



**HOWDY, STRANGER.**

Many of the places in this book are pristine, rarely visited, and fragile alpine treasures. They don't look like anyplace you've been climbing in the Front Range, more like you just stumbled upon them on a walk in the mountains. Beautiful spots.

You have the power to change that.

It would be utterly irresponsible of us to unleash this book upon the world without mentioning that with that power comes the obligation to use those powers for good. We're asking you not to screw things up.

Climbers in any significant numbers are a new thing up here, and we'd like to remain a welcome and respected user group. Lots of locals like to hike around up in the wilderness, and they don't make the trek just to look at your tick marks, manufactured landings, and broken-off trees. Tread lightly and enjoy what makes this place so special. See you out there.

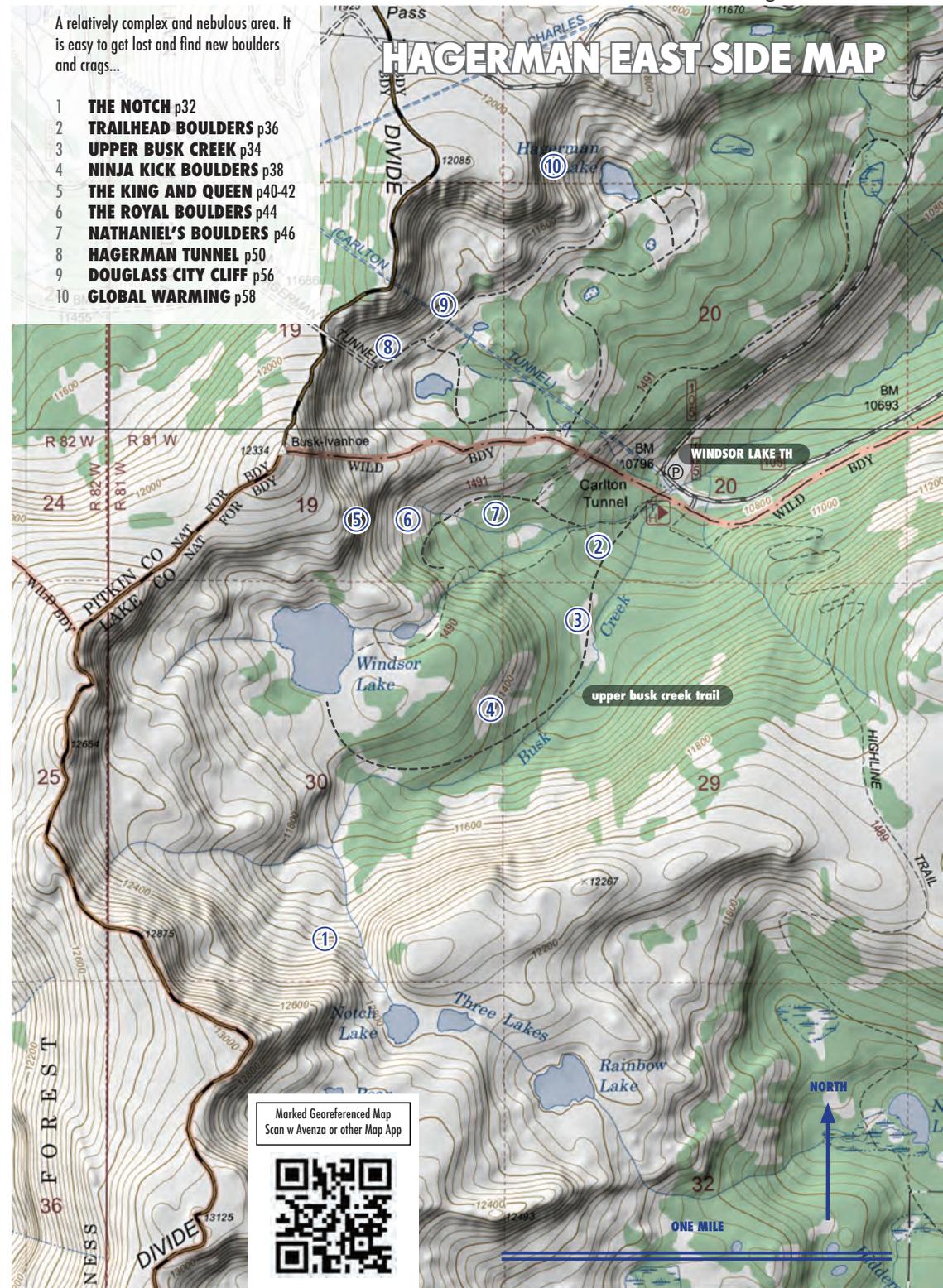
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A relatively complex and nebulous area. It is easy to get lost and find new boulders and crags...

