

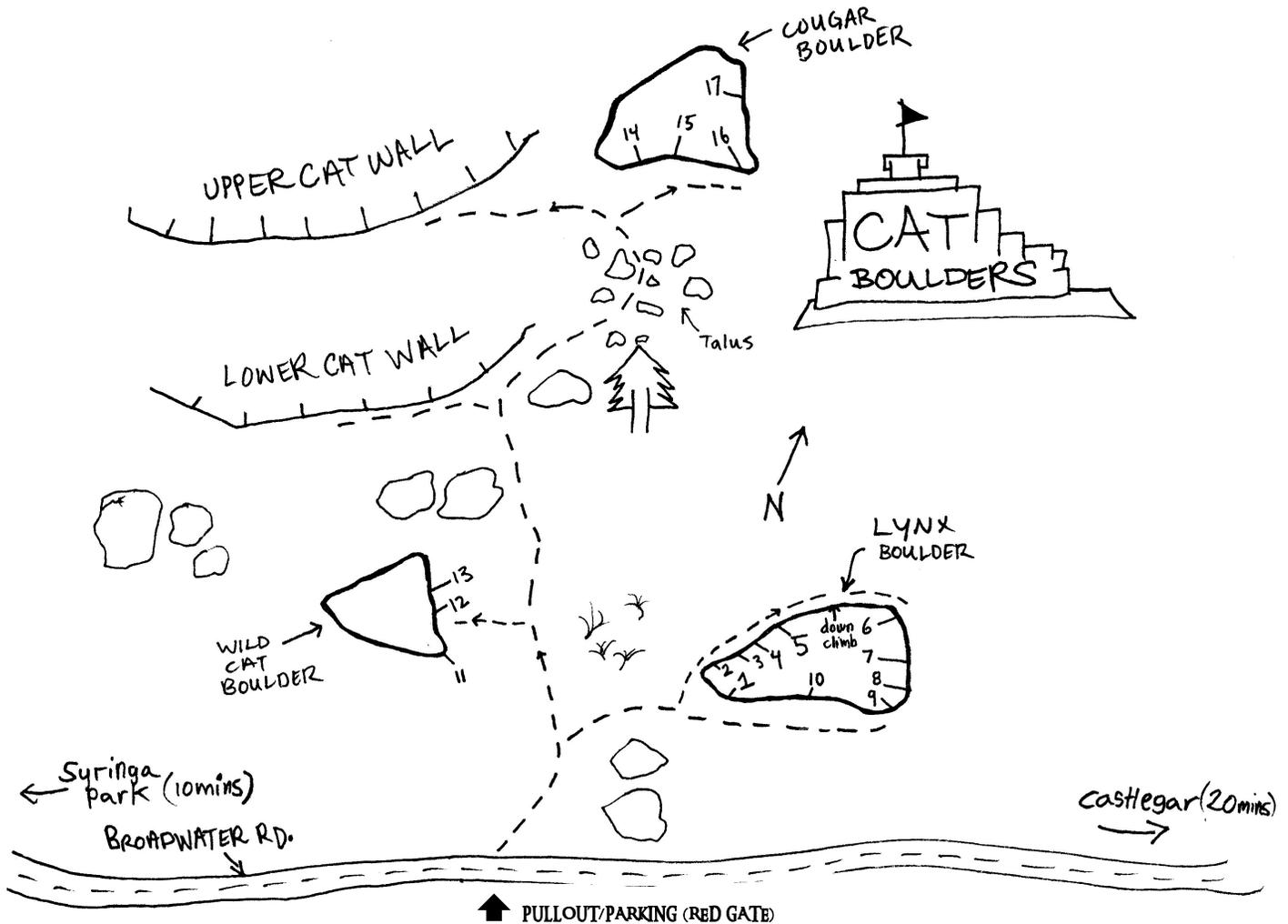
CAT BOULDERS

LOWER ARROW LAKE, B.C

This area features a great assortment of quality bouldering scattered throughout the beautiful larch forests below the towering cliffs of the Cat Wall. There are a wide variety of grades and most of the problems tend to be on steep, quality Gneiss involving big moves with good landings. There is certainly potential for more routes here and variations due to the nature of the rock; great holds everywhere! There are also many smaller boulders that have been climbed, but not recorded. A wide variety of wildlife is quite common in these parts including: black bear, wild turkeys, cougars, deer, & big horn sheep, and the forest is especially nice in fall when the larch's needles change into a spectacular golden color; a truly magnificent little place....

