



Wallowbarrow Crag

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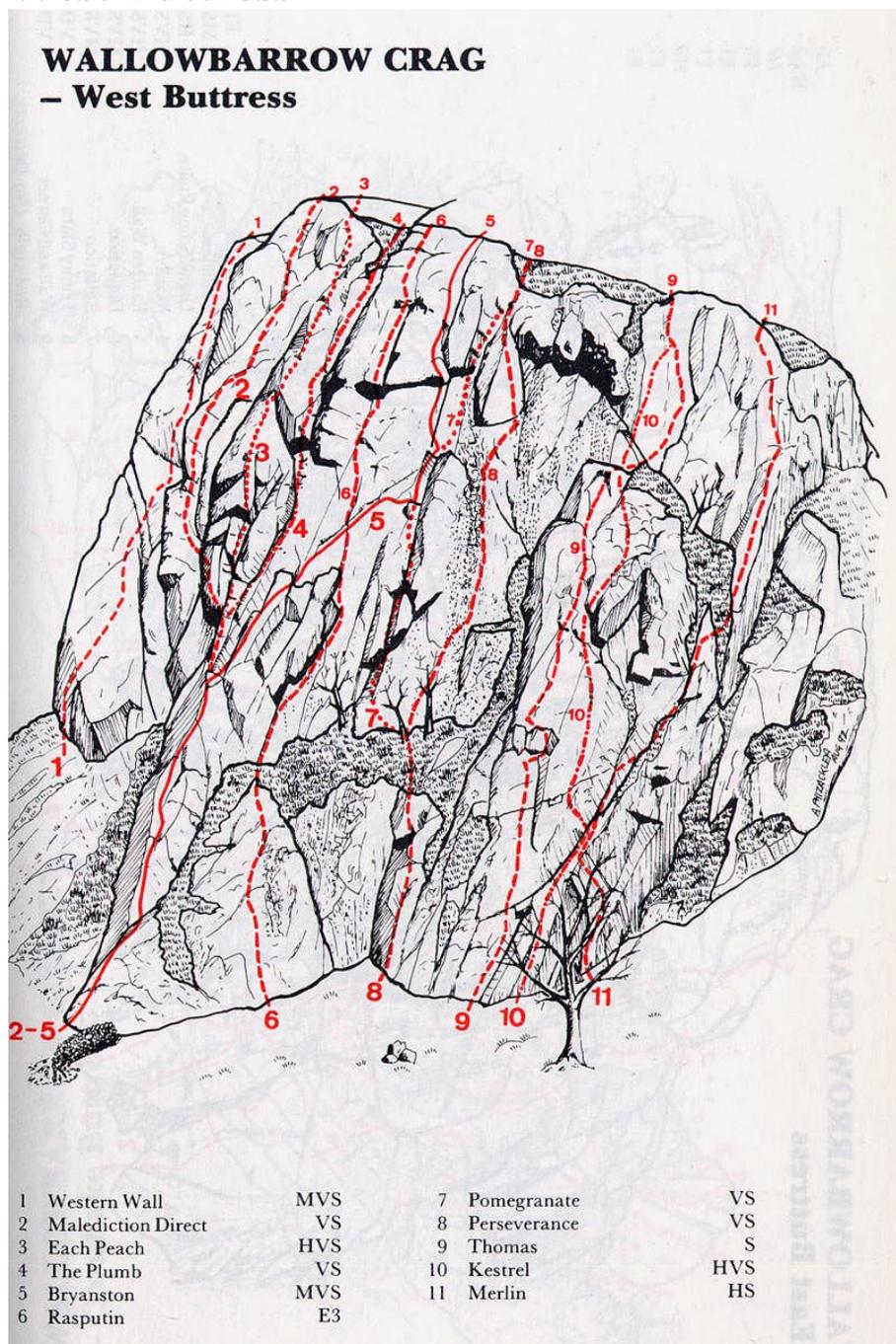
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Wallowbarrow is a splendid valley crag providing a selection of routes to accommodate most tastes. Offering fast-drying wall climbing on clean and solid rhyolite, it is a popular refuge for climbers when the higher crags are wet. Called Low Crag on O.S. maps, it looks anything but. An array of steep buttresses forming a mountain in itself, it has an appropriately precipitous skyline. It further enhances its impregnable air by overlooking woods of silver birch and oak carpeted with bracken.

