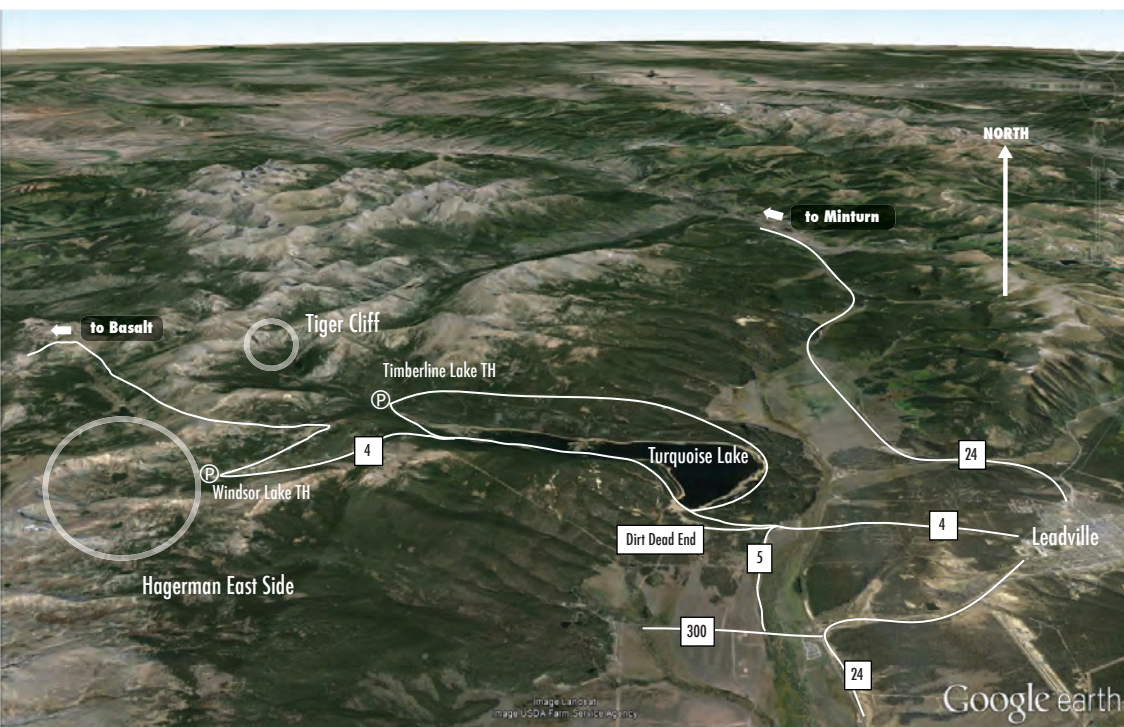


# SAWATCH RANGE

Though the highest peak in Colorado is Mount Elbert (14,439') the interesting rock climbing lies north of this rubble-strewn Texan magnet in a band of intrusive granite stretching from Tennessee Pass to the outskirts of Aspen. This section and the West to Independence section cover a smattering of the climbing in the Sawatch Range.





## HAGERMAN EAST SIDE

Seldom visited and varied. This area has great bouldering, short routes and multi-pitch climbs up to 300'. While some of the rock is amazingly clean other areas are plagued with sometimes dinner plate sized potato chips.

The Trailhead Boulders are the closest option. A twenty minute drive and a five minute hike will get you there from downtown Leadville. The most travelled routes include Astrominer (.11d) and routes at Global Warming. While these notes cover many of the boulders and cliffs in the area there is lots more out there that has been climbed and that has yet to be discovered. For information about the climbing on the west side of Hagerman Pass go to: <http://www.splitterchoss.com/topos/hagerman-pass.pdf>

## HOWDY, STRANGER.

Many of the places in this book are pristine, rarely visited, and fragile alpine treasures. They don't look like anyplace you've been climbing in the Front Range, more like you just stumbled upon them on a walk in the mountains. Beautiful spots.

You have the power to change that.

It would be utterly irresponsible of us to unleash this book upon the world without mentioning that with that power comes the obligation of any thinking person to use those powers for good. We're asking you not to screw things up.

Climbers in any significant numbers are a new thing up here, and we'd like to remain a welcome and respected user group. Lots of locals like to hike around up in the wilderness, and they don't make the trek just to look at your tick marks, manufactured landings, and broken-off trees. They don't want to smell your shit, or hear you screaming 'fuck!' either. Save that stuff for your garage, and enjoy what makes this place so special. See you out there.

