

HASIA
BOULDERING
KOH TAO



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PROLOGUE

“My climbing history” by James March

It took a crazy “farang” like my to ignore the water sports and come to these beaches just to climb. I have a history of doing just these, developing obscure boulders fields, sometimes in exotics parts of the world. Having studied Art in college, I have always applied myself to my activities as creatively as possible.

My bouldering has involved into these, at type of artistic discipline. The boulders themselves are canvases, just waiting to be cleaned with a brush and painted with my chalk and sweat. The rock is here. The moment is now. On and on and on...

INTRODUCTION

Koh Tao is located at the East of Chumpon , close to Koh Phangnan and Koh Samui island. It is a Koh Phangnan district, belonging to Surat Thani County. The English meaning of Koh Tao is “Turtle Island” because the island used to be full of turtles.

The island is located 47 km from the North of Koh Phangnan, 72km from Koh Samui, and 74 km from Chumpon.

GEOGRAPHY

The widest part of the island is 3,4 km and 7,6 km the longest part. It is a steep island where we can find lots of rocks by the waterline. Koh Tao has 11 bays and 10 capes. Mountains, with a 30% slope, mainly create the landscape.

WEATHER

The weather changes along the year; the monsoon season starts between the end of November and the beginning of December, leaving 300 sunny days and 65 rainy days. In that season, the island is characterized by short but heavy rain, but we don't have to worry about the lack of climbing in this period, considering that the granite is the main rock in the island, which get dry quite fast with high temperatures.

The average temperature varies between 30C° and 35C°, and because of this heat we can get tired easier.

THE ROCK

Granite is the main rock in Koh Tao, which is easy to find because is located along the paths, in the middle of the jungles or at the beach. Half of the island keeps being wild and empty, giving to the climber amazing places and feelings to practise this sport.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREAS

In the island we can practise different kind of climbing, boulder and sport climbing. Furthermore, Koh Tao give us the opportunity of climbing unbelievable places, either by the sea or in the middle of the jungle, being quite easy to get to the climbing areas due to the existence of different paths in good conditions along the island. However, we have to keep in mind that these are not usual paths, so we have to be careful when we pass through them.

In this guide we can find the different areas for bouldering, with the essential information about the best areas that we can discover in Koh Tao.

THE BOULDERS

This is Koh Tao, no Krabi.

If you are waiting to climb limestone, think again about it. As we said before, granite is the main rock in Koh Tao. This kind of rock comes from the Neolithic Era, finding old and new rocks, which gives to climbers the possibility of climbing really interesting ways.

These kinds of boulders are similar to the “JosuaTree” American sector. Some of them got sharp crystals, and this condition with the Tropical heat make the climb more difficult. Beginners must pay special attention on their foot technics, the adherence is very good in this kind of rock and for this reason the work with the climbing shoes and the balance are really important for the climber to be able to make progress in Koh Tao.

We can find the inspiration in every single rock; there are hundreds of black and grey rocks lying down in everywhere, bearing in mind that sometimes to find them and to protect ourselves of being injured if we fall down, it is not an easy task.

Climbing is a minimalistic activity, is like a puzzle of movement where the imagination and the technics are the most important factors to be able to stand up on that black monsters.

If you are a strong climber looking for your next step, you must understand that here there is a Tropical weather and the high temperature will be your worst enemy, so it is better if you get up early and you try to climb your project before the heat comes

ETHICS & SAFETY

By James March

There are different ethics for climbing everywhere. I would like to take a moment to elaborate on Koh Tao. No bolts! Krabi has enough of them, and they are not necessary here. If you want a top rope, there are many natural anchors available to tie off, such as other rocks or the numerous trees. You will need long nylon slings, and having two shorts ropes: one for the anchor and one for the top-rope is good.

Do not alter the stone, in any way, shape or form. Respect these rocks!

I used wire brush when first cleaning the new problems, but on already established problems this will polish the rocks.

Instead use a nylon brush (toothbrush or floor scrubber) to clean the debris and caked up chalk from the holds.

Many of the problems in this guide are dangerous. Rock climbing is just that, and caution and confidence should be your own personal guide. The more dangerous problems are given an R (in this guide!) for injury potential if you fall from high up. Even a waist high fall can be serious if you are alone. If you are with friends, spot each other and if you have a crash pad use one, although I have never seen another pad in Thailand other than my own. Protect yourself however you can. I once used the mattress from my own bungalow, which I dragged every day to a certain beach side project. Please remember, there are no hospitals in Koh Tao. If you are seriously injured you should go to one of the medical clinics in the marketplace which may have a doctor available. Above all, please be careful!!!

GRADES






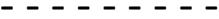

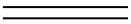
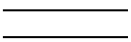








After James March point of view related to the grade and the climbing ethic, we think that can be useful to give a strong target to those climbers in Koh Tao. This target translated in a grade way it is just our subjective opinion, so climbers in disagreement with it must to remember that the grade is never exact. We based our opinion in the French scale (Fontainebleau).

Please, be respectful with the instructions of the first climber in Koh Tao, James March.

We think that with this philosophy, the activity of climbing is purer, therefore , we can get a bigger satisfaction.

Grade Conversion Table Boulder Grades			Grade Conversion Table Route Grades				
US	French	UK	Austr- alian	UK		US	French
				Adj	Tech		
V0-	1	B0	16	HVS	5a	5.9	5
			17	E1			5+
	2	B1	18	E2	5b	5.10a	6a
V0			19			5.10b	6a+
	3	B2	20	E3	5c	5.10c	6b
			21			5.10d	6b+
V1	4-/4+	B3	22	E4		5.11a	6c
V2	5-/5/5+	B4	23			5.11b	6c+
V3	6a/b		24	E5	6a	5.11c/d	7a
V4	6c/6c+	B5	25			5.12a	7a+
V5	7a	B6	26	E6	6b	5.12b	7b
V6	7a+	B7	27			5.12c/d	7c
V7	7b		28	E7		5.13a	7c+
V8	7b+	B8	29			5.13b	8a
V9	7c	B9	30	E8	6c	5.13c	8a+
V10	7c+	B10	31			5.13d	8b
V11	8a	B11	32	E9	7a	5.14a	8b+
V12	8a+	B12	33			5.14b	8c
V13	8b	B13	34			5.14c	8c+
V14	8b+	B14	35		7b	5.14d	9a

LEGEND

	Low caution
	High caution
	Extreme caution
Without stars	Bad quality
	Quality grade (1, 2 y 3)
	Sea line
	Path
	Road no asphalted
	Secondary road
	Main road
	Building
	Parking
	Boulder
	Group of boulders
	Palm
	Dense vegetation
	No entry
	Jungle border

BOULDERING AREAS MAP



BABALOO



INTRODUCTION

This sector is located on the right side of Chalok beach, and gives us the opportunity of climbing by the sea enjoying an amazing landscape.

The rock doesn't have a great quality but the lines on the blocks are really funny, with technics movements and different grades. Moreover, expert climbers can try the Big Ball, where the wall is more than 5 metres high.

ACCESS

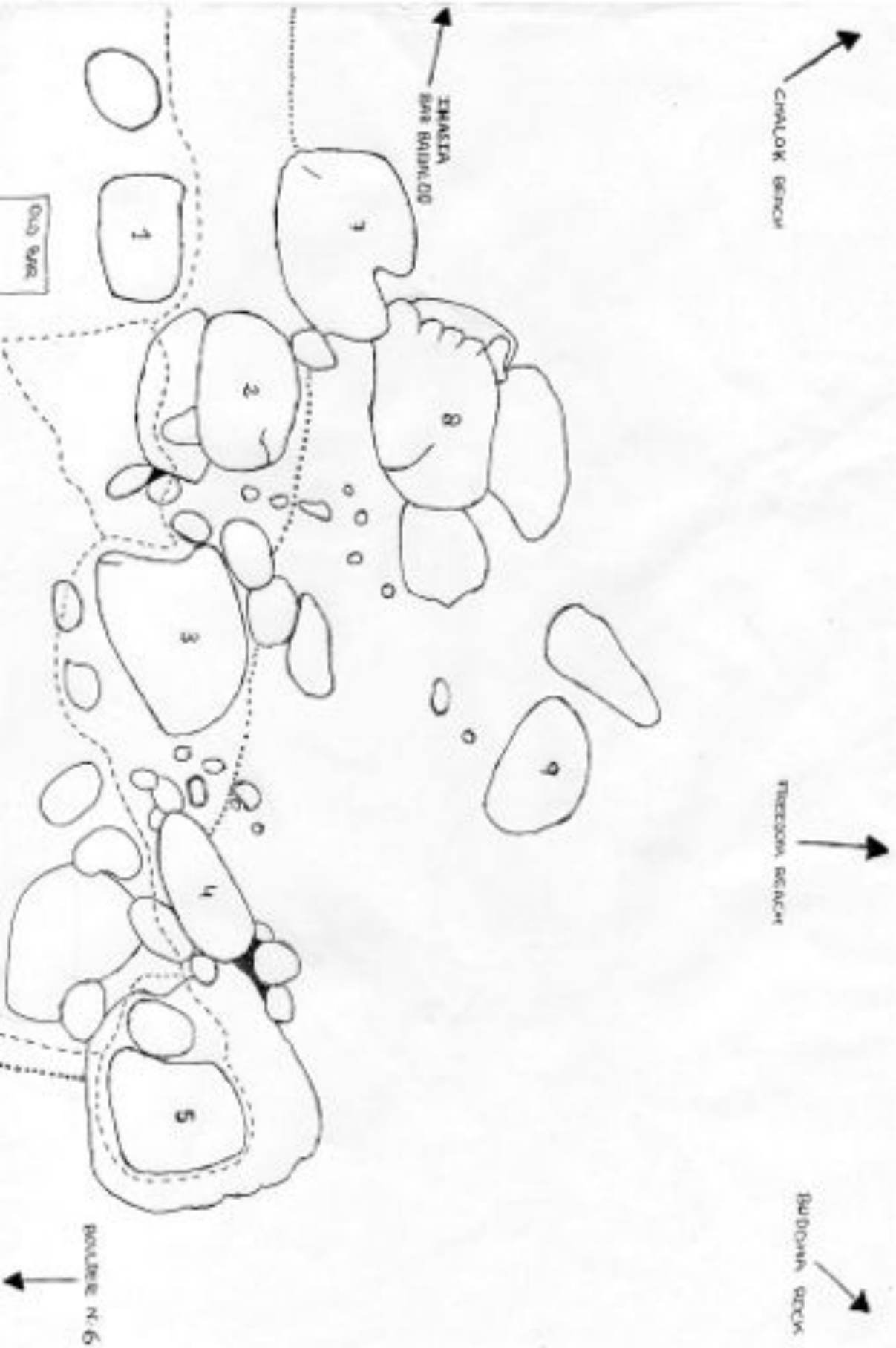
From Chalok beach, placed in the South of the island, we go towards IHASIA DIVING KOH TAO (opposite to Big Buda). From this point we will cross through the footbridge to the next beach, where we can see the sector at the end of it. It is just five minutes walking from IHASIA DIVING KOH TAO.

TIMES

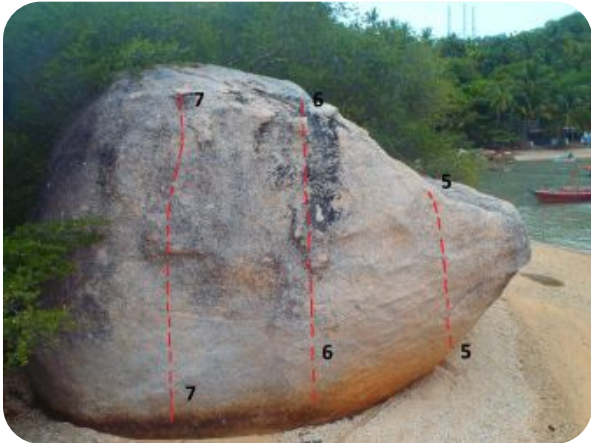
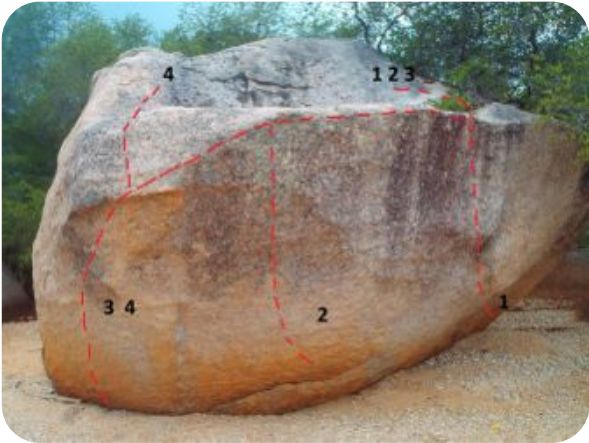
It is better to climb when is not too hot, from 8 am to 12 am, regarding the low or the high tides, which depend on the moon.

CAUTION

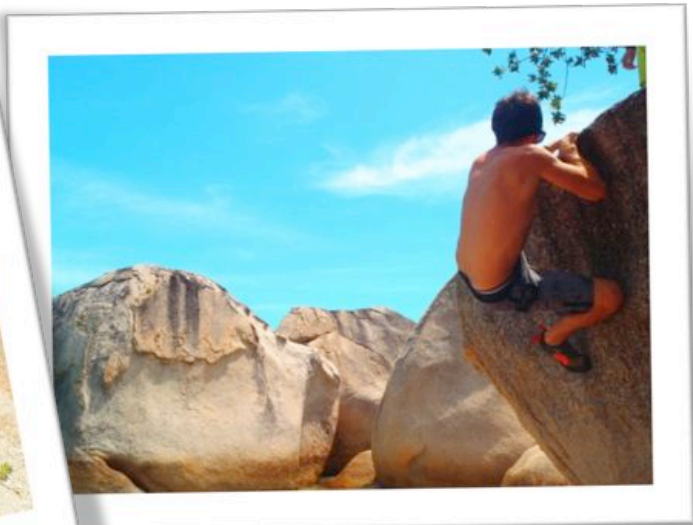
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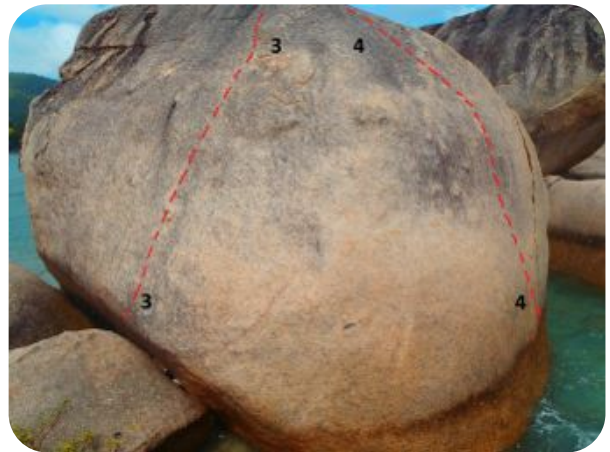
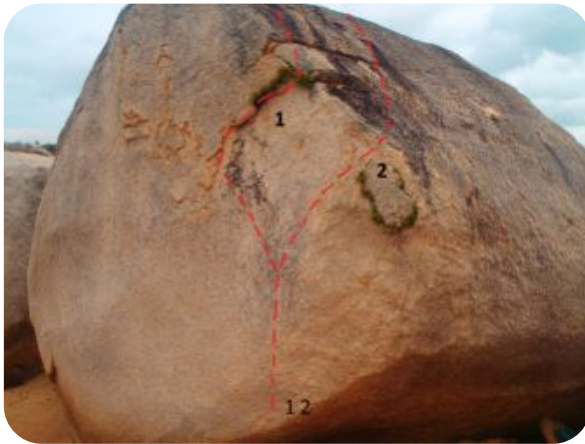


BOULDER 1



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4		★	Bob Reggae	
2	4+		★	Roof rock	
3	7b	S	★ ★ ★	Stress	
4	7b+	S	★ ★ ★	Imbècil	
5	7a+	S	★	Welcome to the beach	
6	6b		★ ★ ★	Dartsakay	
7	6b+		★ ★	Mefroto	



BOULDER 2

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	8a		★ ★	Babaloo	!!!
2	7b		★ ★	Dieguer way	!!!
3	4		★ ★ ★	Wake up	!!
4	6c			Go ahead	!!!