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# THE KING

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An amazingly cool formation by Lake County standards. Now home to some wild routes at 11,600'. A great place to crag in the summer and fall with a relatively short 45 minute approach from the Windsor Lake trailhead.

- 1 Black Top Road ★★☆☆ .11R 260' FA Adrian Weaver, Chris Ferraro  
P1 .11 120' Layback the obvious .9 leaning offwidth (bolt) to some thin .11 climbing past another bolt (a fall here could be dangerous). Sustained .10+ climbing leads to the anchor.  
P2 .11 70' Climb a .11 fingers layback to easier climbing above. Make a gear belay on the orange slab.  
P3 .8 70' Continue up easier climbing to an anchor near the summit.
- 2 Crack in Slab ★★☆☆ .9+ 80' FA Rob Dillon  
Climbs nice hand and finger cracks up to the base of the large leaning Chosstown Traffic corner. Fixed anchor.
- 3 Corner in Face AKA Chosstown Traffic ★★☆☆ .12PG13 110' FA AW  
After climbing Crack in Slab head up the huge imposing corner clipping several bolts and using some gear towards the top.
- 4 When We Were Kings ★★☆☆ .13c 80' FA Chris Barlow  
After climbing Crack in Slab head up the Chosstown corner then out to the arête. Once around the arête challenging laybacking and bouldery moves lead to the bolted anchor.
- 5 Astrominer ★★☆☆ .11+ 220' FA R. Dillon  
P1 11.d 110' Climb the first 20' of Crack in Slab then climb the burly crack up and right to a good ledge. From the ledge climb the increasingly more difficult corner to the belay. Tips jamming at crux-don't pro the locks.  
P2 10.c 110' Continue up the right leaning chossy corner to a ledge then head up better rock on a thin layback crack. Make two rappels with a 70m rope.

- 6 Adrians Direct Start ★★☆☆ .11PG13 100' FA Adrian  
A spicy all gear direct start to Astrominer.
- 7 Escape Velocity ★★☆☆ .12 110' FA Rob Dillon  
Great direct start to Astrominer. Bring three .5 and .75 cams and two long slings to sling a horn.
- 8 Rain of Terra ★★☆☆ .10c 70' FA R. Dillon  
Cool crack. Anchor should be upgraded from the existing 1/4 inch bolts.
- 9 Royal Tour ★☆☆☆ .PG13 FA R. Dillon and Dalton Reed  
P1 .8 100' Wander up the big ramp, with an exciting high-step midway.  
P2 .8 Move directly left on ledge, passing underneath bolted variation, to a 5.8 boulder problem moving left. Finish up short corner to ledge, and move left to belay under best-looking summit dihedral.  
P2 variation .10 This Crown Variation is the recommended way to climb pitch two. Follow two bolts to a short right facing corner with pin.  
P3 .8 Climb up through some veg to a short, stout right facing corner; continue up ledgy corner avoiding nastier terrain to right.
- 10 Road of Trials ★☆☆☆ .10 130' FA R. Dillon Dalton Reed  
Begin up the Royal Tour ramp, cut left at second opportunity along a ledge to short RF corner leading to obvious roof. Pull the roof, through the second roof and flare with finger crack and finish up Crown Variation to ledge.

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