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EASTERN CRAGS ARCHIVE

THIRLMERE AREA

IRON CRAG (297193)

Iron Crag Chimney 180 feet Very difficult (hard).

An interesting climb made serious by the extreme looseness of the last pitch. It is not recommended in wet conditions and may, in fact, be dangerous. The climb starts with a seam-backed chimney.

1 30 feet. Climb the chimney. Walk up for 50 feet to the next steep section.

2 60 feet. Move up easily for 20 feet and ascend the chimney until the difficulty lessens. A stance on the left rib is preferable.

3 50 feet. Continue up the easier gully bed to a sheltered sentry-box, with a chockstone belay in the crack above.

4 40 feet. Climb the left-hand groove until it is possible to step right. Move across the grassy finish and back to a boulder belay 20 feet away. This pitch is fundamentally unsound.

Irony 300 feet Severe (hard)

A loose, vegetated climb with some interesting moves and good situations; it overlooks the Chimney for most of its length. Leader needs 80 feet of rope and some belay pitons.

The start is 30 feet below the foot of the Chimney at a clean rib at the corner of the main buttress.

1 35 feet. Climb the rib.

2 30 feet. Continue by the crack on the left of the ivy.

3 30 feet. Climb the rib on its left side.

4 60 feet. Ascend the crack to the tree, traverse the slab on the right, and climb the open corner to a bilberry ledge.

5 45 feet. Traverse left along the ledge and climb the arête to a poor stance.

6 50 feet. Move across the small slab on the left on to the rib and ascend directly on poised blocks, passing a tall pinnacle, to a stance beneath an overhanging wall.

7 50 feet. Traverse right for 10 feet and take the easiest line to the top. The belays are 25 feet higher.

Ferrous Buttress 250 feet Very severe.

An exposed and serious route. The rock is shattered and, in places, friable; delicacy and judgment are required. A recent rock fall has altered the lower part of the climb. Start now at a grassy gully a few yards to the left of the lowest point of the main buttress.

1 100 feet. Climb the gully until it is possible to traverse to the right into a shallow groove. Follow this; then move rightwards to a small ledge and ascend a slab for 10 feet. Traverse to the right into an open groove and follow it to a shattered ledge. Difficult line thread on the left above the groove.

2 90 feet. Move along the ledge to the right and climb the steep, shallow chimney-crack for 20 feet. Step out to the right and ascend a diagonal grass line to the foot of a steep wall.

3 60 feet. Traverse to the right round the corner of the buttress and climb leftwards to the top. Cross the grassy ledge to a belay on the wall.

Rust 130 feet Very severe (mild).

A one pitch climb taking the slanting crack line on the smooth buttress to the left. The first 20 feet are hardest.

BRAMCRAG (322219)

These crags are on the lower slopes of Clough Head on the eastern side of St. John's Vale about 1 1/2 miles north of Castle Rock. The main crag stands at the top of a scree slope above Bramcrag road stone quarry, to the north of Sandbed Ghyll.

The crag is both larger and steeper than it appears from the road. Unfortunately it is also loose, and no attempt should be made to climb here when work is taking place in the quarry below. The rock is no worse than on Iron Crag, and it dries much quicker than Castle Rock, but the climbing is strictly for the connoisseur. The climbs are described from left to right.

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Thrall's Way 140 feet Severe (hard).

The left one of two prominent chimney-grooves.

1 80 feet. Climb the groove direct to a small overhang. Turn this by a crack on the right and traverse left to a tree.

2 60 feet. Go up a broken corner crack to a large nest; then pull out, round a bulge on the right, to easy ground. Scramble to belays.

Moonraker 150 feet Very severe (hard).

The buttress between the two chimney-grooves. Start as for Thrall's Way.

1 100 feet. Climb Thrall's Way for about 20 feet to a nut runner. Traverse to the right to the arête and climb this until it is possible to move right again. Then climb the right edge, through some ivy and up a little groove, until the ash on Peasant's Passage can be gained. Rock belay.

2 50 feet. Climb the steep arête on the left to the top of the crag.

Peasant's Passage 150 feet Very severe (mild).

The right-hand groove.

1 70 feet. Climb the corner filled with vegetation until it is possible to step to the right to a stance and poor belay.

2 80 feet. Return to the groove, and make an ascending traverse of the left wall to an ash; then climb the wall above to re-join the groove at the top.

Smersh 200 feet Very severe.

Start at the lowest point of the crag, to the right of the two grooves.

1 60 feet. Climb the subsidiary buttress and scramble to a stance below a shallow groove. Chock or piton belay.

2 70 feet. Make an ascending traverse to gain the left-bounding rib of the groove (crux); then ascend to ancient yews.

3 70 feet. Climb the groove on the left to a rake and finish by an arête on the right.

Blasting Grooves 125 feet Very severe.

Start 30 feet right of the lowest point of the crag, to the left of some hollies at an open groove containing a small tree.

1 70 feet. Climb the groove, passing a bulge at 20 feet until a move left can be made to a good spike runner on the arête. Ascend to the yews on Smersh.

2 55 feet. Climb the sloping wall on the left to a ledge at 30 feet; then ascend the steep groove above.

GHYLL BUTTRESS PAGE: 60 ALT: 330M GR: 322 216 DIRECTION: NORTH WEST

This is the undercut crag 200 metres up Sandbed Ghyll on its south side. Belay well back from the top of the crag.

Ticky Tack Crack 16m E5 6c

The obvious central crack-line.

First ascent: 1991 P Cornforth, G Cornforth

Dead Sheep Tell No Tales 16m E3 5c

Start at the obvious groove on the right of the central crack-line. Bold and poorly protected. Follow the groove to a poor Friend 3 placement. Move leftwards and make an awkward move through the bulge. Continue to the top.

First ascent: 1991 P Cornforth, G Cornforth

Bad Omen 16m E2 5b

Start up the groove of *Dead Sheep Tell No Tales* to the Friend slot, then follow the obvious crack-line direct.

First ascent: 1991 P Cornforth, G Cornforth

Friday 13th 16m HS

The slabby line on the right.

First ascent: 1991 P Cornforth, G Cornforth

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CASTLE ROCK OF TRIERMAIN, ST JOHN'S IN THE VALE

Romance is Dead 35m E1 *

A variation on *Romantically Challenged* but slightly harder. No doubt done before.

Follow *Romantically Challenged* to about halfway, past the rightward diagonal crack and then instead of climbing the left edge of the wall, climb the centre a metre or so to the right to gain the rising crackline of *Failed Romantic* about 5 metres from its end. Finish up *Failed Romantic*.

First ascent: (10/10/2007) Frank Wilkinson, Mike Bebbington, Ian Knight

BACK CASTLE CRAG PAGE: 106 ALT: 420M GR: 325 194 DIRECTION: WEST

The crag is clearly visible from the top of the *South Crag of Castle Rock* and is situated 1 kilometre up the fellside above. From *The South Crag* it looks quite impressive but it is small and disappointing on closer acquaintance. Three poor routes have been climbed. The names say it all.

A Nasty Animal in Sheep's Clothing 45m VS

(4c). From the lowest point of the crag, climb the rib, step right into a groove and finish direct.

First ascent: (02/06/1984) A Phizacklea

Pointless 25m HVS

(5a). The higher rib up and right.

First ascent: (02/06/1984) A Phizacklea

Less Point 27m E1 5b

The lower rib on the right starting left below the ivy mass.

First ascent: (02/06/1984) A Phizacklea

MIDDLE SWIRL CRAG, THIRLMERE Page: 112

This rather broken crag lies some 50m directly below *Upper Swirl Crag*. Belays at the top are poor but there is a large boulder some 30 metres up the hillside which could be tied off with a second rope. The first four routes are all at the left hand end of the crag.

Rolo 10m S

The left-hand groove with a hard move to overcome the bulge.

First ascent: (25/05/1999) SJH Reid (solo)

Suki 10m S

Start one metre right of *Rolo* and avoid a huge poised block on the left.

First ascent: (25/05/1999) SJH Reid (solo)

Middle Crag Chimney 10m VD

The horrible loose and vegetated chimney one metre right of *Suki*.

First ascent: (25/05/1999) SJH Reid (solo)

Chimney Arête 10m S

The arête to the right of *Middle Crag Chimney* is hard to finish.

First ascent: (25/05/1999) SJH Reid (solo)

Middle Crag Buttress 15m VD

At the far right-hand end of the crag the rock becomes steeper again.

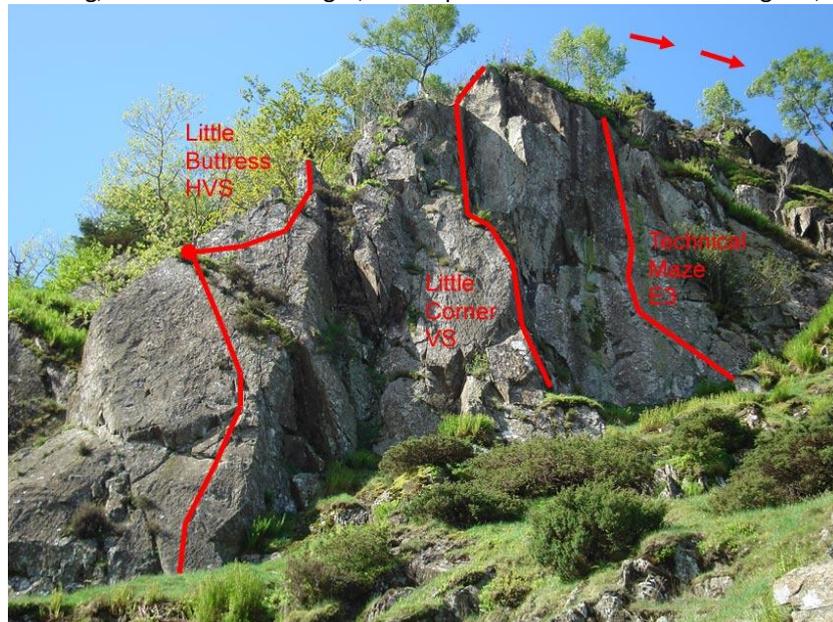
Start at the toe of the buttress and take the easiest line to the top avoiding a few large blocks.

First ascent: (25/05/1999) SJH Reid (solo)

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BIRKCRAG (317137)

Birk Crag is at the southern end of the western side of Thirlmere, opposite Wythburn. It is immediately south of Dob Ghyll; a small crag, about 80 feet in height, with a prominent arête. The rock is good, but vegetated.



Little Buttress 160 feet Very severe (mild).

The prominent arête of the crag. The rock is good.

- 1 80 feet. Make an ascending traverse to gain the right rib of the buttress. Climb this, with a sling for aid, to a break which leads to the left-bounding rib; then go up to a prow.
- 2 80 feet. Step to the right round the arête, climb a short crack back to the ridge and follow it to the top.

Little Corner 110 feet Very severe.

The corner to the right of the arête of Little Buttress. Start about 20 yards right of the lowest point of the crag, where a grassy gangway slants up left into the corner.

- 1 30 feet. Climb the gangway and belay on the left.
- 2 60 feet Start the corner on its left wall and pull up on to a huge flake. Layback up the crack in the corner to the ridge and belay a few feet higher.
- 3 20 feet Easily up the ridge to the top

Technical Maze 24m E3 1982 *

A good, sustained climb up the tapering wall and groove to the right of the corner. Start at a flake on the right side of the wall.

- (6a). Step left onto the wall and follow a crack diagonally left for 5 metres; move back right and pull up to resting ledges. Traverse right to a sloping hold (loose spike on the right). Step left and then up the wall (peg runner) to enter the upper groove which is followed to the top.

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ROUGH CRAG NY 314 154 225M NORTH FACING

Halfway down the road on the west side of Thirlmere, a very obvious white crag rises above a bend in the road. Immediately beneath the crag is a blocked off lay by. This crag was the scene, a few years ago, of a large land slide which 'cleaned' the crag. A number of routes have since been ascended after careful further gardening and more routes await to be unearthed. Park at the lay by at the foot of the Launchy Gill Forest Trail.

20 yards above the road is an obvious spiky overhang. The following two routes start either side of this.

Rough Trade 210ft VS

Start up the rib just left of the spiky overhang.

1 130ft (4b). Climb the easy rib for 10 feet until the groove is crossed and step up onto the rib above the grassy ledge. (The climbing now improves!) Follow the slab directly to an awkward mantelshelf.

Climb the obvious slab above moving right to belay. (Very large nut).

2 80ft (4c). Climb the obvious wall above straight up the middle. At the top traverse right and move up to tree belay as for Over The Hill.

A.Hewison, A.Davis 23.5.84

Over The Hill 200ft VS

Start 5 yards right of the spiky overhang, up a rib just right of a stepladder groove.

1 120ft (4b). Climb the obvious cleaned rib. At its top, step left onto a slab and follow this directly, moving right belay along an earthy ledge.

2 80ft Follow the easy groove directly above the belay, moving left at the top to a tree belay.

A.Hewison, A.Davis (alt) May 1984

Stark Naked 125ft MVS

Named in honour of Alan Stark who discovered the crag. Start well to the right of Over The Hill beneath the obvious leftward slanting slabs.

Climb steeply upwards to gain the slab. Follow the slab leftwards to a heathery finish.

A.Davis, D.Kay, A.Hewson 3.6.84

BULL CRAG (312 155) ALT. 300 M EAST FACING

This crag is pleasantly situated in the trees overlooking the road along the west side of Thirlmere. It is reached by striking up left through the trees from the lay-by at the foot of Launchy Gill Forest Trail.

The crag is on the left and above a crag which can be seen from the road, and is approached by skirting left around the bottom of the lower crag. The rock is rough and solid though rather mossy at present.

Independence Day 48 m E2 198

Start at the sapling at the left of the crag.

1 15 m (5a). Make a hard move up then continue more easily past a tree to a ledge on the left.

2 33 m (5c). Up the groove to the bulge. Traverse right to below a groove (runner in crack on right). Move up to a slightly doubtful spike, then precariously up into the groove. Continue in the same line to the top.

S.Howe, D.Kay, M.Lynch 4.7.84 (P.I climbed previously by M.Lynch, D.Kay)

Idiot Wind 48 m E2 1984

Start just left of Blowing in the Wind, 3 metres right of an obvious corner.

1 27 m (5b). Climb the wall to a finger-like flake and continue directly up the wall above to a ledge system. Continue up the groove above to another ledge with a belay on the right (as for Blowing in the Wind).

2 21 m (5b). Move slightly left and climb a short wall to a hanging block (crux). Climb past this and continue to the top.

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Blowing in the Wind 48 m E2 1984

Start directly behind the tree in the centre of the crag.

1 27 m (5b). Climb the groove directly behind the tree to a tricky exit onto a ledge system. Climb the continuation groove and exit left with difficulty to a ledge and belay.

2 21 m (5a). Climb the overhung groove on the right, moving left to finish up a short slab.

Rover's Return 48 m MVS 1984

Start at the right-hand side of the crag at the foot of the obvious cleaned slab. Pleasant climbing despite the moss.

1 15 m (4b). Climb the slab and move left across the excavated rock ledge to good nut belays at the foot of a crack.

2 33 m (4c). Climb the crack for 9 metres to a small ledge and spike. Straight up the crack and groove above trending slightly right.

RAVEN CRAG, THIRLMERE PAGE: 131 ALT: 340M

Blitzkrieg

"With regards to the route Brian Robertson and I climbed on Raven's Crag... sort of forgot about it until I came across the 1966 photo that Tom Taylor took of us on our ascent that we named Cave Direct... it had some aid but not all of the route. Followed the line of what is now Blitzkrieg. We sent the description into the FRCC but this was a time when the Borrowdale crag rats were not popular with the club led of course by Mr Austin! I was a member but they were also not happy with our Borrowdale pirate guide which came out same year as our Cave Direct... So it was ignored. I left for the States in '68 and did hear later that using some of our left in place pegs for protection claimed a route named Blitz...very obvious on the first pitch of both Blitz and later again Blitzkrieg. Our second pitch same as Blitzkrieg with some aid and on to the area of the finishing pitch. Anyway in spite of me saying something about this to the guide book writers of that time there was still no mention of our first ascent and of course later when the Livesey claim came about... I think the photo proves our ascent...and ground up.. Just a bit of missed history... All the Best Paul" **Paul Ross** 31/07/2012 10:20:21

Necropolis 100m VS

310 feet. A winding line up rock to the left of the Cave. Steep, varied and rather artificial with a fair amount of grass. The start is at a short chimney-crack with a rowan, 10m right of a steep grass slope from which the left side of the crag rises.