There are two favourite approaches, the most popular being from High Wallowbarrow Farm – reached by following a minor road from the bridge over the River Duddon, about 1½ kilometres south of Seathwaite. This leads along the west side of the river to the farm, above which the crag is clearly seen (reached in 10-15 minutes by a winding track up the wooded hillside). The farmer allows parking by the farm, though expects a small donation for this facility. Alternately, walk from Seathwaite itself via a footpath leading from near the church to High Wallowbarrow Farm and the crag.

The crag consists of two main buttresses, the East and West separated by the obvious Red Gully. The satellite cliffs of the Far East Buttress and the Shark's Fin are adjacent.

West Buttress



The rock is generally good though belays invariably prove scarce near the top of the crag. The best descent is to the left (and certainly NOT down Red Gully). There are two clean areas to gear-up; by the dry stone wall below Malediction Direct and near the oak beneath Thomas.

To the left of the West Buttress, several poor routes have been recorded. On the isolated face to the left of the descent route lies Floating Rib (MS, 1959) which follows the central undercut arête. The slabby rib a few metres left of The Leaf is climbed by Hadrian (S, 1959), this route continues up the steep wall above the descent path. Between Hadrian and The Leaf lies Wanderlust (VD, 1959), a scrappy, wandering route.

The Leaf 28 m VD 1959

An obvious large flake at the left-hand extremity of the buttress offers a pleasant climb with an exciting move or two at its grade. Scramble up steep heather to the foot of the flake on a well-worn ledge.

- 1 10 m. Climb the flake, using footholds on the right wall, to a good ledge and pinnacle belay.
- 2 18 m. Move right and climb the open grooves to the top.

The short undercut rib immediately right of The Leaf provides an interesting few moves at VS (4c).

**** Western Wall** 33 m MVS 1963

A little gem, exposed and satisfying. It climbs the grey wall on the buttress front right of The Leaf in a rising diagonal line. Start 5 metres below and right of The Leaf, beside a detached-looking block.

- 1 15 m (4b). Stepping from the block, gain the narrow ramp and traverse diagonally rightwards (delicate), stopping just short of the crackline. Climb the steep wall to a ledge.
- 2 18 m (4a). Trend rightwards up a slabby ramp to a large flake, step right and move steeply up impending rock on good holds.

**** Malediction Direct** 49 m VS 1959

A fine little climb with some steep moves, following the distinct incut groove of pale coloured rock to the right of Western Wall. Start below the middle of the buttress where a broken rib points towards a dry-stone wall.

- 1 24 m. Climb the rib to an obvious niche and flake belay.
- 2 15 m (4c). Climb the bulge to the left of the small roof, pulling into the open grooveline and following it steeply, trending left at the top up impending rock.

Each Peach 54 m HVS 1989

A pleasantly exposed pitch up the rounded arête below The Skyline Rib, giving steep and strenuous climbing.

- 1 24 m. Climb the rib of Malediction Direct, pitch 1.
- 2 30 m (5a). Pull through the right-hand side of the roof above to gain a broken groove in the pillar left of the main groove of The Plumb. Climb up to an obvious hand jam crack which leads up left to a steep wall just below the final heathery groove of Malediction. Avoid the heather by pulling right to finish up the top section of The Skyline Rib.

The Skyline Rib 55 m VS 1963

The steep left-hand finish to The Plumb, superseded by later routes, but still worthwhile.

- 1 24 m. Climb the rib of Malediction Direct, pitch 1.
- 2 31 m (4c). Follow pitch 2 of The Plumb to below the chimney, where the strenuous left-hand branch is taken, finishing up easier ground above.

*** The Plumb** 51 m VS 1967

The Plumb is the obvious line to the right of Malediction Direct, its steep chimney crack offering an uncompromising line and a suspenseful finish. The start is directly below and the same as for Malediction Direct.

- 1 24 m. Climb the rib of Malediction Direct, pitch 1.
- 2 27 m (4c). Move a couple of metres right of the niche and climb the open grooveline to the obvious chimney crack. Take this, surmounting the hanging flake with difficulty, from where improving holds lead to easy ground directly above.

*** Bryanston** 53 m MVS 1956

A good climb of increasing difficulty with an exhilarating final pitch up the obvious wide crack near the right-hand side of the headwall, right of The Plumb. Start as for Malediction Direct.

- 1 24 m. Climb the rib of Malediction Direct, pitch 1.
- 2 16 m. Go diagonally right, following an obvious weakness, for 9 metres. Traverse horizontally right and ascend to a small stance next to a detached block.
- 3 13 m (4b). Climb the crack, making an awkward entry move from the left. Continue to a recess, then step left and climb the wall directly to the top. Belay well back.

Rasputin 51 m E3 1971

A steep exercise up the headwall and its prominent overlap immediately right of The Plumb. Begin up the cleanest part of the broken buttress, up and to the right of Malediction Direct at the foot of the wall of grey rock.

