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SCAFELL & WASDALE ARCHIVE

MOSEDALE; INTRODUCTION & BOULDERING

This is the valley running north from Wasdale Head, which is well known by those taking the popular path up to Black Sail Pass. The steep, rugged eastern face of Red Pike forms the left-hand wall of this valley, and it is on this face that the following climbs are found. There are many short crags and broken outcrops along the length of the valley; these were first mentioned in Haskett-Smith's *Climbing in the British Isles* (1894). Most of the crags contain poor quality rock, especially around those accessible areas close to the summit of Red Pike, and this has contributed to an erroneous impression of the area as a whole. There are outcrops of excellent quality rock to be found, but their development has been slow. There is scope for over a hundred new routes of all grades here and what this area needs are inquisitive teams who are prepared to do a bit of cleaning. The crags were described in the *Gable & Pillar* guide (1991) but are not in the latest version as the valley is logically in the Wasdale area - page numbers are assigned merely to give a correct order vis-a-vis the other crags in Wasdale. All the climbs described in the 1991 guide are reproduced here.

Bouldering

'Y' Boulder is of historical interest as well as providing passing amusement. It is to be found about 1½ km above Ritson's Force and is easily recognized by the Y-shaped crack. Another moderately-sized boulder lies a short distance further up the valley.

ELLIPTICAL CRAG, MOSEDALE	600m	166 115	S
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This obscure, chameleon like crag stands about 150 metres below Wind Gap. As this path is not very popular, especially in ascent, neither is the crag. It also does not help that the crag stands in the way of the main drainage path of this side of the fell and even though it faces south, it will often be found wet. The crag is nearly 60 metres high, and the rock is of good quality. As the lines are obvious a detailed description will not be given. The climbs will be described briefly from left to right.

However! The 1991 *Gable and Pillar* guidebook, (and many before it) contain inaccurate information about the location of *Elliptical Crag*. It is described in that guide as "obscure and chameleon-like", and no wonder, because it isn't there. Its actual location is in Black Comb, at GR166 115. I believe the error occurred because the crag used to be described as being to the left of the path up to the Scoat Fell-Pillar ridge. This used to be a correct description, because the old-timers used to walk up Black Comb. However the modern path goes further right to Wind Gap.

Easter Crack 50m VD

An enjoyable combination of crack, slab and mantelshelf climbing which lies on the left side of the crag, the line being obvious.

Actually date recorded as

First ascent: Easter 1910 EA Baker, H Westmorland

Left Face Route 60m D

Start to the right of *Easter Crack* and takes a diagonal line to the central ledge. It then breaks back left to finish near *Easter Crack*, or follows a series of corners to finish near *Right Face Route*.

First ascent: (15/08/1910) HB Lyon, GS Sansom

Right Face Route 60m S

Climb a line to the left of the obvious *Black Crack*. Follow slabs to the central ledge, climb a corner on the right to another ledge, and move right again to climb a crack on good holds.

First ascent: (15/05/1910) HB Lyon, WB Brunskill, LB Smith. Direct WB Brunskill, 1910 Aug 15.

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Black Crack/Black Corner 60m

Moderate climbing for 30 metres leads to the *Black Corner*. The *Black Crack* overhead is, as it looks, repulsive, even when there is no water spouting from its lip. (Quote) Circa 1935 'It will go if the rock is dry and free from moss; if not there is nothing to be done but retrace ones steps!'

Black Crack Easter 1910 H B Lyon, L J Oppenheimer, J M Davidson

Black Corner W Heaton Cooper on 10 September 1933.

Directrix 50m MVS 4b

Start halfway between *Black Crack* and *Small Chimney*. Climb a corner at the left end of the wall, move right onto a slab, and over heather to a steep crack which is followed to easy slabs and the top.

First ascent: (10/06/1967) JC Eilbeck, PW Lucas

Small Chimney 30m M

A short climb with a few moderate pitches.

First ascent: (15/08/1910) HB Lyon and others

Slab Climb 20m D

Take a line between *Small Chimney* and *Small Crack* and is of little merit.

Only the year of FA was recorded.

First ascent: 1913 SW Herford, J Laycock

Small Crack 20m M

A short, uninteresting climb of moderate difficulty.

First ascent: (15/08/1910) HB Lyon and others

BLACK CRAG, MOSEDALE	590m	169 100	ESE
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This is the first concentration of outcrops high on the eastern face of Red Pike. The crags are arranged in several disjointed tiers, the rock type varies between friable and mossy to excellent.

There are two ways to get to this crag; both require quite an expenditure of energy. The shortest approach is up the valley from Wasdale Head, where the path across the old packhorse bridge is taken up the left side of the beck. About half a kilometre beyond the washed out scree chute of Dore Head, follow a beck which issues steeply from a rather indistinct combe. There are many outcrops high in this combe, the most prominent one from the valley floor is a vertical wall on the left, Bull Crag, but on closer inspection this is extremely mossy. This is a steep and strenuous approach.

The easier approach is from the car park at Netherbeck Bridge, half way along the shore of Wastwater. Follow the steep ridge running up towards Yewbarrow, but, before the crags on the ridge are reached, follow the good path rising leftwards which eventually meets the top of the Dore Head scree run, overlooking the lower end of Mosedale. Walk up leftwards, towards Red Pike, passing the first projecting shoulder on the ridge, before contouring across the steep fellside to reach the crag; either approach should take less than an hour.

Lower Buttress

This is the lowest collection of slabs and steep walls in the centre of the combe. The first route starts at the lowest point, 100m below and right of a prominent perched boulder.

Black Panther 20m E2 5c

The first route starts at the lowest point, 100m below and right of a prominent perched boulder.

The clean left-hand arête of the wall, with climbing rather reminiscent of its pink namesake on *Dow Crag*. Pull into the short corner and step right onto a ledge on the arête. Move up to a good nut placement in a small triangular niche, then move up to an undercut in the centre and pull over this using a crozzly pocket. Finish directly up the apex of the rib. An abseil point lies 6 metres beyond.

First ascent: (18/08/1998) A Phizacklea, J Holden,

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Blackness 24m S

A rather broken route starting just left of *Black Panther*.

Climb a short rib just left of a heathery patch and continue to a heather ledge (spike).

Follow the arête above to a second block spike at 20m, then either traverse right to the abseil point on *Black Panther* or continue up broken rock and heather to a belay at 40m.

First ascent: (18/08/1998) A Phizacklea, J Holden,

Black Diamond 25m E3 5c

Good sustained climbing which is spoiled by a chossy start, up the diamond-shaped slab 10 metres up and left of *Black Panther*. Climb a short dirty corner on the bottom left-hand side to a ramp. Climb the slab direct, following a thin crack, to reach a block belay.

First ascent: (18/08/1998)

Upper Tier

The wall right of the gully above the previous routes which leads onto the summit ridge. There is a distinctive chockstone high in this gully, the routes start 30 metres below this. The easiest approach is from the ridge above, the chockstone can be passed on its right side (looking out).

Wobbly Bob 35m MS

Pleasant clean climbing up the slabs just right of the gully. Quite exposed, but well protected.

Climb easily up the stepped lower slabs till the corner on the right merges, and continue to a steepening. Step delicately left to gain a groove on the edge overlooking the gully, and follow this delicately to a blunt pinnacle at its top. Step right and move up to a ledge, and then continue up the walls behind to the top.

First ascent: (06/09/1999) A Phizacklea (solo)

Stag Party 33m S

A fine pitch up the arête right of *Wobbly Bob*. Start at the foot of *Wobbly Bob*. Climb the right side of the slab for a couple of metres until the grass gully can be crossed to the foot of the arête. Follow the crack right to the crest and climb this with increasing delicacy to a large ledge.

There is an optional steep and dirty second pitch, which can (and should) be avoided.

2 15m (HVS 5a) Step onto a flake behind the big block and make a fingery pull up to pockets, which lead to a small spike hold. The blunt rib right of a steep and dirty groove leads to the top.

First ascent: (06/09/1999) A Phizacklea (solo)

Two Tier Walls

These lie about 250 metres right of the Lower Buttress. The area consists of several isolated buttresses formed into two tiers. The rock is generally good, but it displays more striations on the Upper Tier. The only route recorded so far climbs the prominent central pillar at the lower end of a grassy gully, there is a conspicuous corner crack to its left.

Route X 23m E1 5b

A chossy start leads to excellent climbing higher up the pillar. Start up the corner and pull out right onto a juniper ledge. Move across to the right-hand side of the upper arête, and dry your boots! Step left onto a sloping ledge, and move up on good holds to a flake crack which leads to a block. Step left onto the arête and follow this to the top.

First ascent: (18/08/1998) A Phizacklea (unseconded)

BLACKEM HEADWALL, MOSEDALE

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About 400 metres beyond *Damparse Crag*, lies this final steep wall of immaculate rock. It is above and left of *Elliptical Crag*. The remoteness of this wall will deter all but the most determined of explorers. The main eye-catching feature is a shallow vertical corner up the centre of the wall. A lonely peg high in this groove indicates that this is a desperate project.

