

China Bend



Details:

China Bend is a south-facing limestone cliff characterized by mainly long resistance climbing, often with a hard crux mixed in. The cliff features some cool tufas low and tends to climb on edges that become blockier and sandier as you get higher on the cliff.

Season:

Winter. It starts getting climbable in November and stays in shape into February or into March if there is no bird closure. Winter days with forecasts around 20 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit are ideal for the harder climbing. It is not uncommon to hike in a puffy and climb in a t-shirt.

Directions

Drive north on Highway 395 for 3.3 miles from the junction of Highway 395 and 20. Turn right onto Northport-Flatecreek Road, crossing over the Kettle River and a set of railroad tracks. Stay on Northport-Flatecreek Road for 15.3 Miles to China Bend Road. Turn right onto China Bend Road and drive 1.2 miles to a small pullout on the right side of the road with two large pine trees. The cliff will be uphill on the right. Please drive slowly on China Bend Road to avoid unnecessary wear on the primitive road.

Camping

The Snag Cove Campground is located 8.8 miles down Northport-Flatecreek Road from Highway 395. The campground has a pit toilet and picnic tables. Alternatively, free camping can be found along China Bend Road but keep a low profile, look for no camping signs and give space from private land

Town

The nearest towns are Kettle Falls and Colville, both toward the South. Kettle Falls has some food, a grocery store, and a brewery. Colville is a bit further and has additional services.

Overview Map

