

Lynn Woods Boulder Bash Competition Guidebook 2018



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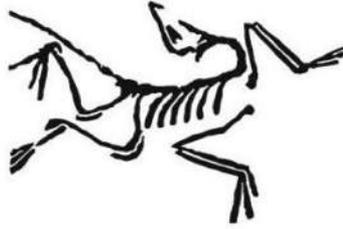


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Introduction

Welcome to the Lynn Woods Reservation! The history of climbing on the boulders and cliffs in Lynn Woods and the surrounding vicinity goes back to the early 1900's with Frank Mason and the Peabody Boulderers. Today, Lynn Woods hosts over 500 established boulder problems. The surrounding vicinity hosts another 500+ with varying access issues. Boulder development in Lynn Woods spans decades with new crews visiting and establishing new problems every season. Development continues to this day in the deeper regions of the Deep Woods, Bow Ridge, and Bikini Bottom. The list of developers is long and in the interest of keeping this introduction short, and this guide manageable, the developers, history, first ascents, and other fun information is not included.

Lynn Woods Reservations boasts 2,200 acres of public forest in the urban City of Lynn, Massachusetts. Glacial erratics, boulders, and cliffs are spread out over a rugged landscape of hills, wetlands, and rocky outcroppings. The climbing is not as concentrated as other areas, and there is no published guidebook making it challenging and adventurous for the first (or even 100th) time visiting.

The rock is Peabody Granite. Like any granite, it varies in quality, but is generally good, with coarse, sometimes sharp crystals.

The problems listed in this Competition Guidebook provide varying degrees of difficulty and style. They have clear lines and obvious starts. The information in this guide is limited to avoid providing "beta" to the competitors.

The information in the *Start/Style* column indicates whether the problem is a *Sit-Start* or a *Stand-Start*. It also indicates if the problem is typically done with an eliminate or variation (eg. arete is off). There are a few "crouch" starts as well that have fairly obvious starting holds.

The V-Scale difficulty ratings are not included in this guide; however, the Base Point values reflect difficulty. For Example, 420 equals V4-, 580 equals V5+. Bonus Points are given for specific boulders and problems if they are in a more remote location, are considered "bold" or require a bit more adventure to find. If the problem has bonus points, it is indicated in the listing for the problem.

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Competition Categories

- Points Contest: Womens and Mens
 - 6 categories, prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category
 - Advanced (V6+)
 - Intermediate (V3-V5)
 - Beginner (V0-V2)
- Endurance Contest: Womens and Mens
 - 2 categories, prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category
- Trail Sweeper Contest
 - The winner collects the most litter. Win by applause.
- Photo Contest
 - Post a photo on Instagram with the hashtag: **#LWBB2018**
 - The Comp Committee will select the top 5 and post to Instagram. The most “likes” will take the prize!

Event Timeline

5:58a - First light, park opens.

6:15a - Competitor and Volunteer Check-in OPEN

6:28a - Sunrise

7:00a - Opening remarks and kick-off

7:15a - Competition Begins (Competitors may begin as late as 10am)

10:00a - Check-in closes.

1:00p - "Jar" Raffle begins and Vendor Village begins

2:00p - Scorekeeper begins scoresheet collection

3:00p - Scoresheets DUE to Scorekeeper

3:30p - Raffle Ends, Raffles pulled

4:00p - Award Ceremony

4:30p - Sunset, Closing remarks, invite to post-party

4:56p - last light, park closed

Point Contest Rules

In order to score points a competitor must “send” the climb. The points are tallied at the end of the event to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners of six (6) categories. Women’s: Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner and Men’s: Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner.