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Only the Lonely 16m HVS

Start above a rock step to the right of the corner.

(4c). Climb up to a groove and follow this, then step right and move up a rib to a grassy finish.

First ascent: (02/05/1999) A Phizacklea, D Kirby

WISTOW CRAG, MOSEDALE:	550m	NY176 115	S
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Another obscure crag, it can reputedly be seen from a yard of the Wasdale Head Hotel, and appears as a small, dark patch on the southern slope of Pillar Fell (along with many others). The climbing is on three tiers. *The Lower Buttress* is vegetated, but the climbing is fairly clean. The *Middle* and *Upper Buttresses* give short pitches but no definite routes.

To reach the crag, follow Mosedale Beck as for Wind Gap, then when below what you believe to be the crag, strike up the unpleasant hill side.

Route 1 47m S

Start on the left side of the *Lower Buttress*.

1 20 m. Climb easy rock to the right-hand of two corners, ascend the corner and a difficult groove above to a grassy stance. Block belay up and left.

2 15 m. Climb a rib directly above the block to a ledge in a corner. Step left and ascend a continuation of the rib to a good terrace.

3 12 m. Two short sections of easy rock lead to the top.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Route 2 59m S

Start on the right-hand side of the *Lower Buttress*.

1 20 m. A wall is climbed to a narrow heather ledge in a corner. Make a difficult step round the steep rib on the left to gain a sloping stance. Move up and right, then go up a broken groove to a large platform.

2 27 m. Move left and climb a groove, then take to the right edge of a small buttress and follow it to a ledge. From the right-hand edge of the ledge, climb the face above to a vertical wall. Traverse diagonally left to ascend an open corner to a large terrace.

3 12 m. As for *Route 1*.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Route 3 D

Short and found on the left side of the *Middle Buttress*.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Route 4 D

Short and found on the right side of the *Middle Buttress*.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Route 5 35m D

Follows a line on the right-hand side of the *Upper Buttress*.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Route 6 45m D

Follows a line left of *Route 5* and re-joins *Route 5* near the top.

First ascent: (01/10/1921) F Graham

Easter Traverse 66m S

A traverse of the *Upper Buttress*. It starts at the extreme right end by ascending to a square corner, about 2 metres up, and then follows the best line across the buttress.

First ascent: (20/04/1924) F Graham, HS Gross (HS Gross led last pitch)

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SCAFELL CRAG

The following historical notes have been received from Mike Cocker:

First ascent of Parson's Gully (Scafell) May 1894 by Rev.T.C.V. Barstow (not Abraham & Blake 1898).

Jones and Collier's Climb, first ascent solo by O.G. Jones 22nd April 1898. Dr J. Collier suggested the line to Jones but was not involved in the first ascent.

Botterill's Slab, first ascent 3rd June 1903 (not 2nd June)

Gibson's Chimney, Scafell Pinnacle, first ascent H.O.S. Gibson June 1907 (not AH. Binns 1904)

Barton Exit from Moss Ghyll 5th September 1898 (not 1897)

Date of first ascent of Crowley's Direct (Mickledore) 9th May 1894

An ascent of Deep Ghyll Buttress was made in 1893 by Norman Collie, Geoffrey Hastings and John Robinson.

Pikes Crag, Pulpit Rock Arête (28th June 1900) by HS Liesching and WB Frankland may follow a line similar to Wall and Crack Climb.

Scafell Shamrock

Moby Dick 60m MVS 4a

The guidebook writer was unable to find this route.

1 27m Start as for Pollux and go up a groove direct to a small cave. Climb the overhang above to a small niche. Move left to a small ledge.

2 13m (4a) Go diagonally right to an open corner/groove. Up this to a ledge on the right of a groove. Cross this to a steep wall. Up this to ledges.

3 20m Direct to top.

Black Crag 590m NY 201070 N N W

This crag was archived in 2014 these descriptions are taken from Scafell 1996.

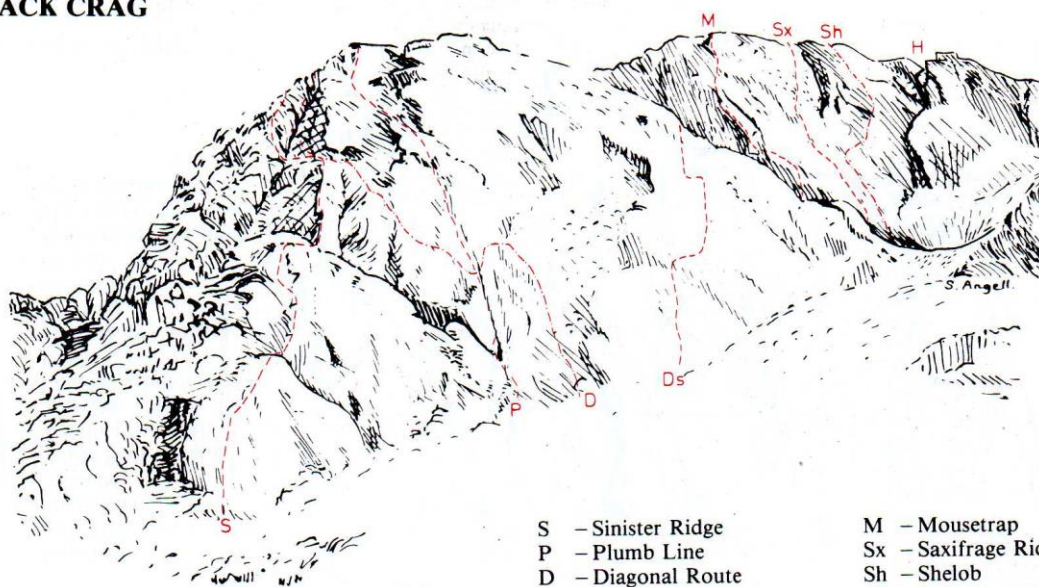
From the head of Wastwater, this is the most accessible high mountain crag in the area. It is the first large crag seen on the right, where the path levels out below Hollow Stones during the walk in to Scafell. Being rather vegetated, it is unpopular with modern climbers leaving the crag as a peaceful haven of fauna, which is recognized as botanically sensitive. It receives the sun in the afternoon and evening, and requires about five days of fine weather before the routes start to dry. The climbs are described from left to right.

Descent

The narrow gully between Dexter Slab and The Mousetrap can be descended with care, but it is not recommended. A safer alternative is to head rightwards from the top of the crag and descend the ground right of Hole and Corner Gully.

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| S – Sinister Ridge | M – Mousetrap |
| P – Plumb Line | Sx – Saxifrage Ridge |
| D – Diagonal Route | Sh – Shelob |
| Ds – Dexter Slab | H – Hole & Corner Gully |

Black Crag 1984, S Angell

Sinister Ridge 126m S

Rated * in 1996

The difficulties increase progressively up the climb. Equally good in winter. Start 15 metres above a cairn, on a grass ledge in a little bay just to the right of the lowest point of the left-hand ridge.

1 25 m. Climb the broken slab, past loose spikes, to a grass shelf and easily to the foot of a V-groove.

2 29 m. Up the groove, left at its top and up steep rocks, trending slightly right to a ledge. Climb a crack in the right wall of the ridge past a large block, and up grass to a grey wall.

3 18 m. The grey wall above is climbed on good small holds, starting at a leaning flake, at the foot of a steep compact wall.

4 21 m. Traverse left for 9 metres along grass ledges. Go up a groove and reach the ridge on the left by a grassy ramp.

5 33 m. The steep ridge is climbed to a grass ledge and large hollow flake at 12 metres. A steep groove on the left has a difficult entry and is climbed for 8 metres. Scrambling remains.

An easier final pitch, which is also the winter finish, lies up the shallow gully on the left.

First ascent: (22/06/1925) H M Kelly B Eden-Smith

Geodesic 70m HVS 5a

Start as for Plumb Line, below a black mossy V-groove in a patch of light coloured rock about 60 metres above the lowest point of the crag. The groove is approached up a few metres of very steep grass, and is entered from the left.

1 30 m (4c). Climb the left-hand groove to a flake, on the arête, on the left. Traverse left below the overhang, and regain the arête above it at a small ledge. Climb straight up on good holds; then trend slightly left to a narrow ledge.

2 13 m (5a). Climb the thin crack above until it peters out, then go up a steepening slab on the left to a ledge.

3 18 m (4c). Pull up a short wall to another ledge. Move up and traverse left across the steep, open groove to a good foothold. Climb the groove, finishing with difficulty on a large grass ledge.

4 18 m (4a). The arête on the left leads to the top.

