

Application for Placement of Fixed Protection at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

All applications will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Application approval or disapproval by the Central Texas Climbing Committee (CTCC) will be determined within two calendar months following the receipt of the application. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has agreed to act on CTCC approved applications within one month of TPWD receipt. Applications are accepted in person by CTCC members, via email sent to any CTCC member, or at the following address:

Superintendent
Enchanted Rock State Natural Area
16710 Ranch Rd 965
Fredericksburg TX 78624

Application Rules:

1. All Park and Application rules and regulations must be observed.
2. All placements of bolts at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (ERSNA) must be approved by the CTCC and TPWD.
3. All application information must be completed or the application is subject to rejection.
4. Applications must be signed by all applicants.
5. Only application signees will be eligible to install the applied for bolts and hardware.
6. Applications may be submitted to a CTCC current member, or to the ERSNA Park Superintendent.
7. Every application must include a topo or photo showing the number and location of all proposed placements (see back).
8. Applications for routes or protection that cannot be precisely located will be rejected.
9. Approved applications are valid for one year from the date of approval.
10. An individual may only have two approved applications active at any given time.
11. Placement of all approved bolts will be deemed completion of the application.
12. Applications may be withdrawn in writing by the applicant at any time.
13. All fixed protection must be a type approved by the CTCC: Standards are Powers 1/2" x 2 3/4" stainless steel 5 piece bolts or equivalent and stainless steel powder coated hangers to match rock color.

Applicant Name(s): David Fonken and Conrad Schaefer

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Name of Proposed Route: This is a retro bolting of "Runamuck" to improve the safety and accessibility of the rock climb. We are proposing 1 bolt at the start, and 4 bolts in the 40 foot runout at the top.

Rating: 5.7

General Area: Backside of the Main Dome

Exact Area: Right of the Shield wall, left of the Sweat climb, on the Proks Wall

Nearest Existing Route(s): Prok route

Bolt & Hanger and/or Piton Types, Sizes, Color & Sealant for all Fixed Protection - Be Specific: Fixe Triplex 3-piece 12mm x 75mm A-304 SS removable bolts. Stainless Enviro colored hangers. Bolt holes will be drilled with 1/2inch drill bit so that bolts may be removed if desired or for inspection at later dates. Threadlock will be used on bolt threads to prevent nuts from backing out. Hangers will be torqued to 40 ft-lbs.

Applicant(s) bolting experience: Please explain your experience locating and placing bolts for rock climbs and information about the tools you have for the job: Conrad Schaefer = Venemous Beauty - Freshman Mountain, Tuolumne Dreams - Cave in Area, Fire in the Belly - Triple Cracks Area, Hydrophobia - Kingdom of Zilch. David will be instructed and overseen by Conrad on how to install these anchors.

This route was originally done by Rick Hahn and Jack Harvey. We have posted on Erockonline.com asking for contact information about these two people. Only one person had a vague idea as to where one of them might have gone. We made efforts to find these individuals but were unable to do so.