- *Sending a Climb - Most of the problems in the comp are either *Sit-Starts*, or *Stand-Starts*.
 - A *Sit-Start* begins from a sitting position on either the ground or a maximum of one (1) pad. Your feet must not touch the ground.
 - *Stand-Starts* begin from a standing position on either the ground or a maximum of one (1) pad.
 - Top-out the climb without touching the ground or any other obstacles (other boulders, crash pads, trees, spotters, etc.). Topping out means standing on the top of the boulder.
 - If a climb is an eliminate, traverse, forced variation, etc. it will be clearly indicated in the Bash Guide.
 - A climb will only be counted if:
 - It is done with both a spotter and a crash pad in the climber’s fall zone
 - It is witnessed by 1 other competitor or Zone volunteer.
- If a competitor is not able to reach the typical start holds for a problem and there are no alternate lower start holds, a squat start that involves the same moves as a full sit-start is acceptable. Competitors and Witnesses should use their best judgement if physical limitations prevent strict adherence to these rules.
- Scoring details:
 - Points will not be awarded for repeat sends. (ie. only the first one counts.)
 - Points will be awarded only for sending a climb.
 - Points will be summed from each participants top 6 hardest climbs to serve as the total score.
 - If a climber has less than 6 climbs, their score will be based on the number of climbs they do have.
 - In the event of a tie, the 7th hardest climb will be the tiebreaker, if those are the same, the 8th hardest, and so on.
 - In the event of a flatout tie the Lynn Woods Boulder Bash Committee will determine the winner with a pull-up contest.
 - Competitors must track their points on the Scoresheet issued at Check-in..
- Competitors will only be eligible if they turn their Scoresheets in to the Scorekeeper before the due time of 3:00pm. Strict adherence to this rule is required.
- SNECC reserves the right to change the category of a competitor due to over or under estimation of their ability.

Endurance Contest Rules

In order to win this category, the competitor must “send” the most number of unique boulder problems for their category. There are two (2) categories. Men’s and Women’s.

- Sending a Climb - Same rules as the Points Contest
- Problems cannot be counted more than once.
- Scores will only be counted if the Scoresheet is completed and turned in on-time.

