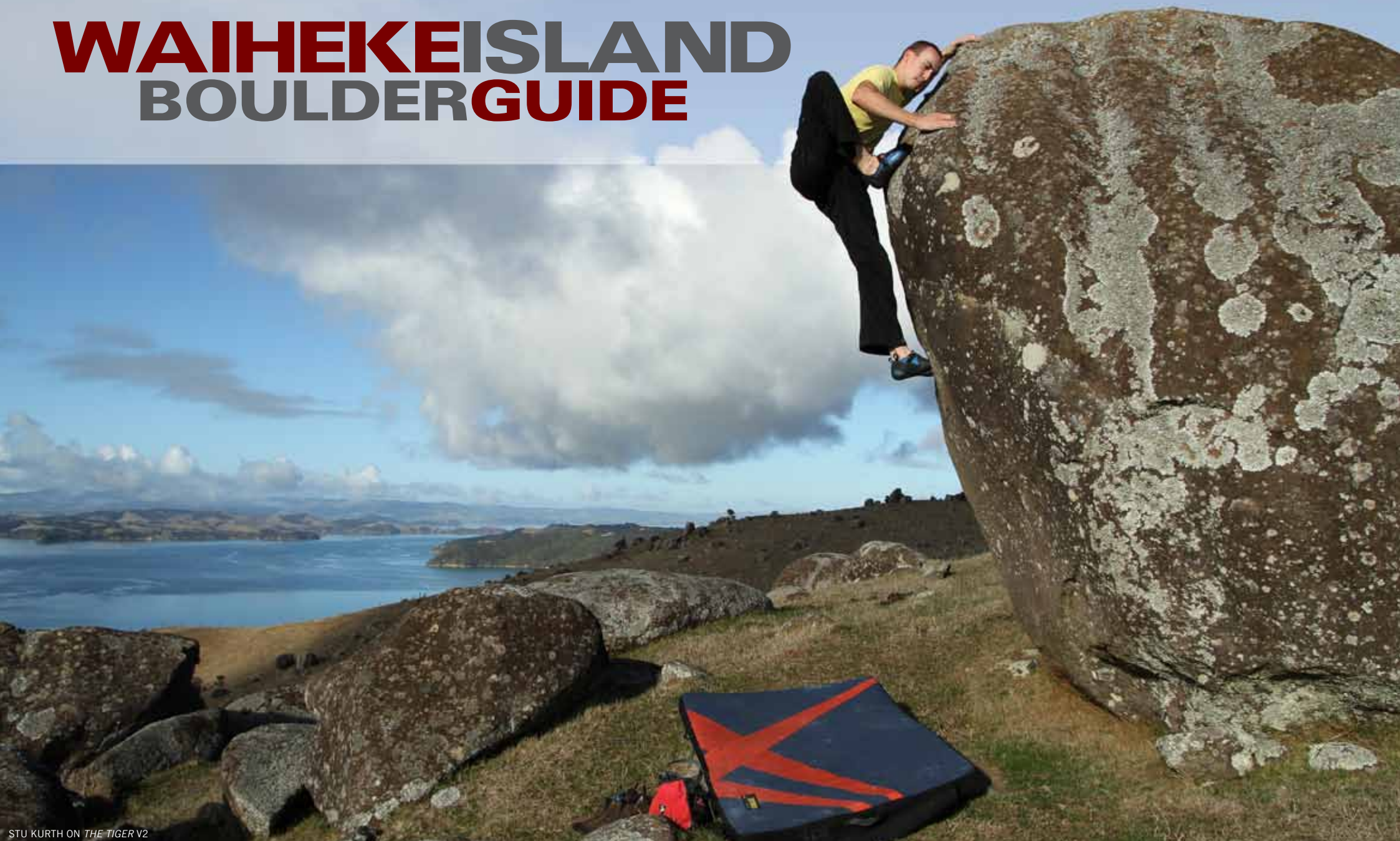


# WAIHEKE ISLAND BOULDERGUIDE



STU KURTH ON *THE TIGER V2*

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Problems are colour coded

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Waiheke Boulder Guide. If you haven't been bouldering on Waiheke Island in the Stony Batter Area, then you're in for a treat. Not only is there a surprising amount of quality bouldering, the location just happens to be stunning.

The boulder field is located on DOC land but is surrounded by private property. At this time we have not secured any access to the surrounding land. Crossing any fences takes you onto private property and risks our access to all bouldering, so please don't do so. The usual climbing etiquette is required, 'Take only photos, leave only footprints'. Also, no dogs please.

The bouldering on Waiheke Island offers a wide range of styles. Many of the boulder problems begin with difficult sit starts as most of the boulders are fairly small. There are, however, some taller boulders that require extra boulder pads. The boulder field is located on the top of an exposed hill and can be very windy. Make sure to bring wind proof and warm clothing in case of weather change. In the summer there is virtually no shade so bring the usual hats, sunscreen etc. In winter, you'll need a sunny day prior to heading over in order to dry out the rock. Some of the boulders have a fair amount of lichen which can be cleaned off with a soft brush; please avoid brushing with any kind of wire brush in order to not damage the rock.

People have been bouldering at Stony Batter on Waiheke Island for at least two decades. This has

made finding the original names and ascenders of boulder problems a near impossibility. To add to the complexity, it appears that Waiheke bouldering is a top secret affair. To garner information on problems, one almost needed to become an international spy. So we came up with another idea. We'd start from scratch.

What we've tried to do is include as many of the original ascents as possible. However, we actually wanted the guide to be finished sometime in this millennium. So, we've started fresh, graded and sent everything that we could get our clammy hands on. Obviously, given that this is the first draft of the Waiheke Boulder Guide, we'll be adding more new problems and sourcing information on original ascents as we update the guide.

Finally, if you have a problem with the name, grade or have a question over the first ascent of a boulder problem, email us at [boulder@aucklandclimber.org.nz](mailto:boulder@aucklandclimber.org.nz)

Happy bouldering!

*Waiheke Bouldering Team.*

*Ketzal Sterling, Anthony Stead, Sarah Hay,  
Zane Bray, Stu Kurth, Carmilla Ansin.*

# GETTING THERE

The first obstacle you'll encounter on your journey to bouldering paradise is called... liquid. Otherwise known as the Hauraki Gulf. There are three methods for overcoming this problem.

## METHOD ONE

Take a *Fullers* ferry from either Auckland City or Devonport ([www.fullers.co.nz](http://www.fullers.co.nz)). This will cost you approximately \$32 Adult, \$16 Child (2010). The ferry ride takes around 45 minutes and is usually quite pleasant. Once you're on the Island, you'll need some form of transportation to get to the bouldering area. Given that you'll be carrying a boulder mat of some description, a scooter will not suffice. *Rental cars and Scooter Hire* offer rental cars for \$50 a day (0800 372 9777).

## DIRECTIONS

From the wharf, head along Ocean View Rd to Oneroa. Head east on Ocean View Rd toward Puriri Rd. Turn RIGHT at Tetley Rd. Continue onto SURF DALE RD. Turn LEFT at Hamilton Rd. Take the second RIGHT onto Miami Ave. Turn LEFT at Mitchell Rd. Turn RIGHT at Alison Rd. Continue onto Causeway Rd >>



CARMILLA ANSIN ON NIMBUS V4  
PHOTOGRAPHER: STU KURTH

<< Turn RIGHT at Wharf Rd  
Continue onto Ostend Rd  
Continue onto Onetangi Rd  
Turn RIGHT onto Waiheke Rd  
Follow Waiheke Rd for longer than you think  
Turn LEFT onto Man O'War Rd (dirt road)  
Follow Man O'War Road for some time  
Turn LEFT onto Stonybatter Rd  
DESTINATION is the end of Stonybatter Rd  
Park, Party Time, Sing, dance a bit...

(See below for final walking directions)

### METHOD TWO

Procure a vehicle. This can be accomplished by either purchase or theft. Load said vehicle with smelly climber humans, food, boulder mats and a slippery slide (*slide optional*). Travel to Half Moon Bay in Auckland to take a *Sealink* Vehicle Ferry to Waiheke Island ([www.sealink.co.nz](http://www.sealink.co.nz)). The vehicle ferry, in recent times has become more and more expensive. It now costs approximately eight billion dollars. Currently (2010) *Sealink* are offering a supersaver fare of \$100 for a car and two people. Each additional passenger is \$30 return. This temporary offer limits the travel times and also may expire. Your best option is to call *Sealink* and negotiate a price with a large group of people (09 300 5900 or 0800 732 546). The normal rate is \$130 for a car and \$30 per passenger. This makes it a rather expensive day trip. An overnight trip to Waiheke Island is a preferable option as there is a lot to do on the Island other than just climbing!

