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Duddon and Eskdale New Routes and comments

Lickle River Crag

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This crag lies on the River Lickle twixt Dunnerdale & Torver. It is easily reached in 10 to 15 mins walk from the farm Stephenson Ground.

Tilly 25m HS/MVS 4a/4b

The centre of the crag is easily identified by a whitish coloured streak. There is at half height, a yew tree to the left and an overhang area to the right. The line of climb follows a direct line up the clean central wall starting from a prominent embedded flake and finishing directly with little variation at the highest point.

Note: There is scope for further development particularly in the overhang/ bulge area for those keen enough to seek out this esoteric crag.

Rick Gordon, Al Blackburn 17/04/2008

"First climbed in 1977 by Dave Hannah, along with a couple of other lines, but not recorded at the time.

Stonestar Crag

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The approach: Not obvious in summer when the bracken is high! To the right of parking area is an old iron fence. A good footpath starts here and leads up to below the crag.

Ppi Cuppa 12m VD*

The rib to the left of Patagonian Penguin gives a pleasant well-protected pitch.

Make a hard start by gaining the front face of the 3 metre pinnacle from the left and climb to its top. Stride across the gap, and finish more easily up the arête.

Jude Osborne, Steve Giles 01/01/2003 via the back of the pinnacle, start added by Stephen Reid, Chris King, 26th August 2004

Patagonian Penguin 13m VS 4c(?)

Start immediately to the right of the 3 metre high pinnacle at the far left of the crag which is just to the left of First Arête. Climb the blocky groove immediately to the right of the pinnacle. Continue up the steepening corner until a small bulge is reached at about 9 metres with a rightward-slanting crackline slightly higher up. Ignoring the crack, make a long stretch rightwards (crux) to a small flake which is used to gain the arête which makes up the top section of the sharp prow. Finish easily.

Not sure of grade. Crux moved seemed about 4c and is just about protected by small wires.

Jonathan Croxford, Jane Cooper 29/09/2002

The Prow'd Penguin 20m E3+6b/c

An insignificant route in the development of the crag/valley, but is nevertheless a thoroughly absorbing experience. Climb Patagonian Penguin for about 10m, until level with the arête of 'The Prow'. Arrange protection and make hard moves right, to gain the insecurity of the arête - finish up this.

Craig Matheson 01/06/2010

First Arête: worth *

Dennis The Menace 23m E36a

A powerful line up the overhanging wall just left of Stonestar Groove. Start at the base of that route. Step out left and climb the mossy slab via a niche to the base of the overhanging wall. Climb the centre of the wall using a spike/pinch and Friend 1/2 slot, then trend up left to a good hand hold high on the left arête (good nut up right). Pull back right and continue up the overhanging wall past a dubious peg to the top.

J Daly, D Geere 09/08/1998

Last Chance Saloon 23m MVS4b

Starts beneath the right end of the square cut overhang of Double Entendre. Climb up onto a fin of rock and continue up the crack above. A tricky move gives access to the right trending crack running parallel to and just left of the top crack of Venezuela, follow this, then finish up the wall above.

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D Geere, J Daly 25/10/1997

Venezuela: worth *. The traverse can be done at two levels.

Riding The Stack 26m E2 5c/6a

A bold but escapable eliminate taking the blank slab between the upper cracks of Venezuela and Columbia. No holds or runners are to be used on any of the parallel routes. Start 2 metres right of Last Chance Saloon. Climb up to and over the middle of a knobbly bulge, where delicate moves lead up to the centre of the Venezuela traverse (wires). Make an awkward rockover onto the slab above, then sustained delicate climbing leads direct up this slab to the highest flake of Challenger (runners on right). Up the last few feet of Challenger to finish.

J Daly, D Geere 25/10/1997

The Breech: may be worth ** and is probably 5c not 5b. It is a much easier and safer proposition than The Challenger.

Vinegar Store E4 6a

A filler in route to right of The Breech. Follow Anchor Handling to the prize jug where the route goes left. Follow the bubbly wall up and rightwards to obvious sidepulls. Finish directly to a very bold and technical finish.

S Wood 09/07/1996

To the right of Vinegar Store lie two prominent clean ribs high up the crag. The next three routes all share a common start below the right hand rib.

Daddy Pigs Out 26m MVS4b/c

Climbs the corner line between the main wall and the left hand rib of Planet Waves. Start as for Hungry Planet. Easily up the blunt rib to a ledge at 7 metres. From its left hand end trend up and left to a shattered ledge, and then climb the stepped corners above finishing direct.

D Geere, J Daly 31/01/1998

Planet Waves 26m E1 5a

Climbs the bold left hand rib; start as for Hungry Planet. Easily up the blunt rib to the ledge at 7 metres. Traverse left round a rib to a corner which is followed up then left to beneath the steepening left hand rib. Climb a short awkward crack, step right, then pull back left to finish up the rib above.

D Geere, J Daly, 31/01/1998

Hungry Planet 26m HVS 5a

A good climb up the right hand rib. Start beneath the rib, 5 metres right of The Breech.

Easily up the blunt rib to a ledge at 7 metres. The steep rib above is climbed on its right side by following a crack through the bulge to gain a niche above. Pull out right to gain the upper slab/wall, then move up and follow a right trending line of footholds to an interesting finish.

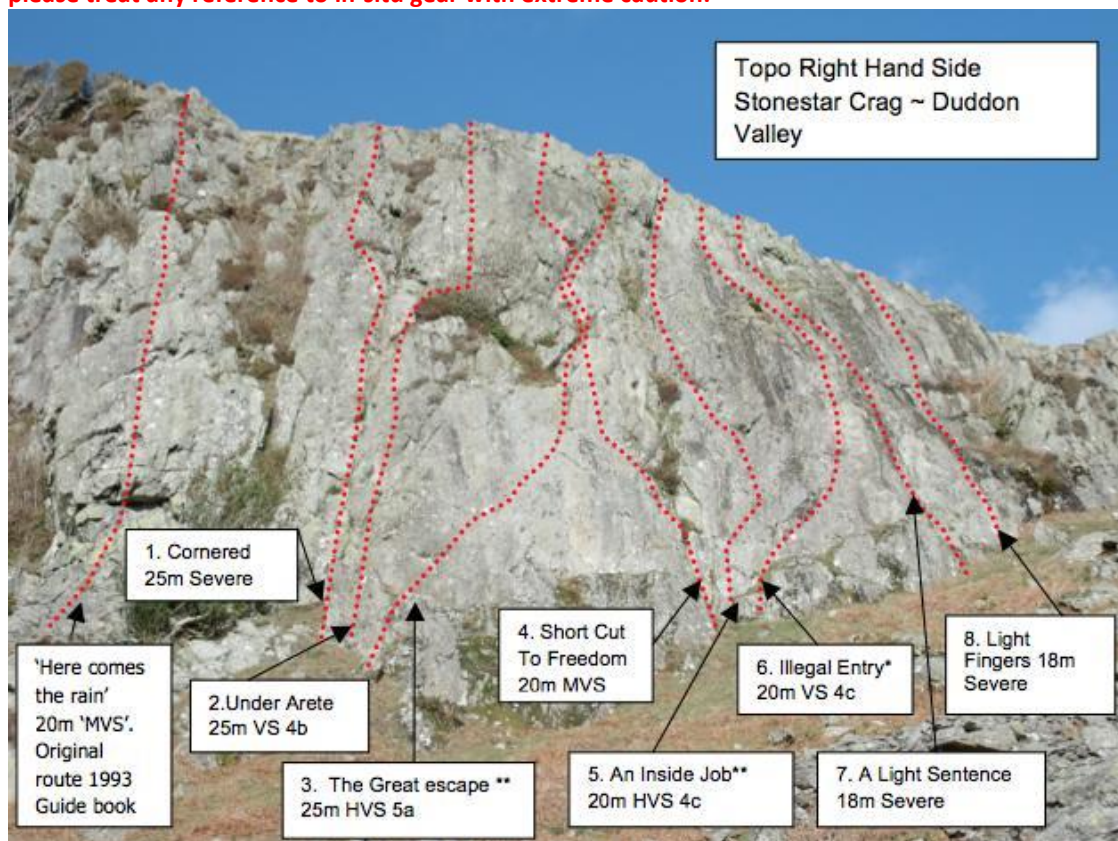
D Geere 23/11/1997

Cornered 25m S

At the right hand side of *Stonestar Crag*, beyond *Here Comes the Rain* is a Holly tree below a dirty chimney/groove. Just right of this is a left-facing clean corner. Start below the corner and climb it directly till adjacent to a tree/heather ledge on the right. Move up and left onto a slab and continue to the top, scrambling rightwards to finish.

Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennet 03/03/2009

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Under Arête 25m VS 4b

A direct climb with a steep finish up the fine hanging groove. Start one metre right of *Cornered* and climb steeply the edge of the buttress overlooking *Cornered* to a junction with that route level with the heather/tree ledge. Move right 2 metres along the ledge until below a hanging groove. Climb this direct with an awkward move to gain the groove, which is followed to the top.

Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 03/03/2009

The Great Escape 30m HVS 4c *

A fine route with some very bold climbing in the first half. Start one metre right of *Under Arête*. Climb the pale pock marked wall diagonally up and right to emerge by a large detached slab of rock lying at the right end of the heather/tree ledge. Pass this and gain a right-facing corner. Above, on the lip of the left edge, is an obvious bracket of rock (the ear); using this pull over leftwards onto the slab above and climb directly to the top.

Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennett 03/03/2009

Short Cut to Freedom 18m MVS

An interesting pitch with an awkward start and spaced protection starting immediately left of *An Inside Job* and climbing the right edge of the superb slab of *The Great Escape*. Make an awkward move up the wall to gain the slab and continue to a junction with *The Great Escape*. Follow *The Great Escape* onto the right-sloping gangway. Where *The Great Escape* moves left, continue up the gangway to the top, moving left to finish up the easier wall above.

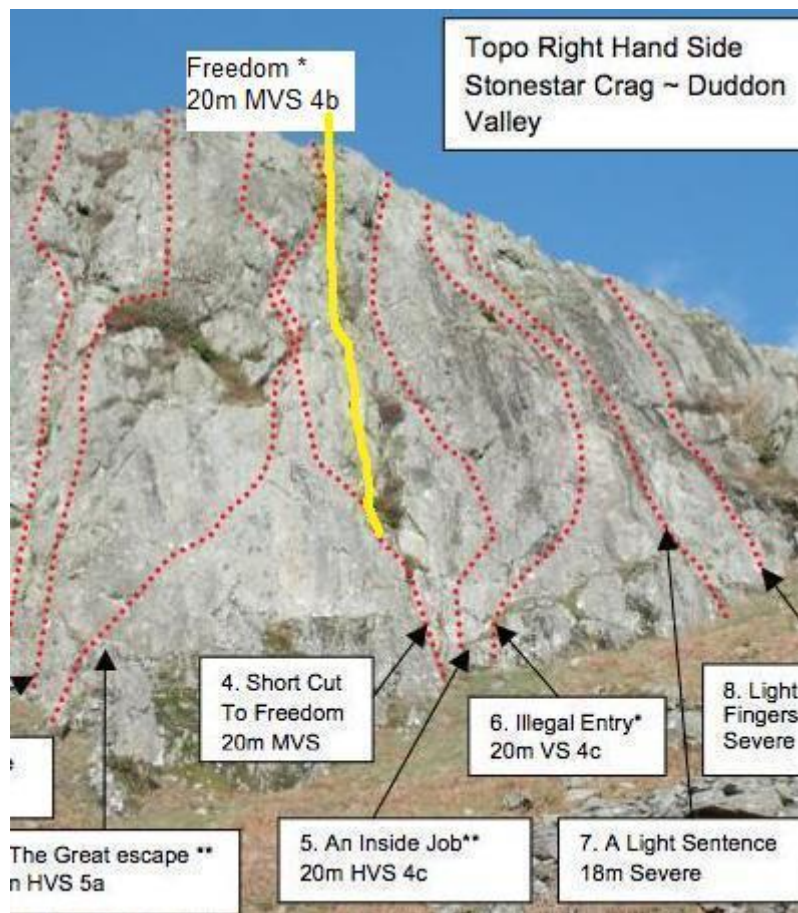
Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 23/07/2009

Freedom 20m MVS 4b *

A straightened out version of *Short Cut to Freedom* providing much better and more direct climbing. The best climbing being on the new central section. An awkward starting move up a short wall to gain the slab (*Short Cut to Freedom* trends left here). Now climb the right side of the steep wall above passing to the right of an obvious large flake. Then climb directly above keeping just left of a heathery groove to the top.

J Daly D Hannah 23/11/2014

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An Inside Job 25m HVS 4c**

About 10 metres right of *The Great Escape* is a dirty vegetation-choked chimney. Another bold, but satisfying route, which starts just right of the chimney (minimal protection in the first half). Climb the wall directly passing two small overhangs on the left. The wall merges with an open right-facing corner, follow this to the top.

Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston 22/03/2009

Illegal Entry 20m VS 4c *

A fine piece of steep slab climbing, but with a bold start, with adequate protection above. Start just right of *An Inside Job*. Climb diagonally right and up following the obvious clean slab line, which after reaching half height curves back leftward towards the open corner of *An Inside Job*, to finish about 2 metres to the right of that route.

Martin Scrowston, Paul C Bennett 22/03/2009

A Light Sentence 18m MS

A pleasant if somewhat bold pitch for its grade. Start below a narrow spiky ledge about 5 metres right of *Illegal Entry*. Climb onto the ledge and straight up the wall above via a short thin crack. Follow the slab to a narrow left-slanting corner, go up this and the short wall to the top.

Andrew Loxham, Jim Loxham 20/07/2009

Light Fingers 18m S

A bold pitch with some good climbing whose difficulties increase with height. Start one metre right of *Light Sentence* at the extreme right end of the crag.

Climb up and rightwards to a bay below a steep groove. Climb the groove direct to finish via a fine finger pocket.

Freya Scrowston, Martin Scrowston 22/09/2011

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Stonestar South 203 907

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From the right side of *Stonestar*, the crag is a 5 minute walk across the fellside, or from the farm just before you reach *Stonestar* heading into the Duddon you can walk up the fellside from the road (limited parking). Follow a line of telegraph poles for 5 minutes. The crag is south-facing, sheltered and enjoys lots of sun.

Stonestar South

1. Rock Solid
2. Adios Gary Cooper
3. Vera Cruz
4. The Plainsman



Lonesome Cowboy 15m S*

Ascends the slabs at the left end of the buttress just right of a tree filled gully.

Climb a short slab via two conspicuous pockets, step right and follow the main slab to a ledge. The knobbly wall above leads to another large ledge, step left and follow the rough arête to finish.

Martin Scrowston, (solo) 17/07/2013

Rock Solid 13m S

Start at the left side of a protuding rib in the centre of the crag. Climb rightwards to gain the rib and follow this direct on large holds, moving right to finish.

Martin Scrowston (solo) 23/03/2010

Adios Gary Cooper 13m E1 5b**

Start at a bulging wall where a crack goes up to a dwarf holly. Ascend the steep wall right of the crack to gain a small ledge by the holly. Climb the wall above the holly direct to the top.

Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston 30/03/2009

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Vera Cruz 13m HVS 5a *

Right of *Adios Gary Cooper* is a small slanting groove. Make committing moves up the groove and wall to a ledge (escape possible). Follow the steep slab on the left and make an awkward move to mount the perched block above. Step up and left to a pleasingly exposed finish.

Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston 30/03/2009

The Plainsman 16m VD

Although escapable throughout, an interesting excursion with some fine rock architecture. Start at a slab 2 metres right of *Vera Cruz*. Climb the slab and easy ground rightwards leading to the ridge. Follow this on superbly rough rock to the top.

Paul C Bennett, Jim Loxham 30/03/2009

Crowless Foot 13m VS 4b/c

Start a few feet right of *Rock Solid* on the right side of the blunt rib'. Pull steeply over the slight bulge to gain the hanging scooped groove. From the top of this move awkwardly up the rib just right of the vegetated groove (containing a tiny tree) to a small ledge. Continue direct to join and finish up *Rock Solid*.

Simon Needham, Denise Forster 09/08/2014

Bertha the Unpredictable 13m HVS 5a *

Right of *Lonesome Cowboy* is a steep wall and the first line of weakness in this are slim twin grooves, from the L-hand of which springs a crack leading up to a higher shallow groove. Pull over the initial juggy bulge a few feet left of the slim grooves, then step right and up them and the continuing crack to an awkward move into the continuing less steep groove. Finish via a flake crack in the same line.

Simon Needham, Denise Forster 09/08/2014

Wallowbarrow Crag

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The farm has a new tenant. He is happy for climbers to park as before and is intending to open up a bunkhouse within two years.

West Buttress

Peter 30m VS 4c

Start 2 metres right of *The Leaf*. Follow the right-slanting groove line to the rib just above the undercut. Climb the rib directly until joining up with *The Leaf* which is followed to the top.

Recorded by Tony Faraday, Bryony White, Tom Walkington, 28th August 1999, climbed previously.

Western Traverse 50m HVS 5a

A fine eliminate style main pitch is the highlight of this climb. Start just left of the easy initial rib of *Malediction Direct*.

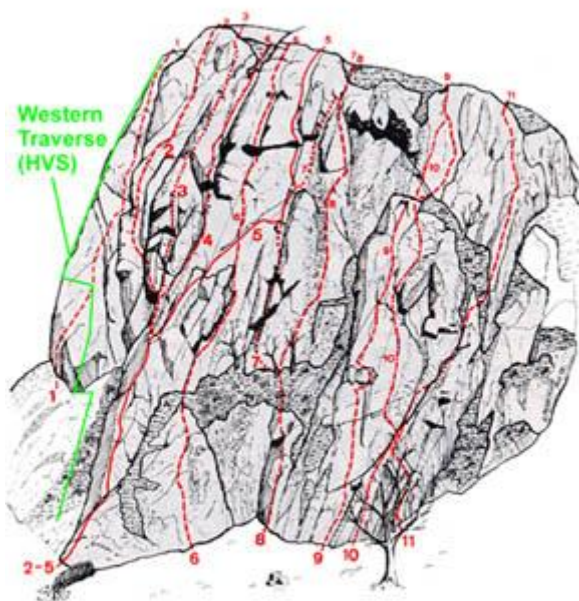
1 35m (5a). Scramble up steep heather for 20 metres to the foot of the buttress, some 5 metres under the hanging groove of *Malediction Direct* (wire). Traverse 2 metres left on heather and climb onto a large perilously poised block (which has now joined its fellows on the scree! This will probably make the start a bit harder, if not impossible) Steep moves over the bulge above and up the rib/groove (Micro-Friends) lead to a good resting point and junction with *Western Wall*. Make a few moves directly up the wall (as for *Western Wall*) to a good Friend slot and wires, and then traverse horizontally left on excellent fingerholds, passing just under a shallow scoop, to gain a good foothold on the rib on the left. Follow the rib more easily to a good stance.

2 15m (4b). Climb the wall just right of the stance to heather, then gain and follow the rib above (just right of the final groove of *The Leaf*). Either belay directly, or run the rope out and sit down in a hollow in lieu of anchors!

First ascent: (14/06/2003) SJH Reid, J Campbell (AL),

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**WALLOWBARROW CRAG
- West Buttress**



1 Western Wall	MVS	7 Pomgranate	VS
2 Malediction Direct	VS	8 Perseverance	VS
3 Each Peach	HVS	9 Thomas	S
4 The Plum	VS	10 Kestrel	HVS
5 Bryanton	MVS	11 Merlin	HS
6 Raspato	E3		

Malediction Direct - Alternative Start VS 4b

The following eliminate makes a good alternative start to all the routes which share the first pitch of *Malediction Direct*. Start as for *Malediction Direct*. Scramble up grass to the left of the broken rib of *Malediction Direct* for 10m to a smooth slab on the left side of the rib. Climb the slab to two stacked blocks and finish directly up the slim groove above.

First ascent: (07/11/2003) SJH Reid, C King Definitely done before - but worth recording

Contradiction 30m HVS 5a

An eliminate starting left of *Malediction* at a recess with an overhang split by a crack. Either scramble up to the base of the recess, or do the first pitch of *Malediction* and traverse left. Climb up first on the left of the recess, then on the right. Pull over directly on to the steep buttress and continue directly to the top, deviating neither left nor right.

First ascent: (02/05/1998) Bob Bennett, Maggie White

Serendipity 49m VS 4c

Well protected.

1 24m Climb the rib of *Malediction Direct*.

2 25m (4c). Climb directly up for approximately 3m to the right side of the pillar, then traverse left onto the front of the pillar and climb this direct, Belay on the left as for *Malediction Direct*.

First ascent: (30/08/1998) Paul C Bennett, Roger Whittle

Each Peach: is fairly easy VS (4c just) not HVS (5a) as in the guide - worth a star though

The Skyline Rib: hard for the grade and worth a star. May be HVS

West Buttress Girdle: An excellent adventure but a bit spicy for MVS and recommend the full VS grade and an upgrade of pitch 2 to 4c.

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Malediction Direct: In the 1994 guide the length is wrong for pitch 2 should be 25m.
East Buttress

Nameless/Grey Wall - Alternative Finish 40m S 4a

From the stance at the foot of Pitch 3 of *Nameless*, traverse diagonally leftwards to a large poised block on the arête and surmount this to a slab which is climbed rightwards to an arête. Climb the arête on its left side and the easier rib above to a small roof. Pull directly over this and go up leftwards to a stance.
Probably done before.

First ascent: (07/11/2003) SJH Reid, C King,

Marilyn: Pitch 4 talks of a large diagonal break, but it is actually a large ramp

Good Friends E2 5a

Climb the wall left of *Digitation* (left of the corner of *Vegetation*) direct. From the corner step left onto the face and climb to a break/small overlap (shallow Friend), then direct to a big ledge. Finish up another route.

First ascent: (03/07/1999) Dave Douglas, Jon Kerr, Mark Saddler

Vegetation 50m VS 4c

The following route was omitted from the guide - the name gives a clue to it's quality! Start in the corner left of *Digitation*.

1 40m (4a) Climb the corner to the overlap, pull out left and climb leftwards, passing to the right of a bulge, then climb over a split perched block on the left edge. Follow the mossy slab direct to *Oak Tree Terrace*.

2 10m (4c) 2m left of the holly is a steep crack. Climb this then pull up right to a good ledge. Climb the steep mossy corner above, finishing right, at the top of *Digitation*.

First ascent: (11/06/1978) WE Pattison, S Yearsly, J Williams

Oak Tree Slab 30m VS 4c

The normally disgustingly slimy, wet and unattractive wall immediately left of *Digitation* is climbed direct to the big oak tree. A couple of neat moves at about 6 metres constitute the crux. Protection is adequate, the rock solid, and it is totally independent of *Digitation*. It would clean up nicely with traffic but is probably only doable in a drought. "Could be the same as *Vegetation*?"

First ascent: (19/04/2003) Rick Gordon, G Dearlove

Toad In The Wall 25m E2 5c

From the oak tree on *Oak Tree Slab/Digitation*, drop down about 7 metres to a heavily moss-covered boulder. There is a hole (about Friend 2 size) at face height in the wall. Levitate with difficulty to a black jug at about 4 metres, pull left on small holds into a vague green groove, and ascend to a junction with *Logan Stone Route*, and a rest. Continue up to bulging rock and surmount the overhang/bulge by a breach on the left (Friend 3 or 3.5). Pull up and right to finish on flatties. All a bit friable, pumpy and most entertaining!!!

First ascent: (25/05/2003) Rick Gordon, Gordon Hutchinson

Digitation Direct Finish 30m VS

Climb to the overlap on *Digitation* and instead of pulling over leftwards, pull over rightwards and climb straight up the left side of the bulge to the belay. Bold climbing.

First recorded ascent: (16/06/2010) Paul C Bennett, Roy Barr

Agitation: (MVS in the guide) as one climber said "Nothing much Mild about that!" Probably deserves VS 4c, 4c with bold climbing on both pitches.

Agitation: There is also an alternative start which avoids the large grass ledge. Start as for the original but, instead of going left, continue up the corner then step right and up to a ledge. Surmount a bulge on the left and traverse leftwards to below the long narrow overlap.

W.E Pattison (solo) May 1994

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Digitation/Agitation Third Pitch 12m S 4a

A third pitch to *Digitation/Agitation* which may have been done before, but shows no signs of traffic. 12m 4a. Step up from the belay (end pitch 2) into a grassy niche and climb onto the square block on the left. Continue up the short wall to a grassy ledge. Step left and finish up the clean right wall of the mossy V-groove/corner. Good rock and protection - all better than it looks from below.

First ascent: (23/09/2012) Roger Wilkinson, Adrian Perkin

Placoderm 66m VS 4c *

Start one metre right of *Agitation* at a recessed slab below a small overlap. Recorded as being much better than it looks, and indeed better than its near neighbour *Agitation* and almost as good as *Digitation*. 1 48m. Climb up to the overlap pull over on positive holds passing the quartz fish bones. Move up rightwards pass the second overlap and follow the right hand edge of the crag to the oak tree. 2 18m. Climb the cracked rib on the right end of the grey wall to a large grassed ledge. Finish up the fine wall above.

