



The HOMESTEAD

Arizona Limestone



Approximately 18 miles south of the town of Globe, Az. There is a wealth of untapped limestone cliffs that is just waiting to be developed. Back in the early 1990's? Jim Waugh went to a band of limestone know as El Cap Canyon. He and a couple of others bolted a select few extremely nice lines, and then he moved on to develop other areas of Arizona.

In the late 90's Chad Cooper and Greg Varela headed to El Cap canyon and started bolting a plethora of hard lines that many have only seen one ascent. Lack of interest in making the drive to the area once again stopped development in the area.

The third wave of development came from JBone, Ben Boyd, John Rosholt, Garrett Auxier and others. They came into the lower section of El Cap Canyon and bolted a ton of excellent lines. These are some of the best climbs in Arizona. Problems started occurring as the area started getting popular. The landowner posted No Trespassing signs and asked us not to venture onto his land anymore.

As a result of the limitations imposed by the land owner Jason, Ben, John, Fred and the other developers went on a search to find other walls to develop that were not on private land. Low and behold they found another canyon down a dirt road, a couple of miles away. THE HOMESTEAD. The rock had more overhangs, more tufa, and the same bullet hard limestone we had come to love as in El Cap.



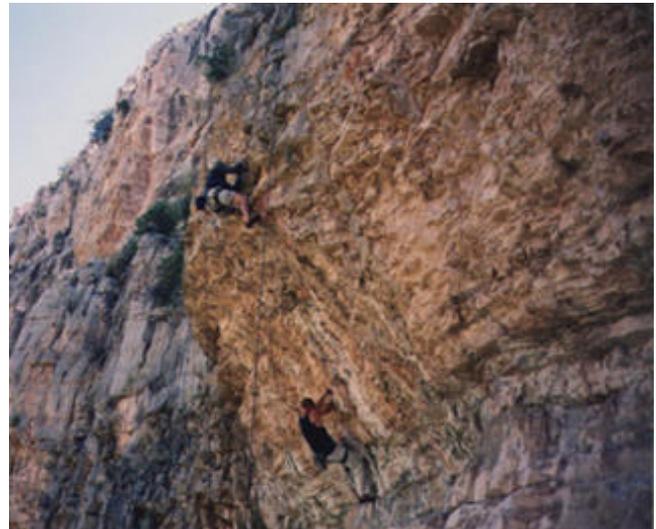


This is where the route development in central Arizona will take place for a long time to come. The drive to the Homestead requires a 4 wheel drive truck. Unless you plan on beating the crap out of your Subaru. It takes about a half an hour to drive down the dirt road. Please close the gates as you drive down the road. Please respect any cattle you encounter as well. The hike to the cliff bands is another 20-30 min hike depending on which wall you go to and how fast you hike. The standard approach is via the creek bed up to Welcome Wall and Bone Town. The approach to Finland is uphill but has some of the hardest, longest lines in the canyon. If you don't want to hike uphill for your first visit, stay in the wash. The first couple of

walls are warm up walls. Keep going for the long routes (Karma Cave and Rough Rider Wall)