### DIRECTIONS

Head northeast on Donald Bruce Rd toward Esslin Rd  
Take the first RIGHT onto causeway Rd  
Turn RIGHT at Wharf Rd  
Continue onto Ostend Rd  
Continue onto Onetangi Rd  
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DESTINATION is the end of Stonybatter Rd  
Park, Get Naked, Wobble a bit to rhythmic noises...

### METHOD THREE

Swim. We recommend a combination of strokes. Freestyle is a fast but semi-inefficient stroke over long distances. An easier option is to utilise your boulder mat with a paddle. Sharks have been known...

### WALKING DIRECTIONS FROM STONYBATTER CARPARK

Walk through the gate at the end of the car park into the historic reserve and follow the dirt road up the hill. After approximately five minutes you will reach a corner and a farm gate on the right (See Image One on the right). Walk through the gate and head up the hill. You'll see a small channel/rut that heads to the top of the hill on your right. Please follow this to the top to limit erosion of the boulder field.

Upon reaching the summit you will see a stand of trees on your right (See Image Two). From here continue straight ahead (South East) towards a small group of boulders. This is the First Round Area, (See Image Three).

Depending on your ability the best day of bouldering starts at the First Round Area. There are a number of good boulder problems in this area from VE to V8. Next up and just 100m away to the Northeast is The Zoo, offering a good selection of easier problems including The Tiger which is one of the best problems on Waiheke.

From here head down the hill, stopping at Steads Nugget and onto The Total Damage Area, which has some of the harder problems.

Finally, head back up the ridge via Middle Earth and up to the North Side to finish.

As of June 2010, the large boulders marked in the red 'no climbing' area are off limits, due to erosion. As we'd like to continue climbing at Stonybatter, please adhere to this request. This may change in the future, we will keep you informed.



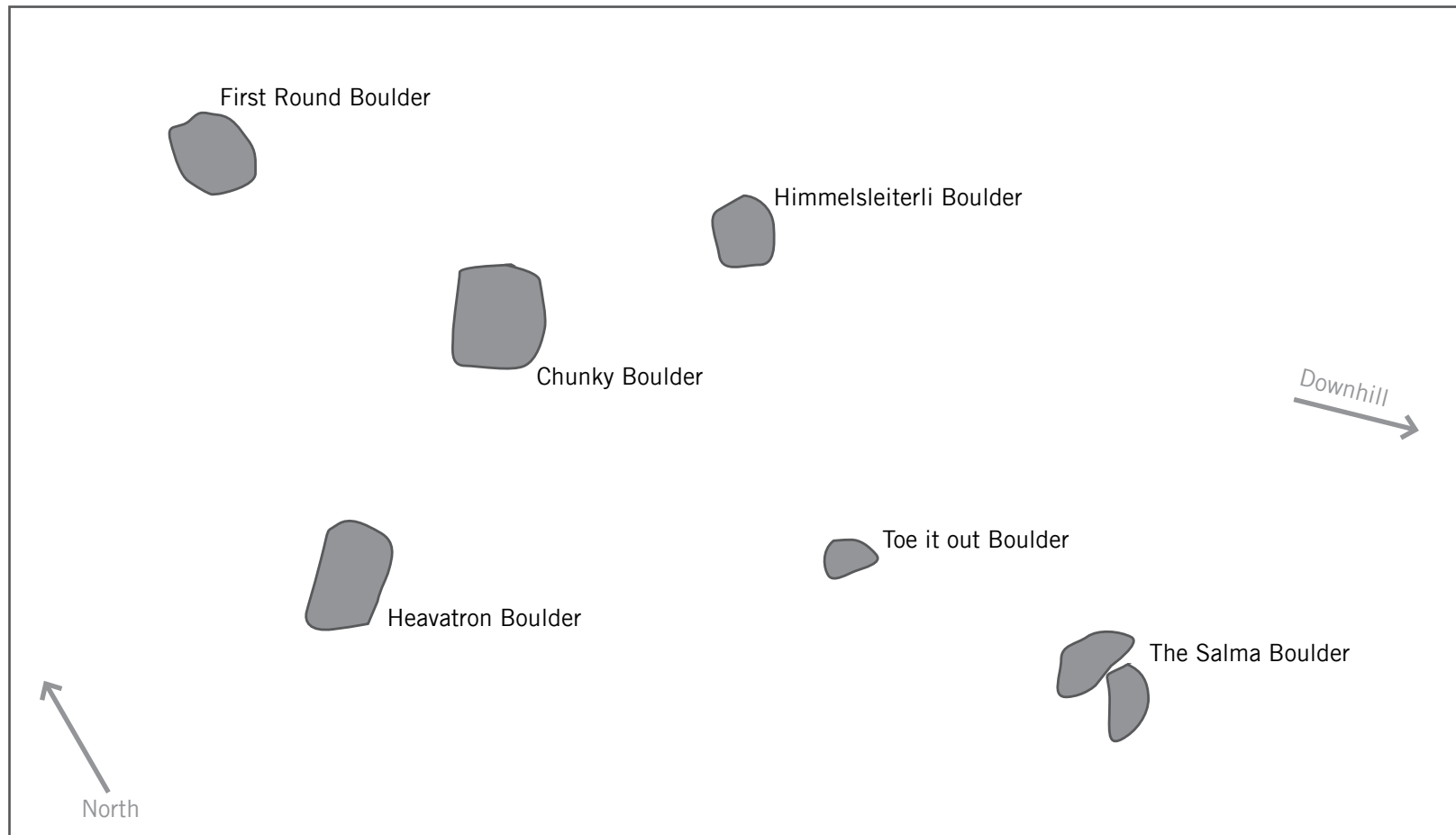


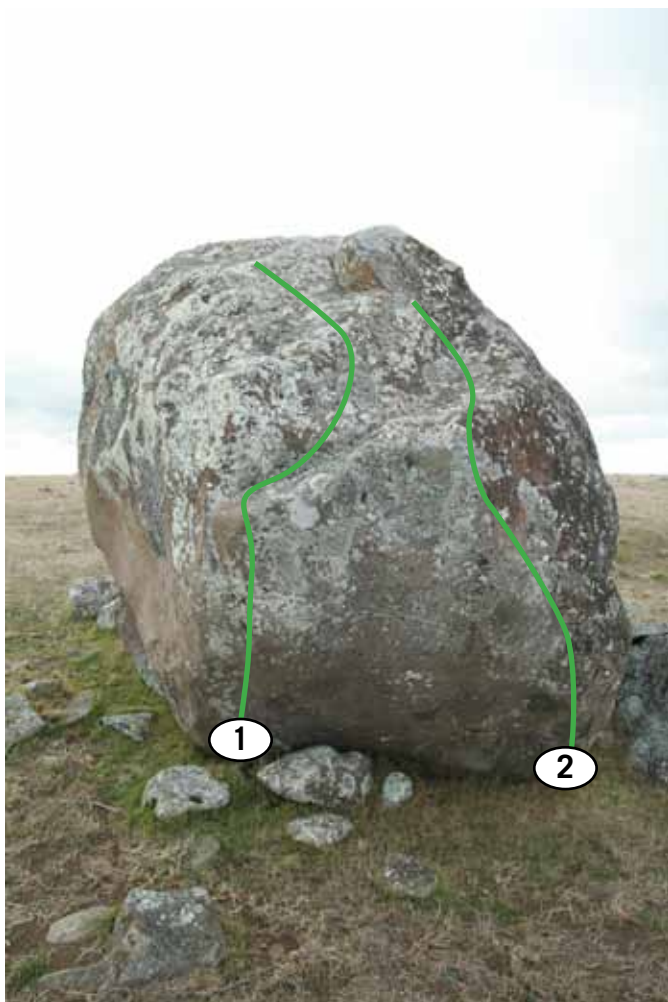
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# FIRST ROUND AREA

Start your day at the 'First Round Area' as it's the first area you will come to at the top of the hill. (See photo 3)





### First Round Boulder

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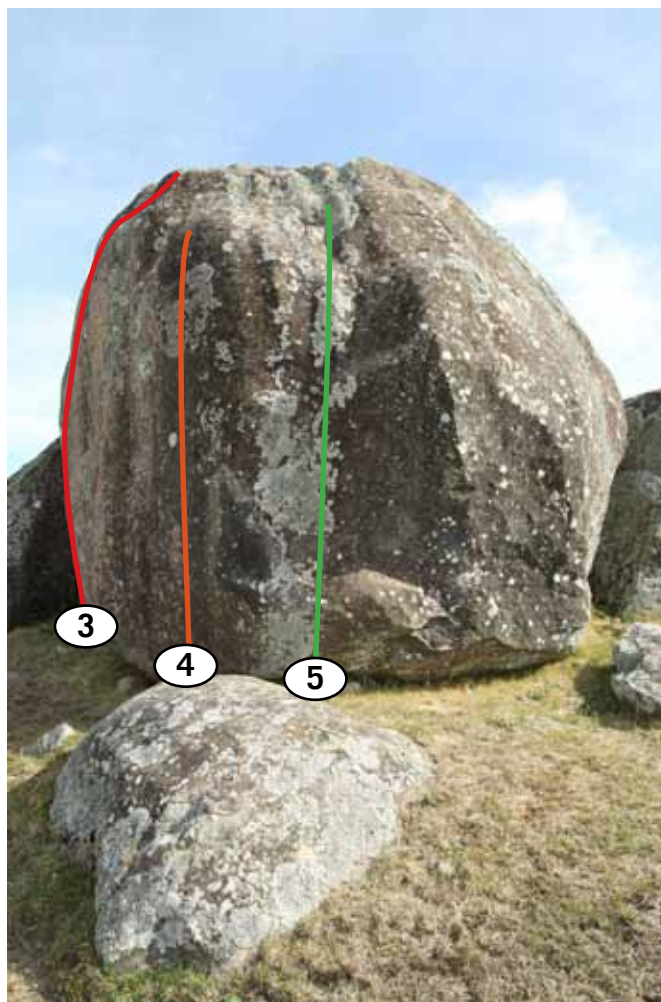
Sit start, haul to the right and mantle.