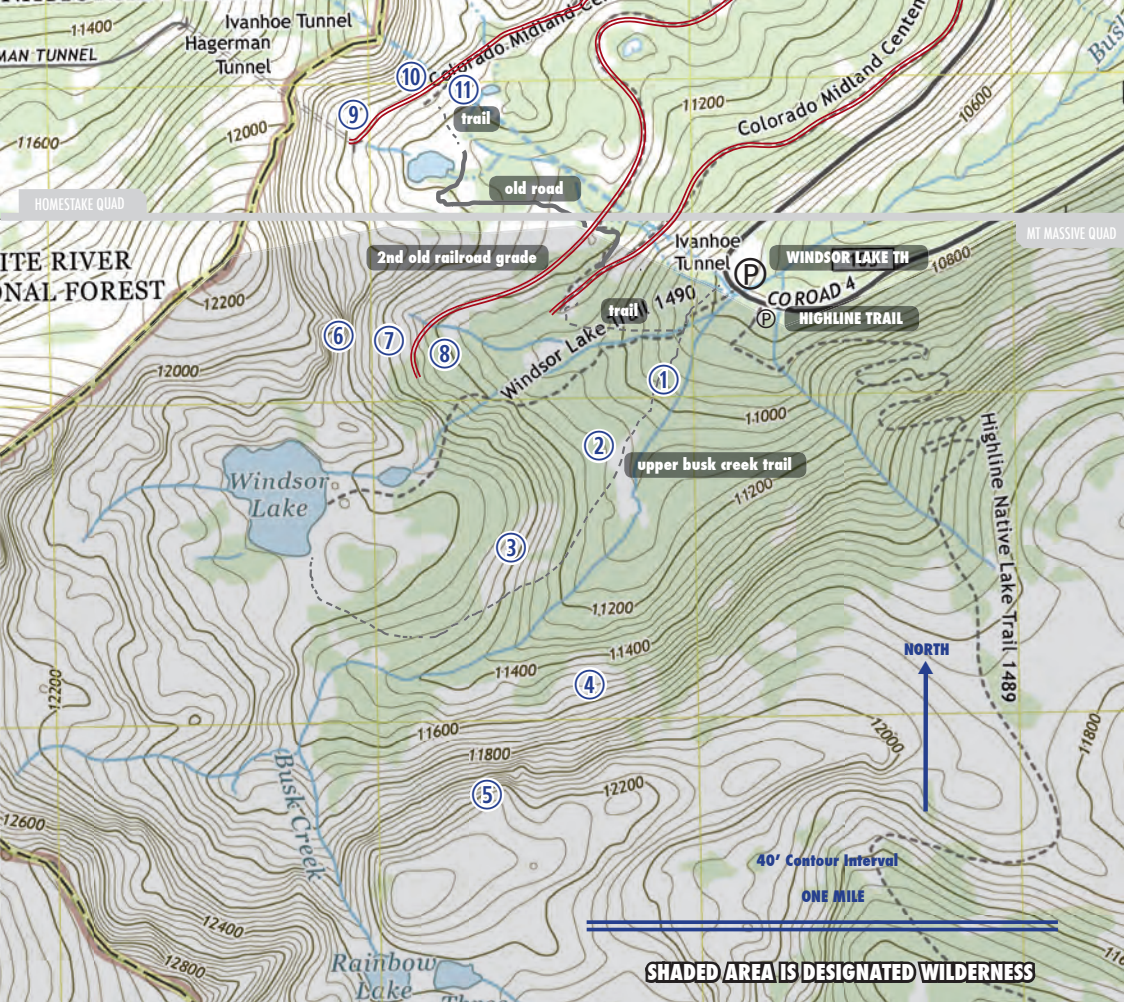


## HAGERMAN EAST SIDE MAP

A relatively complex and nebulous area. It is easy to get lost and find new boulders and crags...

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## WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST





**NINJA KICK TRAVERSE**

Peter Dodge



Justin Talbot

Peter Dodge finds a way to do the huge move statically on the Ninja Kick Traverse at the Ninja Kick Boulders.

## TRAILHEAD BOULDERS

Follow the Busk Creek Trail for 5 minutes and the Trailside Boulder will appear on your left. This area has the feel of a temperate rain forest with moss everywhere and is dark even on the sunniest days. A good warm-up spot on the way to the bouldering areas further up.

### 1 Bottomed Seam ★ V6? 15'

Use seam and face holds.