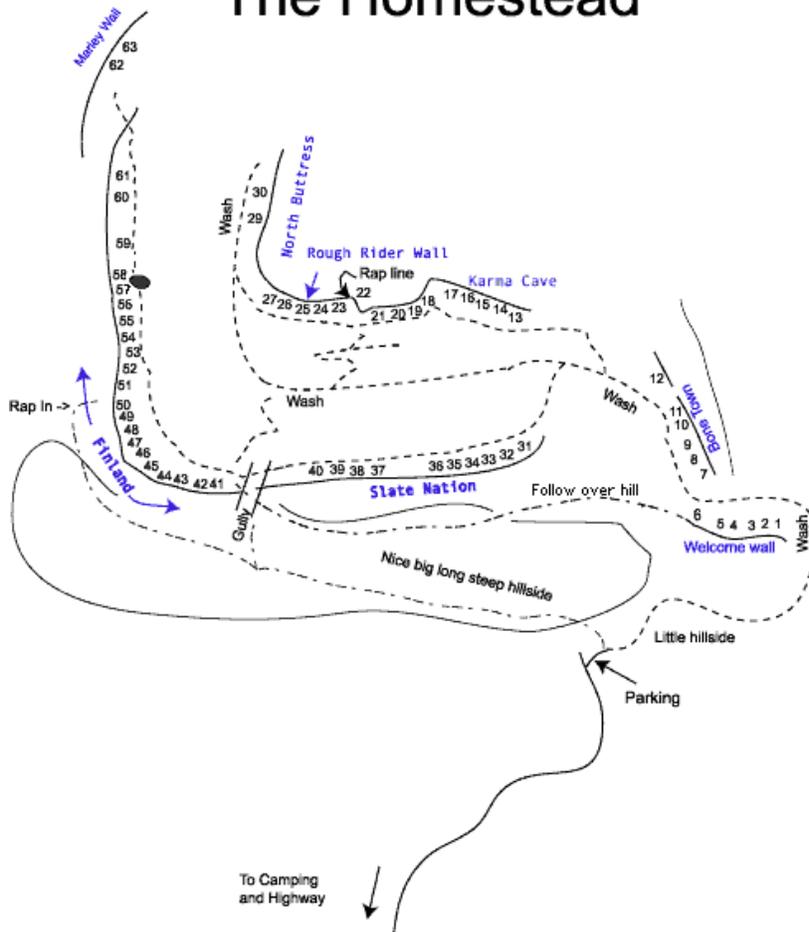
The best time to climb here is in the fall, winter, and spring. Summer is just too darn hot. If you get burned out climbing at the Homestead, there are a few other small crags around that the Homestead crew has developed. If you want to check out the other areas, including El Cap, The Drip, The Reef, The Coliseum, and the Land of the Lost.

- 1. Welcome Wall**
- 2. Bone Town**
- 3. Karma Cave**
- 4. Slate Nation**
- 5. Rough Rider Wall**
- 6. North Buttress**
- 7. Finland**

