

Event

Introduction to rock climbing at the Eardley Escarpment near Luskville in Quebec. This is an event sponsored by the Venturer Advisors Forum.

Schedule

Friday September 19th

Depart Merrickville from the community centre at 6:30pm. One vehicle (Allan's truck) for all participants.

Arrive campsite approximately 8:00pm.

Setup camp.

Travel distance approximately 100km.

Saturday September 20th

Climbing from 8:00am to 4:00pm at *Home Cliff*.

A bag lunch to be made in the morning as we will not be returning to the campsite for lunch.

Sunday September 21st

Climbing from 7:45am to 1:00pm at *The Western Cwm*. This is a 15 minute drive from the campsite.

A bag lunch to be made in the morning as we will not be returning to the campsite for lunch.

Return to campsite to complete cleaning and packing of equipment.

Depart campsite approximately 3:00pm.

Arrive Merrickville approximately 5:00pm.

Final cleaning of equipment in community centre if necessary.

Equipment to be emptied from the cargo trailer and stored in the tractor trailer.

Pickup by parents at McConnell's yard at approximately 7:00pm. Parents to be called with exact pick up time; they will be given approximately half an hour notice.

Participants

Participant	Type	Climbing Skill	Climbing Courses	First Aid	Harness	Helmet
Allan Yates	Adult	Intermediate	VenClimb II	Standard	Large	Size 2
Andreas Beelich	Youth	Novice		Standard	Medium	Size 2
Ben Catton	Youth	Intermediate	VenClimb II		Own	Size 2
Alex McKay	Youth	Novice			Small	Size 1
Bradley Skelhorne	Youth	Novice		Standard	Small	Size 1
Max Taylor	Youth	Intermediate	VenClimb II	Standard	Medium	Size 2

Second leader coverage will be provided by Bill Bowman, 1st Nepean.

Six Venturers and one leader were forecast to attend.

Campsite

Camping will be at:

Ferme de la montagne (Laframboise family)

440 Chemin Cregheur

Luskville, Quebec

No campfires allowed.

Porta-potties will be available.

No water will be available.

This is an open field; very few trees around the perimeter.

Sleeping Accommodations

Venturers will be sleeping in tents. Adults will be sleeping in separate tents.

Cooking and Dining

As the campsite is an open field with no trees to support a shelter, a pop-up shelter (10'x20') will be used for cooking and dining. Venturers will plan the menu ahead of time, and cook the meals over propane stoves.

In Case of Emergency

- Two first aid kits will be on site.
- A backboard will be on site (provided by the instructors).
- Casualties will be evacuated on foot to the road and taken to hospital by leaders if applicable, or transferred to an ambulance.
- Closest hospital is Centre Hospitalier des vallees de l'Outaouais, Pavillon de Hull, 116 Boulevard Lionel Emond, Hull, (819) 595-6000.

Financial Budget

Item	Youth - Canoe
Event Fee, six Venturers @ \$15 each	\$90
Food	\$100
Transportation – 2 x 100km	\$60
Propane	\$10
Budget Total	\$260
Budget Total / Venturer	\$43
Advertised Total / Venturer	\$45

Truck fuel costs billed at 30 cents/km or 40 cents/km with cargo or canoe trailer. Car fuel costs billed at 15 cents/km.

Preparation

At the Venturer meeting prior to the camp, Tuesday September 16th, the Venturer will be packing the equipment and going grocery shopping (Smiths Falls or Kemptville). Some of the food will be purchased in advance from Costco for the cost savings, but the remainder will be the responsibility of the Venturers. The desired equipment will be transferred from the tractor trailer to the cargo trailer. The water containers must be filled before departure.

Risks

- *Minor injuries:* Treated with first aid kit.
- *Major injuries:* Evacuation to parking area and transport to hospital; alternatively a leader will be sent to fetch medical personal by returning to the parking area and driving to a telephone to summon paramedics.
- *Falling rocks:* All persons are required to wear a helmet at all times near the cliff.
- *Falling:* All persons are required to wear a harness at all times near the cliff and to be belayed by two other people while climbing or rappelling.

Climbing

Though the Merrickville leaders and senior youth have received appropriate training for taking the remaining youth climbing without an instructor, the climbing at this camp will be under the supervision of Christiaan Burchell, a Venturer leader and climbing instructor with the Alpine Club of Canada. The Saturday climbs will be at *Home Cliff* with most climbs in the 5.1 to 5.3 range with a few 5.6 to 5.8 climbs for the more experienced Venturers. On the Sunday we will be at *The Western Cwm* with most of the climbs in the 5.3 to 5.7 range, including a very nice crack climb. Some sport climbing may be offered to the seniors Venturers (those that have successfully completed VenClimb II).

