

Golf Ball and Squatters Bluff - Access

Traffic on Government Road poses a hazard to pedestrians, so instead of parking on the north side of the road and walking across, please park on the south side in a pullout in the trees just downhill (east) of the Golf Ball rock that lines the road.

From here access to the Upper and Lower Golf Ball is immediate. To access the Squatters, simply walk uphill in the ditch beside Government Road and turn left at a set of dirt steps that climbs up into the forest. Follow a trail that leads west to the crag. For access to the base of "The Littlest Hobo", follow a set of dirt steps and a hand line connecting the Squatters access trail to the ditch beside Government Road.

Squatter's Bluff

Short but quality routes so close to town that there is no reason not to ride your bike or walk. All routes are bolted for the grade and have fixed anchors for lowering off.

Routes are described from left to right.

1. The Cops Know All the Places 5.7* – (3 bolts - 10m). Start up the arête and move right into the corner. (S. King '09)
2. Squatter's rights 5.9* - (3 bolts – 10m). This is listed as 10a with 4 bolts in the guide book. Nice moves. (S. King '09)
3. Why Would Anyone Pay to Camp in Nelson? 10b* - (4 bolts - 12m). A smooth face leads to an awkward groove. (S. King '09)
4. Spare Change 12a/b – (4 bolts – 12m). Over the left hand roof on mono pockets. Delicate. Use a longer draw under the roof. (S. Tasker & L. Neufeld-Cumming '10)
5. Group Squat 10b/11a* - (4 bolts – 11m). Fun moves around a large roof. Pull straight through the roof for the 11a variant. (D. Lussier '09)
6. Diddly Squat 10a** - (4 bolts – 11m). Sweet climbing into the corner above. (D. Lussier '06)
7. Kootenay Junior Open Girls Doubles 10a* - (4 Bolts - 11m). Jigsaw puzzle pieces lead to thin moves on the face above. (S. King '09)
8. BLM (The Brother Land...Man) 5.8 - (3 Bolts - 10m). Start right around the corner, up the flake groove, then traverse right or go straight up onto the north facing slab above. (S. King '09)
9. The Littlest Hobo 5.7 (TR – 10m). The north facing route which starts at the level of Government Rd. Walk north from the base of #7 to reach the anchor. (S. King '09)