

# **Daggett Rock**

## **Bouldering Guide**

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Measuring an impressive 80 feet long, 50 feet wide and 25 feet high, Daggett Rock is Maine's largest known glacial erratic. This huge granite egg is split into 3 large fragments that offer some truly beautiful features to climb. Prominent arêtes, cracks, slabs, and faces are all available and most will take you over 20 feet off the ground.

Situated in the heart of rural Maine, Daggett Rock is definitely not the most convenient destination to get to, but it is well worth travelling off the beaten path to check out. The rock quality is excellent, the problems are fun and the landings are flat. Be warned though, this is not a destination for the lowball boulderer. Bring your highball mojo, or your top rope gear.

### **Seasons**

Fall and early spring are the best times to climb here. The insects are bad in the spring and can persist throughout the summer. The rock is exposed so it does tend to dry fairly quickly after rain.

### **Access**

Daggett Rock and the surrounding land are owned by the Town of Phillips. It sees regular traffic from tourists but probably doesn't see sustained climbing activity. Please practice standard bouldering ethics to ensure climbing can continue at this incredible destination.

### **History**

Legend has it that two hundred years ago a woodsman named Daggett, drunk and angry at a raging storm, climbed the rock, took the Lord's name in vain and raged that he could not be struck down. A lightning bolt flashed from the sky, killing him instantly and cracking the rock into the fragments found today.

The reality is far less colorful, with the rock most likely splitting while being deposited by the glacier that moved it. In the early 1900s the rock and the surrounding land were donated to the Town of Phillips by the Daggett family.

### **Geology**

During periods of glaciation an advancing glacier can move large boulders considerable distances from their points of origin. When the glaciers retreat these boulders are left behind and termed glacial erratics. Evidence from its crystal structure and geochemical makeup indicate that Daggett Rock originated 20km to the northwest in the Saddleback Mountain Range.

### **Food**

There is a Five K Pizza on Main Street and a small grocery store on highway 4 in Phillips. A wider selection can be found in Farmington, located 30 minutes south east along highway 4, which is the nearest town of any size.

### **Accommodations**

The nearest campground is a 30 minute drive south west in Mt Blue State Park (207-585-2347, 187 Webb Beach Rd), which is open from May 15th to October 1st. Follow highway 142 south from Phillips, turn right on Byron Rd, left on West Side Rd then left on Webb Beach Rd. All of these turns are marked with signs to the campground.

### **Distractions**

There are at least two geocaches at Daggett Rock. The logbooks can make for interesting reads while you are recovering between sends. Be sure to add an entry about your visit if you find them.

## Problems by Grade

### V0-

- Main 1. Thunderbolt \*\*\*
- Main 3. And the Thunder Rolls \*\*
- Main 5. And Getting Caught in the Rain \*
- Main 6. Spud Webb

### V0

- Main 2. Lightning Strikes Twice \*\*
- Main 4. I Like Piña Coladas \*\*\*
- Main 11. Reach for the Heavens \*
- Main 15. Righteous God \*\*

### V1

- Main 13. Thunder and Lightning \*\*\*\*
- Main 16. Loving God \*

### V4

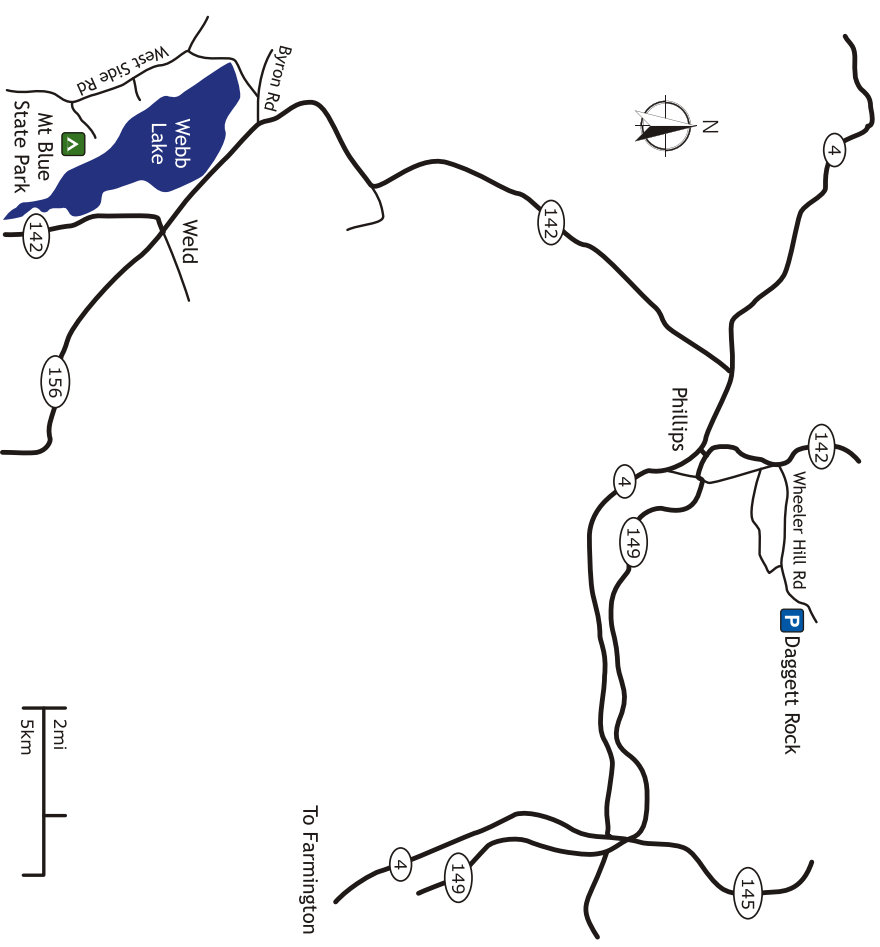
- Main 9. Vengeful God \*\*\*\*

### Projects

- Main 7. lip project
- Main 8. face project
- Main 10. seam project
- Main 12. lightning project
- Main 14. thunder project
- Main 17. left slab project
- Main 18. right slab project
- Main 19. crack project
- Main 20. arête project
- Main 21. crack project