Personal Climbing Equipment (for us)

Harness, Equator+, small, 2
 Harness, Equator+, medium, 2
 Harness, Equator+, large, 1
 Helmet, Altios, small, 2
 Helmet, Altios, large, 4
 Shoes, pair, 6

Personal Climbing Equipment (for loan)

Harness, Equator+, small, 4
 Harness, Equator+, medium, 7
 Harness, Equator+, large, 2
 Harness, Cosmic, 6
 Helmets, Eldrid & Camp, 10
 Helmet, Altios, small, 2
 Helmet, Altios, large, 4

Common Climbing Equipment

Carabiners, locking, 24
 Sling, nylon, single, 1
 Sling, nylon, double, 4
 Sling, Spectra, single, 1
 Sling, Spectra, double, 2
 Rope, dynamic, 11mm, 60m, 3
 Belay device, 3
 Quick draws, 20
 Nuts & cams
 Prusik loops, 3

Anchors

Many of the anchor stations used will be bolted. In general, each route will thus require seven locking carabiners (one for each bolt, two for the sling/rope connection, one for the belay device, one to attach the belayer, and one to attach the secondary belayer), one double sling, and one belay device.

Harness Sizes

Manufacturer	Model	Size	Waist (cm)	Waist (in)
Rock Empire	Cosmic	One size	N/A	N/A
Rock Empire	Equator+	Small	63 - 76	25 - 30
Rock Empire	Equator+	Medium	72 - 85	29 - 34
Rock Empire	Equator+	Large	80 - 93	32 - 37

Helmet Sizes

Manufacturer	Model	Size	Head (cm)	Head (in)
Camp	Rock Star	One size	52-60	21 - 23½
Eldrid	Junior	One size	48-58	19 - 23
Petzl	Altios	1	48 - 56	19 - 22
Petzl	Altios	2	56 -61	22 - 24

Personal Kit List

Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad (optional)
Torch
Change of clothes (several)
Change of footwear
Trousers
Long sleeved shirt
Towel
Sweater or sweat shirt
Rain jacket
Rain pants (optional)
Pyjamas
Pillow (optional)
Wash kit: tooth brush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, chapstick, etc.
Mess kit: plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork, spoon in mesh bag
Water bottle
Sunscreen
Insect repellent
Hat
Baseball cap
Kleenex
Knapsack
Sneakers
Approach shoes (optional)
Hiking boots (optional)
Sunglasses (optional)
Pocket knife (optional)
Folding chair (optional)
Soccer ball (optional)
Climbing harness (optional)
Climbing shoes (optional)

No electronic games.

Menu

Friday

Supper

Brown bag from home or eat before departure

Saturday

Breakfast

English muffins, eggs, cheese, oatmeal

Lunch

Sandwiches (sliced meat, lettuce, mayonnaise, buns), beef jerky

Supper

Hamburgers, ketchup, relish, mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce, instant potatoes

Sunday

Breakfast

Bread, peanut butter, jam, corn pops

Lunch

Sandwiches (sliced meat, lettuce, mayonnaise, buns), beef jerky

Snacks

Apples

Granola bars, sweet & salty

Oatmeal cookies

Drinks

Hot chocolate

Hot apple cider

Kool-Aid singles

Water

Coffee

Milk

Grocery List

English muffins, 1 package
Eggs, 12
Cheese, cheddar, 250g
Oatmeal, packages, 12 (have)
Milk, 2 litres
Buns, Kaiser, 12
Roast beef, sliced, 200g
Turkey, sliced, 200g
Beef jerky, 1 package
Hamburgers, 6
Hamburger buns, 6
Ketchup, individual packages, 12 (Scout room)
Relish, individual packages, 12 (Scout room)
Mustard, individual packages, 12 (Scout room)
Mayonnaise, squeeze container, small
Lettuce, iceberg, 1 head
Potatoes, instant, 1 box
Bread, whole wheat, 1 loaf
Peanut butter, 1 small jar (have)
Jam, strawberry, 1 small jar
Corn pops, 1 regular box
Apples, red, 1 bag
Cookies, President's Choice Butter First, 1 bag
Cookies, President's Choice Ginger Snap, 1 bag
Koolaid singles, 2 boxes
Hot apple cider, 1 box
Hot chocolate, Tim Hortons, 1 container
Granola bars, sweet & salty, 1 small box
Granola bars, crunchy, 1 small box