- 1 15 m. Obvious holds lead to a tenuous grooveline. This curves back equally faintly to the left over broken rocks to a vegetated ledge. Belay below the obvious corner-groove formed by a flake.
- 2 36 m (6a). Climb the corner-groove and at the top move left, crossing Bryanston, to below the steep section with its prominent overlap. Ascend this, using a small triangular slot in a vague grooveline (2 old pegs in place), the moves over an initial bulge being bold. Easier variations exist both to the left and right of this line.

Pomegranate 55 m VS 1971

Interesting climbing, taking the lengthy and definite grooveline slanting steeply up to the right of Bryanston and to the left of a prominent hanging prow at the top of the crag. Start 4 metres left of Thomas, directly below where a steep rib marks the right-hand side of the vegetated bay right of Rasputin.

- 1 18 m (4a). Climb the rib directly into the vegetation and tree belays.
- 2 24 m (4b). The right-hand of the two grooves to the left is climbed to the block belay of Bryanston.
- 3 13 m (4c). Climb the steep crack just right of the prominent crack of Bryanston, which runs up the left side of the prominent prow. Move right at the top.

Perseverance 60 m VS 1963

An interesting route leading to a thought-provoking finish up the impending corner to the right of the hanging prow and immediately left of the large, beetling overhangs. Start as for Pomegranate.

- 1 18 m (4a). Climb the rib directly into the vegetation and tree belays.

2 24 m (4b). Climb the mossy wall to a small grass ledge, then take a direct line up a shallow groove to beneath the obvious hanging prow. Move right and over the overlap onto the mossy slab, ascend slightly and step right to a small stance and excellent thread belay, below the overhangs.

3 18 m (5a). The leaning corner on the left looks intimidating and the final moves are bold. Protection, however, is good. Belay well back.

**** Thomas** 57 m S 1955

Fine climbing for its grade and deservedly popular. Thomas climbs the clean pillar of rock that forms the right-hand profile of the East Buttress. It begins three metres left of the large oak tree at a well worn patch on the ground.

1 21 m. Climb the obvious crackline slanting steeply up to the right, then move directly upwards to below some perched blocks, moving right under these and up to a ledge and tree belay.

2 18 m. Move back right on to the face and climb the steep cracked wall to a large ledge at the top of the pillar. Block belay.

3 18 m. Make an awkward move right and climb the wall into the exposed and shallow grooves above. Good holds lead to the top. Belay well back.

Kestrel 54 m HVS 1972

Quite a testpiece up the obvious crackline to the right of Thomas and left of a noticeable hanging arête. Start a couple of metres to the right of Thomas and below a very steep rib.

1 36 m (5a). Pull up some thin moves to a significant handhold on the right, moving up bulging rock above and stepping back left into a steep groove/crack which continues to a ledge. Climb the steep crack on the left of the arête to the terrace. Block belay.

2 18 m (4b). Ascend the steep wall behind the block, moving right on to Thomas to finish.

Guinevere 57 m E2 1983

The objective of Guinevere is the large hooded scoop high on the crag and to the right of Kestrel. Interesting. Start as for Kestrel.

1 24 m (5a). Follow Kestrel up the rib, then up the steep groove/crack to the ledge.

2 15 m (5c). Move down and right for 5 metres before climbing the corner and overhanging wall into a final crack.

3 18 m. Pitch 3 of Thomas to the top.

Merlin 48 m HS 1956

An unattractive climb with only occasional interest. Begin from behind the large oak, up a black-streaked and rather mossy corner.

1 27 m. Gain the arête on the left, either by climbing the steep corner to a large hold and swinging left, or move left across the steep wall lower down. Traverse diagonally right into the right-slanting grooveline, passing to the right of the steep nose, and follow this into vegetation, belaying below the steep arête.

2 21 m. Climb the arête on good holds, belaying well back.

**** West Buttress Girdle** 69 m MVS 1962

Both delicate and strenuous climbing in exposed situations make this a thoroughly entertaining route. Begin as for The Leaf.

1 15 m (4a). Climb up the flake for a few metres, then cross the wall on the right, above the undercut section, and climb the right side of the arête to ledges.