First ascent: (01/06/1970) I Roper C H Taylor

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Plumb Line 80m VS

The following description is taken from the 1974 edition of the Scafell Guide, hence the imperial units of length. It was then graded MVS.

The route follows a series of grooves in an almost direct line to the summit of the crag, and crosses the Diagonal Route at the grassy groove on pitch 3. Starts at a cairn below a black groove in a patch of light-coloured rock to the left of the Diagonal Route. The groove is approached by way of a few feet of very steep grass.

1 60 feet. Enter the groove from the left and climb to where it forks (good spike). The left-hand crack is then followed to a nook in the grassy groove. Belay. (Touches Diagonal Route here).

2 60 feet. Climb the grassy groove ahead to a niche. Thread belay high in the crack.

3 100 feet. Climb the crack until it is possible to step left to a small rock ledge at the foot of a short steep mossy wall. This finishes with an awkward movement to a grassy corner. Now follow a fault with a thin crack in it to another grassy corner with some insecure-looking flakes. Follow the grassy grooves above until a delicate slab leads to a ledge on the left with a fine belay.

60 feet. Climb the wall above the belay to the foot of a steep crack which is followed to the finish.

First ascent: (01/08/1939) S H Cross A M Nelson

The Diagonal Route 107m MVS 4b

Start up a slab below some dark rocks, just to the left of a prominent corner about 10 metres right of Geodesic. Remarkably sustained.

1 25 m (4a). Climb the mossy slab, keeping on the left edge to a large hyacinth-filled recess.

2 30 m (4b). Traverse left from the recess, across a large flake and grass ledges, for 5 metres; then descend the grassy groove of Plumb Line to reach the rib on its left which is followed for 12 metres, to an obvious traverse rising to the left. Go up delicately to a grass ledge and perched block.

3 17 m (4a). Traverse left to the blocks on the skyline; then up and left to a grass ledge.

4 35 m (4a). Scramble up to the large open corner above. Climb the corner crack, starting and finishing on the left wall.

First ascent: (06/08/1928) F Graham G M Wellburn, 1/4/60 Direct Finish J A Austin J M Austin

Dexter Slab 56m VD

The climb lies up the slabs on the left of the wide gully bounding the buttress on its right. It starts at the bottom of an easy grassy gully, level with the top of the scree fan emerging from the main gully on the right, at the foot of a series of projecting slabs.

1 15 m. The left edge of the first slab is climbed to a ledge with a doubtful thread belay.

2 21 m. Traverse right to some blocks. Climb them and move a little to the left, before continuing up the mossy wall above to a small stance.

3 20 m. Traverse up and to the right, and over a large wedged flake, to a terrace. From its middle climb the wall above.

Variation White Line VD 1966

Climb the obvious white streak up the slabs right of Dexter Slab to join that route at the second belay. The walls and cracks to the left of Dexter Slab then lead to the top.

The un-named gully between Dexter Slab and Mousetrap is the shortest descent from most of the climbs. It is, however, rather loose and unpleasant. The climbs on the steep wall right of this gully are the first to dry on the crag.

First ascent: (25/08/1925) H M Kelly B Eden-Smith R E W Pritchard. Whit line variation 2/6/66 K I Meldrum W Blake

The Mousetrap 57m HVS 5a

The un-named gully between Dexter Slab and Mousetrap is the shortest descent from most of the climbs. It is, however, rather loose and unpleasant. The climbs on the steep wall right of this gully are the first to dry on the crag. A serious route, lacking in line but not in difficulty. Start 6 metres left of Hole and Corner Gully, and below a rowan.

1 18 m (4c). Climb up to the rowan and go diagonally left to a grass ledge on the arête, below the obvious corner.

2 39 m (5a). Climb the corner and slab on its left, until it is possible to climb the right wall; then follow a diagonal line across grooved rock, over a hollow block at the foot of a corner. Continue the

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traverse to a rib. Climb the rib and vegetation-filled groove to the left of the overhangs. Step right and continue direct to the top.

First ascent: (16/06/1968) K I Meldrum J R Lees (alt)

Saxifrage Ridge 60m VS 4c

Rated * in 1996

The climb takes a direct central line, finishing on the left of a prominent corner. Start at the lowest point of the buttress at the junction of the two gullies.

1 12 m (4b). Climb the nose on the left of Shelob and continue to a stance on a rib almost level with the rowan tree on Mousetrap.

2 16 m (4b). Continue up the blunt rib to a grass ledge. Peg belay.

3 32 m (4c). Continue in the same line up an ill-defined ridge which merges into a shallow groove, keeping to the left of most of the overhangs. At half-height a short traverse right avoids another set of overhangs. Climb the wall above going right, but keeping left of the corner, to the top. Sustained, and difficult to protect.

First ascent: (16/06/1968) K I Meldrum J R Lees (alt)

Shelob 66m VS 4c

Start just left of Hole and Corner Gully.

1 18 m (4b). Ascend a steep shallow groove or the rib on the edge of Hole and Corner Gully to a grass ledge. Step right to loose blocks.

2 21 m (4c). Climb the steep loose groove above. Bear right up grass and climb the wall. Belay on a grass ledge on the left.

3 27 m (4a). Traverse right and climb, in fine position, straight up the steep wall.

First ascent: (02/06/1966) K I Meldrum W Blake

Hole and Corner Gully 45m M

This bounds the crag on its right. A poor summer climb which is quite often in good winter condition.

First ascent: (22/06/1925) H M Kelly B Eden-Smith

PIKES CRAG

Dodge City 75m HS 4b

An interesting mountaineering route up the right edge of the buttress between *B* and *C Gullies*. Start at the foot of *B Gully* and walk rightwards up a grassy ramp for 8 metres to a flake belay below a series of short walls.

1 25m (4b). Climb the walls to reach a ledge beside a pinnacle. Step off the pinnacle and move up to follow a square-cut groove in the arête above and reach a bilberry ledge.

2 25m. Ramble up ledges, keeping to the right overlooking *C Gully*, until better climbing up the rib gains a large ledge. Transfer over left to belay below the fine upper buttress.

3 25m (4a). Gain the arête of the buttress by an ascending traverse from the right. Continue up the arête to finish with a flourish up the knife-edge.

Descent: long and quite complex, especially in a hailstorm! Go left (looking-in) for about 250 metres to a scree gully and descend this. Avoid any tempting short-cuts!

First ascent: (14/05/2007) BJ Clarke (solo)

Sector 120m MS

A description taken from the 1974 guidebook.

A semi-circular excursion of Pulpit Rock, which starts up Southern Corner, traverses the crag and finishes at the top of Wall and Crack; the descent of the latter almost completes the circle.

1, 2 & 3 140 feet. Climb pitches 1, 2 and 3 of Southern Corner.

4 20 feet. Climb the slab on the left to a good belay and small stance in a crack behind a large detached flake.

5 20 feet. Descend a step or two and continue horizontally to a grassy stance. Belay.

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6 60 feet. Descend a few feet to a large jammed boulder and move over the slightly impending left wall of the corner. The crack slanting diagonally up to the main rib on the left is now the objective and this leads on to Grooved Arête. Stance and belay.

7 50 feet. Walk up into a recess and follow the grass ledge to the left. Climb over a projecting boulder and reach a good stance and belay before a short wall.

8 15 feet. Cross the rather smooth wall to another good ledge and belay.

9 35 feet. Descend into a dirty corner where a convenient line of holds allows smooth slabs to be crossed; then grass leads into a corner with a moderate belay.

10 25 feet. Step down a little and then climb over the low wall on the left to a large sloping grass ledge, which is followed to a collection of blocks below a steep crack.

11 25 feet. Climb the crack to a recess below the final pitch of Juniper Buttress. A few feet to the left is an upstanding bollard of rock, which gives an excellent belay.

12 15 feet. A delicate crossing of the steep wall on the left is made on to the Wall and Crack Climb.

First ascent: (02/10/1937) A T Hargreaves E C Spence R E Hargreaves

Urchin's Groove 100m HS

The route follows a series of grooves taking the natural line of ascent up the dirty, mossy (and usually wet) hollow, which runs up the centre of Pulpit Rock. Not recommended.

1 45 feet. Climb the corner easily for about 20 feet, then take an awkward step up and to the right on to a grass ledge. Belay in the groove to the left of the ledge.

2 30 feet. Climb the groove on small holds. An awkward finish is made over grass to a good ledge. Belay around a chockstone in a crack on the left.

3 50 feet. Traverse to the right into the groove and climb to an overhang which is avoided by a delicate step left. Move back to the right; the finish over grass is awkward.

Good flake belay.

4 40 feet. The groove behind the belay is followed to an overhang. Make a step to the right on to a rib which is then followed to a corner with a good flake belay.

5 55 feet. Ascend an easy groove straight ahead to a ledge on the left. Belay.

6 60 feet. Easy ledges on the left lead to a corner at the foot of a steep crack. Belay.