Common Camping Equipment

Tents, Scout, 3
 Ground sheets, 3
 Tent pegs, 21
 Shelter, pop-up, 10'x20'
 Tarps, small, 2 (for shelter side walls)
 Baler twine
 First aid kit
 Dish soap
 Toilet paper
 Garbage bags, large
 Pot sets, 2
 Toaster, stove top, 2
 Frying pan
 Griddle
 Lanterns, propane, 2
 Mantels, spare, 6
 Propane, 1 lb, 8
 Stove, 2 burner, propane, 2
 Basins, washing, 2
 Water containers, 3, full
 Tea towel
 Dish cloth
 Spatula, 2
 Scrubbing pad, nylon
 Cooler
 Ice packs, 3
 Cheese slicer
 Ziploc bags, small (for sandwiches)
 Ziploc bags, large
 Garbage bag holder
 Water containers, full, 2
 Tables, Cub, 2
 Tables, folding, 2

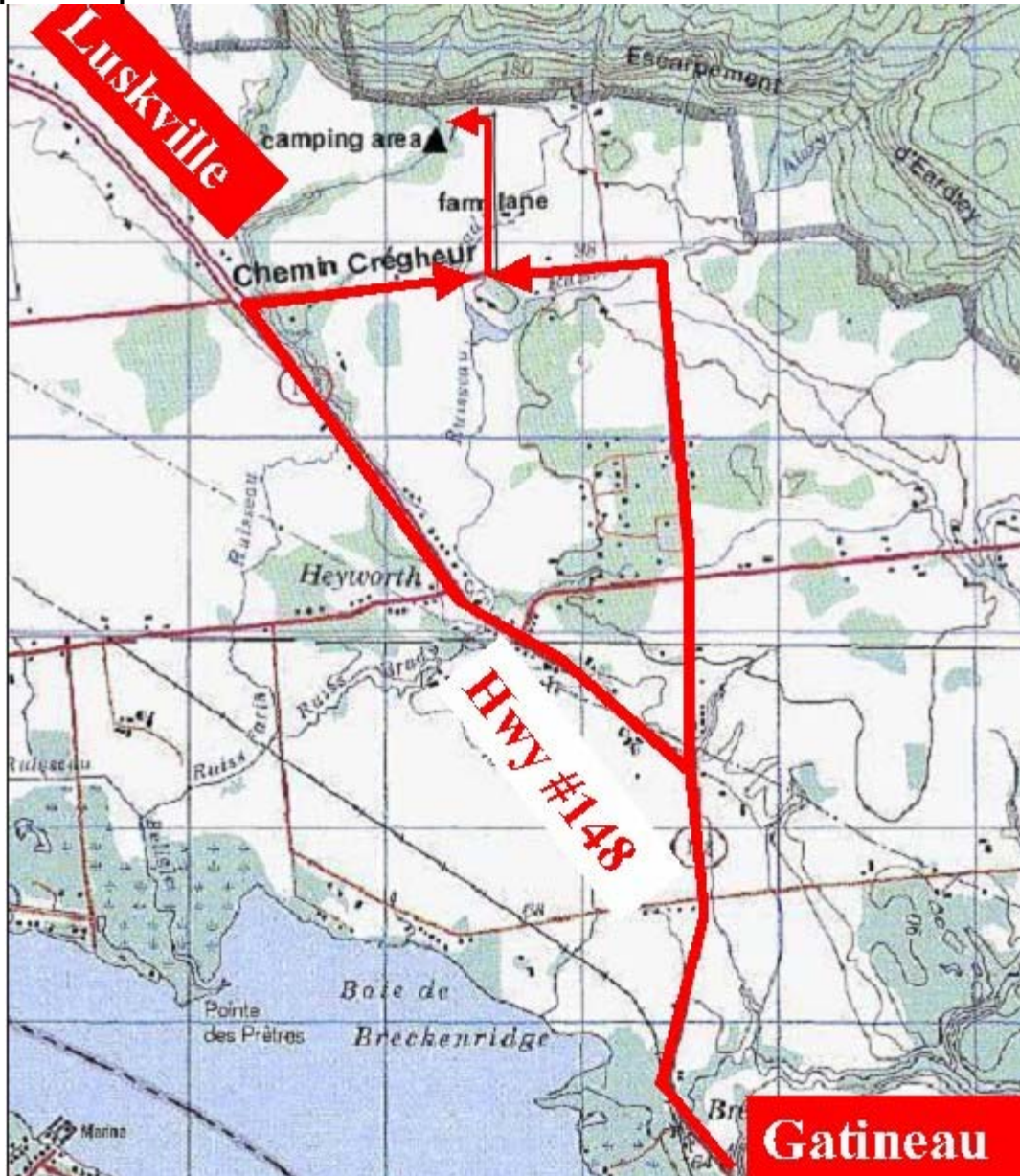