*Sarah Hay 2010*

#### 2. First Round V0

Sit start, slap to edge. Mantle.

*Ketzal Sterling 2010*



### Chunky Boulder

#### 3. The Good Life V8

Sit start on big edge, move up left to rail. Then straight up.

*Regan McCaffery 2003*

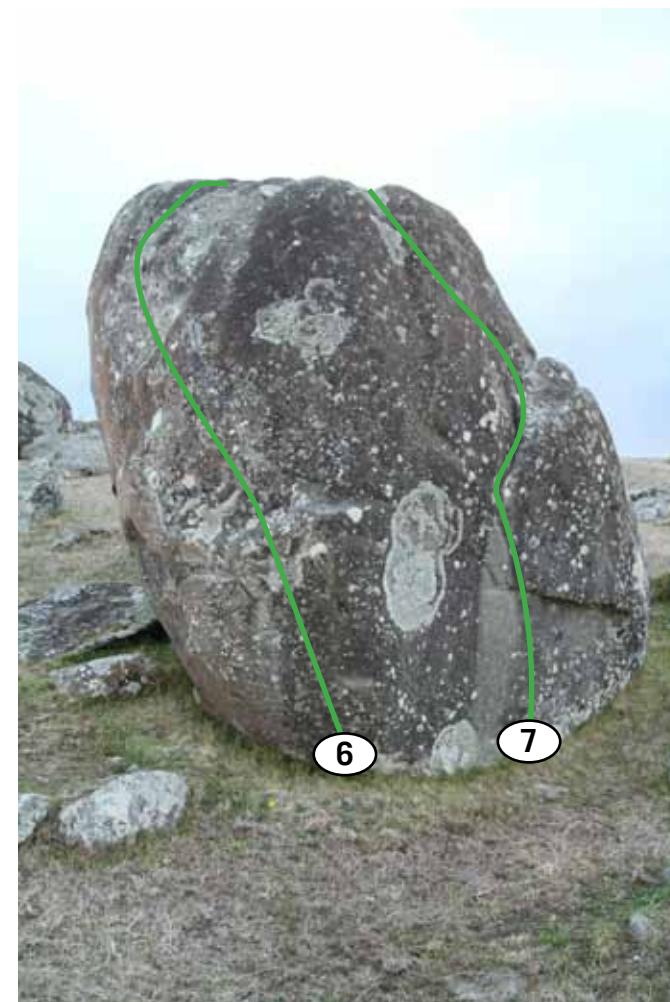
#### 4. Jackass V6

Stand start, reach high to start holds, straight up the left face.

#### 5. Chunky V0

Stand start on boulder. Left hand jug, up and mantle.

*Zane Bray 2010*



### Himmelsleiterli Boulder

#### 6. Himmelsleiterli V3

Sit start, follow edges to left. Mantle.

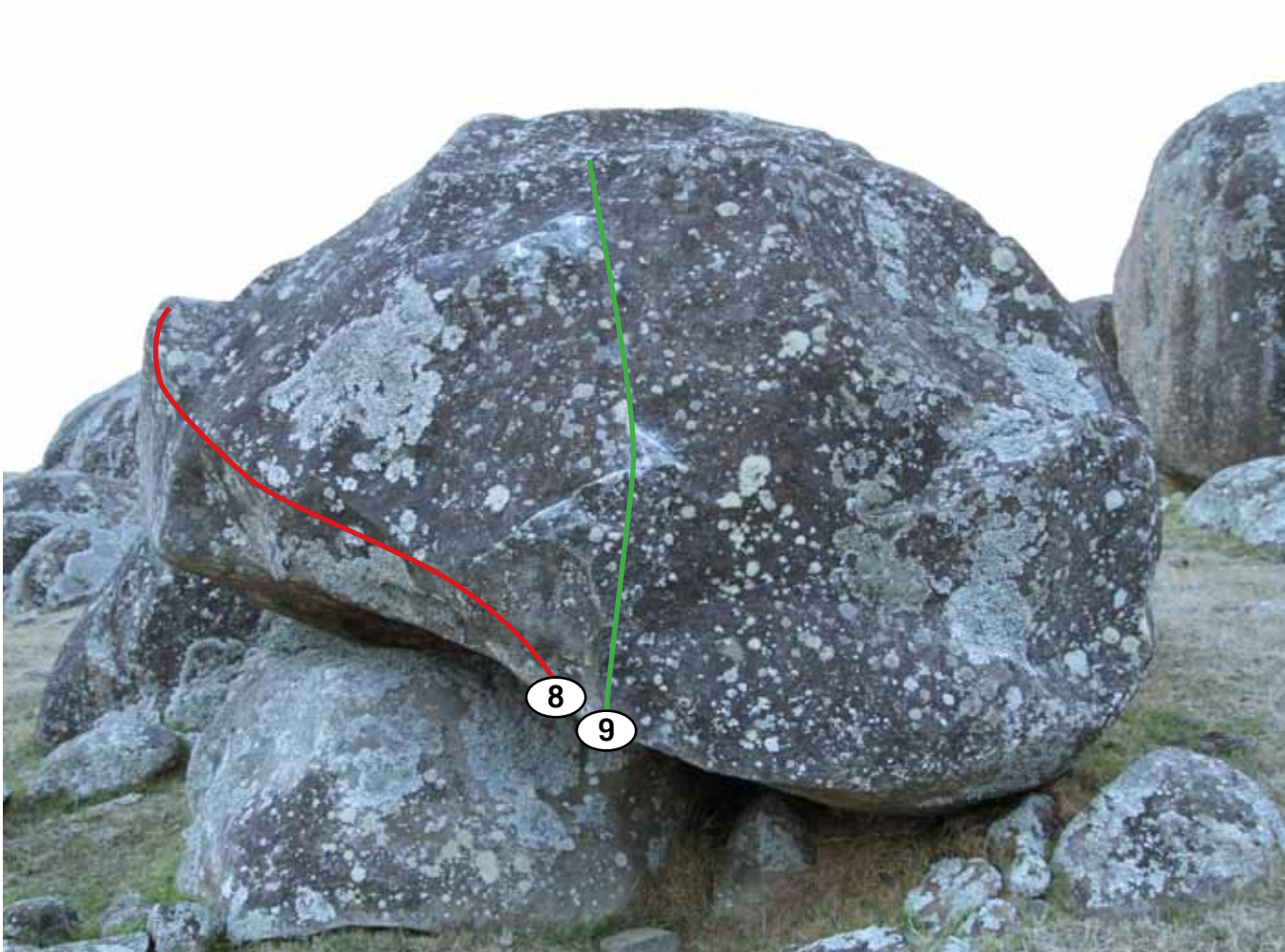
*Micha Schneeberger 2010*

#### 7. Get Laid VE

Sit start, lay back. Mantle.

