Backside Boulders

12. [Start on spirally crimps and move up on sharp crimps and pockets.]

13. [SDS-Start on slopers, move to hueco, slap to next hueco, move up on excellent lip and top out.]

14. [SDS-Start on slopers, then use crimp and undercling to stick l-hand lip, follow up on crimp and slap for the top. Exit right.]

15. [ Traverse the top of middle and left boulders.]

16. [SDS-Climb spaghetti crimps to good pocket.]

17. [SDS-Flake.]

18. [Climb the slopely ramp.]

19. [Climb up the corner of the Hueco boulder.]

Climbing Guide
To
Bull Creek
Main Boulders
Library Wall
Bonzo Wall
Lost Slabs

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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 property. 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.]

**Italian Route** .......... A2
[ 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 overhang.]

**Lord of the Flies** .......... 5.12a
[5 bolts. Overhanging on last 2 bolts.]

**Metaphysics** .......... 5.12a
[4 bolts. Shares last bolt and anchor with Kubla Kahn.]

**Kubla Kahn** .......... 5.13b
[5 bolts. Pull 1st roof, stay right of horizontal ledge, then pull 2nd roof.]

**Finnegan’s Wake** .......... 5.13c – Project?

**Surrender** .......... 5.12a
[5 bolts. Pull past 2 roofs.]

**Atlas Shrugged** .......... 5.12a
[6 bolts. Climb past small ledge then pull past the 2 roofs.]

**Gulliver’s Travels** .......... 5.12a
[4 bolts. Climb to small roof.]

**Altered States** .......... 5.12a
[4 bolts. Slightly overhanging to top.]

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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. .......... [Large huecos and pockets.]

4. .......... [Climb the crack.]

5. .......... [Move up on excellent pockets.]

6. .......... [Small pockets/monos to hueco, finish on pockets.]

7. .......... [Climb the crack, exit left or right.]

8. .......... [Start on crimps and go up on pockets. Traverse right for added challenge.]

9. .......... [Start with r-hand sloper and l-hand thin crimp/sidepull, move up on thin, sharp crimps to hueco. Easy finish on pockets.]

10. .......... [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.]

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27. Traverses........................................................................................................... all V2
   [A Trick of the Trade (high), Contrived (middle), and Squonk (low)]

28. Big Chief........................................................................................................... V1

Rope Swing Boulder

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

1. Ruffles ........................................................................................................... V2
2. Viagra ........................................................................................................... V-hard
3. Xanax ........................................................................................................... V5
   [Start right hand in sharp mono, left hand on sloper, move up to crimps, then obvious pockets. Big throw to final hold.]

4. Tiny Dancer .................................................................................................... V7
   [Start in two large pockets, move up on three obvious monos, throw to decent crimp, and finish on decent pockets.]

5. Walter Weed Shuffle ...................................................................................... V5
   [Dyno from bad pinch/crimp to oblong pocket and go up on obvious pockets. Austin’s first hard problem.]

6. Layback ........................................................................................................... V1
   [Climb the left-trending ramp.]
7. Screaming Fingers……………………………………………………f R V1
   [Go up on obvious pockets.]
8. Moss Farm…………………………………………………………f R V3
9. Dazzling Desperation………………………………………………f R 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.]
10. Face the Face………………………………………………………f R V3
    [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.]
11. Gitty Up……………………………………………………………..f R V3
    [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.]
12. Left of Classic……………………………………………………..f R V1
    [Holds to the right of the arch are off.]
13. Classic……………………………………………………………….f R V0
    [Use pockets to the right of the arch.]
14. Mad Dog and Beans……………………………………………….f R V2
    [Start with left-hand gaston and right-hand pocket.]
15. Bovine Perspiration……………………………………………….f R V2
    [Finish, right hand in shallow pocket below lip.]
16. Short Man………………………………………………………….f R V0
17. Balanced Equation…………………………………………………..f R V1
    [SDS—Climb the crack in the small boulder.]