Allan's Extra Equipment

Climbing training notes
 Route descriptions from *Climbing Around Ottawa*
 Sheath knife
 Multi-tool
 Thermometer
 CDs
 Trip plan
 Watch
 Camera
 Camera spare battery
 Mobile telephone
 Mobile telephone car charger
 Book
 Physical fitness forms
 Tent (poles, pegs, ground sheet)
 Headlamp
 Lantern, battery
 First aid kit
 Truck garbage container w/bags
 Briefcase
 Weather forecast
 Chair, folding
 Shaver
 Contact lens solution
 Notebook & pencil
 Kleenex
 Playing cards, 2 packs
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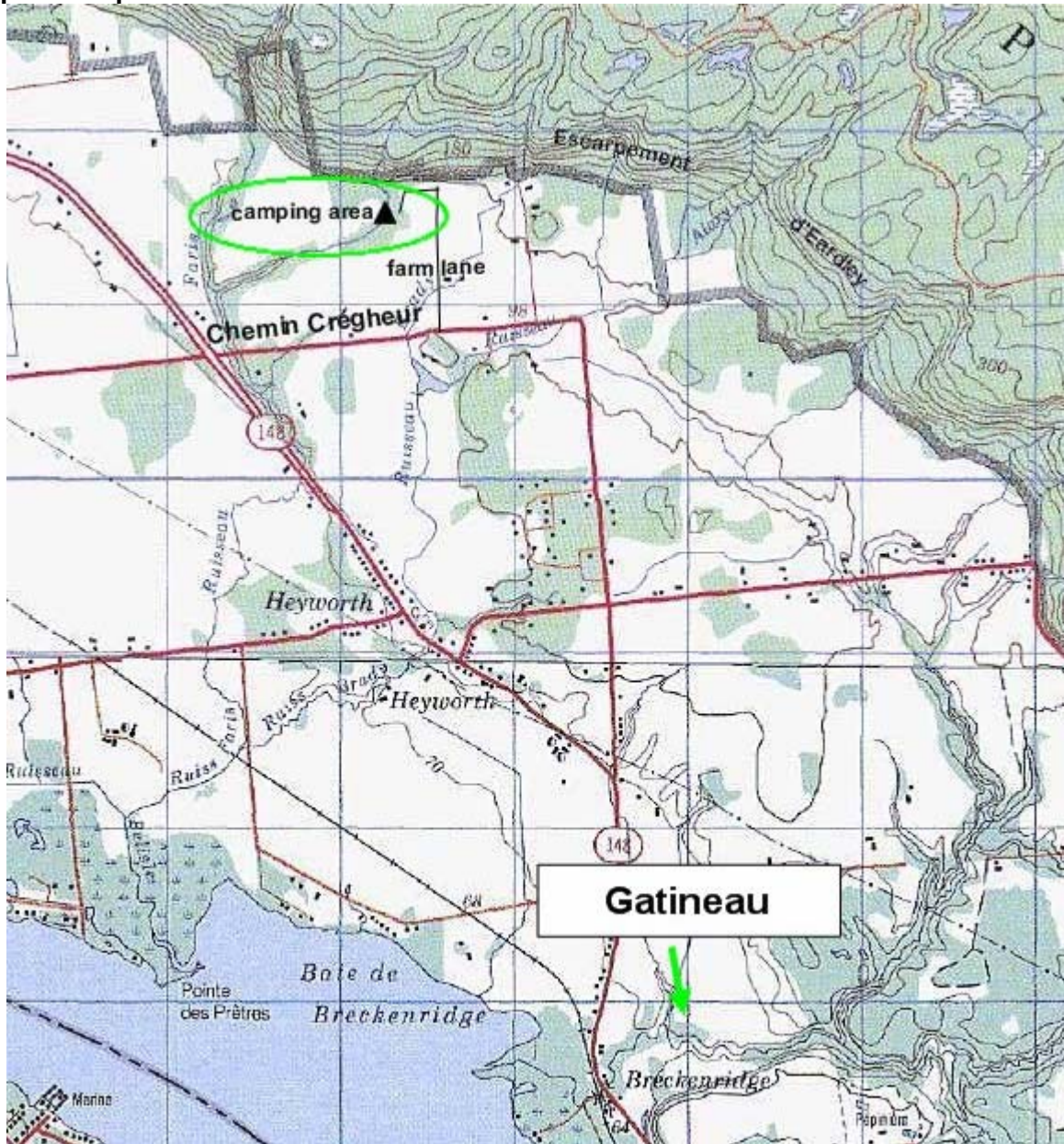
The cargo trailer will be used to transport personal kit and the common equipment.