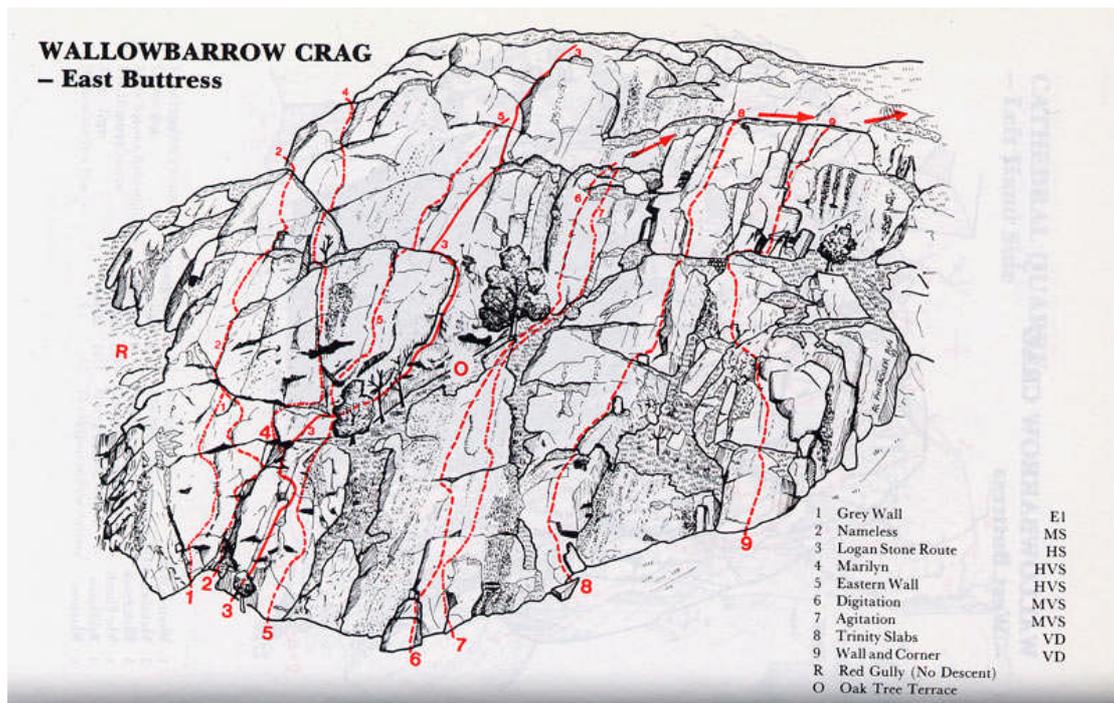
Traverse rightwards to an exposed ledge on the rib.

2 22 m (4b). Step up to a smaller ledge above and traverse horizontally rightwards on good holds round the steep corner. Pull up to a higher level and step right onto The Plumb, below the chimney/crack. Continue traversing at this level below the overhangs, descending slightly to eventually reach the block belay on Bryanston.

3 14 m (4b). Move across rightwards to an overlap which guards entrance onto a large mossy slab. Climb this and on up into the back of a recess. Traverse easily across and down to the block belay on Thomas. (The mossy slab can also be crossed diagonally rightwards).

4 18 m. The final pitch of Thomas.

East Buttress



There are good routes here on sound rock although it can be mossy in places. Descent is to the right (leading down to the popular gearing-up site below Wall and Corner).

Grey Wall 24 m E1 1964

Although short, this is a good pitch on generally sound rock with adequate protection. It begins from a ledge at the foot of Red Gully with a tree belay and below a down-pointing tongue of rock. It then makes a beeline for the small but distinct roof above.

(5a). Climb up broken rocks to the left of the tip of the tongue, using a block above as a handhold, make a rockover move on to a sloping foothold on the edge of

the tongue. Move right up a thin diagonal crack across the tongue until holds can be gained on the face of the buttress. Climb the shallow groove above directly to the roof, step left and ascend to easier ground. Belay on the ledge above (top of pitch 2 of Nameless). Follow Nameless to the top.

Variation Grey Wall Direct E1

(5b). Instead of avoiding the roof on the left, pull over it directly with difficulty to gain the clean footholds on Nameless.

Variation finish Earth Matters 14 m VS 1989

A rather dirty line between Nameless and Marilyn.

(4c). From the belay on Nameless, traverse right and up for a couple of metres, then climb a thin mossy crack to reach the tree belay on Marilyn.

**** Nameless 63 m MS 1956**

A very good climb for its grade, exposed and satisfying. It begins up a prominent groove, just right of Grey Wall, only to be stopped short by a large triangular-shaped overhang, so causing a detour that can prove highly entertaining.

1 12 m. Climb the groove to a decidedly awkward final steepening. Protection is sparse and the exit is difficult. Belay on the ledge immediately above, below the triangular roof.