BOULDER 3

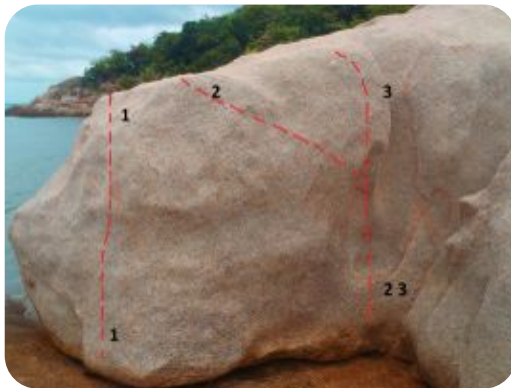
N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5+			Lizard	
2	6a	S	★ ★	Slim Rous	
3	3	S	★ ★	Jou pussy	
4	3+			Wizzard	



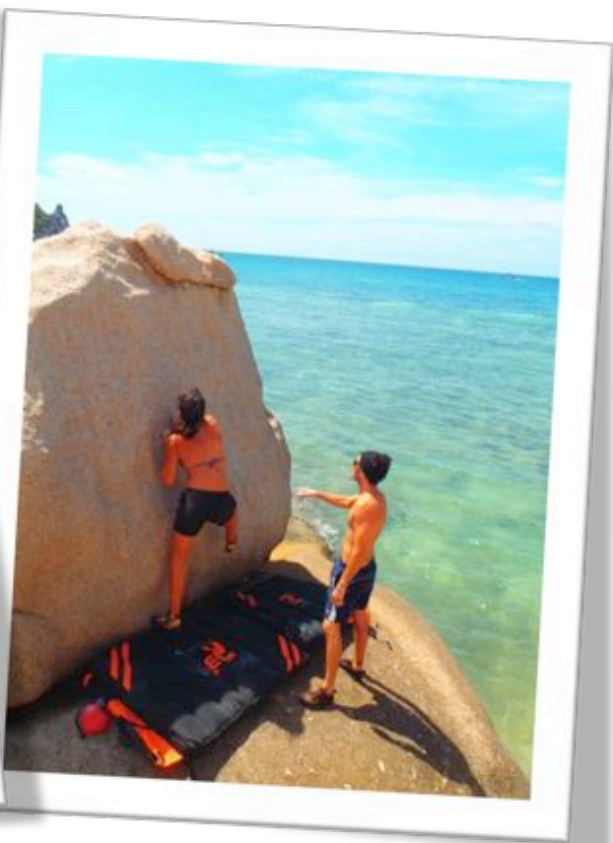
BOULDER 4



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+		☆☆☆	Bull shark	
2	6c		☆☆☆	The whale eye	

BOULDER 5

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+			Scoop	Abrasive rock
2	6c	S		End of block	Abrasive rock
3	5+	S		Llin laugh	Abrasive rock
4	6b	S		Alvarito feel	Abrasive rock
5	6a	S		Hungry Yang	Abrasive rock
6	6b	S		Young, wild, and free	Abrasive rock
7	6a+			Lay back left	Abrasive rock
8	6b+	S		North Peris	Abrasive rock



BOULDER 6

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4+			Men in white	
2	5			Sawadee	

BOULDER 7

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+		★ ★ ★	Sunrise to Budha	⚠ Caution tide
2	¿?		★ ★ ★	Project	⚠ ⚠ Caution tide
3	¿?		★ ★ ★	Project	⚠ ⚠ Caution tide

BOULDER 8

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7b		★ ★ ★	Ihasia	
2	6c+		★ ★ ★	Trancidental breakfast	
3	7a		★ ★ ★	Brujo	

BOULDER 9

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5	S	★ ★ ★	Xems	No climb with high tide
2	5+	S	★ ★ ★	La Reina de la Marina	No climb with high tide
3	4	S	★ ★ ★	Electronic Bamboo	No climb with high tide

FRONTYARD



INTRODUCTION

It is one of the best areas in Koh Tao, located in a wild landscape, giving us quality and lots of blocks. The rock is a mixture between granite and sandstone, and because of that, the texture is exceptional and most of them are made by nice granite.

Mainly, we will find medium/easy level but there are also some difficult problems in Koh Tao, like *Koh Tao Festival* or *Big JungleScience*, as well as 5 starts boulders like *BistiTravers* or *Jessica*.

ACCESS

From the road, which connects Mae Had and Chalok, we will find a detour to Tanote and Auw Leuk beach. We can take that detour and 100 metres after; we will find a small parking in front of a bar. 5 metres close to the mentioned parking, there is a short and steep path on the right side, and if we follow that path, we will reach the area.

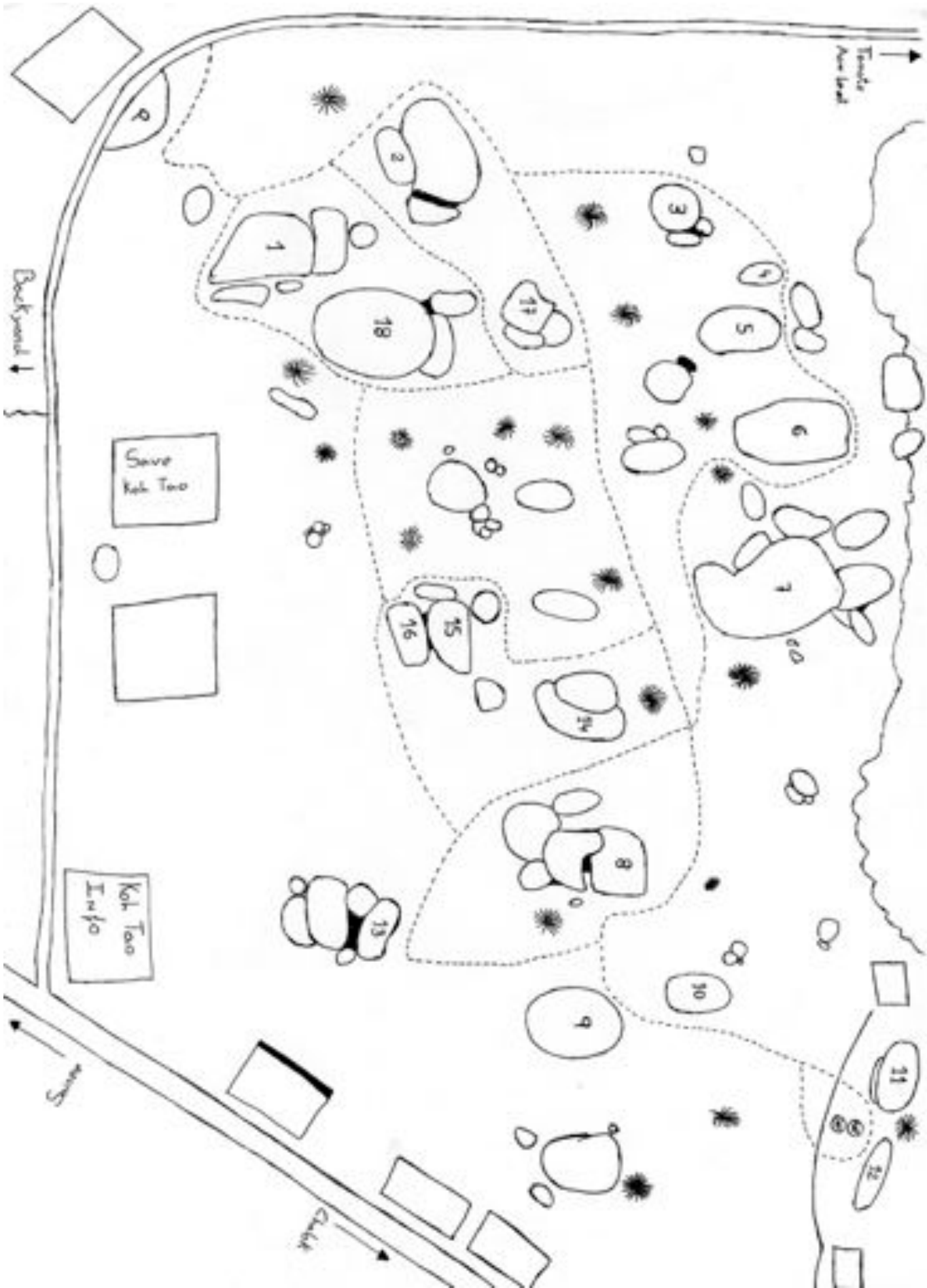
WEATHER

Some areas around Frontyard are in the shade the whole day, even though it is recommendable to climb when it is not too hot, between 8am/12am, and 3pm/5pm.

CAUTION

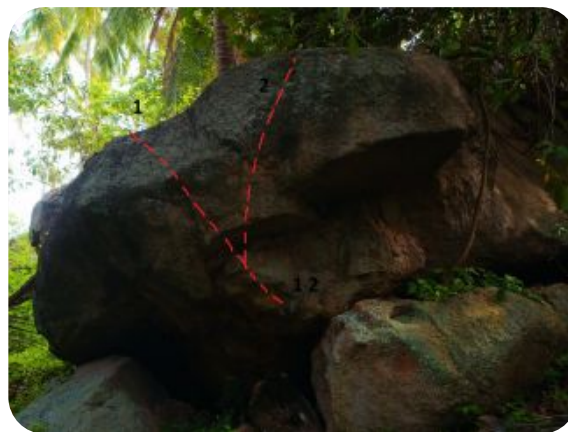
It is advisable to use proper footwear to reach the area. It is recommendable also to have a look in fissures and holes before start climbing.

Finally, just to remind that it is a private land, so we have to be respectful with the environment and keep it clean.

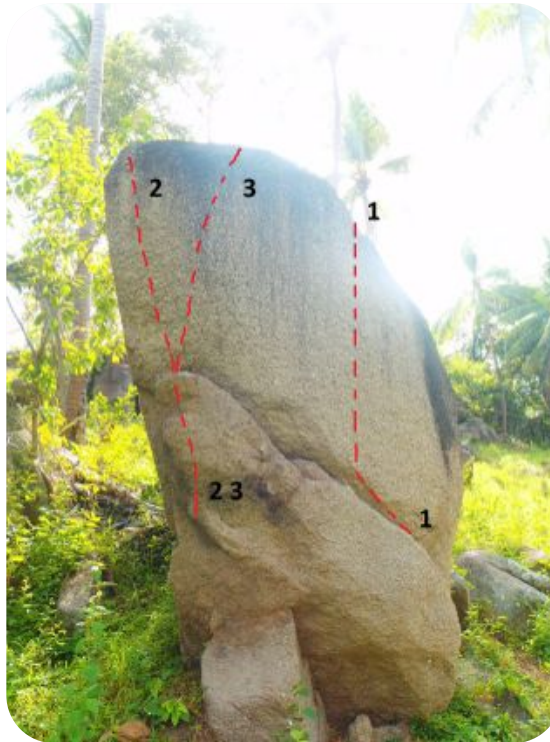


BOULDER 1

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a	S		Chock Dee	⚠ Attention on the way down
2	5	S	★	Ziortza	⚠
3	6a+	S		Erlantz	⚠ Attention on the way down

BOULDER 2

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c		★	Ying	
2	6b+			Yang	

BOULDER 3

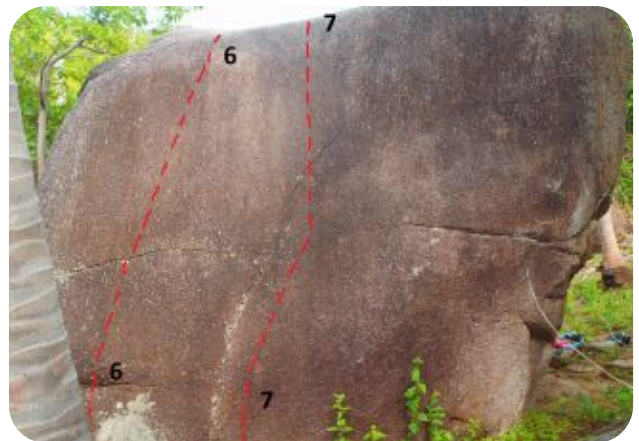
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1	6c+	S	★ ★	Harria	⚠
2	7a	S	★ ★	Gogorra	⚠
3	7c	S	★ ★ ★	Heriotza	⚠ ⚠ ⚠ Very dangerous

BOULDER 4

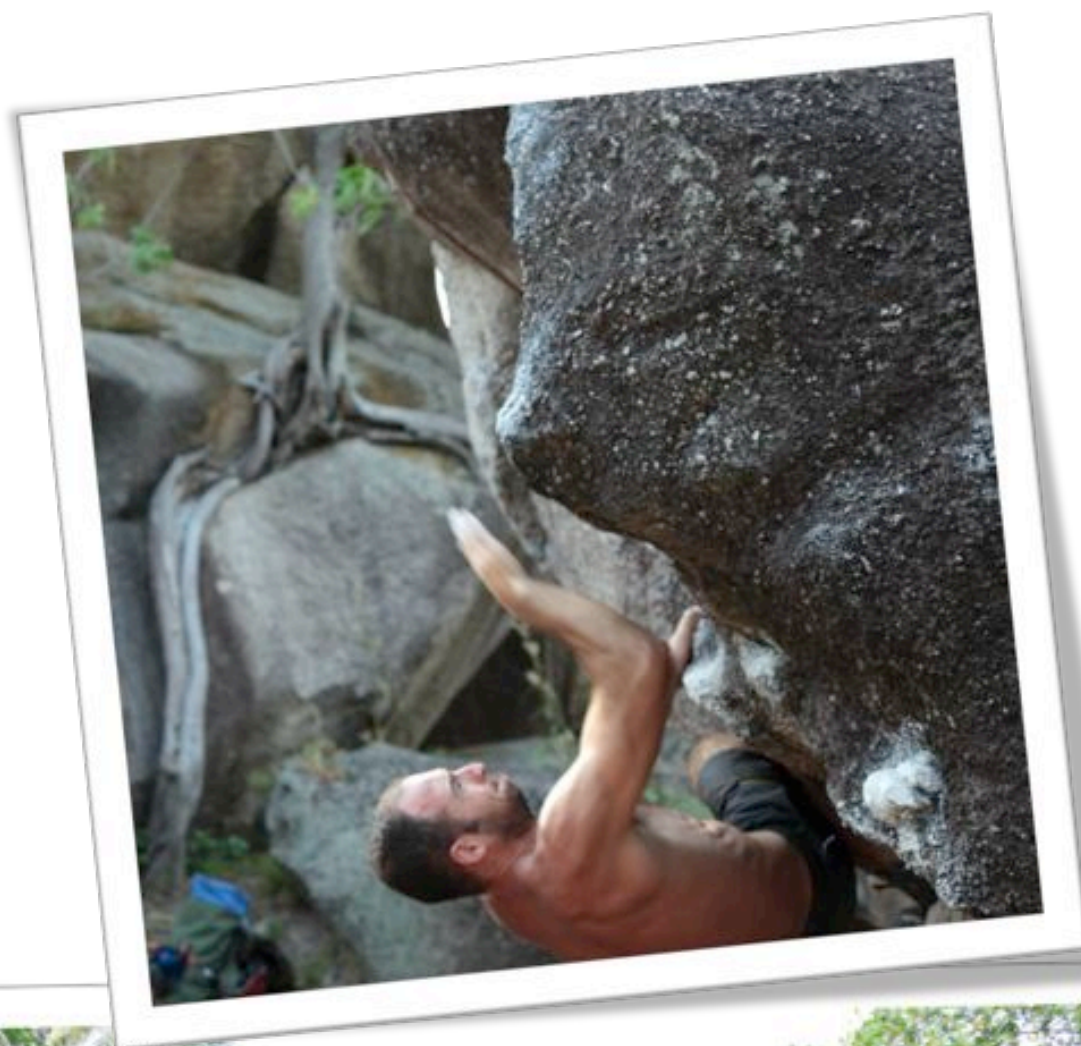
Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+			UglyBoy	
2	6b			UglyGirl	

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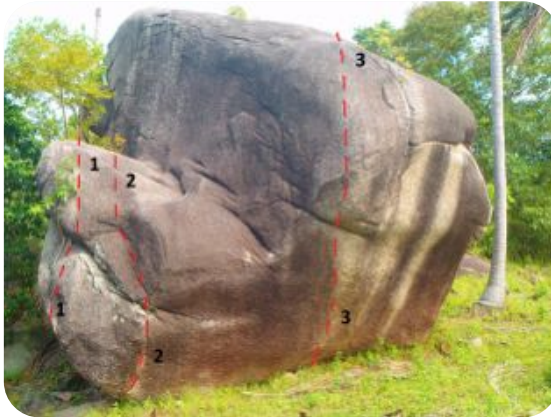
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1	4			Kid Stone	
2	6b+			NotTip	

BOULDER 6

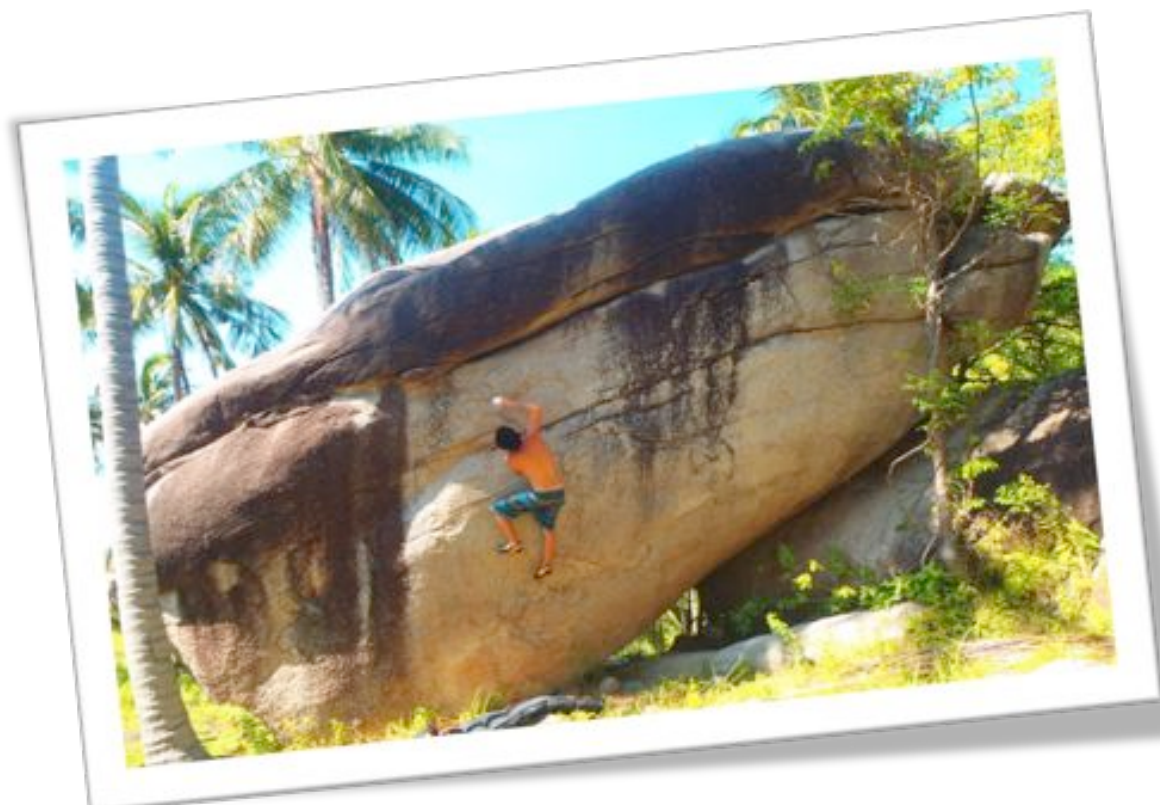
Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a		★ ★ ★	Mantel party	
2	7b		★ ★ ★	Bisti travers	
3	6c		★ ★ ★	La petite Mon's	
4	6c+		★ ★ ★	Pah mai fai	Exit in the other side
5	7b+		★ ★ ★	Koh Tao Festival	⚠
6	6a		★	Slap	
7	6a+		★	Tao	