Directions

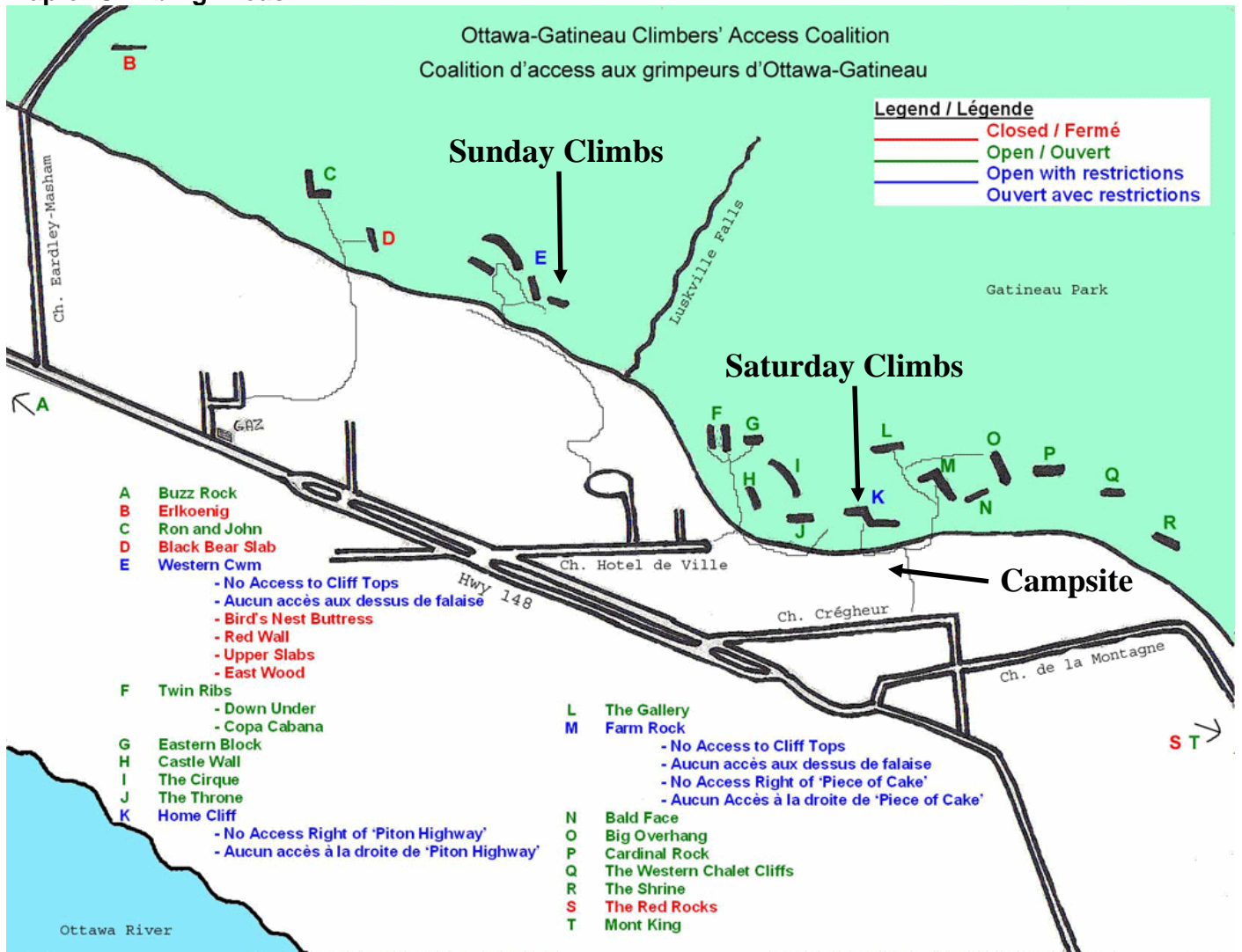
Leave Gatineau via Hwy #148, west bound from Aylmer area towards Luskville. Hwy #148 will turn from a two lane highway to a four lane divided highway, approx 1 km on the 4 lane divided highway there is a road to the right, Chemin Cregheur, take this right. Continue on it for approx 2 kms, there is a small parking lot on your right and then a blind corner to the right, on your left you will see a farm road (trail through the field), take this trail (be careful – it is not a road). Follow the pylons and keep them to your left (please do not drive across the fields). If you follow the pylons they will bring you directly to the camping area. If you get to the entrance to Laframboise Farm (on your left) you have missed the entrance.