### 2 Corner ★★ V2 15'

Fun left facing corner, right next to the arête.

### 3 Nail Biter ★★ V3 18'

Super thin face climbing up the just less than vertical and highest part of the boulder.

### 4 Dish it Out ★★ V3 15'

Fun climbing on large slopers and a tiny nubbin.

### 5 Short One ★★ V5? 10'

Use the large layback hold and gun it for the top.

### 6 Trailside Classic Left ★★ V1 18'

Start in the middle of the boulder and head up and left.

### 7 Trailside Classic Right ★★ V2 20'

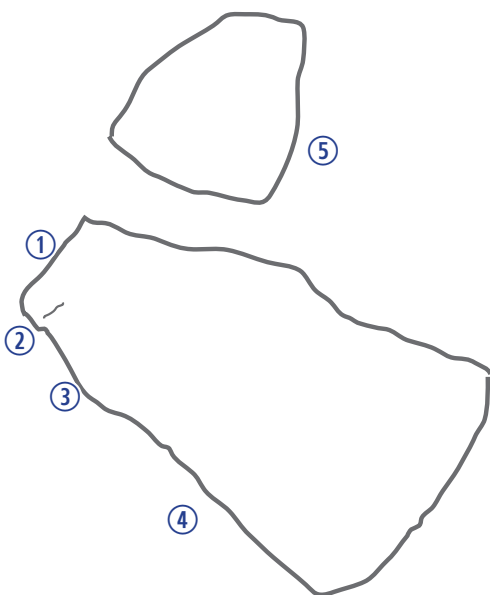
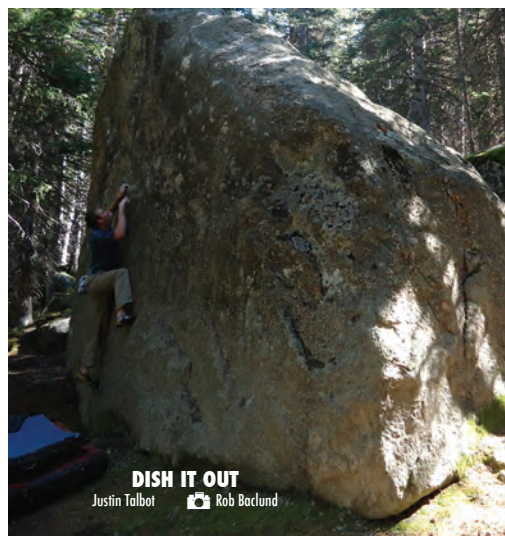
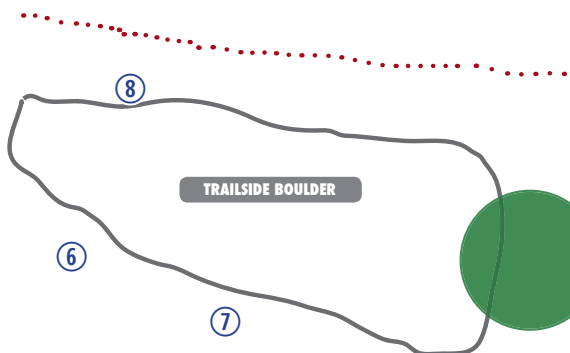
Climb right up the middle of the highest part of the boulder. A long move to a good hold toward the top makes it a little spicy.

### 7.5 Trailside Boulder Girdle Traverse ★★ V2 40'

Begin on the starting holds of the previous two climbs and traverse to the right around the boulder. The tree is off as you round the corner. An exposed move on good holds gets you onto the top part of Trailside Left, down climb this to where you started. If you are still feeling fresh finish up TCR.

### 8 Trailside ★ V0 15'

An easy and fun warm-up two feet from the trail.