1 25 feet. Climb the chimney crack.

2 80 feet. Move up to a small tree and go left across a little wall to grass. Climb leftwards; then move back right and up a short corner-crack. Move onto the nose and step right to pull up to a grassy ledge.

3 45 feet. Climb the steep groove to a ledge. Ascend an easier groove and move up to a small stance on the right with a high flake belay.

4 25 feet. From the small ledge climb diagonally rightwards up the steep wall (various lines) to belay at the left end of a narrow grass ledge.

5 35 feet. Traverse right for 20 feet and ascend to a small ledge and big bollard on the arête.

6 40 feet. Ascend to the recess. Move up against the overhang and up onto high footholds on the left (crux). Climb directly to a grassy ledge. Chockstone belay behind huge perched block on the left.

7 60 feet) Climb the groove and short overhanging chimney to the top.

First ascent: (09/05/1953) PJ Greenwood, JW Bradley

Exodus 58m MVS

A poor vegetated route which is best left to nature. Start from a little shoulder above and to the right of the foot of the shallow gully which limits the crag on the left. The gully is reached by scrambling for about 50 metres up the grassy slope (crux!) from the stout rowan on the approach to the Cave.

1 28m (4b). Climb diagonally rightwards to a ledge. Climb the little wall above. From the upper left end of the ledge pull up the overhanging wall and step left to the arête. Traverse left for 2 metres, move up and follow a slab through the overhangs.

2 30m (4a). Climb the wall to a grass ledge. Climb the weakness at the left end of the ledge and step left to the arête. Ascend leftwards then move back right to finish up a short groove.

First ascent: (04/10/1952) A Beanland, M Dawson, E Leach

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Valedictory 49m HS

Another poor route. Start as for *Exodus*.

1 10m. Climb diagonally rightwards to a ledge and ascend the little wall above.

2 9m. Traverse right, step down across a little slab and move up to a stance in a corner.

3 18m. Climb the groove and traverse right below steep rock. Move into a groove and climb up to a ledge.

4 12m. Climb the corner crack to the top.

First ascent: (28/08/1958) H Drasdo, T Parker

LOW RAVEN CRAG, THIRLMERE PAGE: 148 ALT: 240M GR: 305 189 DIRECTION: SOUTH EAST

Hidden in the trees below and just to the north of *Raven Crag*. Five minutes above the triangular road junction at the west end of the dam. Another useful little outcrop,. Good pitches, getting the winter sun, ideal for the kids and groups wanting abseil practice, who could help to keep the routes clean - trees at the top. This would relieve the over-use of other popular training outcrops. The crag top is formed by a grassy knoll: this is adjacent to a wall close to the forest track. Descend easily at the south end. The crag takes a little seepage, but dries out nicely if kept clean. Cairn at the base. More new route potential to the right, would be helped by NWW felling a couple of large trees to let the sun in.

NB. This outcrop probably overgrown again by now, but a bit of cleaning will restore it to usefulness.

Wave of Rebellion 17m E1

(5b). 3 metres left of *Tide*, takes the wall and slab.

This route not yet led.

Tide of Materialism 18m HVS

(5a). From 2 metres left of the cairn, take the blunt rib to good holds and a foot ledge on the right. Straight up via the steep wall and a scoop.

First ascent: (03/11/1986) D Bodecott, R Lloyd

Rainbow Warrior 18m S

Obvious right slanting crack and continuation groove from just right of the cairn.

First ascent: (03/11/1986) D Bodecott, R Lloyd

Gorbachev Revolution 16m S

Right of *Rainbow*, takes the groove and wall behind the large fir tree.

First ascent: (03/11/1986) D Bodecott, R Lloyd



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YEW CRAG (307207)

These are the lines of outcrop on the western side of High Rigg. They are close to the main road, between 3 and 4 miles out of Keswick. From the south Yew Crag is reached directly from the quarry by the roadside: Shaw Bank Crag by a footpath starting from the road 200 yards north of the quarry. From Keswick, a quicker way to Shaw Bank Crag is by the road through Dale Bottom.

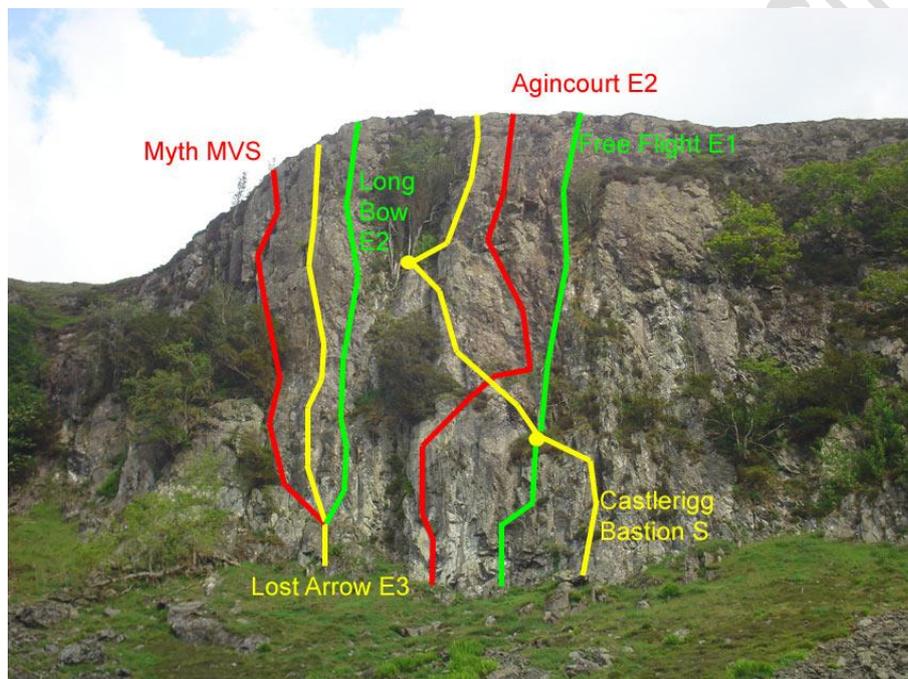
This crag comprises three buttresses. The most northerly is the largest but is very disappointing on close acquaintance. The routes are poorly protected undertakings on snappy, flakey, lichenous rock. The routes are best forgotten - there are much better places to climb.

North Buttress

Tom Thumb 15m S

The short jamming crack at the far left end of the buttress.

First ascent: (31/12/1984) N Robinson, E Hirst



Castlerigg Bastion 155 feet Severe

The climb is on the most northerly group of rocks, about 10 minutes' walk from the quarry. It is best to keep along the bottom, ascending when the buttress is seen. The climb starts at an embedded boulder 40 feet right of a groove with yew trees; there is a triangular niche 20 feet up. It is steep and exposed, with a little loose rock.

1 35 feet. Climb up to the niche, swing round the left rib, and move up and leftwards to a ledge and tree.

2 75 feet. Climb diagonally left to the rib and pull up to a ledge on the edge of the gully. Ascend for 10 feet and move leftwards into the gully. Sapling belay, or tree 10 feet above.

3 45 feet. Step to the right along the ledge and climb the rib. Small spike belay just below the top.

Free Flight 52m E1

Start 9 metres right of the yew-filled groove at a small flat-topped block beneath a tree. The first pitch is hard and on dubious rock. The second pitch is better.

1 12m (5b). Step off the block. Ascend to the overhang, step right and climb the steep wall and corner to the tree.

2 40m (5a). Climb the short corner behind the tree then move up and right to a groove system. Follow this to a groove/chimney. Climb this and easier angled rock to the top.

Date just given as Feb 1982

First ascent: (01/02/1982) K Telfer, G Telfer (alt)

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Long Bow 45m E2

Start at the large block 3 metres left of the yew-filled groove.

(5b). Step right off the block and climb a wall and groove. Step left to another groove and climb this. Move slightly left and up to a small ledge. Climb up and slightly right to ledges on the edge of the gully. Step back left onto a wall and climb a bulge to easier rock and the top.

Date just given as Feb 1982

First ascent: (01/02/1982) K Telfer, S Telfer, A Winter

Agincourt 45m E2

Start just right of the yew-filled groove beneath a slim hanging groove.

(5c). Climb the wall, then the left edge of the groove (peg runner). Move right at the top to a grass ledge and up to another grass ledge. From the right end of the ledge, move up and right to a shallow, leftward curving groove. Climb this to the headwall and move left to a spike on the arête. Move diagonally up and right across the headwall to a break with good holds. Up this to easier ground.

Date just given as Feb 1982

First ascent: (01/02/1982) K Telfer, G Telfer, A Winter

Lost Arrow 45m E3

Start at the large block as for *Long Bow*.

(5c). Step left off the block past flakes. Climb the wall right of the tree to a ledge. Ascend slightly right, then back left to a shallow groove. Climb the groove (peg runner), then go diagonally left to a crackline. Follow this past a niche to easier ground.

Date just given as Feb 1982

First ascent: (01/02/1982) K Telfer, S Telfer, S Kennedy

Myth Variation Finish - Automan 30m HVS

2 (5a) Climb the shattered groove and the hanging corner above.

First ascent: (31/12/1984) P Hirst, R McHaffie, N Robinson

Myth. 140 feet. Very severe (mild).

A steep and exposed route up the main left-hand buttress. Start 80 feet left of Castlerigg Bastion.

1 40 feet. Scramble up to a wide crack and climb this to a large yew below a vertical wall.

2 100 feet. Move left up the ledge from the yew for a few feet to a shattered groove. Climb this for about 20 feet until it is possible to move out to the right to a steep, clean wall. Traverse right and make an awkward move to reach a little oak; then climb straight up to the top.

South Buttress at 307 205.

This buttress can be reached in 10 minutes. It faces west and is quick drying, except for lower section of Meritocrat. There is some friable/loose rock. Mostly adequate protection. NB The star system applies only to this crag.

Meritocrat E4**

Start 12metres right of *Aristocrat* beneath a corner in the upper part of the crag and 3 metres right of obvious overhang. (6a). Climb steeply up to a projection of rock at 6 metres. Reach right (hidden jug), then up for another 6 metres, traverse left to the corner which is climbed to within 5 metres of the top. Avoid the vegetated top of corner by climbing the rib on the left.

First ascent: (01/09/2001) Tom Walkington (unseconded)

Lords 25m E2*

Start at a tree 6metres right of *Meritocrat*.

(5c). Climb on to the tree's right-hand horizontal branch. Climb right for 1.5 metres, then up for 6metres, and traverse left for 2metres to move left under a small tree to blocks. Climb up a short corner to a large block on a ledge up to the right, traverse right on a grass ledge for 4 metres to a large tree (possible belay). Continue up the wall above the tree or scramble up a leftward-slanting gangway.

First ascent: (01/08/2001) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

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SHAWBANK CRAG PAGE: 178 ALT: 170M GR: 303 215 DIRECTION: WEST

A pleasantly situated small crag with some unattractive routes. It lies on the lower slopes of High Rigg, about one kilometre north of *Yew Crag*. From the Keswick to Ambleside road take the minor road past Dalebottom Farm. Turn right after a gate and park below the steep buttress with an obvious black overhang.

The routes are described from left to right.

Mr Apollo (MA on diagram) 33m HS

This route takes the large groove to the left of the big overhang. Start just right of a tree on a shattered pillar. Climb broken ground to the start of the groove. Make an intimidating move right and climb the right wall of the groove. Finish direct.

Date just given as Aug 1988

First ascent: (01/08/1988) D Johnson, S Miller

Urban Spaceman (US on diagram) 33m E1

Start right of *Mr Apollo* and finish up the steep rock on its left.

(5b). Climb a groove and shattered bulge to a left sloping gangway. Move up and left to below a large hanging block. Surmount this on its right and climb the crack above.

Date just given as Aug 1988

First ascent: (01/08/1988) S Miller, D Johnson

Trouser Press (TP on diagram) 33m E2

Start at a smooth arête below the left end of the large black overhang.

(5c). Climb the arête to the overhang. Swing left to join the left sloping gangway. Climb the steep groove above (between the two previous routes) over two small roofs to the top.

First ascent: (17/05/1989) S Miller, D Johnson

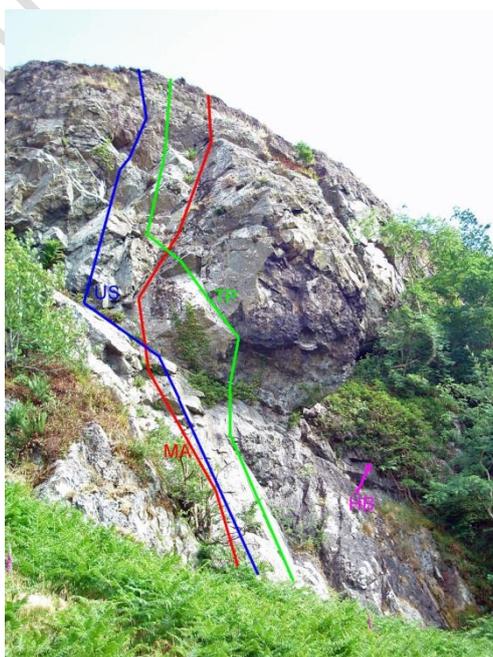
Humanoid Boogie (HB on diagram) 36m E2

Start at a black broken wall below the right end of the large black overhang.

(5c). Climb the wall and gain the large ledge to the right of the main overhang. From the tree, hand traverse left for just over one metre and gain a steep groove. Go up and right past a quartz pocket to a large groove. Step right across the groove and climb the front of the pillar to the top.

Date just given as Sept 1988

First ascent: (01/09/1988) S Miller, D Johnson



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CARROCK FELL

SNAIL-SHELL CRAG (355324)

Snail-Shell Crag has one route on the wall and two on the slabs above.

Weeping Wall 50 feet. Difficult.

Usually wet. Starts just left of the centre of the wall. Ascend to a slight overhang, traverse right, and climb a groove; belay 15 feet higher.

Sodding Flies 10m MS

Start just left of *Weeping Wall* at the left-hand side of the crag.

Climb the thin slab just right of heather to a small roof which is overcome on excellent holds with good protection.

First ascent: (12/09/1999) Stephen Reid, Ingram Reid, Robert Shimmin, Tessa Kennedy, Jill Reid

Isolated problems

The next climb is 200 yards to the north, an obvious V-chimney. There is a juniper at the top.

Juniper Crack 35 feet Severe

Climb into the chimney and up its right wall (strenuous); scramble off to left or right.

First ascent: (09/07/1932) J A Musgrave, Nancy E G Ridyard, Mabel M Barker

The next climb is just right of the stream running down towards Stone Ends Farm.

Three Tier Climb 55 feet Severe.

Climb the three steps, finishing with a strenuous peapod shaped crack.

Karaoke VS

The wall and bulge just to the left of the pitch on the middle tier of *Three Tier Climb*; quite serious.

(5b). Climb steeply past the gangway to reach the bulge. Overcome this boldly and continue to the top.

First ascent: (26/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

The 80-foot Slab is the lowest outcrop on the fellside, north of the stream. It is directly above the farm and below and right of the Three Tier Climb. There are various routes, ranging from Difficult to Severe.

Fern Entanglement 7m MVS 4b

Ninety metres left of *Slape Crags Arête*, and at the same level, is a steep clean wall. It is clearly visible from the road, lying well above and right of the first large boulder near the road. Start below the perched flake at 3 metres. Climb the right side of the flake and reach a small sloping ledge. Step left and pull over onto the finishing slab.

Descent: well over to the left - ouch!

First ascent: (30/08/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Icefall Area

Seventy metres up and left of the Canada Boulder is a black, slabby buttress, which in winter forms the Carrock Fell Icefall. In summer, the buttress is protected by two cascades; the right-hand one flows down over the overlaps, whilst the left-hand one has carved out a shallow gully in the gabbro. The route takes this shallow gully.

Pee-Wee Creek 35m S

Climb the shallow gully to a small rock amphitheatre at 15 metres, with a small, but intrusive waterfall down its right wall. Continue up the left fork, before stepping right into the slabby continuation gully; up this to a steep corner finish at a large twin-stemmed tree. Climbed in socks over rock shoes after 17 dry days!

First ascent: (13/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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The Trough Area

South Trough Buttress 155 feet Severe

The climb runs up the broken buttress on the left of the Trough starting at the gully entrance.

1 45 feet. Ascend diagonally left, crossing a small grass ledge, to a narrow ledge. Walk right for 15 feet. Line thread belay at the base of the wall.

2 35 feet. Climb the short wall (two lines) and continue over bilberries to a rowan overlooking the gully.