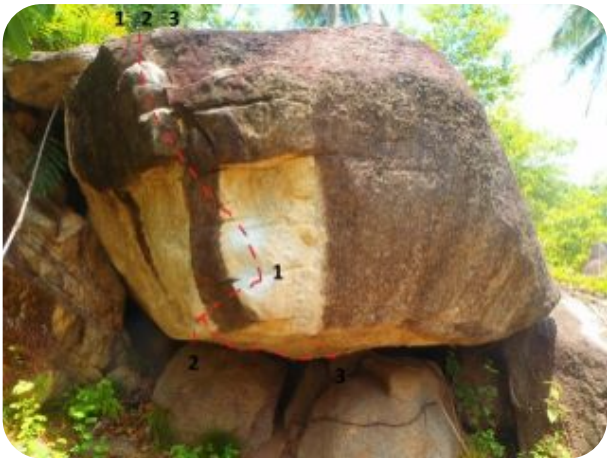
BOULDER 7



Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+			I did it with purple glasses	
2	6a			Human fly	
3	7b		★ ★	Crow's feet	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
4	7b+		★ ★ ★	Mantis	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
5	7b		★ ★ ★	Compilation	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
6	7b+		★ ★ ★	Brother	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
7	8a	S	★ ★ ★	Big brother	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
8	8b		★ ★ ★	The lost idol	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
9	project	S	★ ★ ★	The big lost idol	⚠ ⚠ ⚠



BOULDER 8

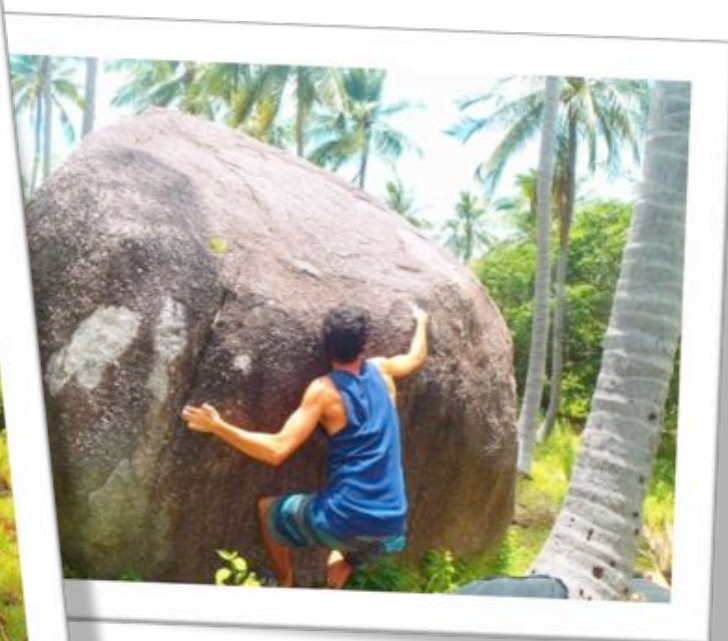


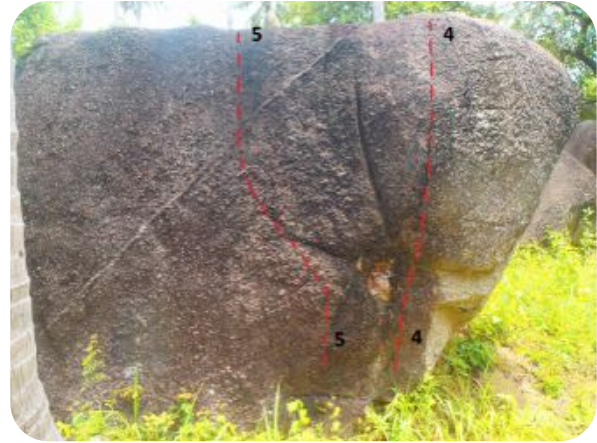
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1	6c+		★ ★ ★	Jessica	Two hands big hold
2	7a		★ ★ ★	Big Jessica	Two hands left hold
3	7a+	S	★ ★ ★	Jessica Alba	Two hands roof



BOULDER 9

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5	S	★	Geckoland	Look at the holes first
2	6a+	S	★	Two steps	

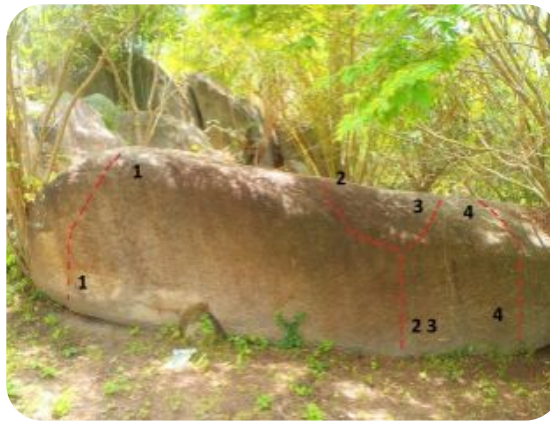


BOULDER 10

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7a	S		Ugly	
2	6c	S		Copyright	
3	6b	S		Backflip	
4	6a+	S		Frontflip	
5	6b	S		Backroll	

BOULDER 11

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5	S	★ ★	Big booby	
2	5+	S	★ ★	Little line	

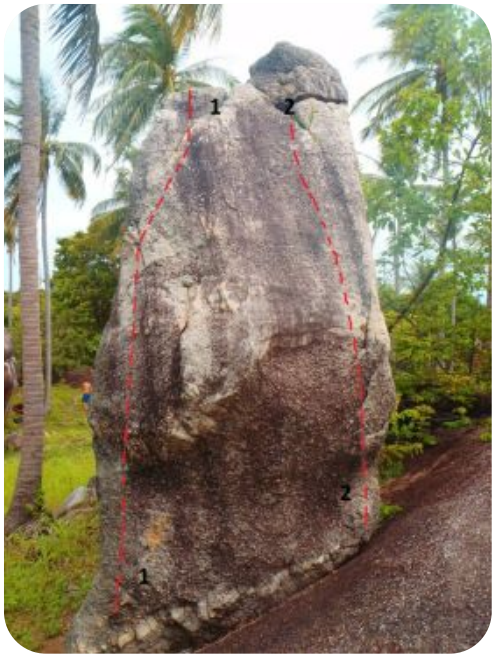
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N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5		★	Sith vicious	
2	5		★	Müller	
3	4			Jones	
4	3			Le Rue	

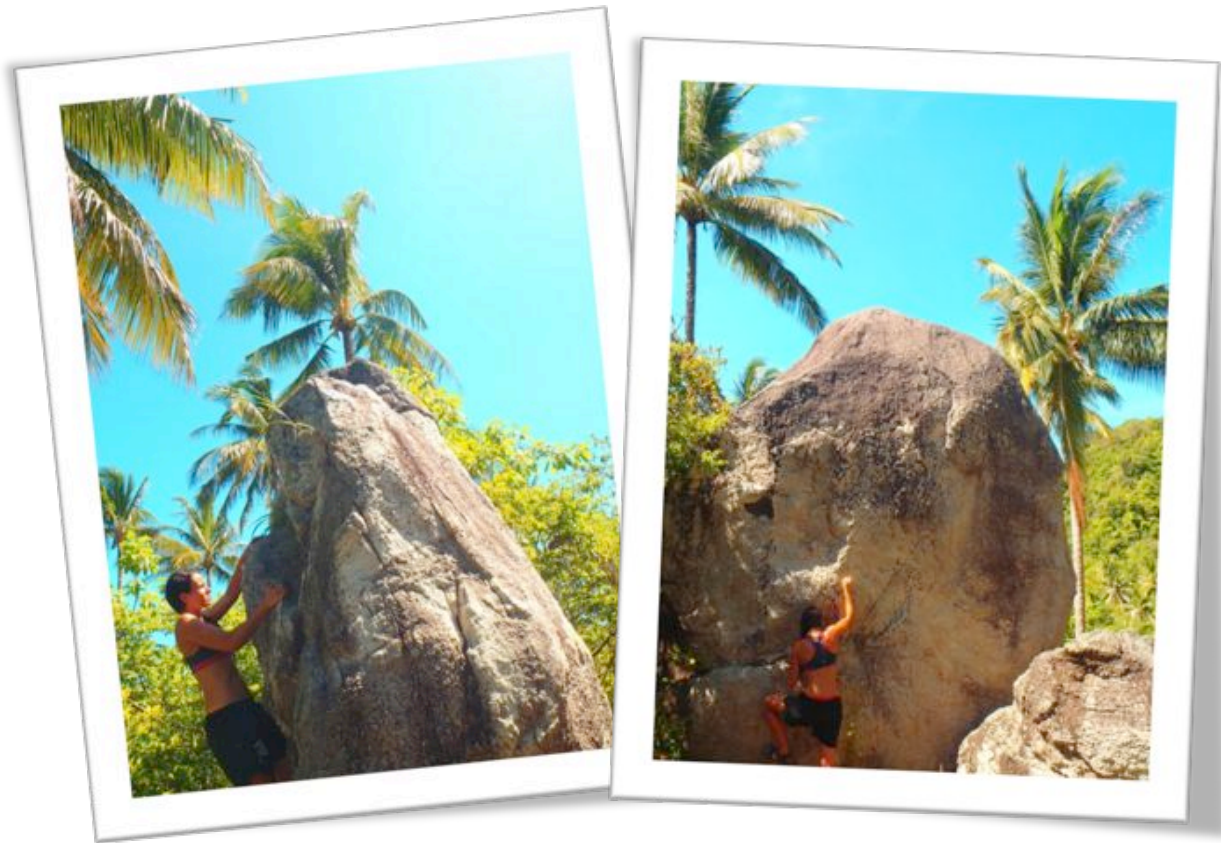
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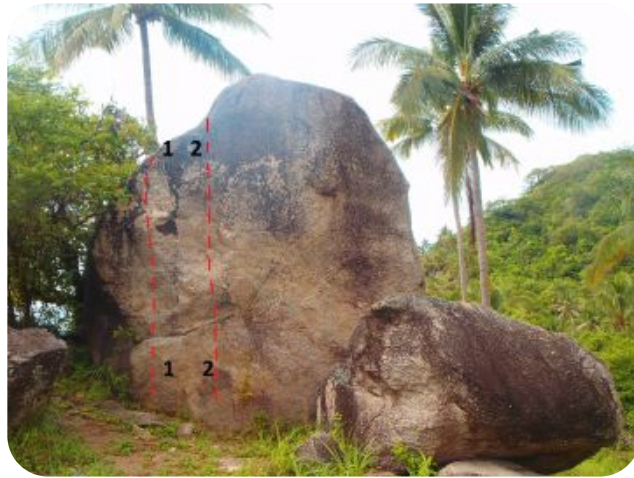
N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c+		★★	Deal	⚠
2	7a+	S	★★	Business	⚠ Without left hold

BOULDER 14

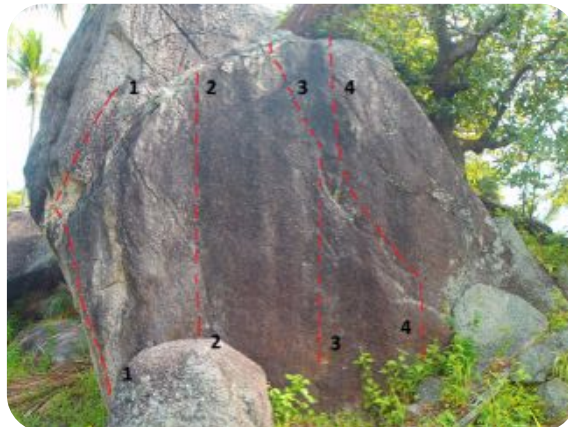


Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4			Arette	
2	4+			Nyigu – Nyigu	Be careful going down
1	5+	S		Rolido	Be careful going down
2	6a			Thai	



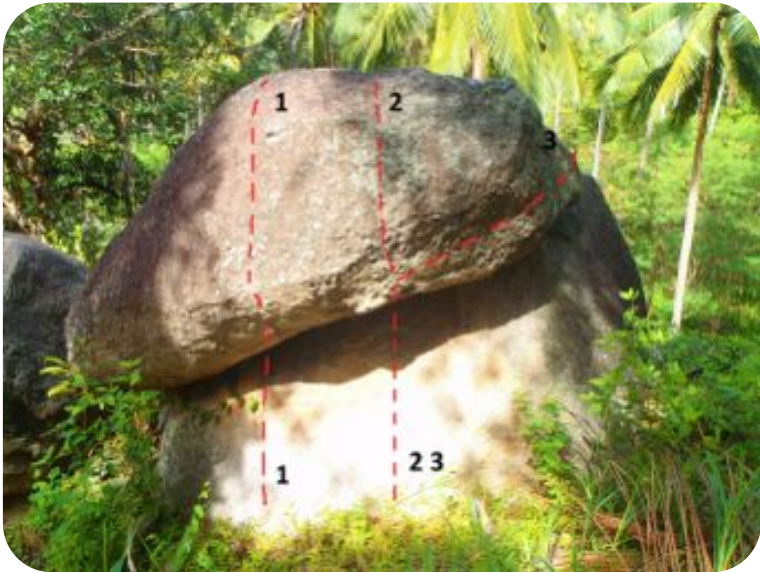
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N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7a	S	★ ★ ★	Wonderful sidepool	
2	7b	S	★ ★ ★	Perfect buoyancy	

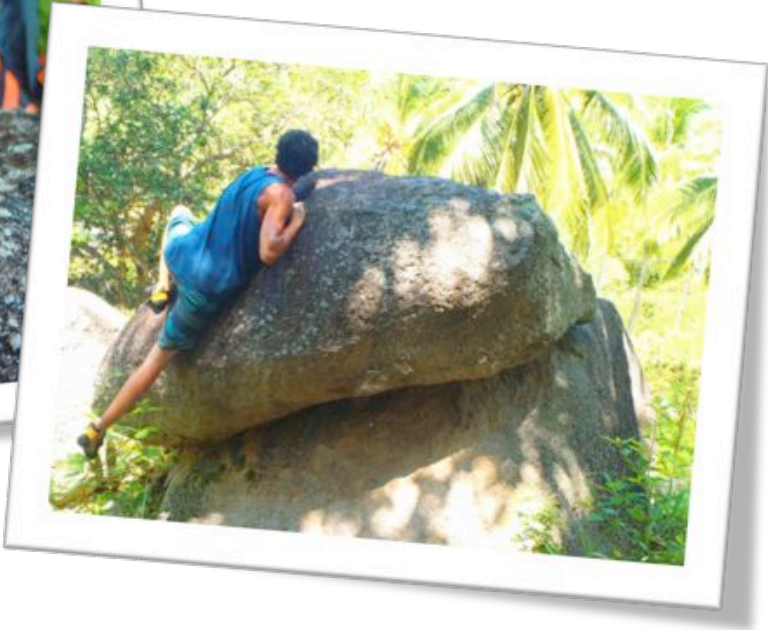
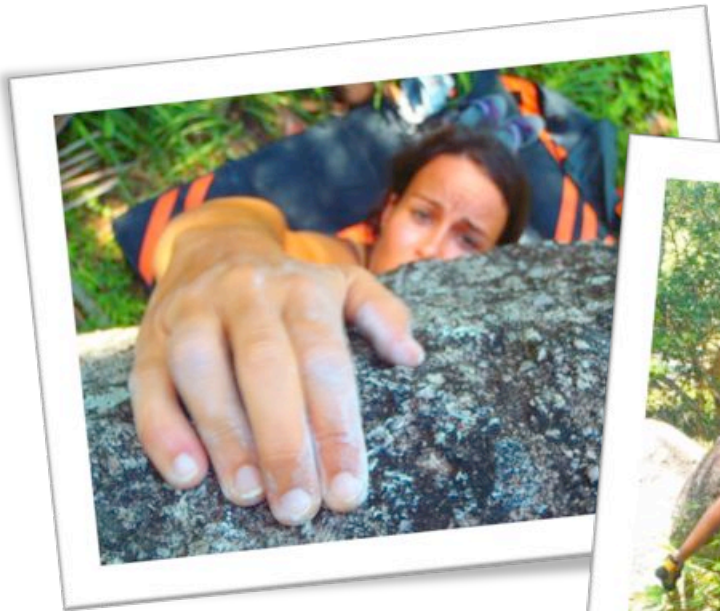
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N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b			Songkran	
2	5			Finger dance	
3	6c			Night dive	
4	6a			Deep hole	

BOULDER 17



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+			One breath	
2	6a			Titola	
3	4+			Retranca	



BOULDER 18



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+	S	★ ★	Alba's machine	
2	6c	S	★	Montse Monsoon	
3	6a+	S	★	Mad Esther	
4	6a+	S		Helena's guide	



BACKYARD



INTRODUCTION

This sector is located in front of the Frontyard, and both of them are really similar.

