



# Valberg

The tranquil area surrounding the tiny village of Valberg, situated along the 815 road, hosts a small number of boulders. The big boulder at Skokkelvika is definitely the main attraction of the area, with some of the best rock you'll find in Lofoten. But the location and looks of the Risryggen boulder are hard to beat, and the funky features of the boulder at Finnhamn make this little spot worth stopping at too, even if it offers only one problem.

## Note

Beware of grazing sheep along the whole stretch of the 815 road!

**Directions:** Coming from Svolvær: From the E10 take a left just after the bridge at Sundklakk and follow the 815 towards Valberg and Stamsund. After about 15 kilometers you get to the Finnhamn beach and the Finnhamn boulder. Continue along the 815 to reach the other sectors.

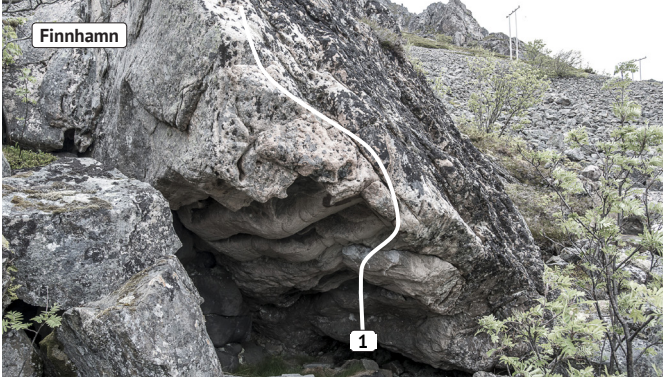
Coming from Leknes: From Leknes, take the 815 towards Stamsund. After passing the twin lakes of Storfjordvatnet take a left towards Valberg and Justad. After about 20 kilometers the Risryggen boulder will appear on the seaside of the road.

See the respective sectors for details on parking.



The author having a morning session on **Nameless #2, 6A** at Risryggen (p. 231).  
Photo: Jonas Paulsson





## Finnhamn

**Directions:** Park on any of the pullouts near the Finnhamn beach. The boulder is almost hidden, but is located 30 m up from the road, just before the beach when you're coming from the east.

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| 1 | Nameless (p. 224) | 6C+ | Sit start. |
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## Risøya

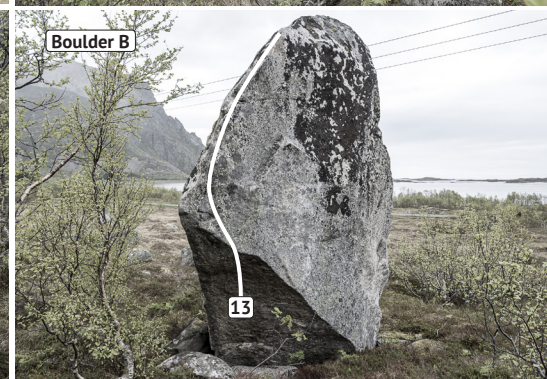
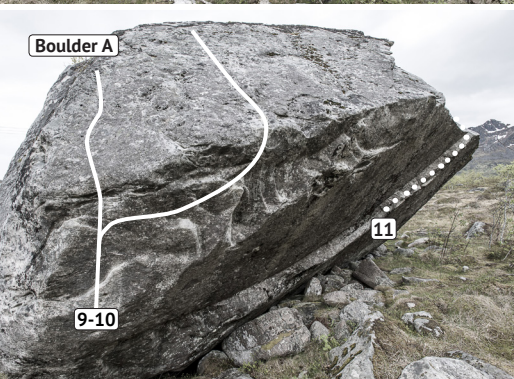
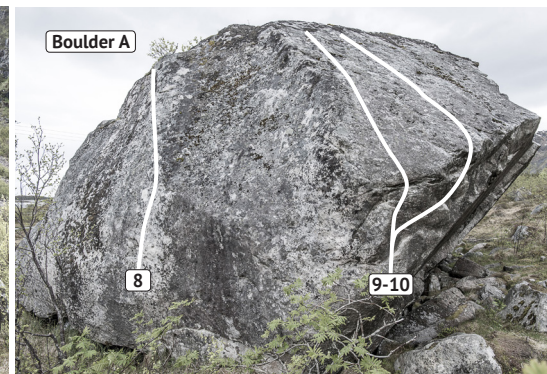
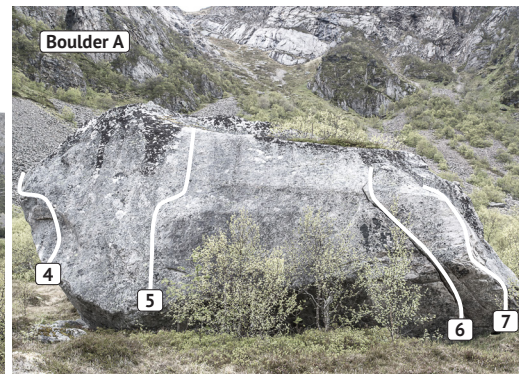
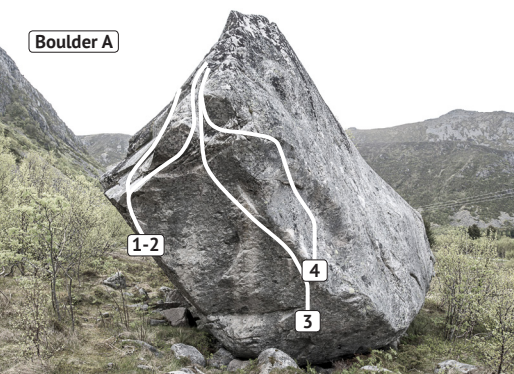
**Directions:** Use the same parking options as for Finnhamn. Follow the road westwards for about 200 m, passing a nice looking house. After the house, head out to the little island of Risøya on your left (low tide required). The boulder is situated on the southwestern side of the island.

