

## Bouldering in Fontainebleau, France

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*France* - Does this legendary area really need an introduction? This forest and its boulders represent the pinnacle of modern day sport bouldering. With over four decades of development, Fontainebleau is a veritable catalogue of shapes and styles combining historical routes with new, cutting edge climbing.

Fontainebleau is a small town situated just south of Paris (65 km). It has an illustrious history and was home to many French royals during the past centuries. Centrepiece of the town is the château, with its modern day look formed by Napoleon Bonaparte during his rule. For climbers, this quaint village would be rather uninteresting if it didn't have one of the worlds finest bouldering areas! Font is home to some of the most famous boulder problems in the world, and the French bouldering tradition here dates back to the '50s. In fact, many of the local heroes can be seen doing the "parcours," colour coded circuits which are a symbol of bouldering in this area.

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