3 55 feet. Climb the wall above the terrace by the easiest, line and walk to the right to an overhang.

4 20 feet. Turn the overhang on the right.

North Trough Buttress 100 feet Severe

Starts beneath the lowest rocks just right of the Trough.

Climb a groove with big slanting holds (Severe for 25 feet). Continue up easier walls and heather slopes near the corner of the buttress.

Maeve's Crack 50 feet Severe

The climb takes a corner-crack well to the right of North Trough Buttress and to the right of a grove of aspens. Climb up behind the tree and ascend the corner-crack to the top.

Van's Crack 35 feet Very difficult

The climb starts just left of the finish of Maeve's Crack; it runs up the right end of an overhanging wall, directly above the grove of trees. Climb the crack, using the perched blocks at the top with care.

RAVEN CRAGS, MUNGRISDALE PAGE: 195 GR: NY 362 308

Morning Wander

This has been climbed on but the rock is very loose and is best left to fall down on its own.

First ascent: (09/05/1967) RJ Kenyon

DODD WOOD QUARRY, SKIDDAW PAGE: 195 GR: 240 268

This quarry is situated opposite Long Close Farm. At the back of the quarry is an overhanging wall with roofs on the right and a smooth wall on the left.

Kingdom of Madness 10m HVS

Climb the smooth wall direct to a peg runner. Step left and continue to the top. Abseil descent from a fallen oak tree.

First ascent recorded June 1992 by persons unknown.

GOWBARROW CRAG

Gravy Booby S 1971

Traverses left from the upper crack of The Chimney to cross Susan above the crux. Move left again to a vague groove and follow the wide crack to the top.

Birkett's View HVD 1960

Takes a poor line to the right. Start at the lowest point of the crag. Climb the wall left of a corner to an oak.

Climb a shattered wall and traverse right to a cave and chockstone. Climb up and move left to finish up the top crack of The Chimney.

Diagonal Route S 1972

An inferior counter-girdle. Start as for Mike's Dilemma and climb diagonally right to belay on the oak of Gowbarrow Buttress. Follow that climb to just below the chimney and then move out right to finish as for Susan.

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ARTHUR'S PIKE (463217)

Arthur's Pike stands above the road from Pooley Bridge to Howtown. Leave the road at Thwaite Hill Farm, two miles from Pooley Bridge. The rocks, in three tiers ascending from right to left, are on the hillside behind the farm. Many climbs have been worked out but none exceeds 100 feet in length. In most places the rock is vegetated but some of the routes appear to have had a comprehensive de-forestation.

The best climbs are on the lower tier; they approach 100 feet in length and the rock is clean, sound, and rough. In particular, a big slab with a crack by its left edge gives some very pleasant routes. On the central tier there are two traditional climbs, though not very good ones. The first takes the left one of two wide, wooded chimneys; the second takes the face to the left.

Higginson's Chimney 60 feet Very difficult

Climb over the chockstones, move up the scree, and ascend the final chimney.

Mounsey's Miracle 80 feet Severe

Climb the steep corner and wriggle up the narrow slot to a tree belay (45 feet) ; move on to the ledge above and climb the crack and groove on the right.

THRANG CRAGS (431177) ALT. 300M EAST FACING

The farmer does not permit climbing on farm buttress

These crags are really dirty and neglected.

Upper Thrang Crag

Southern Slab 25 m S 1969

Start 30 metres above and left of the lowest point of the crag. Better than it looks! Climb the obvious clean slab to an awkward finish.

Thrang Slab 40 m VS 1966 *

A pleasant climb. It is somewhat reachy with poor protection. Start a few metres left of the lowest point of the crag, between two trees below the steep slab.

(4b). Gain the ledge at 5 metres and continue up the buttress to a grass ramp; step right to an obvious foothold and climb directly to the top of the buttress. Climb the easy slabs to a flake belay.

Thrangstone 170 feet Very severe

Not very much harder than Thrang Slab; a contrived line giving varied climbing. Start at the lowest point of the crag at a rib to the right of a vegetated area.

1 35 feet. Climb the rib to a vegetated ledge and move left to a tree.

2 25 feet. Climb the steep crack, using a nasty-looking flake which appears to be safe, to a ledge and tree belay.

3 55 feet. Go up and to the right to the foot of a steep arete. Climb this direct, except for a short excursion to the left to get a good runner. At the top, traverse left to a tree belay.

4 55 feet. Gain the wall on the left and climb this, and the slabs above, to the small flake belay at the top of Thrang Slab.

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy 30 m VS 1980

This route takes the obvious open, dirty, central groove. It starts in a large rocky recess on the left of the large pinnacle.

(4b). Climb the recess and the dirty open groove above the pinnacle, passing an intimidating and apparently loose finger of rock to a ledge. Ascend the groove/crack above and left of the ledge to the top. Not recommended in its present state.

Mole 120 feet Severe.

Starts a few yards right of Microcosm in a large rocky recess with cracks on either side.

1 15 feet. Climb the recess by either crack.

2 65 feet. Climb the shallow groove above until it is possible to make an ascending traverse left up a gangway into a corner.

3 40 feet. As for Microcosm, the corner and crack to the rowan at the top of the crag.

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Big Dick Lustrum 25 m HVS 1981

Start at the centre of the mossy wall at a small pinnacle 4 metres left of the hanging prow.

(5a). Climb the centre of the wall to a large grassy ledge. Climb a rightwards sloping crack until it is possible to move left and make awkward moves under a small prow to finish up a groove.

Bomber Wall 30 m HS 1969

Start as for The Wilderness.

From immediately beneath the prow, climb easily to a good ledge. Move up left (very mossy) to a further ledge and then climb more or less straight up to another ledge. Diagonally right up the slab to the top.

The Wilderness 30 m HVS 1977

On the right-hand side of the crag is an obvious overhanging prow. This well-named route takes the dirty groove immediately left of the prow. (5a). Start immediately beneath the prow and climb easily to a grass ledge. Continue up the very mossy groove and then surmount a large wedged block. The steep corner above is climbed to a slab which leads easily rightwards to the top.

Night of the Long Knives 25 m EI 1981

This route takes the line of faint cracks beneath the moss in the wall immediately right of Responsibility. In its present condition it is barely climbable. (5b). Climb a short corner and then a groove to a spike. Move up and use layaways to reach better holds. From the horizontal cracks move up and left, using a thin crack, to join Responsibility.

Lower Thrang Crag

This crag gives good climbing, only a couple of hundred metres from the road. The routes are described from left to right. Descent is on the left-hand side.

Locusts 40 m HVS 1977

Takes the groove in the left-hand side of the crag behind the perched blocks.

1 16 m (5a). Climb the groove moving right at the top to belay at the left end of the grass terrace.

2 24 m (5a). Move left to a spike on the arete and continue horizontally leftwards to a line of holds leading to the top of the pillar. Move over the vegetation to a flake crack on the right; follow this to the top.

Farm Buttress NO ACCESS The farmer does not permit climbing on farm buttress

This small buttress lies directly behind the farm, about 100 metres beyond the parking place for the main crags. The routes are described from left to right.

The Woodlanders 22 m VS 1984

A poor route. Start just left of the fence. (4c). Climb past several trees to finish up the groove just left of the arête.

Norman the Undead 15 m E2 1984 *

A good climb taking the prominent crack in the left buttress.

(5b). From the fence post climb directly up to the break. Move up and right to gain the bottom of the crack. Follow this to the top.

Poule De Luxe 15 m E3 1985

Varied climbing on the right-hand side of the left buttress. (6a). Climb the wall on small holds to join Norman the Undead. Follow this to a small niche. Move boldly up on layaways until a reach right brings good holds. Continue up to an awkward finish.

The Chain Gang 15 m E4 1985

A stretching climb taking the open groove and crack just left of Friends Beyond.

(6a). Climb the groove to a peg runner. Step left onto the arête and then back right above the groove. Up the easy cracks above.

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Friends Beyond 15 m E2 1984 *

The main feature of the buttress: the central groove gives brutal climbing.
(5c). Climb the fierce groove to its top.

A Changed Man 15 m E3 1984

An elegant climb taking the arête right of Friends Beyond. Start just left of Under the Greenwood Tree.
(6a). Climb diagonally left to a good nut slot. Move up (crux) to another break and peg runner on the left. Reach up left to a good hold, then straight up the wall above.

Under the Greenwood Tree 12 m E1 1984

A deceptive little route. (5b). Climb the obvious right-hand crack. Steeper than it looks!

Human Shows 12 m HVS 1984

A wandering climb, just right of Under the Greenwood Tree. (4c). Climb up then slightly rightwards until a move is made back left to finish.

The Archers 30 m E3 1985 *

A left to right girdle taking in some of the best climbing on the crag.
(6a). Climb the wall immediately left of the fence post to below the final crack of Norman the Undead. Move right past the peg runner on The Chain Gang to gain the hollow flake on Friends Beyond. Reach up to a good hold just above the flake, then stretch right to the arête. Move delicately across and slightly down to a ledge right of the crack; finish up Human Shows.

MOSS CRAG GLENCOYNE (381184)

This aptly named crag is hidden in Glencoyne wood a mile or so down the Pooley bridge road from Glenridding. Take the last turn to the left through the wood before the road descends to the lakeside. Follow the track until it turns right; then take a path which comes in from the left, up to a little col. Strike diagonally right up the hillside to the crag. There is one climb and a number of other pitches.

The Nurglar 125 feet HVS

1 40 feet. Climb past an ash to a ledge beside the yew.

2 85 feet. There is an overhanging corner-groove on the right. Climb this to a dead sapling, pull left into the continuation of the groove, move up and make an exit left on to a slab. Climb up to a ledge below an easier-angled groove, which slants up to the left and climb this to the top of the crag.

RAVEN CRAG, KELDAS (387166)

This repulsive little crag is in the wood above the road on the Patterdale side of Glenridding village. The climb described, though loose in the lower part, has a rather intimidating finish on sound rock.

Draconic Groove. 140 feet. Very severe (hard).

The most prominent feature of the crag is a large square corner. Start below this.

1 40 feet. Climb the corner until a gangway on the left can be taken to avoid the overhanging blocks (care!). A short slab leads to a tree belay.

2 45 feet. Traverse to the right along grassy ledges until a short slab leads to an upper ledge. Move to the right to a good root belay.

3 55 feet. Step on to a gangway immediately above the belay and follow it to a bulge. Pull up on to a ledge and move up right again. An awkward move leads to a ledge below a coffin-shaped groove which overhangs; climb this to the top (crux).

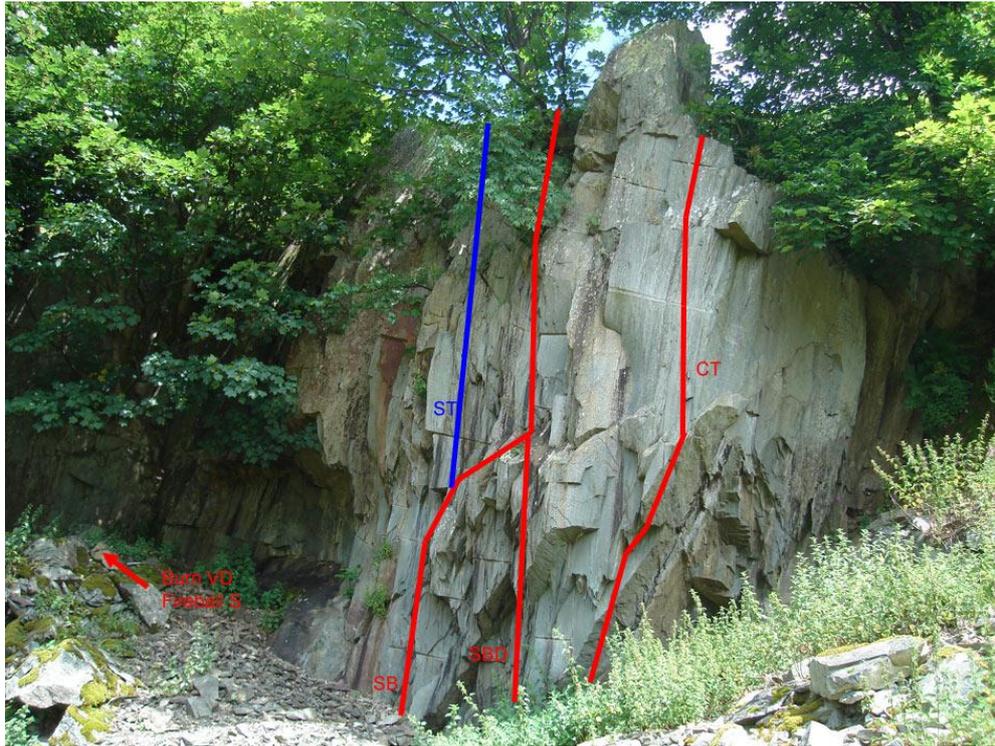
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DURPLE CRAG PAGE: 221 GR: NY 399 163 DIRECTION: SOUTH-WEST

According to the first ascensionists: This is a fine afternoon's climbing when around the Patterdale area. A clean right-hand side accommodates a fine HVS 5a line, this takes the easiest route up this slate buttress. The left side of the outcrop is less steep, but with a worse rock quality

According to the guidebook writer: Truly awful!!

Access: A path traverses across Place Fell about 300 metres from the bottom. Gain this path from the collection of houses south east of side farm at (NY 401 161). From the houses SE of Side Farm, gain the fell path to Boredale Hause and Angle Tarn. 50m after the gate onto the open fell, the path splits. Take the left branch which stays at a steady gradient (NW). Follow this until a slate quarry is clearly visible 20 metres to the right, when the path goes through a scree field.



Burn VD

Follow fragile holds to the right of the gully.

First ascent: (03/11/2007) Franco Cookson (solo)

Fireball

Follow *Burn* until it is possible to traverse right, past a suspect block. At the ledge with a tree, climb the corner to the right of the finger crack. Given Severe due to the danger of the climbing. Not recommended.

First ascent: (03/11/2007) Franco Cookson (solo)

Highway Star 10m

Follow the finger crack to the left of the tree. When the ledge is gained climb the top crack on the left wall. This route has been recorded but does not appear to have been led.

Smoke on the Water 10m

Climb the difficult black wall.

This route has been recorded but does not appear to have been led.

Demon's Eye 10m

To the right of the black wall, climb a large flake. This route has been recorded but does not appear to have been led.

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Stallion Twister (ST) 10m E1

(5b). Climbs direct from the first ledge encountered on *Stormbringer*. A steep route on decent holds.
First ascent: (26/07/2008) Dave Warburton (solo)

Stormbringer (SB) 10m HVS

(5a). Four metres right of the large, central overhang, ascend good holds (trending rightwards) to a small, sloping ledge. Climb direct to the trees via a break (0.75 Camelot).

First ascent: (03/11/2007) Dave Warburton, Franco Cookson

Stormbringer Direct (SBD) 10m E1

Start 2 metres right of *Stormbringer*. (5b) Climb out of the small cave to the ledge via an undercut. Continue up *Stormbringer*.

First ascent: (03/11/2007) Franco Cookson

Child in Time (CT) 10m

Follow the far right arête in its entirety. Undercuts and a poor layaway lead to a lunge for a great hold. From here a heel hook and a side pull allow for a balancy move to a ledge, and so marks the end of the difficult climbing. Very poorly protected. A bouldering mat may come in useful.

This route has been recorded but does not appear to have been led, only top roped. The top ropers consider it would probably be about E3.

ROSCOMBE RIGG PAGE: 221 GR: 408193 DIRECTION: WEST

The incredible shrinking crag on Place Fell, which looks great in the evening sun but is sadly disappointing on closer acquaintance. Most probably climbed on in the '60s and '70s by Ullswater Outward Bound instructors but nothing was recorded. Approach from Sandwick (Ullswater) in 35 minutes. The routes are described from left to right and were so good, the first ascensionists neglected to name them!! Descent is by the obvious gully on the right of the crag.

Main Crag

Unnamed 1 25m VD

From the lowest point on the crag, ascend the obvious arête to the top.

First ascent: (25/06/2003) Mathew Cox

Unnamed 2 25m HVS

Climb the right side of the overhanging nose, pulling out right onto the slab, then back left to gain the rib. Continue up to the back of the mossy ledge, and then climb the clean left wall of the groove.

First ascent: (25/06/2003) Mathew Cox

Unnamed 3 25m HVS

Climb the centre of the slab until it is possible to move right onto a clean rib and continue to the top.

Unnamed 4 25m HS

Climb the slab in the centre of the crag on good holds, moving first left, then right, to avoid dirt holds.