Map to Campsite

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Map of Climbing Areas



Report

VenClimb went well. We departed about 6:50pm on the Thursday; Jennifer was late, some disagreement with her father on whether it was a 6:30pm or 7:00pm departure. Then we hit a nasty accident just past Burritts Rapids, the road was closed in both directions, and we had to detour. Then we hit a road construction traffic jam on the 417. We eventually made it to the camp.

Camp setup was ok. The pop-up marquee went up pretty easily with six people. You have to watch the fabric getting caught at the top. The folding table we borrowed from the community centre was nice. It's a better height for the Venturers cooking. Maybe we should think about purchasing a couple of these. Having the cargo trailer made things really easy.

Nice weather on Saturday. Max and I went up to the cliff early to help setup the climbs while the others did climbing ground school. There were about 65 Venturers in total, about 4-6 of them had completed VenClimb II in the past. Seven climbs setup. They climbed until about 5:00pm. They all liked the climbing. I would say Andreas had the most to overcome from a comfort and height perspective. Bradley also had a few not so sure moments. They all want to climb more.

Nobody but Andreas brought a knapsack (for carrying lunch, gear, etc). Alex didn't bring a water bottle.

Saturday evening it started to pour with rain. The shelter worked great, but the kids actually hid out in the cargo trailer. They had all decided to sleep in there that night! As the evening wore on the wind picked up (35 km/hr gusts, I measured) so we pegged down the shelter with baler twine. We should be packing guys ropes and spikes. After the kids had gone to bed I was still worried about it so I pulled off the fabric top of the shelter; not so easy once it's up. I really needed a 6' pole. By morning every group's tarps and shelters had either been taken down or blown down (including a few tents); ours were all fine.

We didn't have quite enough food (partially because I forgot half the sandwich meat in my fridge at home). I bought bacon/cheese hamburgers which the kids thought were foul. They also ate all their snacks on the Saturday and thus did have any left for Sunday; bad food management on their part.

Sunday morning the wind was still blowing (25 km/hr) so we moved the stove into the cargo trailer and had breakfast inside; with central heating! We left about 7:30am for the second cliff to help Christiaan setup. The other groups followed about an hour later. The second cliff is nicer in that the routes are a lot longer and of varying difficulties. Only about 45 kids on the Sunday, a few groups went home Saturday night.

I only got to climb three times over the weekend. Twice on the Saturday to take down ropes, and once on the Sunday for the same. I did get to pick Christiaan's brain a lot though. He offers a traditional anchor course in the spring/summer through the ACC that I should take.

Teardown didn't go too badly. Hot water was made and everything scrubbed down with soap. While not the most efficient packing, they actually did pretty good. Tents were turned over to dry and dirt emptied out. This is certainly the ideal way to close down a camp. Nothing left at the end needing to be taken home for cleaning or drying.

I heard that VenClimb used to be at Calabogie, but the camping arrangements were more of a problem.

Kids called home as we hit the Andrewsville bridge (5:10pm) for pickup in half an hour. We dropped all the equipment off at the tractor trailer and left the garbage bag at the community centre. We were at the community centre before the parents. We're getting this cleanup down to a fine art. Last kid (Max) picked up at 5:45pm.

On the way home, before they fell asleep, I had the kids write down good/bag things from the camp:

