

KELOWNA ROCK

climbing and bouldering



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Christie Falls, courtesy of Cody Thompson. The cave is just left of the falls, with a promising wall to the left of the cave. The steep approach is on this side of the crag, to the far left of where Cody is standing to take this px.

Big News

I AM GOING TO AFRICA!

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, to be specific. I will be helping this great, nonprofit organization with the production of magazines and documentaries aimed at educating and entertaining Tanzania's youth.

The goal is to help them get ahead in this crazy world. Bad water means lots of disease, and everyone knows about the AIDS pandemic. Almost half (43%) of the Tanz pop is under 14, so our distribution is huge - about 170,000 magazines go free into the towns, schools and rural communities.

I will be gone for a year as a VSO volunteer, then back, then gone for another year! Whew.

Most of my expenses are covered, but not all. If anyone has money they

Check out new routes at [Cedar Park](#), [Mt Bou](#) and the [Boulderfields](#) ... just go to their pages.

K-towns first .14? Welcome to Christie Falls

Christie Falls is on the Westside, way down the Bear Creek Forestry Road. It is an adventurous hike to a beautiful waterfall and a steep cave crag that is in the process of being developed. There is hope for a few 11s on one steep wall, and definite potential for Kelowna's first .14!

Adam Tutte, Aaron Culver and friends are working on trail and summer route development (Jeff G. and friends are trying to establish winter ice routes here).

Directions (pay attention!)

Follow Westside Road past Bear Creek, and turn left on Bear Creek Forestry Road. Follow to the 13 km marker and go right on Esperon. Follow Esperon to the 24 km marker and turn right onto Christie Main. Follow that for 3-3.5 km and turn left down another forest road that has no name, but if you look close there is a sign that says Christie Falls on one of the trees. Follow this road down to the end and park. The trail in follows yellow ribbon to the top of the cliff. Be careful on the trail to the bottom - it's very steep. Adam is working on putting in a better trail.

The Climbs

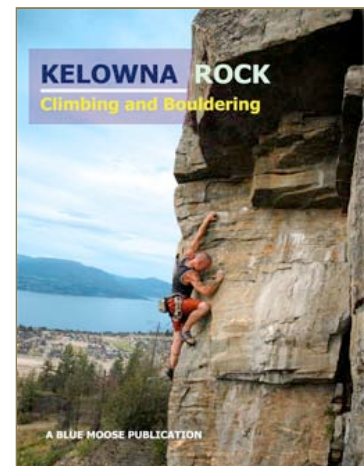
Okay, now on to the fun part! There is a **big waterfall** right down the middle of the cliff. The climbs are all on the left side. Right now, there is only 1 route done. The one complete route, **Cave Man**, starts in the back of the cave, and climbs out to the lip. It is a 5.12c. The extension has multiple hard cruxes and is a 35-metre open project (5.14?). It's by far the hardest line I have ever looked at. The route has fixed draws on it, for everyone's use and convenience.

Aaron and Jani are working on a couple of 30-metre vertical routes (5.12s) on the far left side of the wall. These routes still need loose rock/debris removal before they are safe to climb. Adam has an open project on the right side of the crag, behind the waterfall (5.14?) In addition, there is a line up the beautiful blue streak to the left of the cave, which Adam is busy cleaning/bolting. This one is hard too.

Kelowna, BC

The Weather Network

Current -7°C Hourly Forecast	Thurs Eve -5°C Full Forecast
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Welcome to Kelowna Rock!

Jani Vaaranpaa and I are the co-authors of Kelowna Rock - Climbing and Bouldering. If you see news happening or want to share your new project or problem, please contact us so we can post it on the web!

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Hanna

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would like to give me - Yay!

Or, if you want to donate to VSO, that is good too. It costs them about \$15,000 to send one volunteer overseas, and you get a tax receipt for donations over \$20. Check out their website at <http://www.cuso-vso.org/>

Dont Worry

**I will keep updating site
with help from my friends
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If anyone has **questions** about the area or wants more info on it, phone Adam at 250-317-7371. Or at atutte@hotmail.com.

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