

Manchester Bridge

Climbing Guide to James River Bridge



Richmond, VA

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Sector Name	Number of Routes	Grade Range
Main Wall	20	5.4 - 5.10d
Pier #1	9	5.5 - 5.7
Pier #2	8	5.8 - 5.11a
Pier #3	6	5.8 - 5.10c
	43	5.4 - 5.11a

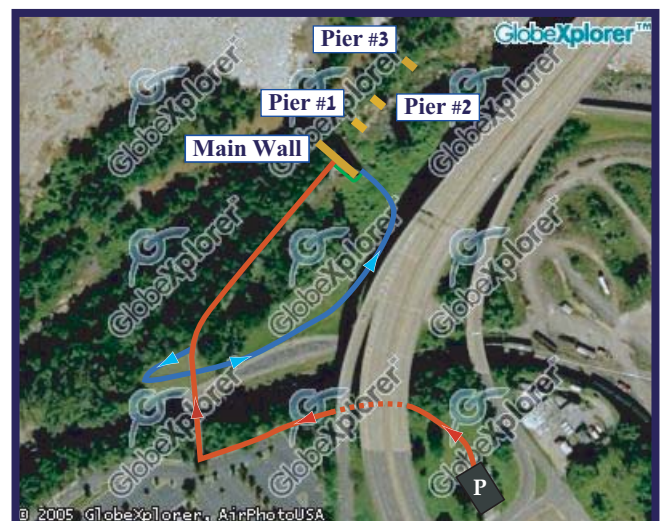
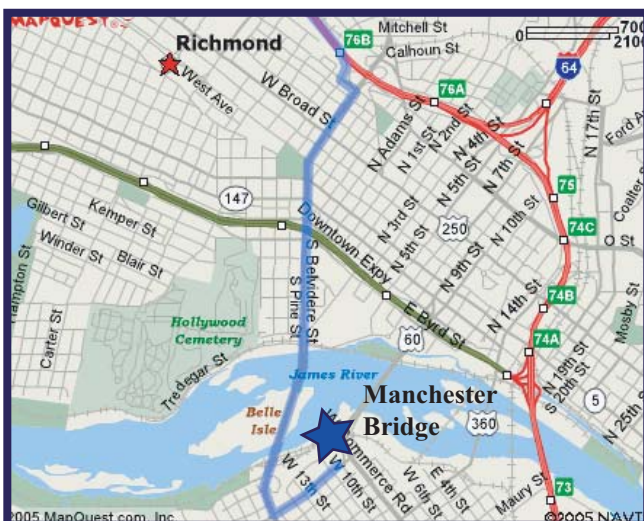
From Washington D.C.:

1. Head south on I-95 towards Richmond, VA 93.8 mi
2. Take Exit 76b towards US-1/Belvidere St./US-301 0.1 mi
3. Turn Left onto W. Leigh St. <0.1 mi
4. Turn Right onto N Belvidere St / US-1 2.0 mi
5. Cross over the James River and make Left at first light - Semmes Avenue/US-60 0.2 mi
6. Follow Semmes for two blocks and make Left into Flood Wall parking area.

Approach (see map on right):

7. Follow the concrete sidewalk under the new Manchester Bridge and across the pedestrian bridge over the train tracks. After the bridge the path splits, head left down the hill, under the pedestrian and traffic bridges and then veer left, down the sandbag stairs to the base of the abutment. - **10 minutes**