2 20 m. Step left across the face to a definite impasse. Make a move upwards and swing out on to the steep face on the left, directly above the overhang on Grey Wall. Climb this slightly left for 3 metres, then more delicately, turn a bulge on the right up a shallow groove. Easy rocks lead to a stance.

3 18 m. Climb the shallow groove on the right, to a grass ledge, then step left across a slab and follow the cracked wall to a good ledge with a flake belay.

4 13 m. From the higher rock ledge on the right, climb leftwards across the wall to easier ground.

*** Logan Stone Route 68 m HS 1956**

A deservedly popular climb following an interesting and fairly sustained line. Begin about 5 metres right of Nameless, below a vague groove just left of a birch tree.

1 21 m. Climb the awkward groove, stepping right at the overhang onto some hollow blocks. Step up left and climb the steep wall, just left of a groove, to a belay below a triangular roof.

2 8 m. The steep wall, just right of the triangular overhang above, is ascended rightwards on good but widely spaced holds. Belay at the right-hand end of the ledge above Oak Tree Terrace.

3 21 m. Follow the right-slanting flake line, beneath the bulge, to a good ledge (the Logan Stone once sat here). Step right into a grooveline, surmounting a blunt fang, and continue up the cracks. An obvious foot traverse then leads left round the steep rib to a large ledge. Leaning block belay on the left.

4 18 m. Follow the pleasant rib on the right to a ledge, then make several thin moves on the right-hand side of the edge before reaching easy ground. Take the right-slanting groove to the top.

Variation finish 18 m

4a Move back right round the rib into the groove and follow this to the top.

*** Marilyn** 62 m HVS 1963

Entertaining in the extreme, Marilyn sports the steep undercut crack high up the face and at the left-hand end of a large, distinctive roof crossing the upper part of the crag. Begin as for the Logan Stone Route.

- 1 21 m. Pitch 1 of Logan Stone Route.
- 2 9 m (4a). Take the left-slanting crack above, then move right along the ledge to belay below the overhang.
- 3 15 m (5a). Climb to the recess below the overhang, which is breached by a thin crack. A sharp pull and high kick helps to overcome the crux, then climb the wall and crack above on improving holds to a ledge and tree belay.
- 4 17 m (4c). Climb the short corner on the left to a good flake crack which leads to a large diagonal break. A steep thin slab above split by a thin crack leads to a ledge.

Eastern Wall 57 m HVS 1975

Unappealing in the extreme, this route nevertheless has some worthy climbing. Start 3 metres right of Logan Stone Route, just right of a birch tree.

- 1 24 m (4b). Climb the steep wall, skirting the overhangs at 6 metres on the right, and the one at 12 metres on the left. Follow the mossy slabs leftwards and then directly to the good ledge below the overhangs.
- 2 21 m (5a). Follow the short and strenuous crack slanting up right between the bulges right of Marilyn to a standing position on the flake at the far end. Surmount the bulge and take the shallow grooveline up the steep wall to ledges above.
- 3 12 m. Climb the slab above to a ledge, then move right to an undercut rib. Climb the rib.

**** Digitation** 48 m MVS 1963

One of the most popular routes on the crag, Digitation begins from the three poised blocks below Oak Tree Slabs, 18 metres right of Eastern Wall. It climbs directly up the slab and breaches the distinctive overlap above. A thrilling route at its grade and well-protected.

- 1 30 m (4b). Step right off the topmost block and climb the wall to a small ledge. Move left, and climb the shallow right-facing corner to the overlap. Pull boldly over leftwards and continue, more or less directly, to the oak tree.
- 2 18 m (4b). Climb a thin crack in the centre of the steep wall at the back of the ledge to the horizontal flake. Follow the pleasant walls to the top.

*** Agitation** 48 m MVS 1973

A worthwhile companion route to Digitation, climbing the wall to the right and also breaching the overlap. Start from the distinct recess with a sloping floor 3 metres right of the leaning blocks.

- 1 30 m (4b). Climb the recess, pulling out leftwards and moving up left to a small ledge (on Digitation). Continue diagonally rightwards up past ledges to below the long narrow overlap, and pull over on fingerholds, a couple of metres right of a shallow corner in the slab above. Continue up and leftwards to the large oak tree.
- 2 18 m (4c). Climb thin moves up the right-hand side of the grey wall, via a series of sloping steps, stepping left before the final section.

**** Trinity Slabs** 60 m VD 1951

An excellent climb, high in its grade and offering a couple of 'boulder' problems on route, in one instance where a flake has been pulled off. It follows the stepped buttress on the right-hand side of Oak Tree Slabs, starting by a flake capped with an overhang and a dozen metres right of Agitation.