7 50 feet. Climb the crack on good holds. Easier climbing then leads out to ledges and the route finishes below a prominent poised block.

First ascent: (13/05/1939) S H Cross A M Nelson

LINGMELL

Pilgrim's Right Hand 117m D

From the wall (GR 213 079) which runs from Lingmell Col into *Piers Gill*, contour round and down to a path crossing Straight Gill. Scramble up the left-hand side of *Straight Gill* to enter the gill above the chockstone/cave pitch of *Pilgrim's Progress*. Continue to where the gully splits. The route takes the slab to the right of the well-defined chimney and provides a full mountaineering day out.

1 30m. Climb the clean but unprotected slab to the right of the chimney to a spike belay on the left.

2 35m. Continue up the more broken slab above, into the gully, and belay at a notch high on the right-hand ridge.

3 16m. From blocks above the belay, traverse left and go up to belay at another notch.

4 20m. Traverse left across the gully below a short wall and climb a corner on the left on jammed flakes to a belay on the left arête.

5 16m. Climb the ridge above to finish on a tower.

First ascent: (27/07/2000) Eric Ostell, Dez Johnson (alt)

PIERS GILL CRAG

End of the Pier 10m MS 4b

Eight metres right of Armoanium, a rib of rock leans drunkenly against the main mass. Climb the rib with unsuspected delicacy, and finish up the short corner above.

First ascent: (25/07/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

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BROAD CRAG

Main Crag

The Terrace Wall

Right of Broad Crag Gully and at a higher level, is an imposing, castellated wall 40 metres high and seemed with cracks/grooves. There are a dozen or so strong lines here and the place has a pervasive foreboding atmosphere; all rather "Cloggyish"! Access is easiest from above, down rough slopes on its left (looking-out).

North-West Flank This flank, which faces Great Gable, consists of a large area of rock split by a stepped grassy gully, (GR 217 077). The right-hand buttress comprises of slabs leading to a steep headwall. The left-hand buttress has the same format, but is more impressive. Indeed, climbers seeking a mini, more convenient Creag- an-Dubh Loch style adventure may be advised to take a look! The routes recorded here are very much flanking attacks, but give an insight into the potential!

One hundred and fifty metres left of *Over the Hills and Far Away* is another impressive stretch of rock, marked by mossy groove and crack lines. High on its left flank is a stand-alone buttress with a fine arête on its right and a dark niche on its left

The Seventh Voyage 17m MVS 4b

An interesting right to left odyssey of this buttress on somewhat snappy rock! Start below the fine arête. Gain the arête awkwardly from the left and climb the grassy groove on its right for 2 metres. Step left onto the arête and pull up to gain a good ledge. Traverse left into a crack (good nut above) and stride left into the dark niche. Climb this and the short slab above to finish.

CORRIDOR WALLS

222 087

A jumble of outcrops 150 metres above the Corridor Route, just where the path levels out after its steep ascent from Skew Gill.

The first wall is reached in 5 minutes from the path and characterized by a thin mossy crack on its left and two rectangular roofs on its right.

Runic Groove 9m S 4a

A gem of a micro-route, starting at the top of a grassy ramp, below the left-hand of the rectangular roofs, cairn. Climb the groove just right of the arête and pass the left-hand roof on its left side.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Whitebait 10m MVS 4a

Just left of the mossy crack is a white-coloured leftwards-slanting groove. Start 1 metre left of this feature. Climb the bold wall to a ledge, then follow the dirty rightwards line to the top.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

30 metres up and left of *Whitebait* is a buttress with a striking flake crack on its left side.

Oblique Crack 9m VS 4c

Gain the crack from the left and follow it boldly to good finishing holds.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Oblique Rib 10m S 4a

Takes the blunt rib on the right side of the buttress. Climb the loose, cracked corner, then step right and follow the rib to the top.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

25 metres to the right of the finish of *Runic Groove* is a fine, tapering slabby buttress, giving two excellent routes.

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Engage the Sun 15m MVS 4b

Start 3 metres left of the large oblong block at the foot of the buttress. Climb an awkward thin crack to a small overhang at 6 metres. Pull over just right of the thin crack and continue direct to the top.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Helios Slab 15m S 4a

Start adjacent to the oblong block.

(4a). Climb the white slab, pull over a small bulge and trend rightwards up a white corner to another bulge. Steps left, and continue up the right edge of the buttress to the top.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

The final (so far) buttress lies 200 metres above. It has a fine slabby wall on its left, a rib with overlaps in its centre and mossy slabs up and right.

Fayreing 10m S 4a

Start 3 metres right of the left rib of the buttress, cairn. Meander up the fine slabby wall to reach the finishing terrace. Traverse off left (looking in).

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Middling 13m MVS 4b

Start 7 metres right of Fayreing below the central rib. Climb the rib, pull over the overlap, and continue delicately, past a wobbly spike to the terrace.

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Toeing 15m HS 4b

Start 2 metres up and right of *Middling*. Climb the slab to the terrace. Step 2 metres right, and follow the clean line up the right side of the slabs; quite delicate if "extras" are not used!

First ascent: (28/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

GREAT END

Skartaris 14m VS 4b

Twelve metres left of *Brigadoon* is a deceptively easy-looking V-groove. This interesting route takes the arête 2 metres to the right. The rock changes from rhyolite to quartzite at two-thirds height! Climb the arête direct, making use of the left wall, to reach a bulge at 7 metres. Avoid this on the right, and return left to finish up the arête.

First ascent: (08/06/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Rialto 15m HVS 5b

A good series of escapable boulder problems up the ledgy wall to the left of *Bridge of Sighs*. Start 2 metres left of that route at a groove with a roof at 3 metres. Up the groove and over the roof to reach a ramp. Step left, and teeter up a slabby wall until its steeper capping wall can be overcome. Continue up short walls to reach easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (18/07/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Habanera 35m VS 4b

The buttress to the left of *Cust's Gully* gives good climbing, but with spaced protection. Start by scrambling up to a fine pinnacle belay at the very toe of the buttress, some 12 metres left of *Cust's Gully*.

1 13m (4b). Climb over the belay and follow the steep slab ahead, moving left to climb a short, steep corner to a ledge. Belay up and right.

2 22m (4b). Follow the clean slab on the left to reach a grass ledge. Move left, and make delicate moves up the arête, in a fine position, to reach an easier crack and groove system, leading to the top of the buttress.

Descent: Scramble up and left, to eventually gain a gully (care required). Go down a ridge on its far (east) side.

First ascent: (14/06/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Tryfanic 34m HS4b

Fairly interesting climbing, taking the nose of the buttress dividing *Cust's Gully* from its right-hand *Branch Gully*. Slightly marred by an indifferent middle section. Start at the junction of the gullies. Scramble up for about 30 metres to a ledge on the left flank of the buttress, and belay at two short cracks on the right.

1 15m (4b). Use the cracks to gain a sloping ledge on the right, below a groove containing a crack. Gain the groove awkwardly, and follow it to a ledge. Step right, and climb a short corner to a grass ledge.

2 19m (4b). Move right and climb an arête on easier ground. Follow this up and left to reach a sharp rib. Climb the wall just right of the rib to reach the finishing terrace.

First ascent: (14/06/2006) BJ Clarke (solo)

Descent: Move right and descend into the upper (ill-defined) reaches of Branch Gully. Cross this, and go down a scree slope and shallow gully (crampon scratches), to gain grassy ledges leading back into Cust's Gully

Born Free 179m VS

Do you feel lucky? Many have looked for this route, including successive guidebook authors) without success. To tempt the optimistic the original description is provided.

A long and interesting route on good rock. This climb starts about 40 metres left of South-East Gully at a leftward facing groove.

1 42 m. Climb the groove for 12 metres. Move right onto the rib. Climb this to a rock ledge.

2 36 m. Climb the cracked right wall. Move left and climb the bulge on good holds. Scramble to the foot of the rib.

3 24 m. Climb the rib (crux) to block belay.

4 18 m. Step down left to the foot of an excellent corner which is awkward to enter. Climb the crack to the foot of another excellent corner. Good belay.

5 24 m. Climb the steep corner to a ledge and traverse right to belay.

6 35 m. Climb the short wall then easier rocks to the top

OVERBECK

Ga'n Yam 35m HVS 5a

A direct line up the clean wall to the left of *The Gargoyle*. Start as for *The Gargoyle*. Climb *The Gargoyle* corner for a metre or so and then pull leftwards into a steep groove. Climb it to the top and trend rightwards to a big spike runner and a junction with the traverse line on pitch 2 of *The Gargoyle*. Climb directly up the wall to the overlap (Friend ½). Pull directly over this and ascend the narrowing wall.

First ascent: (18/04/2000) RJ Gordon, A Swann,

Could be Zool?