*Sarah Hay 2010*





## Heavatron Boulder

### 8. Project

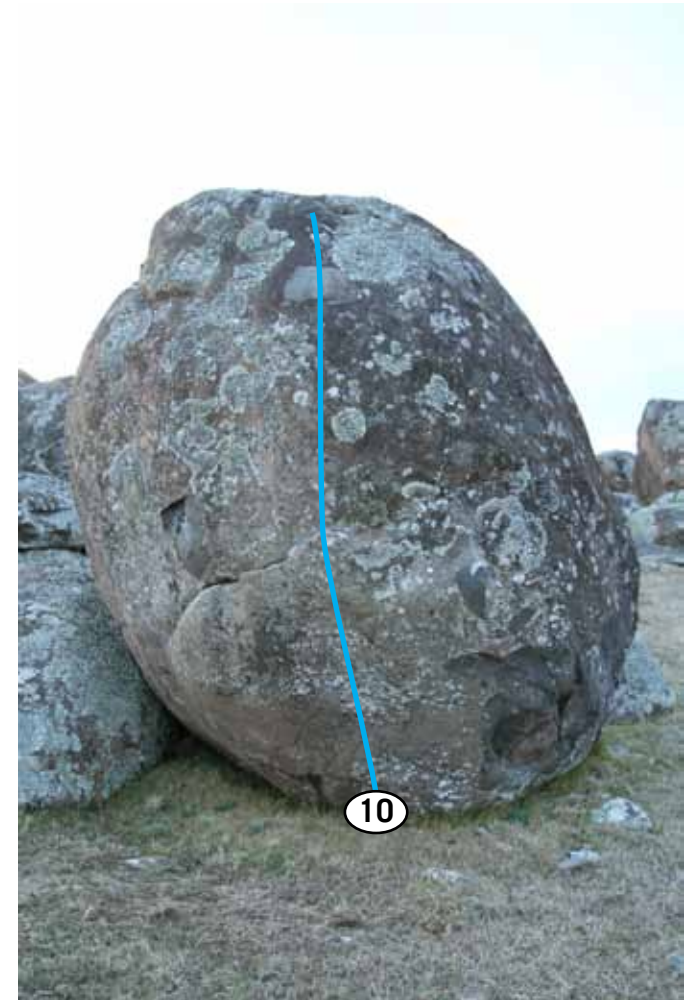
Traverse left.

### 9. Heavatron V2

Hang start. Lower boulder is out for feet.

Heave and mantle.

*Ketzal Sterling 2010*

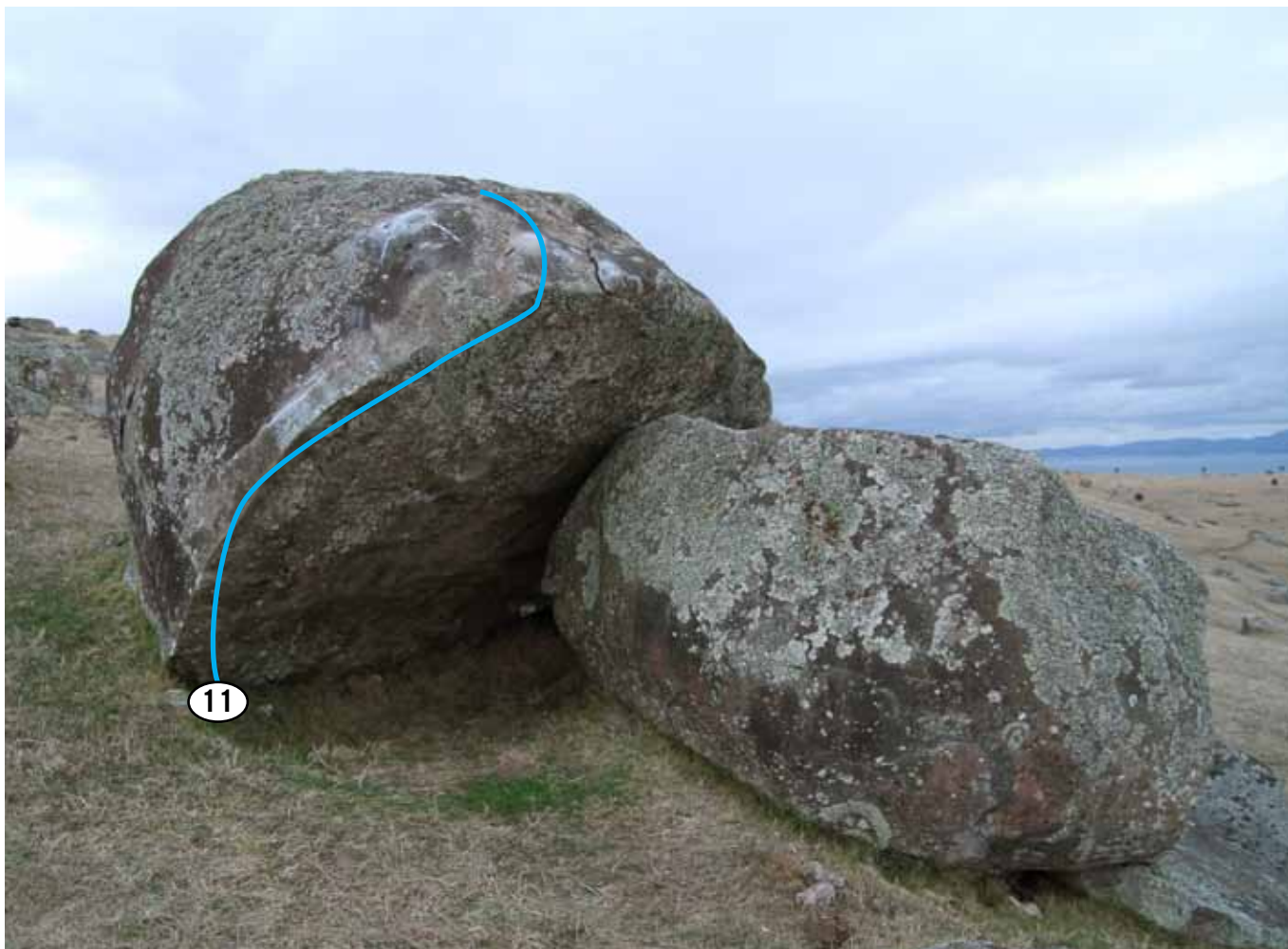


## Toe It Out Boulder

### 10. Toe It Out V4

Sit start on edge. High to break. Mantle.

*Zane Bray 2010*



### The Salma Boulder

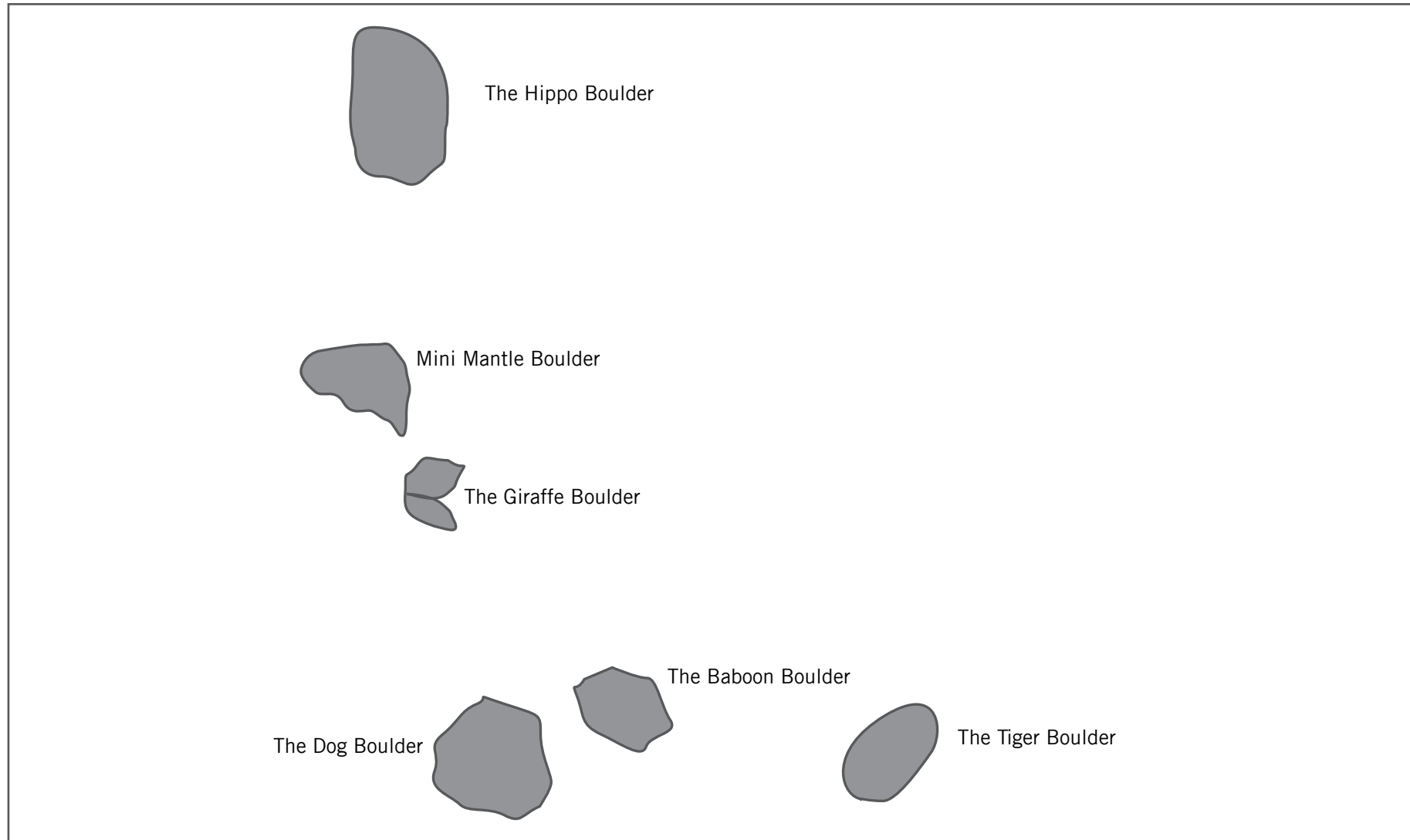
#### 11. Salma V5

Sit start, match on left crack. Haul up and mantle. Lower boulder is out.