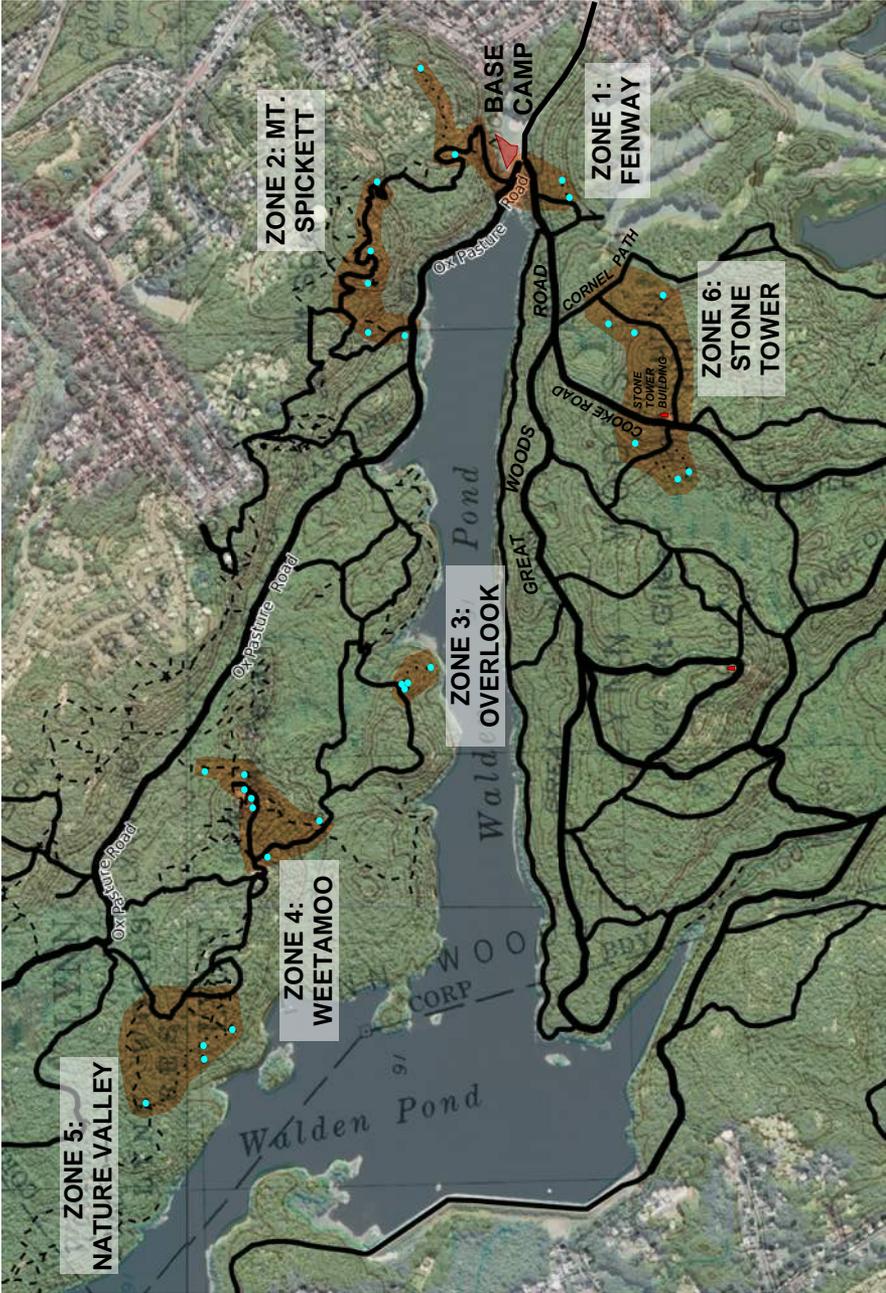
Other Rules

- Have Fun! This is a FUNdraiser for SNECC!
- No littering.
- No distracting other competitors before or during a climb.
- Lynn Woods is a municipal park. Be respectful of the park environment and all persons using the park for recreation not related to the Lynn Woods Boulder Bash.
- Support other climbers through spotting, encouragement, and positive attitudes.
- Follow all posted park rules.
- Remain on trails and footpaths when traveling between boulders
- Do not disturb live vegetation.
- Do not use wire brushes. All of the boulder problems in the competition are well established. The holds can be dusted with a hair or nylon brush.
- Clean off tick-marks and excess chalk before leaving the boulder.
- Adhere to Leave-No-Trace ethics while in the park.

Zone Information

Zone	Name	Hiking Time from Base Camp	Information	Base Point Spread
1	Fenway	2-8 minutes	<p>Easy approach. Easy to moderately hard problems on both the north and south side of the park. Bonus points for bold lines and an outlier</p> <p>Base Points: 6900 Bonus Points: 600 TOTAL: 7500</p>	000 - 099 : 0 100 - 199 : 3 200 - 299 : 2 300 - 399 : 4 400 - 499 : 2 500 - 599 : 0 600 - 699 : 1 700 - 799 : 4 800 - 899 : 0 900 - 999 : 0 1000+ : 0
2	Mt. Spickett	8-12 minutes	<p>Easy approach. Easy to moderately hard problems. Home to Golden Wall crag. One open project.</p> <p>Base Points: 6390 Bonus Points: 560 TOTAL: 6950</p>	000 - 099 : 4 100 - 199 : 2 200 - 299 : 2 300 - 399 : 2 400 - 499 : 2 500 - 599 : 1 600 - 699 : 2 700 - 799 : 1 800 - 899 : 0 900 - 999 : 0 1000+ : 1
3	Overlook	15-20 minutes	<p>Moderate approach. Moderate problems. Quality lines. Beautiful setting. All problems in this Zone get approach bonus points.</p> <p>Base Points: 3240 Bonus Points: 700 TOTAL: 3940</p>	000 - 099 : 0 100 - 199 : 0 200 - 299 : 1 300 - 399 : 1 400 - 499 : 3 500 - 599 : 1 600 - 699 : 1 700 - 799 : 0 800 - 899 : 0 900 - 999 : 0 1000+ : 0

4	Weetamoo	25-35 minutes	<p>Moderate approach. Easy to hard problems. High volume of problems in a wide range of difficulties and style. Popular.</p> <p>Base Points: 10,860 Bonus Points: 100 TOTAL: 10,960</p>	000 - 099 : 2 100 - 199 : 3 200 - 299 : 1 300 - 399 : 2 400 - 499 : 2 500 - 599 : 4 600 - 699 : 2 700 - 799 : 3 800 - 899 : 2 900 - 999 : 1 1000+ : 0
5	Nature Valley	45-55 minutes	<p>Difficult approach. Moderate to moderately hard problems. Beautiful setting, solace. All problems in this Zone get approach bonus points.</p> <p>Base Points: 5,540 Bonus Points: 2,300 TOTAL: 7,840</p>	000 - 099 : 0 100 - 199 : 0 200 - 299 : 0 300 - 399 : 1 400 - 499 : 3 500 - 599 : 2 600 - 699 : 4 700 - 799 : 0 800 - 899 : 0 900 - 999 : 0 1000+ : 0
6	Stone Tower	10-12 minutes	<p>Moderate approach. Easy to hard problems. High volume of problems in a wide range of difficulties and style. One open project. Popular.</p> <p>Base Points: 11,240 Bonus Points: 400 TOTAL: 11,640</p>	000 - 099 : 1 100 - 199 : 4 200 - 299 : 2 300 - 399 : 1 400 - 499 : 4 500 - 599 : 1 600 - 699 : 2 700 - 799 : 2 800 - 899 : 1 900 - 999 : 2 1000+ : 1



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