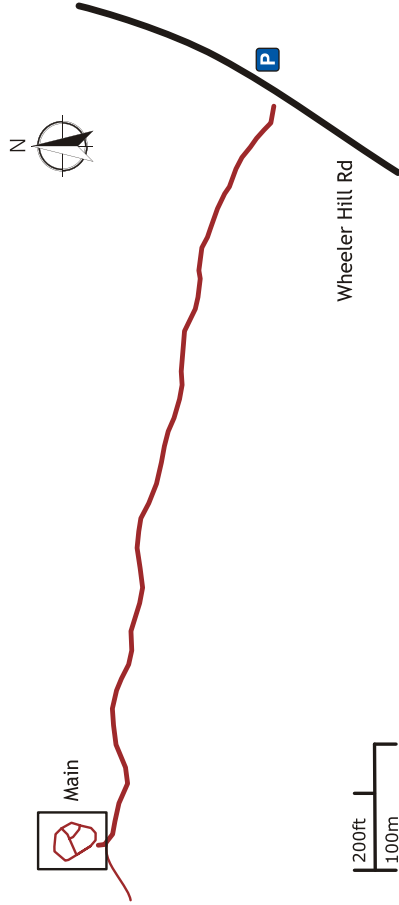
## Location

Daggett Rock is located a few miles north east of the town of Phillips. From Phillips follow highway 142 north for 1.3mi (2.1km) and turn right on Wheeler Hill Road. Follow Wheeler Hill Road for 2.4mi (3.8km) to the small pullout on the right, just past the wooden sign marking the Daggett Rock trail.

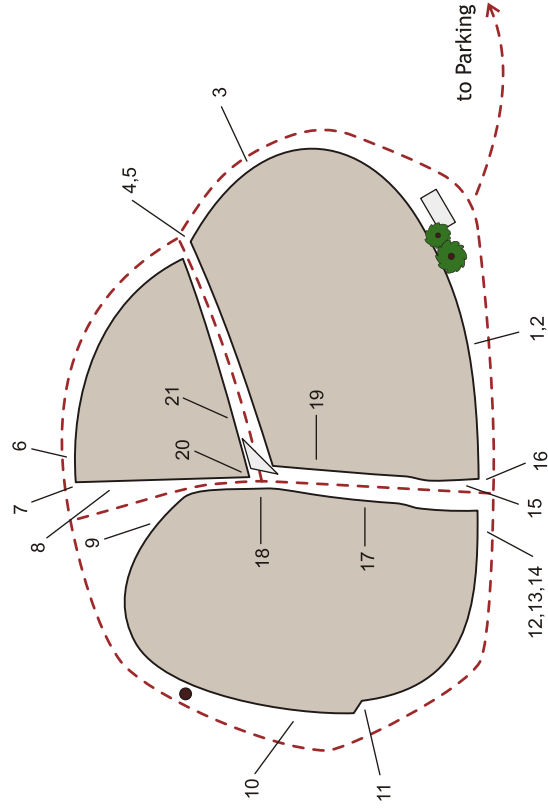


## Approach

Cross the road from the pullout to the access trail and follow it straight to the boulder. The approach is just over 500 meters of easy hiking with 60 meters of elevation gain.



## Main



## Legend



SDS Sit down start  
BL Bad landing

1. **Thunderbolt V0- \*\*\***  
Climb the crack. 25ft
2. **Lightning Strikes Twice V0 \*\***  
Start as **Thunderbolt** then move into the crack to the right. 25ft
3. **And the Thunder Rolls V0- \*\***  
Climb the slab. 25ft
4. **I Like Pina Coladas V0 \*\*\***  
Climb the left side of the arête. 25ft
5. **And Getting Caught in the Rain V0- \***  
Climb the right side of the arête. 25ft
6. **Spud Webb V0-**  
Climb the crack. 8ft
7. **lip project**  
Traverse right along the lip. 25ft
8. **face project**  
Climb the face. Could be several problems. 20ft
9. **Vengeful God V4 \*\*\*\***  
Climb the arête. 20ft
10. **seam project**  
Start on the ledge on the left end of the seam.  
Traverse right along the seam to top out as **Reach for the Heavens**. 15ft
11. **Reach for the Heavens V0 \***  
Start with your right hand on the small block under the roof and your left hand on the high jug (jump start if you are short). Traverse right along the seam. 15ft
12. **lightning project**  
Climb the crack of **Thunder and Lightning** without using the arête. 25ft
13. **Thunder and Lightning V1 \*\*\*\***  
Climb the arête using the crack. 25ft
14. **thunder project**  
Climb the arête of **Thunder and Lightning** without using the crack. 25ft
15. **Righteous God V0 \*\***  
Climb up the ledges to the arête. Turn onto the slab at the seam or continue up to the peak (committing). 15ft
16. **Loving God V1 \***  
Climb the arête without using the ledges of **Righteous God**. 15ft
17. **left slab project**  
Climb the slab. 25ft
18. **right slab project**  
Climb the slab. 25ft
19. **crack project**  
Climb the crack. 25ft
20. **arête project**  
Climb the arête. 20ft
21. **crack project**  
Climb the crack. 25ft