It is formed by the same rock, mixture between granite and sandstone, providing an abrasive touch.

This sector provides a wide range of problems for different levels, and the grades vary between fourth and eighth.

In Backyard, in the middle of high coconut palms, we will discover some of the most emblematic problems of the island.

Backyard guarantees days of funny, intense and spectacular climbing.

ACCESS

It is located one minute far from Frontyard. From the road, which connects Mae Had and Chalok, we will find a detour to Tanote and Auw Leuk beach. We have to pay attention when we get this detour, because in just 20 metres we have to turn left towards a dirt road. Once there, we can appreciate the hill where Backyard is located.

TIMES

Some areas in Backyard are in the shade the whole day, even though it is recommendable to climb when it is not too hot, to make the day nicer.

CAUTION

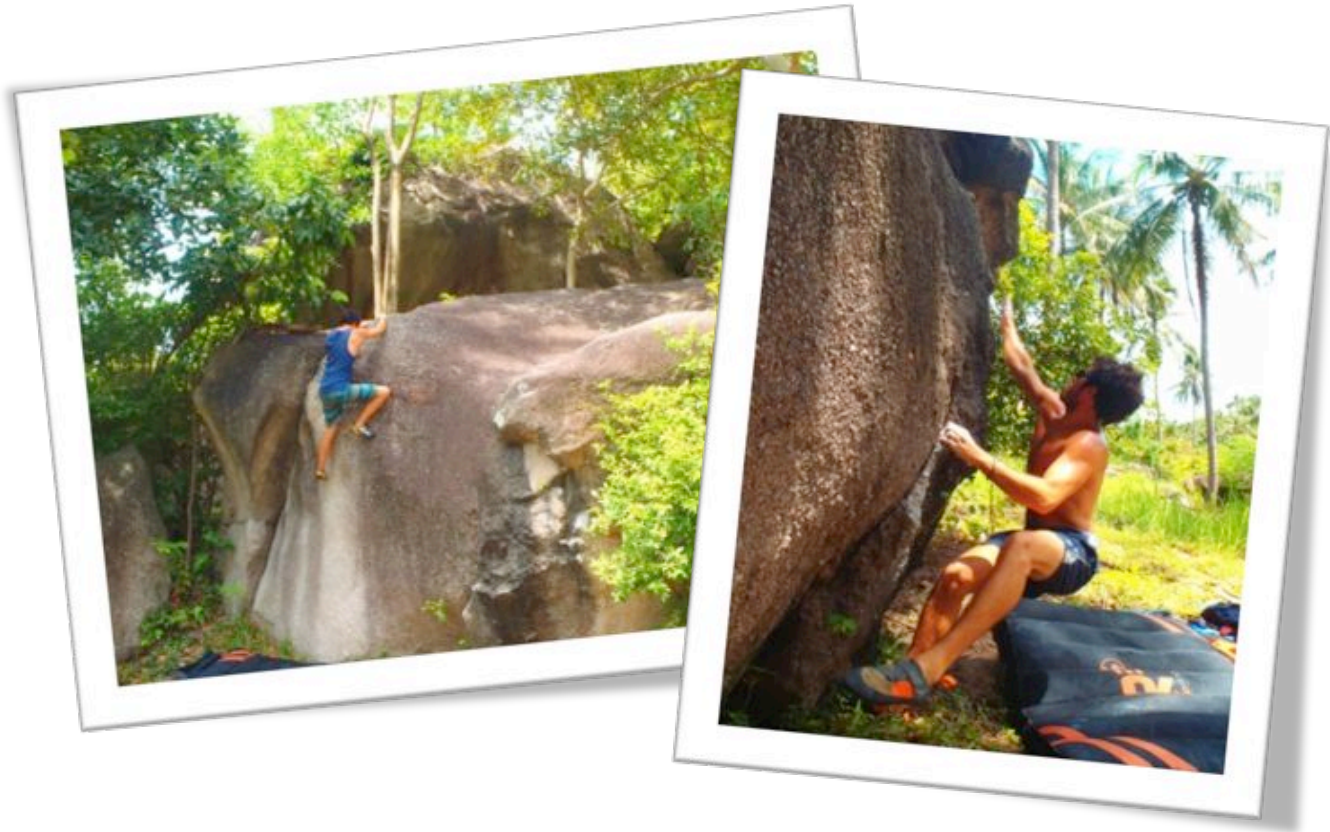
It is advisable to use proper footwear to reach the area. It is recommendable also to have a look in fissures and holes before start climbing, and to make sure that we follow the indications that the tables show, specially to the comments, keeping attention also to the recommendations about times and hydration.



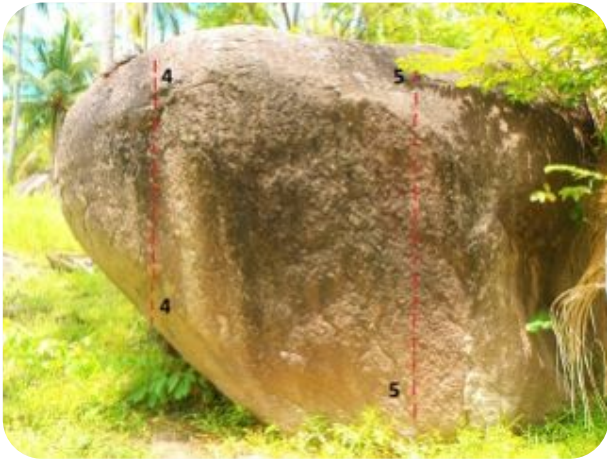
BOULDER 1



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7a			Big hug	
2	6a			Crack way	
3	6b	S		Nicetrip	



BOULDER 2



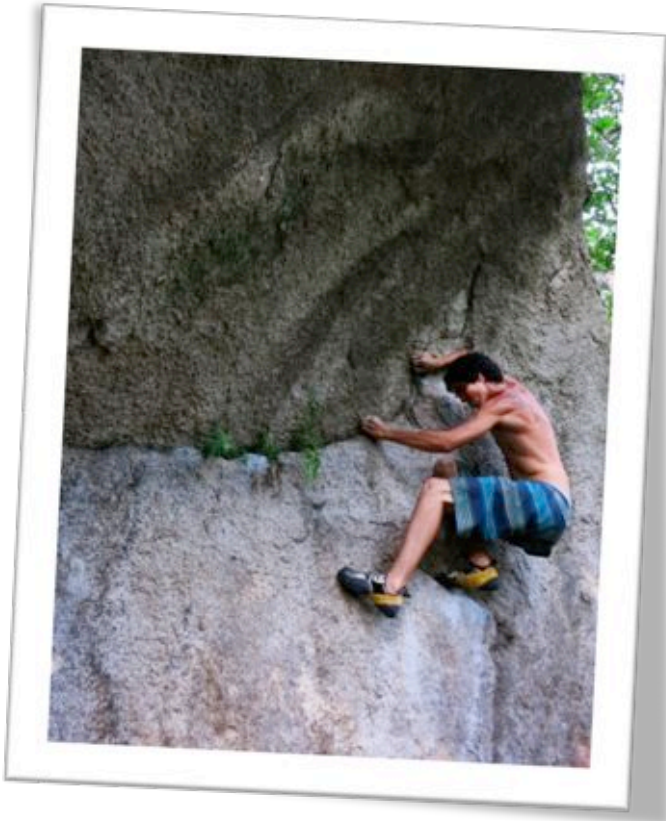
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1	6a	S		Wendy	
2	6b	S		Chinchan	
3	6c+			Bomba	
4	7a			Picachu	
5	6a+			Darco	



BOULDER 3



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	8a+		★ ★ ★	Catalonia is not spain	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
2	8 ^a	S	★ ★ ★	Flat friends	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
3	7c+	S	★ ★ ★	Chubbi	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
4	7b+		★ ★ ★	Urban climber	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
5	6c+	S		Bochan	⚠ ⚠ ⚠
6	6b			Aina	



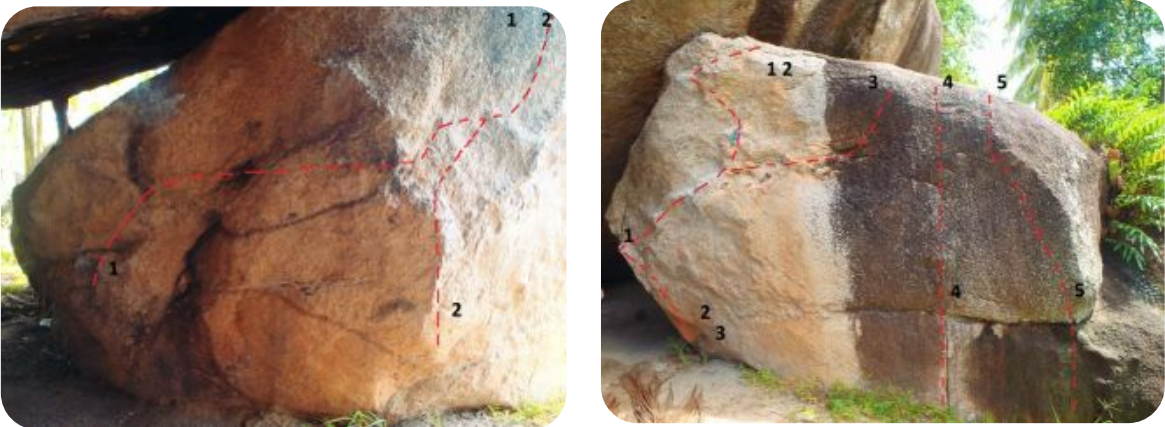
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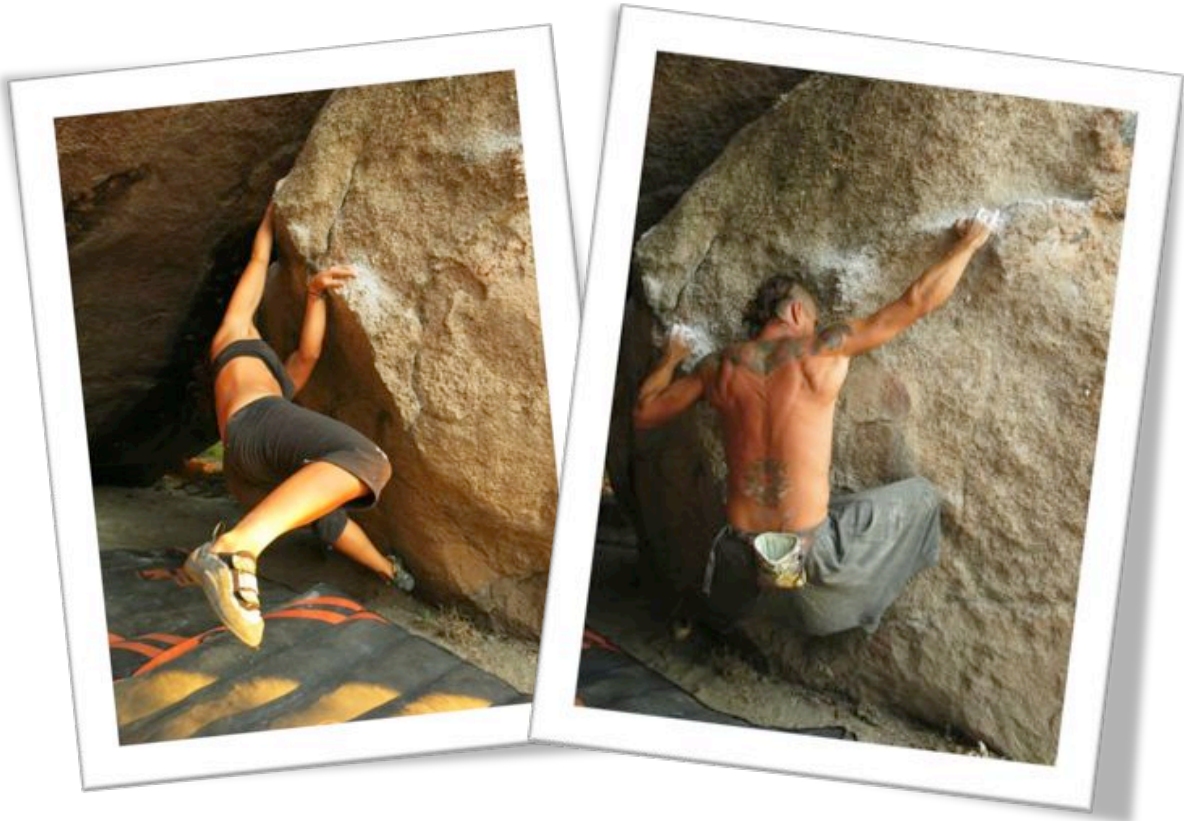
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1	5+			Gorriz	
2	5	S		Valera	
3	5+	S		Make a joint	



BOULDER 5 CAVE



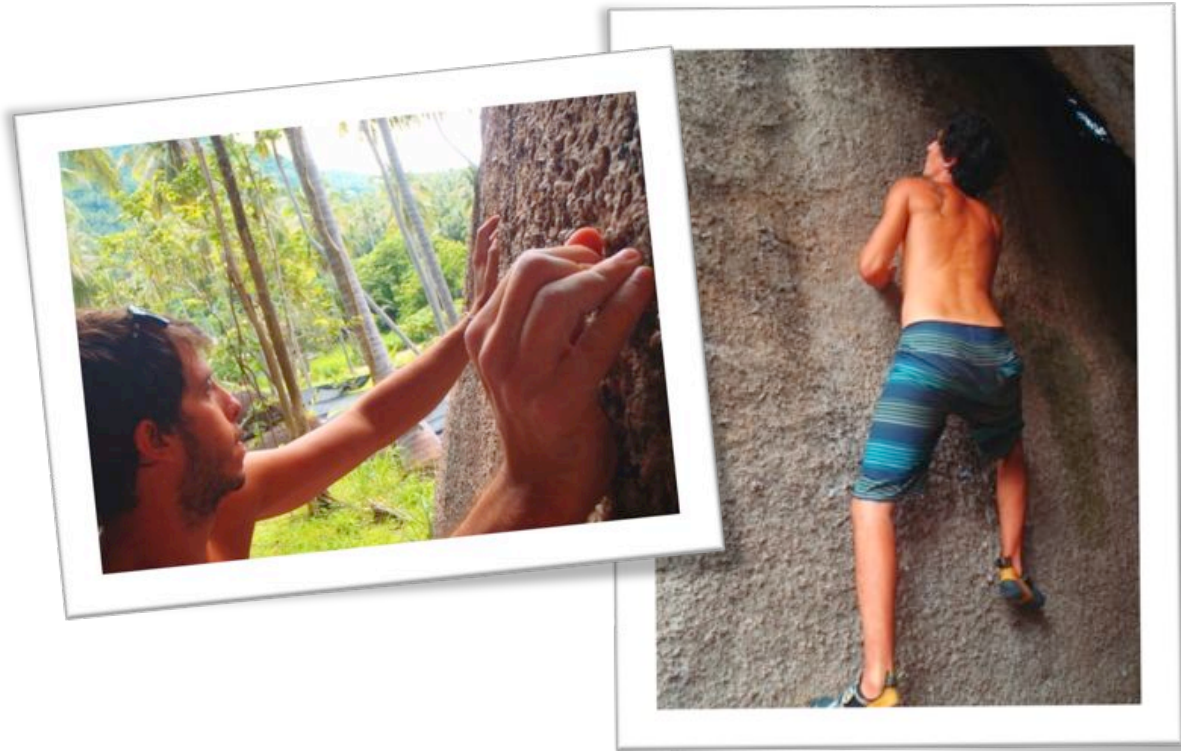
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1	6c+	S	★ ★ ★	The cave painting	
2	6b+	S	★ ★ ★	Nitrox	
3	6a		★ ★ ★	Deco	
4	6c	S		Jacket	
5	6a+	S		Octopus	