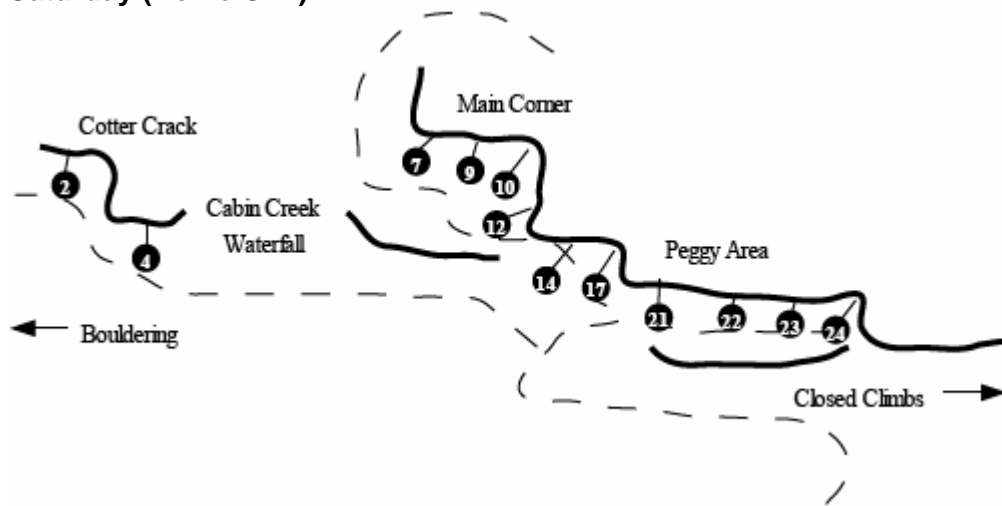
Bad

- Better thought out food list
- No cheese hamburgers / sausages
- Weather kinda sucked
- Guy ropes / slings for cool shelter
- More milk
- More fruit
- More snacks
- More food in general
- Miracle whip mayonnaise
- More elaborate meals (Jennifer said she can cook properly)

Good

- Proper equipment
- More varied shoe sizes
- Indoor climbing this winter
- Music in the car (Max was writing the list and he brought his CDs...)

Saturday (Home Cliff)

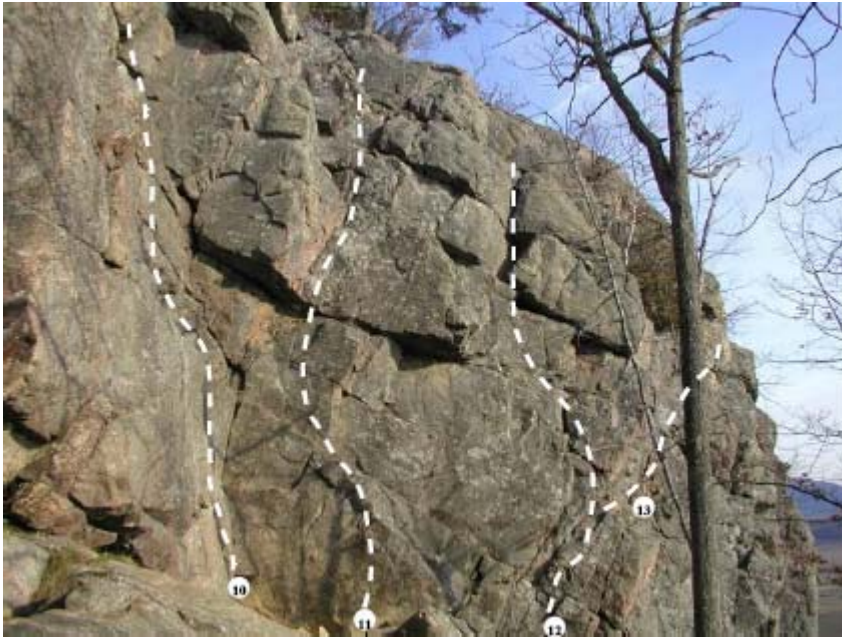


Route	Name	Grade
5	Broken Corner	5.3
6	Little Yellow Fucker	5.9
7	Crack and Block	5.3
8	K5	5.1
9	One Up	5.7
10	Main Corner	5.3
11	Inside Corner	5.3
12	Back to the Wall	5.3
13	Arete and Ramp	5.3
14	Direttissima	5.11a
15	???	5.12a
16	Patriation	5.8
17	Peggy	5.7+
18	Magical Mystery Tour	5.6