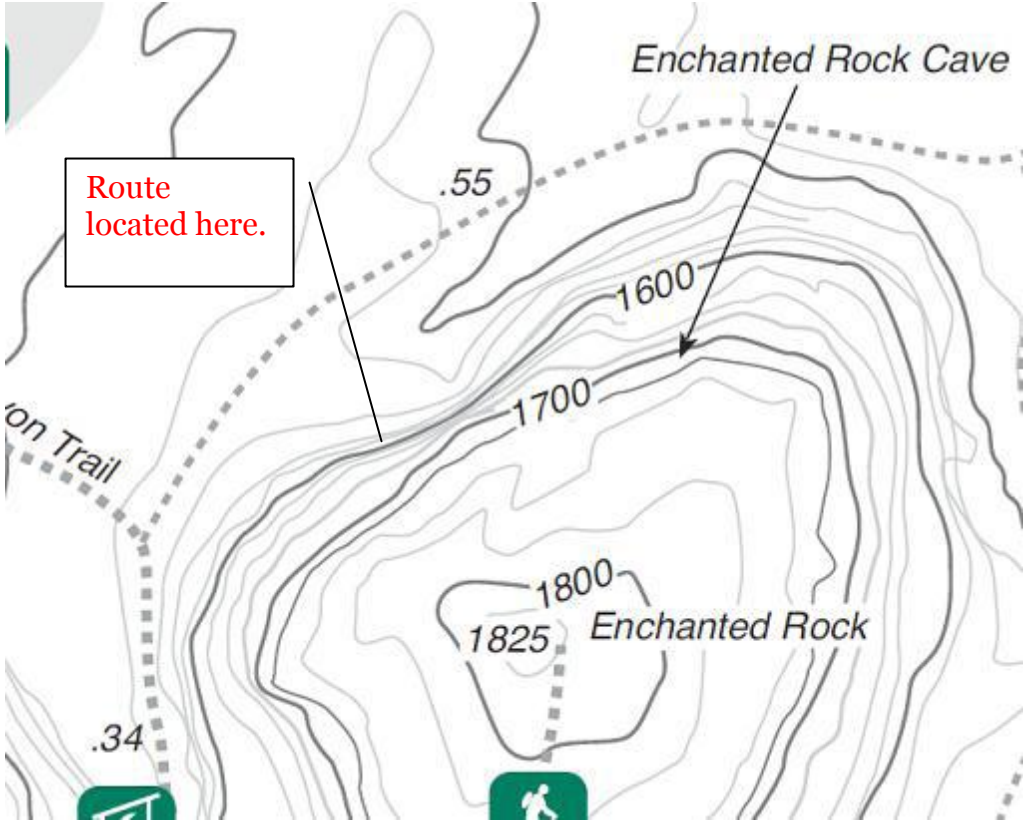
This route is rated 5.7 and is currently all natural gear with a 40 foot runout above natural gear on somewhat water polished slab. The arching horizontal flake takes traditional gear. The problem is that the route is easy but has an R or X rating (which means that a fall means serious injury or death). The flake part of this route cuts through two other bolted routes. These new bolts will not change the aesthetics of a pristine wall as it has already been bolted. None of the existing bolts are usable for this route.

Since the route traverses the dome and the ground comes upward toward the climb a fall from the top slab section means you will hit the ground. This route is not accessible to 5.7 climbers because of these danger factors. We feel that adding bolts will increase the accessibility and reduce the risk. This will make a great 5.7 climb requiring traditional gear placement available to rock climbers who are leading at this grade and no higher.

We would like to place a bolt at the start as a groundfall is possible there. Then following the horizontal flake section of the climb, as a climber leaves the flake they are approximately 30 feet above the ground. They then have to climb approximately 40 feet of slab before the next piece of safety gear. This means that even if the gear were 100% solid a climber is going to hit the ground. With traditional gear in the form of small micro camming devices that could pull out a fall is even more dangerous.

We are proposing a 10 foot bolt spacing for the top section with the distance from the last bolt to the anchors at approximately 20 feet with one piece of natural protection available in that 20 foot section.

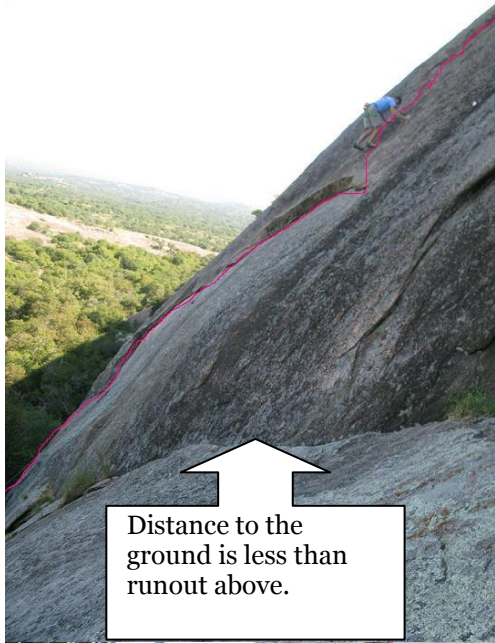
Applicant Signature(s): David Fonken, October 6, 2010
Conrad Schaefer, October 6, 2010



