



# Børvågen

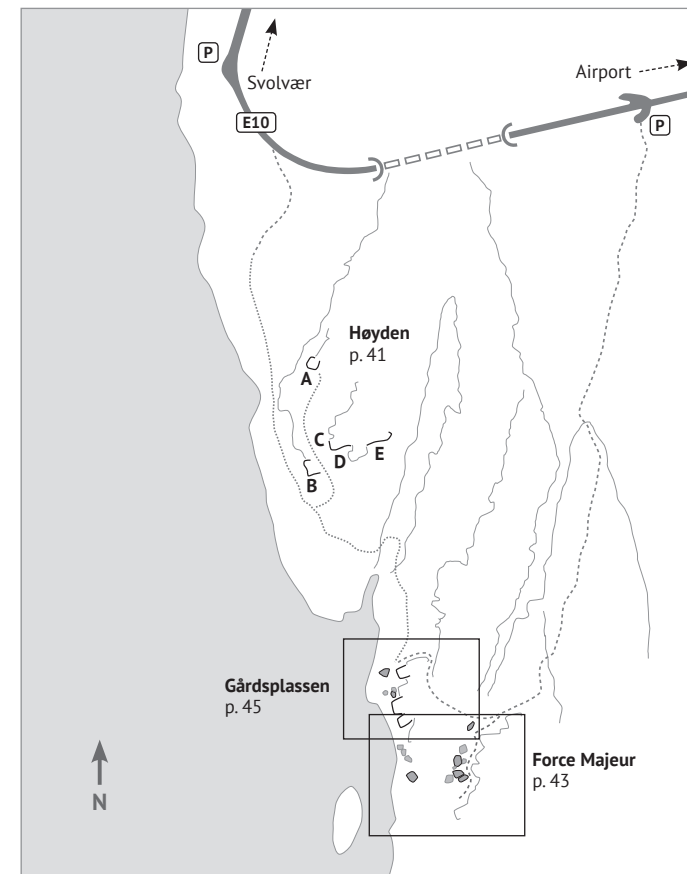
Børvågen is one of the classic areas of Lofoten climbing. However, it didn't start out as a bouldering area. The cliffs on this peninsula were first used as practice crags for roped climbing, which isn't surprising when you consider the height of some of the walls. Are they highballs or micro routes, or both? Well it's up to you... Of course not all boulders are highballs, there's a lot of stuff at reasonable height too. All in all, this is a very nice location, close to Svolvær and just by the sea. Most likely there are more problems than those presented here, and there is also a lot of unclimbed rock.

**Directions:** From Svolvær follow the E10 eastwards, towards the airport. There are two parking spots with separate approaches to the climbing. To reach the Høyden sector it is best to park before the tunnel and to reach the Gårdsplassen sector the parking after the tunnel is your best choice.

From the parking before the tunnel, follow the road for about 50 m and take a small path through some bushes and out on the slabby shoreline. Follow the shoreline, past a rocky section close to the sea, and then head diagonally upwards. The Høyden sector will appear on your left as you pass it.

To reach the Gårdsplassen sector, park after the tunnel and follow the path that leads you south out on the peninsula. As the path starts descending towards the sea you will encounter the first boulder, Obelisque. You can walk between the two sectors by crossing the shallow bay between them, with a little bit of (easy) scrambling involved.

Left: Joar Hofgaard aiming for the "eye" of *Cyclops*, 7A+ (p. 45).  
Photo: Jonas Paulsson







# Høyden

The Høyden sector has a few nice problems, but when walking along the shore it is evident that there is a lot of things to be done here, some of which has most likely been climbed already. Børvågentraversen is a nice place to work on your stamina in the spring, going back and forth to get the blood flowing through your forearms.

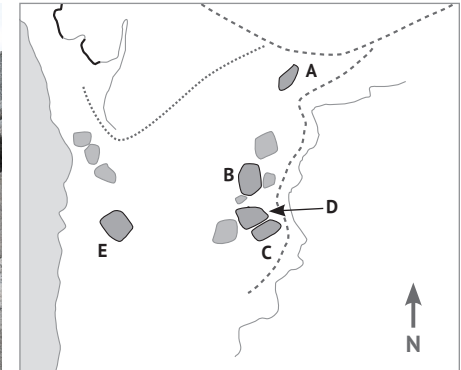
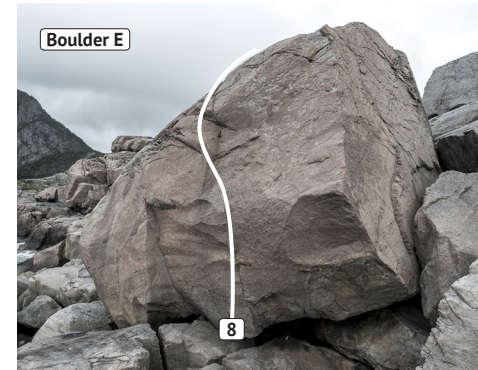
Boulder A				FL	RP
1	Nameless	6A	Vertical face.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Nameless	6B	Sit start in the overhang. Go out and up the arête.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boulder B					
3	Nameless	6A	Start from crimp and straight up the face.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Nameless	6B	The obvious, overhanging crack. Tricky topout. Sit start.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Nameless	6A	The arête. Sit start.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boulder C					
6	Nameless	6C	Rounded arête. Sit start. <i>Andreas Christiansen</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boulder D					
Several straight up possibilities here. Some have been done already, but no information available. Traversing the wall is also possible, but quite hard!					
Boulder E					
7	Børvågen-traversen	6A	Long traverse with a crux at the end. Several easy straight ups also possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