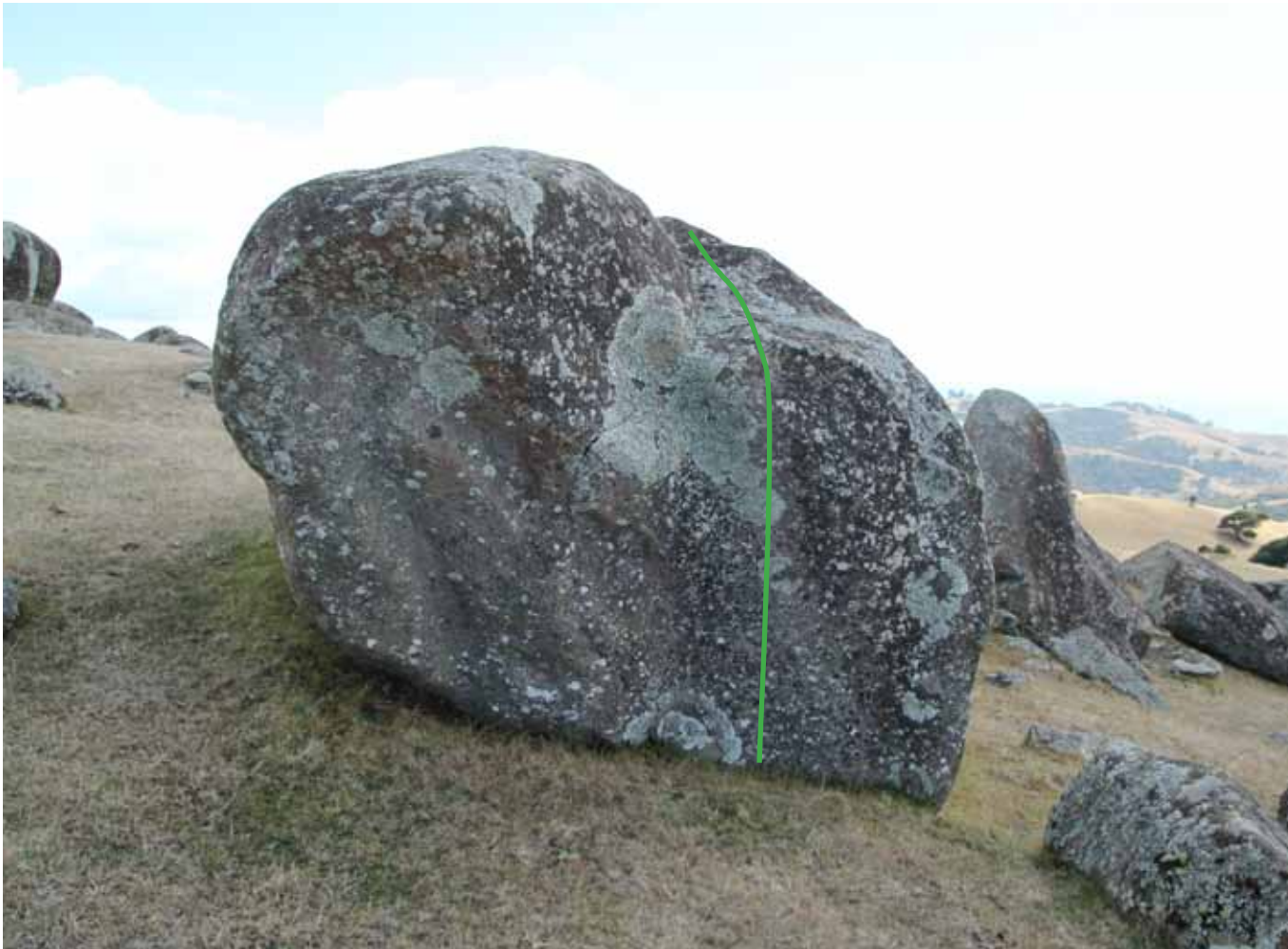
*Glenn Erik Johannessen, 2009*

# THE ZOO AREA

Your next stop should be 'The Zoo'. You'll know you're in the right spot when you see the tall 'Giraffe' boulder. Don't miss 'The Tiger', one of the best problems on Waiheke.







## Hippo Boulder

1. **Mini Mantle V0**  
Hang start, mantle.  
*Sarah Hay 2010*



**Hippo Boulder - North Side**

**2. Hayback V?**

Possible sit start, layback problem, needs a clean.



**Mini Mantle Boulder**

3. **Mantel Practice** V0.  
Hang and mantle with heel hook.  
*Sarah Hay 2010*



**Giraffe Boulder - North Side**

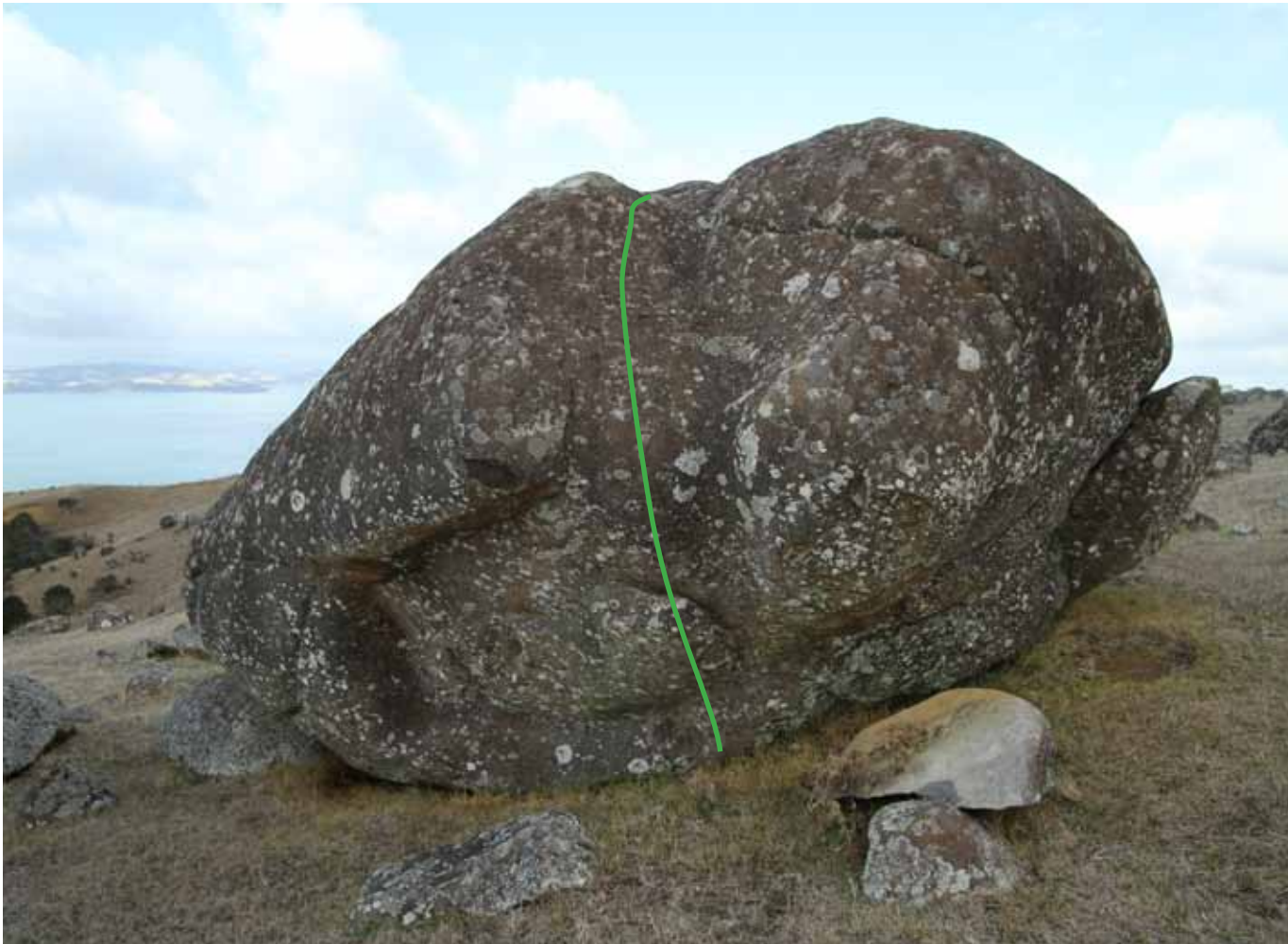
4. **Flounder** VE  
Climb the slab to top. Downclimb is the climb in reverse.