Approximately 2.0 hours - 96 mi



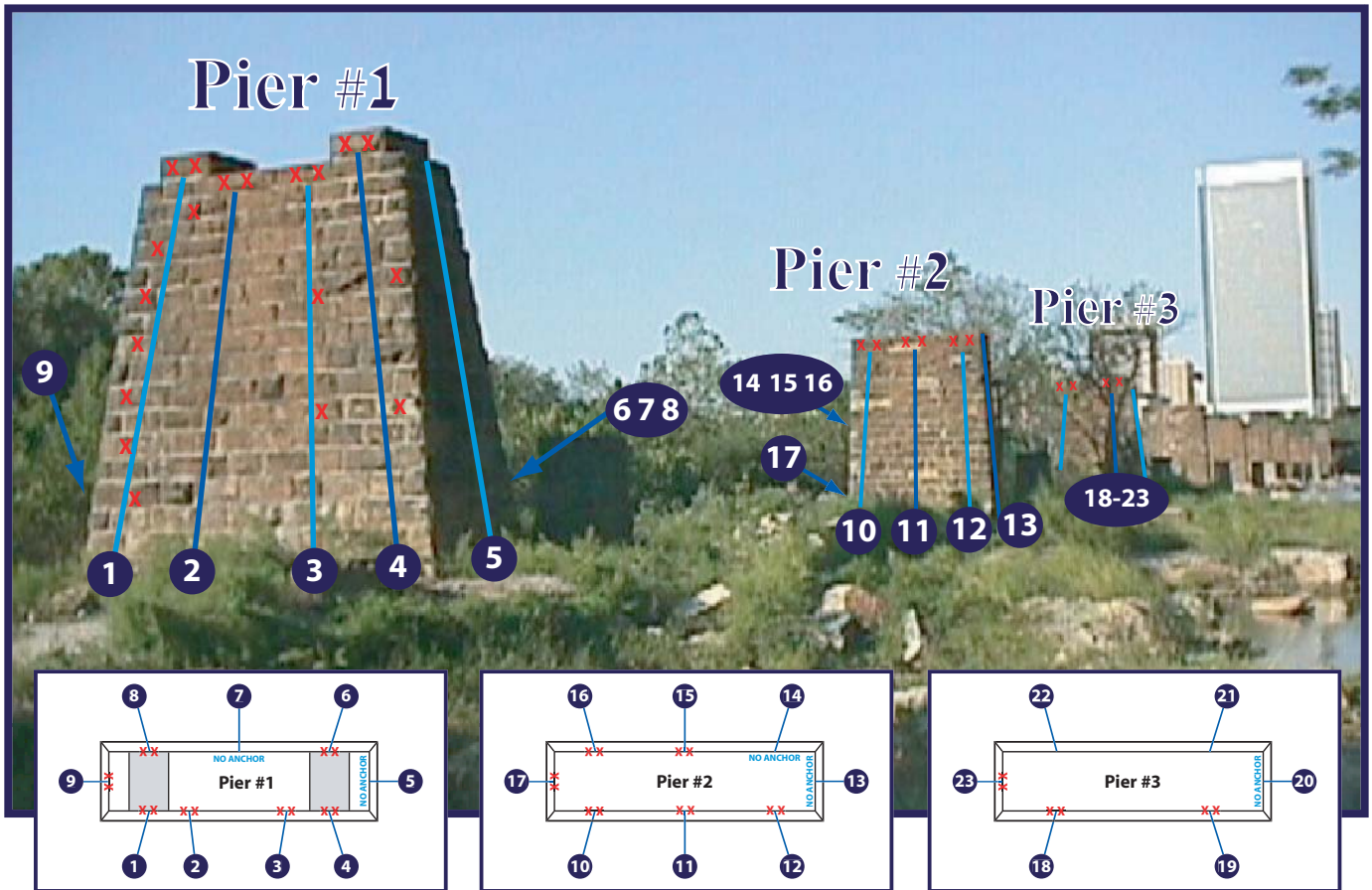
Main Wall

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1. The Mortar the Merrier	5.8+	2 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Start on finger pockets and move right. Climb small to medium edges and pockets to anchors.		Lead		___/___/___			
2. Take it for Granite	5.9	2 bolts +.75 cam	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
3. Hooked on a Feeling	5.7+	3 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
4. Fun and Games	5.8	3 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
5. Berkley By-Pass	5.9	3 bolts +pin	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Back up the questionable pin.		Lead		___/___/___			
6. Piton Route	5.9	3 bolts +pin	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Back up the questionable pin.		Lead		___/___/___			
7. Root Canal	5.10a	4 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
8. J Route	5.9	2 bolts +pin	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Back up the questionable pin		Lead		___/___/___			
9. Gutter Ball	5.4	?? bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Climb corner using both faces.		Lead		___/___/___			
10. Reset Button	5.10b	3 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Climb left facin wall - corner and arete are off-limits; finish on head wall of Proctologist (#11).		Lead		___/___/___			
11. Proctologist	5.10a	4 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Place gear below ledge.		Lead		___/___/___			
12. Tendonitis	5.10d R	4 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Climb the middle of the buttress and continue up middle of upper face. Place gear below ledge.		Lead		___/___/___			
13. Lost Friend	5.10a	4 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
14. Exodus	5.10b	3 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Climb the right arete and head wall face. Protect with gear below ledge.		Lead		___/___/___			
15. Top It or Drop It	5.10b	4 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Place gear between 1st and 2nd bolts.		Lead		___/___/___			
16. Well Hung	5.10a	4 bolts +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Place gear after 3rd bolt.		Lead		___/___/___			
17. Voodoo	5.10a	3 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			
18. Bits and Pieces	5.8	3 bolts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Easy to toprope, many variations, and a good intro to climbing at Manchester Bridge.		Lead		___/___/___			
19. Bogus	5.8 R	gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
Named for the bad pro.		Lead		___/___/___			
20. Femme Fatale	5.10a	1 bolt +gear	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			
		Lead		___/___/___			

The Piers (1 - 3)



Pier #1

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| 1. Bolts From Heaven | 5.5 | 7 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MANY bolts make it a great first sport climb lead. | | | | | |
| 2. Snake Chase | 5.7 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Snakes Above | 5.7 | 2 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Voodoo Doll | 5.7 | 2 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Snakes Right | 5.7 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No anchor. | | | | | |
| 6. Proscuitto | 5.5 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Pig Iron | 5.5 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No anchor. | | | | | |
| 8. Potty Training | 5.4 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Good for new leaders learning to place pro. | | | | | |
| 9. Pro For It | 5.7 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Pier #2

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| 10. Chipper | 5.10 R | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Too Many Gins & Tonics | 5.9 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 12. Chock It Up | 5.9 | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Corner is off route. | | | | | |
| 13. Crown of Thorns | 5.8+ R | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No anchor. | | | | | |
| 14. Pulp Fiction | 5.11a | 1 bolt | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Anchor missing? Corner off. Need gear below first bolt. | | | | | |
| 15. McKenna | 5.8+ | 2 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Climb the crack. | | | | | |
| 16. Nemesis | 5.11a | 2 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Iron Cross | 5.9 | 2 bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Climb the crack. | | | | | |

Pier #3

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| 18. Cary's Route | 5.8+ | ?? bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Who Cares Man | 5.9 X | ?? gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Mossy | 5.10a/b | gear | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No anchor. Climb crack. | | | | | |
| 21.-22. Unknown | 5.9-ish | ? bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| +gear | | | | | |
| 23. Blair Witch | 5.10c | ? bolts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| +gear | | | | | |