Central Route 47m S

A very dirty and scrappy route that wanders up the centre of the crag. Start midway between the starts of Bowderdale Climb and Zig-Zag

1 17 m. Follow the easy ledge up and right until an awkward move is made out left round a steep rib to gain a very mossy slab. Move up to belays level with the terrace below 'B' Chimney.

2 15m. Traverse right then up to the ledge at the bottom of the slanting chimney. Either climb the dirty green chimney direct or escape out left onto the slab, then up the edge before moving back into the chimney to finish up the left wall onto a large grass ledge

3 15 m. Walk along the grass ledge and climb the corner crack to the top.

First ascent: (05/01/1946) A P Rossiter B Bloch. Variation finish 2/3/70 R Tressider R Howarth

North and Central Route 45m HS

A series of variations on Central Route keeping just left of it but sharing its last pitch. Pitch 2 is bold. Start just left of Central Route at a recess.

1 20 m. Climb the awkward little chimney up to a ledge. Traverse left then go up and right to the belay on Central Route pitch 1.

2 18 m. As Central Route to the ledge at the bottom of the slanting crack, then traverse left across the slab to the edge. Delicate moves now lead up and left into a scoop which is climbed pulling

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over a bulge at the top and up to a grass ledge and junction with Central Route.

3 7m. The corner crack as pitch 3 of Central Route

First ascent: (28/09/1946) A P Rossiter

BUCKBARROW

Lower Crag

Bagatelle 36m MS

A poor route starting up and left of Cassation at a dirty, easy angled buttress below an obvious diagonal fault line high on the crag.

1. 16m Climb the groove on its left followed by slabs.
2. Travers down and right to the bottom of a groove. Climb the groove over a bulge into a niche, exit right onto broken sabs that lead to the top.

First ascent: (28/05/2014) p2 W E Pattison 1970, p1 H Jenkins A W Dunn 25/11/73

Amphitheatre Buttress: Archived

Amphitheatre Buttress 20m HVS 5a

Start just left of a small corner at the bottom of the descent rib. Pull over the bulge to gain the base of a steep slab, then make a difficult step up followed by a traverse right on small holds to an arête. Climb the arête to a ledge, traverse left then follow a steep arête to the top.

First ascent: (01/07/1973) J W Bremner W E Pattison

Crescent Wall: Archived

100 metres right of and just below the level of Long Crag is a red wall, with an overlap at its right-hand end.

The climbs here are dirty with some alarmingly loose flakes. **Crescent Wall (HS, 1975)** climbs

the centre of the wall and over the roof via a crack. **Crescent Crack (S, 1975)** climbs the corner crack on the right starting behind the huge flake. **Crescent Ridge (VD, 1975)** takes the dirty V-groove right of the overlap.

Gully Buttress: Archived

This crag lies on the right-hand side of the open scree slope right of Crescent Wall at about the same level as and left of Witch Buttress. The crag, which has a steep left side and slabby face, is unattractive and receives few visits, even from the locals. The climbs are briefly described as follows with the best reference point being the shattered groove of Jamie about 15 metres up from the bottom left-hand toe of the crag.

Jim's Wall (VS (5a), 1986) climbs the steep wall and groove just left of Jamie to finish up the rib on the left.

Jamie (VS (4c), 1973) up over broken blocks and climb the groove either finishing out left over steep loose

ground or straight up the groove via the slightly easier **Direct Finish (VS (4c), 1986)**. **Tramline (VS (4c, 4b)**

1973) climbs the broken rock starting at a detached block left of the toe of the buttress followed by a crack on the left to finish up a wall and V-groove. **Slab and Groove (MVS (4a, 4a,), 1974)** climb the slab and groove just

right of Tramline to below an obvious groove which is followed, trending right, to the top. **Scorpion (VS (4a, 4b), 1973)** start just left of an obvious crack in the front of the buttress. Climb the wall above a recess, then go

up and left to a sentry box (poor protection). The steep rock on the right leads to the top. **Prickle (MVS (-, 4a), 1973)** start 3 metres right of Scorpion. Climb the corner and wall above moving left into a groove. An awkward

move leads up into an easier groove. Finish to the right.

Witch Buttress

Wee Boots VS 4b

Start as for *Pace Maker*. Note: Pace Maker is actually Moffatt's Route in the 2014 Guide. Follow the first corner of *Pace Maker* to the bulge. Move right onto the mossy slab and climb it trending slightly right on good holds to reach a grassy ledge (block belay). Climb the short corner left to the top.

First ascent: (27/08/1999) Trevor Morgan, Peter Kelly, Heather Morgan,

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Moss Slab: Archived

A large and uninviting recessed slab about 60 metres below and right of the start of Witch. Approach as for Witch Buttress but take an ascending traverse right at a holly tree round to the bottom of the slab. The climbs in this area are generally of poor quality and are briefly described as follows. **The arête on the left of the slab can be climbed at Difficult standard.** **Left-Hand Route (S, 1974)**, climb the left corner crack with a short section on the right slab at half height (the best route available). **Central Line (VD, 1974)**, the centre of the slab. **J.C.B. G.T. (MS, 1974)**, the name says it all. Climb the slab and corner on the right of Central Line. **Short and Brutish (S, 1974)** as for JCB GT but trending rights. **Dunn's Delight (S 1974)**, the rib, V chimney and ramp right of Short and Brutish

Lakeland Pioneers Area - Rusty Wall

Approach as for Witch Buttress to the small buttress below Moss Slab, and then follow a sheep track, crossing the base of White Band Ghyll, then slant up left to the central scree gully (20 mins). Or descend a gully from Lakeland Pioneers.

Eastern Crags

A complex area of broken crags situated high up on the steep broken fellside. The best climbing is on the clean upper buttress which lies directly above a terrace that separates the Upper and Lower Buttresses and is easily identified from the road. The easiest access to the climbs in this area is from above by abseil down onto the terrace.

From the top of the Lakeland Pioneers scree gully continue east along a sheep track for about 1/2 km crossing the top of Forked Gully and Rowan Tree Gully until a line of small cairns leads down rightwards over broken rocks to a peg and nut abseil point (approximately 40 minutes from the road). The terrace can also be reached from below by climbing Central Face-Lower Climb on the lower buttress but this is not recommended.

To reach the climbs in the vicinity of Long Climb, Forked Gully and Toby traverse right from the base of White Band Ghyll over broken rocks then across a wide scree gully followed by more broken rocks to the bottom of the first big gully - Forked Gully. Unfortunately the quality of the climbing does not really justify the tedious approach. The buttress right of Forked Gully is easily accessible from here. The left fork of Forked Gully can be used as a descent, whilst the right edge of its right-hand fork is climbed by Quirk.

Long Climb 100m D

This route takes the left edge of the wide scree gully and roughly follows the line of the arete.

Forked Gully 30m HS

The first large gully on the eastern crags with both its left-hand branch, which gives a scrambling descent, and difficult right-hand branch routes proving to be thoroughly miserable places due to vegetation.

First ascent: (01/01/1900) H M Kelly R E W Pritchard 1923

Smirk 38m VD

Climbs the obvious groove 5 metres left and above the start of Quirk.

1 30 m. Climb the two short walls then the groove above to a stance and belay common to Quirk pitch 2.

2 8m The wall and groove on the left lead to the top.

First ascent: (25/02/1975) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Quirk 72m HS

This route climbs the right edge of the right fork of Forked Gully and is very broken in its upper pitches.

1 30 m. Climb the arête for 3 metres, then the shallow groove leading up left to grass ledges. Move delicately right to a second grass ledge and block belays.

2 10 m. From the left-hand end of the ledge step up onto the wall and climb a crack up right to a grass ledge and block belays.

3 22 m. From the left end of the ledge, pull up, then traverse left for 10 metres. Climb up the easy rib to a terrace.

4 10 m. Cross the terrace and climb the left-hand groove, passing a loose but useful finger of rock, then finish up a strenuous groove on the left.

First ascent: (16/06/1974) W E Pattison, S Daghish & J Daghish (p 1 & 2) p3 & 4 W E Pattison, J W Bremner

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Fingers 40m HS

Start 7 metres right of Quirk at a big V-groove.

1 20 m. Climb the slab on the left of the groove and belay as pitch 1 of Quirk.

2 20 m. Traverse right for 5 metres then make an awkward move up right to a good hold. The rib on the right leads up to a terrace.

First ascent: (17/06/1974) J W Bremner W E Pattison, A W Dunn

Left Face Climb 30m S

Between Forked Gully and Rowan Tree Gully is a broken buttress with the following recorded route of indifferent quality.

1 15m . Climb up to the foot of a gangway.

2 15m . Follow the cracks above, step left onto the arête, then back into widening cracks which lead to the top.

First ascent: (25/11/1973) A W Dunn H Jenkins

Toby 30m HS

Start midway between Forked Gully and Rowan Tree Gully at the bottom of a grass ramp. Climb up and trend left avoiding gorse, to a good spike. Step right, pull over a bulge and continue up to the top.

