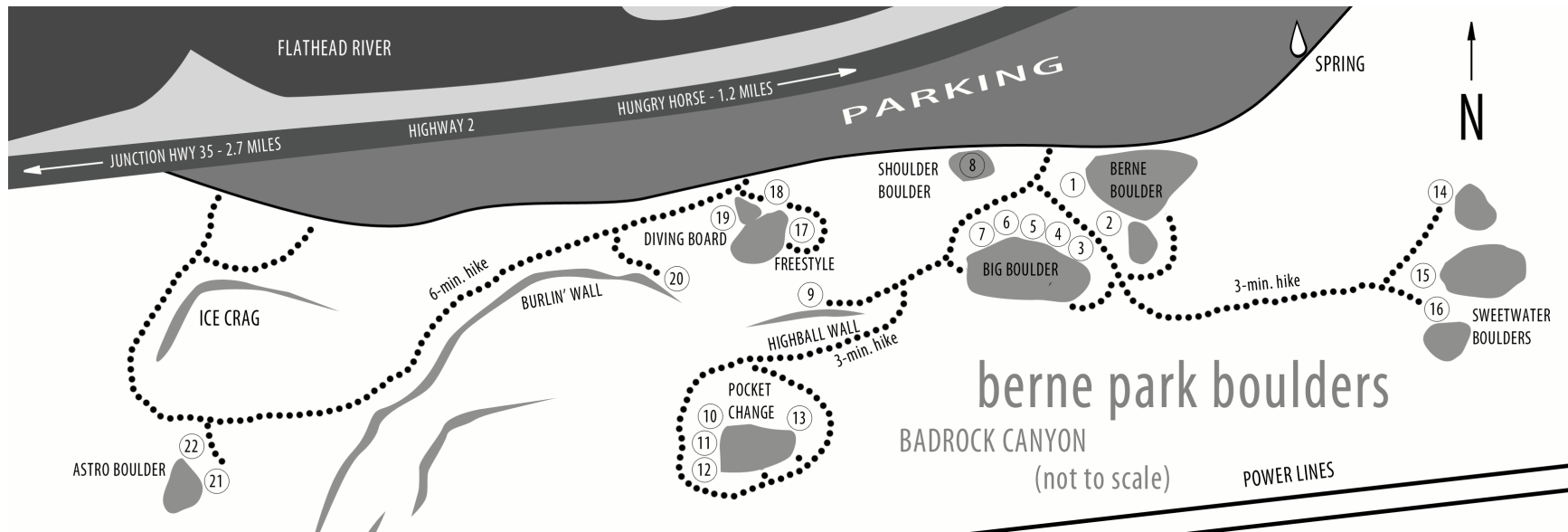


BERNE PARK BOULDERS – FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Updated 2017

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MAIN AREA

The main area is next to the pullout. You can't miss it. This was the first developed bouldering site in the canyon and is great on hot summer days. Park about 50 yards west of the spring. (Routes listed from left to right).

BERNE BOULDER

The prominent leaning boulder first seen in the main area on the left.

1. Lichen & Loam (V2) **** – The first problem at Berne Park and an instant classic. Start sitting directly under the prow with hands matched right. Work the crimps and bump up the left edge to a muscly mantle top-out. Two pads are recommended for the sloped, rooted landing.

2. Birthday Suit (V3) – FA by Ryan Nelson on his birthday (he was fully clothed). Start sitting under the center of the boulder on two crimps, then traverse right to the edge. Bump up the right edge, avoid dabbing on the tree on the top-out. It's harder than it looks.

BIG BOULDER

The big boulder with a shallow cave along the bottom, just to the right of Berne Boulder.

3. Gastoner (V2) ** -- Start with hands at head height on two small, triangular holds. Pull up on holds and kick a foot left for a rock over to a high crimp (crux). Bump and Gaston your way to the top on small crimps and a large pocket near the top.

4. Andrew's Bane (V4) ** – Begin standing. Gain the small boulder step using a side pull and undercling. Step left and follow small, sharp crimps to a solid dead-point finish on the lip.