First ascent: (25/06/2003) Mathew Cox

Moss Mountain 28m E1

(5a). Climb the central slab directly from the base of the small overhang until an overhanging mossy crack is reached. Here move left onto good holds before continuing diagonally right to the top. Excellent opening and finishing moves unfortunately marred by a large quantity of moss in the middle. XS 5a until someone gets round to cleaning it. May conflict with previous routes done by Mathew Cox and Neil Mackay.

First ascent: (24/08/2008) Craig Geddes, Julie Paquette

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Lego Wall 25m HS

Start in the groove immediately to the right of the overhanging nose that lies between the central slab and the *Gully Area*.

Pass the slight roof on your right and move on to the vertical sidewall of the overhang. Climb up cracks and ledges until the large crack on your right leads you to the slab above. Mantel onto the top of the crag and get a faceful of heather for your troubles. Good belay for once.

First ascent: (23/08/2008) Craig Geddes, Julie Paquette

Gully Area

Unnamed 5 12m S

Climb the right-trending crack over bulges.

Red Buddha 22m VD

The obvious arête at the very bottom of the gully. Climb over gorse until cleaner rock is reached before passing in between the two large blocks and moving to the top.

First ascent: (23/08/2008) Julie Paquette, Craig Geddes

SWARTHBECK GILL AND RAVENS CRAG BOULDERS Alt: 200m GR: NY 454208

The Boulders that lie at the bottom of Swarthbeck Gill/Ravens Crag (on the East side of Ullswater) provide a number of short problems which are mainly in the easier grades and above generally good landings (although there are a few harder highballs). They provide a few peaceful hours bouldering with a superb outlook over Ullswater, details of the problems can be found on UKC.com.

Instructors from the Howtown Centre also added several hard and bold routes on the obvious buttresses. All the routes except Left Hand on the Crimp (2001) were climbed in 1999. No technical grades are available.

Swarthbeck Gill itself provides a good hard scramble in summer and gives a good few pitches in a hard winter.

Penny Wise 10m E5

Start below a thin crack in the left-hand tower.

Climb the crack to a thin ledge then follow the thin groove to a slight easing and some poor gear (reasonable RP up and right). Now climb the steep wall above moving slightly left to start then straight up.

Frugel Variation 10m E3

Climb as for Penny Wise to the easing and poorish gear. Then go left and up a steep groove.

United For Strength 10m E3

Start below the steep groove on the right hand tower. Steep awkward climbing up the groove leads to an unusual finishing move.

Left Hand on The Crimp 8m E6

This climbs the right side of the right tower.

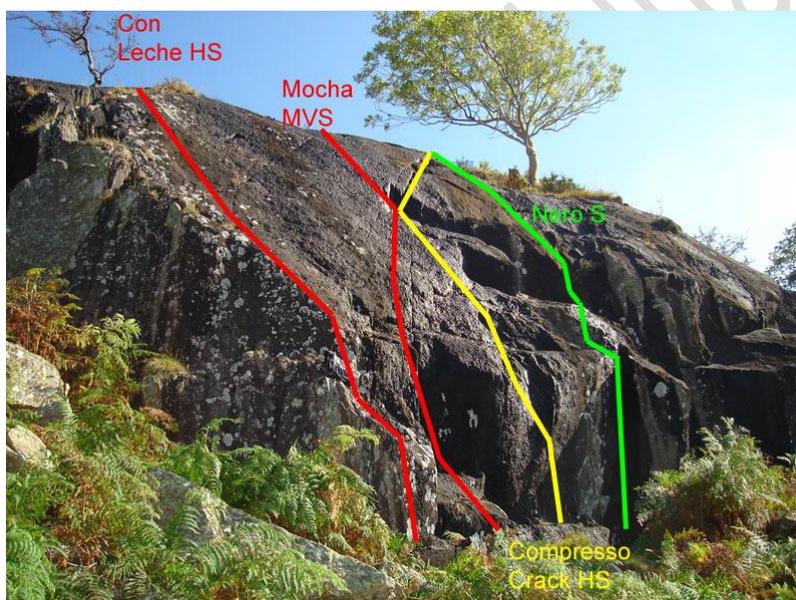
Thin, powerful and bold climbing up the steep wall starting on the right, moving to a thin crack then left to a tiny pocket (sky-hook used on the first ascent). Further powerful moves now lead past a poor peg to the top, where you can now breathe again! Headpointed.

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COFFEE SLAB, PATERDALE Page: 223

This small, but easily spotted brown-coloured slab lies below *Dubhow Crag*, a mere 45 metres above the Boredale Hause footpath, and 15 minutes from the road. Apart from occasional brittle flakes and spikes, the underlying rock is excellent granite and should clean up nicely, although there is still a layer of loose stones at the top needing care.



Coffee Morning 7m D

Takes the rib and slab at the extreme right end of the slab.

First ascent: (07/06/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

The next two routes have a common start at a 2 metre high right-angled corner in the centre of the slab, 6 metres left of *Coffee Morning*, past some brittle grooves.

Nero 8m S

(4b). Climb the right-angled corner and step up left to a large sloping ledge. Move back right and go up the slab to the top.

First ascent: (11/06/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Compresso Crack 11m HS

(4b). From the large sloping ledge, step up left before following the diagonal crack rightwards across the slab.

First ascent: (07/06/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Mocha 12m MVS

Start 3 metres left of *Nero* on a glacis.

(4b). Pull up the tiny corner, move up, then rightwards to gain *Compresso Crack*. Climb this for 2 metres, then follow the left-slanting crack to a tricky finish.

"The only route on the slab that's even vaguely worth the 5 minute walk to get there! It's also the only route with any worthwhile protection and thus should be S 4b rather than MVS

First ascent: (07/06/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Con Leche 11m HS

Takes the white-flecked rib at the left end of the slab. Start as for *Mocha*.

(4a). Step left and follow the rib trending leftwards, before finishing more directly to a distinctly unhealthy tree.

First ascent: (07/06/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

RAVEN CRAG, THRESHTHWAITE COVE (419112)

Echo 200 feet Very severe

The 'unsatisfactory traversing line'. Start at the lower end of the main crag. Scramble up to a good tree belay at the lower end of the traverse.

1 70 feet. Follow a grass terrace; then continue on rock until it is possible to move down to a large grass ledge below a nest. Piton belay.

2 60 feet. Traverse the steep wall below the overlap, across a green streak and up to a little grass ledge.

Continue to a rock ledge with a small moribund tree. Piton belay.

3 70 feet. Make a long traverse left, move round a difficult corner and belay on a holly.

About 100 feet of easier traversing leads eventually back to the ground.

Flush. 200 feet. Severe (hard).

On the more broken upper rocks—an obvious groove with a holly and an overhang above. Loose but worthwhile.

1 25 feet. Gain the tree from the left.

2 50 feet. Climb steeply above the tree to the overhang; then, squeeze through a hole or (better) turn the overhang on the left. Step to the right on to a ledge above the overhang, climb the wall above and move left to a good rowan belay.

3 65 feet. Scramble in the same line past another rowan to the foot of the next tier. Belays.

4 15 feet. Gain a ledge by a cracked wall with loose flakes.

5 45 feet. Climb twin cracks on the left, move left, and continue easily to the top of the buttress.

EAGLE CRAG

Lower Traverse 130 feet. Severe

A poor girdle running just below the flat left section of the Pasture. The start is at two embedded boulders 20 feet above the start of the Original Route.

1 50 feet. Move up across the spiky wall to cross the Original Route and make a slightly descending traverse to the perched block on Kestrel Wall.

2 55 feet. Make a slightly ascending traverse for 15 feet and continue horizontally until it is possible to step down and round into a recess with a sloping floor. The pitch can also be taken at a lower level; this is harder.

3 25 feet. Step round the rib, cross a platform, and descend " awkwardly to the Pasture.

The North Crag

Bloody Tuesday 32m E1

Start at a boulder at the foot of the water-worn slabs on the left side of the crag.

(5b) Climb straight up the water-worn slabs to the foot of a thin crack. Climb the crack to where it fades (thread runner), then hand traverse right to a small ledge. Go up a flake crack then back left into a groove.

Belay near a detached flake.

First ascent: 1982 I Williamson, P Cornforth

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Friday the Thirteenth 200 feet Very severe (mild)

The climb runs up the water-worn slabs on the left side of the crag and continues up the broken arête above. The first pitch is excellent. The start is at a boulder at the foot of the main slab.

1 70 feet. Ascend the easy slab for 15 feet and move up the short groove on to a sloping ledge on the right. Step right and climb two steep little walls to reach the arête. Move round it and up to a rowan.

2 35 feet. Climb the rib on the left to a broad ledge (pitch 3 of Pantagruel).

3 55 feet. Work left up the broken edge overlooking the slabs. Climb an awkward little crack to a grass ledge and move up to some saplings above.

4 40 feet. Step round to the right and climb the steep wall by the crack close to the nose. Continue up easier slabs to the top.

Pantagruel 185 feet Severe

The climb starts 40 feet to the right of Friday the Thirteenth at a rib with a small rowan to the right: the left end of the foot of the crag, just right of the slabs. Cairn.

1 40 feet. Climb the ribs to a ledge with a rowan. Belays on the wall.

2 35 feet. Ascend the corner-crack on the right. Traverse left to two small rowans.

3 35 feet. Climb the rib on the left, moving left or right at the top, to a wide ledge. Tree belay, beneath slabs.

4 40 feet. Climb the slabs to a wall and traverse to the right along its base. Belays for sitting position.

5 35 feet. Step right across the groove, move up, and ascend a short corner. Pull out to the right and finish up the rib.

Not Named HVS

The steep grooves to the left of *Botany Rib*.

First ascent details unknown

Botany Rib 130 feet Severe (mild)

The climb starts about 120 feet right of Pantagruel up a prominent rib on the right side of the crag. It is aptly named. The start is at a pedestal on the left of the rib.

1 80 feet. Climb on to the pedestal and surmount the small overhang. Follow the rib, ascend a short slab to a rowan, and climb a wall to the big vegetated terrace. Scramble up through the vegetation for 60 feet to the left end of the upper wall.

2 50 feet. Mount the steps on the left to the nose and ascend past two small rowans to the top. Belay 20 feet higher.

First ascent: (15/06/1958) N Crowther, Miss E Cannon

Zoot Horn Rollo HVS

The bulge and scoop to the right of *Botany Rib* - overgrown and unattractive.

First ascent: 1976 A Beatty, R J Kenyon, P Rigby

TARN CRAG (352125) AND FALCON CRAG (351126)

The Dollywaggon Pike cliffs face east across the head of Grisedale. They stand about a quarter of a mile north of the tarn. Falcon Crag is a steep compact buttress of jointed walls and overhangs almost separated from the fellside by two deeply-cut gullies. It is about 200 feet high and can be seen from a long way down the valley. To the left there is a gully-seamed hillside with broken outcrops: Tarn Crag. The climbs are described from right to left. The descent from the top of Falcon Crag is by the easy gully to the right of the cliff. After an ascent of Dollywaggon Gully the gully immediately left may be descended.

The path up Grisedale crosses the bottom of the Tarn Crag screes. The ascent to the cliffs is made more easily from just above this point. But, as stated earlier, the approach from Dunmail Raise is the quicker.

The climbs are excellent of their types. The rock is not good everywhere and there is a fair amount of vegetation but the rock scenery is most impressive.

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Dollywaggon Great Chimney 160 feet Very difficult

The climb takes the narrow cleft which splits the northerly face of Falcon Crag. It is about 100 feet below and left of the easy gully which cuts back behind the buttress. A loose and vegetated route.

- 1 80 feet. Climb the narrow gully, loose and overgrown, to a stance by a steep crack.
- 2 25 feet. Climb the crack, using the jammed flake carefully, to the Birdcage.
- 3 30 feet. Exit through the Skylight to a stance below a second arch.
- 4 25 feet. Climb through to the finish. Continue more easily to the summit ridge.

Merlin 210 feet Very severe

A steep and loose climb with good positions but little else.

Start about 30 feet right of Dollywaggon Great Chimney.

- 1 60 feet. Climb up a few feet; then make a long traverse left until it is possible to move up to a slab below a prominent overhang. Climb the slab to a ledge and belay to the right of the overhang.
- 2 50 feet. Climb the groove immediately above the stance to a ledge. Move left to a larger ledge; then regain the groove with the aid of two pitons (in place). Climb it to a loose landing on the left and a spike belay.
- 3 100 feet. The loose grooves and ribs above are followed by scrambling to a belay.

Falcon Front 170 feet Very severe (hard).

The climb takes the very steep buttress to the left of Dolly-waggon Great Chimney, starting at the foot of the latter. The difficulties are concentrated in the first pitch, on which three slings were used for aid on the first ascent, owing to poor rock. The hardest climb in the valley.

- 1 85 feet. The objective is a small grass ledge with a diminutive rowan high on the left. From the foot of the chimney make an ascending traverse left into a shallow impending groove. Climb this until it is possible to traverse to the ledge on good holds. Continue straight up for 15 feet to a stance and thread belay.
- 2 50 feet. Climb the blunt arête to the point of exit from the Skylight on Dollywaggon Great Chimney.
- 3 35 feet. The steep arête on the right is climbed to a bilberry mantelshelf; 80 feet of scrambling leads to easy ground.

Bottleneck 210 feet Very severe

The climb takes the overhanging groove in the nose of the buttress, midway between the Great Chimney and Chock Gully. It is a good line, exposed but well protected. The lower part gives an interesting exercise in wide bridging.

- 1 65 feet. Climb the overhanging groove past a small sloping stance and move through the bottleneck. Small stance and thread belays.
- 2 35 feet. Step on to the rib on the left and ascend on heather to a ledge. Rope threads beneath a splintered rib.
- 3 40 feet. Climb up on the left for 10 feet and step to the right into a crack, which splits the rib. Ascend the rib and continue up the groove above the crack to a stance on the left.
- 4 70 feet. Step on to the slab on the right and move up to a little corner. Climb this on to a big grassy ledge and take the left one of two chimneys to the top. Continue on steep vegetation to the summit ridge.

Limbo 180 feet Very severe

The climb takes the easiest line up the front of the buttress. The start is difficult but well protected, the upper part rather exposed. The climb begins 30 feet up the grassy slope which leads up to the left from the base of Bottleneck. Cairn.

- 1 35 feet. Step to the right to the foot of the groove and traverse right for 8 feet. Ascend the steep wall to the overhang and move to the right to a thread belay for sitting position.
- 2 25 feet. Move round the overhang and up the bilberry ledge. Step up and return leftwards to a thread belay at the end of the ledge.
- 3 55 feet. Step left into the groove, ascend it for 10 feet and make a move left on to an exposed nose. Move up and back right to reach small ledges. Step right and climb the slab or corner-crack to a ledge and belays.
- 4 45 feet. Follow the grassy trench up to the left to a pinnacle overlooking Chock Gully.
- 5 20 feet. Climb the groove, moving left at the top. Continue on steep vegetation to the summit ridge.

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Variation Direct Start 60 feet Very severe Start 30 feet to the right of Limbo at an overhanging groove at the foot of the grass slope.

1a 60 feet. Climb the groove, passing a large doubtful spike, to a slab. Ascend this more easily to join pitch 2 of Limbo, which is followed up to the left to a ledge and thread belay.

Sideline 140 feet Very Severe (Mild)

The route takes the crack in the right wall of Chock Gully. It is steep and insecure: thought is required in arranging protection. The climb starts round to the left from the foot of Limbo, beneath the main pitch in the gully.

1 40 feet Climb the gully bed to a point level with the foot of two cracks in the right wall. Poor stance.

2 50 feet. Crux . Traverse across the bulge to the cracks and ascend the corner. Move on to a perched flake at the top of the right-hand crack and follow it to a stance beneath a shallow chimney.

3 30 feet. Climb the chimney to the pinnacle on Limbo.

4 20 feet. Climb the groove to the top (pitch 5 of Limbo). Continue on steep vegetation to the summit ridge.

Chock Gully 170 feet. Very difficult (hard).

This is the obvious deeply-cut gully facing east across the head of Grisedale. In total length it is almost 400 feet but there is a good deal of scrambling. The gully holds a fair amount of steep scree and loose vegetation but is very impressive in its upper section; the lower pitches can be by-passed on the right. A good climb, with some tradition.

1 35 feet. Bridge up and climb the crack on the right of the chockstone. Scramble up for 50 feet.

2 35 feet. Climb up under the chockstone, step on to the right wall, and move up to the top.

