

SPITI LAHAUL BOULDERING OVERVIEW MAP 1

The valley is just on the other side of the mighty Rohtang pass and Chattru is just 83 km from Manali which is the huge touristy hilltown 10 hours from Delhi. In the season the two Spiti buses to Kaza go everyday from Manali bus stand at 5 and 6 am and usually arrive at Chattru before midday. Recover in Manali for some days before heading up there, go the 3km to Vashist (to stay) and 15km to Solang valley (to climb)

It is 17km between Chattru and Chotadara. The valley is full of excellent boulder areas on both sides of the river. Its easy to get up and down the valley between the areas even if you miss the bus or its full. Its not far between areas to walk or hitch a lift from any passing jeep or truck. There are rumours of a hydro project in Chattru starting in 2008 which will be terrible but even if it does start further up the valley in the other areas (Chotadara, Kyara etc.) it should still be okay. Climbers should go to Chandra dhabba when they arrive at Chattru as Laloo the owner is an old friend of all the boulderers and has great chapatis and rajma. He will tell you the whereabouts of any other boulderers in the valley. There is a dhabba (cheap restaurant) in Chotadara also which is good if a bit more basic. In Chattru you can buy some staple items like rice ,dhal ,oil, masala, onion, potato etc. There are good campsites at all the bouldering areas listed here usually perfect flat grassy meadows with water springs flowing through.

The map shows the main areas of boulders in relation to the river and the road

