

Overflow Parking



Kiosk

No Climbing Zone

Greenback Wall

Motorcycle Rocks

Haystack Block

Haystack Block Area:

Between Roadside and Rock City areas lies a collection of routes on a few odd blocks. This area is known as the "Haystack Area" because Haystack Block is distinguishable. Within this area lies the Greenback wall, Motorcycle, and of course Haystack Block. Haystack is one of the only blocks with sport to lack of features on this face you'll understand why. These 2 sport routes were established in the 70's, and the bolts were re-placed in the early 90'

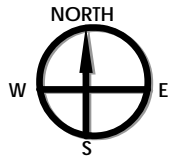
Access:

Once inside the park drive about 3 miles (South) on the main park road, heading towards the overlook area. Park in the first large parking lot on the right. Follow the trail in in the Southeast corner of this parking lot (opposite end from the kiosk). It will take you to a paved trail toward a short distance till you see a faint trail on the left, leading down hill. Take this trail down hill, down a little scramble, and you will be at the continue down and left this is where you will find Greenback Wall (on the left).

Greenback Wall is the first wall you will come to on the trail downhill, it is on you left and offers a few decent top rope routes. The wall is distinguishable by flake which leads to a rhododendron filled ledge (20-25ft up), this crack is the route "Greenback". the other routes are in sequence to the right of **Motorcycle Rocks** are 2 boulders 50-60 yards down hill from Greenback Wall (between Greenback Wall and Haystack Block). These 2 boulders offer a handful of short boulder problems, including the areas most unique problem. According to Bill Webster guidebook "Gritstone CLimbs" (out of print) the "main attraction was to larger boulder and jump across the gap to the smaller one.

Haystack Block rests 100 yards downhill from Greenback Wall and is one of the most unique blocks found at Cooper's Rock. Haystack Block rests at a peculiar yet striking angle, with it's top sitting above the surrounding trees providing an exceptional view of the Cheat River Gorge. There are several top rope options for sport routes both 5.10. This block has obviously provided years of entertainment, since there are some carvings at the top which date back to 1922. J overhanging face with the words "Ted and Bettie 75" painted at the base. There are remnants of and old aid bolt ladder above Ted's name. The backside knobs and protrusions, a complete opposite from featureless friction face on the reverse side.

- 1.) **Greenback 5.6 (40ft.):** The left-most climb on this wall Start: at the base of the left-facing flake, follow this nice crack to the rhododendron filled ledge above. Continue top. This route tends to get dirtier at the top.
- 2.) **Unnamed-A 5.11 (40ft.):** This rock here is similar to the New River with its edgy holds, a contrast to the majority of sloped rock throughout Cooper's. Start: near the center flake system that angles slightly to the right to a ledge / roof. From here, move right, then up onto the upper wall at the diagonal flake. Head Up a top to finish just above it.
- 3.) **Unnamed B 5.10a/b (35ft.):** Farther right on the same wall is a shorter route with similar rock to the previous route. Start: Locate the roof with a thin, rusted old bolt stub up to the roof, then use follow right-facing flakes to pull up and over, head to the top to finish.
- 4.) **Corner Pocket V0:** a very short problem on the left (uphill) end of the pocketed face, Start: just below the left end of the pocketed roof, Traverse Left and up to a top, continue up to finish on top.
- 5.) **Metro V0:** another short problem on the left (uphill) end of the pocketed face, Start: below the left end of the pocketed roof, move up to the top on diagonal f hardest part of the climb.
- 6.) **Subway V0:** Yet another short problem on the left (uphill) end of the pocketed face, Start: below the left end of the pocketed roof, and right of Metro move up t feature, pull the lip to finish.
- 7.) **Up and Over V1+:** The farthest right problem on the pocketed face. This problem is more difficult and of course more committing then the previous routes. Start: near t face (at its highest point) climb up the ramp and move up to the roof, then UP & OVER
- 8.) **Zygot V1+V2:** On the opposite side of this boulder (near the trail) is a bulging slopy face with a few pockets and flakes on it. Start: locate the Grapefruit sized up) power up into this good hold to a large sloper on the right, then try to finish the slabby top out.
- 9.) **Sprocket V2:** Start: the lower nose of the boulder (towards Haystack Block), ascend the pockets heading up and right.
- 10.) **The Standard Route 5.2 R/X, (50'):** Many climbers and non-climbers find there way up this route in order to hang out at the top, Then realize the first rule of bouldering. **NEVER CLIMB UP, UNLESS YOU KNOW YOU CAN CLIMB DOWN!** START: Climb onto easy rock in the lower right-hand side of the uphill face. Head up and right on the pocketed slab until you reach the arete, Follow the low angle arete to the chain anchors at the summit.
 * **Standard Direct 5.8 (50'):** Start: to the right of the std. Route, this involves a leap from teh boulders below the arete to reach the opening holds. Once you have these holds, move right a few feet and pull the roof to the slab above, finish by using the Standard Route to the summit.
- 11.) **Rebolting Development 5.10 (4 bolts, chains, 50ft.):** START: in the lower right-hand side of the uphill face, using the line of bolts on your right. Continue up the middle of this face on fabulous textured stone to the summit.
- 12.) **Needle on the Haystack 5.10 (50ft.)**
 This is a top rope route. Start: Climb the friction slab face between The Standard Route and Rebolting Development joining Rebolting Development near
 * **Needle on the Haystack easier variation 5.8+ (50')**
 This variation begins where the climb gets to its harder friction section, Begin traversing left and up, heading for the second bolt on Rebolting Development. Continue past the bolt to the obvious diagonal crack. Then go right, following the crack, and rejoin Rebolting at the third bolt
- 13.) **Unknown 5.10+ (4 bolts chains - 50ft.):** START: follow the left-hand line of bolts, head towards the summit, there is a rest midway up and the rock is again incredible quality.
- 14.) **Cheat Crack 5.5 (65ft.):** START: at the lowest point of the backside and winds up through the bizarre landscape to the top. Numerous variations exist, including an alternate s unique route might just have the best exposure of any route at Coopers Rock.



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