Scramble up for 50 feet to the foot of the main pitch.

3 70 feet. Ascend the gully bed, moving on to the left wall 15 feet below the capstone (small belays and poor stance). Climb directly up the wall to pass the capstone (crux). Scramble up for 50 feet. A stance can be taken on the huge wedged boulder. Make an awkward move into the next section of the gully and continue up 30 feet of steep scree to the foot of the last pitch.

30 feet. Cross the grass ledges on the left wall and move back right on insecure vegetation.

Scramble up steep scree for 50 feet to the junction with the easy gully.

Fiasco 130 feet Very severe (mild)

Virtually a one-pitch climb up the steep groove on the left of Chock Gully (an obvious feature when viewed from the Grisedale path). Start in the gully at the same point as Sideline.

1 90 feet. Make a leftward ascending traverse of the gully wall to gain the groove (by means of a rope move) just below a square overhang. Turn this on the left and continue up the groove until it is possible to move to a good ledge.

2 40 feet. Easier climbing soon leads to ledges and belays.

Dollywaggon Gully About 120 feet Difficult

This is the right-hand of the four gullies above the main scree slope: it is about 200 yards left of Chock Gully and starts at a lower level. It is narrow and when seen from the track below has a slight curve. Scree and grass require care. Climb the 30-foot rib on the left or by-pass it, and walk up to the steep crack. Climb this, or avoid it by using the corner on the right and traversing back above the steep section. Follow the gully bed directly or turn the difficult moves on the right, on grass. Finish by a short chimney.

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MINOR CRAGS IN GRISEDALE

HIGH CRAG (344137)

High Crag is the big broken buttress which divides the upper part of Ruthwaite Cove. The rock is fissile and the grass insecure; holds and ledges are seldom well incut; it is difficult to find reliable belays. The crag can be well worth a visit in winter conditions,

Miranda 1 70 feet Severe

A steep climb, with loose rock in places, running up the left end of the crag. It begins directly above a big embedded boulder near the top of the scree. The start is on the left side of a steep little buttress to the right of a grassy gully.

1 35 feet. Climb the wall by the steep groove or the rib on the left. Thread belays in a crack.

2 50 feet. Move to the right along the ledge and climb the little groove on to the rib. Continue up the grass to a belay beneath the big nose.

3 85 feet. Go down to the right and cross the rib to the rock ledge on the front of the buttress. Ascend the wall (crux) and continue up the groove, moving out right at the top and over loose blocks on to grass. There is a possible continuation up the rib to the right.

Polytour 70m S

A poor climb up insecure grass and rock. The start is up the lowest rib of continuous rock at the foot of the crag, about 200 feet (60m) right of Miranda; there is a shallow gully containing an overhang to the left. Climb the rib to a grass ledge and continue up the awkward arete and grass to big ledges. Walk left for 50 feet (15m) to the foot of a rib beyond the gully; follow the ribs and grooves to the top.

First ascent: (02/01/1956) JE Howard, GA Leaver (alt)

Other climbs have been made here.

NETHERMOST CRAG (345139)

In the northern reach of Ruthwaite Cove, across to the right from High Crag, there is a small tarn, Hard Tarn. Above this, on the south-eastern side of Nethermost Pike, there is a large broken crag.

Jogebbar Gully 215 feet Moderate

The gully is rather to the right of the crag; the only obvious gully in this part of the cove. The climb has a lot of loose rock but is quite pleasant and can be extremely interesting in winter, when it becomes much longer and may have a double cornice. Starting where the first rocks appear, climb the gully bed for 50 feet into a grassy bay. Continue for 50 feet to a stance beneath a chimney in the right corner. Climb the chimneys for 65 feet moving out on to a grassy balcony on the right of the gully. Finish up the 50-foot cracked slab.

SPOUT CRAG (354134)

This is the small crag behind Ruthwaite Lodge, about 300 feet above the hut. It is only 70 feet high but there are two climbs with continuous technical interest.

Moss Wall 85 feet Very severe (mild)

The climb starts at the foot of a rib beneath a groove; there is a large rowan 40 feet to the left, near the left side of the crag. Steep and exposed; good protection can be arranged.

1 25 feet. Climb the rib to a ledge. Belay 15 feet up the groove.

2 60 feet. Ascend the groove for 10 feet, step right, round the corner, and move up to a groove. Traverse a ledge to the right (choice of level) and make an awkward move to a rib. Follow this to a rowan.

Moss Groove 75 feet Very severe

The climb starts up the crack immediately left of Moss Wall.

It is much harder than the Wall but equally well protected.

1 25 feet. Climb the crack. Stance and belay as for Moss Wall.

2 50 feet. Climb the groove, moving out to the right at the top

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TARN OUTCROPS, GRISEDALE PAGE: 248 GR: 352 124

Standing 100 metres above the Grisedale Tarn outflow at GR 352 124 are two steep little outcrops. The right-hand outcrop has a cave at its base, whilst the left-hand has a central arête capped by prow-like overhangs. Note: There is more potential here for fierce, little problem-style routes; but the rock is not the cleanest. The bonus is that it gets the full sun for most of the day!

Left-Hand Outcrop

Shelf Life 10m HS

Deceptive climbing up an easy-looking wall. Start just right of the central arête.

(4b). Climb up and rightwards, until a move up a steep wall gains a recessed ledge. Pull over to the top.

First ascent: (16/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Griselda 10m HS

Takes the slabby V-groove at the right end of the outcrop. Start 4 metres right of *Shelf Life* on a higher ledge.

(4b). Gain the V-groove awkwardly by shuffling along a ledge from the right. After one move up the V-groove, climb its slabby right wall to the top.

First ascent: (16/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

THORNHOW CRAG (382154)

The crag consists of two small outcrops, the first of which is a few hundred yards up to the right of the barn. The following climb includes some interesting pitches:

Gambol Rib. 150 feet. Severe.

Start at the lowest point of the crag at a 5-foot flake.

1 35 feet. Climb the rib above the flake, passing a little rowan on the right (or, harder, climb a diagonal crack on the left). Continue up to a stance and belay beside the top of the rib.

2 35 feet. Traverse to the right to a large block below a wall. Climb the wall to a grass ledge. Belay on a rowan in a crack.

3 35 feet. Traverse left round a corner to a short crack and climb this to a ledge and thread belay.

45 feet. Up easy slabs to a recess; a crack at the back of the recess leads to the top of the crag. Belays for the sitting position.

Grisedale Slabs. 140 feet. Difficult (hard)

At the right end of the first outcrop. Start at the foot of the slabs to the right of a small yew.

1 40 feet. Ascend the slabs, passing a ledge, to a stance and flake belay on the left.

2 1 00 feet. Easier slabs lead to the top of the crag.

The following two routes are on a short, clean slab facing east on the left side of the buttress. They are poorly protected.

Thornhow Wall 17 m MVS 1986 *

(4a). Ascend the centre of the slabby wall to the grass terrace.

The Groove 17 m S 1986

Climb the slim groove on the right of the slab and continue directly to the top.

HARRISON'S CRAG (381151)

Straight up the hillside from Thornhow Crag is a line of rather repulsive-looking outcrops, divided into two sections—upper left and lower right. Of the climbs that have been made, the following are not unworthy, and much better than they look:

The Poacher 160 feet Severe (mild)

To the left side of the upper section of Harrison's Crag is a black-walled amphitheatre. The climb takes a rib to the right of the black rocks. Serious because of loose rock. Start at the foot of an arête some 20 feet left of a prominent rowan.

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1 70 feet. Gain the arête from the left and follow it past a heather ledge to a shattered rock ledge. Piton belay below a triangular nose.

2 50 feet. Turn the nose on the right; then cross delicately the black slab, first right, then back left to a stance and juniper belay above the nose.

3 40 feet. Move up to the right; then mantelshelf through an overhang on good rock.

Infidel's Groove 125 feet Severe (hard)

Situated toward the right end of the Upper Crag. Start 15 feet left of the lowest point of the right side of the crag: a rib to the right of a shallow groove, which contains a birch.

1 60 feet. Climb the rib, cross a grass ledge, and ascend the triangular face to the right of the birch. Stance by the groove with a small flake for tape on the right.

2 65 feet. Enter the groove over a poised block and climb it to the top, taking the left-hand exit.

Below and to the right of the upper buttress of Harrison's Crag is a smaller, even more vegetated outcrop. The following climb takes the cleaner ribs on its right side.

Red Wine 145 feet Very difficult (hard).

Start at the foot of the main rib between two prominent hollies.

1 35 feet. Climb the rib to a stance and jammed nut belay.

2 60 feet. Gain the crest on the right and follow it to a stance and spike belay.

3 50 feet. Move right and climb the edge on sound rock.

ELM HOW CRAG (377149)

Elm How Crag is the last outcrop on the right, not quite overlooking Elm How Farm.

The Lindorm. 230 feet. Very severe (mild)

Probably the best of the climbs in lower Grisedale. Start at the lowest point of the buttress at a prominent ridge.

1 50 feet. Climb directly to a stance by a rowan.

2 50 feet. Continue up the rib (awkward at first) to a tree-covered ledge.

3 40 feet. Ascend past a tree and scramble 20 feet to the foot of a wall.

4 50 feet. Climb an interesting wall and move up to an overhang. Step to the right below it and ascend to a small rock stance with several belays.

5 40 feet Move up to the right; then climb a diagonal ramp leftwards to belay on a birch at the top of the crag.

ST SUNDAY CRAG, GRISEDALE PAGE: 242

Many of the archived routes on this crag could not be located or were too small to be worth recording.

North Buttress

This is the most northerly section of crag, and is the first substantial piece of rock encountered on the normal Elm How approach. It lies just to the right of an un-named shallow scree gully and 300 metres left of East Chockstone Gully. It is graced by a bulging arête on the left, a grassy chimney groove in the centre and on its right, a corner groove topped by a pointed rock.

Introit 7m MVS

Takes the cleanish, water-washed wall at the left end of the buttress. Start 2 metres right of the shallow scree gully.

(4b). Climb the wall direct, finishing with a heathery pull leftwards.

Descent : a grassy ramp on the left leads into the scree gully.

First ascent: (22/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Montmartre 18m VS

The rib just left of the grassy chimney groove gives a pleasant pitch. Start at its foot.

(4c). Climb the rib, mainly on its right side to its top. Step left and follow an easier rib to finish.

First ascent: (22/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Noye's Fludd 15m VS

Takes the intricate, but rather dirty grooves in the buttress to the right of the grassy chimney/groove. Start 4 metres to the right of the chimney/groove, below a V-groove with a mossy streak at its back. (4c). Gain the V-groove and follow its right rib to a bulge. Step awkwardly left and move up past a pinnacle to reach the upper groove. Up this for a move, then step left to follow a slab to easier ground on the left.

First ascent: (22/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Seraphim 15m VS

A good route up the left wall of the corner groove at the right side of the buttress. Start 3 metres up and right of *Noye's Fludd*. (5a). After an awkward start, climb the wall up and leftwards to gain a groove. Up this, then follow a handrail rightwards onto the rib; finish up this.

First ascent: (22/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Upper North Crack 4m S

For those people who have found *Pinnacle Ridge* too tame, more excitement is available 25 metres left! (4b). Climb the obvious crack cleaving the south face of a pinnacle. The arête just left, utilizing the Crack for the right hand is a cagey (5a).

Six metres further left, the left arête of an inset slab is (4c).

In all cases BEWARE the BAD landings!

First ascent: (07/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Y Gully Area

Renaissance Route 30m VD

Renaissance Route. 100 feet. Difficult.

The climb starts 30 feet right of Y Gully at a V-chimney in a grassy recess; it is 60 feet above and left of the Subsidiary Rib cairn. The main pitch is grassy.

1 30 feet. Climb the chimney to a stance on the left. Thread belay.

2 70 feet. Move left and follow the grassy grooves up the centre of the buttress.

First ascent: (14/04/1955) F Fitzgerald, J M Beeley

Subsidiary Rib 50m MS

Subsidiary Rib. 160 feet. Severe (mild).

A scrappy climb with a difficult finish. The start is 180 feet left of West Chockstone Gully: 60 feet right of Y Gully. There is a cairn beneath a clean slab.

1 40 feet. Climb the slab.

2 80 feet. Ascend the broken rocks of the left edge to a grassy corner by a steep slab.

3 40 feet. Climb the left edge of the slab, enter a small recess, and move up and left to the top.

First ascent: (11/06/1957) M A James, G A Leaver

Far West Gully

One hundred and twenty five metres right of West Chockstone Gully, and at a higher level, is a large open gully (Far West Gully?). It is flanked on its right by a rounded buttress guarded on its left side by a rectangular overhang. This area enjoys rather more sunshine than the rest of the crag!

Matins Slab 9m HS

These and the following archived routes could not be located by the guidebook writer after two visits to locate them. Twenty five metres left of the base of *Far West Gully* lies an obviously fine, but short, sun-catching wall; seamed by grooves and capped by overhangs. Start 3 metres left of *Mitre Grooves*.

(4a). Climb the slab past the small scoop and finish up the left side of the rib above.

First ascent: (11/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Mitre Grooves 10m VS

Start 2 metres left of the central, recessed groove at a V-groove with a bulge at 3 metres.

(4b). Start up the V-groove, then cross the slab leftwards to pull up into the upper V-groove, finish up this.

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First ascent: (11/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Mirum Wall 9m VS

Start one metre right of the central, recessed groove.

(4c). Climb a subsidiary block, then the cracked wall on the right to reach perched blocks beneath the overhang. Slither up the notch on the left to the top.

First ascent: (11/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Mercy 18m HVS

Twenty metres up and right of the base of the *Far West Gully*, and right of the rounded buttress a slabby rib, with a leaning crack on its left side, juts boldly forward. Start at the large flake forming the base of the rib.

(5a). Climb the left side of the front wall of the flake to a ledge. Step left and move up the scrappy corner for 3 metres (this corner eventually forms the leaning crack). Make fingery moves up and right to reach a hold on the rib. Using the next series of flake handholds carefully, pull onto the rib proper; from where an easier slab leads to a block belay at the top.

First ascent: (11/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

The Unknown Ridge 150m D

Seventy metres right of *Far West Gully* is found the final ridge of the crag, before the fellside begins in earnest. Start at a cairn and follow the line of least resistance. The finest feature is a tower-like buttress at one-third height; climbed on its left flank at first, then by its central crack system. A small buttress above also gives a stiff pull up a crack. Higher, easier ground leads to the summit slopes.

First ascent: (11/09/2006) "Re-discovered" BJ Clarke (solo)

Sant Sulpice 12m MVS

Twenty metres above the tower-like buttress on *The Unknown Ridge*, the small buttress supporting the "stiff pull up a crack" forms a series of arêtes and grooves on its right flank. Fifteen metres right of the line of the *Ridge* is a right-facing corner formed by a prow of rock. The climb takes the arête immediately right of the corner. (4b). Follow the right side of the arête to easier ground and large spike belays.

First ascent: (30/09/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

The Forgotten Ridge 50m VD

Twenty five metres further right, a pair of striking pinnacles (*The Aiguillettes*) adorn the fellside. Start immediately right of *The Aiguillettes* at an obvious slabby arête.

1 9m. Climb the pleasant slabby arête.

2 13m. Starting on the right flank of the next tier, climb the loose grooves; a pitch best forgotten!

3 28m. Scramble up, taking in the little walls and buttresses, to reach the summit slopes. Either plod up the slopes, or descend the gully on the right (looking-in), with care!

Note:- The *Aiguillettes* themselves offer the adventurous boulderer a few scary, highball moments (bouncy castle essential!). As an appetizer, the south-west facet (facing Grisedale Tarn), of the upper pinnacle; climbed by its left arête and pockets is (4b). This problem starts at the "col" and is best reached by following pitch 1 of *The Forgotten Ridge* for 3 metres and spanning left.

First ascent: (30/09/2006) "Re-discovered" BJ Clarke (solo)

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DEEPDALE

SCRUBBY CRAG

Firedragon 145 feet Very severe

An exposed and strenuous route up the overhanging wall about 80 feet right of Grendel. A fine climb. The start is from a grass ledge below and left of the foot of the Outsider. It can be reached by a long traverse to the right from the start of Grendel or, more easily, by the leftward-slanting gangway, which leads up to the Outsider. A direct start is possible but the steep lower rocks are usually wet.

1 65 feet. Pull on to the narrow gangway, which slants across the overhanging wall, and follow it to its end.

Ignoring piton marks, take the easiest line up the steep wall to reach a ledge below overhangs.

2 40 feet. Move into the groove on the right and ascend to an embedded bollard on Long Ledge.