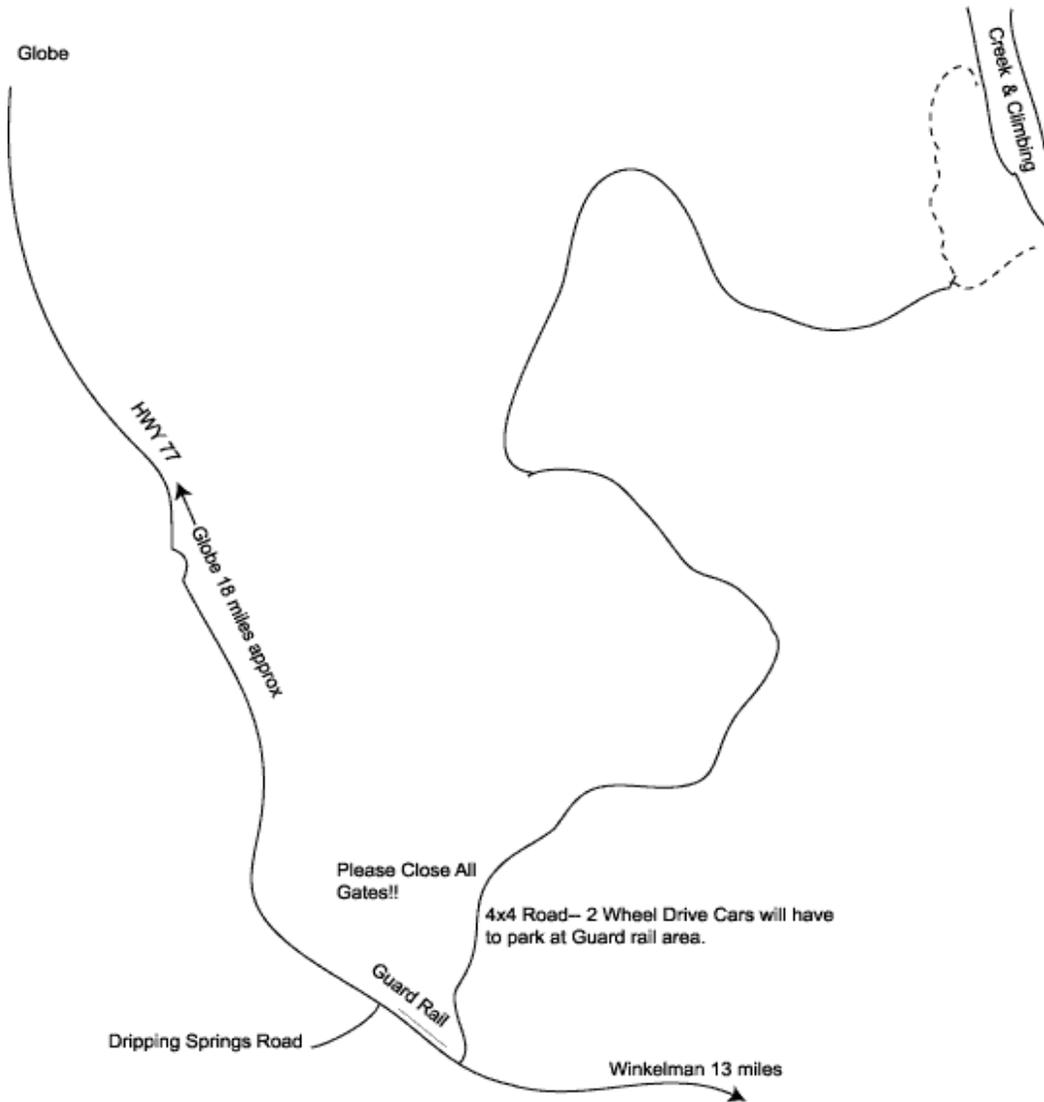




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Directions



Welcome Wall

Welcome wall provides the easiest routes in the canyon with excellent spacing to lead or top-rope. This wall face's east and provides a good warm-up wall on cold mornings.

1. Crystal Pistol (5.8) - 4 Bolts + Rings - This short route was bolted by Ben Boyd and provides an excellent warm-up.

2. **Hoodoo Voodoo (5.9)- 5 Bolts + Rings - The first few moves will show your style to a sustained finish.

3. **Blue Lime Pie** (5.10a) - 5 Bolts + Rings - This route bolted by Dave Ianuzzi is a **must do Classic**. The first few moves are indicative of things to come.

4. **Peanut Butter Crack Lover (5.7) - 5 Bolts + Rings - Probably the best route for the Grade, and the only for the grade. Easy first climb, Sometimes there are Bee's in the Tree to the right.

5. *Hot Cherry Sundays (5.9) – 4 Bolts + Quicklinks – A route put up on two, Very Hot, Sundays in the middle of summer. Brad Sanders and Rod Richards first route. Rap off to avoid rope from pig-tailing.

6. Brickyard Buffet - (5.10b) – 5 bolts + rings – New route just left of Mellow Messiah. Curious bricks used to pull through interesting stone.

7. *Mellow Messiah** (5.10a) - 5 Bolts + Rings – High first bolt is best clipped with clip-stick, but the bold have little to fear. Really Cool moves on great limestone.