- 1 18 m. Climb the wall, just left of the flake, and where it steepens move leftwards to below a short shallow corner. Continue directly to a large flake belay.
- 2 12 m. The bouldery wall on the left of the flake leads to a leaning block. Step off this onto a short wall leading to a large ledge and belays over to the right.
- 3 15 m. The grooveline on the right is awkward and leads to the next ledge system and nut belays.
- 4 15 m. Make a difficult pull into an incipient groove above, then step right onto the final arête.

Variation The Narrow Slab S

3a From the ledge pull up and right onto an exposed, undercut rib. Climb this directly to the ledge.

*** Wall and Corner** 58 m VD 1951

An absorbing climb for its grade and of no mean difficulty in its first 30 metres. This wall of clean rock, distinguished by a massive flake-cum-overhang in the approximate shape of a blunt handgun, is an attraction in itself. Begin up a short smooth wall near the right-hand end of the crag and about 20 metres right of Trinity Slabs.

- 1 10 m. Climb onto a small rock ledge and continue up the centre of the wall on small polished holds to a large ledge below the 'handgun' overhang.
- 2 15 m. Climb the shallow groove and crack (crux) past the left side of the overhang, until easier rocks lead leftwards to a large flake.
- 3 12 m. The wall above the flake is climbed for 5 metres until a short traverse left arrives at a dry-stone wall. Climb past this to a belay by a bridged block.
- 4 21 m. Step left off the block, up the steep wall, and bridge back right across the corner to a grassy recess. Follow the right-hand wall of the large corner above to the top.

The area of rock to the right of, and above, Wall and Corner contains several short but generally overhanging lines, Many of these have been climbed and provide strenuous entertainment.

East Buttress Chain 98 m HS 1962

A somewhat rambling route, traversing the East Buttress from right to left.

- 1 10 m. Pitch 1 of Wall and Corner.
- 2 12 m. Climb on to the flake, and traverse left and up into a mossy corner; then go up a crack behind a small oak. Break out left to the belay at the top of pitch 3 of Trinity Slabs.
- 3 15 m. Scramble down leftwards to Oak Tree Terrace and descend to the large oak.
- 4 18 m. Descend grass leftwards for 8 metres; then climb the overhanging wall, with difficulty, to a small ledge on Logan Stone Route. Descend leftwards, down the gangway, to the large ledge.
- 5 12 m. Move left to the end of the ledge. Turn the overhang on the left, and continue traversing, on good holds, to the belay above pitch 2 of Nameless.

- 6 18 m. Ascend pitch 3 of Nameless.
7 13 m. Ascend pitch 4 of Nameless.

Numerous other girdles have been made at different times, including an **Eliminate Girdle** (VS, 1970) which traverses the West and East Buttresses in an unsatisfactory way.

Far East Buttress

This is the long neglected, broken buttress lying to the right of the East Buttress. Most of the routes are surprisingly good and are well worth climbing, providing an alternative during busy periods.

The first routes start half-way down the usual descent route from the East Buttress, where a conspicuous finger of rock lies at the foot of a clean arête.

* **Paradise** 32 m VS

A delightful route up the bold left arête of the crag. Start just below the finger flake.

(4c). Climb up onto the tip of the finger, then pull left with difficulty onto the arête. Follow this directly, past a bold quartz-encrusted section, to a ledge below a steep bulging crack. Step right onto the steep wall to avoid the crack and climb directly to the ledge.

Parallel 34 m VS 1959

A good companion route taking the steep wall right of Paradise.

- 1 16 m (4a). Climb onto the finger of Paradise, then stride right onto an upright flake, and follow the twin cracks up the easy slab to a ledge and large flake belay.
- 2 18 m (4b). Climb the wall just right of the flake, then trend slightly right and follow the crackline directly up the steep wall to the top.

Below and right of Parallel is a recess with a prominent T-shaped crack.

T. Route 32 m MS 1962

- 1 18 m. Climb the crack just left of the T crack to a spike, then follow a gangway for a couple of moves until the corner on the left can be climbed to a ledge.
- 2 14 m. Climb the corner crack, then the fine wall of rock above.

The following two routes start at the bottom of the crag, just left of where a dry-stone wall meets the crag.

The Furrow 35 m VS 1985

Start at a block 6 metres left of the wall.

(4c). Climb up to a mossy slab which is followed to the overhang. Pull up through this using a thin crack to a ledge, then climb the groove above.

The Plough 30 m HVS 1985

Start 3 metres right of The Furrow on a grassy ledge.

(5b). Step left onto the clean rib and climb it delicately to a small overlap. Pull directly over this, then a second overlap immediately above, to reach the top.