Main Corner



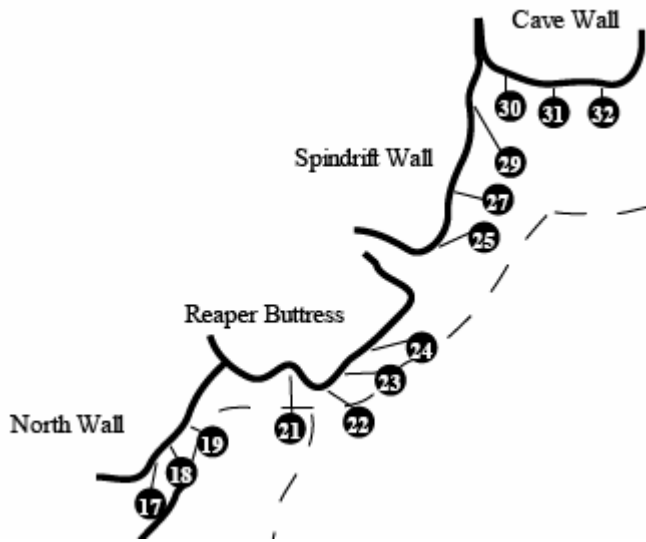
Main Corner



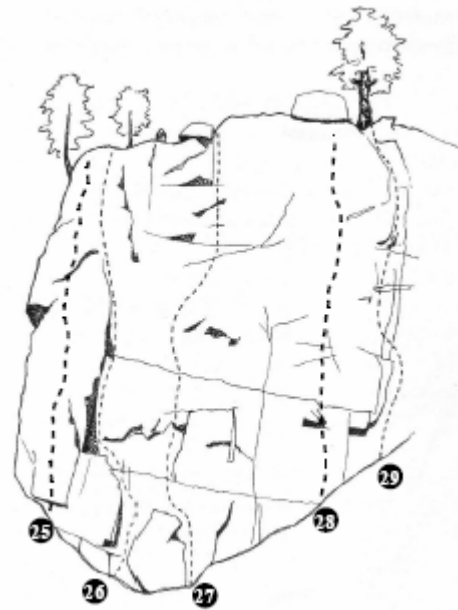
Peggy Area



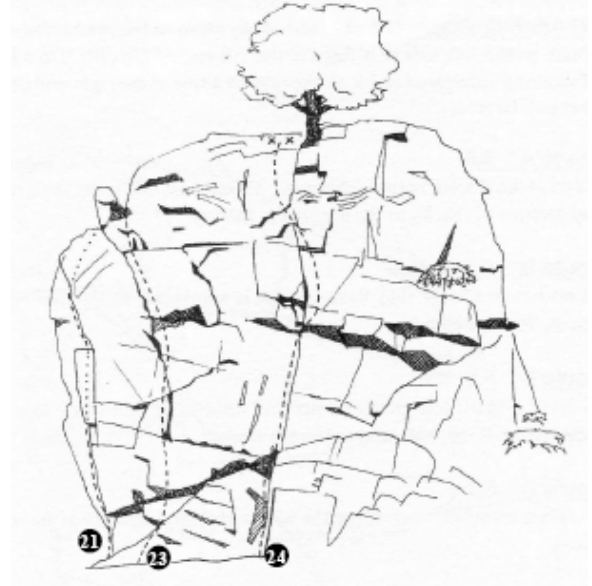
Sunday (Western Cwm)



Spindrift Wall

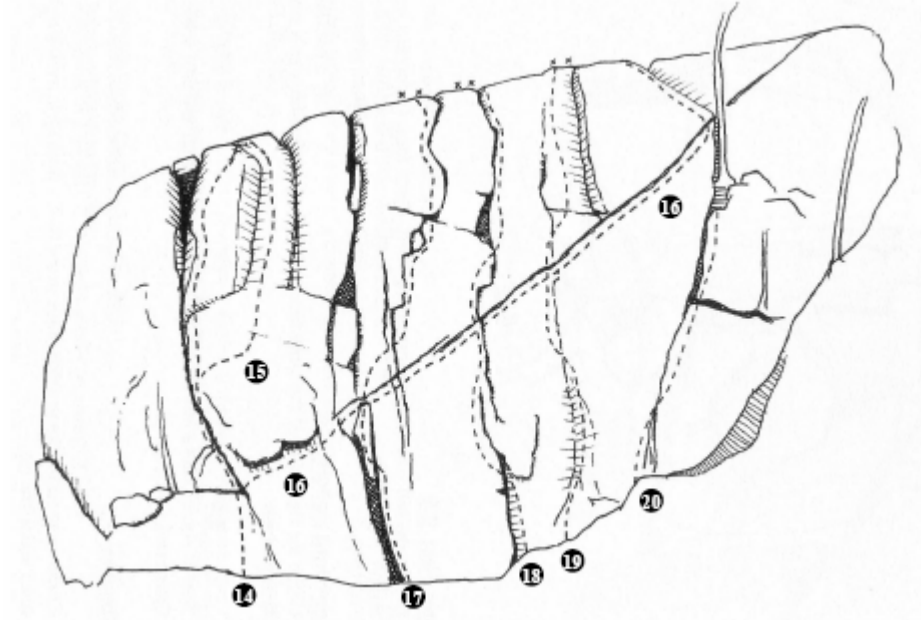


Reaper Butress



Route	Name	Grade
14	The Canopy	5.4
15	Bunny Corner	5.4
16	Still Another Climb	5.4
17	Route A	5.5
18	Route B	5.4
19	Route C	5.5
20	Route D	5.1
21	Mr. Toady's Dihedral	5.8
22	Krispy Kreme	5.11a
23	The Reaper	5.9
24	Jugness	5.5
25	Bolt Line #1	5.6
26	Adas Route	5.1
27	Ground Zero	5.3
28	Bolt Line #3	5.3
29	Arachnophobia	5.3
30	Al on the Run	5.11c
31	Security	5.10d
32	Neruda	5.6
33	Probation	5.8+

North Wall



Cave Wall