First ascent: P1 (05/05/2010) Martin Scrowston, Paul C Bennett; P2 Mike Hope and Martin Scrowston 8/05/2010.

The following routes are on a short impressively overhanging right-angled wall at the very top right hand end of the main crag. The best approach is up the path between the *East Buttress* and the *Far East Buttress*; the wall is on the left at the top of the path. Good pump challenges on compact rock. Routes described from left to right.

Action Man 8m E3 5c

Climb the central corner crack to gain the ramp above. Up this rightwards or finish direct. Good gear, good holds, but can you get on the ramp?

First ascent: (13/09/1999) J Daly (unseeded),

Flashpoint 8m E3 6a

Climbs the impressive overhanging layback crack just left of the central corner of *Action Man*.

First ascent: (24/01/1998) J Daly, D Geere,

The next route starts 5 metres right of *Action Man* where a 2.5 metre high triangular spike lies compacted against the face. A fine pitch for the connoisseur of impending rock.

Space Cowboy 10m E4 6a

Climb the spike and awkwardly gain the diagonal crackline above (peg and small rocks), hand traverse it rightwards to a jug on the arête, then finish directly above.

First ascent: (29/04/2000) J Daly

A route *Hidden Razor* was claimed in this vicinity, but the description and length bear no resemblance to the routes on this wall. As both *Flashpoint* and *Space Cowboy* required some essential cleaning to reveal crucial holds and protection prior to their ascents, neither route could have been climbed before. 43

Hidden Razor 13m E4 6a

At the top of the gully is a short overhanging outcrop. Start in obvious first wide crack, then come across diagonal flakes to make long move on the top of ramp. Finish direct.

First ascent: (27/07/1997) Tony Simpson, Andy Chapman

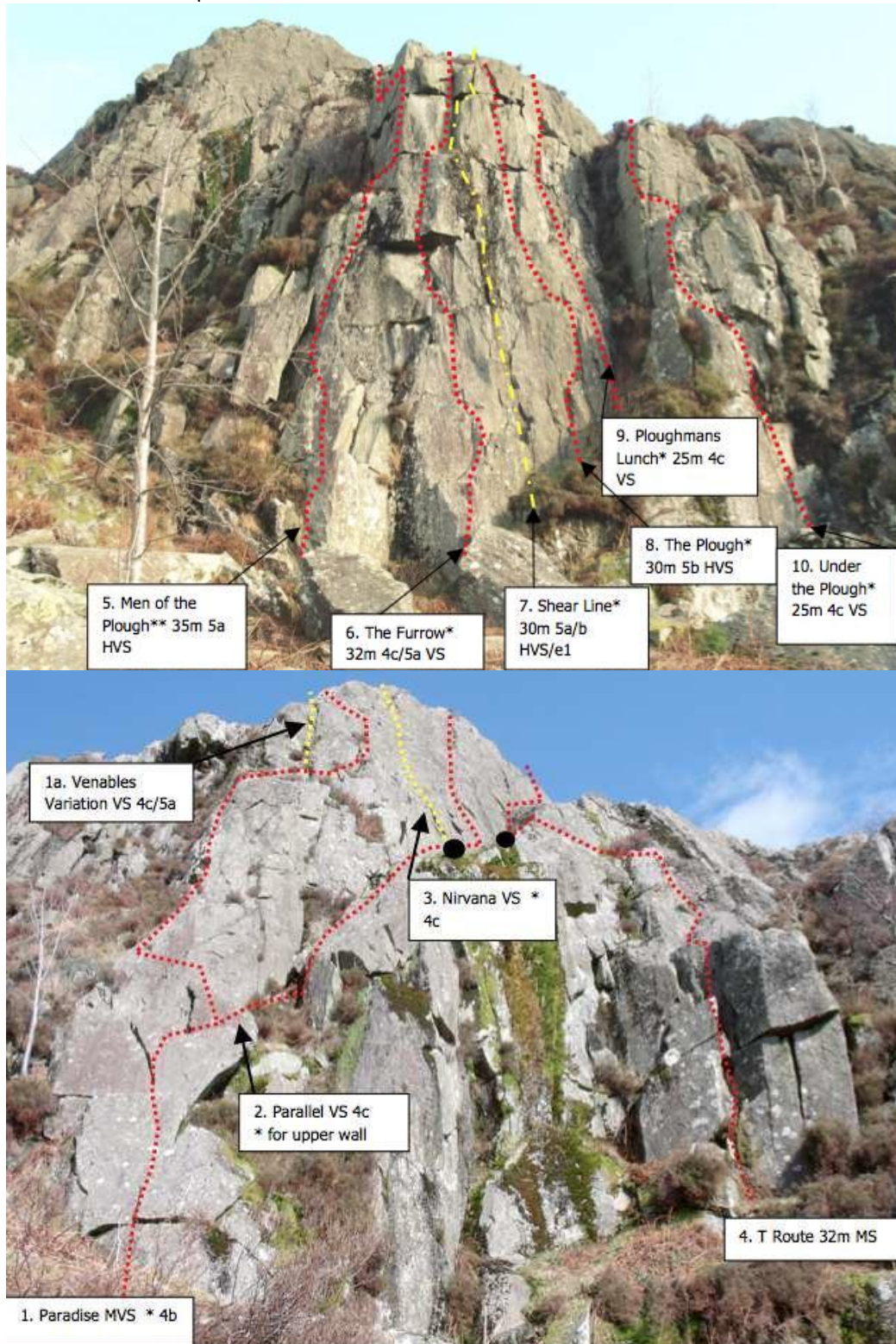
Nameless MS: Description of pitches 1 and 2 in 1994 guide are not helpful. Description in new selected guide goes too far the other way and not helpful either. Suggest: Climb pitches 1 and 2 together. Suggested description: 'Climb the groove to an awkward exit at a spike runner (possible belay above). Traverse left across a mossy slab to a groove. Move up the groove and swing onto steep face on the left. Climb leftwards to a small spike runner, then right up a groove. Finish up left to a belay ledge'. I don't think the comment about sparse protection is warranted. I got a hex and two wires in the groove below the spike runner

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Far East Buttress

Paradise: overgraded at most, MVS 4b

"I was talking to the first ascensionist of this climb and he told me they actually named it "Paradise" as there were some Paratroopers in the area at the time.



Paradise; Venables Variation: VS 4c/5a

Climb the steep crack direct to a heathery finish).

First ascent: (29/07/2000) Paul C Bennett (solo),

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Nirvana 18m VS 4c*

Good climbing taking the steep wall right of *Paradise* and left of *Parallel*, with adequate protection. Climb the first pitch of *Parallel* or traverse in from the right. Climb the wall just right of the flake and just left of *Parallel* direct to the top.

First ascent: (18/03/2011) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

Parallel: "In 2008 this showed no signs of ever being climbed, which is sad as the top pitch (4c, not 4b) is a little gem.

Shear Line 30m HVS 5a *

The obvious thin crack that runs down the wall right of *The Furrow*. Start 2 metres right of *The Furrow*. Ascend the steep wall to access the crack and follow this to a bulging wall. Step left to gain the large ledge of *The Furrow*. Move up then back right to finish up the wide crack. The bulging wall can be climbed direct at a much harder grade.

First ascent: (27/03/2012) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

A direct finish was also climbed to give a fine sustained line at HVS 5a/E1 5b.

First ascent (22/5/12) Mike Hope. Martin Scrowston

Men of the Plough 35m HVS 5a *

An excellent pitch, giving sustained, but well protected climbing and complimenting the two other routes (*The Furrow* and *The Plough*) on this part of the buttress. It starts 2 metres left of *The Furrow* at the lowest point of the buttress and follows the left-bounding arête of the buttress. Step right onto the blocky arête and follow the crest to a small heather ledge at 25 metres. Climb the vertical crack on the right and make a bold series of moves (crux) to gain the horizontal crack at foot level. Traverse delicately left for 2 metres to a short undercut crack and follow this to the top.

First ascent: (05/08/2011) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennett

Ploughman's Lunch 30m VS 4b *

A good sustained pitch that climbs the right side of the mossy wall. Start one metre right of *The Plough* at the top of the grassy ledge. Awkward moves up a short pillar lead to the wall above. Climb this directly on good holds to a large ledge. Using the large jammed flake, make some exciting moves to reach the top.

First ascent: (31/08/2011) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

Shark's Fin Scoop: "A serious pitch that could possibly merit HVS to reflect the ground fall potential from the crux. It should, however, be obvious from the ground that there's no prospect of gear higher up in the scoop, and the guide does describe it - albeit disingenuously - as an "exciting sojourn" where "protection is limited"

Under the Plough 25m VS*

Star about 6m right of the *Plough* and immediately right of the dry stone wall. A pleasing and technical pitch towards the top of its grade. Climb the corner and arête above to a ledge. Move left onto the next arête via a hidden side hold and climb directly to the top.

First ascent: (19/03/2012) Martin Scrowston Jim Loxham Paul C Bennet

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Main Buttress

Harry Patch - Last Man Standing 36m HS

A reasonable route with much variety. Start by the big flake, just right of *Yspty*.

1 10m. Layback the right side of the flake until a bum-cheek rest gives some relief. Stand on top of the flake and move up to the ledge.

2 17m. Above the belay is a chimney corner (a potential variation finish for *Yspty*). Climb the left side of a detached block to the right of this feature, and then traverse right across its crest to belay at the upper holly tree.

3 9m. Pull directly through the tree (not too prickly!) and climb the rounded arête above directly to the top.

In 2007 Harry Patch was the last surviving veteran who served in the trenches of the First World War. This route commemorates him

First ascent: (13/04/2008) A Phizacklea, JL Holden (Var)

Hangover Direct First Pitch 13m HVS 5b *

This is a good natural line which climbs directly up to the tree belay at the top of the first pitch of Hangover. Climb the steep wall (crux) to enter the open corner at 4 metres. Up the right wall of the corner to a shallow groove, then move round to the ledge on the right edge. Up a short corner and slab to the tree belay.

First ascent: (08/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

Leprechaun Super Direct 40m E1 5b/c **

1 9m (4b). As for Leprechaun.

2 31m (5b/c). Climb the thin crackline (crux) in the steep short wall 2 metres right of the corner of pitch 2 of Leprechaun. Continue up the sloping ledge for 4 metres to a short overhanging corner (possible belay on a tree up to the right). Up the corner then up to the (right) traverse on the top pitch of Leprechaun. Climb straight up the wall, passing a large hidden flake, to reach the left traverse on Leprechaun. Continue straight up the wall in the area of a feint crackline (bold but not technically difficult) to the top.

First ascent: (17/04/2002) Tom Walkington, Eric Barnes

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Leprechaun; found to be undergraded, at least top end VS, possibly HVS due to bold start

Upper Tier

Peter Rabbit 17m S 4c

Immediately above the main buttress about 25m left of Off Yer Rocker is a large dead tree at the foot of a blunt rib. The following routes are described with reference to the tree. Climb the rib directly behind the tree.

First ascent: (18/04/1998) M Lynch, I Wall

Jeremy Fisher 16m VD

The cleaned crackline 3 m right of the tree.
"worth doing but needs a bit of traffic"

First ascent: (18/04/1998) I Wall, M Lynch

The next route starts at the same point as Jeremy Fisher (just right of the dead tree, 25m left of Off Yer Rocker).

Roger Rabbit 15m MVS 4c/5a

Climb easily up rightwards to the right end of an overhang at 6 metres, a one move crux over this and a short slab above lead to the top.

First ascent: (28/12/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Tom Kitten 17m S

Takes the arête 13m right of the tree.

First ascent: (18/04/1998) M Lynch, I Wall

Squirrel Nutkin 16m MVS

Start 2 m left of the tree. Climb the wall and the right facing square corner above.

First ascent: (18/04/1998) M Lynch, I Wall

Jemima Puddleduck 16m VS

Start 7m left of the tree at a blunt rib on the right of a grassy gully. Climb the rib and the obvious steep groove above.

First ascent: (18/04/1998) M Lynch, I Wall

Crispy Duck 16m VS 5a

Start beneath a slabby wall 6 metres left of Jemima Puddleduck. Without using the right arête, climb the technical wall direct to a shallow depression and flake edge at 8 metres. Finish directly above this.

First ascent: (26/02/2000) J Daly, D Geere

Fair Bird 13m MS

Just left of *Pigling Bland*, climb a narrow slab with a small overlap about 2 metres up.

First ascent: (06/05/2006) Paul C Bennett (solo),

Approximately 40m to the left of the tree is an obvious cleaned arête

Pigling Bland 13m HS

Poorly protected.

First ascent: (18/04/1998) I Wall, M Lynch

Footloose 16m HVS 5a

The next three routes start beneath a large right facing corner some 6 metres left along a ledge from the bottom of *Venus Arete*. After a delicate start the obvious leaning right-facing corner is climbed in its entirety. Easy slabs above lead to a large flake belay.

First ascent: (15/01/2000) J Daly, D Geere

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Fancy Free 16m HVS 5a

Climb half way up the corner of *Footloose*, then pull out left to a ledge and finish up the arete/wall above.

First ascent: (23/04/2000) J Daly

The Drop Zone 18m E2 5c

An excellent delicate route climbing the clean wall right of the corner of *Footloose*. Start up *Footloose* then climb delicately out rightwards across a smooth slab to a triangular nose at its right end. The wall above the nose is then climbed to the top. Easy slabs above lead up left to a flake belay.

First ascent: (15/01/2000) J Daly, D Geere

Pride 10m VD

The short corner just right of the top pitch of *Wounded Land*.

First ascent: (13/04/2008) JL Holden, A Phizacklea

White Gold 10m E2 5c *

Start at the right side of the mossy slab taken by the 2nd pitch of *Wounded Land*. Climb the mossy slab to the overlap, then make technical moves up the hanging right arete of the slab above. Easier moves lead to the top.

First ascent: (26/05/2014) George North and Peter Metcalfe

The Flying Zucchini: This climb seems to have been swamped by an oak tree and no longer appears climbable.

Venus Arête: "Excellent route but seemed a little on the bold side for the first few metres. Moving in to about 1/3 height from the ramp line / break about 5m left (as suggested?) appears much easier but spoils the strong natural line and misses some of the best moves. "

Upper Tier – Multiple route claims.

The following routes have also been recorded on the Upper Tier. However it seems likely that many of the above have been done before, mainly by I.Wall and M.Lynch (see above). The more obvious clashes are listed below:-

Andys Rib = Peter Rabbit.

Cracked Slab = Jeremy Fisher.

Overlap Slab = Roger Rabbit.

Eric's Rib = Tom Kitten.

Corrie's Groove = Jemima Puddleduck.

Banana Rib/Groove? is probably 'Crispy Duck' with the easier crack/rib start

Banana Rib 20m HS *

Start 10 metres left of *Andy's Rib*. This route climbs the wall with a curved groove in its upper section.

Start up a wide crack then step left onto a rib. Climb up to a curved groove which is followed to a ledge.

Continue up slabs to block belays on the left.

First ascent: (12/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Nick Evans

Corrie's Groove 14m VS*

The wall and grooveline just right of a vegetated V-groove. Start 4 metres right of *Banana Groove*.

Climb the wall and open groove to a small overhang. Continue straight up the V-groove (crux) to the top.

First ascent: (12/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Nick Evans

Heather Groove 14m MVS

Start 2 metres right of *Corrie's Groove*. Climb a broken groove to stand on a pointed block at 8 metres, below an overhang. Step up right then continue up slabs to the top.

First ascent: (12/05/2002) Nick Evans, Tom Walkington

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Heatherless Groove 14m S

The clean rightward-facing groove between *Heather Groove* and *Andy's Rib*. Gain the crack in the slab from the left then continue up the groove and slabs to the top.

First ascent: (18/03/2008) Tom Walkington, Cliff Brown,

Andy's Rib 14m S *

Start at the dead tree 3 metres right of Heather Groove. Climb straight up the rib.

First ascent: (04/05/2002) Andy Clough, Tom Walkington

Cracked Slab 14m VD

Just right of *Andy's Rib*, follow the crackline up the slab.

First ascent: (04/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Andy Clough

Overlap Slab 14m M

Start 2 metres right of Cracked Slab. Climb direct up the slab going over the overlap at 6 metres.

First ascent: (04/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Andy Clough

Nick's Groove 14m MVS

This is the groove just right of *Overlap Slab*.

First ascent: (12/05/2002) Nick Evans, Tom Walkington

Tom's Slab 14m S

Start 3 metres right of *Nick's Groove*, right of the vegetated gully. Climb the slab finishing just left of some heather.

First ascent: (12/05/2002) Tom Walkington, Nick Evans

Eric's Rib 17m S

This route climbs the clean rib just right of *Tom's Slab*.

First ascent: (08/05/2002) Eric Barnes, Tom Walkington

Cornflake Buttress

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Glittering Prize: undergraded, should be E3?

Unforgiven 31m E4 6a

The shallow groove in the wall right of The Heel. Start from the flat topped flake.

1. 21m (6a) Climb the left rib of the groove to a slanting overlap at 6 metres. Continue in the same manner to a small ledge. Utilize a suspect flake to surmount a short wall and follow easier rock to a belay just left of a thin, overhanging crack.

2. 10m (6a) The thin overhanging crack in the headwall provides a testing finish.

First ascent: (11/05/1995) T Thompson, R Southall (alt)

Pen

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A much neglected rounded buttress hidden in the trees on the opposite side of the river from the *Tower of Flints*. The crag has now come of age and sports an excellent selection of climbs to suit all tastes and standards. The crag also has the advantage of receiving all the afternoon sun.

Approach either from High Wallowbarrow farm by following the path towards Seathwaite. At the stone foot bridge across the river Duddon, follow the path up steam until under the crag and strike directly up to reach the foot of the crag. Alternatively take the public path from the Newfield Inn which leads towards High Wallowbarrow farm. Cross the beck and follow this path avoiding the right turn off the path to Seathwaite Buttress, just beyond the Dam and sluice gate. Approx 25m further on, diagonally cross (if dry) a flat boggy area. If wet continue to a low lying line of rocky bluffs and contour rightwards, aiming for a ruined dry wall and a central gap. Follow a feint trod uphill passing a number of small bluffs on the way. Continue past a large ancient holy tree and look out for a good sound dry stone wall above and right, continue climbing on a parallel

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line until beneath the wall. Stay on the woodland side of the wall and follow it directly with a short descent to the base of the crag, where a dry wall abuts the crag (20mins approx. for both approaches). The rock immediately above is very vegetated, but the right hand side of the crag around the toe of the buttress is clean and sports some worthwhile and hard test pieces. The left part of the crag (river facing and left of the wall) contains some superb pitches of all grades.

The first routes described are on the river facing section of the crag and lie 50m left and up from the lowest point of the crag and beyond the dry stone wall. The routes are described from left to right facing the crag. There is a good gathering point below the first route.

A much neglected buttress hidden in the trees.

After some cleaning a number of the routes were found to be worthwhile- Citadel E3 5c and Bastille E2 5c have cleaned up nicely and worth doing. Ripples and A Quick One are much further round to the left of the toe of the buttress than 25m as described in the guide- more like 50-60m.

Of the new routes described here they all needed a good clean- The Fat Controller we thought more like VS 4b than HVS 5a and Velvet Underground (cleaned now and definitely worth a star) top end of E1 5b rather than HVS 5a/b- gear good but spaced and good climbing.

Main Crag

The following four routes all finish at the same belay point, where it is possible abseil back down from the large flake.

Pensive 25m VS4b *

An excellent pitch which follows the line of the jagged corner left of *A Quick One*. Start one metre left of *A Quick One* and climb the slab and corner direct to a wide flake crack, which is followed to the top of the pillar.

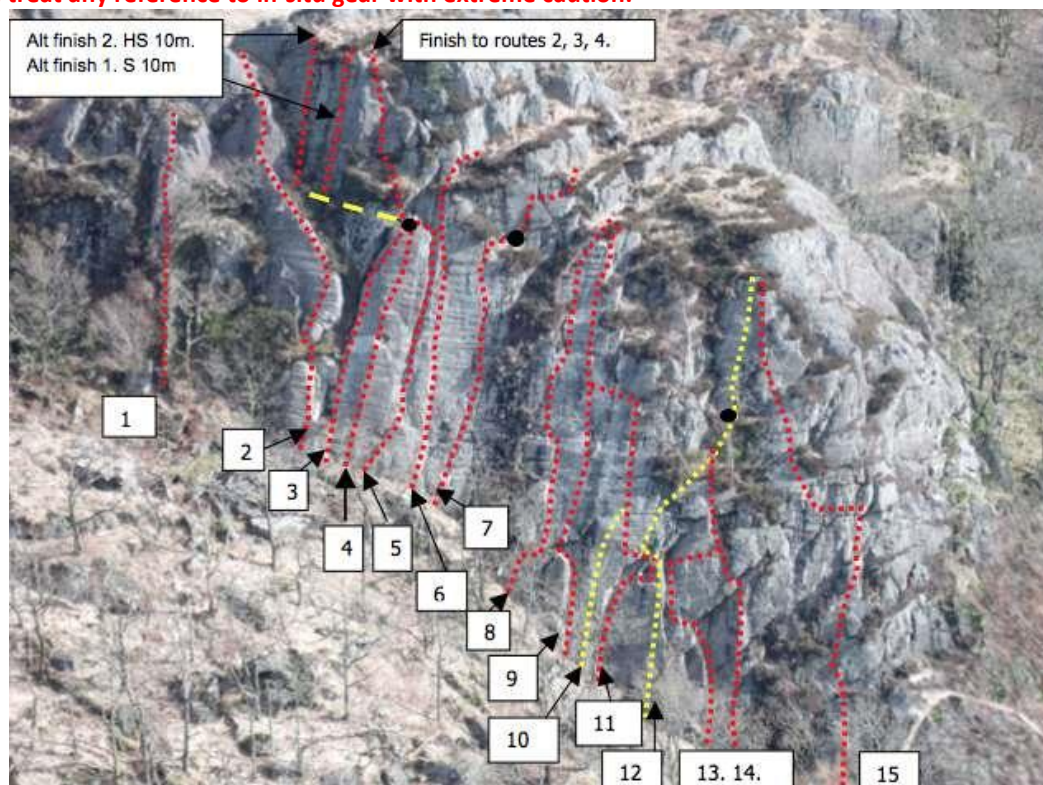
First ascent: (14/06/2010) Martin Scowston, Jim Loxham

Pending Leftwards Arête 30m VS 4c

An unbalanced climb, with a hard start and no protection, but with much easier climbing and protection above. Starts 4m left of *The Fat Controller* at a clean tapering slab immediately left of a vegetated corner. Climb the slab direct for 7m at a sustained 4c (slightly easier if the arête is used) to a vegetated ledge. Make an awkward move off the ledge onto the wall above and follow the leftwards curving arête pleasantly on good rock to the top.

First ascent: (25/05/2010) Martin Scowston, Jim Loxham, Dave Till

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(1)	Pencil Buttress	24m		HS
(2)	Pending leftwards Arête	30m	4c	HVS
(3)	Pensive*	25m	4b	VS
(4)	A Quick One**	25m	5b	E1
(5)	The fat Controller**	25m	4c	VS
(6)	Ripples**	25m	5b	E2
(7)	The Thin Manipulator*	25m		S
(8)	20 th Century Fox	26m		S
(9)	Ball Point	30m	4a	HS
(10)	Penance Direct	10m		S
(11)	Penance*	30m	4b	VS
(12)	Velvet Underground *	30m	5a/5b	HVS
(13)	Penultimate*	40m	4c	VS
(14)	Penned In	20m	5a	HVS
(15)	The Pen is mightier than the sword**	45m		S

Pencil Buttress 24m HS

A good line up the narrow buttress 5 metres left of *Pensive*. Start at a large embedded flake. Climb the buttress direct passing large flakes and small ledges to a definite crux at two-thirds height.

First ascent: (09/05/2012) Martin Scrowston, Freya Scrowston

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Two pitches of good rock have also been climbed on the upper slab above *Pensive*. These make logical second pitches to the routes below and can be accessed via a short traverse left from the large spike at the top of *Pensive*, *Quick One*.

10m S From the spike traverse left for 4 metres to gain the large grass ledge. The obvious crack on the right is climbed rightwards emptying your rack on the way. **Freya and Martin Scrowston.**

10m HS The line up the left side of the slab was climbed direct. **Martin Scrowston. Solo.**

A Quick One E1 5b **

An excellent, but bold pitch, which feels much bigger than its length would suggest. Start 1m right of *Pensive*, where the blunt pillar is undercut. Make sustained moves to gain the crest of the pillar and follow this to the top, passing a good resting ledge at half height (runners).

The Fat Controller HVS 5a**

The wide crack between *Ripples* and *A Quick One*.

First ascent: (01/05/1994) D Gregory. However this route seems to have been climbed in 1967 by S Spence and D Geere but not recorded.

