Welcome to bouldering at Rainham Marshes

Boulders
Our boulders vary in size and complexity, and measure three metres at their highest point. Grades range from VB to V5.

Grades
At Rainham we use the “V grade” system. The easiest routes are VB–V0. The medium difficulty routes are V1–V2 and the hardest routes we have are V3–V5.

Tail boulder
1. VB–V0
   Good holds with nice foot placements.
2. VB–V0
   Nice large features for a step-up climb.
3. VB–V0
   Traverse around the tail. Some sections will require a bit of reaching, if you’re a smaller climber.
4. VB–V0
   A variety of possible routes to choose from.
5. VB–V0
   A slightly barer face with some smaller holds, if you'd like a challenge.
6. VB–V0
   Nice large features for a step-up climb.
7. V3–V5
   Traverse around the boulder. Start anywhere you like, and alter the difficulty by going higher or lower.
8. V3–V5
   Starting low, climb your way along the crack and up through the slopey finish. For a harder alternative, heel hook your way along the crack at the start.
9. V1–V2
   Sit start, with a good starting hold. Pull yourself up and through the overhang, using only the tufas as holds.
10. V1–V2
    Start low, and work your way up along the side, before finishing at the edge.
11. V3–V5
    Pinch grip through the overhanging wings.
12. V1–V2
    Start braced between the “eye” feature and the tufa. Climb the pockets up to the top.
13. V3–V5
    Sit start, and pull through the tufas over the edge of the wing.
14. V1–V2
    Tackle the tufas. Put your feet anywhere, but hands on tufas only.
15. V3–V5
    Sit start, with a good starting hold. Pull yourself up and through the overhang, using only the tufas as holds.
16. V1–V2
    Climb up the sloping edge, and finish traversing the wing.
17. V3–V5
    Traverse around the boulder. Start anywhere you like, and alter the difficulty by going higher or lower.
18. V1–V2
    A slopey start, with a nice finish.
19. VB–V0
    There are lots of nice big holds here. Take your pick and try different routes, or try a sit start for more of a challenge.
20. VB–V0
    Start your hands on the obvious ledge. Pull through to the big sloper above the edge. Get a high foot onto the ledge and continue to the top.
    Sit start with your hands on the obvious ledge. Pull through to the big sloper above the edge. Get a high foot onto the ledge and continue to the top.
22. V1–V2
    Work your way up the edge of the arête (sharp ridge), before finishing with a grand ridge-like walk to the top.

Main boulder (front)
7. V3–V5
   Traverse around the boulder. Start anywhere you like, and alter the difficulty by going higher or lower.
8. V3–V5
   Start using the undercling (upside down hold) with your feet braced. Pull up through the pocket holds to the sloper (area with a smooth, sloping shape) and continue to the top.
9. V1–V2
   Brace yourself between the tufas, rib-like formations, and battle to the top.
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10. V1–V2
    Start low, and work your way up along the side, before finishing at the edge.
11. V3–V5
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12. V1–V2
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