5. Pines Bluff (V4) – Start with the same moves as "Bane", but follow the prow right onto two tiny crimpers and a high step. Dyno to the bucket-shaped jug at the lip. Five moves.

6. Send Train (V2) *** – Begin sitting on the right side of the face with a left hand side pull and right hand crimp. Pull small edges to the big flake and exit left onto the ledge.

7. Send Train Direct (V3) * – Climb Send Train but go straight up to the lip, bumping left hand to a small edge to a tricky mantle finish.

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SHOULDER BOULDER

Just to the right of the access to the main area is a small boulder with one easy problem.

8. El Hombro (V1) – Short and very visible from the road. Begin standing and move up medium face holds to a reachy top-out.

HIGHBALL WALL

Head right from the main area up the trail, going straight at the fork. It's more of a small cliff than a boulder.

9. Highball Project (V?) – This 22-footer is scrubbed and ready to be sent by whoever has the cajones. Easy face climbing leads to a slopey, rounded top-out. A downhill sloping landing into the douglas firs adds to the mental challenge.

POCKET CHANGE BOULDER

Head right from the main area up the trail. Go up before Highball and follow the trail west along the edge of the cliff until it doubles back to PCB.

10. Easy Money (V0) – Begin leaning on the large boulder and work the hidden holds on the left arête for a fun climb.

11. Pocket Change (V1) ** – The first problem established on PCB and a great warm-up. Begin sitting on the left side of the face and follow the side pulls, jug and pockets to the top.

12. Purse Cutter (V4) **** – Deceptively hard for its length, this problem saw many barn-door exits

before its first ascent. Begin on the right side of the face with a smallish left crimp and a right side pull. Bump the right edge and catch the obvious flat sloper for a fun top-out.

13. Diet Spite (V3) * – A great overhanging problem. Begin sitting on the nicely placed rock directly under the prow, with a left edge and small right side pull around the corner. Bump right up to a pocket, throw for the jug and hook a heel. Top-out strategies vary!

SWEETWATER BOULDERS

From the spring, head up just right of the memorial fountain and follow the trail. The boulders sit about 30 yards above the fountain and are hard to miss. These problems are great for kids, new boulderers or folks looking for something more moderate and not overhanging.

14. Tic (V0) – Big holds lead to an easy top-out.

15. Tac (V0) * – Sit start with a great undercling and move right up the slab.

16. Toe (V0) – Slightly steeper and fun climbing on secure holds.

FREESTYLE AND DIVING BOARD BOULDERS

These two features sit approximately 50 yards west of the main area. Look for a hidden trail that goes up and west under a large, steep cliff. Only a few steps up this trail leads you to these very obvious problems.

17. Freestyle Left (V2) – The left side of the main prow. Sit start on good holds and work up and left of the tree. Mantle over the prow. Walk off down the steps carved in a nearby dead tree leaning against the cliff.

18. Freestyle Right (V1) – Just like left, but move on bigger holds to the right of the fir tree. Same top out. Walk off down the steps carved in a nearby dead tree leaning against the cliff.

19. The Diving Board (V1+)** – Begin seated under the steep, clean prow, fold your legs in and reach right to the edge. Bump to a rail and work back toward the prow, mantle out finish.

20. FibonaccV – 5.12a** – Currently the only sport route in Badrock, right above the Diving Board. Climb up a boulder past one bolt, and continue up the face past three bolts to chain anchors. Steep and fun! FA: Jed Hofh 2016.

ASTRO BOULDER

Continue past the Diving Board boulder and up the trail, past a series of cliffs. After a five-minute walk you'll come to an 18-ft. pyramidal boulder.

21. Glory Hole (V0)** – Great overall warm up with the approach. Climb the pockets on the east face up to the large hueco in the center of the wall. Top out over the rim.

22. Ascension (V1)* – Climb the main prow of Astro Boulder. Solid crimps lead to a thin highball crux and an easy top-out.