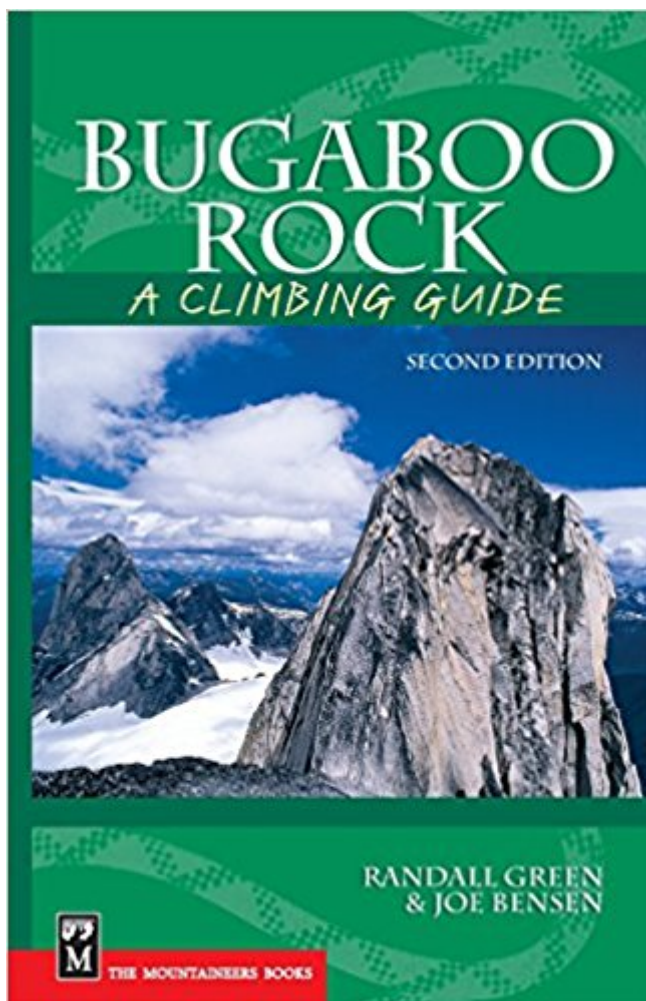


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# Bugaboo Rock: A Climbing Guide (Climbing Guides)



## Synopsis

\* Bugaboos climbing routes for novice to master climbers\* Authors have selected the best 200 routes in Canada's Bugs\* Detailed permit information, as well as 65 photos with 21 route overlays and 61 topos. For Canadian climbing, no group of peaks provides more variety of exposures, routes, or range of difficulty than the Bugaboos, located in the Purcell wilderness area of British Columbia. A terrific assortment of climbs to the tops of the Bugaboo spires offers unsurpassed magnificence-an encapsulated granite paradise, shut off from the rest of the world by range upon range of outlying peaks.

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## Customer Reviews

RANDALL GREEN and JOE BENSEN have climbed together since 1979. Their climbing trips have taken them throughout the Cascades, to the Tetons, and, especially, to the Canadian Rockies and Bugaboos. They made their first trip together to the Bugaboos in 1980, and returned many summers since. Although the number of routes in the Bugaboos seem too numerous to climb in a lifetime, Green has climbed many of them and pioneered several new ones. He lives in Helena, Montana. Joe Bensen tragically died in a climbing accident on Mount Ushba, Caucasus Range, July 2001.

Great book! It has all the info anybody would need to plan a trip to the bugs

This was by far the worst climbing book I have ever used. I HATED IT. descriptions of climbs were

incredibly vague, as in "pitches 1-3 climb the crack" and no descriptions for the descents other than the usual down-climb the route. No mention of whether or not to build your own belay anchors or where to build them (i.e. when does the pitch end?). Just incredibly useless and frankly dangerous for anyone who is heading out to the bugs for their first time.

If it was possible to give a "no star review" this book would surely deserve it. It's been 10 years since this steaming pile of crap came into my possession, just as I was heading to the Bugs to climb. Having owned and used several guidebooks in my day, I assumed that this one consisted of similar content and quality. Imagine my consternation as we approached our first objective and not being able to even find the first pitch. Filled with detailed topos, demarked photos and written descriptions it became clear that this "guidebook" was better suited to the "fiction" section of the bookstore. Standing at the bottom of several routes we determined that 1) - the photo bore no resemblance to the actual climb. 2) - The topo bore no resemblance to the climb or the photo and 3) - the written description bore no resemblance to the climb, topo or the photo. We climbed anyway and had an amazing trip, one filled with fond memories of good friends on great rock in a spectacular setting. Back at camp, the book wouldn't even burn well as the coated stock was very difficult to keep lit. All in all, truly not worth the paper it was printed on. I would post a recommendation link for Chris Atkinson and Mark Piches excellent BUGABOOS CLIMBER'S GUIDE but it seems to be unavailable through at the moment. Hunt around the web, it's well worth the time...

So I brought this book in to our store without first reading it. Wow was I in for a surprise. Badly hand written route descriptions with grainy pictures greeted my surprised eyes. And to top it off, I went to the Bugaboos that season and realized how bunk the approach descriptions were. All and all a crappy book. If you are looking for a decent book on the area check out Chris Atkinson's 'The Bugaboos - One of the World's Great Alpine Rockclimbing Centres'. Written by a Canadian mountain guide that runs the local B and B, this guide has full color pictures and detail route descriptions. So if you want an inadequate guide written by a janitor go with the Mountaineers book but if you want a guide written by someone that actually guides in the Bug's on a regular basis go with Chris'.

Get the other guidebook 'The Bugaboos - One of the World's Great Alpine Rockclimbing Centres' by Chris Atkinson and Marc Piché. It is vastly superior to the Green guide, being written by the

ex-Kain hut custodian. It has many more pictures, a thorough description of approaches, descents, equipment, weather, history, maps, etc. If you buy in Canada it runs for about \$40 CDN.

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