



## Emmaus Bouldering Area

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Large, round boulders with granite-like quality that are screaming to be climbed on, is the main attraction of this area. Although there are only about 10 boulders at this area, they are all excellent quality and contain numerous, classic problems. What this area lacks in quantity, it makes up for in quality. Some of the best boulder problems in Eastern Pennsylvania can be found on the large boulders that dot the landscape of Emmaus. It looks like someone took boulders from Joshua Tree and dumped them in the woods near Allentown.



*Dave Pfurr, the mayor of Emmaus, cruising "Yvly."  
Photo by the author.*

Most of the boulders at this area are somewhat high and have very exciting problems on them. For this reason, climbers repeatedly visit this area regardless of the lack of boulders. Located minutes from downtown Allentown, this has become a popular and easily accessible spot.

A land preservation group named The Wildlands Conservancy now owns the land where this area is located. They have deemed this area an open space for multi purpose recreational use. The area is now shared by mountain biker's, climbers, and day-hikers. A few minutes walk up a well broken trail will bring you to this deeply wooded spot. This area is well worth an afternoon visit. If there is not enough rock to satisfy you, nearby Bauer's Rock and the Patriot Boulders are only minutes away.

Expect to find 10 boulders ranging from a few feet to 15' high. There are over 44 established problems here ranging from V0- to V8. If you are traveling through Allentown or live nearby, I highly recommend this area for a visit.

**Access Concerns and Restrictions:** The Wildlands Conservancy owns the land. As a result of talks with The Access Fund, bouldering is a recognized activity on the property. Please respect the land, pack out any trash, and do your part to keep the area clean.

### *History*