**Giraffe Boulder**

5. **Giraffe** V0  
Stand start. Climb up in groove. Mantle.  
High, be careful. Use lots of mats.

6. **Project** V8+  
Sit start. Left arete only. Send it, name it, and email us.





## A Dog Boulder

### 7. A Dog V1

Sit start on horizontal break. Either throw up for left crimp or gaston off right crimp. Mantle. It is vitally important to use the whole name when describing this problem.

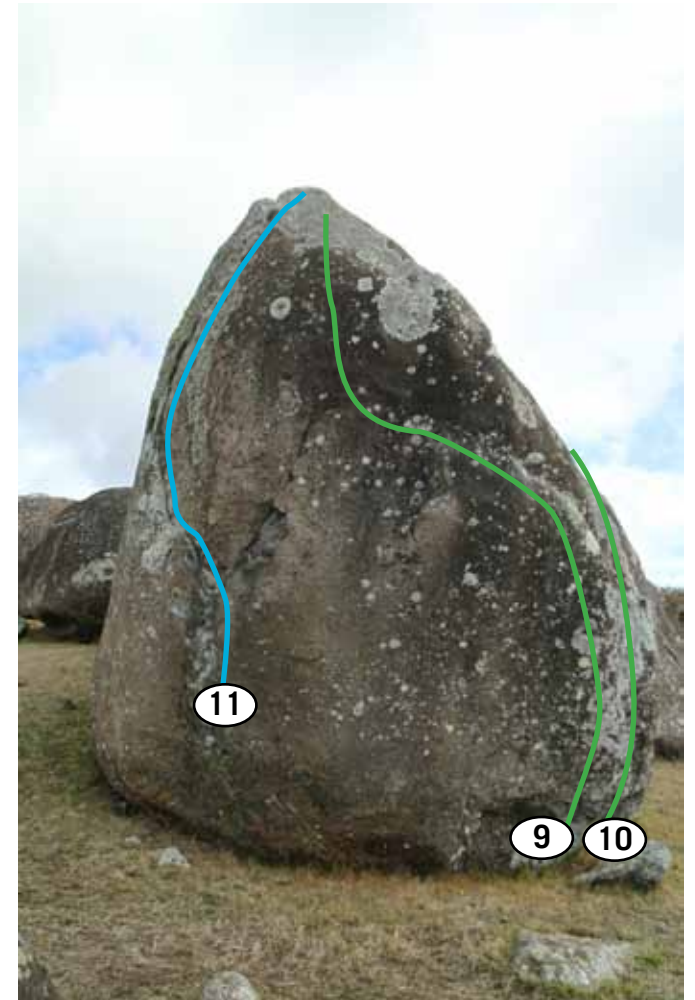
*Ketzal Sterling 2010*



**Baboon Boulder**

**8. Baboon Traverse V?**

Hang start with heel hook on horizontal crack, traverse right. Make big move to next seam, high right. Possible project, unsure of any ascents.



**Tiger Boulder**

**9. Tiger V2** ★★★

Sit start match. Throw left and continue up edges in center of face, mantle. Careful of top out.

**10. The Sloth V1**

Sit start match. Up to right edge. Mantle.

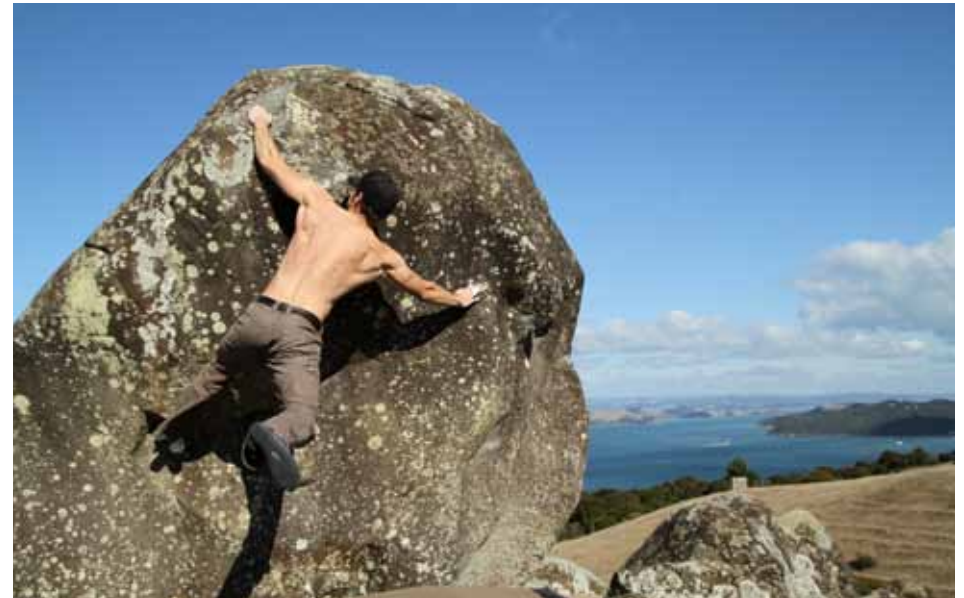
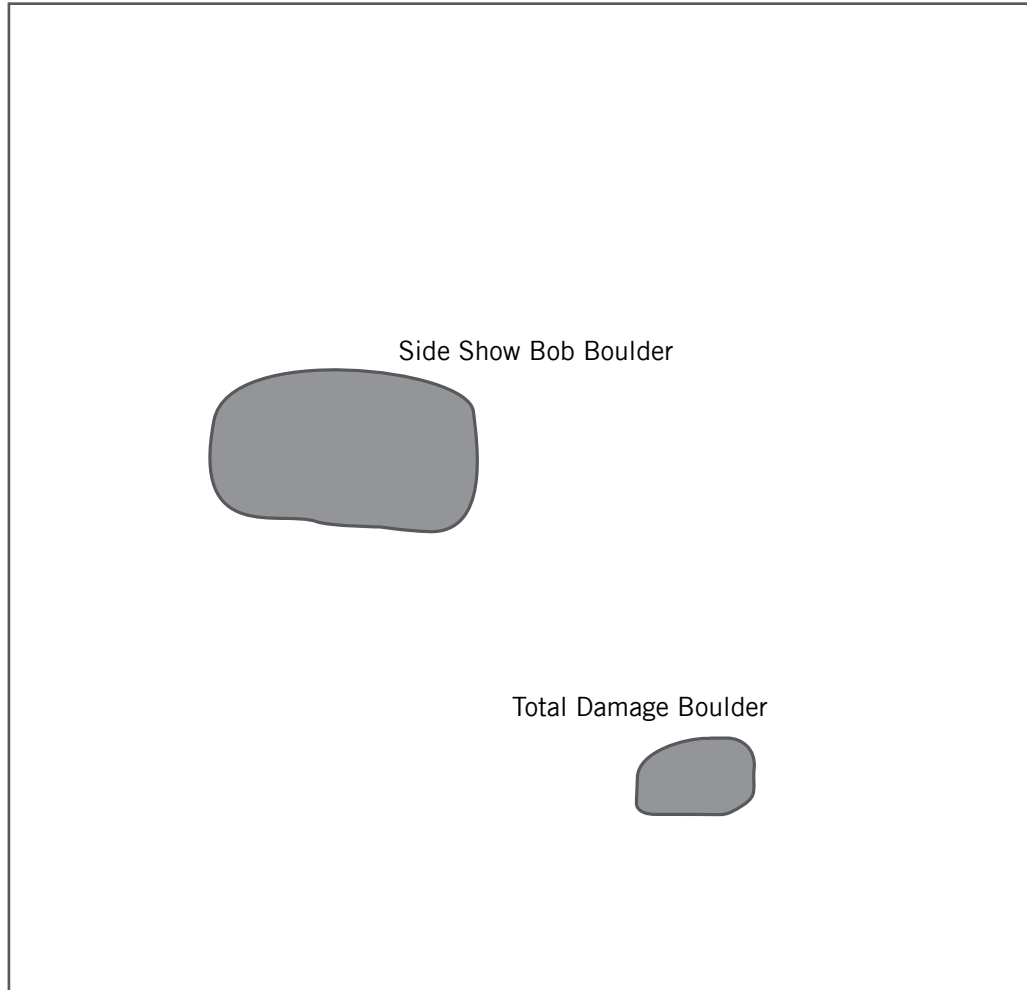
**11. The Caterpillar V4**

Sit start. Follow crack to top. Mantle.



# TOTAL DAMAGE AREA

From the top the hill looking down the gully towards the east you will see the 'Side Show Bob' boulder.







## Sideshow Bob Boulder

### 1. Trigonometry V6

Sit start on arete, using tension. Follow arete to top.