The Shark's Fin

The Shark's Fin is a small isolated crag of clean rock jutting from the fellside below the Far East Buttress. It offers three routes of absorbing interest in their respective grades despite their brevity.

* The Shark's Fin 15 m VD 1940s

A distinctly exciting route for a leader climbing at this grade. Some proficiency with wires helps. Start from a delightful stance on a rock ledge at the foot of the rib.

Climb the steep arête above on good holds, moving slightly left but still keeping the rib close to hand. Wire placements improve towards the top where a couple of awkward moves via a small ledge require a cool head. Belay well back.

Pool Shark 15 m E1 1990

A technical gem climbing the right-containing wall of the fin.

(5b). Climb the corner immediately right of The Shark's Fin to a thin crack, then break out on the left wall via a small sloping ledge. Step up diagonally left from this on to the arête (nut out left) and continue with a long reach up the right wall to the top.

* Shark's Fin Scoop 15 m VS

An exciting sojourn up the right-hand wall of the corner to the right of The Shark's Fin. Protection is limited.

(4c). Climb sloping holds past a tiny, sloping ledge to a right-facing and shallow subsidiary groove in the face of the slab. Continue up the speckled slab above, finally pulling over the top.

Low Crag (223 966) Alt. 190 m South West Facing

These are the small steep buttresses, mostly hidden by trees, situated lower down the fellside and to the right of the main Wallowbarrow Crag. The crag is conveniently split into two separate areas which are divided by an easy descent rake.

Main Buttress

This is the lower left section of Low Crag which is easily reached from High Wallowbarrow Farm. The path from the farm is followed towards the main crag and, after passing through a gate into the wood, turn right and follow the wall, past a rock step until below a small steep buttress. The first three routes start at the left rib of this buttress, and the other climbs are reached by continuing further right and scrambling up grass ledges to a spreading oak below a steep wall.

The descent is down an easy rake to the right of the top of the crag. The routes are described from left to right.

Ifan 36 m VD 1961

A rather vegetated, scrappy climb. Start at the left end of the crag at a prominent rib, to the left of a steep wall.

1 14 m. Climb up the rib, and move slightly to the right, up a groove, which leads to a large tree-covered ledge.

2 10 m. From the top of the ledge, traverse a couple of metres to the right, across a wall; then climb it to a grassy ledge. A further short wall leads to a ledge and trees.

- 3 12 m. Ascend the pleasant cracks above the centre of the ledge.

Midge 41 m MVS 1979

Really a harder alternative to Ifan.

- 1 14 m. Pitch 1 of Ifan, but belay to the right of the ledge.
- 2 15 m (4b). The steepening gangway to the right is followed diagonally to a steep crack which leads to a large ledge.
- 3 12 m. The scoop behind the dead oak on the left leads to the top.

Mosquito 40 m HVS 1990

A good steep climb which has a bigger bite than Midge.

- 1 14 m (5a). A few metres right of Ifan is a shallow recess, climb the dirty crack on its right-hand side until a pull onto the centre of the left wall leads to an awkward finish onto a ledge. Belay as for Midge.
- 2 14 m (4c). Climb the steep corner crack above the start of the gangway of Midge, to a ledge and trees.
- 3 12 m (4a). Step left and climb the clean slab to the top.

Yspytty 24 m VD 1961

Interesting, and awkward at times. Follow a ledge left from the spreading oak, for about 12 metres, to the left-hand side of a large flake. The original start lay up the mossy buttress below.

- 1 12 m. Climb the steep crack and step right to the top of the flake. Follow the obvious groove directly to a large ledge.
- 2 12 m. Move left along the ledge to a wide crack. Shuffle up this to the top.

Hangover 33 m MVS 1963

After a good first pitch, the interest fizzles out. Start 6 metres left of Leprechaun at the foot of a steep clean rib.

- 1 12 m (4c). Climb the rib on small finger holds, and pull over on the right-hand side (poor protection). Up to a ledge and tree belay.
- 2 8 m (4b). Descend a couple of metres, and traverse right under the overhang, into the corner. Pull round right on jammed blocks to a holly tree belay.
- 3 13 m. Pull onto the flake on the left and immediately follow the grooveline to a ledge. Traverse left beneath the holly tree and exit onto a ledge. Scrambling remains.

Variations

After pitch 1 the chimney on the left can be followed, or the crack and wall behind the belay up to a holly tree at the top.

* **Leprechaun** 42 m MVS 1963

A good climb; much better than appearances would suggest. Follows a system of open grooves and cracks on the upper right-hand side of the Main Buttress. Start below an obvious glacia, which is about 5 metres above the ground, and just left of a spreading oak.