Repeat teams have questioned the grade: An excellent pitch with sustained climbing at the grade (VS 4c) and with great character. The easiest HVS in the world! No more than MVS 4b. With a Camalot 4 or similar it's also well protected, so HS 4b or even arguably S 4b. Agree HS 4b.

Ripples E2 5b **

A fantastic steep slab climb that requires a very steady approach. Boldly climbs the rippled slab immediately right of 'The Fat Controller' and gives sustained and delicate climbing by following the obvious white streak. First ascent: (1977/78) K Phizacklea, D Geere "

The Thin Manipulator 25m S*

Start 5m right of *The Fat Controller*, on the right hand side of the clean slab. Follow an obvious line of clean cracks on good holds. Well protected VD with a short S section at the top; very pleasant climbing on good rock.

First ascent: (11/05/2010) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Dave Till

Pen Tangle 22m S*

Another satisfying route that ascends the right hand side of the buttress. Start 2m right of the, *The Thin Manipulator* directly behind a stunted oak. Climb the slab on good holds to a large ledge, step left and ascend the second steep slab. Follow the right edge of the buttress to finish right of an obvious protruding spike

First ascent: (03/06/2013) F Scrowston & M Scrowston

20th Century Fox 26m S

A pleasant climb starting 9 metres right of *The Fat Controller* at a slab guarded by a small overlap at 2 metres. Climb the slab, moving right to avoid the overlap then direct to the top and a block belay.

First ascent: (31/05/1996) D Geere, K Phizacklea

Ball Point 30m HS 4a

Start 3m right of *20th Century Fox*, below a 3m high detached pillar, which forms a distinct lay back corner. A good pitch with contrasting styles of climbing. Climb the corner direct (crux) and then follow a fine slab directly above on good holds to the top and block belay.

First ascent: (11/05/2010) Martin Scrowston, Dave Till

Penance 30m HVS 5a*

An interesting pitch with a bold committing crux. Starts 2 metres right of *Ball Point* at the obvious right-facing corner. Climb the corner until level with the large ledge on *Velvet Underground*, where a rest can be taken.

Pull boldly left onto the hanging slab (crux) and then more easily, follow the slab to a small oak sapling.

Traverse left for 2 metres to finish at the top of *Ball Point*.

First ascent: (22/07/2010) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

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Penance Direct 28m S*

Start just left of the corner at some obvious cracks, climb these and the crack above direct. Rejoin *Penance* at about 10 metres. This gives an overall grade for the route of Severe.

First ascent: (20/10/2010) Paul C Bennett, Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston

Velvet Underground 36m HVS 5a/b *

Start 8 metres right of *20th Century Fox* at a steep rippled slab. Climb the slab on its right hand side to a ledge at 10 metres. Step left over the overlap and follow the slab above, trending right, to ledges by a small oak.

Traverse left over grass ledges to finish up the last few metres of *20th Century Fox*.

Alternative description: Start 2 metres right of 'Penance' at a steep rippled slab. 5a/5b. Climb the slab on its right hand side to a ledge at 10 metres. Step left over the overlap and follow the slab above, trending right, to grassy ledges and a Birch tree. Traverse left over grass ledges to finish up the last few metres of *20th Century Fox*.

First ascent: (06/07/1996) D Geere, JJ Geere

Penultimate 40m VS 4c *

Starts 7m right of *Velvet Underground* and just left of *Penned In*. beneath the obvious corner. This is a high quality climb only slightly marred by vegetation at the end of the first pitch, but this should improve with traffic.

1 25m (4c). Climb the corner direct to the overhang. Move intriguingly left around the rib into the next corner and climb the steep slab until it is possible to traverse right across the slab and up delicately, to pass a smaller overhang at its right side. Scramble up a short section of vegetation to an oak tree belay.

2 15m (4a). Climb the fine slab on small holds on excellent rock to the top.

First ascent: (22/07/2010) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennett

Penned In 20m HVS 5a

Start 5 metres right of *Velvet Underground* at a slab. Climb this and the arête above to under the overhang on its right side (thread on the right) pull left through this using an excellent jug and move up to a tree above and slightly right.

Alternative description. Start 2 metres right of 'Penultimate' at a slab. 5a. Climb this and the arête above to under the overhang on its right side (thread on the right) pull left through this using an excellent jug and move up to a tree above and slightly right.

First ascent: (11/06/2008) Simon Harvey, Alan Towse, Peter Bardsley

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword ** 45m S

Start 7m right of *Velvet Underground* at an obvious detached pinnacle. Climb the face of the pinnacle and step off the top onto the slabby wall. Continue to, and pass a perched flake towards a blocky arête. Follow this above for a few metres, before a surprising traverse left on good holds is made across the face for a few metres before following the fine cracked slabs to the top; enjoy.

First ascent: (19/05/2010) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennett

The rock immediately right of *The Pen is Mightier than the Sword* is very vegetated. All the other routes described are to the right of a dry stone wall which abuts the base of the crag and are as per the current guide book (page 226).

Jim Slip 35m S *

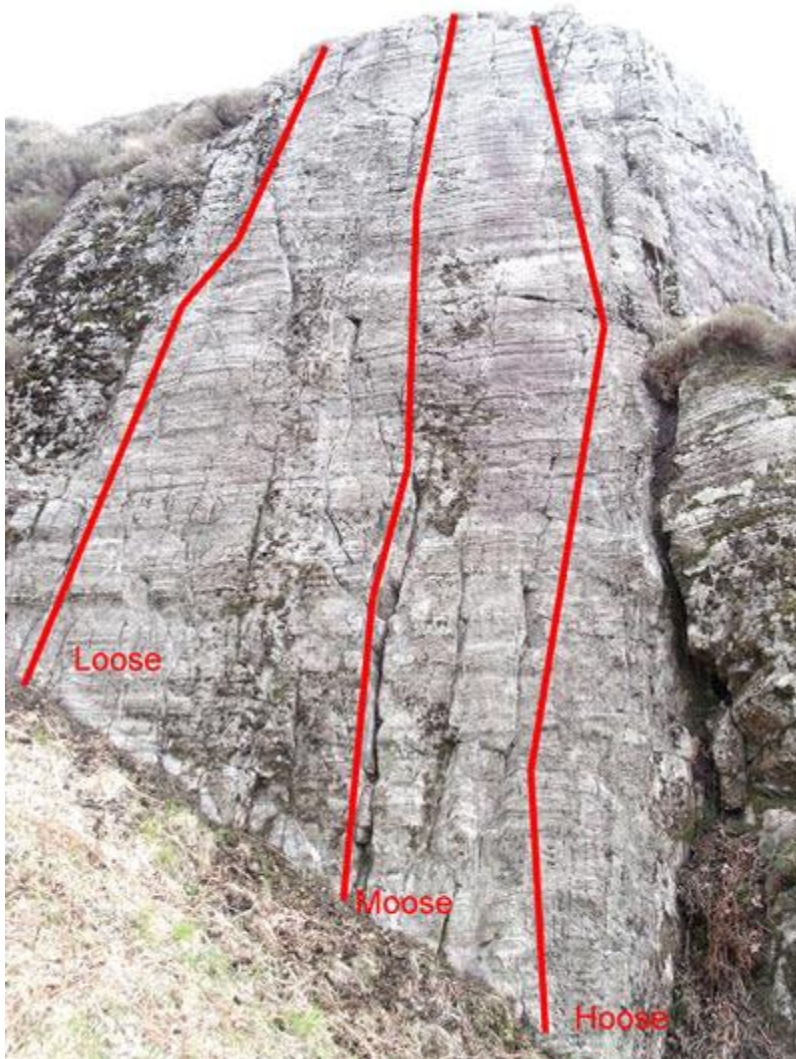
A route of sustained interest with a steep finish up the South West face of this fine crag. The upper section of this route was climbed by Jim Loxham and myself in 2013. After dusting off the lower ledges it now deserves greater recognition. Start 6 metres right of the dry stone wall at the toe of the buttress. Follow the easy left slanting ramp to a ledge below some cracked slabs, climb the slabs to their apex and ascend the groove above to a large ledge. Step left to gain a second groove that is climbed steeply passing a perched block at half height. Finish by scrambling up easy rocky ledges.

First ascent: (13/10/2015) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham,

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Pen Slab

Lies up and to the right of the main buttress of Pen Crag, above a short section of dry stone wall. There is an existing route up this slab called Moose (S).



Negafook 9m VD

The cracked slab on the extreme left of the crag.

First ascent: (09/05/2012) Freya Scrowston (solo)

Loose 10m S

The left side of the slab is climbed, making a step right by a small flake at mid height. Pleasant climbing, grade confirmed; but top end for severe

First ascent: (18/04/2011) Freya Scrowston, Martin Scrowston

Moose 11m MVS 4b

The clean line up the middle of the slab. The pitch had an awkward middle section.

Hoose 12m HS 4a *

Start 2 metres right of *Moose* at the lowest point of the slab. Climb the thin crack and slab above. Poorly protected, possibly 4a MVS..

First ascent: (18/04/2011) Martin Scrowston, Freya Scrowston

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Elk 15m S

This route is on the same buttress (*Pen Slab*) as *Loose*, *Moose*, and *Hoose* and starts right of those routes, at a short wall which bars access to the upper gully. Start at the left side of the dry wall and climb the crack and wall above to a large grass ledge. Step left to the edge and gain entry to the hanging groove above, which is followed to the top. Nice climbing with a neat finish.

First ascent: (05/06/2011) Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston

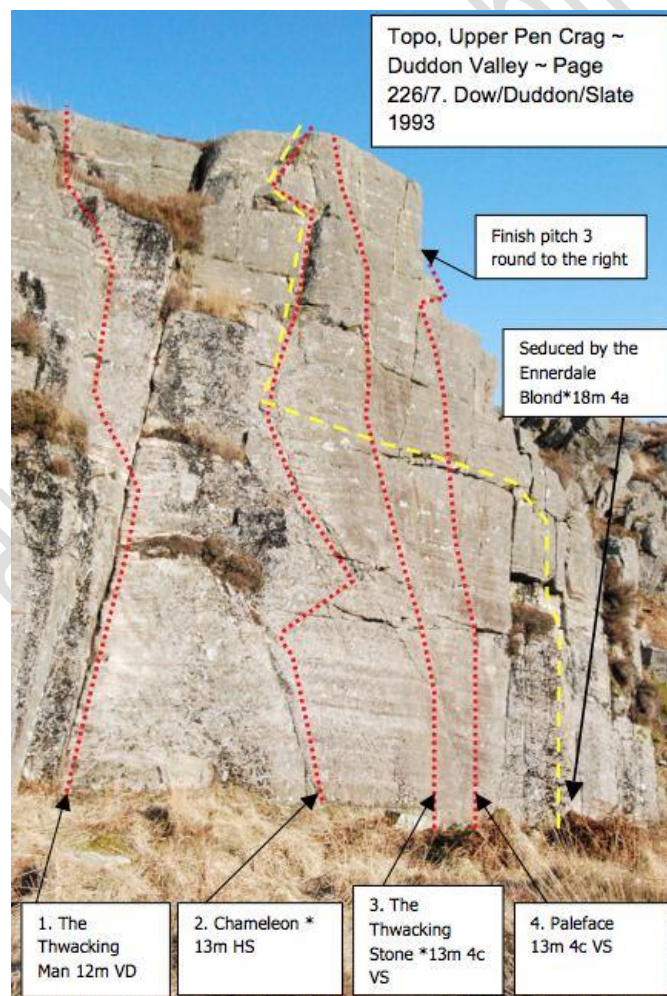
Nanuck 20m VS

Start 3 metres right of *Elk* at the foot of a detached pillar. Climb the arête of the pillar to the obvious hanging corner. This is climbed directly to the grass ledge. Climb the wall behind on small but adequate holds to the top. This route would deserve a star if not for the grass break.

First ascent: (05/06/2011) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

Upper Pen Crag

Above and right of Pen Crag (approx 150m) lies a small compact buttress of rock, on which lies 'The Thwacking Stone'. It is well worth the walk. The routes though short are on excellent rock and the setting of the buttress is superb with sweeping views down the lower end of the Duddon Valley; couldn't be better. There are now 5 pitches on this buttress and it is mostly midge free, when the other crags around here may be crawling. The pitches are described from left to right



The Thwacking Man 12m VD

Start 2 metres left of *Chameleon* at an obvious stepped corner groove. This is climbed directly and pleasantly to the top.

First ascent: (01/06/2009) Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston

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Chameleon 13m HS*

A companion climb to *Thwacking Stone* and *Paleface*, containing some nice moves. Start 2 metres left of *Thwacking Stone* at a short clean crack. Climb the crack for a couple of moves, before moving right to reach a series of left slanting cracks. Follow these to a short hanging left-facing corner, which is climbed direct on good holds to the top.

First ascent: (21/04/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

The Thwacking Stone VS 4c*

A delightful route, starting below the centre of the wall. After a thin delicate start, climb the wall direct via the vertical crack to the top

Paleface 13m VS 4c

Starts just right of 'The Thwacking Stone' below two thin parallel cracks. Climb these to a ledge on the right and make an awkward exit over the lip to the top

Seduced by the 'Ennerdale Blond' 18m HS 4a *

An excellent pitch which makes the best use of a small area of rock. Starts at the right side of the crag, at a clean crack, to the right of *Paleface*. Climb the crack to the second horizontal break. Hand-traverse leftwards along this to a junction with *Chameleon*, which is followed to the top; ace climbing.

First ascent: (01/10/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennet

Seathwaite Buttress

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Main Crag

Snap Direct 30m VD

Follow *Cereal Killer* to the overlap, then take the slab left of the wide chimney/crack. Finish up the steep wall on the left.

First ascent: (10/06/2006) D Wearing, A Clarke

Practice Slabs

Benecol 20m VS *

Start at block left of High Fibre. From block climb short corner and continuation crack to the top.

First ascent: (01/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

High Fibre 20m VS 4c*

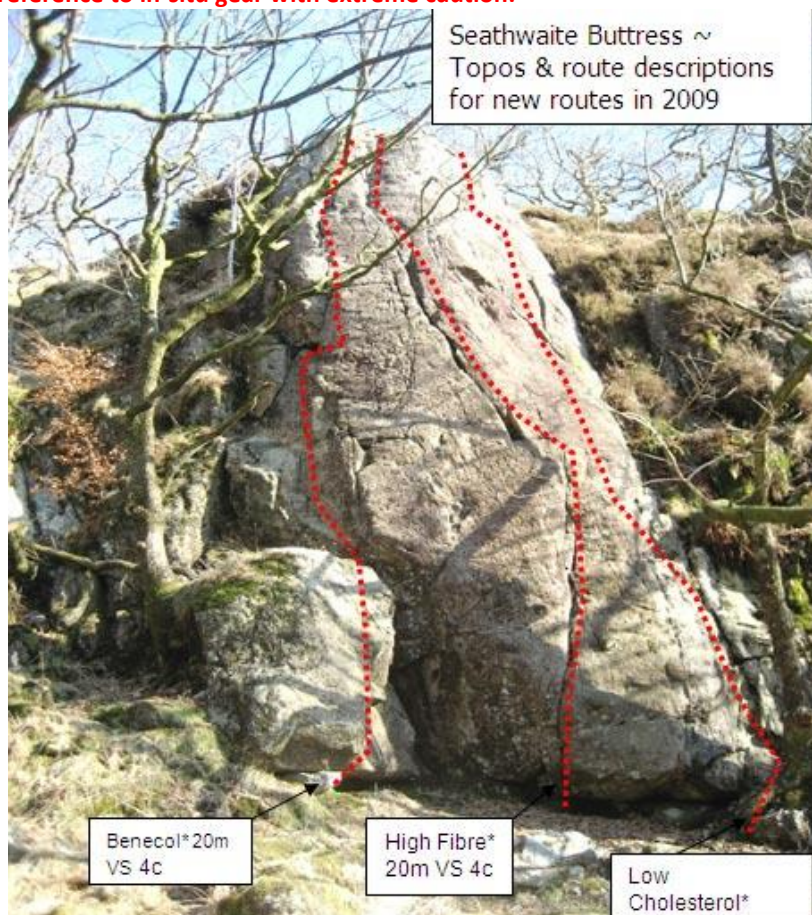
A fine well protected pitch. Start directly below the crack and climb directly to the top of the buttress.

Low Cholesterol 20m MVS 4b *

A good pitch with pleasant climbing, but with spaced protection. Start by the oak tree 1m right of *High Fibre*. Climb the right side of the buttress, moving right to climb up past an obvious large flat topped spike to finish on superb quartz holds.

First ascent: (01/05/2006) Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennett

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A few metres right of *High Fibre* are two walls, bisected by horizontal grass ledges; the first one at about 3 metres and the second at about 5 metres. The first route takes a direct line up the wall immediately right of the oak tree where *Low Cholesterol* starts.

Weight Loss Crack 12m VS4c

Start by the tree and climb the short slab to below the hanging crack. Climb this direct with a couple of sustained moves at two thirds height to the top. Good climbing on good rock.

First ascent: (09/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

Knut Cluster Wall * 12m VS 4c

This unbalanced route climbs the centre of the wall on superb rough rock and sports a crux move much harder than the rest of the climb. Start 3 metres right of the last climb and gain the ledge and climb the centre of the wall directly to a shallow scoop. Make a hard move up and right (crux, long reach required) to easier ground.

First ascent: (09/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

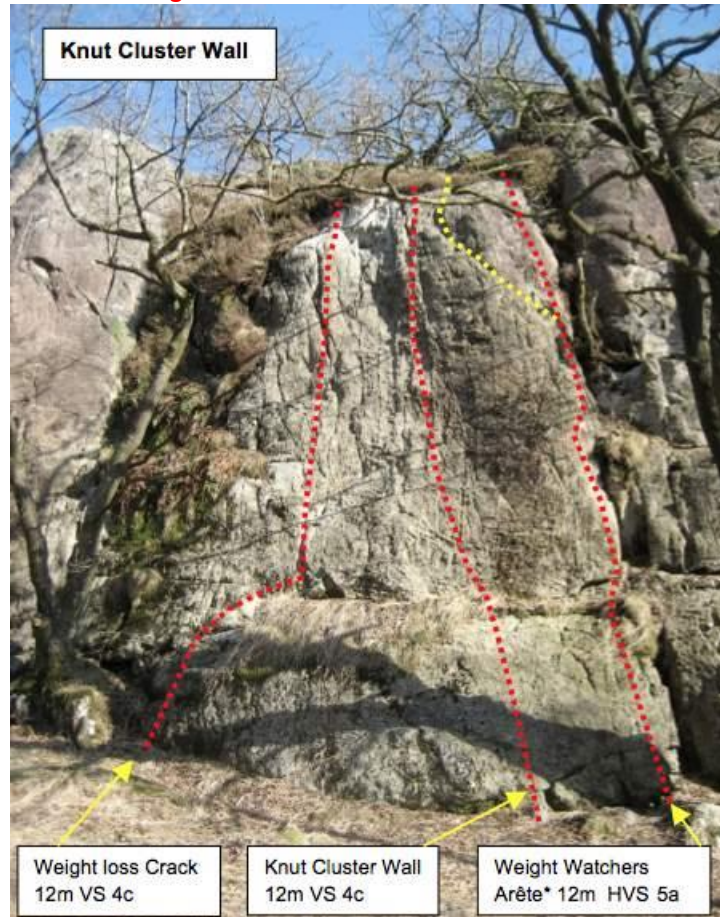
Right again is a choked shallow chimney, the next pitch starts immediately left of this.

Weight Watchers' Arête HVS 5a *

A good sustained pitch with adequate protection. Climb the arête directly to a good spike. Continue up the wall above avoiding the easier diagonal crack on the left (easier finish) to the top.

First ascent: (11/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

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Pravastatin 20m E1 5b*

Start 1.5 metres right of *Weight Watchers' Arête*. This pitch follows the edge of the wall overlooking the chimney and the sting in the tail is surmounting the final clean rounded pillar of rock.

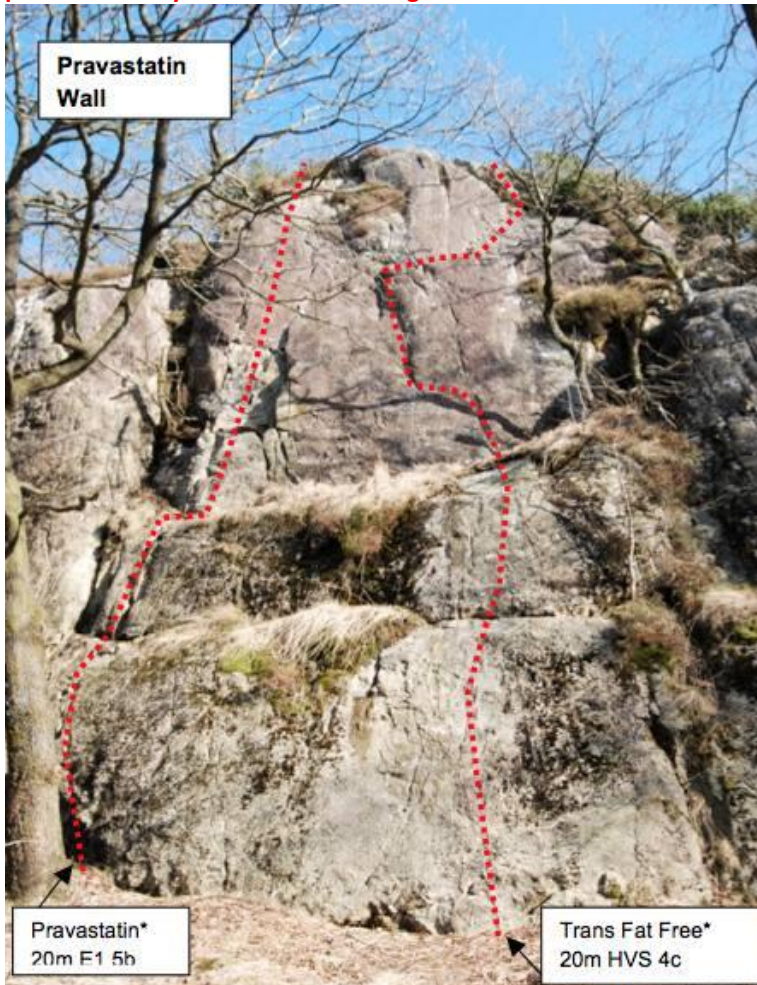
First ascent: (09/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

Trans Fat Free 20m HVS 4c. *

A good pitch. Start 4m right of the Oak tree, just right of the centre of the steep slab and climb a cleaned slab to the grass terrace. Climb a shallow groove with the aid of twin cracks to the top of the wall. Move right and climb the obvious rightward facing diagonal corner crack to the top.

First recorded ascent: Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

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Interloper 12m S

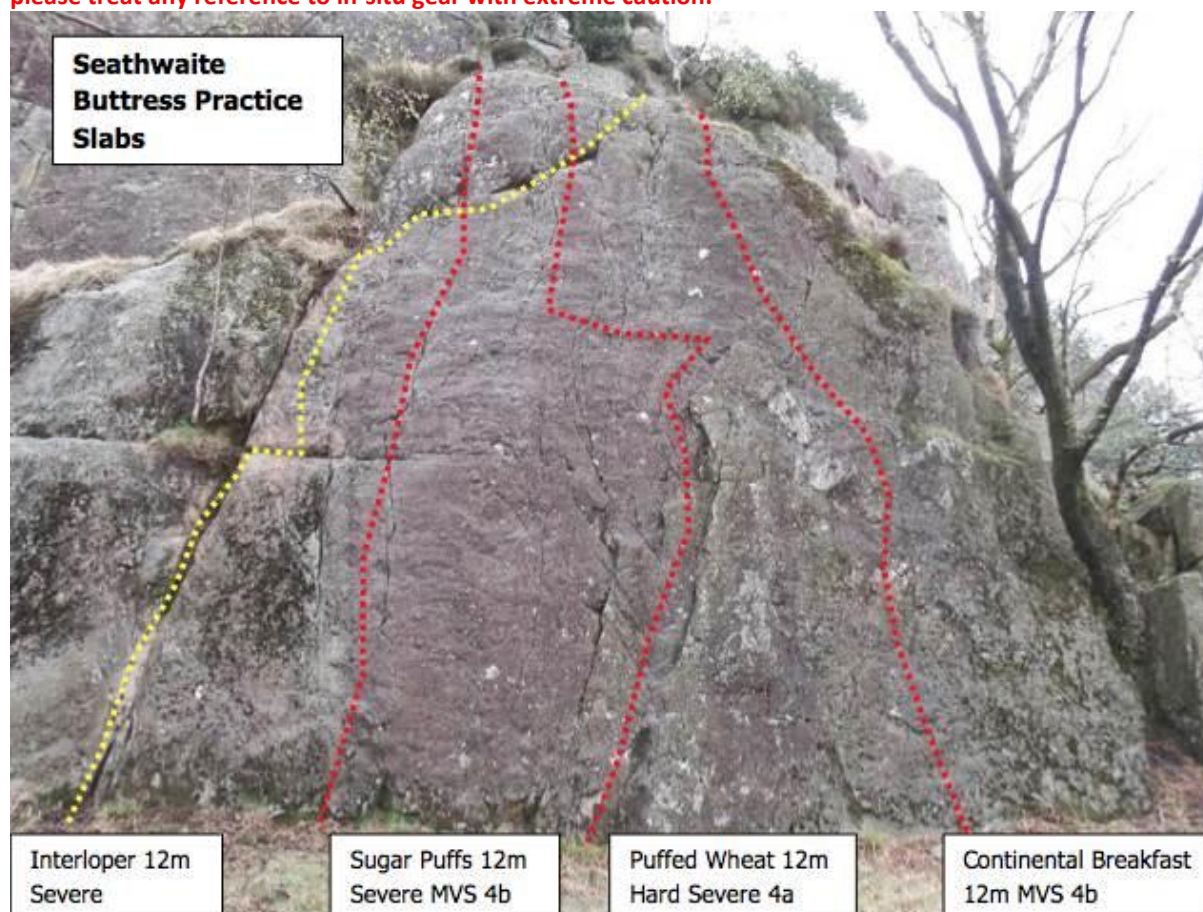
Climbs the clean crack and open groove 2 metres right of *Trans Fat Free*.

