

## **Tumbler Ridge Rock Climbing**

Tumbler Ridge is a budding destination for a variety of rock climbing activities. The area is being actively developed and should at this time be considered wilderness climbing.

Climbing is a sport with inherent risks, and all climbers are responsible for their own safety at all times. Beyond the usual hazards associated with climbing, established routes may possess loose rock and fixed protection should only be used after inspection.

### **USE BOLTS AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION.**

New routes are being added weekly. At the time of writing, there are over 100 established climbs in the Tumbler Ridge area. Climbs often have bolted anchors, with sport and traditionally protected routes available. Ethics of the region are that if natural (traditional) protection is possible, no lead bolts will be placed.

Local climber Craig Waters (250 242-7450) is the best source of information, and has put up most of these routes. There is also a facebook page, "BC Peace Region Climbers" where further information is be available. Below is a list of crags that have seen at least some development. Most routes are top-rope accessible. Note that there is no cell service once you leave the town of Tumbler Ridge.

Established in October of 2016, the North East Climbing Association (NECA) is a BC-registered non-profit society whose primary goals are to facilitate access and development of climbing routes and areas in the Northeastern Canadian Rockies and surroundings, and disseminate information about climbing in the region. While predominately based in the BC Peace Region, NECA is interested in gathering information about all climbing in an area roughly north of Jasper, south of the Territories, and eastern slopes of the Rockies. NECA has a facebook page, and the email address is: [northeastclimbingassociation@gmail.com](mailto:northeastclimbingassociation@gmail.com).

## **Boulder Gardens (#35) 8 - 15 m tall**

Use the "Boulder Gardens and Babcock Falls Hiking Trails" brochure as a guide, which gives driving instructions on how to get to the Boulder Gardens parking area. It is about a 40 minute drive from town.



*5.11a, Roman Road, Boulder Gardens*

Development of climbing routes here is scattered, but two main areas have been developed: Chimney Rock (the first feature on the counter-clockwise circular trail) and The Roman Road (faces are visible up to the right from the parking lot). Both are a 10 minute walk (0.5 km).

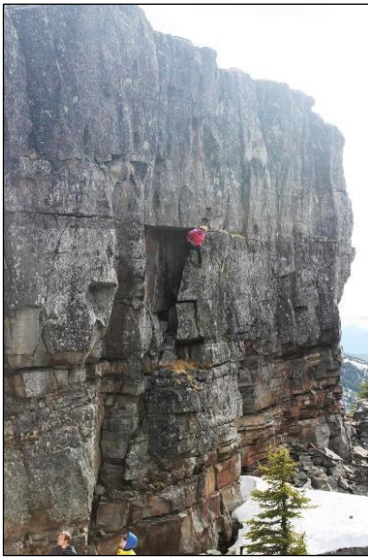
## **The Shipyard (#36) 10 - 30 m tall**

Use the "Shipyard-Titanic Hiking Trails" brochure as a guide. This gives driving instructions on how to get to the Shipyard-Titanic parking area, which is a 5 minute drive past the Boulder Gardens trailhead. It is about a 45 minute drive from town.

Walls at the Bismarck and Titanic have seen some development, which are a 1 – 1.5 km walk from the trailhead.

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*Titanic Rock*

### **Foehn Wall (Rehab Slab)(#26A) 20 - 30 m tall**



Approximately 600 m past the Nesbitt's Knee Falls trailhead, the Foehn Wall is the newest area, having only seen development since 2015. Lower angle slab climbing, an easy 2 minute approach, and a family-friendly base have made this area quite popular. Numerous trad lines and a handful of sport climbs have been completed so far, with lots of opportunity for new routes. A 1 km circular hiking trail leads along the top of the wall and past a waterfall and a cave.

### **Hasler Crag (Chetwynd) 20 - 30 m tall**

This rock face has been popular among climbers in the Peace Region for many years, and was the only place to climb until routes in the Tumbler Ridge area were put up. Go to [www.accprincegeorge.ca /resources/electronic-guides](http://www.accprincegeorge.ca/resources/electronic-guides). Under "Climbing Guides" click on the link "ClimbersGuidetoHaslerCragversion1.2.doc" for a detailed description of this area. An updated guide is available on the above-mentioned facebook page.

To get to Hasler Crag, drive 90 km north on Hwy 29 to Chetwynd, then turn left and drive 21 km west on Hwy 97 South. The crag is on the right (north) side of the highway. Parking is on the grassy area at the junction of Houde Road and the highway (directly across from the cliffs).

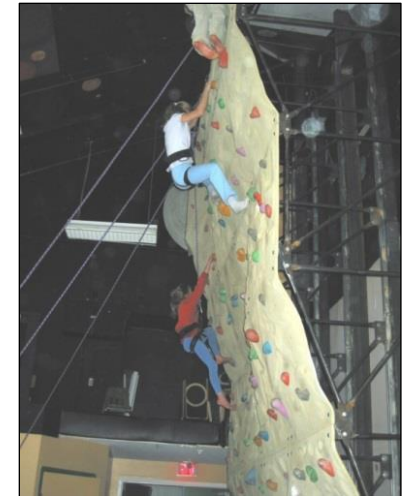
The trailhead starts on the left hand side of the gravel road (the "No Entry" signed area directly across from Houde Rd). The No Entry signs are for a gravel pit further along the road. The trail to access the climbs is accessed by foot on the south end of this road. It is not trespassing to access the trail on foot to the cliffs.



There is a small no-services camping area on the trail to the crag (a fire pit and a few pads built by climbers). It is pleasant enough, but loud with highway traffic and trains.

### **Tumbler Ridge Indoor Climbing Wall**

There is a climbing wall in the Teen Centre, located downstairs in the Tumbler Ridge Community Centre. Contact Dawn Wagner (250 242-3570) to rent the wall at \$30/hr for up to 6 people.



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