- 1 9 m (4b). Climb the steep wall and pull right onto the glacia. Step right to a large flake belay. The glacia can be more easily gained from the right.
- 2 15 m (4a). The steep, open corner above, and cracked continuation, are followed to a belay on the upper of two holly trees.

3 18 m (4b). Follow the ledge horizontally rightwards for 6 metres until broken ground is encountered, step up and then traverse back left across the exposed headwall to rejoin the main grooveline. Finish up this.

Variation Direct Finish HVS

(5b). The line can be followed throughout, avoiding the detour of the last pitch, by climbing the steep groove, rightwards, on small holds.

Upper Tier

This is the mossy, broken wall lying above and right of the Main Buttress. The routes are best reached by climbing a route on the Main Buttress and descending rightwards down a grassy rake. This rake can alternatively be reached by scrambling from the foot of the Main Buttress.

At the foot of some subsidiary rocks 25 metres left of the main wall of the Upper Tier is a large flake. There is an obvious protruding perched block on the skyline.

Off Yer Rocker 23 m MVS 1990

- 1 8 m (4b). A thin crack to the left of the large flake leads awkwardly to a ledge.
- 2 15 m (4a). Climb up to a clean shallow groove and follow it until below the perched block. Step left under the block to finish.

At the upper left-hand end of the Upper Tier, the steep lower wall of the crag peters out, leaving an easy scramble onto a large ledge system which runs across the crag. Near the start of this ledge is a large flake, the first route starts 3 metres left of this.

Rio Grande 15 m VS 1992

(4c). Climb a right-trending flake crack, then step right onto the steeper wall and climb this slightly leftwards to the top.

Innuendo 15 m HVS 1992

A good clean route starting at the large flake.

(5a). From the top of the flake, climb directly up the steep wall via a pocket and a mantelshelf to finish up the steep rib.

The next two routes start behind a large oak tree, 15 metres left of the lowest point of the Upper Tier.

Ill Earth 22 m MVS 1984

Good steep climbing spoiled only by the large ledge. Start 3 metres left of Wounded Land.

- 1 9 m (4a). Climb steeply onto a ledge and follow the bold stepped wall above to the terrace.
- 2 13 m (4a). In the mossy slabs above are two large blocky overhangs. Climb the slab in between these then continue directly up the clean slab above.

Wounded Land 20 m HVS 1984

Start about 12 metres left of the lowest point of the wall, behind a large oak tree, and below a wet groove.

- 1 10 m (5a). Climb a short wall to gain the dark little groove which leads to the terrace.
- 2 10 m (4c). Climb the centre of a mossy slab to a blocky overhang. Follow the delightful crack to the top.

The next route starts from the dividing ledge which runs across from Rio Grande. Some 20 metres beyond pitch 2 of Wounded Land is a pinnacle and a sapling on the slab above the ledge.

Primate 11 m S 1993

Climb directly to the foot of the pinnacle then ascend its front face to finish.

The slab to its right provides an easier escape.

At the bottom right-hand end of the Upper Tier is a huge pinnacle, some 8 metres left of the arête where the crag turns a right angle.

Orinoco 16 m E1 1992

(5b). Scramble up behind the pinnacle. Gain a ledge above its top then follow a crackline above, which improves to give good jamming to finish.

* **The Flying Zucchini** 17 m E2 1992

A good route starting 3 metres right of the pinnacle of Orinoco.

(5c). Climb an easy corner to a tree at 4 metres. Gain the awkward hanging slab on the left, then swing out left at its top to join Orinoco. Pull back right with difficulty via a nose and follow the edge to the top.

* **Venus Arête** 18 m MVS 1992

A fine route climbing the undercut arête which forms the protruding corner of the Upper Tier.

(4b). Start on the left, then pull right onto the arête which is followed to the top. Flake belay on the left.

The Walrus 16 m E2 1993

An eliminate line starting 2 metres right of Venus Arête.

(5c). Climb the blank wall to a horizontal break (runners). Continue up the impending wall without utilizing the arête to a second break. Climb over the bulge above to finish.

Boundary Pinnacles 26 m VD † 1963

Start at a completely detached pinnacle well up a bracken-filled recess at the right-hand end of the crag.

- 1 12 m. Climb the pinnacle then step across onto the wall. Up this to a recess, take the slab to its left then follow a crack to a large ledge by a second pinnacle.
- 2 14 m. Swing onto a ledge on the left-hand end of the pinnacle, then climb to its top. Continue up the groove behind to the top.