Climb the crack and groove until an obvious diagonal traverse can be made across to the right, following the thin crack line below the bulge, to finish by *Continental Breakfast*.

First ascent: (12/04/2011) Jim Loxham Martin Scrowston

Right again is the obvious clean slab of rock which previously reported a VD and Severe pitches (disagree with the current grades). These are also unnamed in the current guide book but do deserve to be acknowledged. Short of the original names turning up, I would propose that they are named in the idiom of the other routes here about i.e. breakfast cereal links.

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Sugar Puffs 12m MVS 4b *

The slab right of Interloper, may be HS.

FA unknown

Puffed Wheat 12m HS *

Starts in the centre of the slab and follows the obvious break, before moving left to finish via parallel crack in a small overhang. Protection is spaced.

FA unknown

Continental Breakfast 12m MVS 4b

Starts at the right hand side of the slab and follows a direct line on small but positive holds with spaced protection.

First ascent: (01/06/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham

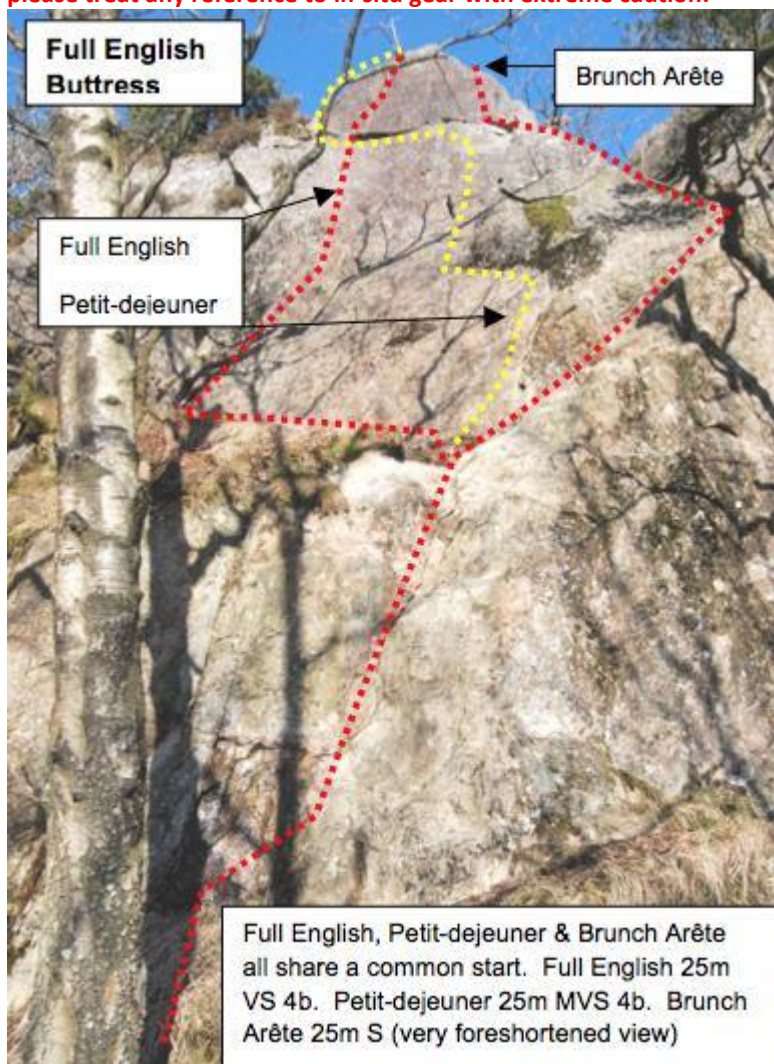
The next two routes share a common start. 10 metres right of *Puffed Wheat* is a large birch tree growing at the foot of the crag, below two short corners, which lead to a large grass ledge. Above this is a superb clean wall, with a shield of rock perched on the right-hand arête at half height.

Full English 25m VS*

A fine pitch, on excellent rock, despite the grass ledge break. Climb the right hand corner to the ledge and move left across the ledge to twin oaks (beware large ant nest by the trees). Above is a hanging V-groove; attain the groove directly and climb the wall above, keeping to the centre of the wall for the best climbing.

First ascent: (25/08/2009) Martin Scrowston Jim Loxham

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Petit-Déjeuner 25m MVS 4b *

Pleasant varied climbing. Climb the initial corner as for *Full English*. At the ledge step left and climb another short corner directly below the *Shield*. Move delicately left onto the wall (crux) and climb direct to the horizontal break, via another short shallow corner. Traverse leftwards along the break with delicate moves before crossing *Full English*, to finish up the easier angled slab to its left.

First ascent: (04/10/2009) Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennet

Brunch Arête 25m HS 4a **

At its grade, an excellent pitch, which follows the curving arete with the distinctive *Shield* of rock at mid-height. Start at the same point as *Full English*. Climb the corner, as for *Full English*, but move up and right and make an awkward move onto the arete. Follow this, surmounting the *Shield* on its right hand side. Continue on superb rock to the top. An ace pitch.

First ascent: (03/09/2009) Martin Scrowston Jim Loxham

Peel Crag

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Ulysses Factor E4 6a

Climb the slab direct. No gear.

Odysseus E2 5c

Climbs the same slab on the left, via a peg and RP2.

First ascent: (16/05/1998) C Rabone,

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Ulysses Factor and Odysseus may have been climbed before and recorded as Flying Dutchman and Hot Dog Harris in FRCC Recent Developments 1995 - 1996

Duddon Diggers Day Out 11m S

To the right of *Dutch Cap* is a prominent mossy slab with a short wall at its base. The routes are described from right to left starting with the slabs right-bounding corner. The two slab routes offer good bold climbing.

Climb the obvious crack in the corner bounding the right edge of the slab.

First ascent: (18/05/1996) D Geere, J Daly

Flying Dutchman 11m E3 6a

Start 2 metres left of *Duddon Diggers*. Climb the steep wall via a tiny spike, rock over on to the slab above, step left, and boldly climb the centre of the thin slab above direct. (E2 with side runners!).

First ascent: (11/05/1996) J Daly (solo)

Hot Dog Harris 11m E2 5c/6a

Start 2 metres left of *Flying Dutchman*. Climb the wall direct (peg on left) and continue up the faint crack in the slab above using 'knobbles' on its left. Finish up a short right facing hanging corner.

First ascent: (18/05/1996) J Daly, D Geere

Neverlands 11m HVS 5a

From the start of Hot Dog Harris take a leftward diagonal line up the wall to gain a flake, continue up leftwards to finish at the same point as Dutch Cap.

First ascent: (11/05/1996) J.Daly (solo)

Eight metres left of *Dutch Cap* is an impressive overhanging prow of rock

The Powerhouse 8m E3 5b/c

From its bottom right corner, pull onto the face of the impending prow and climb it direct to a 'round ledge' beneath the overhang (skyhook and hard to spot Rock 2). Pull strenuously over the overhang on its left side.

First ascent: (18/05/1996) J.Daly, D.Geere

Birks Bridge Crag 234 993 175m S

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This very pleasant outcrop is situated 150m to the south of Birks Bridge. Park at the Bridge or approximately 100m further North at the Forestry Car Park. Cross the bridge and turn due South and follow the path as for Troutal Gorge; after 100m turn right to arrive at the crag, which forms the southern face of a knoll in Great Wood, less than 5minutes from Birks Bridge. The rock is excellent rough Rhyolite. There are several quality pitches in the Severe to VS grades including a couple of mini classics! An excellent venue for a short day or evening.

The routes are described from left to right when facing the crag. The first climb starts at the left end of the crag at a clean area of rock a few metres left of a soaring flake crack at an easy angled slab.

Descent is by abseil or a short walk to the left when facing the crag.

Reluctant Slab 14m S

Starts at a wide, open groove at the extreme left end of the crag.

Climb the groove and step right to gain the rough slab and follow its right edge to a good ledge. Finish up the broken arête.

First ascent: (14/09/2013) F Scrowston & M Scrowston

Scratlings 18m S

Start at a left slanting groove just left of Willing to Work. Ascend the groove passing blocks to a good ledge. Move up and right to gain a large grassy ledge below a short steep corner. The left wall provides the best escape.

First ascent: (07/04/2015) Martin Scrowston, Solo.

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Willing to Work 15m HS *

A very pleasant pitch with a delicate start.

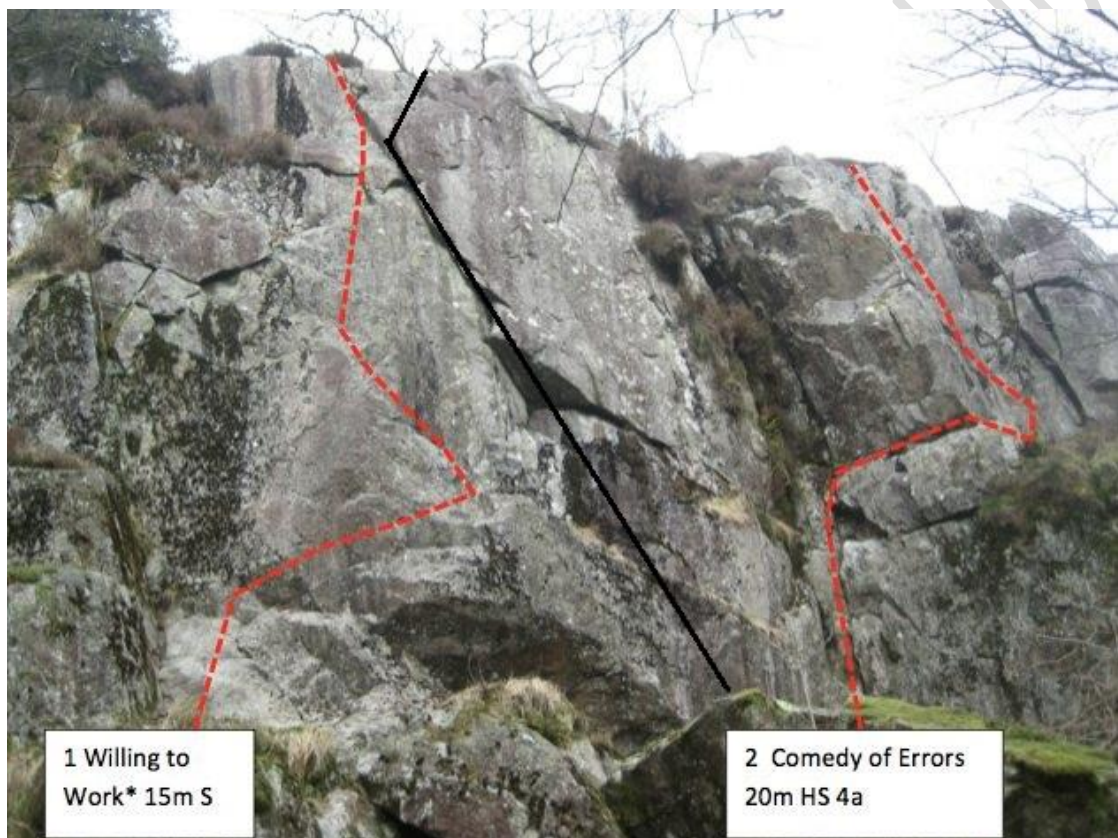
Climb a short easy slab to where the wall steepens. Make a series of moves up and right onto a glacis. Move back left and climb the wall above on satisfying holds to a corner formed by a huge flake crack. Continue directly to the top.

First ascent: (06/04/2013) M Scrowston (solo)

Snip Trip 15m HVS 4c*

Starting 3m right of Willing to Work, boulder the 3m lower wall to the large ledge, directly above the rock embedded in the gap. Climb straight up to the niche below large overhang. Follow giant flake leftwards to the top. The lower section lacks protection

First ascent: (31/05/2013) Mike Eldred and Alan Bates



Comedy of Errors 20m S *

Start 6m right of Willing to Work at the obvious large corner. The route is worthwhile especially for the upper wall. Climb the corner easily for 3m to step right to a small ledge with a large block. Traverse above the block, or more easily hand traverse to reach a grassy ledge. Climb the wall above (crux) until better holds are reached, which are followed to the top.

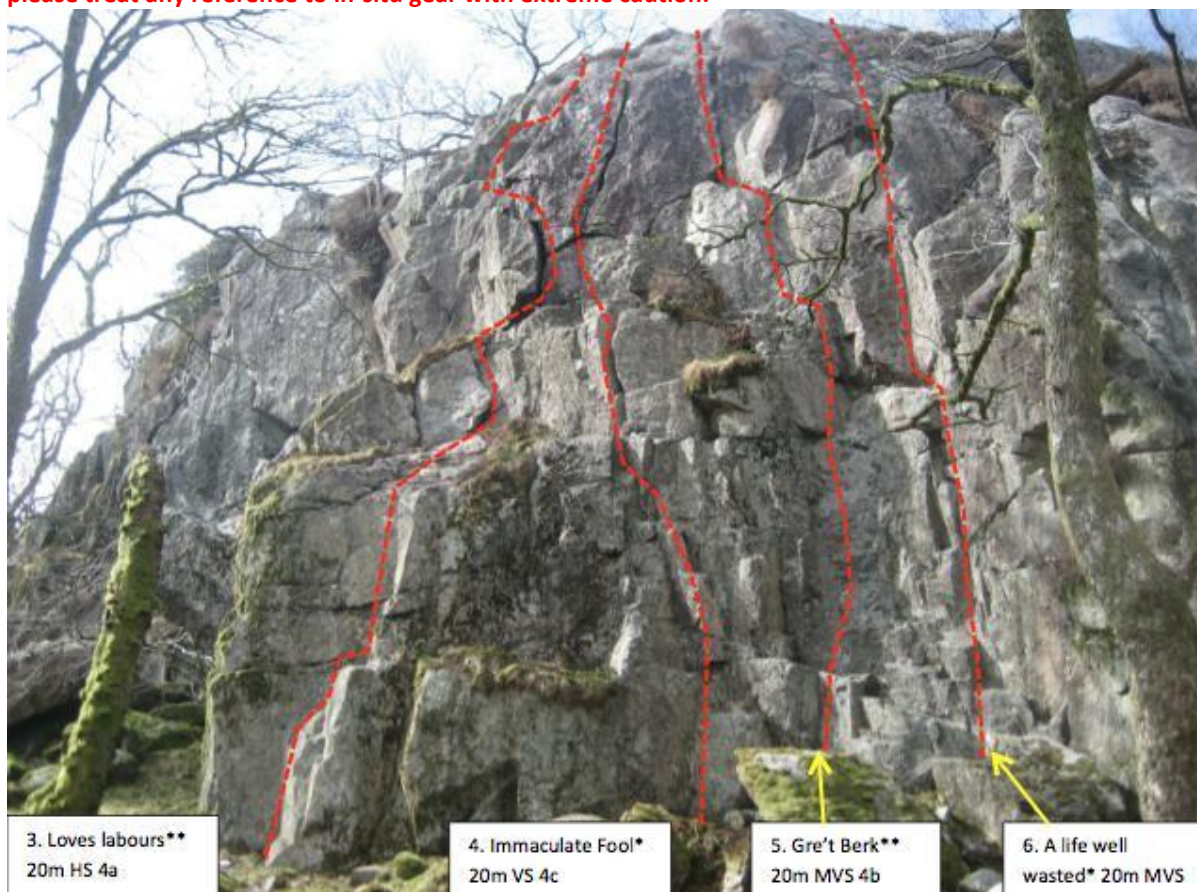
First ascent: (12/04/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham

Loves Labours 20m HS 4a **

Start 1m right from the edge of a short steep wall. The pitch provides interesting climbing with excellent situations; a mini classic. Climb a shallow depression to a sloping quartz ledge and follow the quartz flake ahead to a slight overhang. Step up and right into a left curving flake crack; shuffle up this to make a delicate move to stand on top of the flake (fine situation). Move up the buttress and step right onto the top of the large flake to finish.

First ascent: (12/04/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham

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Immaculate Fool 20m VS 4c*

Start 5m right of *Loves Labours* at a leftwards leaning open groove. Another good pitch with an exhilarating finish. Climb the open groove for 4m, to a short 'V' groove, which leads to a good ledge and large block on the right. Above is a soaring crack which is followed on fabulous jams (or a layback; harder), crux, to the top.

First ascent: (06/04/2013) M Scrowston & F Scrowston

Gre't Berk 20m MVS 4b**

2m further right is *Gre't Berk*, another fine climb, with an exposed finish. Climb a shallow groove on small holds for 5m to a good ledge. Ascend the thin flake crack on the right to make a move left onto a large block. An exposed layback gains the flake crack on the right which leads to the top.

First ascent: (13/05/2012) M Scrowston & F Scrowston

A life well wasted 20m MVS*

1m right is a shallow corner, which gives superb climbing. Climb the corner on flaky cracks for 4m to a small ledge. Continue up the corner groove above (crux) and rib to the top.

Alt finish: HS 4a From the ledge at 4m use a flake on the right to help make awkward moves up and right onto a narrow hanging slab. Climb the short open groove above and continue up slabs to the top.

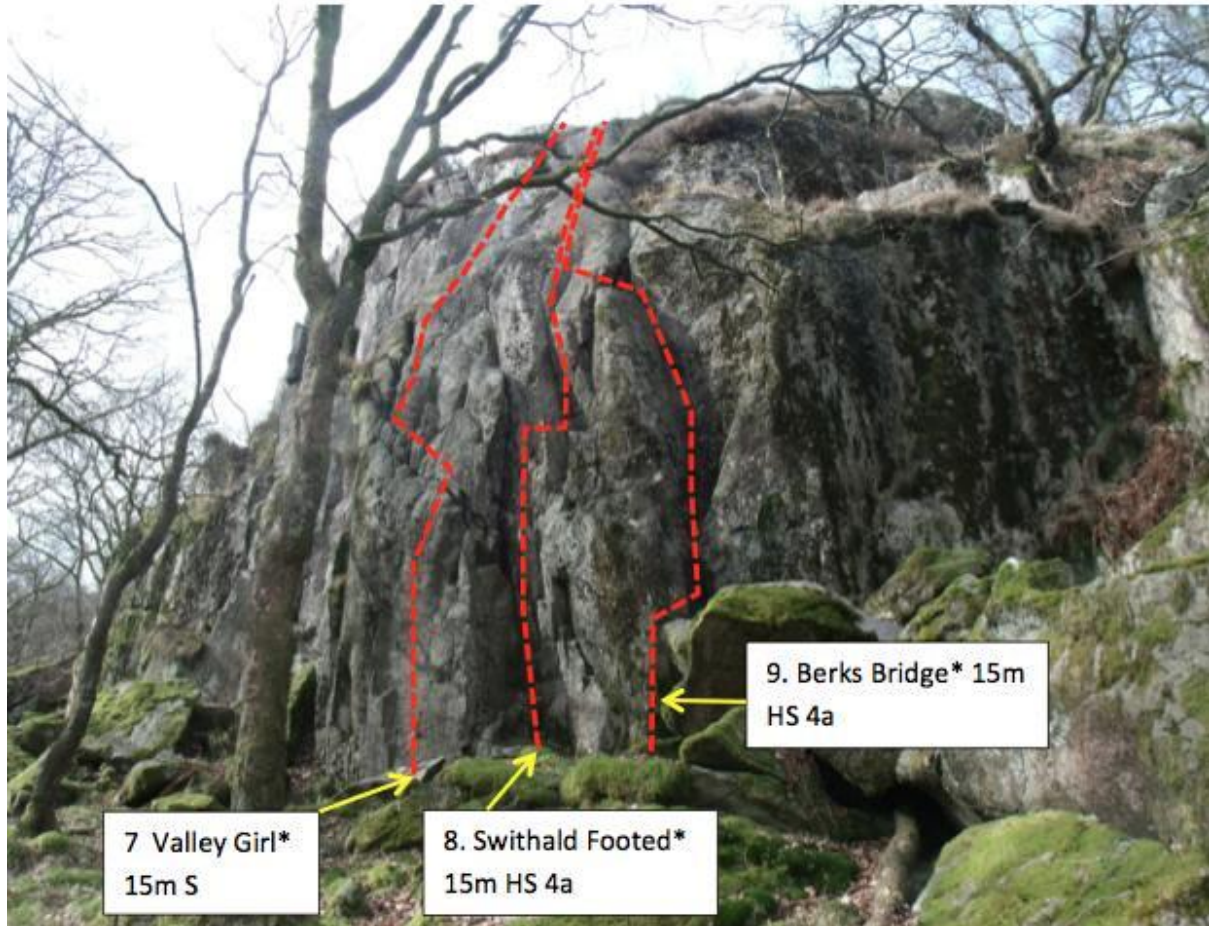
First ascent: (13/05/2012) M Scrowston (solo)

Valley Girl 15m S

Starts around the corner and right of the last route and provides a good introduction to the crag. Climb the clean wall just to the left of a corner groove to a leftward slanting diagonal crack. Make a few moves up this and follow clean slabs above to finish.

First ascent: (13/05/2012) F Scrowston & M Scrowston

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Swithald Footed 15m HS

Just to the right is a right facing corner groove, which provides a worthwhile pitch. Climb the groove for 3m to step right into an open groove, climb this and the rounded rib above (delicate) to finish with a short scramble.

First ascent: (12/04/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham

Berks Bridge 15m HS 4a *

About 2m right again is an obvious 'V' groove which provides a climb of contrasting character and interest. Follow the groove by enjoyable thin bridging to emerge at the top of the left side of the 'V' at a small flat ledge. Make a delicate traverse left for 1m to gain the rib of *Swithald Footed*, which is followed to the top.

First ascent: (12/04/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham

Little Voice 7m VS

Although short the rightward slanting groove 3 metres right of Berks Bridge provides a good technical pitch.

First ascent: (17/07/2013) Martin Scrowston, Solo.

Last Gap Groove 20m HS

The clean groove and overhang two meters left of Valley Girl. Ascend the obvious V groove to a niche below a small overhang. Move up and right to gain some large flakes, follow the corner and slabs above.

First ascent: (20/03/2016) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

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Bruno's Crag

SD 233 997

200m

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From the Birks Bridge car park head West across the river, over the cattle grid on the Dunnerdale forest track. Continue until a left hand bend where the trees open out and a brook meets the track on the right. The crag can be seen from here emerging out of the tree line on the right.

Descent: Walk up and to the back far left for an easy walk out.

Fat Boy Squeeze 12m D

Start at a small gully and horizontal groove far left. Climb the gully and step out right over the horizontal crack, the small arête leads to a large platform. At the rear of the platform is a large crack with a small boulder wedged at the base, enter the crack facing (once in you will not be able to turn around!) and follow it to the top.

First ascent: (28/03/2010) Paul Dourish unseconded

Troutal Gorge SD 234 989 170m East

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Right-Hand Wall

Oops 9m E1 5b

Climbs a short ramp and wall 4 metres right of *Willie*. Unprotected.

First ascent: (17/05/1997) D Geere

Main Wall

Ley line 10m HVS 5a

The wall 4 meters right of Pop Out is split by a fine well protected crack. Climb it via a central layback move.

First ascent: (25/05/2013) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

Waterfall Buttress

Summer Time Blues 15m E3 6a

Left of *Phil's Chimney* is a wall with a flake line in its centre. Start from a small ledge at the left side of the wall just above water level. Climb the few feet to a large sloping mossy ledge and move right to the centre of the wall. Gain a horizontal crack in the wall and then the base of the flake which curves right and allows a groove at the top right of the wall to be reached to finish.