BOULDER 6 FLAT WALL



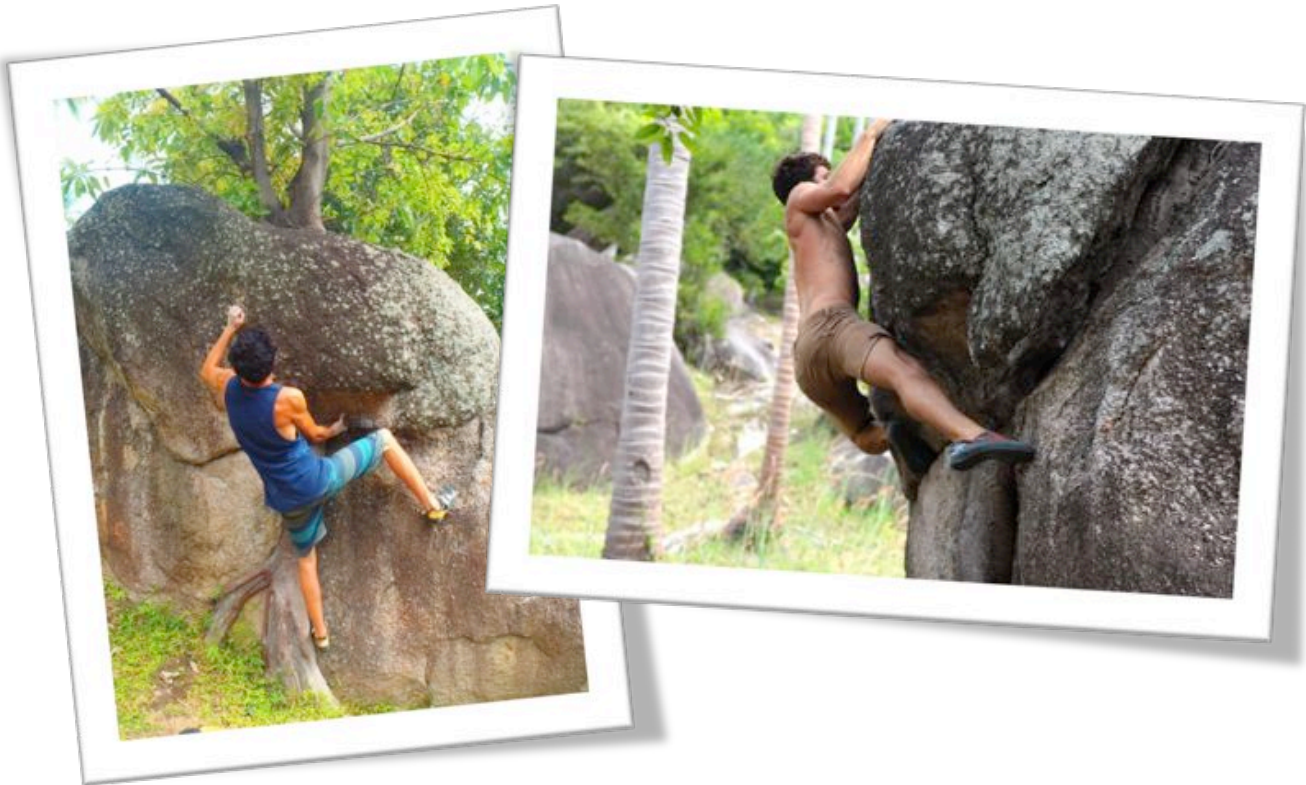
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1	5	S		Too smart	
2	6b+	S	★	Balance way	



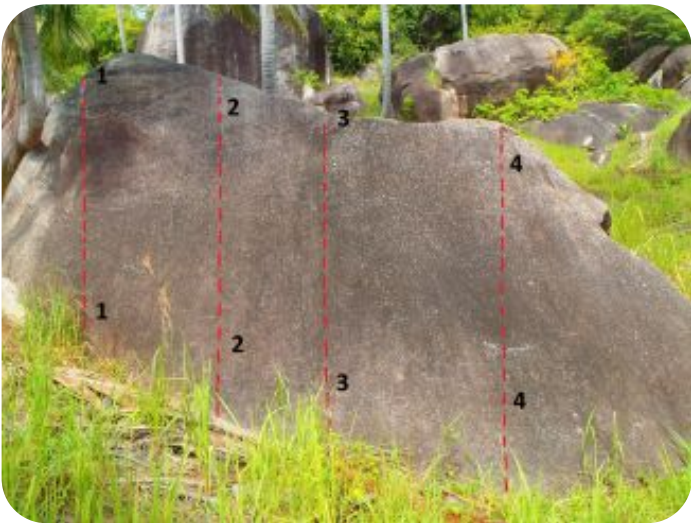
BOULDER 7 TREE



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a	S	★	Love tree	Don't touch the tree
2	6a+	S	★ ★ ★	Nepal tree	Don't touch the tree
3	4+		★	Apple tree	Don't touch the tree
4	6a		★ ★ ★	Sand stone	
5	5+			Chencho	
6	5+			Dijeridu	

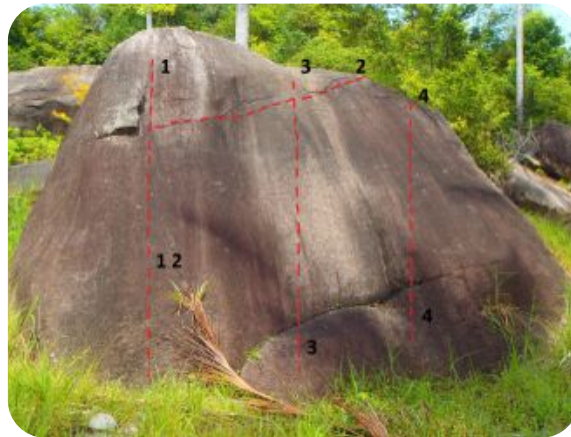


BOULDER 8



Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5+		★ ★	Salva	
2	5		★ ★	Ira	
3	4+		★ ★	Pumpui	
4	4+		★ ★	Tinton	



BOULDER 9

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b			Goku	
2	6b+			Chang	
3	6a+			Farang	
4	6a			Aida	

BOULDER 10

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	Project		★	Project	Low start
2	Project		★	Project	Low start

BOULDER 11

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7b		★	Out of the darkness	⚠⚠⚠
2	7b		★ ★ ★	The black face	⚠⚠⚠
3	7a		★	Big dead	⚠⚠⚠
4	7b			Vaques	⚠⚠⚠
5	6c+			Express	⚠⚠⚠
6	6c			Latte	⚠⚠⚠

BOULDER 12

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+			Good company	
2	6b			Serious	
3	6b+			Padi vs SSI	

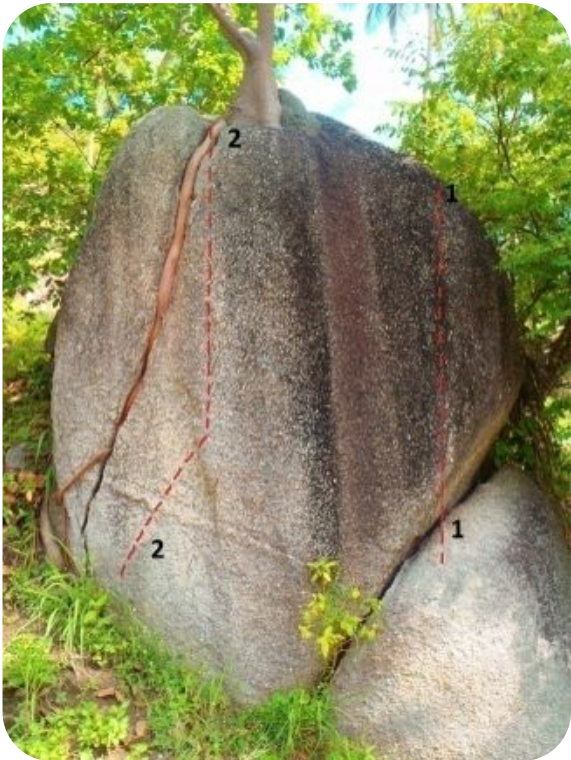
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2	Project			Project	

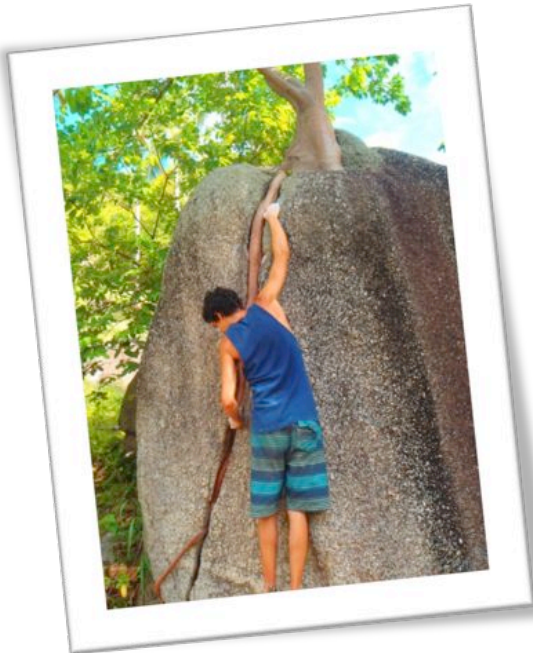
BOULDER 14

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c			Radeon	
2	6c+			Full equip	

BOULDER 15



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7b			Magic wood	
2	6c+			Magic tree	



CABANA



INTRODUCTION

This is one of the most beautiful bouldering areas in Koh Tao, because is located by Sairee beach, the biggest and most famous beach in the island. It is amazing to have the opportunity of climbing these boulders, because they are surrounded by really clear water and from this point, we can see the jungle as well. And this is something that we cannot enjoy everyday.

The rock is made by granite and sandstone, and for this reason the texture of this sort of rocks is really good. In this area we can find different levels.

ACCESS

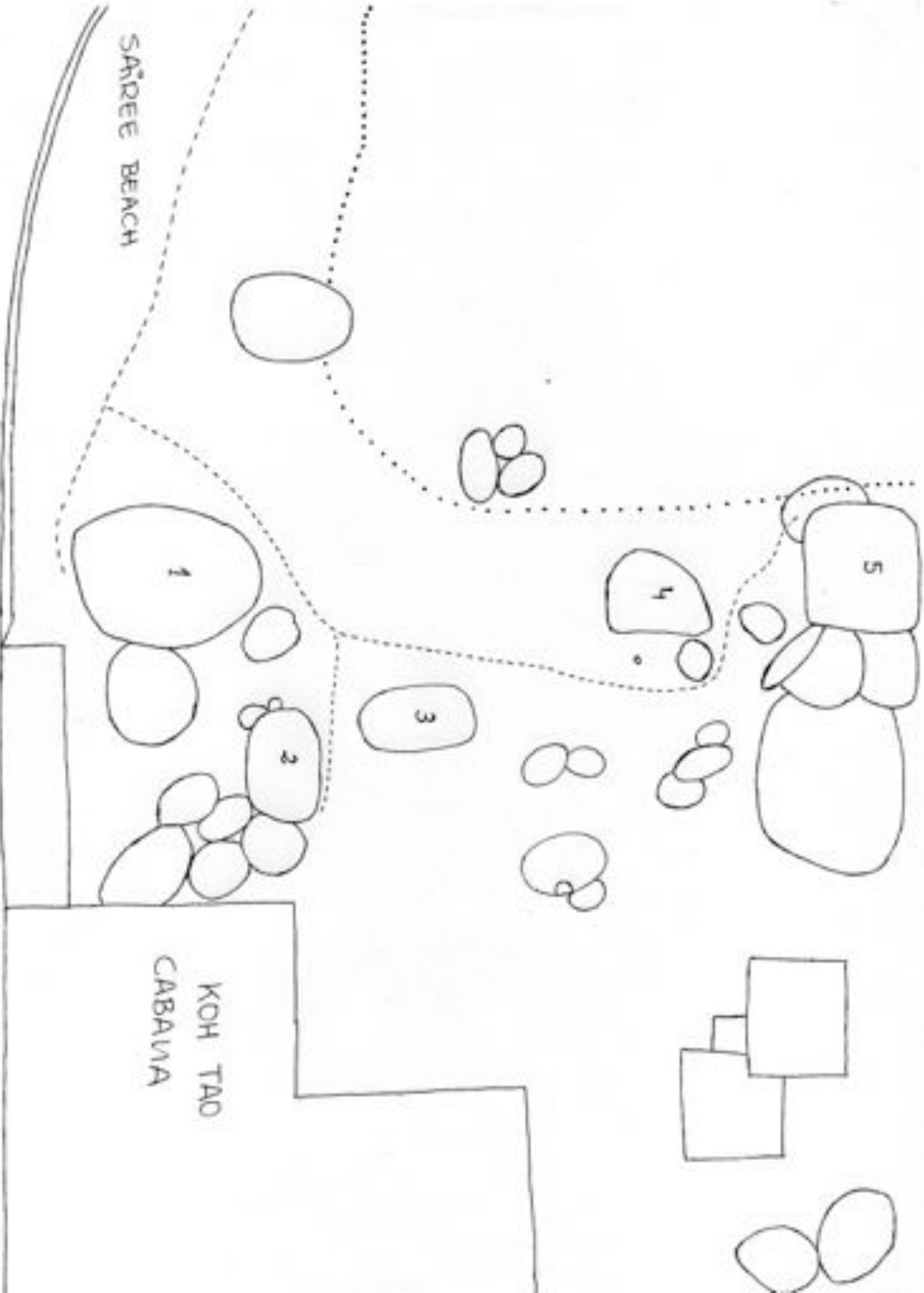
From the main road heading to Mango Bay, which we find in the parallel road to Sairee Beach, we can take any diversion on the left side towards to the beach. When we reach the beach we have to go by the shore to the right end, until we get the area placed at the end of the beach.

TIMES

Something that makes special this area is the fact that we can climb either with high or low tide, considering that in some boulders we can practise the deep water soloing, being able to fall into the water, no crash pad needed. It is recommendable to avoid climbing at mosquito time.

CAUTIONS

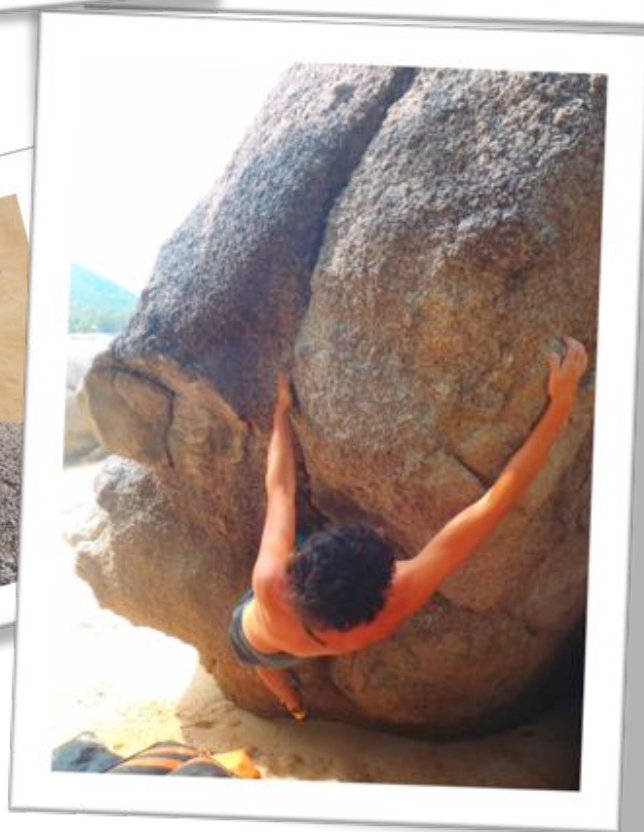
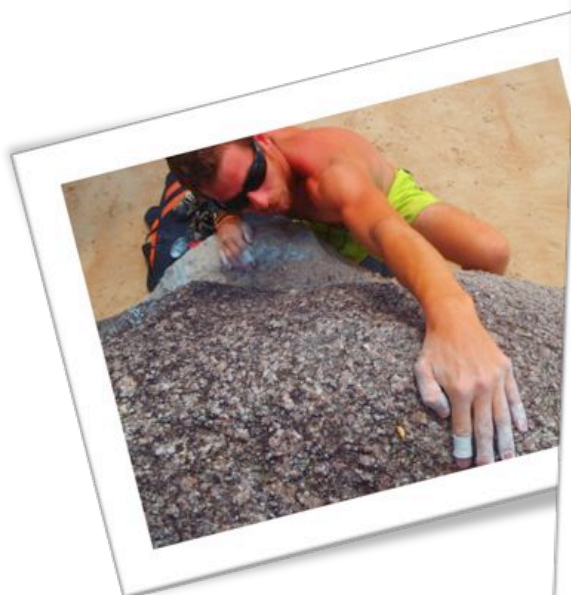
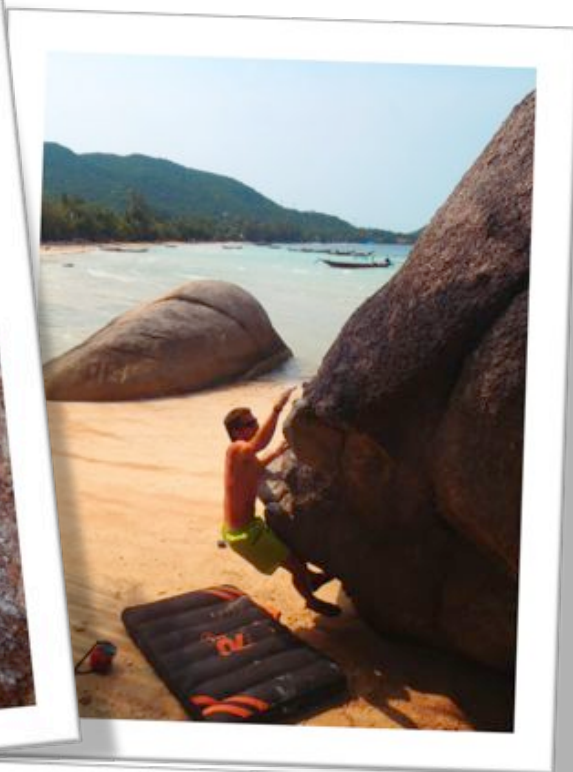
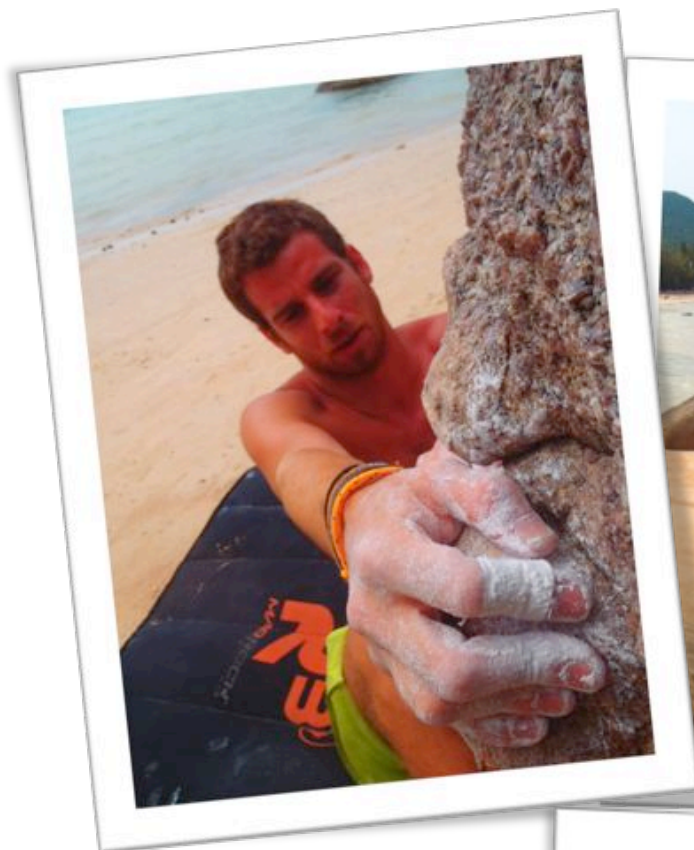
If you want to practice deep water soloing, pay attention to the water depth and the rocks around.