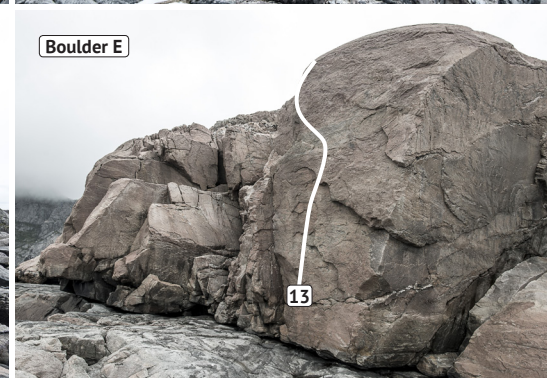
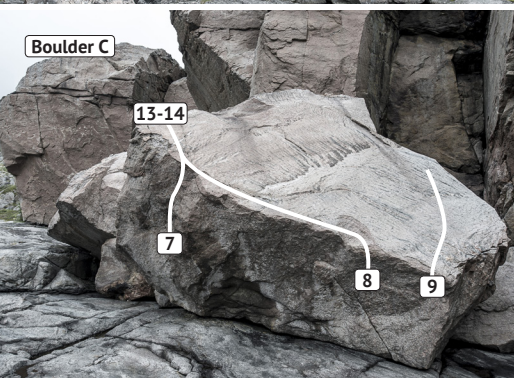
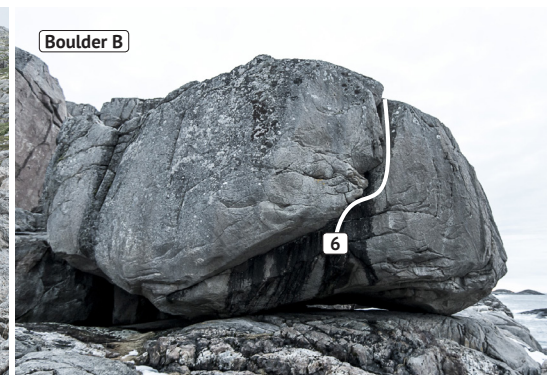
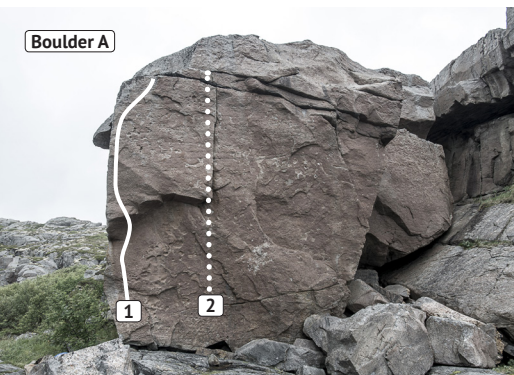
## Force Majeur

Force Majeur is the first sector you come to when approaching from the east side of the tunnel. As the path comes down the hill towards the sea, you will encounter boulder A (Obelisque), which can hardly be missed. The path splits here; take the left one to reach boulders C and D. To reach boulder B you can take a left a little lower down the path. There are some highball possibilities (and traces of trad climbing) on the walls facing boulders C and D.



			FL	RP
<b>Boulder A (Obelisque)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Obelisque	6A+      Rounded arête.		
<b>Boulder B (Force Majeur)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Nameless	7A+      Sit start. <i>Markku Tawast 2005</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Force Majeur	7C      Low start and go right to reach the crack. <i>Markku Tawast 2005</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Project	~7C      The right leaning crack/corner feature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Boulder C (Gaucho)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Anssi Tupla	7C      Dyno in roof. Sit start. <i>Anssi Venho 2006</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Muy Gaucho	6C+      Follow the edge of the overhang and top out by the jug. Sit start. <i>Alvaro Castro 2015</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Boulder D (Skipper)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Skipper	7A+      Steep prow. <i>Markku Tawast 2005</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Boulder E</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Nameless	6C      Layback and slab.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





## Gårdsplassen

The Gårdsplassen sector hosts the best climbing in the area. The square-like area around the Cyclops arête is a very nice place to hang out in the afternoon, watching the sun setting over Svolvær and the surrounding mountains. The rock is generally very good, and landings are almost always perfect.



### Boulder A

- 1 Cyclops (p. 35, 38, 47)
- 2 Project

7A+  
7A

High arête. Future classic. *Isak Sørensen 2015*  
Face and crack.

FL RP  
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### Boulder B

- 3 Nameless
- 4 Nameless (p. 46)
- 5 Nameless
- 6 Nameless (p. 47)

6C  
5A  
6B  
6A

The slab to the left of the crack.  
Easy crack.  
The face to the right of the crack.  
Crack with overhanging start.

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### Boulder C

- 7 Nameless
- 8 Nameless (p. 47)
- 9 Nameless

5B  
6A  
5C

Mantle at the lowest point of the boulder.  
Sit start and traverse left. Possible to start around the corner to the right, which makes it 6B+.  
Sit start and straight up to the highest point.

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### Boulder D

- 10 Nameless
- 11 Street Hooker
- 12 Nameless

5C  
7A  
6B

The obvious corner to the left of *Street Hooker*.  
Sit start in roof and traverse left and head up the corner. *Ville Kurru 2005*  
Sit start from large hold in the roof. Up the crimpy face. Climb/jump down.

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### Boulder E

- 13 Taiteilijaelämä

5C

Highball. *Markku Tawast 2005*

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Above: Vegard Byrkjeland Aasen on **Nameless #8**, 6A (p. 45).

Right: The author on **Nameless #6** 6A (p. 45).

Far right: Isak Sørensen on the first ascent of **Cyclops**, 7A+ (p. 45).

Left: The author on **Nameless #4**, 5A (p. 45).  
All photos: Jonas Paulsson