First ascent: (03/07/1994) B Davison, Nick Green

Lower Brandy Crag SD 226 988

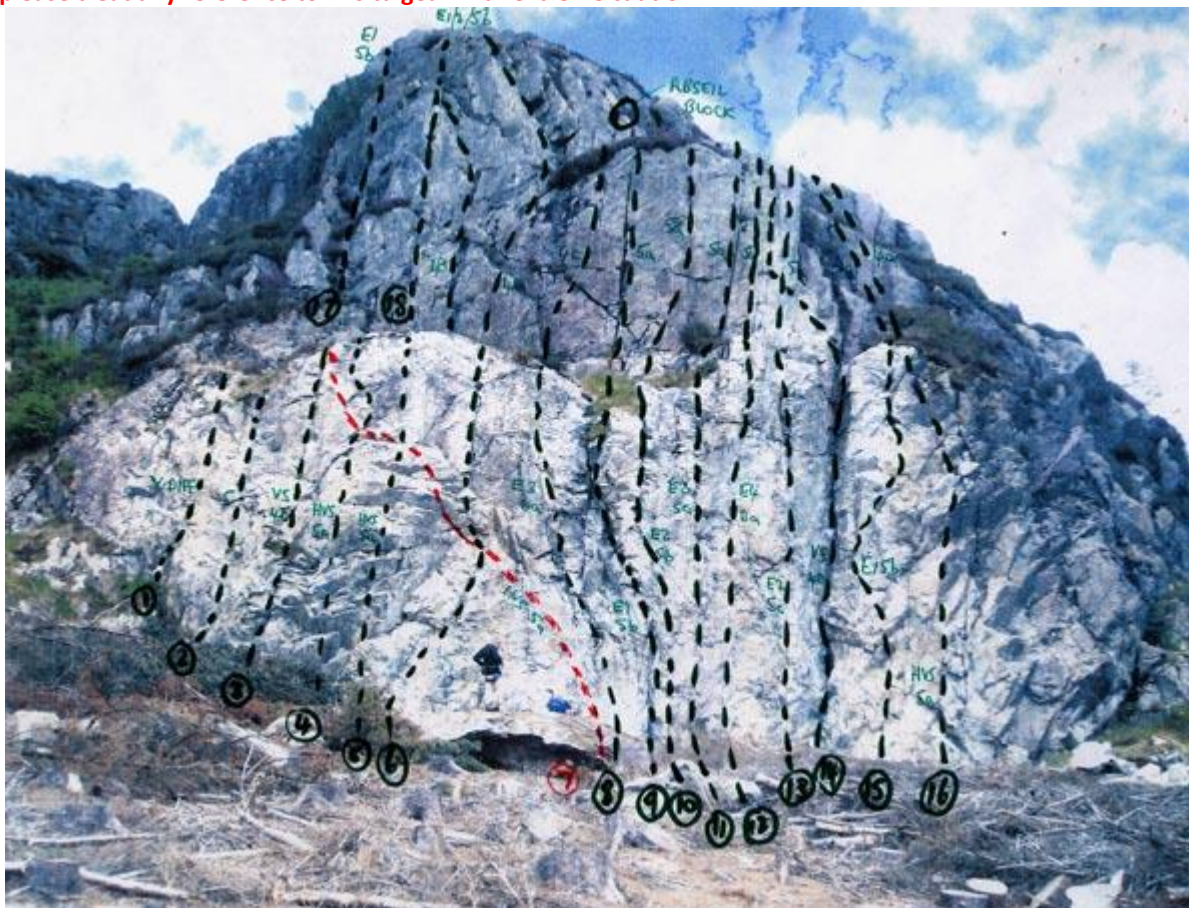
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A small compact crag, which has been revealed by the recent felling of the wood in front of it. On approach, at first glance, it looks like a quarried face, but it is in fact a clean solid face with rock as rough in texture as any gabbro.

The crag is on the hillside to the right of the path, 200 metres before *Brandy Crag*. From the car park at forest road entrance, walk up the forest road towards *Brandy Crag* and taking the bridleway opposite Birks Homestead, towards Harter Fell. After 100 metres, take the left junction, and after a further 250 metres thrash across the tree fellings to the crag.

The crag is 10 to 12 metres high and has a distinctive deep V-groove/ chimney on its right-hand side - *The Groove*. The routes are described from right to left.

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Main Crag

The route numbers refer to the above topo.

The Slab on the Right S

Start right of *The Rib* in a steep corner.

Pull up and over strenuously onto the slab and trend up right to a crack move up and left and follow slabs bulges and overlaps leftwards to the main belay block.

First ascent: (28/05/2007) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(16) The Rib 12m HVS 5a

Climb the crack and rib to the finish just right of *Right Wall*. Continue easily above.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(15) Right Wall 12m E1 5b *

Start in the centre and climb up and left to a hard move right to a slab finish up the bulge on the right. Continue easily above.

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe,

(14) The Groove 12m HVS 5a

The obvious deep clean groove is climbed direct. May be VS 4c **

First ascent: (20/06/2004) Bryan McGowan, Glenn Wilks

(13) Left Rib 12m E2 5b/c

Follow the arête direct to finish at a layback flake.

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

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(12) Duddon Challenge 12m E4 6a

An eliminate line with a bold finish.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Rick Graham, Peter Graham

(11) Solstice 12m E3 5c

Start 2 metres to the left of the groove in the centre of the main buttress below an obvious sickle groove. Climb a slim groove to the sickle groove directly. Make a move left and finish directly. Small wires.

First ascent: (21/06/2004) Peter Strong, Bryan McGowan, Glenn Wilks

(10) Summer 12m E2 5c

Start 2 metres to the left of *The Groove*. Climb direct to finish just right of the prow. Small wires required. Possibl E1 5b

First ascent: (21/06/2004) Peter Strong, Glenn Wilks, Bryan McGowan

(9) Stumpy and his Friends 12m E2 5b *

Starting 5 metres left of *The Groove*; a broken groove with a noticeable V-slot at the top is climbed direct, to the left of the prow above. Thought to be HVS/E1 5b

First ascent: (20/06/2004) Bryan McGowan, Glenn Wilks

(8) Slim Groove 12m E3 6a

Climbed using holds on the right rib (small wires and Friend). Swing left at top to finish.

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

(7) Snake 12m HVS 5a

Climb diagonally leftwards following the obvious line.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(6) Don't do Football 12m E1 5b

Towards the left end of the crag is a left to right diagonal ramp. Start below the middle of the ramp. Climb direct to the ramp and follow it to the overlap, then straight through this to finish up the top crack. Thought to be HVS 5a

First ascent: (20/06/2004) Glenn Wilks, Bryan McGowan

(5) Brandy Snap 12m HVS 5a

Climb just right of rib in a direct line to a bulge and ledge. Then straight over to top slab.

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(4) Napoleon HVS 5a

Climb rib direct to left end of ledge then move left and up slab to finish. May be VS 4c **

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(3) Three Barrels 12m VS 4b

Straight up to crack climbed on right.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(2) Cognac 12m S

Straight up to a grass ledge.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(1) Courvoisier 12m VD

Climbs the last piece of decent rock, to finish at grass ledge.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers (solo)

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Upper Crag

All the upper pitches can be combined in any combination as long pitches, or split with a belay on the halfway ledge.

(17) Leaning Tower E1 5b

Climb the left hand side of the upper wall with some steep pulls up a leaning wall.

First ascent: (31/10/2004) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

(18) Brandy Sour E1 5b

Climb a wall into a slim groove which is quite delicate and not without interest.

First ascent: (18/07/2004) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

Kepple Crag	SD 219 989	370m	SW
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A series of buttresses slanting up to the left a couple of minutes' walk from the forestry track. All routes are described from left to right.

Left-Hand Buttress

At the extreme left end of the *Left Hand Buttress* is a short clean slab.

Foot Servant 8m VS 5a

Straight up the middle of the slab on small holds.

First ascent: (03/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay, Paul Reinsch

Ramp and Wall 20m MS

Just to the right of the large grass ramp/gully is a short wall cut by an easy angled rock ramp and two obvious cracks. Up the easy ramp to the large ledge and then directly up the cleaned wall.

First ascent: (23/06/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Left-Hand Crack 20m VS 4c

Climb the steep crack to the ledge, pull up steeply into the continuation crack above and follow this to the top.

First ascent: (23/06/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay,

Between the Lines 20m MVS 4b

Half way between *Left-Hand Crack* and *Right-Hand Crack* is a narrow pedestal at the base of a steep wall. Climb on to the pedestal and pull steeply on to the ledge above. From the ledge another steep pull into the deep crack line brings easier ground. Exit on the left of the deep crack.

First ascent: (23/06/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

Clear Streak 20m S

An obvious naturally clean line up a slab.

First ascent: (31/05/1998) Rick Graham,

Crack and Slab 25m VS

Start left of a pinnacle and climb the crack. Step right over a mossy streak to finish up clean slabs.

First ascent: (04/06/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Bailiff Left Hand 12m E2/3 5c

On the right is a steep bay starting halfway up the crag. Full descriptions have yet to be obtained.

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

Bailiff 12m E2 5c

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

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Angler's Crack 10m VS 5a

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Bill Birkett, Rick Graham

Poacher's Wall 10m E3 6a

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Rick Graham, Bill Birkett,

Poacher's Arête 10m HS 4b

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Rick Graham

Fly Corner 10m S

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Ted Rogers

Across the grassy gully there is an unclimbed crack, possibly severe in standard, then....

Right Hand Crack 20m VS 5a

First ascent: (21/06/1998) Rick Graham

Just to the right is,

Ted's Wall E1 5b

First ascent: (04/06/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Quartz Movement HVS 5b

The quartzly vein.

First ascent: (04/06/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

The next five routes are packed together by a prominent overhanging crack (*Tommy's Crack*).

Cornice Wall E1 5b

The wall just left of *Tommy's Crack*.

First ascent: (21/06/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Tommy's Crack E1 5b

1 (5b). The prominent crack leads steeply to the large grassy ledge.

2 (5a). Climb the slabby walls behind, finishing out to the left.

First ascent: (24/05/1998) Bill Birkett, Rick Graham

Scoopy Doo E1 5b

Start just right of *Tommy's Crack* and climb direct, but with a precarious deviation right then left around the scoop.

First ascent: (21/06/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Ted's Crack E2 5c

A direct route up the crackline a couple of metres further right.

First ascent: (21/06/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Chapman's End VS 4c

The easier crackline a couple of metres further right again.

1 (4c). The crack to a ledge.

2 (4b?). To the top.

Pitch 1: Ted Rogers, Rick Graham, 21st June 1998

Pitch 2: Pete and Cherie Chapman, Summer 1998

First ascent: (21/06/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

About 25m to the right of *Tommy's Crack* is the most continuous stretch of rock.

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Slab and Rib 40m HVS 5a

First ascent: (17/07/1998) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe,

Grotty Slab 40m VS 4c

First ascent: (17/07/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Up to the right a short wall gives,

Ken's Crack 10m HVS 5b

First ascent: (17/07/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers,

Ted's Slab 10m VD

First ascent: (17/07/1998) Ted Rogers

Right-Hand Buttress

The steep buttress in the trees 50 metres to the right of the Left-Hand Buttress.

Ffid 15m D

Follow the ramp line on the left-hand side of the buttress to the top.

First ascent: (03/07/1999) Paul Reinsch, Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

Bulimia 15m E4 6a

A diagonal line on the wall, climbing rightwards.

First ascent: (31/05/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Hidden Edge 15m E2/3 5c

The arête.

First ascent: (04/06/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Groovy Ken 15m E1 5b

The grooveline right of the arête.

First ascent: (31/05/1998) Ken Forsythe, Bill Birkett

Brandy Crag	SD 225 989	350m	SE	10 mins
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Rick Graham notes that The Brandy Crag described by Dave Kay is actually located 200m further west than the crag named on the OS map at 225 989.

10 minutes' walk up the hillside from a good parking place on the forest road (2.5 Km from Birks Bridge car park). A pleasant slabby crag with two steeper sections separated by an extensive area of easy angled slabs.

This could be described as "West" Brandy Crag in order to distinguish it from Lower Brandy Crag, which is the first buttress reached on the usual approach from the Duddon Valley: it lies approximately 200m further on (W) from that crag and they are separated by very rough ground; the best approach is to stay on the forest track heading towards Eskdale and strike uphill when the crag is seen on the fellside directly above.

The routes "The Teaser" through to "The Bat" are actually found in a separate area referred to as the "West Facing Section", which is somewhat closer to Lower Brandy Crag and can be reached by skirting the crag leftwards and uphill into an open gully. Suggest that this is included with Lower Brandy or as a separate entry in the crags database.

Upper Wall

These routes are on the same west/south-west facing wall described by Rick Graham. As pointed out by Rick, the Dave Kay routes are actually on a different buttress some 200 metres west of here. From Birks Bridge car park follow the left-hand forestry road to The Birks Junction, then take the Harter Fell footpath on the right.

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On reaching the forest, take a path up leftwards (south-west) along the forest edge for 400m to where some fallen trees block the path. Now follow a break on the right to a clearing where a hidden path in the trees on the right leads in 50m to Brandy Crag's lower tree-bound buttress. Skirt round the left side of the crag and up 100m to find this wall in an open gully at the top of the tree line. Routes are described from left to right starting with a short blocky pinnacle just left of the open corner of Way Up.

One for the Coccyx 15m VD

About 30m across and up left from the bottom left of Brandy Crag is a narrow piece of rock. Start at the toe of the easy angled slab and climb this direct to where it steepens then continue up the left rounded arête to the top.

First ascent: (19/06/2007) Paul C Bennett (solo),



The Teaser 8m VS 5a

Climb the left wall of the pinnacle (close to the arête), and the off-width crack above.

First ascent: (06/12/1998) J Daly (solo)

The Stretcher 10m MVS4b

The right side of the pinnacle is climbed using the obvious off-width crack and its left wall, swing up left to finish.

First ascent: (06/12/1998) J Daly (solo)

The next three routes all start at the same point, the left end of the huge roof.

Way up 11m VS 4c

The obvious open corner.

Firkin Fruitcake 15m HVS/E1 5a

A good pitch. Enter the corner of *Way Up*, then traverse rightwards along the lip of the roof to a spike (Friend). Reach up and follow steep flake holds diagonally rightwards to gain the mossy ledge above. Easy rock to finish.

First ascent: (25/04/1999) J Daly (unseconded)

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Outcast 16m VS 4c

Friends useful. The rightward diagonal break beneath the roof is followed in its entirety to finish at the top of the arête of *Prowler*.

First ascent: (25/04/1999) J Daly (unseconded)

The Bat 16m HVS 5a

Start 3 metres right of *Way Up*. Delicately climb the centre of the slab to the diagonal break, follow this to the right end of the roof, up a short corner, and then back left to a mossy ledge and easier ground.

First ascent: (25/04/1999) J Daly (unseconded)

The toe of the left hand buttress has an easy angled glacis abutting its base. Just left of this glacis is a jumble of boulders with an obvious hanging groove directly above. Routes are described from left to right

19:46 33m E2 5b

Fifteen metres left of the toe of the buttress is a rowan by a brown wall. Start just right of the rowan.

1 15m (5a). Climb the wall boldly (no gear) to an obvious ledge at 5 metres. Swing out right and up to finish. Walk to the back of the ledge to belay.

2 18m (5b). Start below a small V ledge in the centre of the wall. Climb up to the ledge and straight over the bulge to easier ground.

First ascent: (10/06/2007) Ed Luke, John L Holden

Next Generation 27m HVS 5a *

About 7 metres left of the hanging groove is a shallow corner with a fine crack just to its left. Fiddly protection

1.17m (5a). Starting up its slightly less obvious lower section climb the crack directly past a sloping ledge to belay well back on the terrace.

2. 10m (4b). Pleasantly up the cracked wall and easy slabs.

First ascent: (26/05/1997) James Kay, Dave Kay

Dwarves' Crawl 50m MVS

Start behind the jumble of boulders at the left end of a rightward-sloping gangway. Climb the gangway for 10 metres to a steepening and move delicately up to a good ledge. Traverse right across a mossy scoop. Continue up the right hand side of the slabs to its top. Step up to more slabs and follow these easily to belay below the large ledge.

First ascent: (01/04/07) Max Biden, Ian (Blue) Gray John Daly

Family Affair 30m VS 4c **

Start behind the jumble of boulders at the left end of a rightward-sloping gangway, as for *Dwarves' Crawl*.

Climb the gangway rightwards over a small step then move steeply back left (small wires) to enter the bottom of the 'V' groove direct. Easily up the groove to the continuation groove on the right of a large detached pinnacle. Up this groove and step off the top of the pinnacle to finish up easy slabs.

First ascent: (26/05/1997) James Kay, Dave Kay

Rain Stopped Play 30m E1 5b

Start from the grass ledge immediately right of the glacis at a shallow recess with a steep crack on its right.

Climb the crack to the grass ledge. Move up the corner for a couple of metres and then climb the cracked wall on the left and finish easily up the rib.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) James Kay, Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

Anniversary Wall E3 6a

Takes the crackline right of *Rain Stopped Play* starting above the rock step. Climb the steep, well protected crack to a precarious pull out (make sure you place the highest possible runner to avoid a potential deck out). Easier climbing leads to the top.

First ascent: (15/06/1999) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

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Father's Day MS 4a

Start at the right end of the grass ledge just before it merges into the hillside at a short steep crack. Climb the crack and then follow the fault line in the easy slabs slightly rightwards to where the rock steepens then climb the crack and obvious flake back left to a good ledge and belay.

First ascent: (15/06/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Prodigal Son 12m VS 4c

To the right of the grass rake in the centre of the crag the rock steepens again. The first route takes the first obvious fault line right of the rake. Start at the pointed flake that leans against the wall. Pull steeply onto the ledge using the pointed flake and then climb directly up the groove on small holds to an abrupt finish.

First ascent: (15/06/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Parable 18m MS

Starts just right of *Prodigal Son* at a fine easy angled slab.

Up the slab rightwards, into the continuation groove and exit leftwards to a good belay ledge.

First ascent: (15/06/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Legends 25m VS 4c

A direct route up this part of the face; starts below and right of *Parable* at the lowest point of the sweep of easy angled slabs and just left of *Epilogue*. Climb the slabs direct to a junction with the hanging slab of *Parable*. Either climb direct the short wall above to a narrow ledge, or more easily, step right and climb a short corner (good runners) and step left onto the ledge. Climb the next short wall direct to a shallow depression in the slabby wall above and follow this to the top.

First ascent: (10/06/2007) Jim Loxham, Paul C Bennet,



Legends

Epilogue 30m VD

Start at the extreme right end of the easy slabby section. Climb the right hand edge of the slabs until they steepen. Then move slightly leftwards and pull up the upper wall just left of the heather.

First ascent: (27/07/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Anecdote 30m VS 4c

Just right of the easy slabby section is a steep crack. Climb the crack (not as easy as it looks) and blunt rib above passing to the right of the finishing ledges of *Parable* to belay on two small spikes at the top of the crag.

First ascent: (27/07/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

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Fable 20m VS 4c

10m right of the easy slabby section is a fine corner. Climb the corner and pull out left at the top then follow the rib more easily rightwards to the top.

First ascent: (07/06/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde, James Kay

Aesop 20m MVS

2 m right of the corner is the smaller of two hanging slabs below two 'V' grooves. Climb on to the small hanging slab, move right and then pull up the short wall into the left hand 'V' groove. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (07/06/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde, James Kay

The Proverb 20m VS 4c

5m right of the corner of *Fable* is the larger of two hanging slabs below the two 'V' grooves. Climb on to the larger hanging slab and then climb the steep crack at the back into the right hand 'V' groove. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (07/06/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde, James Kay

The Weathermen HS 4b

Start at the same point as *The Proverb*. Pull on to the larger hanging slab, follow it to its right hand end then pull up the rib into a groove. Follow this groove to broken ledges and the top.

First ascent: (15/06/1997) Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde

Shipping News 25m E1 5a

Start 4 metres right of *Weatherman* at the foot of a left-slanting rib which leans against the crag. Very nice climbing. Climb the rib, or better bridge up the groove to a large jammed flake. Make bold moves up the wall to reach the diagonal crack (runners). Follow the crack its entirety to merge with the upper section of *Weatherman*, which is followed to the top.

First ascent: (19/06/2007) Paul C Bennett, Jim Loxham , Martin Scrowston



2. Shipping News (E1). 3. Curving Crack (MVS)

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Curving Crack 20m MVS 4b

Start 12 metres right of *Weatherman* at a thin cleaned curving crack, which is 2 metres left of *Grooved Arête*. Well protected. Climb the crack direct to the parallel diagonal cracks. Take the lower crack rightwards into the corner. Up this onto a rib on the left to a junction with *Weatherman*, which is followed to the top.

First ascent: (19/06/2007) Paul C Bennett, Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston

Grooved Arête VS 4a

Start 15m right of *The Weathermen*. Climb the grooved arête.

First ascent: (15/06/1999) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham, (both solo)

West Facing Section

The west facing section of the Brandy Crag is just out of sight of the above routes.

The routes are described from left to right. All are 15 to 20m high.

Way Up VS 4c

A corner with off-width crack in its left wall.

First ascent: (18/07/1998) Rick Graham, Ken Forsythe

Prowler E2 5c

The arête in the centre.

First ascent: (18/07/1998) Rick Graham, Ken Forsythe

Diamond Wall E2 5c

Gain the niche from the left, move left and climb the wall direct to the top.

First ascent: (18/07/1998) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Sox E1 5b

Gain the niche in centre of wall from the right and exit rightwards via the jamming crack.

First ascent: (18/07/1998) Ken Forsythe, Rick Graham

Sucks VS 4b

The corner to the right.

First ascent: (18/07/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Grey Crag

Thirty metres up and left from Brandy Crag is a small grey crag.

Wakefield E1 5a

Start at the foot of the easy-angled slab. Climb the slab and steeper wall above: one runner at half height.

First ascent: (10/06/2007) Ed Luke, John L Holden

Wallhead Crag 212 000 570m SW

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A small pleasantly situated crag on Harter Fell. It can be reached in 25 mins from the end of the forestry road. (2 miles from Birks Bridge). Follow the path to the water shed between Harter Fell and Crook Crag. Then follow the path up Harter Fell until the crag can be seen up to the left.

Early Doors 20m D

No description supplied.

First ascent: (07/06/2004) I.Greenwood, M.Lynch (both solo)

Lock In 14m MVS

The obvious cleaned line near the right-hand end of the crag.

First ascent: (07/06/2004) M.Lynch, I.Greenwood

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Last Orders 14m VS

A line 3 metres left of *Lock In*, starting up a short corner.

First ascent: (07/06/2004) I Greenwood, M Lynch

Browside Crag	239 988	300m	W	10 mins
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A small slab of rock above Browside Farm in the Duddon Valley and easily identifiable by a telegraph pole at its foot. Park just north of Troutal and follow the track to the farm then head northwards up the fellside. 10 min from the car.

Buried 9m HS

Description not clear, but by inference it follows the left-hand of two cracks.

First ascent: (15/08/2004) M Lynch, J Lynch

Control 9m HS

Start as for *Buried* and follow the right-hand crack.

First ascent: (15/08/2004) M Lynch, J Lynch

Hate this Moment 8m MVS

Start 5 metres right of *Buried* and *Control*. After a tricky first move follow the rib to a block belay.

First ascent: (15/08/2004) M Lynch, J Lynch

Forgive and Forget 8m MS

The obvious wide crack on the right-hand side of the buttress to a metal stake.

First ascent: (15/08/2004) J Lynch, M Lynch

Stand Strong 8m VD

The crack just to the right of *Forgive and Forget*.

First ascent: (18/04/2008) M Lynch, J Lynch

Can U See? 8m M

The blocky arête just right of *Stand Strong*.

First ascent: (15/08/2004) M Lynch, J Lynch (both solo)

Dropping Crag	226 993	400m	E	20 mins
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A long steep crag revealed by extensive forest clearance, the obvious crag across valley from Little Blake Rigg, with an orange coloured base. 20 minutes' walk up the hillside from Birks Farm. (1/2 km along a forest road from Birks Bridge car park). The best descent is on the left. The climbs are described from left to right. The original two routes of the crag (*The Selfish Gene* and *The Blind Watchmaker*) appeared in "Recent Developments 1995 - 1996" (p44) but were erroneously described as being on Mart Crag. Their descriptions are reprinted below for completeness. The diagram is the work of Ted Rogers.

Just round the corner at the extreme left hand end of the crag is a large block below a square groove.

Drop Kick 15m MS

From the top of the block step right or to the wall and make a rising traverse right to a ledge. Then straight up to a block belay.

First ascent: (24/05/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Birk Crack 20m HVS 5a/b

Climb the crack at the left hand end of the crag.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

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Wobbly Wall 20m E3 5c/6a

Gain a ledge with difficulty and follow a vague groove until a hidden finger hold on the right is used to gain a good jug on the left followed by a rounded finish.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

The Selfish Gene 20m E2 5c

Line at left hand side of crag. Follow a line of slots leading diagonally rightwards to finish up a short hand jamming crack.

First ascent: (28/08/1996) Steve Edmondson, Richard Ebbs

Fingery Wall 20m E5 6a/b

Climb the wall to the right of *Selfish Gene* direct.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) Dave Birkett, Bill Birkett

Swinging Wall 20m E4 6a

Start just left of *Blind Watchmaker* and climb the wall direct to good runners in a horizontal break. Traverse left to make a hard pull into the final crack.

