

Pope Mountain Ft. St. James, BC

Area 51

Area 51, known as the T Caves, is a large cave found on the north shore line of Stewart Lake south of Mount Pope. The cave is limestone in formation and consist of streaked pockets and water worn features. The rock structure is generally sound on all routes however some loose rock does exist. All routes are sport and can be climbed with 10 quick draws max at this time. Please leave draws on projects in place.

Getting there:

Park in the climber's parking pullout as for Pope Mountain climbing. Continue on the trail to the main climbing area. Instead of turning right to the main wall, keep on main trail and turn left down a steep trail to the T-Cave.



Note: A stick clip is highly recommended for most climbs.

1. Rednecks in my soup, 5.10d.* (FA Chris Small August 1998) 8m The first climb you encounter when you get to the cave. Bouldery start leads to easier moves up high. Stick clip recommended. 3 bolts to ring anchors.
- 2) The truth is out there, 5.11b.*(FA Trent Hoover September 1998) 12m Start as for Rednecks and finish off on the anchors of Attack. A good route with a reachy crux at the end. 4 bolts to a ring anchor.
- 3) Attack of the 50 ft woman, 5.13b. (FA Ryan Kobylka 2001) 10m. This project climbs through the low roof to the left of rednecks, starting at the back of the cave on obvious big holds.

- 4) Fire in the Sky, 5.12b**(FA Trent Hoover July 1998) 12m Classic Area 51 test piece. Start on good holds that traverse up and right. Reach up high to a horizontal crack and traverse back right. The next moves require strength and endurance but it's all worthwhile to top out. 7 bolts to ring anchors.
- 5) Fire in the Sky direct, (Project) Avoid the left traverse and go straight up, climbs through the blank section. 7 bolts
- 6) Bloodline, 5.12c**(FA Laurie Saindon August 2008) 14m Stick clip the first hangar. The crux of this climb hits you right at the start. A hard under cling to gain access to a difficult vertical slot and crank to a sloper and finally a good slot, the remainder is pumpy with a few surprises thrown in. 7 bolts to anchors
- 7) Conspiracy Theory, 5.13a**(FA Geoff Mintenko 1998) 15m Great climb. Start on the large boulder and traverse right using a mixed bag of techniques. You'll recognize the crux when you run out of big holds. A pumpfest of the on the overhang leaves you appreciating the final moves which a not as obvious as you would like. 10 bolts to ring anchors
- 8) Laurie's route (Project) Starts deep in the small right cave and follows the right hand side of the main face 5.13+
- 9) Nathaniel's route (Project) Starts on the other side of the gully and intersects Laurie's route. Fun start on overhang cracks but the fun stops after the 5 bolts. 5.14-