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| 1 | Nameless | 5B | Sit start from jug in the cave. |
| 2 | Nameless | 6A | Sit start from little rock.     |
| 3 | Melootti | 6C | The arête. <i>Paavo Ikonen</i>  |

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Left: Magnus Eriksson relying on his jamming skills to send **Nameless #1**, 6C at Finnhamn (this page).  
Photo: Jonas Paulsson





## Skokkelvika

This sector is situated on a meadow/marsh along the 815 road. When driving through the tiny Skokkelvika community (coming from the east) you will see the boulder on your right side, you really can't miss it. There is a small pullout that will fit two, maybe three, cars adjacent to the sector. Just make sure your car is not in the way for the traffic.

### Boulder A

1	Nameless	7C	Start from crimps on the arête. <i>Øyvind Ville Sæter</i>	FL	RP
2	Turnustjeneste	7B	Same start as #1 but tops out right.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Slartibartfast (p. 33, 228, 229)	7B+	Lofoten's finest? Sit start. <i>Jyrki Kauko 2005</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Iron Cross	7B	Stand start on the arête, mantle into the scoop to the right, then climb up and left to finish with #3. <i>Christer Jansson 2015</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Slabstick	6C	Start with sidepull for left hand, right hand in undercling pocket. <i>Jonas Paulsson 2014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Swamp Thing	7A	Sit start. <i>Viktor Persson 2014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Fall's Gold	6B+	Low start down right. Go left over the bulge and up the arête. No hands in the crack of #6. <i>Jonas Paulsson 2014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Slap the Slope (p. 229)	6C+	Swing start up to sloper. Continue up the rounded rib. <i>Carl Granlund 2014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Nameless	6A	Low start with both hands on edge and then straight up. <i>Mats Peder Mosti/Torstein Eide</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Nameless (p. 229)	6C	Same start as #9, then out right and up. <i>Mats Peder Mosti/Torstein Eide</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Project	~8C?	Follows the ramp up right. Looks hard...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Boulder B (50 meters west of Boulder A)

12	Nameless	6A	Arête.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Moaiern	6B+	Compression problem. Sit start. <i>Carl Granlund 2014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





Above: Alba Bergeling getting acquainted with **Slartibartfast**, 7B+ (p. 227).

Right: Alba Bergeling shows a somewhat common expression on the starting move of **Slap the Slope**, 6C+ (p. 227).

Far right: Jonathan Linné Ryn on **Nameless #10**, 6C (p. 227).

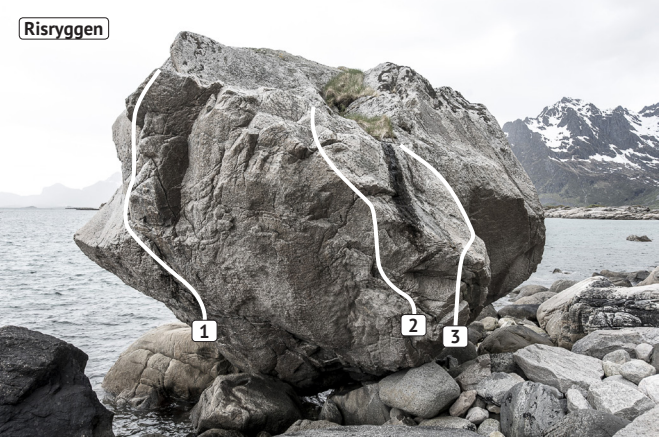
Left: Jonathan Linné Ryn enjoys the work of **Slartibartfast**, 7B+ (p. 227).  
All photos: Jonas Paulsson







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This beautiful boulder, perched on the rocky beach along the 815 road, offers some nice problems. Park at a pullout 100 m east of the boulder.

1	Wicked Tuna (cover)	6B+	Start from obvious flake. Sketchy landing, requires low tide. A sit start is possible...	FL	RP
2	Nameless (p. 223, 230)	6A	Start with both hands on big flake. Sit start from #3 is possible, which makes it 6A+	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Nameless	6A	Sit start.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Nameless	7C	Sit start from two sidepulls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Left: Alvaro Castro enjoys some late season sun rays on **Nameless #2**, 6A (this page).  
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