First ascent: (26/05/1997) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett

The Blind Watchmaker 20m E3 5c

The next obvious line of weakness, 7 metres to the right. Pull up to a ledge, move leftwards, and follow a cracked weakness to finish by a Friend 3 slot. Quite substantial at the top.

First ascent: (28/08/1996) Steve Edmondson, Richard Ebbs

Ticking Groove 12m E3 5c

Climb the wall right of *Blind Watchmaker* into the groove above and climb groove direct to an easy wall above.

First ascent: (06/06/2002) J Shepherd, T Rogers, K Forsythe

Gruesome Groove 25m E1 5b

Start just right of *The Blind Watchmaker* and climb rightwards across the wall, up the corner, and swing left (good Friend) to gain the upper groove.

First ascent: (26/05/1997) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett

Drop of the Hat 20m VS 4c

Starts from the bottom of the obvious crack/corner line in the centre of the crag. Up the rib on the left of the corner to a good ledge. Then trend slightly left and up to a good ledge and belay.

First ascent: (24/05/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Drop of the Hat Alternative Finish 20m HVS 5a

From the good ledge at half height continue straight up the shallow crack line with poor protection to finish at the same point as *Drop of the Hat*.

First ascent: (26/05/1997) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett Also claimed by Dave Kay, 31st May 1997

Starting Point 27m MS

Takes the obvious crack/corner line to the left of the central slabby area.

1 20m. Climb the corner direct to a ledge and good belays.

2 7m. Scramble up to belay at the back of the terrace.

First ascent: (30/05/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Drop Off 20m VS 4c

Start at the same point as the previous route. Climb the crack for 5m then step right on to the slab and climb its left edge to belay.

First ascent: (24/05/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

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Drop Out 20m VS 4c

Start at the same place as Fast Buck but after 2m traverse right to the bottom of an obvious left facing corner. Up this and from its top climb directly to the belay. (poorly protected)

First ascent: (24/05/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Drop Out Direct E1 5b

Start directly below the left-facing corner and gain it boldly. Continue directly to the top.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

Mokado 20m MVS 4b

Starts from the right hand side of the central slabs. From behind some large blocks climb the 'S' crack to a ledge then follow the vague crack/groove line trending slightly right.

First ascent: (17/05/2007) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Dropsy 25m VS 4c

Starts at the right hand side of the central slabs between the slab and the large block. Climb the wall to a ledge then trend right into a corner. Climb the obvious crack stepping left at the top.

First ascent: (24/05/1997) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Blind Faith 25m E1 5a

Start up the corner to a good spike step right and climb a small overlap. Continue boldly (RPs and skyhooks) to a horizontal fault. Pull up right and finish left.

First ascent: (27/06/1998) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham, Ken Forsythe, David Forsythe

Bulging Faith 20m E3 5c **

A direct link between the start of *Bulging Wall* and the top of *Blind Faith*. Following a vague scoop. The only protection comes from 3 skyhooks (one out left in *Blind Faith*), these are the only things between you and the deck - maybe E4 if they don't work? An excellent line.

First ascent: (26/05/2007) A Phizacklea, JL Holden

Bulging Wall 25m E1 5b

Start just right of *Blind Faith* and climb up and rightwards to gain a blank bulge. Pull up to easier angled rock and finish via the left end of a grass ledge.

First ascent: (26/05/2007) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett

Crimpy Wall 25m E3 5c

Climb the wall bearing rightwards to finish as for *Hanging Groove*.

First ascent: (14/06/1997) Dave Birkett, Bill Birkett, Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe, Tom Walkington

Hanging Groove 25m E5 6c

Climb the thin wall and hanging groove to finish direct.

First ascent: (14/06/2007) Dave Birkett, Bill Birkett

Blister 30m VD+

Start at the large block forming a crack with the main crag.

Climb the right arete of the block to its top, then follow a series of ledges and small grooves slightly rightwards until it is possible to gain the rounded rib which is followed easily on rough rock to the top.

First ascent: (30/05/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

To the right are two projects, then:

The Prince of Wales is Not For Sale E3 5b *

Towards the right end of the crag, just left of the wet streak of *Oily Sammy*, lies a clean slab. Climb the slab just left of the wet streak to a ledge, move left and climb the thin slab above to reach another ledge between two heathery patches. Move up the centre of the rounded rib above.

First ascent: (26/05/2007) A Phizacklea, JL Holden

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Oily Sammy 25m MS

Right of the large block of *Blister* is a black streak with a crack in it. Climb the fine crack and continuation groove to the grass terrace.

First ascent: (30/05/1997) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Dropping Sideways 30m VS 4c

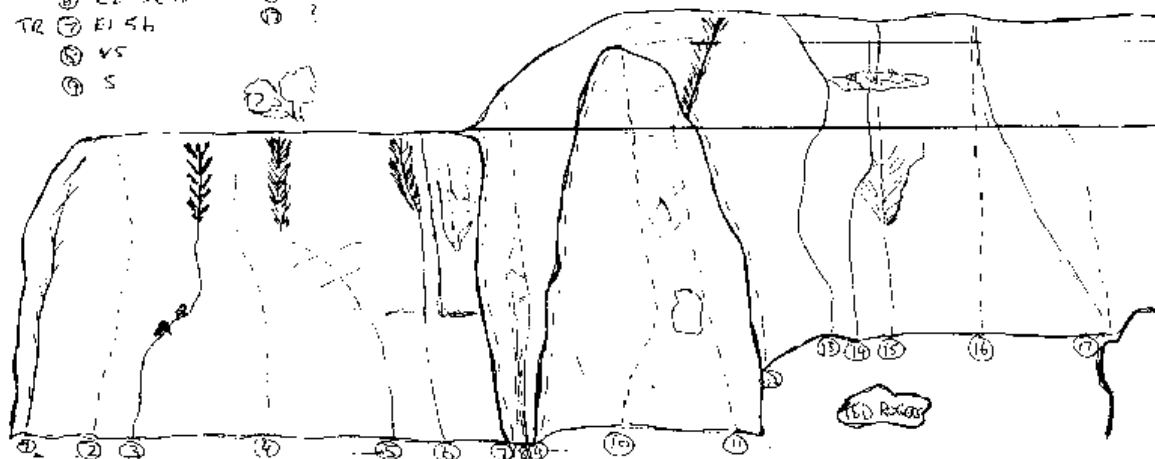
A girdle traverse of the right-hand two-thirds of the crag. Start just right of the left-hand steep section at the bottom of the water-worn groove. Make an ascending traverse rightwards to the top of a blunt pinnacle, descend slightly past a good runner, and continue traversing right until the end of the crag where an ascent rightwards leads to a big white belay ledge. Finish either up or down.

First ascent: (03/10/1998) John Robinson, Andy Carlin, Paul O'Reilly

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TR ① HVS Sa/b	TR ⑩ E1 SB *
TR ② E3 Sc	⑪ S
③ E2 Sc *	⑫ S
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White How Crag

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The Long Throw 20m MVS

Start beneath a V-scoop and flake 3 metres right of *Jungle Formulae*. Pull up to the flake then climb a vague stepped rib until the more prominent rib above can be gained and followed to the top.

First ascent: (06/04/2002) J Daly, D Geere, JL Holden

The Great White 12m E2 5c

A fine delicate climb up the centre of the buttress. Climb straight up to a prominent pocket in the middle of the horizontal break. Use a thin crack up rightwards to gain the slab above which is followed to the top.

First ascent: (11/04/2002) J Daly, K Phizacklea,

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Twenty metres left of *False Pretences* is a small compact barrel-shaped buttress providing steep delicate slab climbs. The next three routes are located on this buttress and are described from left to right.

Cutting Edge 12m E1 5b

The rounded left edge of the buttress is climbed using a series of short flake cracks. Care is required with spaced protection.

First ascent: (11/04/2002) J Daly, K Phizacklea

Hammerhead 12m HVS 5b

Delicately climb up the right side of the buttress to an obvious niche, step right and follow the rib above.

First ascent: (11/04/2002) J Daly, K Phizacklea

Upper Buck Crag	SD 226 993	350m	SE	30 min
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A fine steep buttress with good natural lines with a good range of routes from severe to E3 and it gets the sun until late in the afternoon.

The best approach is from the Birks Bridge forestry car park Take the left hand forestry road towards Grassguards until the junction for 'The Birks Field Study Centre' 1km (15 mins walk). 30 metres further on, take the Harter Fell Bridle Way (west) for about 350m passing the Eskdale branch on the left until an old and over grown forestry extraction route is crossed. Turn 'R' (north) and follow this, which leads directly below the crag in about 450m, 30mins in total.

Upper Buck Crag Slab is slightly up and left of Upper Buck Crag when facing the crag and is easily recognized as an isolated slabby buttress.

Climbs are described from left to right.

Upper Buck Crag Left Hand Slab

This fine slab can be found 10 meters left of the main crag and is clearly visible from the approach path. It provides some good short routes on immaculate rough rock that dries instantly even during the August monsoons. The slab is split by two obvious cracks.

Cheese-eating Surrender Monkey 9m VS

The wide left slanting crack at the extreme left end of the crag. Ascend the crack to a good ledge at half height. Balance up right to finish direct up the wall.

First ascent: (22/08/2014) Martin Scrowston (solo)

Cest la Vie 12m VS

Start at the left end of the slab just left of Closing Time. Bold padding up the slab and vague crack to a good ledge and runners. Follow the arête and crack to access the upper slab.

First ascent: (07/06/2014) Martin Scrowston (solo)

Closing Time 12m HVS

This fine pitch follows the left of the two obvious thin cracks that split the slab. It is dedicated to the memory of Jim Loxham, a passionate advocate of Duddon Valley Climbing. Start below the left crack, climb it.

N.B. The steep right hand crack has been climbed at 5b, but still awaits a clean ascent without utilising a hold and protection from its neighbour.

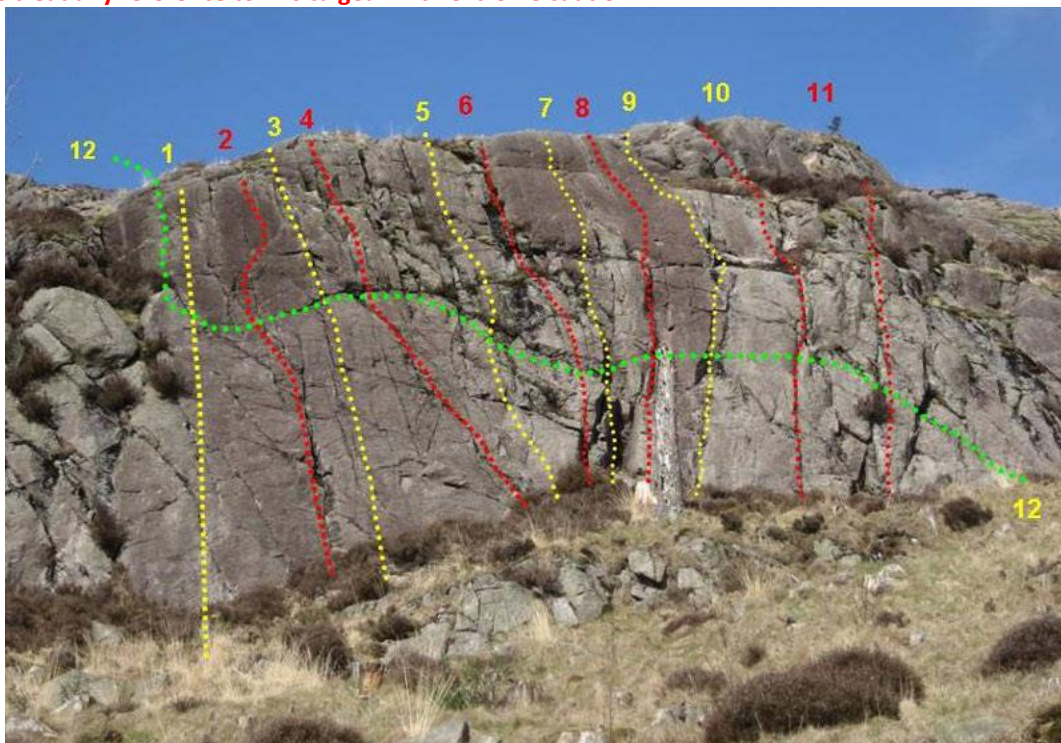
First ascent: (17/06/2014) Paul C Bennett, Martin Scrowston

Entente Cordiale 18m MVS

Two metres right of the dirty corner is an obvious crack. Climb the steep crack on good holds, step left onto the slab and follow its left edge to a good ledge and belay.

First ascent: (17/06/2014) Martin Scrowston, Paul C Bennett

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Upper Buck Crag Slab

Upper Buck Crag Slab is slightly up and left of Upper Buck Crag when facing the crag and is easily recognized as an isolated slabby buttress.

This is a clean slab of excellent rough rock between 11m and 15m high, which sits up and left of Upper Buck Crag. All the routes recorded are worth doing, well protected and give good additional climbing to the existing climbs on Upper Buck Crag and indeed the cluster of crags in this area i.e. Buck Crag, Dropping Crag, Upper Buck Crag and Slab.

Routes are described from left to right facing the buttress and an easy descent can be made at either end. Starting at the left end of the clean area of rock lies:

1. **The Buck Club** * 15m MVS 4b Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 13/4/08
2. **Buck Writers' Guild** * 15m HS 4a Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 17/2/08
3. **The Bucker Prize** * 15m VS 5a Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 13/4/08
4. **Buck Worm** * 14m S Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston 17/2/08
5. **Black Bucks** 14m VD Paul C Bennett, J Loxham/M Scrowston 22/4/08
6. **Open Buck** 14m VD Paul C Bennett, J Loxham/M Scrowston 22/4/08
7. **Buck Review** 14m MVS 4b Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston 17/4/08
8. **Exercise Buck** * 14m MVS 4b Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 17/4/08
9. **Buck Cover** 14 m VD Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston 17/4/08
10. **Buck End** 11m VD Martin Scrowston, Jim Loxham 17/4/08
11. **Final Bucking** 10m VD Jim Loxham, Martin Scrowston 22/4/08
12. **All Bucked Up** * 20m S Martin Scrowston Solo 22/4/08

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Main Crag

A short but fine steep buttress with good natural lines which gets the sun until late in the afternoon.

Moulin Rouge takes the obvious deep corner line, which splits the crag just right of centre.

Esprit d' adventure 40m MS

A pleasant if escapable line on good rock, starts 8m left of Joie de Vivre just left of a vegetated corner by a slender pillar and large flake leaning against the wall.

1 25m Climb the flake and step left into the slim corner, ascend this to easier rock, which leads to a small belay ledge (small thread low on left).

2 15m The orange tinted slab with a white streak is climbed via a thin crack with a loose but apparently sound small square flake, continue by easier rock to the top.

First ascent: (24/11/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham

Left Face Upper Buck Crag ~ Duddon Valley



1	Esprit de adventure	MS	40m	FA: M Scrowston & J Loxham	24/11/2013
2	Joie de Vivre	S	45m	FA: M Scrowston & F Scrowston alt leads	22/07/2013
3	Carte Blanche*	S	45m	FA: M Lynch & D Kay	06/06/1999

Routes 1, 2 and 3 are pleasant, on good rock, but are escapable, especially in the upper half. Nevertheless they are enjoyable, and an aperitif for the sterner pitches further right.

Joie de Vivre 45m S

Start at the extreme left of the crag at large grassy bay up and 8m left of Carte Blanche.

1. 25m Climb the leftwards slanting crack across the slab to a rib; move up to good ledges.
2. 20m Follow the broken slabs above.

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First ascent: (22/07/2013) M Scrowston F Scrowston alt leads

Carte Blanche 45m S *

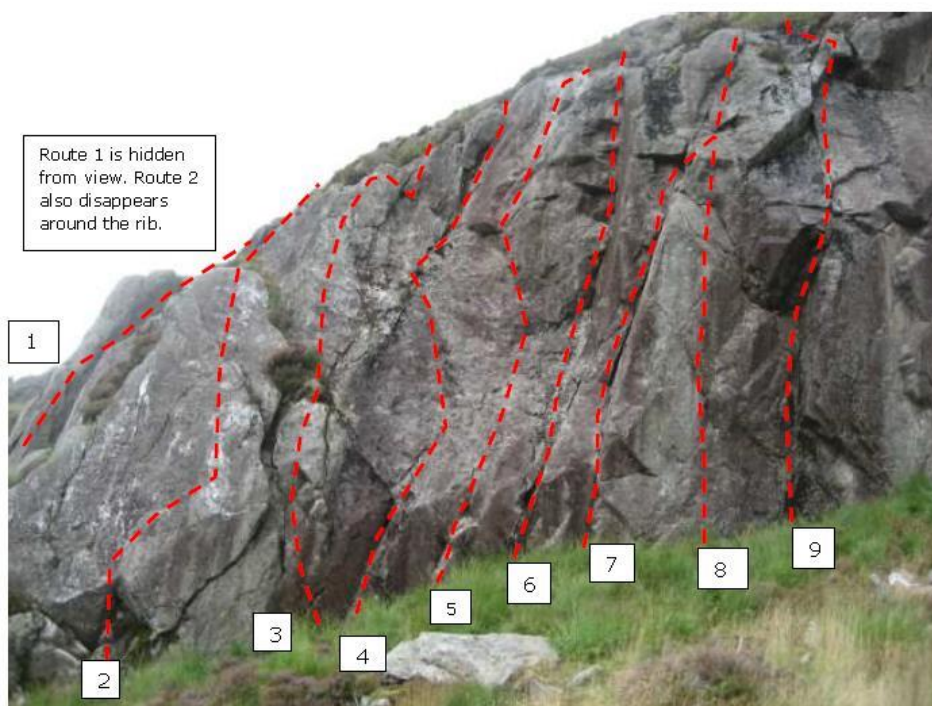
Start at the open V-groove just right of the toe of the heavily quartz marked rib at the left end of the crag.

1 20m. Pull up into the open groove and then move right passing a thin crack to the easy angled slab trending leftwards. Follow this to belays on a grass ledge.

2 25m. Gallop up the enjoyable slabs to the top of the crag.

First ascent: (06/06/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Topo Upper Buck Crag left side Harter Fell ~ Duddon Valley



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| 1. | Joie de Vivre | 45m | S | FA: M Scrowston F Scrowston alt leads 22/07/2013 |
| 2. | Carte Blanche * | 45m | S | FA: Mike Lynch & D Kay 06/06/1999 |
| 3. | Appellation Controlee | 21m | S | FA: M Scrowston, A Loxham, J Loxham 19/08/2013 |
| 4. | La Fee Verte | 21m | S | FA: M Lynch & D Kay 31/07/1999 |
| 5. | Lost in France* | 21m | E1 5a/b | FA: M Scrowston & P C Bennett 01/06/2013 |
| 6. | Bête Noire | 21m | E1 5b | FA: M Lynch & D Kay 31/07/1999 |
| 7. | Cordon Bleu** | 23m | VS 4c | FA: D Kay & M Lynch 06/06/1999 |
| 8. | Vin Blank | 20m | E2 5b | FA: T Rogers, B Birkett, K Forsythe, R Graham 12/09/1999 |
| 9. | Vin Rose* | 21m | VS 4c | FA: M Lynch & D Kay 31/07/1999 |

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Appellation Controlee 21m S

Start at the first steep groove 3m right of Carte Blanche, next to La Fee Verte. Step up and left steeply to gain a short crack, climb up to a quartz slab and follow this to its apex before moving right to finish up a corner crack.

First ascent: (19/08/2013) M Scrowston, A Loxham, J Loxham

La Fee Verte 21m HS/MVS

Start just to the right of Appellation Controlee at a rightward leaning corner. Climb the short corner then traverse up and left to gain the right-trending crack line. Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Lost In France 22m E1 5a/b*

A good route with adequate protection that takes a direct line up the slab and wall above. Start 1m right of La Fee Verte and 2m left of Bete Noire at a shallow rightwards slanting groove. The groove gives access to a fine rough slab, ascend the slab trending left to a small overhang pull up and right to climb the bulging headwall direct (crux). A step right leads to good finishing holds.

First ascent: (01/06/2013) Martin Scrowston Paul C Bennett

Bete Noire 21m E1 5b

Takes the larger stepped left-hand of the two corners bounding the right side of the red coloured slab. Start 1m right of *Lost in France*. Climb the short V-groove at the right hand side of the slab and climb directly up the stepped corner to finish on good jugs.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay,

Cordon Bleu 23m VS 4c**

Excellent climbing up the right-hand of two corners starting at the right edge of the red-coloured slab at the left-hand section of the crag. Start about 1m right of *Bête Noire* at the obvious steep crack in the shallow rightward slanting corner. Pull steeply on to the slab and follow the steep corner directly above. Pull out rightwards at the top (crux) and follow the crack in the slab above.

First ascent: (06/06/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

Vin Blank 20m E2 5b

Start 1.5m right of *Cordon Bleu*. Climb the wall left of *Vin Rose* to a bulge, pull over and continue on the right to join the crack of *Cordon Bleu*. Pull out left to finish.

First ascent: (12/09/1999) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett, Ken Forsythe, Rick Graham

Vin Rose 21m VS*

Start 1.5m right of Vin Blank at a corner groove capped by an overhang. Climb the corner to the roof and then pull out right to climb the crack in the slab above. Swing out left to finish.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Ingleton 5+ 20m E3 6a

Start 1.5m right of Vin Rose at a steep zig-zag stepped flake. Climb the flake strenuously to reach an overlap and step right onto a sandwiched slab. Bridge precariously up the slab to the head wall above. A steep pull up this leads to good finishing jugs.

First ascent: (12/09/1999) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett, Rick Graham

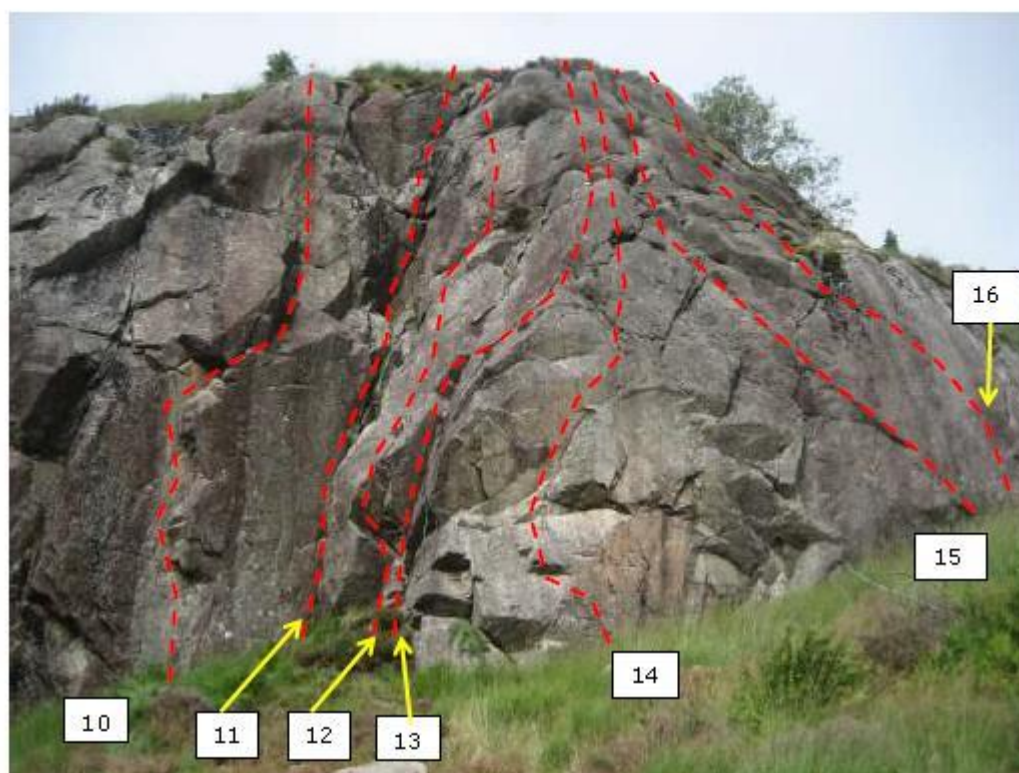
Moulin Rouge HS

Takes the obvious deep corner line, which splits the crag just right of centre. Climb the deep corner direct to the top.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

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Topo Upper Buck Crag ~ Harter Fell ~ Duddon Valley



10. Ingleton 5+ 20m E3 6a FA: K Forsythe, T Rogers, B Birkett, R Graham 12/09/1999
11. Moulin Rouge* 20m HS FA: M Lynch & D Kay 31/07/1999
12. Tartuffe* 22m E1 5b FA: M Scrowston & F Scrowston 22/07/2013
13. Maillot Jaune* 22m MVS 4b. FA: M Lynch, D Kay 06/06/1999
14. Awesome Oarsman 22m E2 5c FA: 23/09/2000 J Daly & D Geere
15. Eminence Grise 25m E1 5b FA: M Lynch & D Kay 06/07/1999
16. Faux pas 25m S FA: F Scrowston M Scrowston 22/07/2013

Tartuffe 22m E1 5b*

Excellent climbing, which follows a line up the steep slabs between Moulin Rouge & Maillot Jaune. Start as for Maillot Jaune, then step left to gain the lower slab and climb it direct to a good ledge. The upper slab is also climbed direct on small sharp holds

First ascent: (22/07/2013) M Scrowston & F Scrowston

Maillot Jaune 22m MVS 4b*

Just right of *Moulin Rouge*, the deep corner line which splits the crag, is a rounded rib with a steeply undercut base. This route starts on the less steep left side of the rib. Start on the left of the rib and climb a shallow open corner groove up over a large, squarish spike before traversing right to the rib and climbing this to the grass ledge system.