3 40 feet. Ascend the short overhanging crack and move up to a pinnacle on the ridge on the right.

The Outsider 70 feet Very severe

The climb takes the shallow bay leading up to a point just right of the end of the Long Ledge; it is about 100 feet right of Grendel. It is steep and loose.

Ringway 74 m HS 1956

A steep climb with a very exposed finish. The start is between Juniper Crack and a groove, which leads directly up to the big corner above Long Ledge. There is a small grass ledge 6 metres above.

1 24 m. Climb the short wall to a grassy ledge. Move across to the right to a dirty groove, ascend it slightly and cross the wall on the right to reach a small ledge beneath overhangs.

2 10 m. Move back left into the groove and ascend the rib on the left to the Long Ledge, below the big corner.

Thread belay in the crack.

3 10 m. Climb up the corner and move to the right to belay on a narrow grass ledge.

4 30 m. From the right end of the ledge, climb the edge of the steep wall to easy ground.

Midnight Special 250 feet. Very severe (mild)

Between Ringway and Sennapod. The lower part is mostly grass but the final pitch is steep and interesting.

Start at a steep leftward-slanting gangway.

1 50 feet. Climb the gangway, stepping left at two places. After 25 feet traverse first left and then up rightwards on grass to a stance at the foot of a steep corner.

2 40 feet. Traverse to the right for 20 feet and ascend for 10 feet. Pull up and move up leftwards to the base of a pillar.

3 50 feet. Traverse left for 10 feet, climb up on to a grass rake and follow it to Long Ledge.

4 30 feet. Pitch 4 of Ringway. Climb up the corner and move to the right to belay on a narrow grass ledge.

5 80 feet. Climb the groove (15 feet left of the final pitch of Ringway) by rather strenuous bridging to a recess at 40 feet. Move diagonally right and continue to the top of the crag. Natural belay 20 feet higher.

Sennapod 240 feet Very severe

A steep climb up the grooved wall between Midnight Special and Grendel. The start is at the foot of a wall beneath a groove.

1 40 feet. Climb the mossy wall to a small stance on a bracket below a groove.

2 40 feet. Climb the groove to a small stance to the right of a large flake. Piton belay recommended.

3 60 feet. Step right and ascend over short walls and bilberry ledges to Long Ledge. Thread belay on the wall.

4 100 feet. Climb the groove to the right of the belay until it forks (thread on the left of the rib, low down) and follow the right-hand groove until it overhangs. Step left on to the rib, ascend to ledges, and continue on easier ground to stances and belays.

Anabasis 63 m HVS 1975

A serious route. Start from the top of pitch 1 of Hrothgar.

1 36 m (4c). Keeping left of Hrothgar, climb straight up to an overhung ledge; continue for 3 metres and step left to a sloping ledge on the rib. Climb the rib to belay as for Grendel.

2 27 m (5a). On the right there is an overhung bay. Climb the wall to the left of this and then step right to a groove; up this, moving right to the top.

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The Pillar 82 m El 1975

Start at an overhanging groove 3 metres round to the right of the start of Hrothgar.

1 17 m (5a). Climb the groove to the stance at the top of pitch 1 of Hrothgar.

2 41 m (5b). Climb the steep groove immediately behind the belay to the base of the pillar. Move right and up into the groove of Hrothgar to reach a resting place in the corner after a few moves.

A line of footholds leads leftwards to a small groove; continue past this to reach a spike and small sloping ledge on the arête. From here traverse the overhanging face of the pillar to a thread runner and resting place. Step left into a groove, make a difficult move up this, and then trend rightwards on improving holds to finish up the edge of the pillar overlooking Hrothgar. Belay on Long Ledge at the foot of the small chimney.

3 24 m (4c). Climb the steep crack directly above the belay and continue to the top, crossing Grendel at the pedestal.

Girdle Traverse. 400 feet. Very severe (hard).

Traverses the crag from right to left, giving some good pitches with a poor middle section.

1 65 feet as for Firedragon

2 65 feet. Traverse left into the groove of Hrothgar and across to the arête. Descend 10 feet; then go left again into Grendel. Ascend a few feet to a chock belay.

3 140 feet. Step down and traverse the left wall to a hold on the arête (crux). Continue into Sennapod, which is joined at the top of pitch 2. (The pitch may be split at this point, using a piton.) Descend until it is possible to traverse below a hanging flake on jams. Climb diagonally left on bilberry ledges, crossing Midnight Special, to further ledges and poor belays.

4 60 feet. Continue the traverse across Ringway to the flake belay below pitch 2 of Beowulf.

5 70 feet. An interesting pitch. Climb diagonally left into the overhanging corner-groove (where Juniper Crack should have gone). Climb this using dubious flakes (two slings for aid on the first ascent) and continue to the top of the crag.

Green Buttress 200 feet Severe

The grassy arête forming the right end of the crag consists of a series of awkward flaky walls separated by steep sections of heather and bilberries. The climbing starts at a prominent overhang, reached by scrambling up from the left: take the easiest line up the ridge, using the left flank where necessary and taking stances and belays as required.

Halcyon 130 feet Very difficult

The climb takes the steep chimney, which forms the left branch of the gully behind Green Buttress. It is best to start from a belay in Pendulum Gully, just above the junction.

1 80 feet Traverse left into the chimney and ascend it to the final chockstone. Move out below the chockstone and bridge up to the top. Belay 20 feet further on the right wall.

2 50 feet. Move up the scree for 30 feet and climb a short steeper section. Small spike belay on the left wall. Scramble up for 100 feet to the top.

Pendulum Gully Difficult

This is the gully which borders the cliff on the right. There are two pitches. A poor climb. The climbing starts about 80 feet above the point where Halcyon branches off to the left. Climb a 45-foot chimney, containing two chockstones, on to scree. Walk up for a few feet and ascend the gully-bed for 50 feet to the top.

The broken rocks between Scrubby Crag and Greenhow End offer some climbing and scrambling but there is a lack of continuity in the routes which have been made.

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GREENHOW END PAGE: 281 ALT: 520M GR: 369 121 DIRECTION: NORTH

The terminal cliffs of *Greenhow End* on the Sleet Cove flank are steep but heavily vegetated. Some climbs have been made but the place is more attractive in winter.

Step Ridge VD

Takes the four steps and intervening grass on the left-hand side.

First ascent: (10/07/1949) A Gregory, CH Peckett

Sargasso VD

A well-named line to the left of *Deepdale Gully* via a V-chimney.

First ascent: (01/08/1965) J Richards, G Batty (alt)

Deepdale Gully VD

Tackles the loose rock in the poorly defined gully 30 metres right of *Step Ridge*.

First ascent: (09/10/1948) A Gregory, J Woods, F Grundy

Central Gully VD

Lies 30 metres right of *Deepdale Gully*.

First ascent: (11/06/1950) A Gregory, CH Peckett

MINOR CRAGS IN DEEPDALE

ERNE NEST CRAG (374 119) ALT. 488 M NORTH FACING

The crag stands to the left of the stream descending from Link Cove. It is shown on the Ordnance Survey Map as Earnest Crag. It is about 100 feet high and faces north. It takes a good deal of drainage. A subsidiary lower buttress at the right-hand side, with a boulder above, is a point of reference

Ern Nest Crack 110 feet Severe

The climb starts by a boulder on top of a subsidiary buttress below the right end of the crag. An interesting route.

1 60 feet. Climb up to enter the crack, directly or from the left, and follow it to a small ledge. Step to the right, round a perched block, and move left across the slab to a recess with a directional spike belay for a sitting position. Piton belay advisable.

2 50 feet. Ascend the groove on the left and continue up easier slabs to a flake belay.

Bad Penny 30 m EI 1971

Unprotected for 17 metres. Start 3 metres left of Erne Nest Crack at a buttress left of a shallow recess.

(5a). Climb a crack on the right of the buttress until a step left can be made onto the face. Climb straight up to a diagonal slot, then left to easier rock and a V-groove. Belays well back from the top of the crag

Prodigal Son 35 m HVS 1971 *

Start 9 metres left of Bad Penny and 2 metres left of the wet corner/groove. An excellent pitch.

(5a). Bold climbing straight up for 5 metres leads to a mantle-shelf. Move left and follow superb holds to a small ledge. Finish up a thin crack.

Ern Nest Wall. 120 feet. Severe.

The climb starts 80 feet to the left of Ern Nest Crack, by a crack, which slants left towards a groove. Cairn.

1 55 feet. Climb the wall, step left into the groove, and follow it to a ledge. Ascend for 10 feet and move left to a stance in a groove.

2 35 feet. Climb the rib on the left to an overhang; then move to the right to a bilberry ledge: or step back to the right and ascend the groove. Move up left to a ledge with a tree on it.

3 30 feet. Climb the wall on the edge of the grass-filled chimney.

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HUTAPLE CRAG

Migraine. 335 feet Severe (mild)

The climb starts midway between the East Wall cairn and the gangway of Sleet Wall. Cairn. It follows the same general line as East Wall, sharing several stances.

1 40 feet. Climb slightly rightwards up steep grassy rock to the lowest point of a narrow grass ledge.

2 90 feet. Follow the ledge leftwards and ascend the grooves to a wide terrace. (The last section can be avoided by a scoop round to the left.) Belay to the left. (This pitch could be split.)

Scramble diagonally right for 40 feet to a big block.

3 25 feet. Climb the corner by the block to a belay on the wall above.

4 50 feet. Step down to the right and ascend a groove on the front to a grass ledge. Move right and up to a ledge beneath a slanting groove. Doubtful line belay and embedded pinnacle on the left.

5 70 feet. Ascend the slanting groove to a ledge, move right, and climb the slabs to a recess with bollards: or take pitch 5 of East Wall, just to the right.

6 25 feet. Climb the rib on the right of the recess and traverse to the right to a block at the foot of a rib.

7 35 feet. Climb the rib and ascend the overhang. Cairn on the left.

There is a further 150 feet of scrambling: or two more pitches can be added by walking right for 50 feet. Cairn.

Climb the wall by the line of least resistance (50 feet) and ascend the right side of the tower above (20 feet); scramble up for a further 75 feet to the cairned ledges.

Far West Rib 170 feet Difficult (hard)

A pleasant little climb up the rib on the right of West Hutaple Gully. It starts 30 feet to the right of the foot of the gully. Cairn.

1 60 feet. Climb the rib directly for 50 feet. Move to the right to a grass ledge.

2 70 feet. Climb up to the left, to a ledge running round the nose. Ascend the slabs on the left, keeping close to the arête, to a grassy belvedere.

3 40 feet. Pull on to the nose on the left and follow the rib to the top.

Western Avenue 130 feet Difficult (hard)

A steep clean little climb giving a useful continuation to Far West Rib. It starts at the foot of the rocks about 200 feet above the finish of that climb and slightly to the right. Cairn.

1 35 feet. Climb the little buttress directly.

2 45 feet. Ascend the rib on the left and climb the face-crack in the right side of the block.

3 50 feet. Climb the rib and short steps to a broad ledge.

HART CRAG PAGE: Page 269

Impala 14m VS

Below the start of *Spiral* a slabby pinnacle, attended by a gendarme marks the end of the lower tier. A good, unusual route! (4c). Gain the ridge of the gendarme from the right and follow it for 4 metres. Stride across to the rib of the pinnacle and follow it to the quartz gangway.

First ascent: (11/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Grate Wall 8m VD

The 8 metre high wall on the right-hand side of the buttress is also worthwhile.

First ascent: (11/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

COFA PIKE SLABS, DEEPDALE PAGE: 296 ALT: 191M GR: 359 120

The next two pleasant routes are on probably one of the more attractive craglets on the north flank of Cofa Pike, facing *St. Sunday Crag*. It lies 150 metres south-east of, and just below, the level of Deepdale House and is easily identified by its brown-coloured slab.

Sultan 12m MS

Takes the slabby arête with a step left near the top.

NB: *Sultan* and *Sultana Slab* are not actually in Grisedale but overlook Sleet Cove (Deepdale).

First ascent: (16/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Sultana Slab 10m S

(4a). A direct line up the steepening slab just right of *Sultan*.

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First ascent: (16/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

BLACK BUTTRESS (365118)

Black Buttress is the most westerly of the Sleet Cove cliffs, a prominent pillar to the right of Hutaple. It is separated from Hutaple by a big scree shoot (Black Tippet), which provides an easy descent from the top of the climbs. The buttress stands out cleanly from the hillside, a triangular face running into an easy-angled arête looking towards the centre of the cove.

Tippet 300 feet Very severe (mild)

The left wall of Black Buttress overlooking Black Tippet. In contrast to many climbs in Sleet Cove, it starts easily and gets progressively harder. Start on a grass terrace above and to the left of the start of Portcullis Ridge.

1 50 feet. Climb diagonally left to a short, blank-looking groove and go up this to the foot of a shallow, white chimney. Move up left to a grass ledge below square overhangs. Belay on a projecting block 10 feet up.

2 80 feet. Climb the chimney and exit left into a grassy trench. Follow this for 20 feet and move to the right to a spike belay.

3 50 feet. Scramble up the grassy corner until it steepens into rock. Flake belay on the right wall.

4 80 feet. Climb the corner; then traverse left below a large overhang. Move round the corner to a ledge and continue to a large triangular ledge below an overhanging corner. Chock in a slot on the right.

5 40 feet. Climb the corner and the narrow chimney above to the top of the buttress.

THE SUGAR LUMP, DEEPDALE PAGE: 296 GR: 359 123

A remarkable 15 metres high block buttress (*The Sugar Lump*), stands on the left (E) side of the ridge leading up to Cofa Pike from Deepdale Hause. Plainly visible, it is easily reached by striking off left from the path after it completes the first slabby scrambling section, 5 minutes from the Hause. It is characterized by beetling overhangs on its right; but the showpiece is a sheer wall of rock staring boldly across to Hutaple on its left side.

Sugar Lump Original 16m VS

This route represents the first "attempt" on the sheer wall, and starts 2 metres right of its left-bounding corner. (4b). Make a steep pull up a flake to reach a ledge. Follow the bilberry corner until the wall falls back to slab angle. Step up right and continue diagonally rightwards up the slab, keeping below the "moustache" and utilizing a series of small flake edges.

Note: Adventurers wishing to try the wall would be well advised to arm themselves with a few Skyhooks.

First ascent: (29/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

GREY CRAG, DEEPDALE PAGE: 297 GR: 363 126

Situated on the south-east flank of St Sunday Crag, this crag consists of a series of walls separated by mossy grassy sections. A series of brown mossy slabs adorn the crag's right-hand side. Due to the remote situation and the fissile, brittle nature of the mossy rock, the routes are not recommended.

Napoleon 25m VS

Start at a high grass bay below the brown, moss-flecked slabs at the right end of the crag. (4c). Climb the slabs direct for 10 metres, before being forced up and right into the sanctuary of a bilberry corner. Follow a shelf leftwards on to the headwall for 2 metres; pull up a steep wall and so reach easier ground. **Descend** well to the right (looking-in).

First ascent: (17/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Kesselrinne 20m VS

Start at the extreme left end of the crag at a steep wall, one metre right of a grassy gully.

1 10m (4b). Climb the wall with unsuspected difficulty to reach a grass ledge with a large pinnacle to its right.

2 10m. Climb the crack on the right-hand side of the pinnacle to its top. Finish up the wall above.

First ascent: (17/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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DOVEDALE

DOVE CRAG

The Tarsus 270 feet Severe (hard)

The climb runs up the wall of South Gully. There are many large detached flakes and blocks and delicacy is required for safety. The climb starts 50 feet below, and right of, Inaccessible Gully.

1 50 feet. Step on to a grass ledge and ascend the awkward rocks bearing rightwards to a grass ledge. Thread belays.

2 20 feet. Traverse left and move up on to a ledge.

3 35 feet. Climb the slab on the right to a step and move back left on to a flake above the stance. Pull up into a crack on the left and step left to an awkward stance with block belays.

4 55 feet. Climb the big slab to the ridge (stance at the top of pitch 5 of Westmorland's Route).

5 70 feet. Climb the little wall, traverse up to the left to the end of the gangway, and move up and back to the right along a grassy ledge (pitch 6 of Westmorland's Route)

6 40 feet. Climb the final wall (pitch 7 of Westmorland's Route).

BLACK CRAG, DOVEDALE PAGE: 301

Central Route 67m HS

The following routes lie on the central, wet, slabby area of rock capped by an overhang at 27 metres. The stream trickling down this part of the crag forms *Black Crag Icefall* in winter when these routes are a much more attractive proposition.