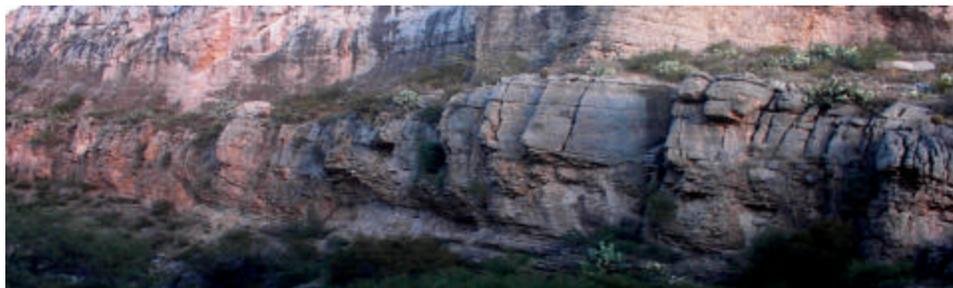




Bone Town

Bone Town is the second wall you will approach to your right side. This wall is accessible near the right end of the wall leading to a path beneath the routes. This wall faces north and receives shade until the late afternoon.

- 8. Tarantula** (5.10d) 5 bolts + Rings – Rightmost face to crack then over block to anchors.
- 9. Chips** (5.12a) 5 bolts + Rings – Face route up weld shuts at right end of wall. Nice technical edging through seams crossing the face.
- 10. Knuckle Sandwich** (5.10a) – 5 bolts + Rings – Face to vertical seam through left side of face.
- 11. * Fried Neck Bones** (5.10d) - 4 Bolts + Rings - Lots of climbing on this walls strangest route. Good route for top-roping.
- 12. Boncher** (5.11b) – 5 bolts + open shuts – left side of steep section through strenuous underclings to nice finish.
- 13. *** Crazy Bone** (5.11b) - 5 Bolts + Rings - Quality Route put up by John “The Gambler” Rosholt. The holds will be revealed only when you need them.
- 14. ****Wish Bone** (5.11a) - 5 Bolts + Rings - The most obvious line on the steepest section lends to outstanding holds and a surprising finish. Bolted Thanksgiving 99’
- 15. ***Bonchhead** (5.11c) - 5 Bolts + Rings - Black Hangers where added to utilize the smaller holds on the steepest section.
- 16. **Milk Bone** (5.10a) – 3 Bolts + Rings – This was the first route bolted by Dave Ianuzzi. The hard start rewards you with a treat and an easier finish.
- 17. ****Cryniod Arete** (5.11d) - 6 Bolts + Rings – This striking arête is the walls finest to date. Bolted by The Gambler, it serves as a stepping-stone for the climbs to come.



Karma-Cave



Karma-Cave was our first destination at this crag, Short and steep, this wall sits high in the canyon and faces north-west. Shade in the beginning of the day and sun usually around noon. Probably the most developed section of the canyon at this point.

- 13. 18. Spontaneous Consumption** 35 ft - 5 bolts + Chains (5.11c)
- Before you know it there it is, the Crux. 1st route bolted by The Gambler here at the Homestead.

- 19. The Route Formerly known as Stegosaurus** 35 ft - 5 bolts + Chains (5.13-) – After moving the 1st bolt, this route was renamed. Still awaits a FA. Like the rest of Homestead “Your Welcome to it.”



- 20. Karma Coated** 35 ft - 5 bolts + Anchors (5.13+) – Hard moves out of roof lead to the crux at the lip. Not seen an ascent yet.

- 21. BreadFan** 35 ft – 5 bolts + Anchors (5.12d) – Super Classic bouldery start thwarts most attempts. Save a little for the middle. Only 4 ascents known to date. Pictured below.

- 22. Landslide** 40 ft – 5 bolts + Rings (5.10d) – Good warm-up with hard start. Try to stay out of the chimney to maintain difficulty.

- 23. Karma Crack** 25 ft – 3 bolts + Anchors (5.11b) - Short but sweet. It has been Jammed and it has been face-climbed, either way will work you.

- 24. Bowls for Breakfast** 45 ft – 5 bolts + Anchors (5.10c) – Trick start yields a relief to the finish over the blocks.