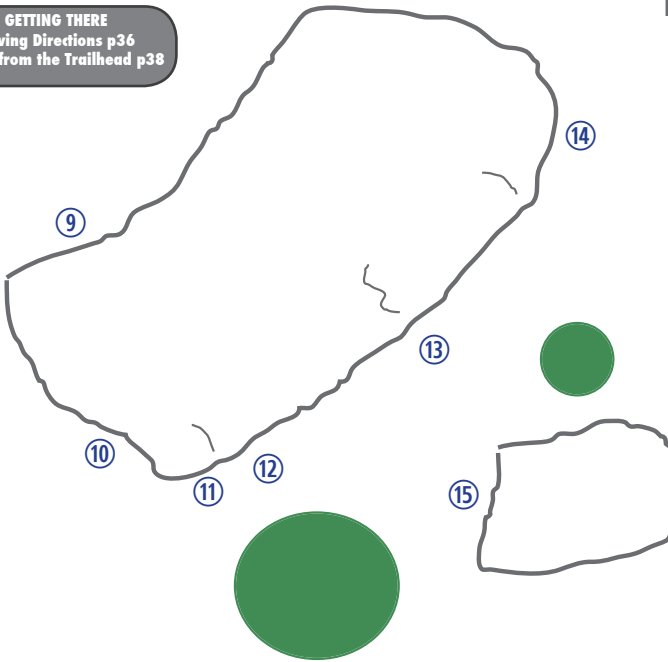


## GETTING THERE

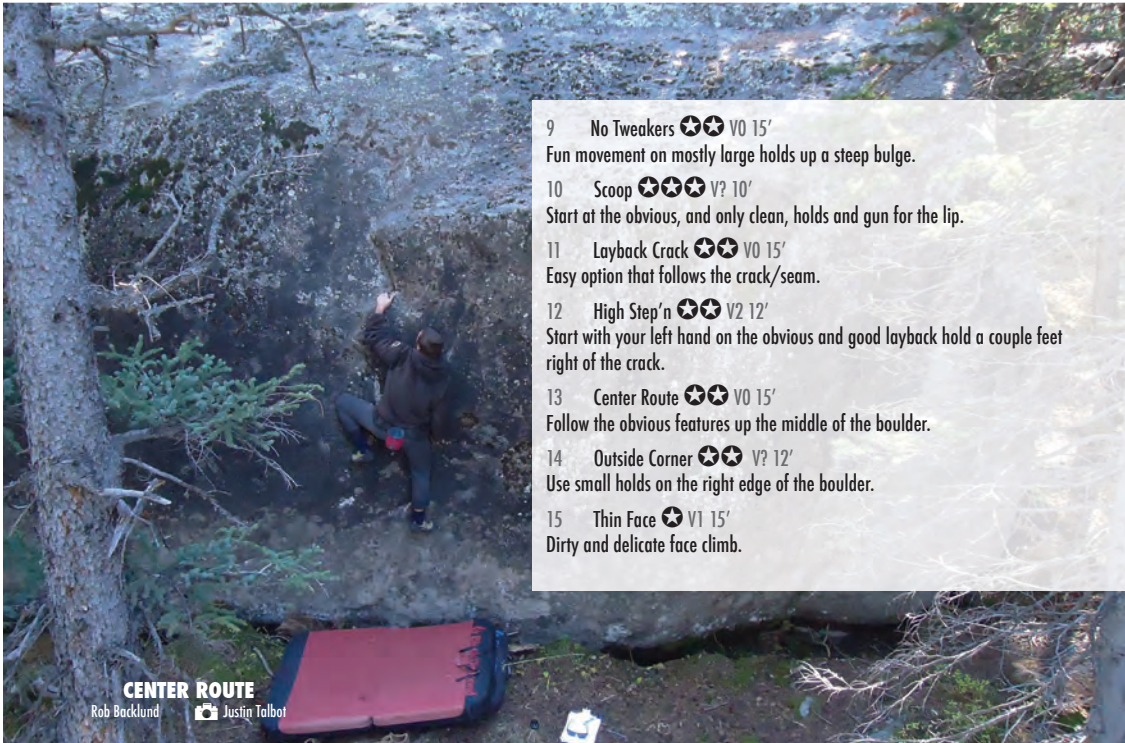
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## TRAILHEAD BOULDERS



upper busk creek trail



- 9 No Tweakers ★★ V0 15'  
Fun movement on mostly large holds up a steep bulge.
- 10 Scoop ★★★ V? 10'  
Start at the obvious, and only clean, holds and gun for the lip.
- 11 Layback Crack ★★ V0 15'  
Easy option that follows the crack/seam.
- 12 High Step'n ★★ V2 12'  
Start with your left hand on the obvious and good layback hold a couple feet right of the crack.
- 13 Center Route ★★ V0 15'  
Follow the obvious features up the middle of the boulder.
- 14 Outside Corner ★★ V? 12'  
Use small holds on the right edge of the boulder.
- 15 Thin Face ★ V1 15'  
Dirty and delicate face climb.

## CENTER ROUTE

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40 minutes from Leadville

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HAGERMAN PASS  
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