Start at the left side of the central slabs at a small subsidiary slab, 3 metres right of a horizontal birch tree.

1 15m. Cross the small slab leftwards and continue along grassy ledges to a birch tree.

2 26m. Move round to the right, climb a crack for 3 metres and traverse left into a corner. Climb the stepped corner and move up to a grass ledge in a corner, left of the foot of the upper slabs.

3 26m. Move round to the left, climb the groove onto the right wall and traverse to the right, under a bulge, to the rib edge. Climb up for a few moves, then move back left and finish up a steep rib.

First ascent: (10/07/1949) A Gregory, CH Peckett

Crepuscule 72m S

Starting as for *Central Route*, this interesting climb takes a line to its right, crossing and re-crossing a small waterfall.

1 15m. Cross the little slab and climb the steep little wall to a narrow ledge. Move to the right to the foot of a crack leading up towards an overhang. This crack is 5 metres to the right of the crack on *Central Route* and can be reached more easily by traversing from that route.

2 26m. Climb the crack, crossing a bulge at 5 metres, to the top of the slab. Turn the overhang on the left and continue more easily to a stance in a corner, as for *Central Route*, to the left of the foot of the upper slabs.

3 15m. Climb the slab to the overhanging wall at the top. Traverse left to a corner and up to a ledge. Return right to a rock ledge above the wall. It can be drier, and not much harder, to climb the wall direct.

4 16m. Move to the right and take the easiest line to the top, or traverse right to finish at the top of *Pollux*.

First ascent: (09/07/1949) A Gregory, CH Peckett

Pollux 60m VD

An interesting climb which takes the groove running up to the right end of the overhang above the main slab. The start is directly beneath the groove and 9 metres right of, and higher than, *Central Route*.

1 20m. Climb the steep wall and the slabs above to the foot of the groove. Follow it, making a move to the right near the top to a sloping ledge. Belay at the top of the groove.

2 18m. Move up left to a little cave above the groove and traverse to the right for 3 metres. Move up and left to an open corner-groove and climb this to ledges.

3 22m. Climb the slabs and bulges to the top. Belay 3 metres on the left.

First ascent: (09/07/1949) A Gregory, CH Peckett

Castor 60m VD

Start just to the left of the jungle and 15 metres right of *Pollux* and take a line up a chimney groove, a slab, a steep corner and a leftwards traverse to join the finish of *Pollux*. It is not as good as its twin.

First ascent: (25/10/1947) JW Tucker, A Gregory, Miss A Jones

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STANG CRAG PAGE: 332 ALT: 480M GR: 382 110 DIRECTION: EAST

This is the crag on the east side of the ridge overlooking Hogget Gill.

Slipaway VS

Takes the obvious gangway leading up leftwards.

First ascent: (18/09/1982) R J Kenyon, A C Eckersall

WALLOW CRAG, HAWESWATER PAGE: 333 GR: 493 152

The gabbro crag above the road along Haweswater, about 1 kilometre beyond the dam. It stands on a steep wooded hillside and has a prominent overhang. Park under crag, opposite southern end of roadside outcrop.

Wallow Buttress S

Climbs the steep wall below the obvious overhang and the groove above, before traversing left.

First ascent: (16/04/1967) KI Meldrum, BA Fuller

Hello Boyo 70m VD

Struggle up from road alongside fence from road (3 mins).

1. 30m Step left onto slabby ledges, cross a corner to foot of a crack. Briefly steep but juggy, then easier above.
2. 40m Continue up rocky rib on the edge and enjoy the situation, the novelty of gabbro in the Lakes, and a few V Diff moves.

Scramble above to a trod leading right to the descent slope.

First ascent: (04/11/2007) John Temple, Smiler Cuthbertson

SWINDALE

GOUTHER CRAG

North-East Buttress

The buttress on the left, almost opposite Truss Gap farm. An obvious feature is a large excavated slab at the foot of the crag. Even the routes described are dirtier than those on the other buttresses.

The routes are described from left to right; the best descent is down the right.

Left of North East Buttress are another two prominent buttresses, the following route takes the arête on the right-hand side.

No Sweat Arête 17m E4 1986 **

Start from the broken ledge.

(6a). Climb to the overhang, step right onto a good foothold (two peg runners), then back left and up the right side of the arête to another peg runner. Move up and left; easier climbing leads rightwards to a tree belay.

Goucher Crag Gully 110 feet Very difficult

The gully which bounds the buttress on its left side. It gives two pitches and is usually very wet.

Bambi 185 feet Very severe

Strenuous. Start at an open, flat-backed scoop 70 feet down to the right of Goucher Crag Gully, below a large holly.

- 1 65 feet. Climb the rib to the right of the scoop and continue up the slabs and vegetation above to the holly.
 - 2 45 feet. Scramble up grass into a corner on the left and climb it using a sling on a small spike on the left wall. Piton belay below an overhanging crack.
 - 3 40 feet. Climb up to the overhanging section of the crack. This is very strenuous and is best climbed facing right. Exit left on good holds to a grass ledge. Thread belay below an undercut rib on the right.
 - 4 35 feet. Climb the corner-crack on the right of the rib.
- Tree or block belays at the top of the crag.

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Foss 55m EI 1966

Start at the steep, cleaned pillar beneath the large holly.

1 20 m (4b). Climb directly up the steep pillar and easy rocks above, moving left to belay on the holly.

2 20 m (5b). A well protected pitch. Walk right to the foot of an undercut groove which is climbed (crux) to a grass ledge and tree belay.

3 15 m (4b). Go diagonally left on good holds, then move below an undercut rib to a deep crack which leads to the top.

Garm 57m HVS 1966 *

To the right of Foss is the excavated slab; start at the left-hand side.

1 24 m (4c). Climb onto a grass ledge from where a traverse right can be made above the lower overhang to a pale streak coming down from the top left-hand corner of the slab. Follow the streak and continue to the terrace. Belay on a tree beneath the left-hand of two shallow corners.

2 33 m (5a). Climb the steep, shallow corner directly above to a resting place. Continue in the same line up a short bulging crack to easier ground.

Ancestral Vices 57m E3 1984

The main pitch climbs the buttress between Foss and Garm. Right of Garm the base of the slab is severely undercut. Start here between two boulders.

1 18 m. Ascend the overhanging wall to gain the slab, move further right and then up the pale streak to the left-hand corner, as for Garm. Belay on a tree beneath the shallow corner of that route.

2 27 m (5c). Climb the short, easy groove on the left to a ledge. From the right-hand end of the ledge move up and right, steeply, on small holds (crux) to a resting place. Move up left to a curving crack and follow this rightwards to a ledge. Follow a short crack leftwards to the arête and up to a grass ledge.

3 12 m (4c). Climb the crack above the right end of the ledge.

Merak 57m VS 1975 *

Start at the right end of the overhang beneath the slab in a large triangular recess.

1 27 m (4c). Climb the right-hand corner of the recess and move right onto the slab. Traverse left above the overhang, then go up a thin crack to a shallow niche in the middle of the slab. Continue straight up to the terrace.

2 30 m (4c). Climb the line of shallow corners 5 metres right of Garm until they fade out. Step left onto the rib which leads to easier ground.

Kes 60m MVS 1975

Start just right of the overhang.

1 27 m (4c). Climb directly up the slab to the terrace.

2 33 m. Start 2 metres right of the second pitch of Merak and climb the wall until a diagonal line leads rightwards to Bamad. Step right and climb the wall above.

Variation Bamad 33m HVS 1966 *

The leftward slanting, wide crack at the right-hand end of the terrace.

2a (5a). Climb the crack, which is steeper than it looks.

Variation: The Great Pursuit 33m EI 1984

Start at the short chimney just right of Bamad.

2b (5b). Move up into the short chimney. Step left to a thin crack and up this to a groove (crux). From ledges above climb up easily via various cracks.

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LONGSLEDDALE

BUCKBARROW

Falcon Ridge 220 feet Severe

A poor climb up the ridge immediately overlooking the chock-stone of Cleft Ghyll. Start in Cleft Ghyll above the chockstone and below a steep undercut groove on the left of the ridge.

1 110 feet. The groove is difficult to start. Climb it, and the wall above, to some small overhangs; then traverse to the right to the arête and go up to a ledge and belay.

2 50 feet. Climb easily up the arête to the foot of a corner.

3 60 feet. Go up the corner and straight to the top.

The Dandle

Dandle Direct 90 feet Very severe

The chimney-groove at the left end of the Cleft Ghyll wall of The Dandle. An excellent pitch. Start in Cleft Ghyll at the foot of the groove.

Climb the awkward groove to a large recess below the overhangs. Go up the narrowing slab on the left until forced left on to a steep wall. Climb this until a traverse to the right can be made back into the groove, which leads more easily to the top.

Several other climbs have been made on this wall. They are short (but steep) and the rock is poor.

Cleft Ghyll Chimney Very severe (mild)

Traverse to the right from the recess on Dandle Direct to a deep chimney and climb this to the top.

Nimbus Very severe (mild)

An ascending traverse right starting about 20 feet above the chockstone.

Dandle Face Direct 325 feet Severe (hard)

A rather grassy route, insecure in places, running straight up the face of the Dandle. The start is at the bottom left corner of the face, at a clean little rib; an oak in a chimney 150 feet up shows the line of the route.

1 50 feet. Climb the rib and continue up broken rocks.

2 45 feet. Ascend on steep grass and broken rock to the foot of a short wall with a slight overhang on the left.

3 55 feet. Move to the right and ascend insecure grass and rock to the oak.

4 45 feet. Climb the chimney and continue up the grass gangway to reach small belays.

5 70 feet. Pigeon Slab. Re-descend and traverse into the shallow corner above the chimney exit. Ascend the corner and the easier ribs above to a stance by a short corner-crack and a small tree.

6 60 feet. Move up to the right and follow a chimney-groove, pulling out left at the top (pitch 6 of Dandle Slabs).

Dandle Slabs 345 feet Severe

The climb starts 30 feet right of Dandle Face Direct and just to the left of a rowan. It takes a general leftward-trending line up the Dandle, A chimney 120 feet up and 30 feet right of the oak tree chimney of the previous climb shows the line of the route.

1 50 feet. Climb the broken slabs to the top of a rib and traverse to the right to a small stance and block belay.

2 60 feet. Move up by the blocks above and follow the grass gangway up to the left to a bilberry ledge with insecure blocks.

3 35 feet. Step right and ascend the chimney. Belay on the left wall of grass gully.

4 70 feet. Step left on to the front of the slabs and ascend for 20 feet to small ledges. Climb diagonally left to a large spike and continue, bearing right a little, to ledges and belays.

5 70 feet. Move along left for 20 feet and climb the rib on the left of a grassy groove to a stance by a little corner-crack and small tree.

6 60 feet. Move up to the right and ascend a chimney-groove, pulling out left at the top.

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Camera Gully Very difficult

A poor climb, vegetated and insecure in its lower half. The first two pitches are steep and loose; they can be avoided on the right. The third pitch is a 40-foot chimney with a holly in the left wall. The last pitch is a 25-foot chimney. There is a further 50 feet of steep grass to the top of the Dandle.

A left to right traverse of the Dandle has been made at Severe standard; it does not warrant a detailed description.

The Southern Buttresses

Miniscule 115 feet Very difficult (hard)

The climb is on the most northerly of the small buttresses, just right of the stream. It starts up a slab with a flake at its foot. Cairn.

1 40 feet. Climb the slab, mainly on the right edge.

2 35 feet. Move up to the right into the corner, step back left on to the nose, and scramble up to a tree.

3 40 feet. Finish up the slabs and grass on the right.

Piker's Wall. 140 feet Severe

A rather scrappy climb up a broken buttress about 200 feet right of Miniscule.

The route starts on the left hand side of the buttress beneath a 12 foot (4m) overhanging wall: climb the wall, cross the grass, and ascend the short slab and gangway to a big ledge on the right (50 feet/15 m); climb the insecure chimney for 20 feet (6m) and traverse left around the corner, continuing on ledges to two broken cracks (50 feet/15 m); ascend the right hand crack and scramble to the top (40 feet/9 m)

First ascent: (15/02/1953) A J J Moulam, J M Barr

Other routes have been made on these buttresses but they lack continuity.

GOAT SCAR (478069)

The rocks of Goat Scar stand above long slopes of small scree; in the approach it is best to traverse these at the top.

Greensleeves 58m VS

Takes the rib bounding *Black Cleft* on the left. Climb the rib, starting on the right. Scramble up to the terminal wall which is climbed by the big green groove and crack above.

First ascent: (23/08/1973) L Kendall, M Lister, M Wilman

Yellow Peril 40m HS

Takes the right bounding edge of the buttress. A deep corner crack leads to a tree below a wall. Climb the wall and continue via a deep groove leading to the edge of the buttress.

First ascent: (17/08/1974) L Kendall, M Lister

Leo 43m S

The big crack line. A deeply cut groove leads to a cave. Climb the corner and shallow chimney above the cave, exit left and finish up the arête on the right.

First ascent: (14/08/1973) L Kendall, M Wilman

Grads' Groove 43m MVS

Start below the big green corner left of the centre of the buttress. Climb a shallow groove and then the corner. Finish up steep grass.

First ascent: (13/04/1973) L Kendall, M Lister

Labyrinth 58m VS

A diagonal route from bottom right to top left.

Climb *Yellow Peril* for 13 metres then traverse left into a big corner and descend for 3 metres to a ledge which leads to *Grad's Groove*. Take the deep-cut crack on the left to a platform. A good hold on the left edge of a big groove is reached with difficulty, then easier climbing leads to the top.

First ascent: (06/06/1973) L Kendall

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Black Cleft. 180 feet Very difficult (hard)

A very interesting crack and chimney climb up the centre of the lowest part of the crag. The pitches could be sub-divided.

1 55 feet. Climb the three-step crack.

2 50 feet. Scramble up for 20 feet and climb the crack.

3 75 feet. Ascend the crack and final chimney. Belay 20 feet up to the right.

KENTMERE

RAVEN CRAG, KENTMERE PAGE: 387 ALT: 230M GR: 455 050 DIRECTION: EAST

This crag overlooks the cattle grid just north of *Iving Crag*. From the cattle grid, cross the wall and follow the edge of the boulder slope to the crag above. Two poor routes have been climbed. They are recorded to deter anyone from re-excavating them.

The Ramp 25m S

At the right end of the crag is a mossy leftward-slanting slab which narrows at half-height - this is the climb.

Fetish 30m VS

Starts 12 metres left and down from *The Ramp* at a shallow groove which was climbed using a sling to reach the upper wall.

RAINSBORROW CRAG (444067)

From 1969 Eastern Crag. This recently-developed (1967) crag stands on the western side of Kentmere about half a mile below the reservoir. It is possible to drive to a point immediately below it.

From a distance the crag appears to be merely a piece of steep hillside with rocky outcrops. On closer acquaintance it is found to be larger and steeper than expected. There is, at present, much vegetation; the rock is variable in quality and does not run excessively to holds. Several first-class climbs of some seriousness and atmosphere have been made together with a number of supporting items. Much scope for new climbs remains, but anything of value will be hard. Pitons for protection, aid, or gardening are not used here, but are required at stances where indicated.

The main crag is defined on its left by a short grassy gully. To the left of the gully is a broken buttress taken by *Geah*, to the right the short clean pillar of *Jolly Roger*. In the centre of the crag is a steep vegetated corner, overhanging at the top. The best climbs lie on either side of this. *Starkadder* takes steep slabs to the left of an unclimbable wall immediately left of the corner; *Big Business* takes a complex line utilising a ramp on its right wall and the *Silmaril* goes up steep ribs to its right.

Above and to the right of this is the dominating feature of the crag, the *Prow*. This is unclimbed. To its right are *Chimney Route* and *Nan Bield Grooves*; then a descent rake. Right again are short steep ribs; then the crag terminates in easy-angled slabs.

Geah. 150 feet Very severe (mild)

A poor climb starting 20 feet left of the grassy gully, at a steep corner.

1 70 feet. Climb the corner to a ledge at 40 feet. Step right and climb a groove to a large recess and thread belay (long sling).

2 80 feet. Go up a flake on the left; then climb cracks and a short gangway, to finish on the edge of the gully. Scramble off to the right.

The Jolly Roger 120 feet Very severe (mild)

A good pitch. Start at the foot of the gully. 120 feet. Go up to the right to a blunt flake; then climb a thin crack to a sloping ledge. Continue to the top on good holds.