Stand start V2

*Regan McCaffery 2004*

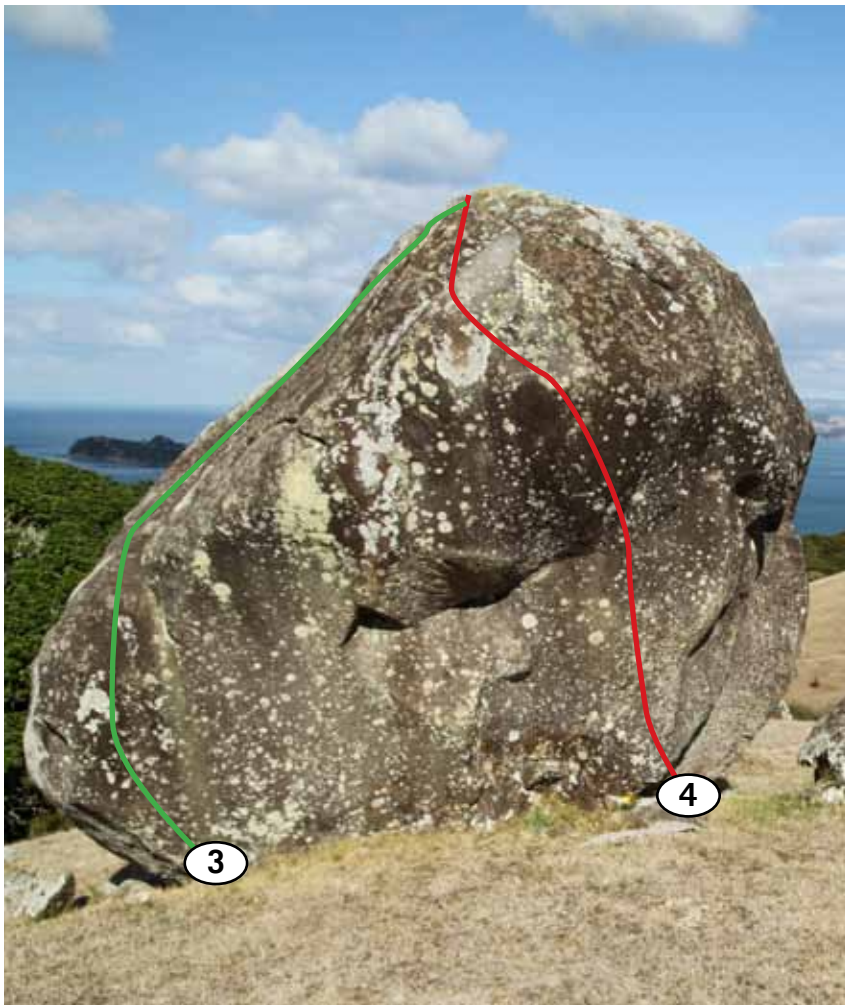
### 2. The Puzzle V3 ★★

Sit start. Up center of face. Complicated, but great fun. Mantle.

Great fun for shortys. Boring for tall people. No jumping, cheaters!

*Ketzal Sterling 2010*





### Total Damage Boulder

#### 3. **Promiscuous** V0

Sit start, haul up and top out.

*Sarah Hay. 2010*

#### 4. **Total Damage** V9

Sit start on small edges. Up and big move out left to jug. Mantle. Many claim the FA of this problem, we have no idea who, but it's cool and nails hard. Get on it.



#### 5. **Danger Will Robinson** V3?

Stand start, up arete. Be careful of the rocks at base.



#### 6 . **Project**

Sit start and massive throw to poor slopy edge. Be the first to claim arguably the North Island's hardest problem. Rock at the base has been moved.

# STEAD'S NUGGET

A single nuggetoid in between The Zoo and Total Damage.



## Stead's Nugget

### 1. Yukky Nugget V2

Sit start. Head up crack, use right ledge for foot, awkward.

### 2. It's All Balance Baby V1

Stand start, side pull in crack, high step and up.

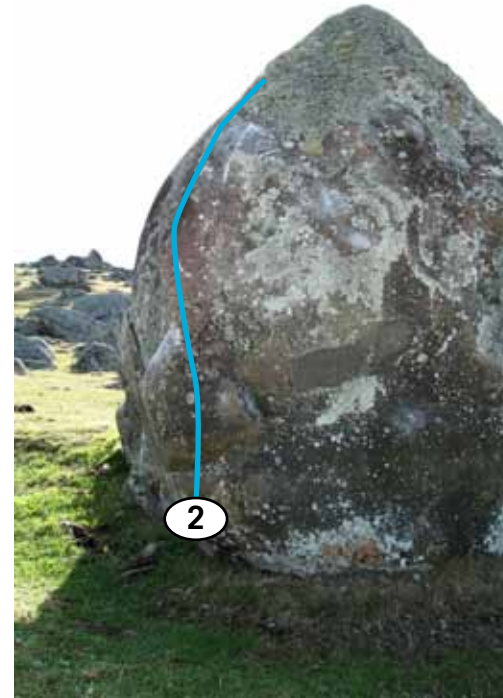
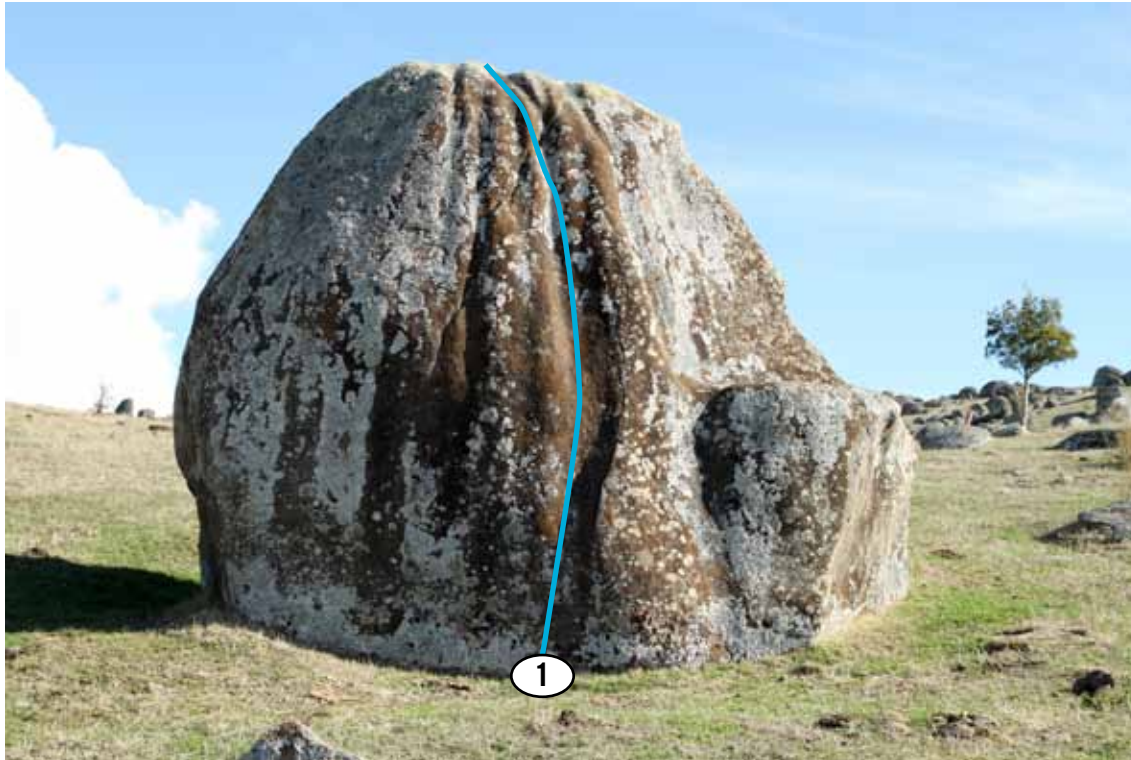
Sit start, V3?

*Ant Stead 2010*



# B TEAM BOULDER

A single boulder close to Stead's Nugget and in between The First Round Area and Total Damage Area.



## B Team Boulder

### 1. **Nimbus V4** ✨

Stand start on crack and arete. Straight up face. Ledge on right is out, don't put your pesky feet on it! Mantle.