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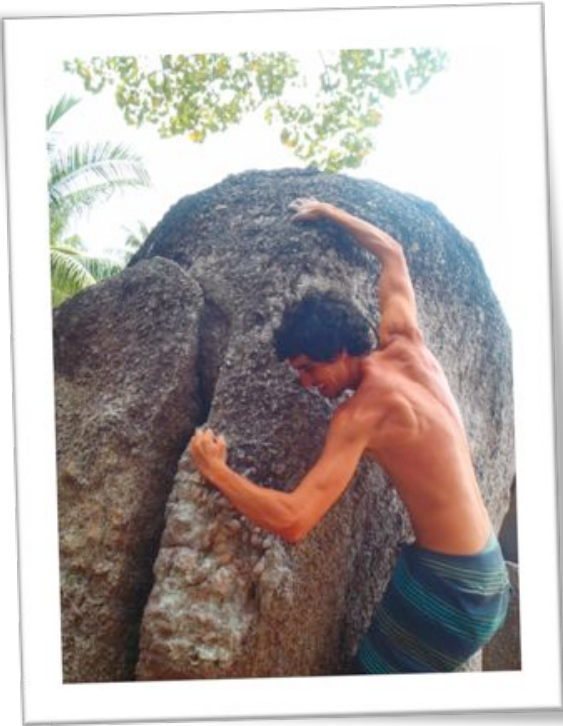
Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5			Zipi	
2	5	S		Crazy driver	
3	3			Zape	
4	5+	S		Lotus night	
5	6a	S		Nit	
6	6b	S		Bona nit	
7	6b+	S		Thesun	
8	6c	S		The sun god traverse	
9	6a			Godella	
10	5+			Blanes	



BOULDER 2

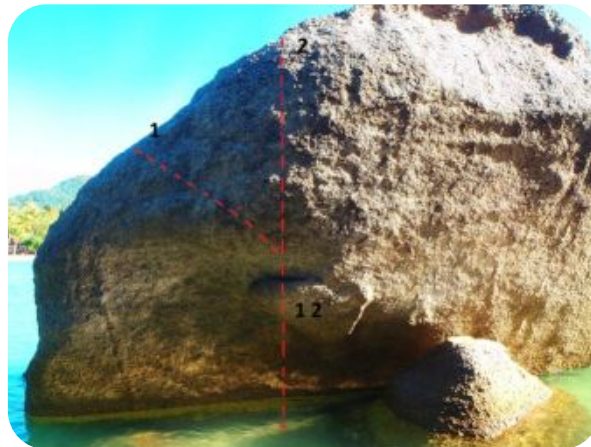


N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4+	S		Chicken	
2	6c	S		Scnitchel	



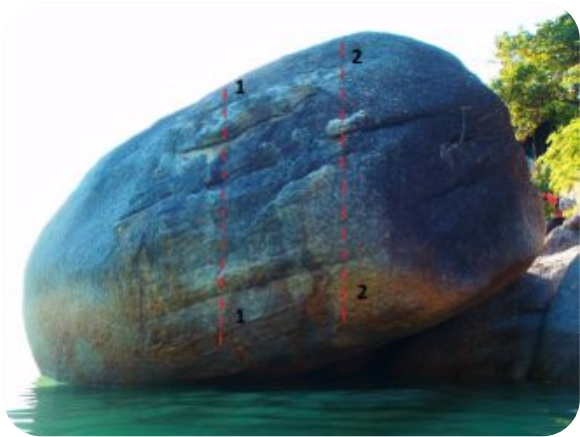
BOULDER 3

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4+	S		Varano's party	
2	5+	S		Gecko's party	

BOULDER 4

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c			Monkey kid	
2	7a			Suffer for the children	

BOULDER 5 DEEP WATER SOLOING



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a			The 5th of july	Deep water soloing, check height
2	6a+			Pure climbing	Deep water soloing, check height



TANOTE



INTRODUCTION

Placed at Tanote Beach, where we can find a mixture between big boulders, white sand and blue water, giving to the climber a really nice and singular picture of this area in Koh Tao.

The rock is made by granite and generally, the boulders are located on the sand, so we can do easy problems without crash pad, being cautious.

We have to mention also some boulders located on other boulders, and in this case to use crash pad is essential.

We can find different levels, guaranteeing a really exiting day for everyone.

ACCESS

This is the big trouble of this area, and we must be very cautious getting there by vehicle. It is a dirt road, and because of the rain there are many fissures. It is recommendable to be an experienced driver or otherwise, go walking and keep safe.

To reach the area, we have to get the road that join Maehaad and Chalok, and take the diversion that we can find in front of Koh Tao information office towards Tanote beach. From this point, it is very easy to reach the area, following the signs on the road. Even so,

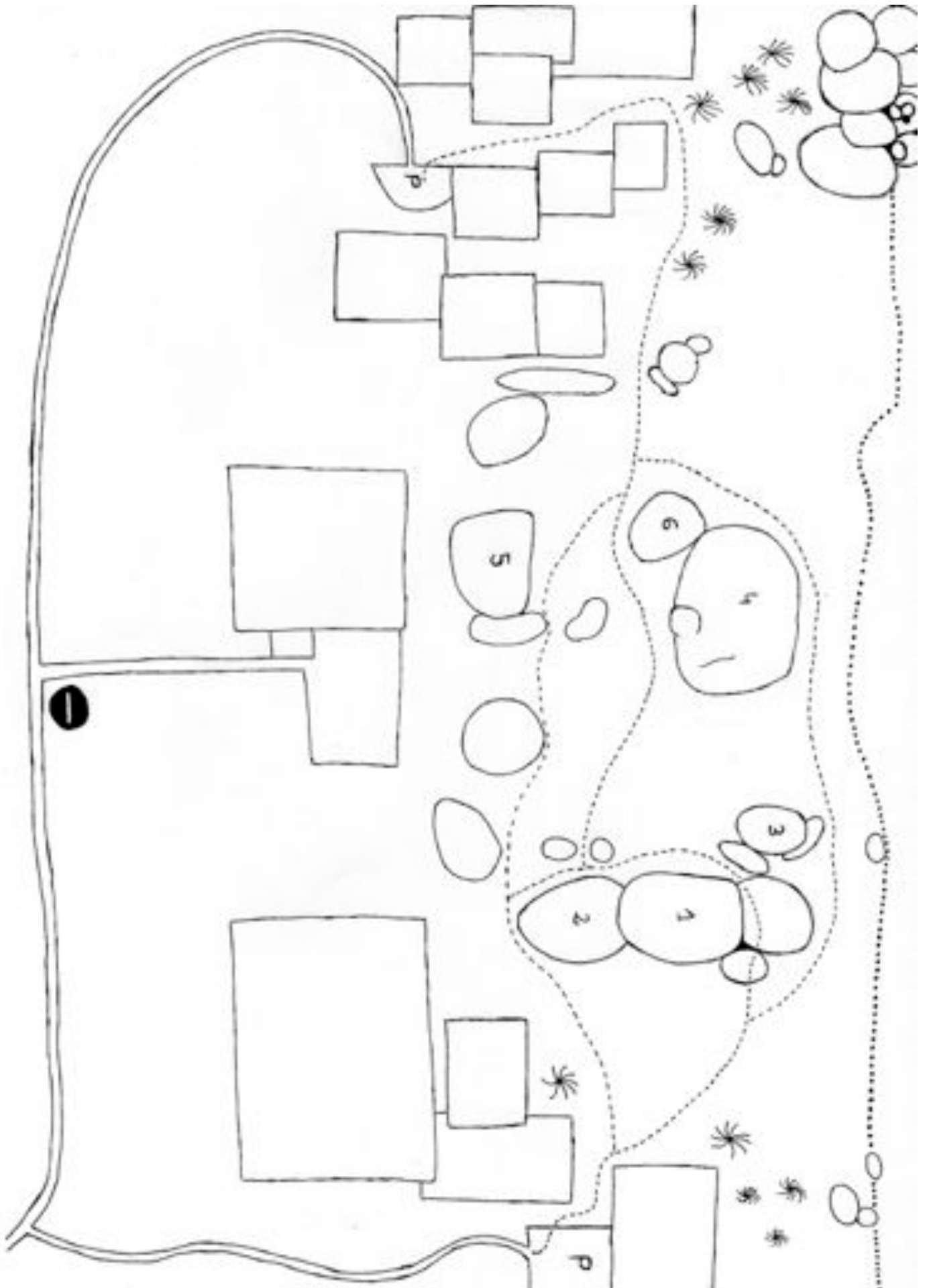
if we are not sure, it is recommendable to follow the indications using a map of the island, where is shown very clear the way that we have to take.

TIMES

It is recommendable to avoid the heat, but in this area to have a swim is an easy and good solution to cool down.

CAUTIONS

As we said before, we must be very cautious reaching Tanote Beach by vehicle. In case of doubt, walking is the best way to get there, at least the first time.



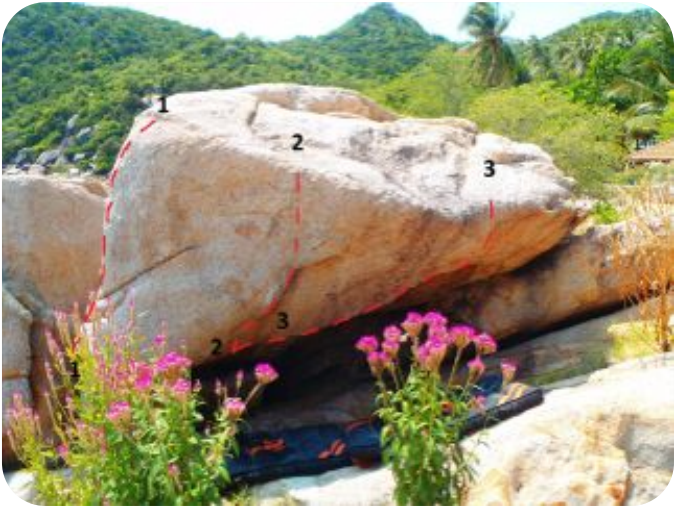
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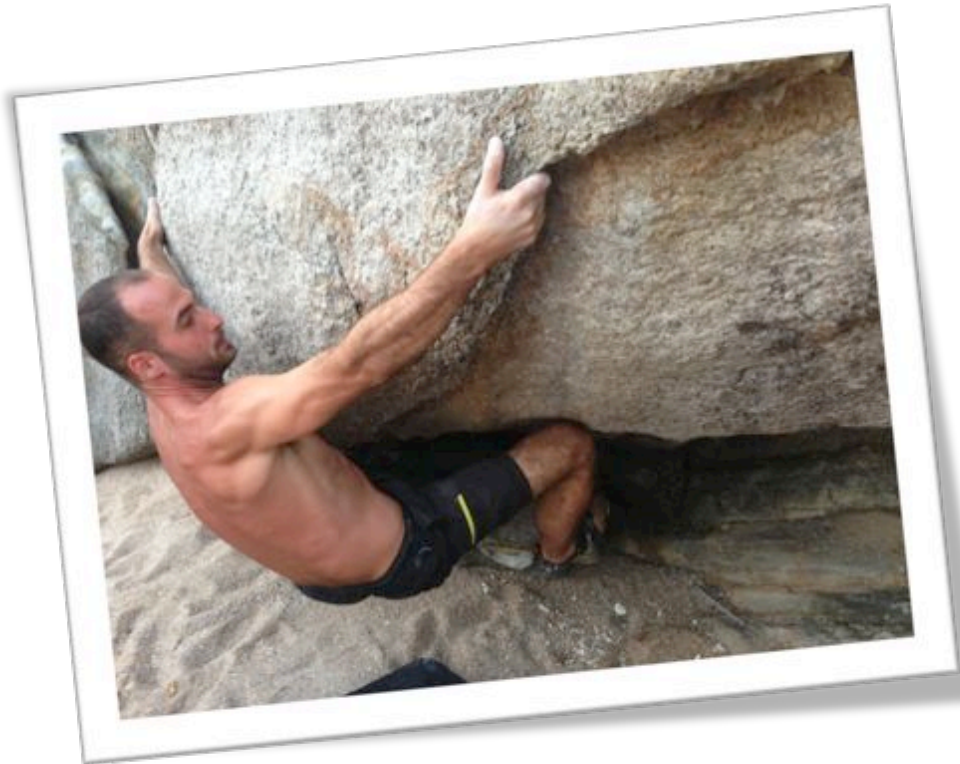
N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	4+			Back dog	
2	4			Nose dog	Carmela style



BOULDER 2



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	5+	S		Hey Jude	⚠
2	6b+	S		Try it	
3	6b+	S		Underground	

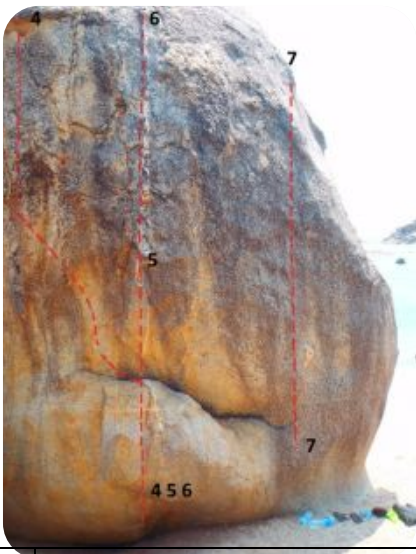


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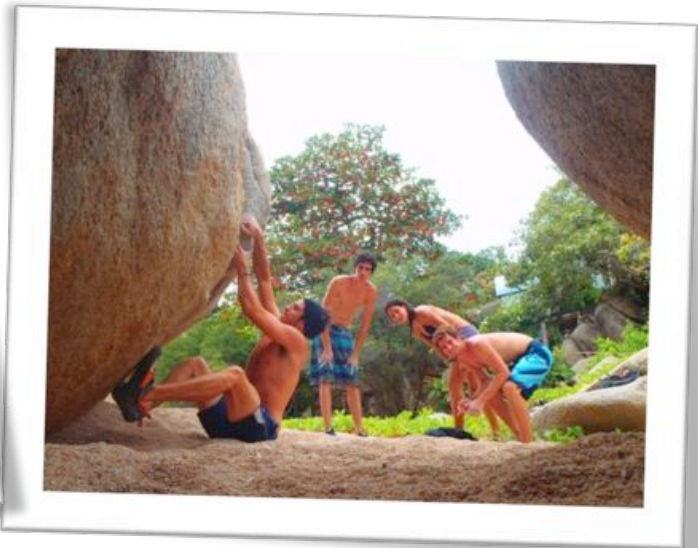
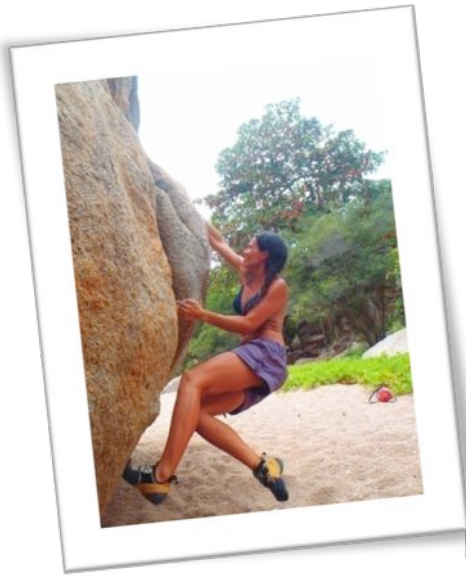


N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	3	S		Aum	
2	4	S		Foot shake	
3	3	S		LOL	

BOULDER 4



Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7b+			Good bye	
2	6c+			Solrak	
3	6c			Grufwey	
4	7c	S		Guiu	
5	6a+	S		Marta subaquàtica	
6	7b	S		Busi solutions	
7	project	S		project	

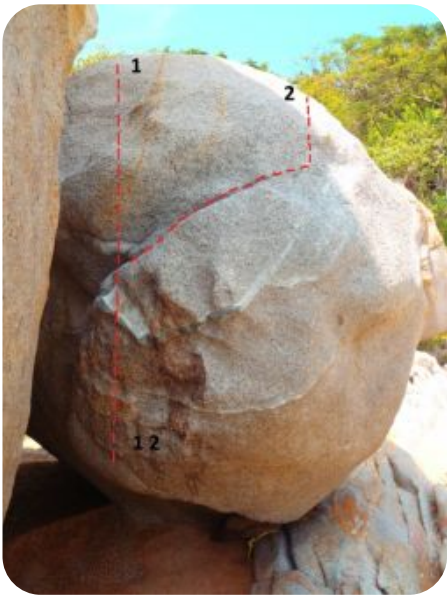


BOULDER 5



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7c	S		Surface interval	
2	project	S		project	
3	7c+	S		Black out	
4	6a	S		Bombona	

BOULDER



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+	S		Lung squeeze	
2	6b	S		Multipeach	

SECRET GARDEN



Introduction

This area is located close to Sairee beach, and it is one of the longest. This fact gives us shade during the whole day, although it is recommendable not to climb when it is too hot.