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Cold Comfort 220 feet Very Severe

The name was originally given to an exploratory climb in this vicinity, which avoided most of the difficulties. Start at a rib above two ash trees between the left-bounding gully and the lower, central part of the crag. The twin cracks on pitch 2 are a landmark.

1 45 feet. Move to the right along a ledge with a triangular block and climb the rib direct to spike belays.

2 50 feet. Ascend a leftward-slanting ramp to the foot of twin steep cracks and climb them until a move right leads to easier ground. Go up left to a grass ledge with belays.

3 65 feet. Easy climbing, first right to a junction with Starkadder, then up left to a large grassy bay below a steep corner.

4 60 feet Climb the corner until it is necessary to traverse left below an overlap. This is split by a crack, which leads to a grass ledge on the left. Easy climbing to belays.

Starkadder 285 feet Very severe

Takes the leftward-slanting mossy slabs right of the lower pitches of Cold Comfort. The slabs are gained by a complex pitch, which starts below the left end of the tree-covered terrace below the big corner, at a conspicuous black slab curving up to the left and undercut at its base. Scramble up to a stance and poor piton belay on the right of the slab.

1 75 feet.(4a) Move left on the lip of the overhang; then go up to a grass ledge. Ascend the slab to an ancient tree growing out of the base of an overhang; then go diagonally right, on steep rock, to a sloping ledge in a groove. Step to the right into the next groove and climb it until another move right gives on to the terrace. Thread belay.

2 90 feet.(4c) Traverse left, easily at first, to the slabs; then go diagonally up the slabs to a white scar. Make a difficult grass mantelshelf to the (edge above, which has a large flake belay.

3 60 feet.(4a) Ascend the groove and pull out to the right; then climb easily, trending leftwards, to the grassy corner below the last pitch of Cold Comfort.

4 60 feet. (4a) As for Cold Comfort.

Big Business 270 feet Very severe

This climb takes a ramp on the right wall of the big unclimbed corner, then crosses it to gain the upper (climbable) part of its left wall. An intricate line, giving excellent climbing. Left of the first pitch of Silmaril is a grassy gully, and left again an area of mossy rock. Start by scrambling up towards a small square overhang.

1 70 feet. Ascend rightwards to turn the overhang; then go diagonally left to reach a grass mantelshelf. A short wall and more vegetation lead to the big ledge below the unclimbed corner.

2 30 feet. The corner looks repulsive, so ascend steeply rightwards towards the overhung base of the ramp. (A small flake runner, high up.) Move round a corner to a slab below the overhang (it seems reasonable to stand in a sling to arrange protection on the overhang). Climb the overhang free and belay at the foot of the ramp on a 'leaper'.

3 70 feet. Climb the ramp until it is possible to traverse an overhung ledge into the corner on the left. Descend and traverse the left wall to a groove. Climb this to a grass ledge. Descend left to a larger ledge and belay on a blade. (A poorly-protected pitch for the second man.)

4 100 feet. Climb up to below a shattered pillar, move left to an undercut slab and ascend on small **holds to a ledge. An easy groove on the right leads to the upper terraces. Scramble to belays.**

The Groan 75m E2 1969

After a nasty start the climb takes the impressively overhanging crack in the left-hand side of the Prow. Start below the grassy corners at the right-hand side of the recess.

1 24 m (4a). Climb the corners to the terrace.

2 12 m. Traverse right along the terrace to the foot of an obvious curving groove.

3 24 m (5a). Climb the groove on good holds to where it steepens then move left round the corner and up a steep, shallow groove to the grassy break below the Prow. Belay below the crack in the left-hand side of the Prow.

4 15 m (5c). The crack.

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The Silmaril 172m VS 1967

Start below the rib just to the left of the left-hand corner of the recess.

1 24 m (4b). Climb the rib (loose holds) to a grass ledge, above which a scoop leads to the terrace.

2 15 m (4b). Struggle up behind the holly and pull right onto the steep arete. Climb the wall above to a grass ledge. Poor belays.

3 33 m. Step left on to the wall and climb up to the foot of a leftward-slanting groove. Climb the groove to a grass ledge, then scramble over to easier ground on the right.

Chimney Route 230 feet Severe (hard)

1 100 feet. The filthy chimney on the right of the main lower wall. Block belay on the left.

2 90 feet. Scramble up to a steep chimney, 20 feet left of the double tree on Nan Bield Grooves. Climb this to a junction with Nan Bield Grooves and follow this to a block belay.

3 40 feet. The V-groove on Nan Bield Grooves.

Nan Bield Grooves 260 feet Very severe (mild)

Worth doing for the upper pitches. The lower pitches require gardening. The lower wall immediately below the Prow is bounded on the right by the salad-filled chimney of Chimney Route. Start just right of this.

1 50 feet. Climb an easy groove and move through an ash to gain a rib on the left. Follow the rib to belay on a large ledge below a quartz overhang.

2 60 feet. Take the crack on the right of the overhang (n.b. briar), step right to gain a grass ledge and move up a scoop. Scramble to a tree belay.

3 110 feet. A good pitch. Make an ascending traverse left on easy rock and move up to a double tree. Move to the right to a rock ledge and climb the corner crack, undercut at the base. At the top traverse left across a bay, pull on to a rib on left and move up to a block belay.

4 40 feet. The V-groove ahead—to the top of the crag.

CALF HOWE CRAG, KENTMERE PAGE: 387

Weapons of Moss Destruction 12m D

On the easy-angled slab right of *Birkett's Arête* there are two cleaned crack-lines.

Follow the left-hand crack.

First ascent: (06/09/2012) Mike Lynch, Iain Greenwood

Moss Murderer 12m S

On the easy-angled slab right of *Birkett's Arête* there are two cleaned crack-lines.

Follow the right-hand crack to finish up a pleasant but poorly protected slab.

First ascent: (06/09/2012) Mike Lynch, Iain Greenwood

TONGUE SCAR PAGE: 393 ALT: 300M GR: 453 971 DIRECTION: SOUTH

This steep but broken crag lies above Tongue House and is half hidden by a belt of trees.

Tongue House Buttress

Two neglected routes lie on a buttress, almost directly behind Tongue House, which can be identified by a small holly on the top.

Central Gangway VS

Follow the obvious right-slanting gangway.

Megohm HVS

Starts up the gangway but instead of moving right climbs a crack behind a pinnacle and then a short groove to finish.

First ascent: (04/07/1970) E Grindley, EN Cross

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Left-Hand End

The left-hand end of the crag has a more open aspect. A stone wall running up to a large slab gives a reference point

Poseidon Adventure 26m VS

Start 5 metres left of the stone wall below an obvious pocket.

(5a). Climb the pocketed wall direct to gain the obvious ramp. Ascend this for 2 metres then go left to reach a steep groove. Climb this pulling out left at the top.

First ascent: (05/05/1991) J Daly, K Daly

Backdraught 30m E2

Start 9 metres left of the stone wall just right of an obvious crack with a tree at half-height.

(5c). Climb easily to a block and traverse right to gain and follow the ramp to a grass ledge. Ascend the wall above to the top overhang and climb this boldly on spaced holds.

First ascent: (05/05/1991) J Daly

Fringe Benefit 13m VS

Start 14 metres left of the stone wall below a flake crack.

(5a). Gain and climb the flake crack. Ascend to a tiny overhang and turn this on the left.

First ascent: (20/01/1990) J Daly, R Daly

Sun City 13m HVS

The blunt arête 16 metres left of the stone wall. Start just right of the arête at a black streak in the rock.

(5a). Climb steeply to a ledge. Step left and climb the blunt rib.

First ascent: (30/03/1990) J Daly, K Daly

CRABTREE BROW CRAG, KENTMERE PAGE: 398 GR: 446 045

Follow Garburn pass track from Kentmere. After about a mile you pass through a gap in the wall and a small outcrop is visible ahead on the right-hand side of the track.

The Crackling 6m E1

(5b). Starting left of boulders on the right hand side of the wall climb direct through two thin cracks to the top.

First ascent: (29/04/2005) James Clapham

GRASMERE AND RYDALE ARE A

RAVEN CRAG, TROUTBECK PAGE: 400 ALT: 230M GR: NY 416 046 DIRECTION: EAST

Raven Crag was called **Tourist Attraction Crag** by the first ascensionists. It is sited above the A592 about 1km north of Troutbeck village and Town Head. The crag is green and loose with no gate to facilitate access. Parking is in a layby beneath the crag (approach 2mins). The climbs recorded take the large nose/ arête with a tree at its top.

Foot 20m HVS+

A technical route with poor gear and loose rock.

(5a). Follow the shallow groove up the right side of the arête to the tree.

First ascent: (27/12/2000) Stephen Ashworth, James Gilligan, Jonathan Smith

Mouth 20m HVS

(4c). Climb a rib to a roof, step left and pull through it. Climb a slab and corner to the tree.

First ascent: (27/12/2000) Stephen Ashworth, James Gilligan, Jonathan Smith,

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NAB SCAR (355067)

The crags on Nab Scar face south, over the road past Rydal Water. The climbing is on the lower buttress, a tall pillar, half-hidden in the trees. It is due north from Nab Cottage. A path from the top of Rydal contours the hillside to the scree slope beneath the cliff, a quarter-hour's walk from the village. The buttress is about 130 feet high; it is separated from some shorter broken rocks on the right by a wooded gully. The main face is very steep and has a good deal of loose rock. The climbs are described from left to right.

Gut Bucket 70 feet Severe.

Starts half-way up the left side of the buttress. Step to the right into a chimney and climb it to a ledge and tree belay (20 feet); step right from the top of the chimney and follow the right side of the slab to the top.

Colostomy 175 feet Very severe

A steep and difficult route on rotten rock; the line is inescapable and the exposure considerable. The climb starts from the right end of an overhung recess, directly below the top of the buttress; there are twin ash trees 15 feet to the right at the corner of the buttress.

1 40 feet. Move up on to a little gangway and climb slightly rightwards to tree belays.

2 40 feet. Crux. Traverse to the left, passing awkwardly under the overhang on the rib, and ascend a little slab. Move down to the left and climb the crack to the perched blocks. Stance in a pocket down to the left; flake belay high up the left wall of the groove.

3 20 feet. Climb the overhanging groove and traverse left to a belay in the corner.

4 25 feet. Move back right and up into a recess. Continue to a stance by some perched blocks on the arête.

5 50 feet. Move left into a chimney-groove. Climb it, moving right, to the arête, near the top. Belay 20 feet back.

Harlequinade 100 feet Severe

A rather scrappy climb up the broken rocks on the right of the wooded gully. It starts from a large oak at the foot of the gully. Climb over the rib to a recess and follow the slab on the left; above a small ash, move left into the gully and up to an oak. Step off the tree on to the nose on the right and ascend this. The climb can be split into four pitches.

WHITE MOSS CAR PARK CRAG PAGE: 405 ALT: 200M GR: 348 066 DIRECTION: EAST

At the far back and right of the car park is a broken crag. It is difficult to understand why anyone should want to climb here. There have been some large rock movements.

White Moss Vulture 12m E2

Start at the far right hand end of the car park near a broken wall and a 'round piece of concrete' below a small overhang and ramp. (5b) Climb directly up to a large tree (poor protection from small wires).

First ascent: (29/02/1992) A Cannon, N Gilbourne, D Hardy

White Moss Vultured Again! 14m E2

Start at a steep ramp with an overhang above.

(5b). Climb the steep ramp to the small overhang. Climb directly up from shelf to shelf.

First ascent: (23/02/1992) A Cannon, N Gilbourne, D Hardy

RYDAL CAVE PAGE: 405 ALT: 110M GR: 355 058 DIRECTION: NORTH

Also known as Loughrigg Cave. This lies to the south of Rydal Water. A huge cave has been quarried out of a small outcrop of slate. Routes have been made on the headwall above the entrance to the cave. They gave sustained and very exposed climbing but are now very mossy. The bolts have been removed.

Monster's Inc. 25m D

From the tree on the left-hand side at the bottom of the quarry, bound up following the rim of the quarry up to a flake jutting out. Pass this on the right to another flake which is also passed on its right. From here trend to the left and then around and up the easy slab to the stake belay. Very exposed due to the drop below which adds excitement. First climbed in socks due to greasy slate.

First ascent: (19/04/2002) Martin Panton, Jude Onions

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String of Burls 30m E3

A left to right traverse of the lip of the cave. It is protected by bolts but one has been removed! Start at some blocks on the left of the cave, level with the lip of the roof. (5c). Traverse diagonally down to the lip. Step down to some sloping footholds right on the edge (difficult to see). Traverse right and step down to a sloping ledge, again right on the lip. Move up and right to gain a resting ledge. Climb the rib on the right and short groove above. The finish is as for *Scary Monsters*.

Six bolts were placed. The fourth bolt was subsequently removed by C Dale as it was on his route *Scary Monsters*.

First ascent: (19/06/1989) J Metcalfe, I Williamson

Watch your Step E3

(6a). A scary, direct finish to *String of Burls*, starting from the second bolt, and climbing to the left of an overlap. Nut protection.

First ascent: (21/06/1989) J Metcalfe

Scary Monsters 45m E3

The name says it all! (5c). Climb the slab on the right-hand side of the cave. Make an awkward pull left round a bulge to a recess. Move across the left wall on underclings (crux) to a foot ledge. Climb up and left to a sapling under the overhang. Pull left and continue direct up the groove above.

First ascent: (24/04/1985) C Dale



COTRA BREAST, GRASSMERE AND RYDAL PAGE: 407 GR: 324 107

Called *Cotra Breast* on the 1:25000 map; these outcrops stand on the SE shoulder of the fell, facing E across to the layby and climbing hut atop Dunmail Raise. The rock is a kind of spiky dolerite and is reasonably clean and sound.

The left-hand outcrop stands above a solitary larch tree in the boulder field, and is characterized by a series of arêtes. Thirty five metres further right the right-hand group (containing the routes so far), consist of a two-tier buttress. *The Lower Tier* has a prominent wide overhanging corner crack; whilst the *Upper Tier* has a set of slabby walls guarded by a pinnacle.

Lower Tier

The left-hand outcrop stands above a solitary larch tree in the boulder field, and is characterized by a series of arêtes. Thirty five metres further right the right-hand group (containing the routes so far), consist of a two-tier buttress. The Lower Tier has a prominent wide overhanging corner crack; whilst the Upper Tier has a set of slabby walls guarded by a pinnacle.

Breast is Best 11m VD

Takes the ridge on the right of the overhanging crack on the *Lower Tier*. Start at a high grass ledge at the foot of the arête proper; large thread.

Traverse up and left to gain the ridge and follow it past a ledge to the top.

First ascent: (21/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Upper Tier

The left-hand outcrop stands above a solitary larch tree in the boulder field, and is characterized by a series of arêtes. Thirty five metres further right the right-hand group (containing the routes so far), consist of a two-tier buttress. The Lower Tier has a prominent wide overhanging corner crack; whilst the Upper Tier has a set of slabby walls guarded by a pinnacle.

Mother's Milk 10m VD

Start below the pinnacle.

Gain and climb the crack up the left side of the pinnacle and step left into the corner. Squirm up the slanting cleft (backstroke works best - I kid you not!), and reach a ledge. Step right and up to finish.

First ascent: (21/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Suck Don't Blow 11m VS

Bold climbing up the arête right of the slanting cleft of *Mother's Milk*. (4b). Climb the front of the pinnacle and move up awkwardly to a higher ledge. Step up left on to the arête and follow it on creaking holds to the top.

First ascent: (21/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Pert Groove 10m HS

Five metres to the right of the pinnacle, and at a higher level, is a buttress with two arêtes. This attractive climb takes the shallow slanting groove just right of the left-hand arête. (4a). Climb easy rock and gain a ledge, step left and follow the slanting groove to the top.

First ascent: (21/04/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

GAVEL CRAG (347113)

This small crag is situated on the south-east slopes of Seat Sandal overlooking the Tongue Gill path. It is composed of three buttresses, the central one consisting of a huge chock-stone jammed between the outer two. The climb takes the left buttress for the first pitch then crosses to the chockstone for the excellent second and third pitches.

Bachelor's Night 150 feet Severe

Start 15 feet left of the lowest point.

1 40 feet. Move up over loose blocks, step right and climb up to an obvious crack. Follow this to belays on the terrace above.

2 80 feet. Climb a steep crack behind the belay, cross a diagonal break and step round on to the front of the buttress. Move up over a poised block and continue up steep rock, eventually moving right to a small ledge at about 65 feet. An incipient crack above the ledge leads to a larger ledge and belays.

3 30 feet. Easy rocks on the right lead to a knife-edge arête, which is followed to the top.