at the obvious shattered jug, make a big throw to a backhand flake then span left to the rib and rock up left onto the slab.
5. The Groove (V2) - Gain the jug at the lip, pull over using small crimps on the slab and quest on up the slab to finish on the summit ridge.
- Sit Start (V4) – A burly sit start off undercuts
6. The Albatross Direct (project)– Use the obvious slots in the diagonal crack to reach the notch at the lip, finish up the crack in the slab.
7. The Albatross (V4) – Span leftwards into the notch from holds down and right (on the next problem), pull over and finish up the crack in the slab.
8. The Flakes (V3) - From a sit start in a little groove follow the flakes to pull over onto the slab and bail out rightwards. The highball finish up the slab needs cleaning.
9. The Booming Flake Groove (V1) - Climb the obvious groove swinging left to the arete at the top.
10. Conon the Barbarian (V3) – The blunt arete from a sit start, rocking onto the right hand side at half height.
11. Bridge up the slabby groove (V0).
12. Arête (V0) - The pleasant slabby arête.



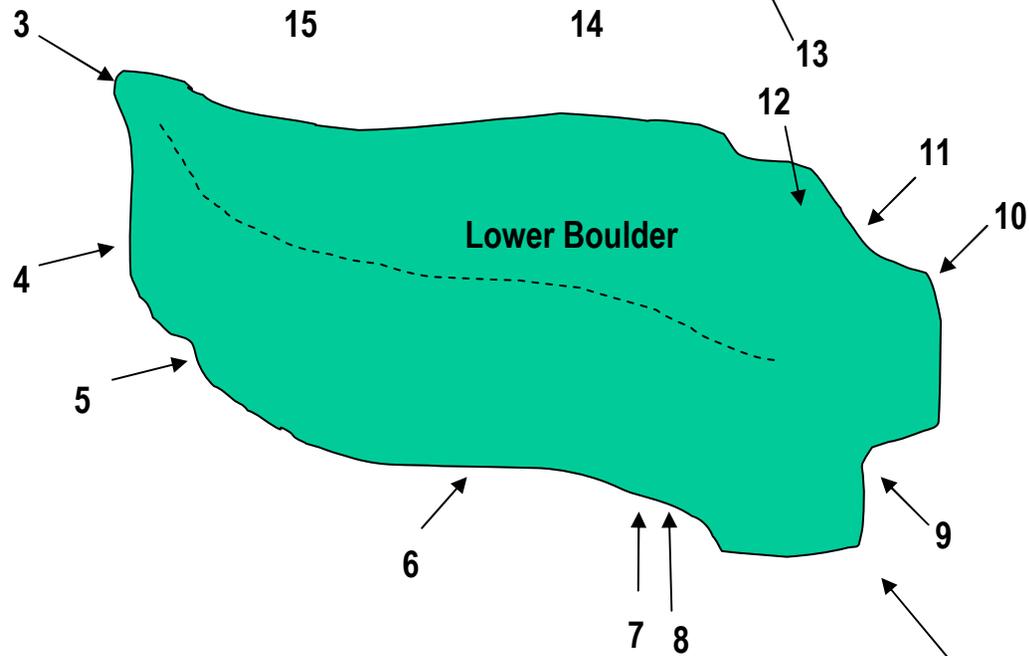
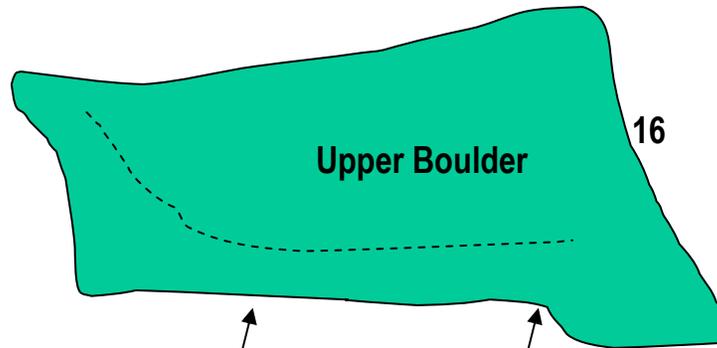
The Lone Ranger

Upper Boulder

13. Meiger Wall (V2) – Pull on left hand undercut, right hand diagonal crimp, slap the top and mantle over.
14. Contin Groove (V2) – Rock up into in the groove awkwardly and gain a jug on the right hand side, bail out onto the ledge on the right. Good.
15. The Big Wall (V5) – Step off the boulder and climb the crimpy wall trending rightwards to make a committing pop for the lip. Make a nerve wracking mantle onto the slab at the top. A bit scary. A harder start off the ground bumps the grade up to V6.
16. The short crack in the slab (V0)



Conon the Barbarian



The Big Wall

Approach from Road