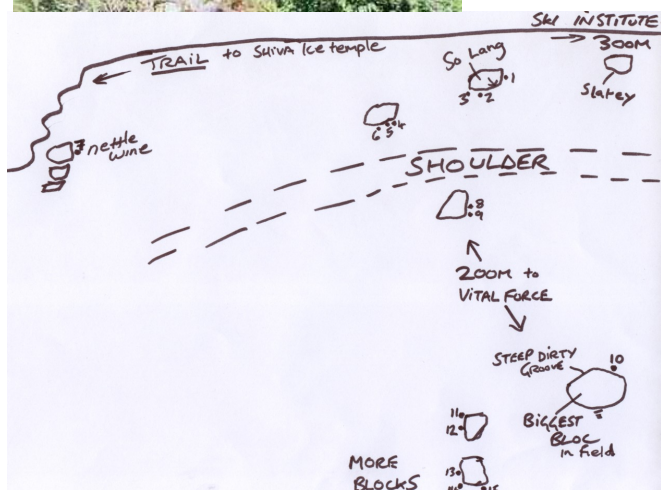
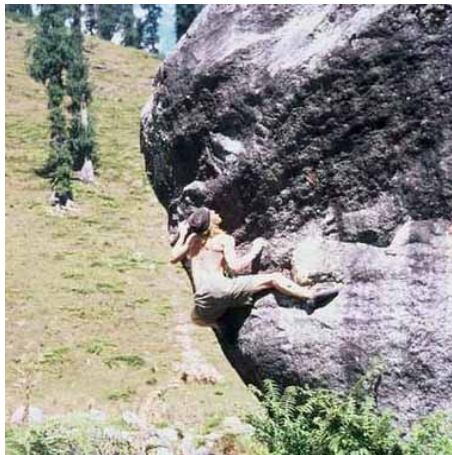


SOLANG VALLEY

There are much more boulders around here spread about all over the place. This is just a taster of a good little area in a beautiful surrounding. Its much higher (maybe close to 3000m) and fresher than down the road in Manali and the rock is a very gritty and good quality type of granite. You should stay around the manali area anyway for some days to acclimatise before going to the higher mountains so you might as well check it out. It's best to stay down the valley in Vashist or something and come up for the day (bus or hitch) to climb returning in the evening. Its only 15 km from Manali and just a few minutes from the roadhead to the boulderfield. Head towards the Shiva Ice temple on a path behind the "skiing institute" and see the boulders on the left after a few hundred metres.

SOLANG TWISTER 7c



- 1 ** SO LANG JOURNEY 7b+ sitstart on the big jug down and left then traverse R first crimps then sloper to some slopey lip moves over the top.
 - 2 ** 6b the classic with a long reach to a sloper.
 - 3 ** SOLANG TWISTER 7c starts just R of the L arête of this face. A hard pull on and slap up R before taking the grooves and over to a hard to see hold.
 - 4 *6b from the groove up going slightly right.
 - 5 *7a up L from the groove with a jump
 - 6 *6b from a positive L hold slopey R grab the rail and up.
- Up the trail for a bit longer is this small but nice boulder just left of the path.
- 7 ** NETTLE WINE 7b+ sitstart from the cleaned edges to the sloper on the arête then back R to slopey moves.
 - 8 * 6b starting from the perfect crimps to the groove and up L to finish . Sit next!?
 - 9 * 6c Big shelf on arête is harder than it looks.
- Next problem is on the BIG boulder in the middle of the field.
- 10 *** VITAL FORCE 7a the face with crimps leads to a small groove. At first very small moves then a much longer one ! brilliant line of Solang
 - 11 * 6a a line using the arête and the groove to topout. Sit to do.
 - 12 * 6a the wall with a small crimp
 - 13 *6c sloper press up the groove.
 - 14 5 short arête
 - 15 *7a sitstart on the grooves to a sloper up left then a good slot on the right.
- More blocks with problems down towards the river from here with some good things