*Stu Kurth 2010*

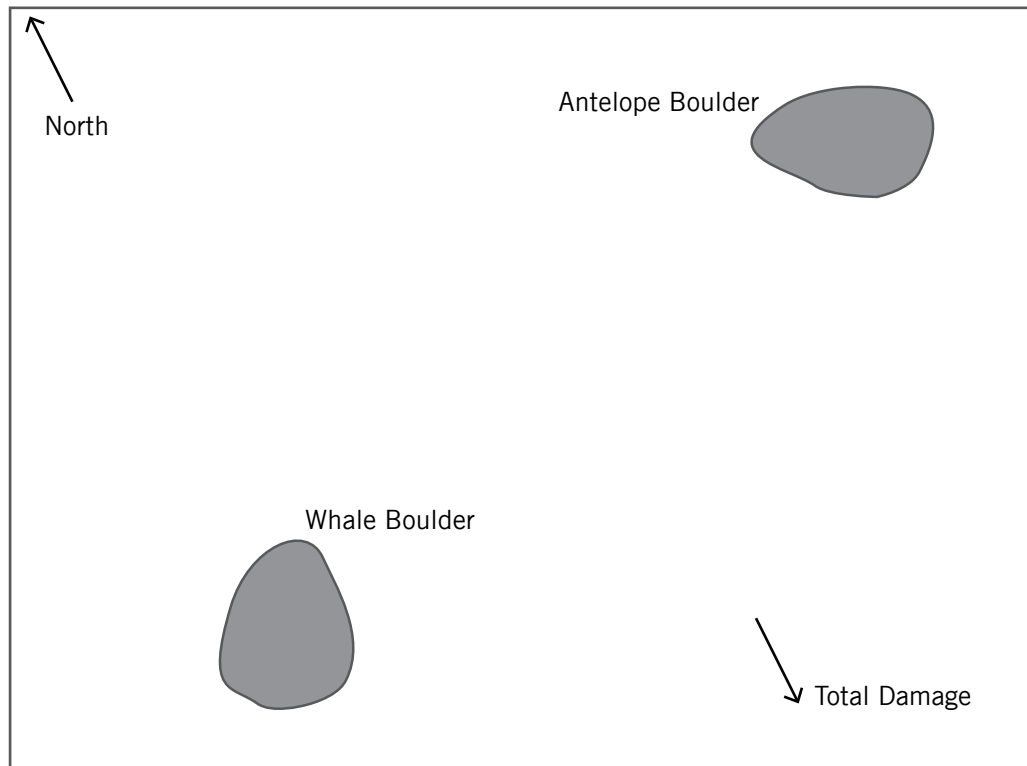
### 2. **Fumatron V4**

Stand start. Match on low ledge. Haul!

*Stu Kurth 2010*

# MIDDLE EARTH

Head north towards the road from the Total Damage Area, and you'll see the Whale Boulder located on the saddle.



**Antelope Boulder**

## 1. Antelope V0

Stand start. Grab two high holds, haul up. Mantle.  
*Ant Stead 2010*



**Whale boulder - East**

**2. Dimply VE**

Stand start on two dimples. Mantle. Or go for the running no hands ascent.

*Ant Stead. 2010*



**Whale boulder - North**

**3. Crackly V1**

Stand start, right hand in crack. Slap and up. Mantle.

*Ant Stead 2010*



**Whale boulder - West**

**4. Tinkerbell V3** ✨

Stand start, up face with pockets. Mantle.

Wharepapa climbers will love the pocket hauling.

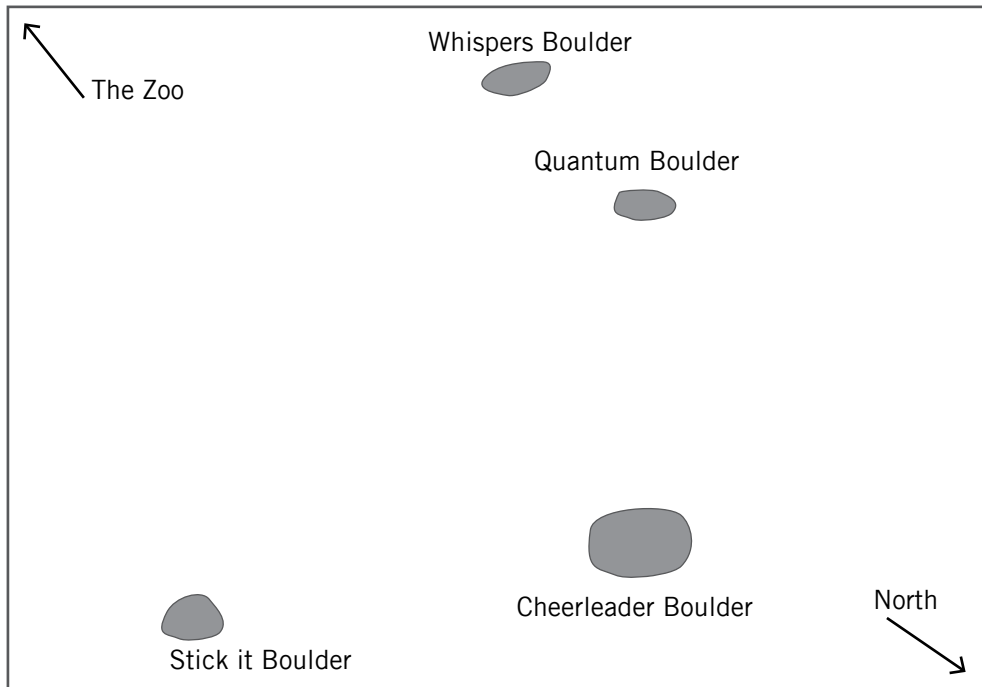
Regular humans will not.

*Sarah Hay 2010*



# NORTH SIDE

From The Zoo, head north towards the road and you'll encounter the North Side.



**Cheerleader Boulder**

**1. The Cheerleader VE**

Stand start, layback crack. Mantle.

*Matt Jones 2010*



### Stick It Boulder

#### 2. **Stick It VM**

Hang start, climb slabby face and mantle. Small midget-like woman, inexperienced in naming boulder problems often use lame'o names, such as the above.

*Sarah Hay 2010*



### Quantum Boulder

#### 3. **Project V9+**

Slap up smooth arete, bad feet, will be a tough send.

#### 4. **Quantum Simulator V6**

Sit start, haul on, high right foot, go to the arete.

*Stu Kurth 2010*



### Whispers Boulder

#### 5. Whispers V4

Stand start, slap up arete, mantle. This problem was in the original guide, and graded V3. Maybe we're soft but it feels harder than that.



#### 6. Project V9+

Stand start using crack and arete, straight up. Looks nails hard. Get on it.



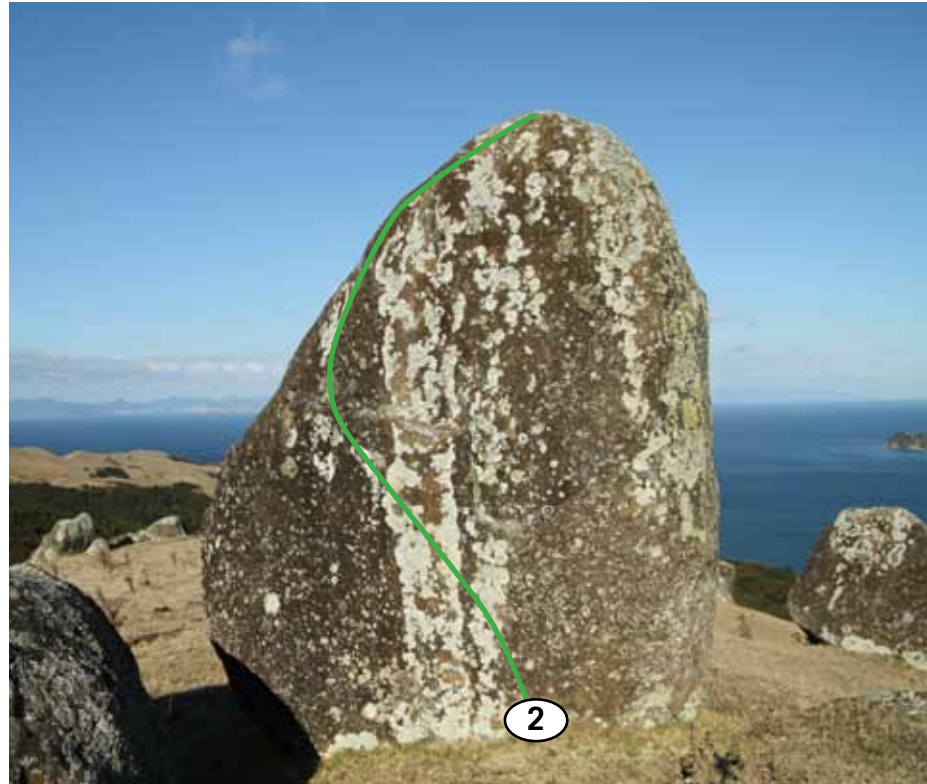
# THUMB RIDGE

From the First Round area, head south along the ridge near the trees, you'll see the Thumb boulder, its the only high one there, you can't miss it.



## Thumb Boulder

1. **Peter Pan** VE  
Hang start on jug. Up arete.  
*Sarah Hay. 2010*



2. **The Cross** V1 ★  
Sit start. Move left to edges then up to massive jug of glory. Mantle.  
*Ketzal Sterling 2010*



3. **A Kind of Cake** V1  
Stand start, climb up pockets, edges and lichen. Keep it calm.....Carmilla.  
*Stu Kurth 2010*

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