A route has been recorded in the vicinity of *Toby* but could not be traced during excavations and is mentioned purely for the record. ***Right Face Climb (1923)***.

First ascent: (19/06/1974) J W Bremner, W E Pattison, A W Dunn

Rowan Tree Gully 100m MS

The next gully right of Toby gives scrambling in its lower section with two 20 metres high chimneys at the top. The left one being slightly harder. It is worth noting the description from 1945, "The lower reaches of this under-gardened climb suffer from botanical intrusions, and the holds may have to be dug for".

First ascent: 1900 N Collie, W W King, N Brunskill, G B Gibbs 15/4/1892

Clart 21m VS 4b

Start in a small chimney just to the left of the gully between *Lakeland Pioneers* and *Eastern Crag*, about 7 or 8 metres right of *Toby*. Awkwardly climb the chimney for 5 metres, then cross a small heather ledge, and boldly climb a smooth slab for 6 metres to a ledge on the right. Step right to a cracked slab above the gully and climb the crack to the top.

First ascent: (19/04/2003) Sean Johnston, James Foster,

Eastern Crag Lower Buttress

The next buttress right of Rowan Tree Gully is split by a terrace into the Upper and Lower Buttresses.

The Lower Buttress routes are of poor quality being both dirty and broken and at best provide an alternative access to the terrace and the Upper Buttress. Approach from below.

Central Face - Lower Climb 25m S

Start at the pinnacle leaning against the crag.

1 15 m. Climb the crack on the right-hand side of the pinnacle to its top.

2 10 m. The crack above leads to good holds and the terrace.

First ascent: (01/07/1973) H Jenkins, A W Dunn

Other climbs on this buttress.

Several routes have been recorded starting from the grassy bay down and right of Central face - Lower Climb but they are generally broken, dirty and lack direction. In order to avoid any future rediscovery and subsequent disappointment they are briefly described as follows.

Pinnacle Buttress (VS, 1974), from the left side of the grassy bay climb the buttress and grooves trending left to cross the gully at half height, then up broken rock to the top. ***Rib and Groove (VD, 1974)***, start 3 metres right of Pinnacle Buttress and follow the rib running up left to right. Traverse left over a flake, then up a groove to the top. ***Bright Interval (MS, 1974)***, from the right-hand side of the grassy bay climb the crack and slab to a ledge. Climb the wall and crack above to finish up right of a clean wall to the top. ***The Weakest (HS, 1974)***, climb the edge/rib right of *Bright Interval* then cross this route to finish up the clean wall.

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Dexterity 25m HS

Start 3 metres left of the pinnacle at an embedded flake. From the flake, step up left and up to a doubtful flake. Traverse right for 3 metres and up to a good ledge. Climb over a bulge and follow a groove to the top. Several routes have been recorded starting from the grassy bay down and right of the previous route but they are generally broken, dirty and lack direction. Described in order to avoid any future rediscovery and subsequent disappointment.

First ascent: (08/08/2014)

Greendale Needle

About 30 metres right and below the level of the grass bay marking the start of Bright Interval is a pinnacle, conspicuous by its relative cleanliness, this is Greendale Needle. The climbing in this area is generally poor and unrewarding, the only route of any real interest being the Needle itself. Approach directly from below up the broken fellside to join an obvious grassy rake running up right. Follow the ramp to the base of the Needle (30 min).

The Mostest 60m MS

Starts 7m left of Tumbledown Chimney at a groove leading to a grass terrace.

1. 40m. Up the groove then right and follow the slabby corner to a ledge with a small Rowan.
2. 20m. Up the slab and wall above on good holds.

First ascent: (01/06/1975) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Tumbledown Chimney 40m VD

The name says it all. Start 10 metres left of Greendale Needle below a rib.

- 1 15 m. Climb the rib to a good ledge.
- 2 25 m. Climb the chimney on the left, move right to a second chimney, then up this over some doubtful blocks to the top.

First ascent: (11/06/1974) A W Dunn W E Pattison (alt)

Greendale Needle 42m VS 4b

Start from the lowest point of the Needle.

1 25 m (4b). Follow the thin crack up over a square cut overhang to a sloping ledge. Climb the wall above to the top of the pinnacle.

2 17 m (4a). Descend the gap behind the Needle, then go up right to climb an awkward groove trending left.

First ascent: (11/06/1974) W E Pattison, A W Dunn (alt)

Blue Peter 27m HVS 5a

Climbs the steep little buttress formed by the left edge of Greendale Corner. Poor protection. Climb straight up the centre of the buttress on widely spaced holds until a high step can be made onto easier ground. Belays at the top of Greendale Corner.

First ascent: (25/06/1989) W E Pattison, P Buckland

Greendale Corner 27m VS 4c

Start below the obvious corner. Climb straight up the corner to belay at the top.

First ascent: (01/01/1974) W E Pattison A W Dunn 1974

Lower Buttress

Right of Dang-a-Ling

The following routes are found right of *Dang-a-Ling Joint Effort (VD, †, 1974)*, the rib left of a slabby rake. This could not be unearthed during checking. *Kestrel (HS, 1974)* climbs a broken detached buttress on the right, but the approach would deter most. *Bran Flake (HS, 1988)* climbs the obvious curving crack in the small buttress on the right.

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Girdle Traverse 30m VS 4c

Start at the right edge of the wall next to a gully

1.20m 4c. Climb directly up the steep rock for 6m, then traverse left to gain the central groove which is followed up and left to belay on the left edge.

10m 4a. Climb the steep arête to the top.

First ascent: (01/07/1973) W E Pattison J W Bremner

Sheerline 45m HVS 5a

Climbs the steep crack and shallow groove up the centre of the large face. Start at the top of a grassy gangway. Climb onto a grassy ledge then go down and left to the foot of the crack, using 1 nut for aid pull over the overhanging start and continue strenuously up the crack until the angle increases slightly. The steep wall right of the groove leads up past a doubtful flake then step back into the groove, and up this over an overhang to finish up an awkward corner. Easy scrambling to the top.

First ascent: (09/07/1963) R D Brown J A Hartley

MIDDLE FELL - ROUGH CRAG: 350m NY 153 082 NE

This crag and all of its climbs have been archived for good reasons. These details have been taken from the 1996 guide and have not been checked. Many short climbs have been made on the numerous small outcrops that are scattered across the slopes of Middle Fell, some have been recorded, others not. In an attempt to make some sense out of it all a selection of the better outcrops and routes has been included for those wishing to sample what is on offer. The surrounding rocks should not be assumed to be virgin, as many other less worthwhile climbs have been made. Rough Crag is the dark and seldom visited crag lies on the Netherbeck Face of Middlefell. Although the rock is rough and solid it is often buried under a carpet of moss which holds the moisture. The climbs themselves tend to be serious and inescapable.

Park at the disused gravel pit or Netherbeck Bridge and follow the well-worn track up the left side of Netherbeck for 2 km, until a flat area just beyond the waterfall is reached prior to Sandy Gill. Leave the track and go up and back left over a boggy plateau followed by rough ground to the bottom of the crag, which has a deep-cut gully at its left-hand end, and a large square cut overhang on its right-hand side (approximately 1 1/4 hrs). Masochists can go directly up the fell and after 1.5 km be suitably rewarded. The climbs are described from left to right with the descents to the right via a sheep track.

Left Gully Arête 73m S

Climbs the left arête of Rough Crag Gully starting at the bottom of the gully.

1 22 m. Traverse up and left to gain a groove leading to a grassy platform. Pull up into the groove on the arete using a spike, then work up and left to a terrace.

2 35 m. Climb the broken arête above, passing a rowan to belay below a steep rib.

3 16 m. Up the grooved rib to the top.

First ascent: (01/04/1976) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Rough Crag Gully 60m HS

The obvious deep cut gully at the left end of the crag. Vegetated, wet and nasty with an awkward crux.

1 32 m. Over a huge chockstone then easily up the gully to below the narrow vertical crux section. Strenuous moves eventually lead to good holds which allow a difficult pull up to a stance and belay on the right.

2 28 m. The right leaning gully above is climbed followed by easy slabs on the right, then back left to finish up a short gully.

First ascent: (01/03/1976) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Right Gully Arête 62m VS 4b

Good open climbing, in spite of the moss, up the right arête of Rough Crag Gully. Start just right of the gully below a steep mossy slab.

1 36 m (4b). Climb the slab until it forms a pinnacle. Step off this onto a cracked slab and go up to a bay below a groove. Traverse left onto the gully wall then make a high step up to below a slab that leads delicately up to an overlap. Pull right onto a rib then go up left across a slab to an arete. The scoop

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above leads to a terrace and tree belay.

2 26 m. Up a grooved ridge to the top.

First ascent: (09/05/1976) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Icicle 67m VS 4b

A good route up the obvious crack line 5 metres right of Right Gully Arête.