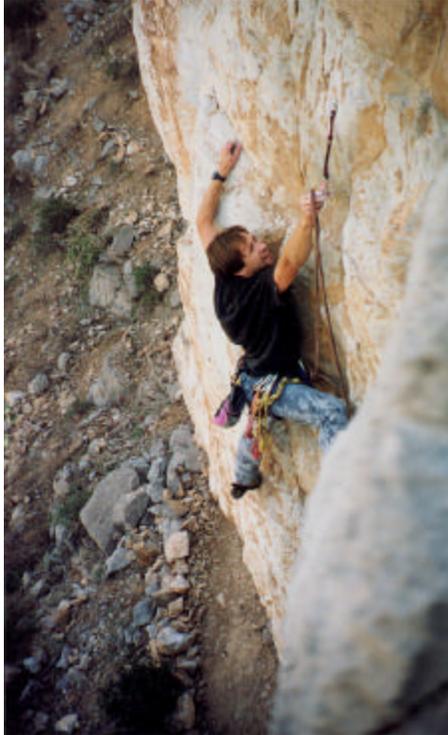
- 25. One Hit Wonder** 45 ft – 6 bolts + Anchors (5.11d) – Classic moves on great rock. Awesome finish...

- 26. Pipe Dreams** 40 ft – 4 bolts + Anchors (5. 9) – Super-Crack leading to a vertical finish. Great Warm-up.



Rough-Rider Wall

This wall is impressive in its size, boasting some of the longest most consistent routes in the Canyon. Access is to the left of the Karma-Cave; you will find a fixed line to rappel (or a set of chains if you prefer) lowers you about 40 feet to the foot of wall.



Most of the routes require a 200 ft. rope so bring two if you have any doubts on length.

Facing west this wall gets morning shade and afternoon sun.



27. J-Bone Memorial Hwy. 80ft 7-bolts + Fixed. Anchors - (5.11c) – The shortest route may let you in on what’s ahead. Classic line up the face next to rappel. Crux is low so Pre-Bolt if you have concerns.

28. Cold Fusion 130ft 16 bolts + Rings – (5.11d) – Sustained climbing on clean limestone. Vertical plethora of moves.

29. The Rough-Rider 85 ft 10 Bolts + Rings (5.11c) – This route is the namesake for the cliff providing a crux worthy of the name.

30. Semi-Bluff 85ft 11 bolts + Rings (5.12a) – The grade comes from the shear consistency in this route. Many Crux’s wear you down on this gem.

31. Crescendo 95ft 13 bolts + Anchors (5.12b) - John was thinking of the great gig in the sky when he put this up. Save some for the finish, obviously.

32. The Riddler 100ft 13 bolts + Anchors (5.12b/c) - Furthest left route at this time. Insane moves, bring out the decoder for this line.

33. Gila Monster (5.12) Short route found on the North Buttress John Rosholt

34. Short Stop (5.12) Furthest line bolted on this side of canyon John Rosholt

Slate Nation

The most recent wall to see bolting, Slate Nation has become the ideal wall to spend the afternoon at. Facing east, this wall receives late morning shade. Most routes here are vertical and sustained. With a healthy mix of moderates, this wall is destined to become one of the more popular walls at the Homestead.



- 35. Origins** 5.11d 5 bolts + rings - 1st bolt stick clip, then thin edges to nice finish
- 36. Clean Slate** 5.12a (55 ft) 5 bolts + Open Shuts - Get a fresh start on this benchmark route. A tough crux can be done many ways but the candy surprise waits ahead.
- 37. Atmospheric Slate** 5.8 (60 ft) 5 bolts + rings - Aight, What the hell does this name mean? Find out on this Classic Moderate.
- 38. Slate Nation Blues** 5.8 (65 ft) 7 bolts + Chains - This wall's first route bolted by Mike Covington and Garret Auxier. Excellent warm-up and great to lead.
- 39. Surfing the Slate Nation** 5.11b (55 ft) 6 bolts + rings - Excellent face



climbing on pristine stone. Hang ten at the crux and soon you will find yourself in the Tubes.