Directions:

Coming from Nelson, as you pass the Brilliant Dam (on your left) you take the first exit on your right towards Robson following the big blue provincial parks signs for 'Syringa Creek Provincial Park'. If you cross a bridge over the Kootenay River and hit the Castlegar Airport you have gone too far. From here follow this road down a few kilometers until you see more signs pointing to Robson and 'Syringa Provincial Park'. Take a right here and set your odometer to "0", this is Broadwater Rd. You will then pass a huge cliff on your right called 'Lion's Head' & it's namesake pub (highly recommended) to which tells you you're going the right way. Now follow this road past the Dam for a total of 11kms to a nice pullout on your left that has a little red gate (old road down to the lake). Cross the road and follow the cairned/flagged trail into the forest. The Wildcat & Lynx boulder are only a few minutes away and the Cougar boulder is found a bit further uphill in close proximity to the Upper Cat Wall (follow the main trail)



LYNX BOULDER

This massive boulder offers a little something for everyone. This is a great place to come spend a day with many projects and moderates to ensure a good pump and a big smile. Once you enter the forest, you will pass a few smaller boulders on your right. At a big cairn, hang a right a follow the trail for about 1 minute to this unmistakable boulder.

1 - Sunshine Dihedral - V1 **

Start low and climb the beautiful corner through crimps and side pulls to an easy and elegant finish.

2 - Tomcat - V1 *

Start low and climb the steep corner/arête through some fun steep rock features. Variation potential here!

3 - Apple Mango Tango - V2 ***

Start low as you can on two side pulls in the center of the wall. Power up to the awesome jug/rail, make a few big moves and slap up to the slopy ledge to where a hidden jug eases your troubles. High quality for the grade! Many variations are possible.

4 - Wild Turkeys - V4 **

Sit start on the nice side pull you used for '3' with two hands. Now move out left with increasing difficulty on shallow crimps, make a big move back out right and finish straight up. Quality!

5 - Armed & Dangerous - V1 *

Start seated on a cool crimper feature on the left part of the wall, now power up through the jugs. Named after the wasp nest that was stirred up while cleaning this area ☺

6 - Deceptacon - V7 **

Start low on the positive rail on the far right of this steep and awesome wall. A powerful sequence leads out right to a wild throw and a sloper on the arête. The deceptive climbing continues to where a nice crimp offers relief on the upper face and finally the top out. Awesome!

7 - Lynx - VProject

Crouch start on some serious crimpers in the middle of the wall. Head straight up through side pulls and little finger jams trying not to strain your fingers on those small holds. Once you've made it high off the ground some jugs finally start to show up. A great looking test piece!

8 - The Villain - VProject

Start low under the overhang just left of '7' on two awesome side pulls. Now power up left towards the arête and finish as per 'Dusk'.

9 - From Dusk Till Dawn - V6 **

Start as low as you can on the far left of the face under the overhang/arête. Very powerful moves and some tricky feet lead into some flowy and beautiful climbing all the way up the arête. Don't worry the holds are huge up there ☺ Pumpy and long!!

10 - Kubeba Roof - V3+ *

Short but sweet. Start as low as you can under the roof and power up and over, harder than it looks. Kubeba is Swahili for 'Bear' ☺

WILD CAT BOULDER

As you are walking in on the trail up to the cliffs this sweet boulder is hard to miss. It hosts one of the coolest problems at the area and features some magnificent climbing on a very wild looking prow. Be sure to check it out!

11 - Wildcat Arete - V1 *

Start low and climb the lip on the left side of the boulder. Sweet climbing.

12 - Unknown - V4 ***

Sit start down low on the right side of the face. Slap up; move out left to a crux at mid height and execute a huge throw to a finish way up high. Classic!

13 - Wildcat -V4 **

Start as per '12' but climb straight up on the arête feature with some wild tension moves.

COUGAR BOULDER

To get to this awesome boulder, follow the climber's trail up past the first cliff (Lower Cat Wall) on its right side.

Continue up through a short bit of talus and as you are about to hang a left (Upper Cat Wall) look out right and you'll see the boulder just off in the trees, 10 minutes from the road. There is a vertical face on the left (south) that offers a really nice, technical warm up, and of course the reason you walked up here 'Top Gun' ☺

14 - Shitty Kitty - V1 **

Don't let the name fool ya, this problem offers quality face climbing on great rock. Climb the face direct through a little corner feature and some sensational side pulls to a high finish on good holds!

15 - Kitty Korner - V1

Climb the corner feature to the right of 'Shitty', still a little dirty.

16 - Top Gun - V5 ***

Sit start way down low on the left part of the overhang/arête. Traverse along the lip until it is possible to transition onto the right hand face and a nice jug. Some powerful moves lead from here through a small corner/layback feature and a sneaky, high finish. It's not over until you touch that final lip. Long & fun!

17 - Kitty Hawk - V4 *

Start low on the face just to the right of 'TOP GUN' on the flake. Now climb the hollow sounding flake up past a few tricky moves to a good rail, mantle and finish up high.