The rock got a great quality, but there are few exceptions where our fingers can suffer quite a lot.

It is a really good area for beginners because there are many easy boulders.

As well as this, we can find the most difficult boulders on the island.

ACCESS

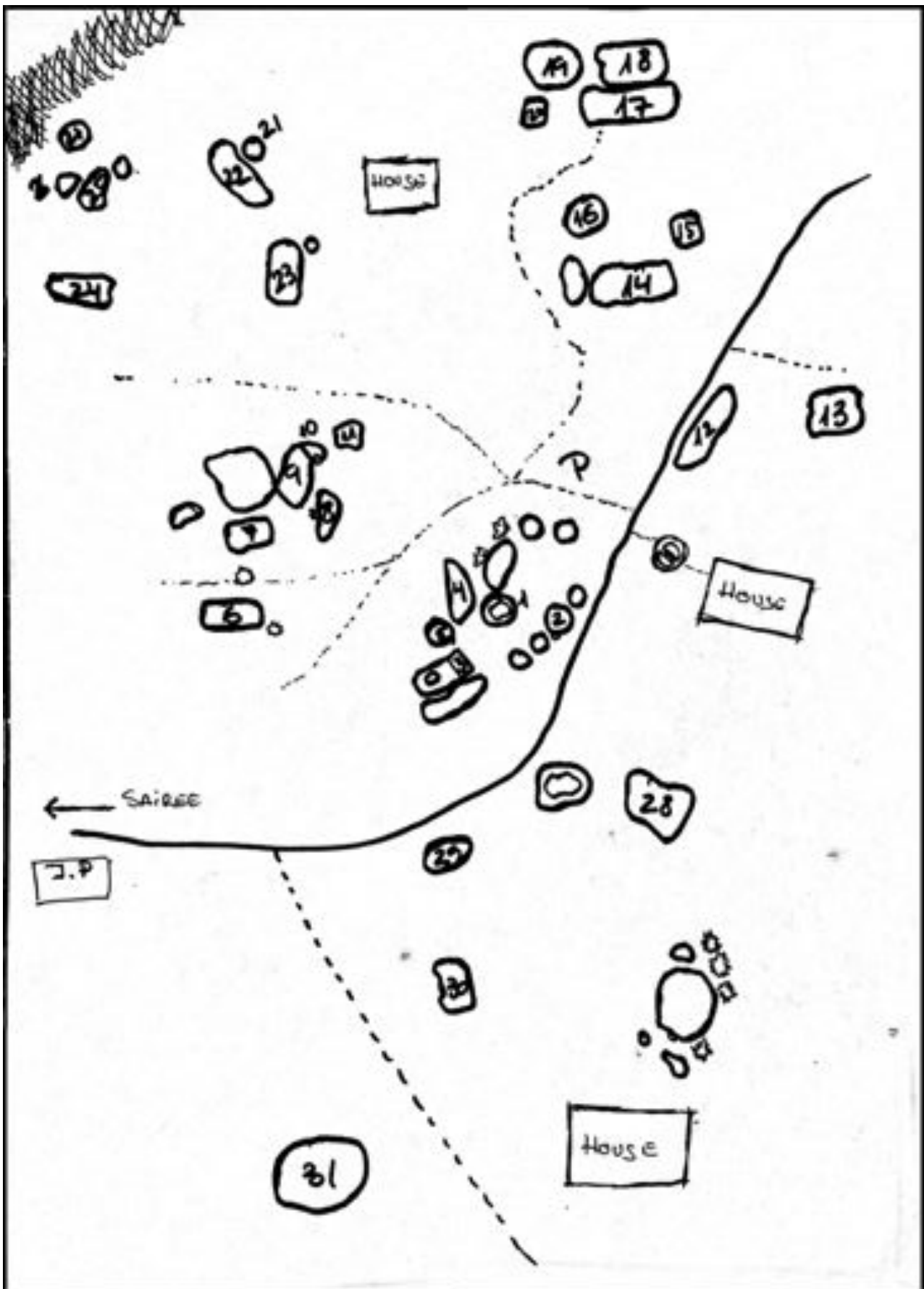
If we go from Maehaad to Sairee we have to turn right when we get the 7eleven at the main Sairee crossing, heading to Mango Bay road. We will follow this road until we find the Suksamran Villa (Studios for rent) where we will turn right again until we reach J.P Guest House. The area starts when we pass the J.P.

Times

It is recommendable to climb when it is not too hot (8am-12am; 4pm-6pm)

CAUTIONS

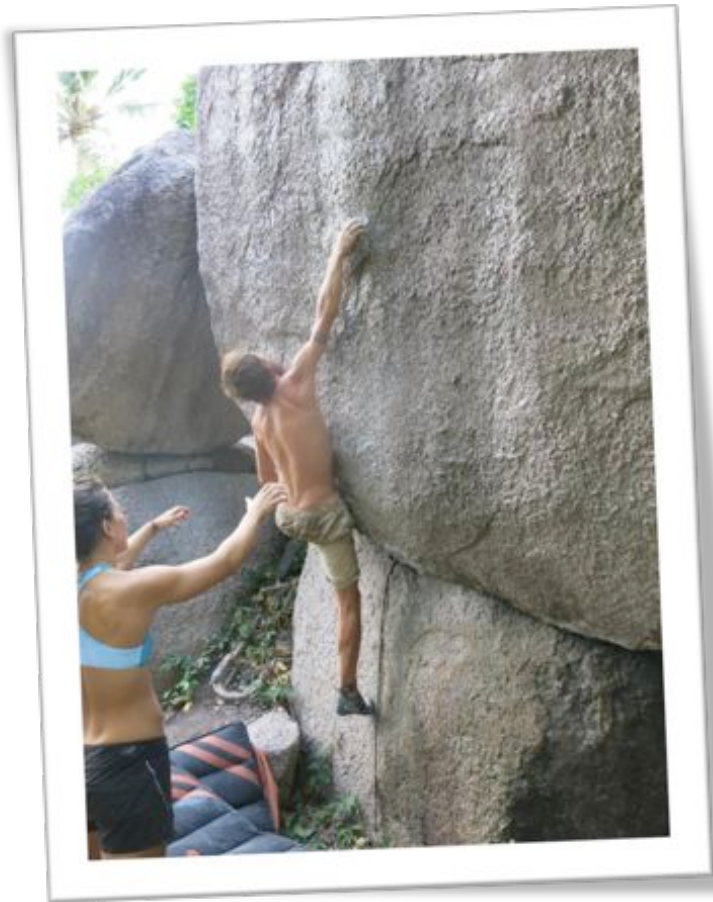
Some rocks in this area are very abrasive.

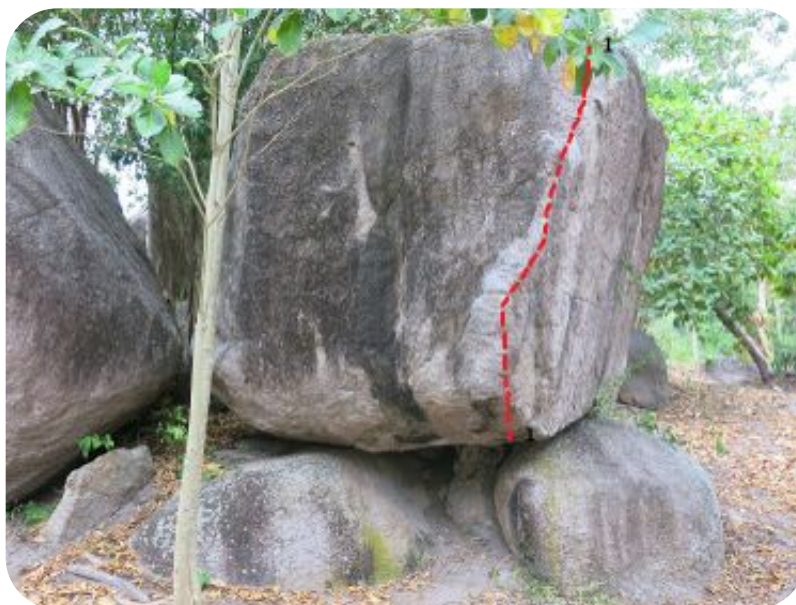


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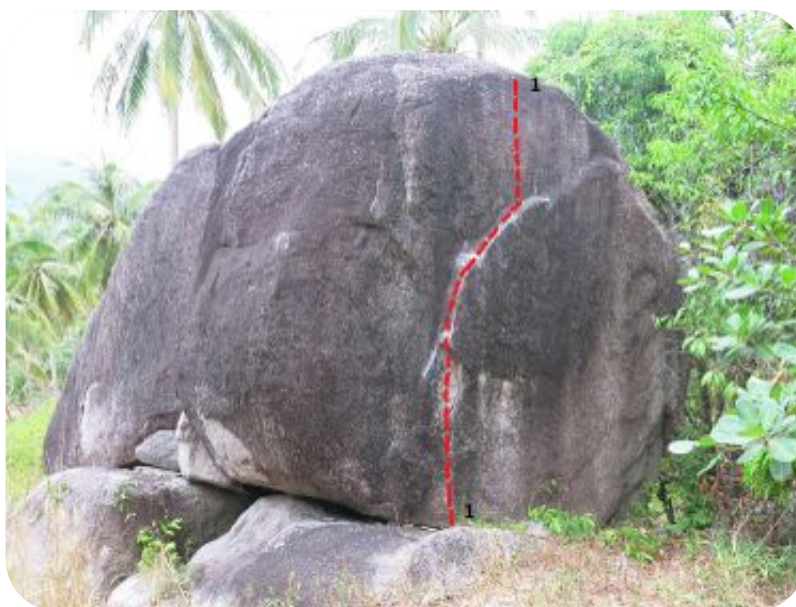


Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b+		☆☆☆	No sin mis dedos	



BOULDER 2

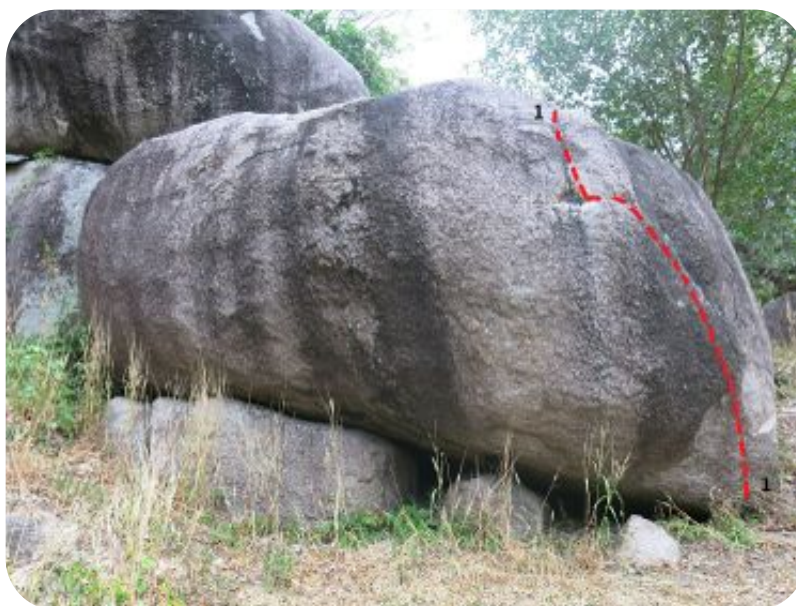
N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+		★ ★	Bizarro	

BOULDER 3

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	V		★ ★ ★	Brujo on holidays	

BOULDER 4

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a		★	Rompe pies	
2	6a		★	Salamandra BC	

BOULDER 5

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b		★★	Always working	

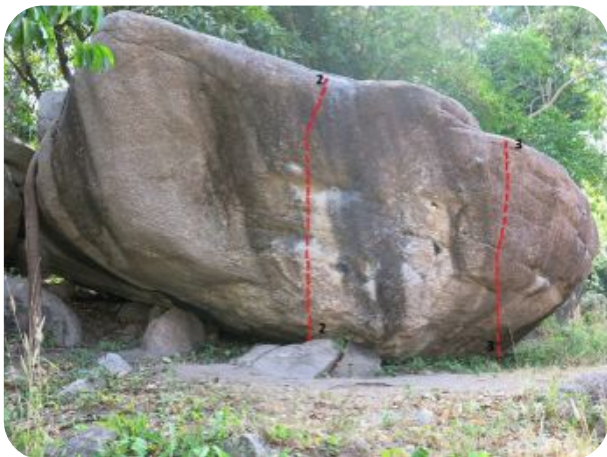
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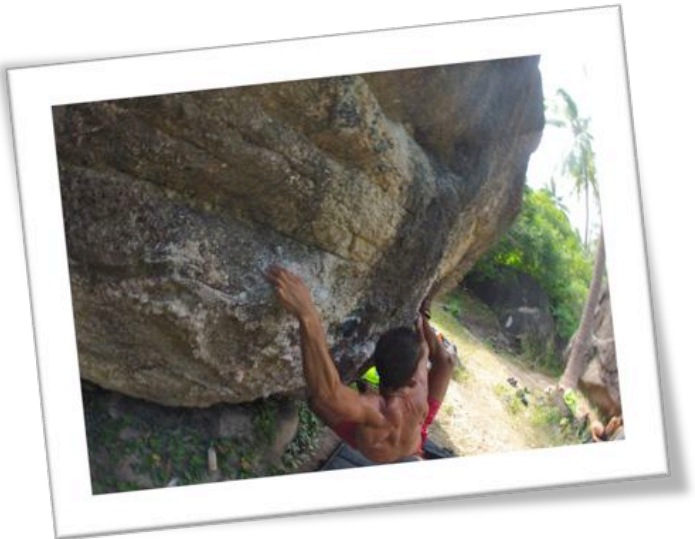
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1	6a		★ ★	Cresteando	⚠ Way down unclimbing V
2	V		★ ★	Cuando tengas los pies donde las manos estas fuera	⚠ Way down unclimbing V
3	6a		★ ★	Escapatoria	⚠ Way down unclimbing V
4	6b+	SI	★ ★	Es un tironaco	⚠ Way down unclimbing V



BOULDER 7



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	7a+	SI	★ ★	Regleteo	
2	7b	SI	★ ★	Flying to the moon	
3	¿?	SI	★ ★	Infierno	
4	6b	SI	★ ★	Venga q son 2 pasos	



BOULDER 8

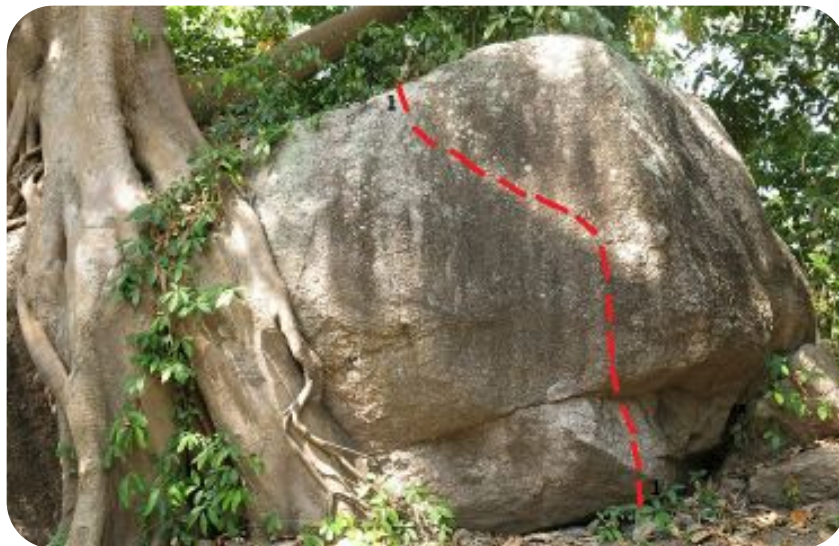
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1	-V		★ ★ ★	Al filo de lo posible	Good warming up for beginners
2	IV	SI	★ ★ ★	Empezamos bien	Good warming up for beginners
3	IV		★ ★ ★	Dedo a muerte bicicleta cebolleta	Good warming up for beginners
4	IV		★ ★ ★	Cuarto sin ascensor	Good warming up for beginners

BOULDER 9

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	¿?			El tete	⚠ ⚠ Dangerous fall
2	¿?			La Carmen	⚠ ⚠ Dangerous fall

