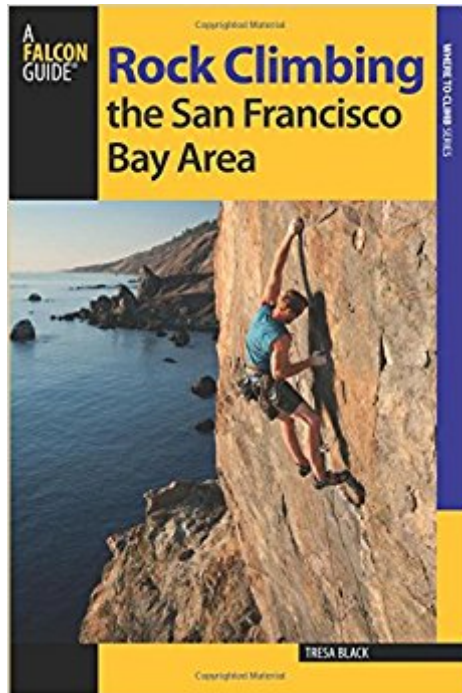


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Synopsis

The San Francisco Bay Area abounds with superb rock climbing, including hidden gems far from the crowds. From the Vaqueros honeycombed sandstone of Castle Rock State Park to the Franciscan blue schist of Dry Creek Sea Crag, hard serpentine at Mount Tamalpais to the sparkling granite settled at the edge of the Consumnes River, *Rock Climbing the San Francisco Bay Area* covers the best climbing routes in the area. With detailed descriptions of routes ranging from popular to obscure, this fully updated guidebook describes hundreds of new routes and includes full color maps, photos, and topos, making it an indispensable resource for local and visiting climbers alike.

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Customer Reviews

Want to go vertical? Let *Rock Climbing the San Francisco Bay Area* point you to the best ascents at twenty-four climbing areas within two hours' drive of the Bay. Scale the rock at Mount St. Helena and The Grotto, jam your way up the cracks at Mount Diablo and Consumnes River Gorge, and traverse the boulders at Mickey's Beach and Skyline Boulevard Slabs. Inside you find information on the best climbing routes and bouldering problems at each area, along with protection information and gear recommendations that will keep you heading to the top. You'll find: complete and up-to-date topos; detailed descriptions of more than 375 routes; descent information on multi-pitch routes; background and historical information on many of the crags; easy-to-follow driving and

approach directions to climbing and bouldering destinations; tips on where to find the best coffee, grub and pint near each climbing locale. (6 x 9, 240 pages, b&w photos, maps, charts)

Tresa Black is a journalist, former PE teacher, and enthusiastic rock climber in the Bay Area. She lives in Mill Valley, California, with her pot-bellied pig, Giuseppe.

Excellent color pictures
Great information about directions, amenities (e.g. if a bathroom is present), cafes, and dog friendly or not information.
Great guide but could use way more detail about the bouldering areas.

This book is an excellent resource for Bay Area climbing. Tresa is a staple in the climbing community and knows just about everyone who has established routes in the area. This book has all the inside information that you won't get in most other climbing books. Maps and approach beta are very accurate as far as I have experienced. Sorry to the guy who got lost going to the Slabs, that place is nearly impossible to find anyway.

I find the descriptions lacking and pictures are not clear enough. Get *Â Bay Area Rock - Climbing and Bouldering in the San Francisco Bay Area*, it is much better.

Great gift for friends who rock climb in the Bay Area. High quality guide book!

These books are great! Wish the included more in the valley as well, but useful as is.

I review this book so low because of its section on Skyline Boulevard Slabs. The map is inaccurate, as is the description of the approach hike. If you follow this book's advice about approaching Skyline Slabs, you'll descend down a steep slope and ultimately end up at Peter's Creek, below the waterfall. This area is remote once you're in the creek bed, and cell reception is limited. It is obvious the author never visited Skyline Slabs, as there are much simpler and safer approaches to the Slabs than what is described in this book. Please read climber blogs before visiting, otherwise you could get quite lost in deep ravines and draws, thinking you're descending down a gully to the base of the Slabs. Hike to Peter's Creek waterfall, and then follow animal trails to the right to the base of the Slab. If you follow this book's advice, you'll hike to the top of the Slab, and then dangerously attempt to hike around to begin climbing at the base. Not a good idea, and if the weather is foggy, you can

make a dangerous mistake and end up at the top of a steep, high cliff. Skyline Slabs should not be visited without a good map and a friend who knows the area. This book has a hand drawn sketch map that is inappropriate for a long approach hike. Be careful, the Santa Cruz Mountains are not the place to get lost, or wander after dusk. Also, be advised that any injury at the Slabs is self-evac to the beginning of the Peter Creek trail. Bring first aid kit, a strong buddy and don't break an ankle unless you want to sleep in the woods.

The previous reviewer is mistaken, the Skyline Slabs map is correct. I have not found any inaccuracies in this book. This second edition is beautiful with all color photos and all route maps redrawn on the actual photos of your routes. This is THE book for SF Bay Area climbing, and surrounding areas.

very informative and easy to understand

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