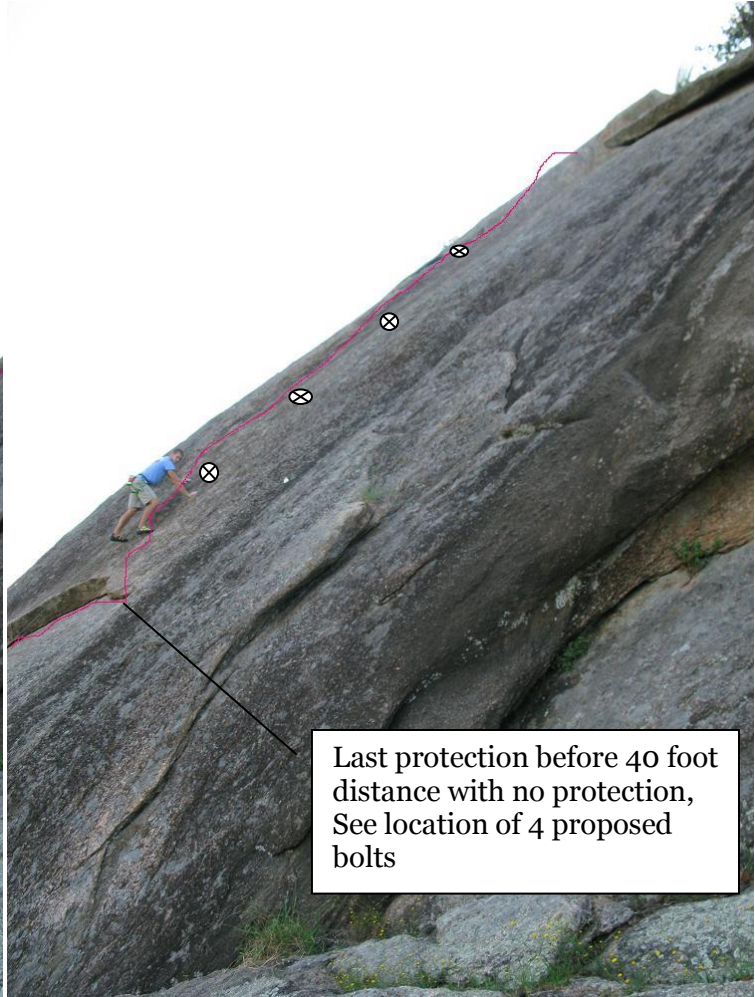


40 foot runout section, 4 bolts proposed

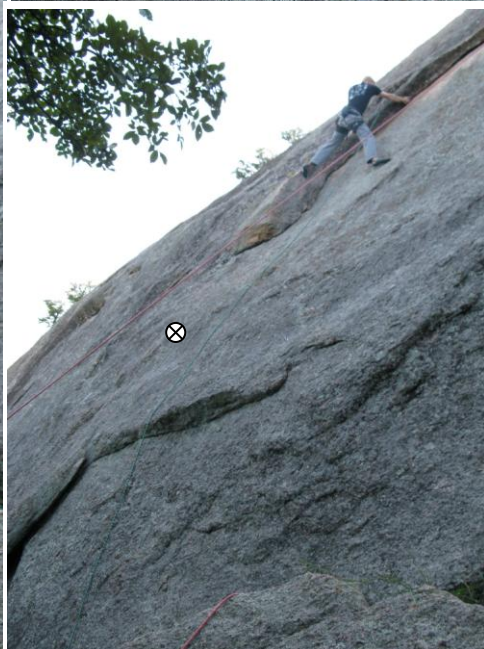
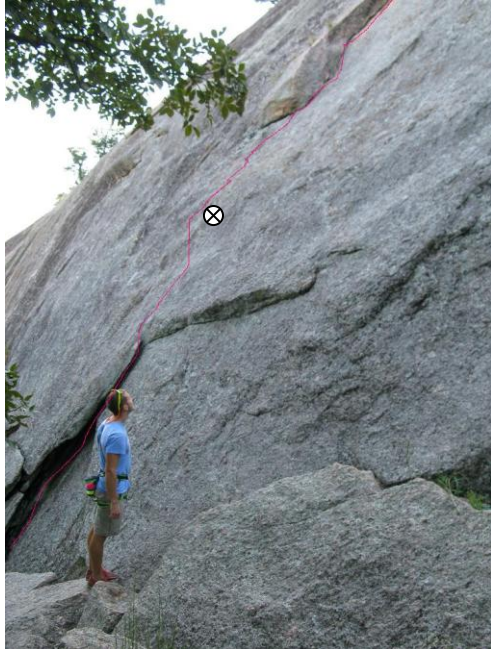
The horizontal flake takes traditional gear.

