



MOUNT CHARLESTON - Route 158

Route 158 connects Kyle and Lee Canyons, cutting across the eastern flank of the mountains at around the 8000' level. There are cliff bands visible on the west side of the road for almost its entire 8 mile length. All the cliffs described in this section are accessed from various points along Route 158, they are described from south to north. The most important and most popular cliff by far is the narrow slot canyon of Robbers' Roost with its dense concentration of hard pitches. In general, the rock is

very good on all these cliffs and almost all the other crags have at least a couple of classic routes and the advantage of usually being deserted. The Sunhouse, Mom's Cave and Starter Crag are often climbable in the winter, although parking can be an issue if it's a heavy snow year. Conversely, the Icehouse, at an elevation of nearly 10,000', is one of the highest cliffs on the mountain and is best saved for the height of summer. Most of the other cliffs are best in the spring and fall.