First ascent: (06/06/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

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Awesome Oarsman 22m E2 5c

A direct line up the steeply undercut rib just right of *Maillot Jaune*. Start 3 metres right of that route. A long reach is useful. Step left on to a small hanging slab, then climb the centre of the overhanging wall above with a step right to a short groove then direct climbing up the blunt rib above.

First ascent: (23/09/2000) John Daly, Dave Geere

Eminence Grise 25m E1 5b

Approximately 3 metres right of the undercut base of the rib of *Maillot Jaune* is a steep leftward-slanting crack/scoop line. Pull up into the leftward-slanting crack and follow it leftwards into the shallow scoop. Climb the scoop, still slightly leftwards, and the crack above to finish near the top of *Maillot Jaune*.

First ascent: (06/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Faux pas 25m S

Start at the cracked slab 3m right of *Eminence Grise*.

Ascend the slab on good holds to a large ledge. Follow the stepped slabs above

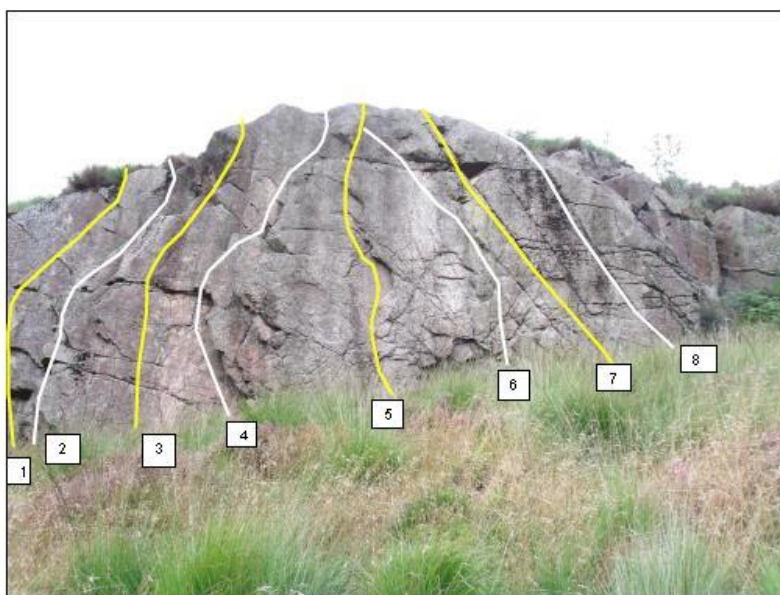
First ascent: (26/08/2013) F Scrowston & M Scrowston

Upper Buck Crag Right-Hand

About 20m further right from the Main Crag is another small but tough crag, Upper Buck Crag Right hand. All the pitches are less than 10m and do not warrant individual descriptions.

Please note, lines 1-4 were added to the topo from a sketched topo so they may not be in exactly the correct place!

Upper Buck Crag Right Side ~ High Ball Wall~ Duddon Valley



1	Rose	9m	HVS	5a	FA: T Rogers & B Birkett	30/06/2000
2	Vin Ordinaire	9m	S		FA: T Rogers & B Birkett	30/06/2000
3	Merlot	9m	E1	5b	FA: T Rogers & B Birkett	30/06/2000
4	House Wine	9m	VS	4c	FA: T Rogers & B Birkett	30/06/2000
5	Champagne	9m	E5	6c	FA: D Birkett & B Birkett	03/07/2000
6	Chardonnay	9m	E3	6a	FA: T Rogers, J Rogers, K Forsythe	25/07/2000
7	Syrah	9m	E2	5c	FA: B Birkett & T Rogers	30/06/2000
8	Grenache	9m	E1	5b	FA: B Birkett & T Rogers	30/06/2000

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The best approach is from the Birks Bridge forestry car park Take the left-hand forestry road towards Grassguards until the junction for 'The Birks Field Study Centre' (15 mins walk). Follow the route as described for *Dropping Crag* and *Upper Buck Crag* up the Harter Fell bridle way for approx. 150m. The crag can now be clearly seen across to the right (north) about 200m distant and several hundred metres directly below *Dropping Crag*. The main part of the crag is a slabby pear-shaped buttress of superb rough rock, split in the lower half by a prominent diagonal overlap in the shape of an inverted 'V'. A tree on a ramp above the crag base provides a convenient reference point. The routes are described from left to right.

The following two routes take broken twin grooves on the left of the main slab.

Spooky Tooth 20m VS 4c

Spooky! Climb the left hand groove/rib to a hanging slab. Step left and climb the steep upper groove making liberal use of the huge poised fang (which seems thankfully to be more solid than it looks).

First ascent: (05/05/1999) SJH Reid, S Stout

Finders Keepers 20m VS 4c

Climb the well scrubbed right-hand groove (as for *Bull Run*), and step left onto the hanging slab. Move up right through the blocky break.

First ascent: (05/05/1999) SJH Reid, S Stout

Bull Run 27m MVS4b

Takes the stepped corners at the left end of the buttress. Start 4 metres left of the tree. Climb the initial corners to the bulge and pull out right to a ledge. Follow a right-facing corner above until it fades out, move left to the arêtes, and finish up the right hand side of the slab.

First ascent: (08/10/1998) D Geere

Yahoo 26m HVS 5a

An eliminate starting just right of *Bull Run* (3 metres left of the tree). Climb delicately up the slab to the left hand end of the overlap, then the short awkward crack above to the ledge on *Bull Run*. Surmount the bulging rock on the left then follow the centre of the slab above. *Maybe only VS*

First ascent: (20/02/1999) D Geere, J Daly

One Trick Pony 28m E2 5c

A good pitch taking a line above the overlap to finish up a short groove through the left side of the bulging rock above. Start 3 metres left of the tree (as for *Yahoo*). Climb delicately up to the left end of the diagonal overlap then move right to a ledge. Gain a standing position in a pocket above the overlap and traverse delicately right along the lip to better holds. The short groove above is then followed to a ledge where easier slabs trending right lead to the top. *Maybe E1, 5b*

First ascent: (04/10/1998) D Geere, JJ Geere

Sweetheart of the Rodeo 27m E1 5b

Another good pitch taking a thin groove line above the right end of the overlap, immediately above the inverted V. Start 2 metres left of the tree. Climb an obvious diagonal line up beneath the overlap to its right hand end, pull out right to a hollow flake, then step delicately back up left into a groove line which leads through the bulge (crux) to a ledge. Easy slabs then lead to the top. *thought to be E2, 5c*

First ascent: (04/10/1998) D Geere, JJ Geere

Sweetheart 26m E2 6a

An excellent pitch starting just right of the tree. Climb the short wall up to the inverted 'V'-overhang, surmount this direct, then climb the grooveline through the bulge above as for *Sweetheart of the Rodeo*.

First ascent: (30/04/1999) J Daly (unseeded)

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The next 2 routes start from the lowest point of the crag directly beneath the tree

Bronco 38m VS 4c

A fine pitch. Climb an easy slab and scoop to the tree, and then follow the right edge of the ramp to its top. Step right, and then climb the slab past a hollow flake to an obvious 'V' groove/niche in the bulge above. Surmount this direct, step right, and follow the obvious crack line above to the top. *Several parties have suggested that this is 5a*

First ascent: (06/12/1998) J Daly

Pass the Buck 38m VS 4b/c

Follow *Bronco* to the top of the ramp. Traverse 4 metres further right, then climb more steeply past a tree/stump to where a tiny flake crack and pockets lead to the ramp line above. Follow this to its right-hand end where a flake crack and short corner above lead to the top.

First ascent: (05/12/1998) J Daly, D Geere

The crag now turns to the right and becomes more broken. The next routes start beneath a prominent arête, with a corner/groove to its left.

Horse Latitudes 20m HVS 5a

Easily up a rib to a ledge beneath an overhang. Climb a short steep crack up the right side of the arête, then swing left round the arête to gain the prominent corner, up this precariously to the top. *Top end of grade?*

First ascent: (24/04/1999) D Geere, J Daly

In keeping with its natural line Horse Latitudes might be better described (after its initial rib) as going round the left side of the hanging arête to gain the prominent corner, instead of taking its short deviation up the right side before immediately swinging back down left anyway. This would also provide a totally independent line for Buckaroo up the right side of the arête. It is probably worth somebody else checking these lines out

Buckaroo 20m HVS 4c

Up an easy groove to a ledge beneath the arête's overhang. Climb a short steep corner/crack up the right side of the arête to a sloping ledge. Continue up for 3 metres, step left into a scoop then left again onto the arête which is climbed direct over a bulge to finish.

First ascent: (30/04/1999) J.Daly (unseconded)

12 metres further right is short steep reddish wall.

Lonesome Pine 15m VS 4c

Climb the wall direct using a crack system and scoop to gain the top. Scramble up easy rocks on the left for 4 metres to a good flake belay.

First ascent: (20/02/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Little Blake Rigg

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Seventy metres left of *Rhetoric of Meritocracy* are a pair of easy angled slabs separated by a grassy gully. All three routes start up the clean slabby pillar defining the base of the right hand slab, the first two routes then proceed to climb the more extensive upper reaches of the left hand slab.

Taskmaster 27m S

Climb the left side of the slabby pillar for 14 metres then move left across a grass ledge to gain the left-hand slab. Climb straight up the right side of this slab to finish up a short steeper crack.

First ascent: (06/04/2002) J Daly, JL Holden

Costa Del Duddon 30m VS/ HVS 5a

Follow *Taskmaster* for 8 metres, step left to a frighteningly perched flake, and climb a short groove and narrow slab behind it. When the left-hand slab widens follow a diagonal crack leftwards across the slab, then boldly climb the centre of the slab above to finish at its highest point.

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First ascent: (06/04/2002) J Daly, JL Holden

Wish You Were Here 22m S/HS

Climb the right side of the slabby pillar to the base of a steeper bulging section, which is taken in the centre via a broken crack-line.

First ascent: (06/04/2002) JL Holden, J Daly

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A shattered looking crag 250 metres west of Crook Crag liberally covered with dead moss (previously lush when the trees surrounded the face).

Mossad 22m VS 4b

Start 2 metres left of the V groove and climb a vague crack-line, passing a diagonal break and over a bulge to easier rock above. There's nowt much to belay to, the best being a wooden seat 20 metres further back!

First ascent: (26/05/2007) JL Holden, A Phizacklea,

Mossgo Central 22m E2 5b

Start directly below the upper arête, and climb a short groove to a heathery ledge. Pull onto the right side of the arête, move up right into a scoop, then back steeply left to the top of the arête.

First ascent: (26/05/2007) A Phizacklea, JL Holden,

Burnt Crag

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Burnt Offerings E6 6b

Start as for *Burning Desire*.. Arrange protection in the initial groove of *Burning Desire*. Step into the next groove on the right and move up and into a shallow niche. Tie the peg off above (it is only in about 1 inch), back it up with an RP2, and make committing moves up and left to the bottom of the groove, getting established in which is very awkward and scary.

First ascent: (01/05/2000) N Wharton, S Wood

The next route apparently incorporates some of Burnt Offerings but was not recorded at the time as the intention was to complete a more direct route. The ascent may have been even more serious than *Burnt Offerings* as no peg was placed.

A Blaze of Glory 25m 6b

A serious route - no peg. Climb the initial groove of *An Alien Heat* to just below the glaciis (RPs). Use an undercut on the lip of the overhang to pull up leftwards to a short groove/niche. Move up to good holds on the girdle (*Ring of Fire*) (RPs). Step up slightly leftwards, and climb the wall on sideholds and the odd positive foothold to the bottomless groove of *Burning Desire*. Finish up this.

First ascent: (19/07/1994) T Thompson (unseeded)

Red Hot Rupert E6 6b

The meat of the climb is up the blunt rib to the right of *An Alien Heat*. Start 3 metres right of *An Alien Heat* and climb directly up to the sloping ledge, after arranging pro (small RPs) make hard moves to gain the base of the rib where gritstonesque climbing leads up and leftwards into *An Alien Heat*.

First ascent: (18/08/1996) P Cornforth

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Crook Crag, Duddon

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Park at Birks Bridge car park and follow the Forestry track over the cattle grid and take the first right to a new locked barrier. After about 50 metres, take a left turn into the woods and keep straight ahead for 100 metres to the crag. Not to be confused with Crook Crag Birker Fell, Eskdale (200 989).

Routes described left to right.

Mary's Delight 30m S/HS

The first line up a slabby crack to a ledge at half height, then up the awkward corner to the top.

Felony 30m HVS 5a

Climb the wall just right to the ledge then move off the left end of the ledge up a groove and swing right to finish.

First ascent: (06/10/1999) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

The Old Bill's Crack 30m E1 5b

Climb straight up to the crack, enter it, and proceed strenuously to the top (Friend 4).

First ascent: (22/09/1999) Bill Birkett, Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

GBH 30m E1 5b

Start just to the right and continue to a big block, from this step up and swing boldly left to finish.

First ascent: (25/09/1999) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

Arrest Arête 30m E2 5c

Follow a rampline up left to join the crack (Friend 4) then swing out left and gain the arete (RP's). Follow this to the top.

First ascent: (25/09/1999) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

Panda 40m S

Start at the bottom of *The Old Bill's Crack* and take a diagonal line across the crag.

First ascent: (25/09/1999) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

Prime Suspect 30m HVS 5a

Climb straight up to a large block on the right, stand on it and climb the corner above.

First ascent: (22/09/1999) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

Constable Crack 30m E1 5b

Climb up the faultline to the silver birch and climb the crack awkwardly to the top.

First ascent: (22/09/1999) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe, Bill Birkett

Flying Squad 30m E2 5c

Climb the wall as direct as possible to gain the upper crack via a horizontal crack. Continue up a steep step via the left arête (bold) and continue direct up the nose above.

First ascent: (05/07/2000) Bill Birkett, Ted Rogers

The Villain 30m E2 5c

Climb up to the obvious hold via the large ledge at 3 metres. Make a balancy move to stand up and make a move to gain a good hold and spike. Continue in the same line to the top.

First ascent: (05/07/2000) Ted Rogers, Bill Birkett

Arsonist 30m E1 5b

The obvious groove on the right, climb to the right end of the big ledge. Climb the wall until it is possible to enter the groove for a couple of steep moves. Take a direct line to the top.

First ascent: (28/08/2000) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe

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Larceny 30m E1 5b

Climb direct up the wall using holds and runners on the right arête to reach the crack. Finish direct.

First ascent: (28/08/2000) Ted Rogers, Ken Forsythe,

Morse Crack 30m VS 4c

Follow the crack direct and finish up slabs above.

First ascent: (06/10/1999) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Forensic Arête 30m E1 5b

Climb the rib right of the crack until a step right onto a block. Move up and swing left onto the arete, continue direct up slab and arête above.

First ascent: (23/08/2000) Ken Forsythe, Ted Rogers

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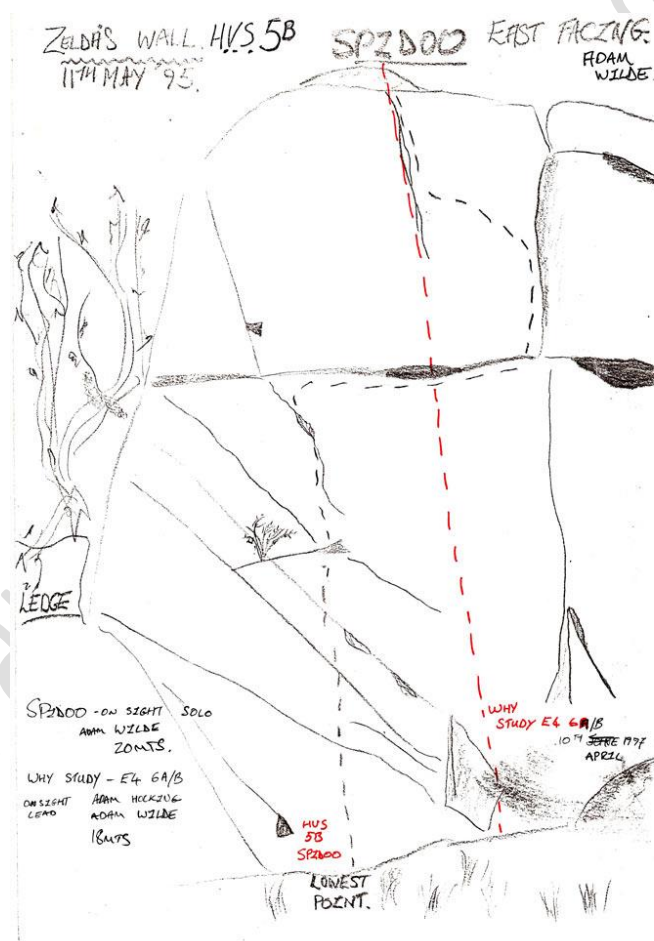
A superb little crag, five minutes from the road, with short routes (8-13m) on good clean solid rock. A good evening spot. This is another crag that has been independently discovered by two parties, resulting in some confusion as to which climbs are actually new. However the first routes here seem to be those of Adam Wilde and friends in 1995.

Access: please park off the road, by the river, near Hinning House. Enter field by gate, not jumping fence. The crag is on farm land. Access is agreed with the farmer provided we are all considerate. There are birds nesting on the north side of the crag and climbers are asked to stay around *Orange Face* and *Zelda's Face* area. Please respect these wishes to ensure our future enjoyment climbing here.

There are two clean walls - "*Faces Wall*" faces downstream at the lowest point of the crag. It is a steep clean wall with a horizontal break at two thirds height.

Zelda's Face

The east facing wall, at the bottom left of the hill seen as approaching from the river



Zelda's Face 15m HVS 5b

Start at the lowest of the diagonal crack-lines. Climb directly to the horizontal break. Traverse right to a vertical groove. Up this for a metre, then pull out left onto the wall finishing up the central crack. Strenuous and unrelenting.

First ascent: (11/05/1995) Adam Wilde, Chris Cowen

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Spidoo 20m HVS 5a

Start at lowest left slanting crack-line. Climb wall direct to second break at three-quarter's height. From left-hand end traverse right until you can enter vertical groove. Climb groove for 1 metre then pull left onto wall. Climb this and finish up centre crack.

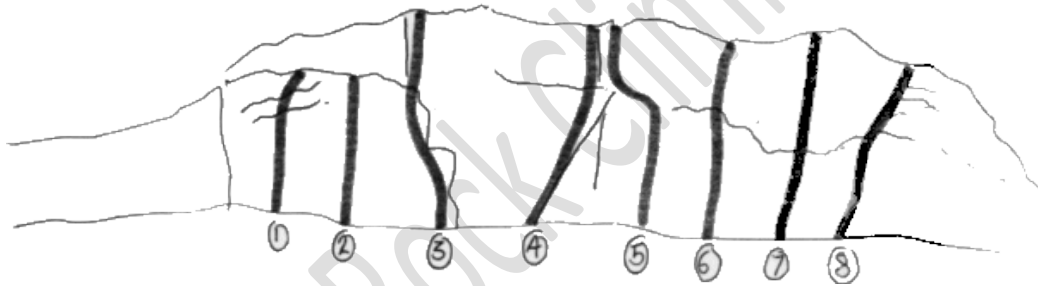
First ascent: (11/05/1995) Adam Wilde

Orange Wall

Orange Wall is up and behind Zelda's Face. Turn right from the path and walk up through the rocks to the obvious overhanging Orange Wall on the second tier.

Subsequent to Adam Wilde's visits, Dave Birkett and friends added a number of routes on Orange Wall some of which probably equate with Wilde's earlier routes, though there are considerable grading differences. The routes are only recorded by name and grade:

- 1 Pretty Boy E4 6a, R Guise (solo) June 1996
- 2 Hillybilly E6 6b (RP3, scary), D Birkett, June 1996
- 3 Totem's Horror HVS 5a, R Guise June 1996 (may be the same as Gavin's Route HS).
- 4 Bat Crack E2 6a, T Walkington, June 1996 (may be the same as Spank yer Monkey E2).
- 5 Jed Clampett E4 6a (RP3), D Birkett, June 1996 (may be the same as Southern Jessie E4).
- 6 Jethro E5 6c, D Birkett, June 1996
- 7 Elle May E5 6a (bold), D Birkett, June 1996
- 8 Original Route E1 5a (easy for grade) original route of the crag. FA not known (may be the same as Bryn's Route VS).



Why Study? 18m E4 6a/b

Start two metres right of *Spidoo*, just before a grass bank. Go straight up the wall to a horizontal break. Mantle into the break and reach a crack in the headwall. Climb straight to the top.

First ascent: (10/04/1997) Adam Hocking, Adam Wilde

Gavin's Route 14m HS

Start at a hanging, downward pointing block towards the left side of the *Orange Face*.

Climb over the block to a ledge, move up and left to a larger ledge, step left one metre and climb a crack to the top (crux).

First ascent: (08/05/1995) Chris Cowen, Adam Wilde

Billy Boulder 15m S

Left of *Orange Wall* is a 'huge' crack slanting rightwards, from quarter height to top. Climb it.

First ascent: (01/09/1995) Adam Wilde

Spank Yer Monkey 18m E2 5c

Two metres right of *Billy Boulder* is another fine crack, slanting rightwards, but much thinner. Climb to top exit right then up left to finish. Strenuous.

First ascent: (18/09/1995) Adam Wilde

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Southern Jessie E4 6a

Start half-way between *Bryn's Route* and *Billy Boulder*. Climb blocks and ledges to start up wall and climb jagged rock on an otherwise smooth face with powerful crux moved 2 metres before the ledge. Mantel onto the ledge then go up the wall directly behind.

First ascent: (01/09/1995) Adam Wilde

Bryn's Route 16m VS 4c

Start at lowest (right) point of *Orange Wall*. Climb a short cracked wall to gain a ramp. This is followed diagonally right, and up a continuation crack. At the top of the crack, traverse left for 2 metres and continue up the wall to the top.

First ascent: (08/05/1995) Adam Wilde, Chris Cowen



Viz Crag

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Gonads in the Mist 13m E5 6a

Climbs the arete right of *The Pathetic Sharks*. Start one metre right of *The Pathetic Sharks* at the base of a thin flake crack. Climb the flake and enter the corner in the arête (crux), climb the corner and continue up the arete to the top.

First ascent: (21/03/2000) K Avery, J Shepherd

Brow Side

SD 238 987

175m

SW

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Park at the cattle grid south of Troutal. Approach as for Burnt Crag along the track; go through the gates and up the hillside following the wall. At the top of the wall there is a stile on the right - go over this and traverse the hillside for 150m towards the cascades

Mr Cuddles 12m E8 ***

Embrace the arete and don't let go. Emotional

First ascent: (10/04/2016) Craig Matheson

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Foss How Crag SD 241 986 330m SW

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This is the tiny vertical wall of immaculate rock which lies alongside the cascades of Tarn Beck, about a kilometre below the outlet of Seathwaite Tarn. Because these cascades are hidden from the road they retain an unspoilt charm and provide a tranquil backdrop to obstinate routes on the crag. Park as for Burnt Crag, but follow a wire fence rightwards, crossing it at the top of the ridge where the cascades come into view. Drop down to the beck and follow it up to the crag. The routes are described from left to right; the best decent is towards the beck.

Foss Night Nerves 13m E6 6b **

The direct start to Rough Diamond. Start at the left hand edge of the crag by a large foot hold. Boulder up to a resting position on the leftwards facing ramp and some gear. Turn the overlap on the right and finish up the Rough Diamond headwall but this time without the benefit of the rest.

First ascent: (02/10/2014) Nathan Pike, Sarah Pike

What's all the Foss about? 13m E6 6c **

Described by some as the Strawberries of Duddon. A searing and uncompromising line left of Rough Diamond, finishing up the left of the tough head wall.

Start as for Foss Night Nerves and follow it in to Rough Diamond. Continue up using the left hand crack and the wall above to finish at the top of the arête. Wrestle the bush back to the belay.

First ascent: (02/10/2014) Andy Mitchell

Rough Diamond 12m E5 6b

A hard little gem that deserves to become polished. Start by a fingery flake in the centre of the wall. Pull up left from the flake and follow the painful crack to a resting ledge. Step down left and finger traverse onto the smooth headwall, where twin rounded cracks provide an unyielding finish. The easier finish up the corner above the resting ledge is a real cop-out.