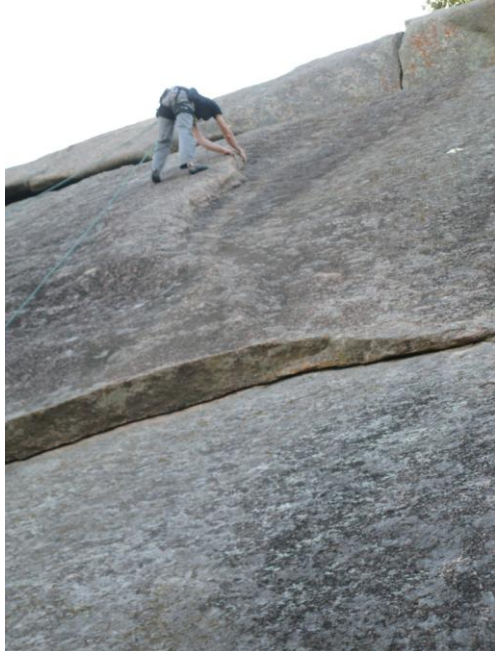
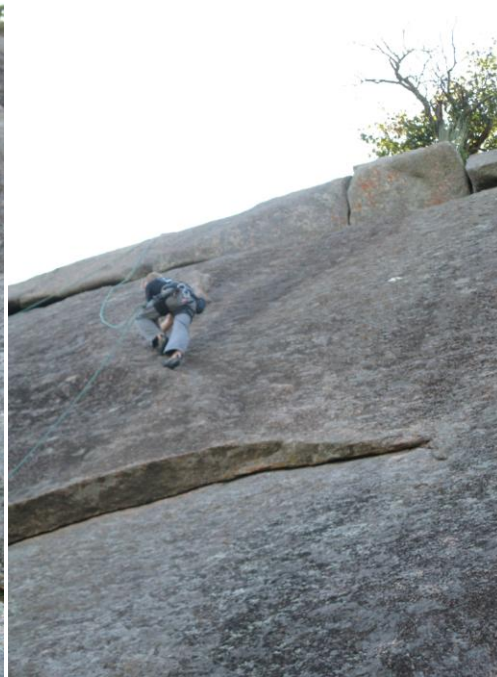
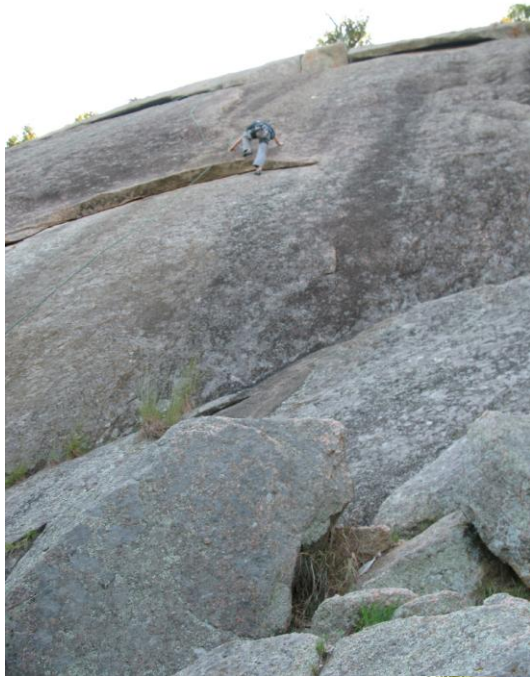


Distance to the ground is less than runout above.



Last protection before 40 foot distance with no protection, See location of 4 proposed bolts





Aerial View(s)
Topo(s)