1 23 m (4b). Climb the crack past an awkward section, and then move out left to gain a series of ledges that lead back up right to a terrace below a bulging wall.

2 17 m (4b). From the left-hand end of the terrace step up left onto a large hold then bridge awkwardly up the gangway out right to another terrace and tree belay.

3 27 m. Finish up the grooved slab behind the tree and easy rocks to the top.

First ascent: (01/02/1976) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Cheeky Charlie 65m VS 4c

10 metres up and right from Rough Crag Gully is an obvious, relatively clean, slanting V-groove. After the initial groove the route disappears under the moss. Start at the foot of the V-groove.

1 15 m (4c). Difficult moves up the groove are followed by a pull out left onto a platform. Step back right, across the groove and follow the break diagonally right past a niche to a spike belay.

2 12 m (4b). Climb the steep wall above the spike. Step left into a groove then go up and left to a ledge.

3 26 m (4b). Step down and right, then make an ascending traverse of the steep mossy wall on the right, crossing a bilberry ledge to gain a V-chimney. Climb the chimney.

4 12 m. Easy climbing to the top.

First ascent: (04/06/1978) W E Pattison B Curley J Bremner

Starters 35m MVS 4a

Immediately above the boggy plateau crossed on the approach to Rough Crag is a buttress with an obvious waterslide. The following route climbs the small buttress 4 metres right of this. Start below the steep little wall. Climb the wall working up from left to right to gain a crack leading to a heather ledge. The steep wall above is followed by an awkward mantelshelf out right to the top.

A route of Very Severe standard has been recorded up the broken ground above the finish of Starters and is mentioned for completeness only.

First ascent: (01/12/1975) W E Pattison A W Dunn

Left Hand Buttress 32m VS 4b

Approximately 100 metres above and right of the main buttress of Rough Crag is a band of rock with the following recorded route. Descents possible to the right or left.

Start at an ash tree below a wall on the left-hand side of the crag.

1 20 m (4b). After a difficult start the wall is climbed to a terrace.

2 12 m. Easy rocks lead to the top.

First ascent: (01/06/1982) W E Pattison J Bremner

Forked Lightning Crack 35m HVS 5a

Approximately 100 metres above and right of the main buttress of Rough Crag is a band of rock with the following recorded route. Descents possible to the right or left.

The obvious steep crack line 4 metres right of the right-hand buttress. Start at the sentry box.

1 20 m (5a). Climb the sentry box exiting right to gain the steep crack above and up this to a terrace.

2 15 m (4b). Climb the chimney crack 3 metres right to the top.

First ascent: (01/06/1982) W E Pattison A W Dunn

LATTERBARROW CRAG: 200M NY 127 028 SE

This crag has been archived for good reasons in addition to the lack of access. These details are taken from the 1996 guide and (obviously) have not been checked. This Wasdale outlier of sound granite commands a sunny position in woodland 1 kilometre south of Nether Wasdale. Its Lakeland fringe situation makes climbing possible throughout the year. Though close to the road, the crag is tricky of access, and approaches other than the one recommended are liable to end in rhododendron thickets or larch jungle.

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This is a private crag on private land and at the time of writing there is no agreement for access to climb. The following descriptions are included only for completeness of the record.

Leave cars on the verges near the entrance drive to Stangends on the long, straight section of the Santon Bridge to Nether Wasdale road. Go over the stile opposite the drive and cross the field to its south-east corner where steps mount the wall. After crossing, walk 20 metres right then strike straight up the rough fell side through a thinning in the larch plantation to a ride which permits an approach to the fell summit. Time, about 20 minutes. The main crag lies down right, but the climbs are best attained by scrambling down a heathery rake diagonally left (east) to the belt of slabs marking the northern boundary of the outcrop. A cairn leans against the slabs some 10 metres left of their terminal spur, below the mid-point between 2 scots pine trees growing on top of the crag.

Moss Bros 25m VD

Start at the cairn. Climb the clean streak between the mossy fringes. Take the overhanging finish direct, then trend up right.

First ascent: (11/09/1970) A Shepard A Jones

Rosanna 20m D

Start 4 metres left of Moss Bros. The clean pink slab leads to a steep finish

First ascent: (08/11/1990) D N Greenop

Original Route 15m M

Start below a rounded pink rib 2 metres left of a tree, 13 metres left. The attractive slab is climbable anywhere. A useful descent route.

First ascent: (25/05/1970) A Jones A Shepard

Titivation 20m VD

Start 6 metres left of Original Route at a cairn. Climb the clean streak up the mossy slab to a bulge, then easier rock above.

First ascent: (12/09/1970) A Jones A Shepard

Echappe 17m HS

Start in the prominent right-facing corner 3 metres left of Titivation by a birch sapling and fallen flake. Follow the slabby corner for 9 metres then break out left up the wall via a steep fault line.

First ascent: (20/11/1990) D N Greenop

Nepotism 20m E1 5b

Start 8 metres below and left of the birch and fallen flake of Echappe at a cairn.

1 11 m. Climb up the heathery gangway system on the left wall, then traverse right to a large flake.

2 9 m (5b). Climb the flake then, from its tip, the impending corner above to easy slabs.

First ascent: (01/12/1990) D N Greenop, G Greenop, B J Porter (alt)

Buggerlugs 25m MVS 4b

Start 6 metres down and left from Nepotism at a cairn.

1 15 m (4a). An easy slab to a grass ledge, then directly up the overhang on the right to a glaxis. Traverse right past the pink nose ahead to the big flake of the previous route.

2 10 m (4b). Follow the steep crack line sloping diagonally up the face on the left.

First ascent: (19/09/1970) J Castick, A Shepard (p1 by D N Greenop 20 Nov 1990)

Barber's Route 25m D

Start as for Buggerlugs. A short slab, then the black crack ahead or the rock on either side lead to a ledge.

Continue in the same line up the broken cracks, breaking out left near the top to a clean slabby finish.

First ascent: (30/08/1970) A Barber A Shepard, A Jones

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Tofm Ary 25m D

Start 5 metres down left from Barber's Route at a light-coloured rib. Easy twin cracks lead to a grass ledge, then steeper climbing up the rounded buttress ahead. Finish up the crack sloping diagonally left

First ascent: (08/08/1970) A Jones A shepard

Solo 27m VD

Start 3 metres left of Tofm Ary. A pleasant climb. A series of short walls, then a fine strip of cracked slabs lead to an impending corner. Up this, then scramble up right to the top.

First ascent: (30/08/1970) A Shepard

Et Edcun 25m D

Start at the top of a short grassy rake 3 metres left of Solo. The groove/crack line, finishing up either the prominent black crack or the face to its right.

First ascent: (08/08/1970) A Shepard A Jones

Patriarch's Provenance 30m MS

Start below and immediately left of Et Edcun at the toe of a little subsidiary buttress. Climb the little buttress, then up a steep wall for 3 metres. Step left to a crack system and climb direct to a corner and easier rock.

First ascent: (21/11/1990) D N Greenop

Poacher 25m VS 4c

Start at the back of a little grassy bay 6 metres left of Patriarch's Provenance. The clean wall, following a blackish-green crack system. Poor protection initially. Finish up a crack containing a suspect jammed flake.

First ascent: (19/09/1970) J Castick A Shepard

Turdstool 30m HS

The steep cracked rib 7 metres down left from Poacher. An airy little climb. Follow the rib throughout, passing some dubious jammed blocks.

First ascent: (08/08/1970) A Shepard A Jones

Messalina's Grotto 33m MVS 4b

The big square-cut left-facing hollow just left of Turdstool's steep cracked rib.

1 15 m (4b). A short wall to a lichenous slab, then the corner ahead (sometimes damp), by its right wall to the Grotto.

2 Bridge up the overhanging right corner of the Grotto and finish up short walls on the right.

First ascent: (22/11/1990) D N Greenop

Panegyric for a P.M. 30m MS

Start 3 metres left of Messalina's Grotto.

1 15 m. A short overhang leads to the lichenous slab, then follow an incipient ridge forming the left wall of Messalina's Grotto. Belay where the ridge joins the wall.

2 15 m. The lichenous wall above.

First ascent: (22/11/1990) D N Greenop

The Kafka Syndrome 30m MVS 4b

Start 2 metres left of the previous route. Overhanging steps lead to a ledge with a small bush, then straight up the smooth lichenous wall.

First ascent: (22/11/1990) D N Greenop

Paternity Summons 30m VS 4c

Start about 2 metres left of Kafka Syndrome below two steep corner grooves. Vertical steps lead to a green corner, which is climbed on its right to a small platform. The big, impending corner/groove above is followed by an easier wall.

First ascent: (01/12/1990) C Greenop, D N Greenop, B J Porter

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The Rubicund Rostrum 32m HS

A good climb which uses the prominent black crack running up the right side of the Rostrum, an obvious ruddy detached nose that dominates this part of the crag. Start 4 metres left of Paternity Summons.