- 40. Finger Monkey** 5.11b (60ft) 7 bolts +

rings - A series of strong under clings take you to an obscure face. Good variety of features will take you through the gambit.

- 41. Bombay Sapphire** 5.11a - 5 bolts + shuts - Bouldery start off talus spike to moderate edging finish.
- 42. Head Cleaner** 5.11a (55ft) 5 bolts + Open Shuts - Superb Face Climbing on 'Grade A' stone. Sometimes a little Head Cleaner is all you need to solve this climb.
- 43. Sacrificial Fox** 5.12 (65 ft) 7 bolts + rings - A little further down the shelf is this cruxy Eulogy to the Elusive Fox. Bolted by The Gambler.
- 44. Hipster Dufus** 5.11 (50ft) 5 bolts + rings - Don't let the name fool you, this classic brings the best of both together.
- 45. American Flyer** 5.11 (50ft) 5 bolts + rings - Bolted towards the end of the 2000 season. This route will be the trendsetter for the walls later routes.

46. Beautiful

Noise 5.11
 (55 ft) 5 bolts
 + rings -
 Come on
 Darrin. Tell
 us a little
 about your
 route.



Finland

This is the largest single sport wall so far in the state. This wall has more Tufa Features than any other wall bolted to date in the state. Although the hike is the longest there are two approaches via gully or from the slate nation wall. Morning sun then goes into the shade by the mid afternoon to provide a pleasant finish on the long routes here.



- 47. The Moose** (5.10) - Route ascends good rappel point to reach lower finland area. Bolted by Howard named after his pooch.

48. Opus Magnum (5.13a) - Long line on left face of overhung arête. Currently open line bolted by John Rosholt.



49. Masterpiece Theater

(5.12a) - Super striking arête up spectacular moves to anchors.

50. Elsa

(5.8) - Easiest line on the wall to date. Bolted by Manuel Rangel

51. Triple E (5.10) - Moderate bolted by Manuel Rangel

52. Estevan's Roof (5.11) - Manuel Rangel route.

53. Extendo Cling (5.12) – John Rosholt

54. Dynamite Sex Sauce (5.12) - 6 bolts + rings Upper terrace line bolted by Dave Ianuzzi

55. Tailspin (5.11) - 5 bolts + rings Short upper terrace route on right end. John Rosholt

56. Sacrificial Pig (5.12d) - 7 bolts + rings 1st route at left most end of Tufa-City section. Bolted lower buttress leads to upper steep section to flake filled finish. Dave Ianuzzi

57. Kryptic Curtain (5.13a) - 10 bolts + rings Long route starts at lower buttress and then follows huge tufa to reach intensive lip move then up to a delicate face. Garret Auxier

58. The Natural (5.14-) - 10 bolts + rings Long route up tricky lower buttress up to hard bouldery lip to reachy thin top face moves.



59. Fred's Route (5.11) - 6 bolts + rings Blocky start wanders right to tricky tufa pinches then lip to finish.

60. Black Sunshine (5.12b) - 11 bolts + rings Long line bolted by Ben Boyd is divided in the middle at small cave

61. Ground Affects (5.11a/b) - 5 bolts + rings Open limestone pods reveal steep moves to exiting on steller tufa pinch crux after last bolt.



62. Tufa the Soul (5.13b/c) - 5 bolts + rings Face moves and small tufa lead to main tufa line at steep section to hard boulder move at top of line.

63. Sun Burst (5.13a) - long line bolted by John Rosholt

64. Millennium Meltdown (5.12a/b) 5 bolts + rings Short line up white face John Rosholt

65. Canned Heat (5.11)

66. Greg Varela Route



67. Fred's Line

68. Natural Mystic (5.12c) Sweet line up through dihedrals to right lip at anchors. Mike Fitzgerald

69. Scorpio (5.11) Mike Fitzgerald dihedral line at right end of cliff.