BOULDER 10

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	V+		★ ★	Tortilla de patatas	Dihedral
2	V		★ ★	Pisto manchego	

BOULDER 11

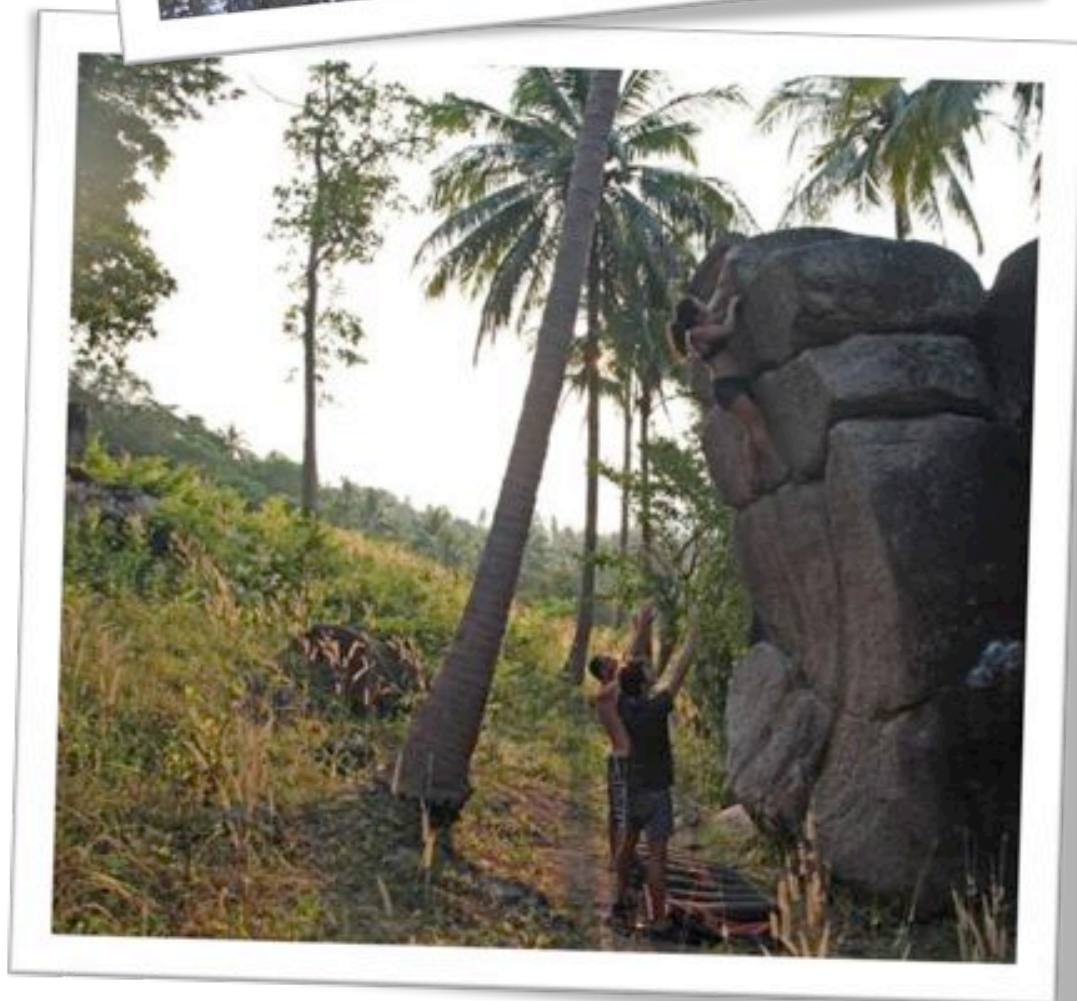
Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b	SI	★ ★ ★	Pez Loro	Start standing up 6a

BOULDER 12

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	V		★	Nice view	

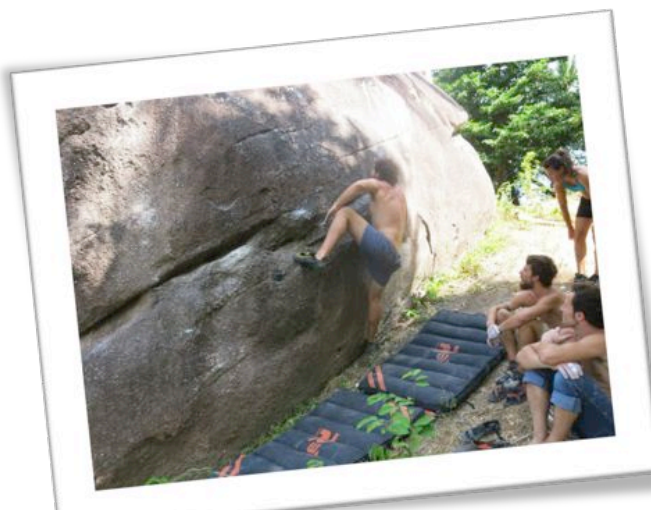
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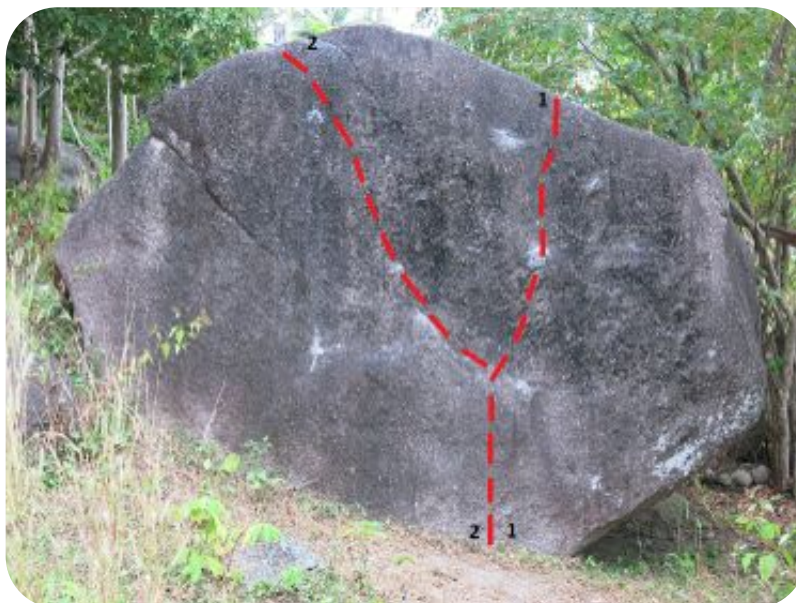
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1	V+		★ ★ ★	Primos Walters	⚠ Go down by 6b, jumping on the crash pad
2	V		★ ★ ★	Opener Resortels	⚠ Go down by 6b, jumping on the crash pad
3	V		★ ★ ★	Chistako!	⚠ Go down by 6b, jumping on the crash pad
4	6b		★ ★ ★	Cocoon Boulder team	⚠ Go down by 6b, jumping on the crash pad
5	7b		★ ★ ★	Open Walter	⚠ Go down by 6b, jumping on the crash pad



BOULDER 14

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	¿?		★ ★		
2	V		★ ★	Putis Party	
3	V		★ ★	Churris	
4	6a		★ ★	De casa Nayeta	
5	V	SI	★ ★	Cuando el grajo vuela bajo	
6	V	SI	★ ★	Nemo	

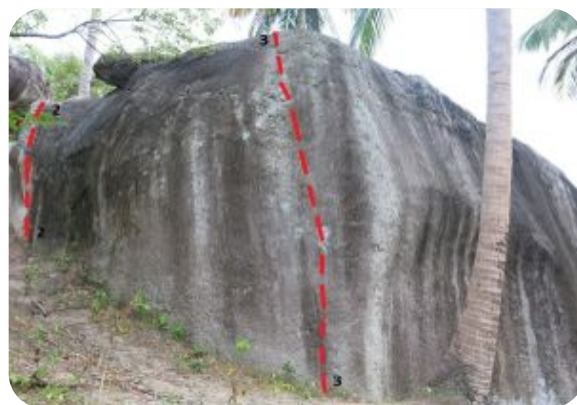


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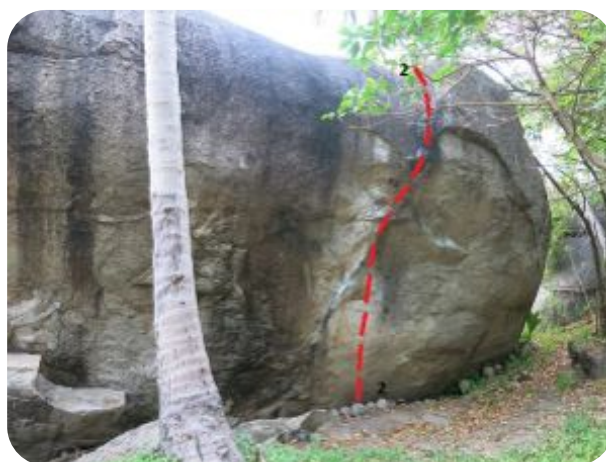
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1	V		★ ★	Tortuga ninja	
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Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c		★ ★	Vuelo del abuelo	
2	6b		★ ★	Gypsy divers	
3	6a+	SI	★ ★	Ganzua, palanza, cizalla	

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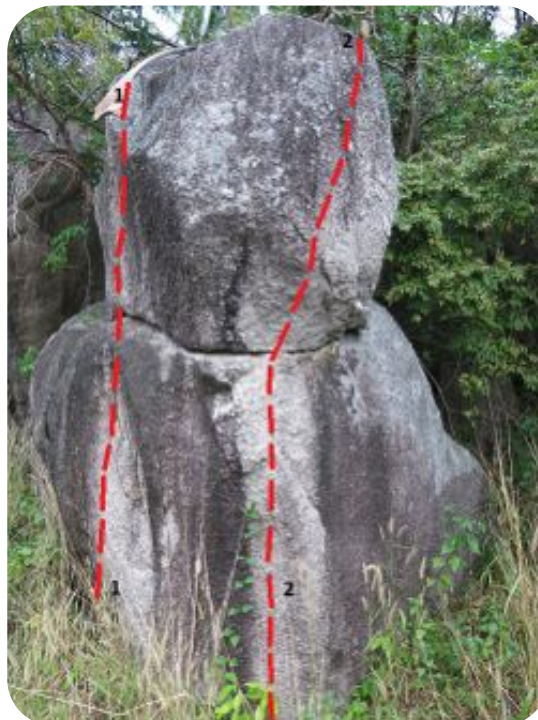
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2	6a+		★ ★	Gipsy divers	
3	V+	SI	★ ★	Escalar o birras y tripis	

BOULDER 18

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1	6c+		★	El reggeton de la Espe	
2	6b		★	Barbaque	

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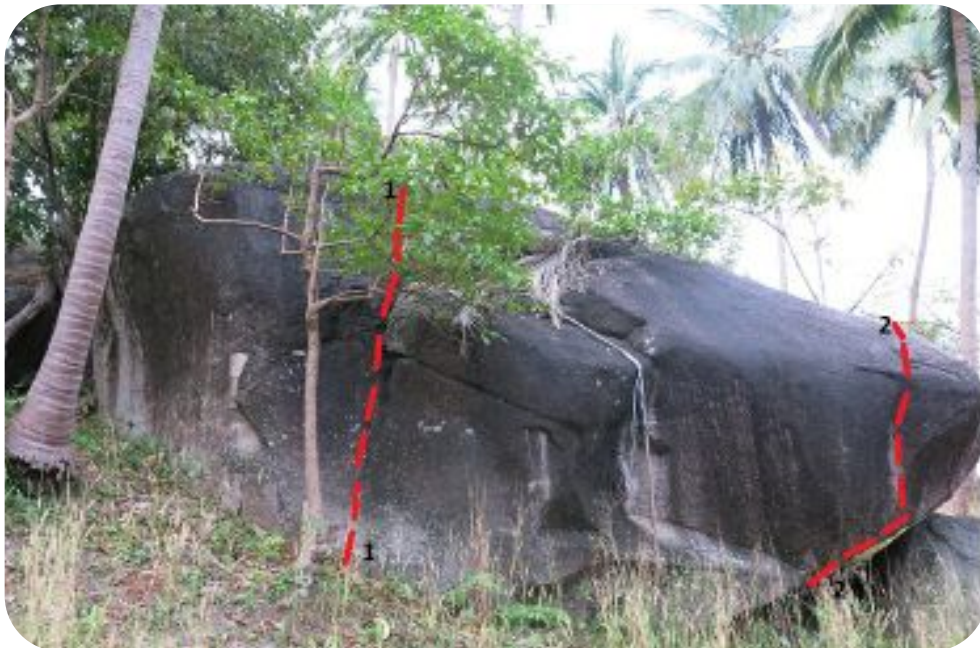
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1	8a			Culos como boyas	
2	7a+			Advance stoler diver	

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Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a		★ ★	Me parto	
2	6a+		★ ★	Pez globo	

BOULDER 21

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a+		★ ★	I had a dream	

BOULDER 22

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	V+		★ ★	Quiero queso y vino	
2	7a		★ ★	The wizard	⚠️ Dangerous fall

BOULDER 23

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a		★ ★ ★	Cheewaka	
2	6 ^a +		★ ★ ★	Visa run	
3	V		★ ★	Labios compartidos	

BOULDER 24

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	IV		★ ★	Lentejas con chorizo	
2	V		★ ★	Bigotito	
3	V		★ ★	I have the power	
4	6c		★ ★	Ab ipso ferro	

BOULDER 25

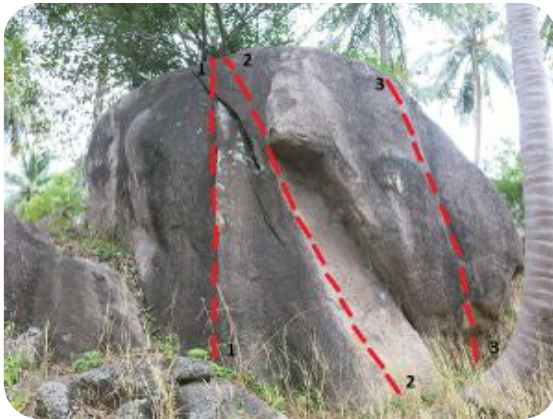
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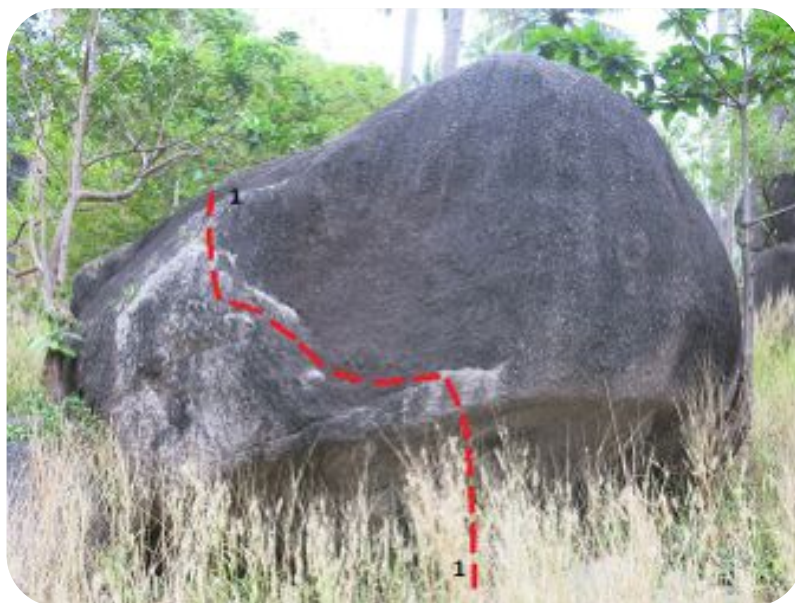
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1	V		★ ★	La madre del tete	
2	6b		★ ★	El tete	

BOULDER 27

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	-V	SI	★ ★ ★	Las primas	
2	6a+	SI	★ ★ ★	Los primos	

BOULDER 28

Nº	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6a		★ ★	Punky capitalista	
2	6a+		★ ★	Miquel y Riojano	
3	6b		★ ★	Koh Tao Tattoo	
4	V	SI	★ ★	The Mindun Team	

BOULDER 28

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6b		★ ★	Nailcutter	

BOULDER 29

N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	V		★ ★	Hippy capitalista	
2	6a		★ ★	La pedri	

BOULDER 30



N°	GRADE	SIT	QUALITY	NAME	COMMENTS
1	6c+		★ ★	Pai nai ma	⚠ Go down by V+
2	V+		★ ★	I'm from Altamira	⚠ Go down by V+
3	6b		★ ★	Bubbles	⚠ Go down by V+

ADVICES

In this part of the guide, we give you some recommendations to have a successful climbing day.

Despite of the fact that Koh Tao bouldering areas are not very problematic, we should follow the advices shown below, anyway.

- **Be respectful with the environment, keeping like that the landscape beauty.**
 - **Take a plastic bag to put rubbish in it, avoiding getting Koh Tao dirty.**
 - **Follow the climbing times, avoiding the heat and the mosquito time as much as we can.**
 - **Check the problems before start climbing, and take a crash pad to softening the falls properly.**
 - **Keep a good hydration before, during and after the activity.**
 - **Be very cautious getting to the areas, especially in raining season.**
 - **It is recommendable to take a mobile phone with us, considering that in case of trouble or accident we can call to the emergency service.**
- **These are general advices. Specific advices are explained in each part of this guide.**

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