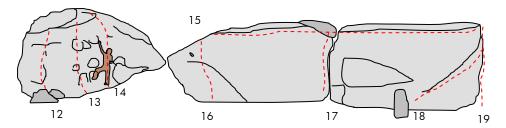
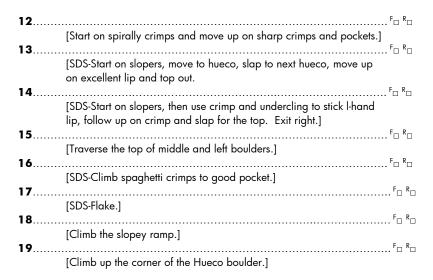
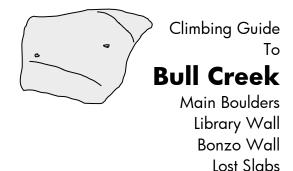
Backside Boulders







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Directions: From Downtown, take Mopac (Loop 1) north and exit on 2222. Head west on 2222 for 3.5 miles and turn right on Lakewood Dr. Parking for Bull Creek District Park is on the right just before the low water crossing. The Main Boulders are just past the concrete picnic area.

Description: Bull Creek District Park is Austin's original bouldering spot and is a good destination for beginning to intermediate climbers. The limestone is characterized by good pockets, thin crimps, and a very polished surface from decades of shoe rubber. The Main Boulders have a pea-gravel landing but it's still a good idea to bring a crashpad. On the other side of the creek, downstream from the Main Boulders, you can find sport climbing on Library and Bonzo Walls; but not many people climb here as the bolts are generally regarded as unsafe. Some of the bolts are rusted, ¼" hardware store specials that are DANGEROUS. A dangling piece of rope marks the last route on Library Wall. Bonzo Wall is the mostly vertical wall to the left of Library Wall. NOTE: Technically, Library Wall, Bonzo Wall, and the Lost Slabs are on private propertry. It's been reported that climbers have permission from the land owners to climb here but that can't be confirmed.

Credit goes to James Crump, Bill Gooch, Hank the Mindless Wonder, and Jeff Jackson for establishing the majority of the climbs at Bull Creek.

When: Late Fall and Winter.

Food and Camping: Bull Creek is centered in a mostly affluent part of Austin so there aren't many options for cheap food. If you go north on Loop 360 to the Arboretum you can find Whole Foods, Thundercloud Subs, and other spots for food. Pick up THE CHRONICLE for a listing of restaurants and goings-on about town. Unfortunately, there is no free camping anywhere in Central Texas. McKinney Falls State Park is probably the closest place to camp.

Bonzo Wall and Library Wall

Bonzo Wall (from left to right)

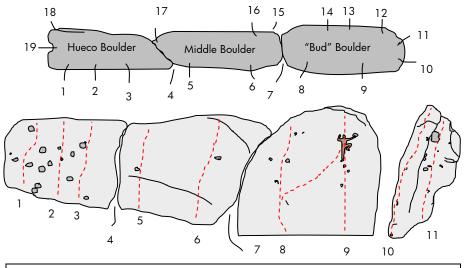
Gooched......5.11b [Bolts? Far wall, 200 yards left of Bronco.] Bronco......5.12c [3 bolts. Big run-out between bolts. Climb small roof on far left of wall.] The Green Fuse......5.12a [5 bolts. Aid seam with bolts.] Boss Bull.................5.12a [5 bolts. Just left of raging bull.] Raging Bull......5.12a [4 bolts. Climb the arête left of bedtime.] [Traverse right on hooks and bolts from Bonzo.] Bedtime for Bonzo.....5.11b [Far left corner of the low roof, follow ring bolts (3) up.] Bonzo's Revenge.....5.13b [4 bolts. Obvious pockets straight up. Difficult finish.] Beans and Rice.....5.12a [4 bolts. Climb between larger, lower roof and smaller, upper roof.] Chemical Warfare.....5.11a [5 bolts. Nice horizontal flake and wet, 2-finger undercling below first bolt. Last bolt is unsafe!] Minerva......5.?

Library Wall (from left to right)

Do the Right Thing/Blatant?/5.12a	
[5/4 bolts. Same start. Blatant veers right after 1st over	erhang.]
Lord of the Flies5.12a	-
[5 bolts. Overhanging on last 2 bolts.]	
Metaphysics5.12a	
[4 bolts. Shares last bolt and anchor with Kubla Kahn.]	
Kubla Kahn5.13b	
[5 bolts. Pull 1st roof, stay right of horizontal ledge, the	n pull 2 nd roof.]
Finnegan's Wake5.13c - Project?	
Surrender5.12a	
[5 bolts. Pull past 2 roofs.]	
Atlas Shrugged5.12a	
[6 bolts. Climb past small ledge then pull past the 2 roo	ofs.]
Gulliver's Travels5.12a	
[4 bolts. Climb to small roof.]	
Altered States5.12a	
[4 bolts. Slightly overhanging to top.]	

