

# Björnblocket

## Characteristics

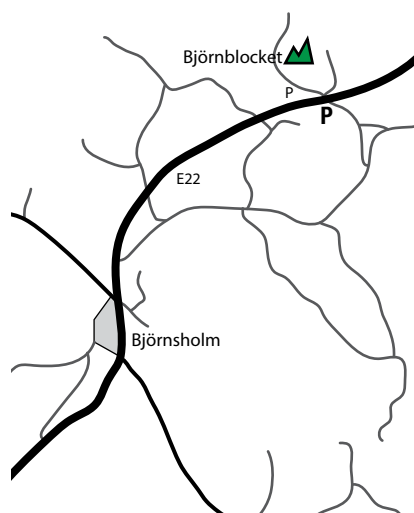
The boulder area consists of granite boulders and walls. It's located in an open forest area on top of a hill. On the big boulder we have one of the toughest boulder problems in Sweden, 'The Hourglass'. Stefan Rasmussen och Sanna R. his wife has developed the area.

There are easier problems on a small vertical wall.

Carlo Traversi professional climber from USA says "make sure to emphasize my outmost respect for Stefan Rasmussen, who is hands down one of the most impressive pioneers in the sport of bouldering and Västervik hosts a ton of potential for the future, even in the 8B+/8C range on very good rock. While not providing the same amount of density as the most popular bouldering spots in Europe, the quality and quantity of boulders that I've seen in Västervik certainly puts it on the map as one of higher end bouldering areas in the world. Particularly The Hourglass, which could be one of the single most aesthetic 8B's in the whole world."

## Directions

If you drive E22 from south, in Björnsholm there is an exit towards Överum. The crag is located about 2.4 km after exit. Park to the right. Its forbidden to park at the other side. Walk left and follow the gravel road for 200 m and then turn right. You will see the boulder area further ahead 200 m, on the hill, to the right of the road. If you drive from north, you had to go to Björnsholm and make a u-turn and drive back 2,4 km and park along E22 to the right at the road that leads to the farm.



## Coordinates

To the parking lot: 16°26'09"O, 57°58'06"N

## Accommodation

Closest camping is Camping KustCamp, phone +46493-10221, [www.campa.se](http://www.campa.se). Youth Hostel in Överum, phone +46493-30302 [www.overum.nu](http://www.overum.nu), cottages and camping at Risebo, phone +46493-33046, [www.risebofritid.se](http://www.risebofritid.se),

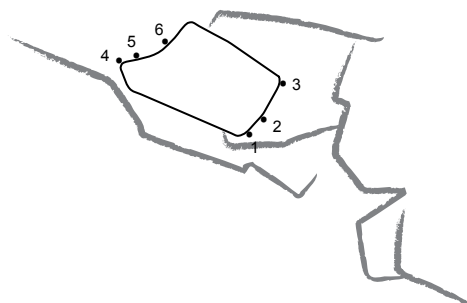
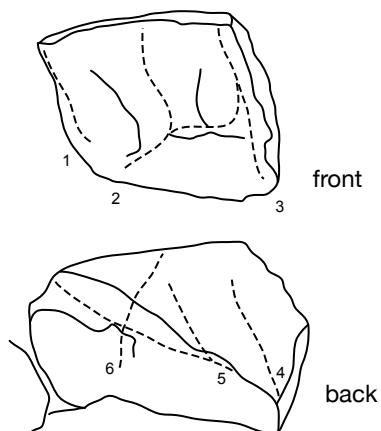
## Shops

The closest grocery stores are in Gamleby and petrol stations, restaurant are located in Tindered by the E22, one or two kilometres north.

## Västervik Climbing Centre

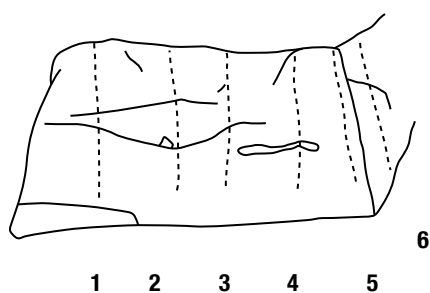
The climbing centre in Västervik is the main meeting point for climbers. It is located by the old water tower on Repslagargatan 5. There is free Wi-Fi internet access there. You can also borrow a computer and browse the internet for free. It is a place where you can meet, trade stories, read climbing magazines and watch climbing films. The latest information on climbing and other outdoor activities in the area is available there. There is also a climbing gym available, where you can climb and get to know other climbers. Call +46490-37466 for more information.

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|----|-----------------------|-----|-----|--|
| 1  | <b>Projekt</b>        |     |     |  |
| 2  | <b>The Hourglass</b>  | ◆◆◆ | 8B  | sds, straight up                           |
| 2b | <b>Night Shift</b>    |     | 8A+ | sds, climb right and to the top as route 3 |
| 3  | <b>The Office</b>     | ◆   | 7B+ |  |
| 3b | <b>The Office sds</b> | ◆   | 8A  |  |
| 4  | <b>Evil Twin</b>      |     | 6A  | sds  |
| 5  | <b>Wild Cat</b>       |     | 6B+ | sds, straight up                           |
| 5b | <b>Hål in Two</b>     | ◆   | 6C+ | sds, travers to the left                   |
| 6  | <b>Hole in One</b>    |     | 6C+ | Sittstart travers vänster                  |

## Björnblocket 2 is situated 100



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|---|----------------|----|-----|
| 1 | <b>Iborg</b>   | 4C |     |
| 2 | <b>Cecilia</b> | 5C |     |
| 3 | <b>Laura</b>   | 5B |     |
| 4 | <b>Elin</b>    | 5A |     |
| 5 | <b>Aida</b>    | 3A |     |
| 6 | <b>Maja</b>    | 6A | sds |