1 16 m. Up 5 metres to a little arête followed to a cranny and stunted tree.

2 16 m. Gain the overhanging black crack via its right wall. The crack is easier than it looks and leads to the top of Rostrum. Finish up the exposed rib on the right.

First ascent: (01/12/1990) D N Greenop, C Greenop (var) B J Porter

The Lassitude of Hedonism 34m VD

Takes the corner on the left side of the Rostrum, starting 4 metres left of that route.

1 17 m. Easy steps bearing right, then a short corner to a platform and ancient nest on the left side of the Rostrum.

2 17 m. The steep corner above has good holds. From the top of the Rostrum, climb the wall on the right to an awkward finish. An easier option lies up left.

First ascent: (22/11/1990) D N Greenop

The Ravelled Sleeve 35m VD

Left of the Rostrum area is a vegetated set of slabs, and left again is the crag's bounding spur which is climbed by this route. Start left of the lowest point of the crag at a little orange-red wall. Pleasant climbing up the crest of the ridge, with easier variations possible.

First ascent: (29/11/1990) D N Greenop

The Lycanthrope's Fang 24m MS

From the crag's lowest point, scramble up steeply diagonally left for 14 metres to an overhanging black wall.

1 7m. Up the wall, then diagonally left to a sharp little pinnacle.

2 17 m. From the pinnacle tip, mantelshelf onto the wall beyond. Climb this to a ledge, then bear right and finish up two awkward walls.

First ascent: (08/11/1990) D N Greenop

Eclecticism 78m MVS 4b

A left to right girdle which permits several variations. This line attempts to maintain a reasonable standard.

Start just left of the lowest point of the crag's left-hand side below a little orange-red wall.

1 25 m. Up the broad spur for 13 metres (The Ravelled Sleeve), then break out diagonally right to a stunted tree below an overhanging crack.

2 9m . Traverse right to a shallow steep scoop which is climbed trending right to where an incipient ridge abuts a wall. Descend to the nook of Messalina's Grotto.

3 18 m (4b). Move round to the steep ridge on the right (Turdstool) and follow this route up over its crux to where the angle relents. A flat ledge leads delicately right past a suspect jammed flake in a crack to a stance below a prominent black crack.

4 11 m. Slabbier rock to the right, then trend slightly up right to the wide diagonal crack of Tofm Ary. Belay on a wide ledge.

5 5m . Traverse easily right under the overhang, round the edge to the ledge and big flake of Buggerlugs.

6 10 m (4b). The steep crack line slanting left up the face on the left. (Buggerlugs).

First ascent: (01/12/1990) G N Greenop, B J Porter, C Greenop

LOW ADAM CRAG

200M

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NW

This crag has been archived for good reasons! The details are taken from the 1996 guide and have not been checked.

This crag is an important SSSI, with particularly sensitive ledges of vegetation on the crag.

The only area of relatively clean and stable rock on The Screes, easily identified from the road junction on the opposite side of the lake. The climbing is pleasant and is worth a visit, albeit after a long dry spell. It gives an opportunity to climb on an isolated crag that catches the evening sun in a superb setting overlooking Wastwater.

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The best approach is as for The Scree Gullies starting from the South-west end of the lake but continuing along the lakeside track, through a boulder field then bearing diagonally right along a sheep track up to the base of the crag (1 hour from Wasdale Hall).

All the climbing is on the big steep buttress bounded on its right-hand side by a dirty gully (no descent) and the climbs are described from right to left to suit the approach. To descend follow a sheep track off right, crossing the top of the gully, and continue right for about 100 metres before going down over steep broken ground until level with the foot of the crag.

Thyroxin 60m VS 4c

Interesting open climbing with a good second pitch. Start just left and down from the base of the gully below a steep little subsidiary buttress. Shared belays with Adrenalin on pitches 1 and 3.

1 10 m (4c). Pull over the overhang above the block belay and climb the slab, moving left to a ledge.

2 15 m (4a). Traverse left across the slab then up its left edge to a ledge and large block belay. (Junction with Adrenalin.)

3 20 m (4b). Traverse left as for Adrenalin, negotiate the vindictive holly, then escape into the overhanging crack above, stepping right where the crack widens into a groove and climb it to belays in the steep cracked wall.

4 15 m (4b). Climb the crack above the belay followed by a short steep wall up the ridge. Easy scrambling leads to the top.

First ascent: (24/09/1962) D Elliott W Young

Adrenalin 60m VS 4b

The easiest route on the crag climbing the buttress just left of the large gully until forced out left. Start just left of Thyroxin below a deceptively easy looking crack.

1 10 m (4b). Climb the wall trending left then pull into the crack and up to the ledge.

2 20 m (4b). Climb straight up the rib to a small ledge at 5 metres. Traverse left, descending slightly, passing below a large poised block and continue left across a corner to gain a leftwards sloping gangway. Make an exposed rising traverse left past an ill-tempered holly to gain a ledge at the base of a groove.

3 15 m (4b). Climb the groove above the belay, step delicately out right onto a slab and up to belays in a steep cracked wall.

4 15 m (4b). Traverse right and slightly downward for 5 metres, then climb the crack line above, followed by easier rocks, first out right then back left to a ledge. Easy scrambling leads to the top.

First ascent: (23/11/1958) R Shaw I Clough (alt)

Aspro 47m E1 5b

Steep sustained climbing up the leftwards facing corner and continuation crack line starting about 10 metres left of Adrenalin. Unfortunately the first pitch is mossy and takes a long time to dry out.

1 15 m (5a). Climb straight up the corner and over the strenuous bulge to belays on the right.

2 17 m (5b). Pull into the steep crack above the belay and climb it with an awkward move into the groove above. (Very strenuous but well protected.) Continue up the groove to belays in the steep cracked wall as pitch for 3 of Adrenalin.

3 15 m (4b). As for pitch 4 of Adrenalin.

First ascent: (13/07/1974) I Angell, S Clark (alt) N Barnes A Jackman

Pituitrin 50m VS 4b

A dirty route especially if the large birds nest on pitch 2 has been occupied recently. Start below a thin crack at the right-hand side of the ledge.

1 14 m (4b). Climb the crack and make a difficult landing onto a large grass ledge.

2 18 m (4a). Step off the huge flake above onto the left wall and climb up to just below a ledge containing the bird's nest. Traverse left round a rib and across slabs to a stance.

3 18 m (4b). The groove above leads to the top. Belay well back

First ascent: (03/06/1959) A H Greebank, A D Simpson

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Dexedrin 45m VS 4c

Rated * in 1996.

Good climbing up the shallow bottomless groove left of Pituitrin. Start 5 metres left of Pituitrin at the extreme left end of the fern covered ledge.

1 20 m (4c). Climb the leftwards slanting gangway until it ends and make an awkward step left across a steep little wall to gain the shallow groove. Follow the groove stepping out left at the small black overhang onto a ledge. A good pitch.

2 25 m (4b). The rib above leads to a ledge and junction with Pituitrin. Finish as for pitch 3 of Pituitrin.

First ascent: (01/07/1964) W Young, I Singleton, J Williams

IRON CRAG	250M	NY 156 068	E
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This crag and its climbs have been archived. The details are taken from the 1996 guide and have not been checked. An area of sound rock overlooking Netherbeck Bridge. Only the recorded routes are described but other short easy climbs do exist on the slabs up and right of the buttress. Park at the disused gravel pit or Netherbeck Bridge and go straight up the fellside then follow a stream up to the clean buttress (approximately 20 mins). The climbs are described from left to right with descents on either side.

Iron Crag Ridge 60m D

Start at the left corner of the buttress at a large spike. Follow the ridge taking variations to the right and left with belays as required.

First ascent: (01/11/1973) W E Pattison A W Dunn J Bremner

Iron Crag Buttress 60m MVS 4a

A pleasant climb on good rock. Start 2 metres right of Iron Crag Ridge.

1 30 m (4a). Climb the slab and thin crack to a ledge. Move right and up an awkward corner, then continue over slabs to a rock bay.

2 30 m (4a). The delicate rib on the right leads to a ledge followed by slabs and terraces to the top.

First ascent: (01/11/1973) W E Pattison A W Dunn J Bremner

Right Hand Buttress 60m S

Another pleasant route. Start 7 metres right of Iron Crag Buttress across a grassy bay at a crack.

1 30 m. Climb the crack, move right over slabs then straight up the centre of the buttress to a ledge. Climb the shallow chimney on the left.

2 30 m. Walk 5 metres left and climb the stepped slab, then a groove to a terrace.

Variation 30 m 1973

1a. Climb the mossy slab 5 metres right of the crack, traverse left, then go straight up the centre of the buttress to a ledge. Climb the shallow chimney on the left.

First ascent: (01/11/1973) W E Pattison A W Dunn J Bremner - variation by same party