Lost Slabs

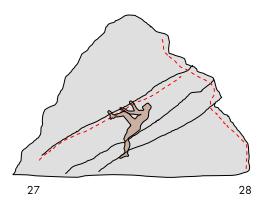
To find these boulders, cross Bull Creek and follow the cliffs downstream about a quarter of a mile. You can see the boulders on the other side of Bull Creek as you drive on Lakewood Dr. from 2222. The front side problems are highballs. Bring your gear if you want to set up a top rope on the trees that lean over the tops of the boulders. The routes listed below only represent the most obvious routes. Climbers are encouraged to contribute beta, ratings, names and additional routes.



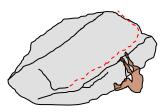
Front Side (Facing Creek)

1,2,3		. ^F □ ^R □
4	[Large huecos and pockets.]	
5	[Climb the crack.]	
6	[Move up on excellent pockets.]	
7	[Small pockets/monos to hueco, finish on pockets.]	
8	[Climb the crack, exit left or right.]	
9	[Start on crimps and go up on pockets. Traverse right for added o	
10	[Start with r-hand sloper and l-hand thin crimp/sidepull, move up c crimps to hueco. Easy finish on pockets.]	
11	[SDS, r-hand in jug, move up on pockets to nice crimp, continue up on small pockets and crimps.]	
11	[Climb the side with big huecos.]	⊔ ⊔

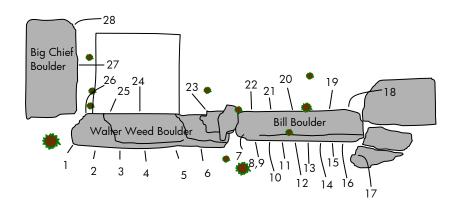
Big Chief Boulder



Rope Swing Boulder

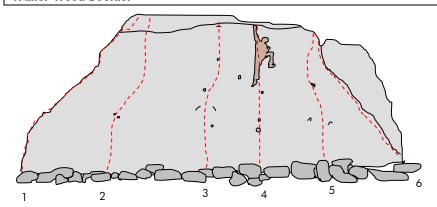


There are three problems on this boulder ranging in difficulty from V2 to V5.



Main Boulders

Walter Weed Boulder

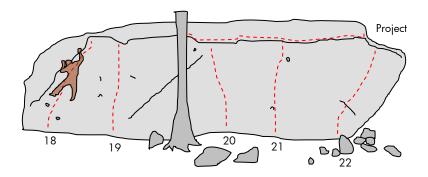


[Climb the left-trending ramp.]

11 12 13 8,9 14 15 16 7. Screaming Fingers.....^F V1 [Go up on obvious pockets.] Moss Farm.....^F V3 9. Dazzling Desperation......^F V1 [Start r-hand in good 2-finger sprag, move up on obvious pockets to hueco, match with feet and reach for top—or, dyno to top from hueco.] [Start right hand in good pocket, move up on slopey crimps and gaston/pocket (large hueco is off) to slopey hueco and finish on good pocket.] [Start left hand in same pocket as F the F, move up on pockets and crimps to nasty mono and finish with had jam in rail.] [Holds to the right of the arch are off.] 13. Classic For No. [Use pockets to the right of the arch.] [Start with left-hand gaston and right-hand pocket.] 15. Bovine Perspiration.....^F V2 [Finish, right hand in shallow pocket below lip.]

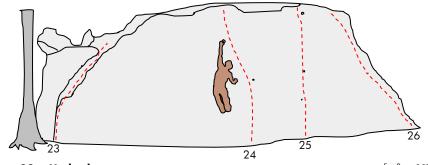
[SDS—Climb the crack in the small boulder.]

Backside, Bill Boulder



	Freaking Feet	
	up and lunge for the lip.]	
20.	Hanks Seam Thing	□ V7
21.	More HankF□ R [Right hand crimp to high pocket.]	□ V 6
22.	Another Hank Thang ^F [Start left hand undercling flake and right hand crimp.]	□ V 5
	Traverse	□ V-Project

Backside, Walter Weed Boulder



23.	Underdog ^r □ ^R □	V
	[SDS—Move up on obvious sickle-shaped flake.]	
24.	Mission Impossible ^F □ R	V۷
	[Right hand in bolt hole, lunge to the pocket.	
25.	Eigen Vector ^F R	Vé
	[Start left hand mono, deadpoint to right hand gaston, then to pocket below the lip.]	
26.	The Nudge Edge ^F R	V1