First ascent: (14/05/1990) Al Phizacklea, Dave Kells

May the Foss be with You 11m E4 6b

The central crackline – ‘Rollers’ are useful at the start- so is the flat landing!) From the flake move right and make a hard pull up the crack to a good hold. Continue up the crack to the top.

First ascent: (31/05/1988) R E Wightman, A Phizacklea

Thunderhighs 13m E3 6a

Another good pitch starting below a short groove 4 meters right of the last route. Pull into the groove and exit left at the top along a thin flake to a point just right of the central crack. Pull back right to reach a sloping ledge and finish directly up the stepped wall above.

First ascent: (17/05/1990) Al Phizacklea, Dave Kells

Great Blake Rigg

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Main Buttress

Gunga Din 64m MVS 4b

Climbs the right-bounding slab of *Against All Odds* rib. Start as for *Dressed For Success*.

1 18m. Pitch 1 of *Dressed For Success*.

2 23m (4b). Traverse left below the wall into a dirty corner. Move up and step left onto the steep slab which is climbed to a belay beneath an overhang.

3 23m (4b). Follow the crack to the left of the overhang to ledges beneath the headwall (possible belay).

Traverse left to an abrupt finish up a short corner.

First ascent: (15/08/1996) D Geere, J J Geere

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Valhalla 46m E2 5c

A quality route on clean rock. Start as for *Yggdrasil*. Climb the slab and right hand of two shallow corners to a rock ledge. Pull onto the rock fin on the right, bridge the prominent corner/sentry box right again, then climb the continuation finger crack above to the flake on *Odin*. From its top climb up rightwards to another good flake edge, then climb the slab direct passing just left of two grass ledges to finish up the right side of a rock nose above.

First ascent: (02/09/2002) J Daly, K Phizacklea

Lap of the Gods 20m HVS 5a *

The slim, slabby buttress lying in the middle of the open gully to the immediate right of the *Main Buttress*. Start opposite *Odin* at the foot of the buttress below a clean slab which is undercut at its bottom. A tricky move from the left side gains the excellent rough slab. No gear until a horizontal break at 5 metres then easier climbing up the slab to the top.

First ascent: (07/07/2005) Simon Harvey, Peter Bardsley

Lower Buttress

Whore's Drawers 36m VS 5a

Fingery. Takes a direct line through the prominent quartz streak. Start just left of *Hors D'Oeuvre*. Climb directly up a steeper slabby pillar, just left of the easier slab and jagged overhangs capping *Hors D'Oeuvre*, and continue up through the quartz streak to a ledge. Up the grooved rib to finish.

First ascent: (05/04/1996) J Daly

Savage Skies 47m E3 5c/6a

A fine climb taking the exposed prow just left of the huge overhanging corner. Start up the left facing corner of *Triarder*. From the corner step left to a block then up left to the slabs left edge. Climb this to beneath the right wall of the *Prow*. Swing precariously out left onto the *Prow*, step left to a tiny spike, then straight up the face above.

First ascent: (08/06/1996) J Daly, D Geere

Cold Front 44m S

Between *Triad Buttress* and *Grey Buttress* is an additional rib/buttress taken by *Cold Front*. Start 5 metres up the right bounding gully of *Triad Buttress*.

Climb direct over two flakes, pull steeply onto the rib above and follow the easier angled rib line.

First ascent: (30/03/2006) J Daly, D Geere

Conquistador 25m E3 5c/6a

An excellent route up the imposing right arête of *Grey Buttress*. Start up the crack of *Grey Buttress*, then move up right to the overhang in the arête which is climbed direct to a marginal peg runner. The arête above is followed in its entirety.

First ascent: (17/06/1996) J.Daly, D Geere

Grey Seal 22m E3 5c

A line up right edge of buttress. Climb short slanting crack. Move up to small overhang on the right. Directly up flake holds to good wire. More easily up right edge of slab to top.

First ascent: (20/07/1997) T Thompson, Dave Rowan

"Note from John Daly: A route has also been claimed on Great Blake Rigg by Tony Thompson (Grey Seal); the description sounds very much as though it takes the same line as Conquistador that we put up at an earlier date. Perhaps the very suspect peg runner that we had in the arête has since fallen out!

Crash Test Dummy 42m E1 5b

Eighty metres right of *Grey Buttress*, past some slabs, is another buttress with a prominent central pinnacle. The next route climbs the left rib of the buttress.

1 26m (5b). Climb the stepped rib to a difficult mantleshelf onto a rock ledge, from its right end climb a groove to a belay between two large pinnacles.

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2 16m (4b). Chimney up behind the left-hand pinnacle and pull onto the rib above, up this to the top. Belay well back.

First ascent: (30/03/2006) J Daly, D Geere

Dickie Doodle 35m S

This lies on the buttress up and right of *The Grey Buttress*. Start just right of the toe of the buttress, left of a large boulder embedded in the ground. limb past a dubious flaky spike (spiky flake?) at 5 metres and up to a grass ledge. Go 3 metres left and climb a groove, at first making use of the edge of a huge pinnacle. Step right to the arête at the top. Belays are 15 metres higher.

First ascent: (19/04/2011) Martin Bennett, Simon Fenna

Achtung Spitfire 40m E2 5c

Start 6 metres right of *Crash Test Dummy*. From the left end of the glacis step up right over a small juniper, then climb up and through the crack in the overhanging wall above to gain easier ground. Climb the wide crack up the pinnacle on the right and up the rock above. (1 in-situ wire)

First ascent: (07/09/1996) J Daly

Woolyback Jumper 40m MVS 4b/c

Six metres right of the central toe of the buttress is a rock letterbox. Climb the rib line above to a large ledge on the right, then climb the slab behind breaking out left to finish. Belay well back.

First ascent: (17/05/1996) J.Daly, D.Geere

Upper Wall

Flakey Wall 15m HS

Twenty-five metres to the left of *Outside Left Slab*, on the upper wall, lies a steep wall with a line of flakes up it, climb these. Strenuous.

First ascent: (07/07/2005) Simon Harvey, Peter Bardsley

Outside Left Arête 15m HS

The arête left of *Outside Left Slab*.

First ascent: (07/07/2005) Peter Bardsley, Simon Harvey

Armadillo 12m VS 5a

The next route starts just right of *Outside Left Slab* and climbs the right edge of the slab. *Masonic Connotations* is the stepped arête further right.

(5a). Up a short steep diagonal crack to the overlap, pull over rightwards and use small layaway flakes to climb up to the right arête which is followed to the top.

First ascent: (05/05/2002) J Daly, D Geere

Kleptomaniacs 15m E4/5 6b

Start 3 metres right of *Laypincher*. A short wall and crack lead to a steep cracked wall. Make a series of difficult moves up past a peg, to a flare at the top of a very thin diagonal crack, (wires in flare). Move up to small ledges and finish rightwards around short rib.

First ascent: (02/06/1996) T Thompson, R Southall

Beano Buttress

The next routes are situated on a buttress about 50 metres below and right of The Upper Wall. The left side consists of easy angled slabs whereas the right side is a shorter steep wall split by a horizontal break/overlap.

Dandy 20m MVS 4b

Start 3 metres left of *Beano*. Gain the left side of a perched triangular block then pull up left beneath an overhang, surmount it to gain a ledge above and from its right-hand end climb a bulge then easier slabs to the top.

First ascent: (16/07/2000) J Daly solo

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Beano 20m S

On the clean buttress right of the upper wall. Start in the middle of the wall at an obvious jamming crack. Up the crack and then the right-hand side of a big jammed flake then straight up to the top.

First ascent: (16/07/1994) M Lynch, B McKinley

The next route starts 5 metres right of *Beano*. Take care with a perched flake in the corner

The Mantrap 20m VS/HVS 4c

Climb the obvious leftward curving corner making an awkward exit out left at its top to gain a hidden layaway flake. Finish up easier slabs passing a tiny overhang.

First ascent: (16/07/2000) J Daly solo

Mighty Mouse 14m VS 4c

Start between *Mantrap* and *Scary Canary*. Climb the prominent corner and spaced blocky holds above.

First ascent: (01/09/2002) J Daly (solo)

Scary Canary 11m HVS 5a

Start 4 metres right of *The Mantrap*. Climb the left trending crack with awkward moves to gain the horizontal break, finish up the broken groove line above.

First ascent: (16/07/2000) J Daly solo

Beezer 11m E1 5c

Start 2 metres right of *Scary Canary*. Climb the blank centre of the wall using small undercuts to start.

Surmount the bulging overlap above to finish on good holds.

First ascent: (16/07/2000) J Daly solo

Topper 11m VS 4c

Start just right of *Beezer* at the right-hand end of the wall. Flake holds and layaways lead to the break/overlap. Finish up the dirty groove above or better, traverse 2 metres left and finish as for *Beezer*.

First ascent: (16/07/2000) J Daly solo

Buzzard Crag

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This is the first crag above the right-hand side of the tarn, 10 minutes from the dam. Although broken in appearance most routes on the crag provide surprisingly good climbing. The first rock reached is a boulder like wall offering three routes. Behind this is a grassy terrace and the main part of the crag which consists of a band of slabby pillars and cracks. The first three routes are on the lower 'boulder' wall starting with a corner with a juniper at its base.

Big Bird 13m E2 5c

Delicately climb the right facing corner in its entirety.

First ascent: (22/08/1999) J Daly (solo)

Reservoir Dogs 14m E2 5b

Start just left of *Big Bird*. Climb the right-hand side of the wall via a tiny right facing corner, up right to a thumb nail spike, step back left, then up the headwall above to easy slabs.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) D Geere, J Daly

The Bouncing Bomb 14m E1 5c

Start just left of *Reservoir Dogs*. Climb the wall via a faint depression and the right side of a tiny roof, stay on the steep rock and pull up right into a scoop then up to an easy slabby groove.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere,

The next routes are on the main crag. The first route starts just right of a dirty chimney/groove (probably *Musvac*).

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Tallboy 20m MVS 4c

Pull up to and over an obvious hollow block at 4 metres, step left and climb the slabby headwall above.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) D Geere, J Daly

Dambusters 20m HVS 5b

Start 3 metres left of the chimney/groove. Climb the right facing corner crack with an awkward pull out at its top. Continue up the crack line to a ledge, traverse 2 metres right then finish up the slab above.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere

617 Squadron 20m VS 4b

Just left of *Dambusters* is a pair of cracks. Climb the prominent left-hand crack until forced into the vague right hand one, up this to a ledge. Climb directly up the wall above trending left to finish.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Lancaster Bomber 20m E2 6a

Three metres left of 617 Squadron is a fine pitch up a thin finger crack. Start beneath the crack. Step up leftwards onto a small glacis at 3 metres then pull back right to gain the strenuous finger crack, climb it to a heather ledge. Easier slabs above to finish.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Fatboy 20m MVS 4b

Start beneath a scimitar shaped crack high in the arête left of *Lancaster Bomber*. Delicately climb a vague ramp line up left to the arête. Climb the crack above, step left to cross the heather ledge, then follow easy slabs above.

First ascent: (24/07/1999) D Geere, J Daly

Path Finder 20m VS 4c

Four metres left of *Fatboy* is a recessed stepped slab with a block leaning against its base. Climb the recessed slab to a delicate crux by the juniper. Continue up the centre of the slab to the upper overlap, surmount it on the right, and then follow easy leftward-slanting grooves to finish. Belay on ledge down right.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Chastise 14m HVS 5a/b

Left again is a steeper pillar of rock. Start up the right edge of the pillar. Pull into a shallow scoop then climb the right-hand edge of the pillar until a curving weakness can be followed left across the face. Finish up the left edge.

First ascent: (30/07/1999) D Geere, J Daly

100 metres up to the right of the main crag is a pleasant slab. *Eder* starts just right of the central wet streak.

Eder 14m S

Boldly climb the centre of the slab.

First ascent: (31/07/1999) J Daly, D Geere

Mohne 14m HS

From a flake, climb the blunt left rib of the slab.

First ascent: (22/08/1999) J.Daly (solo)

Ruhr 14m VD

Climb the right edge of the slab containing *Eder* and *Mohne*.

First ascent: (25/08/2002) M Lynch, D Kay

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Far Hill Crag

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Satyriasis Direct 22m E5 6b

Follow *Satyriasis* to the peg runner. Step up right to a second overlap. Pass the left end of this, by a hard sequence on side holds, to gain a small slot, (RP3 below small rectangular overhang on right) and pull up directly to good holds and easy ground.

First ascent: (26/06/1996) T Thompson

Nymphomania 20m E2 5c

Starting immediately right of *Cross Purposes*, climb directly (passing two Friend slots), over a slight bulge to the final groove of *Satyriasis*.

First ascent: (05/07/1996) T Thompson, R Southall

A Meeting of Spirits 25m E4 6b

Climb the ramp of *First of Class* for 3 metres, then bridge up to the roof (peg). Pull up past the left end of this to a side hold, which is used to reach a horizontal crack (Girdle). Move up to an undercut and small wires beneath a second roof. Pull directly over, with difficulty, onto the pleasant wall above.

First ascent: (12/07/2006) T Thompson

Horse How 251 979 460m SW

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A useful crag to combine with a visit to Black Scar. The routes described from right to left: comment has been made that the route descriptions are too vague and have a maximum length of 10 metres only (assuming the correct buttress was found!).

Bridle E1 5b

Wall on right side.

First ascent: (18/09/1997) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Bit HVS 4c

Wall on left side.

First ascent: (18/09/1997) Rick Graham

Side Saddle HVS 5b

Groove in centre.

First ascent: (18/09/1997) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

Withers VS 4c

Wall above block.

First ascent: (18/09/1997) Rick Graham

Hind Quarters E1 5b

Thin cracks on left.

First ascent: (18/09/1997) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

Black Scar 252 977 550m W 60 min

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Access: Allow 1hr. Follow the Long House to Seathwaite Tarn track for about 20 minutes to where a wall crosses the track just before it levels out. Go through the gate and follow the outer fell side of the wall as this avoids having to climb a very tall and sturdy dry stone wall. The wall leads up the fell before turning right to reach the first section of crag.

The crag is split into 3 main sections, the left hand crag, containing e.g. Crimson Slab, the middle crag containing e.g. Flight Path, and the main crag containing routes e.g. Scar Face, and Condor.

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Walking the Dog 17m VD

Situated on the left hand crag. Climbs the slab just left of the crag's left-bounding rib.

First ascent: (14/10/1995) J Daly (solo)

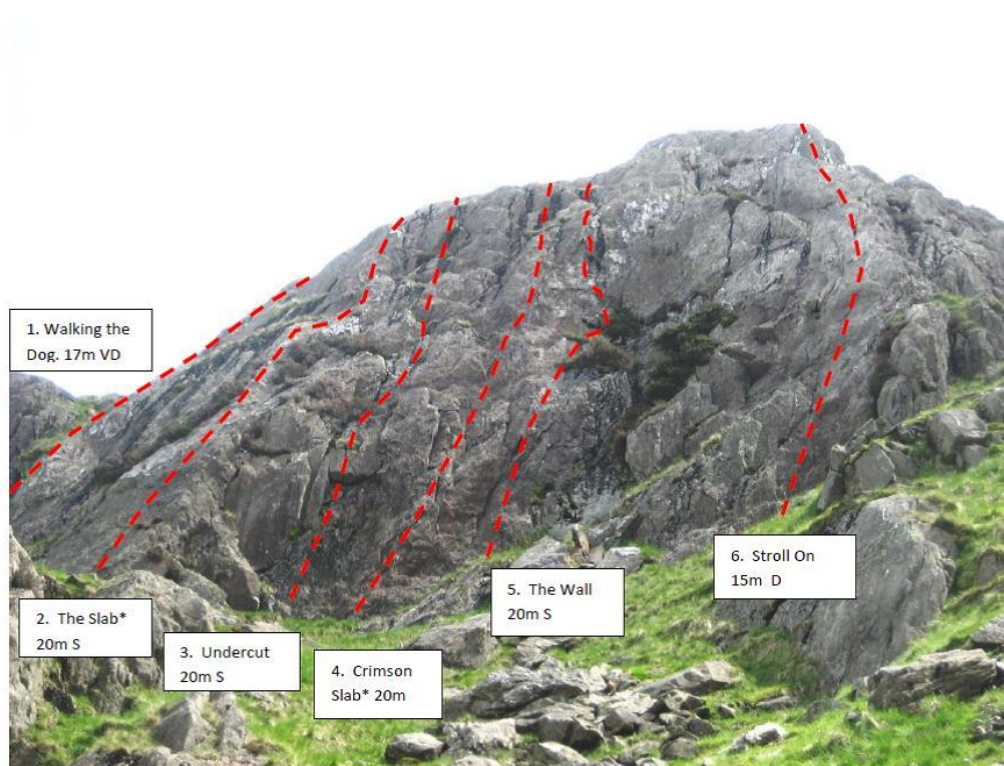
The Slab 30m S *

Starts about 2m right of Walking the Dog at a clean attractive slab. Ascend the slab, inclining to the right, to a grassy recess below a steep wall. Then climb up onto the large detached block and finish up the steep little wall above it. Spike belay.

Undercut 20m S

Starts 3m right of The Slab below undercuts in a small overhang. Climb directly over the undercuts and follow a line directly to the top.

First ascent: (08/06/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham & P C Bennett



The first crag encountered when on the normal approach

Crimson Slab 17m MVS 4b

A good pitch. Starts in the centre of the crag (just right of undercuts). A right-trending red slab leads up this to a steeper section which is climbed direct using thin quartz holds.

First ascent: (12/05/1995) J Daly (solo),

The Wall 20m S

Start some 3m to the right of Crimson Slab. Climb the wall to a grassy recess. Step round to the left and climb onto a large detached block and finish up the steep little wall above it. Spike belay.

First ascent: (24/06/2013) W L Barnes 1971

Stroll On 15m D

Climb the clean right bounding slabby rib at the right end of the crag.

First ascent: (16/09/1995) J Daly (solo),

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Boulder Boy 11m HVS 5a

This is the first climb on the middle buttress. Starts about 1.5m left of the left edge of the buttress. Climb the steep wall until forced out left onto the rib: follow this with ease.

First ascent: (12/05/1995) J Daly (solo) NB - the wall has been climbed direct - but not led - awkward 6a+.

Twenty-five metres further up left is a short steep wall

Flight Path 11m E2 5c

A good pitch. Climb the obvious thin central crack line to finish up the bulging corner just left of the overhang.

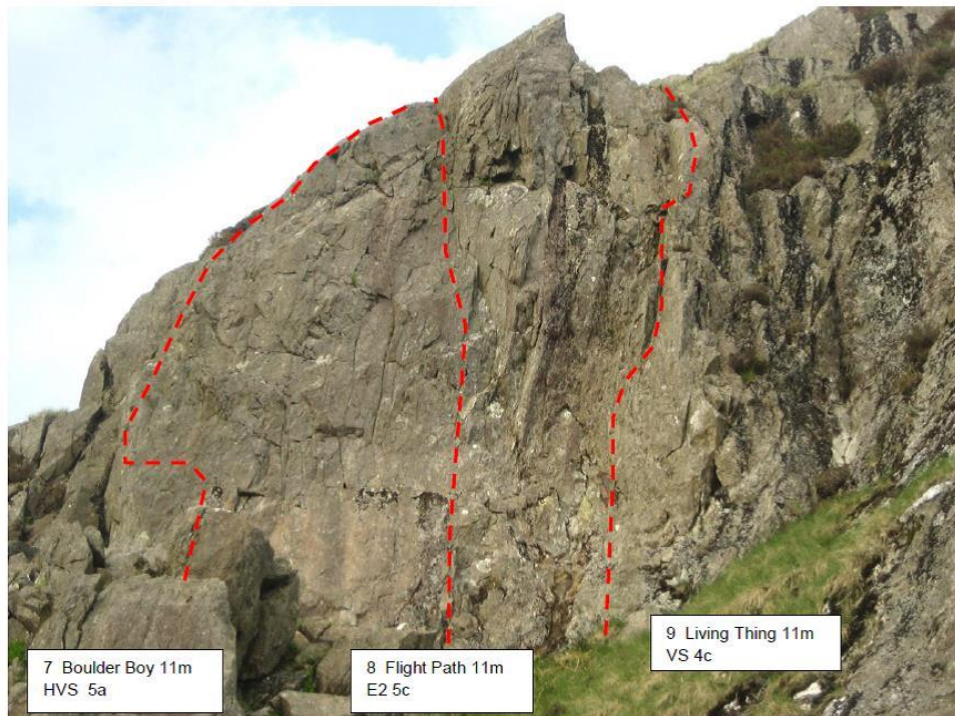
First ascent: (12/05/1995) J.Daly (solo)

Living Thing 11m VS

The curving groove 1.5m right of *Flight Path* gives a strenuous pitch.

First ascent: (08/06/2013) P C Bennett & J Loxham & M Scrowston

Black Scar Middle Buttress~ Duddon Valley~GR:252 977~ alt 500m~aspect: west facing



2nd crag encountered 'Middle Buttress'

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Black Scar Main Buttress~Duddon Valley~GR:252 977~ alt 500m~aspect: west facing



Lazy Days 12m HS

50m down and right lies an isolated rib/ridge of rock containing one route. This ridge is just 10m to the left of the main crag. Climb the wall just left of a heather groove, then easy rock up right to a short wall, up this just left of the edge.

First ascent: (12/05/1995) J Daly (solo),

Dolly Dimble 17m VD

This is the first climb on the main buttress A nice slab ruined by a steep heathery finish. The easy slab at the left end of the crag; finish left over blocks and heather.

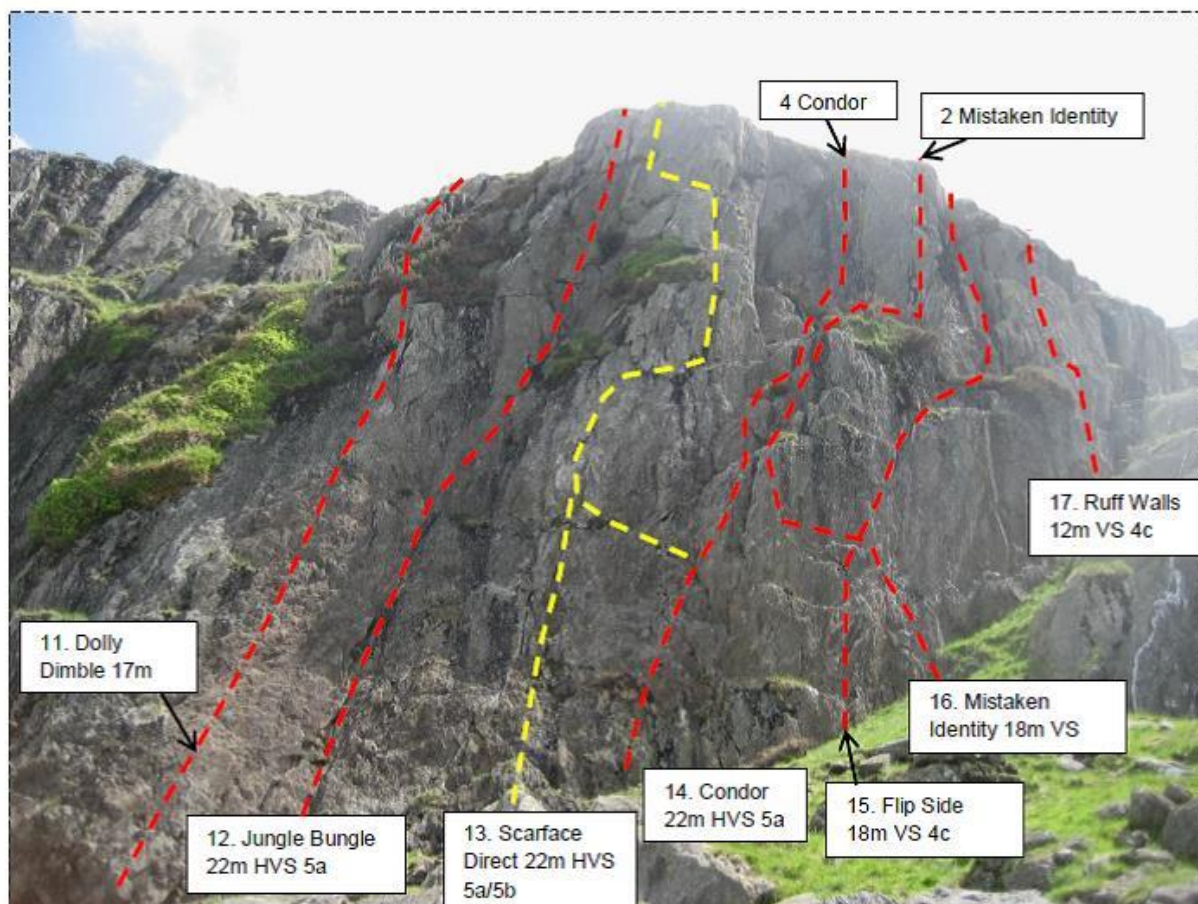
First ascent: (16/09/1995) J Daly (solo),

Jungle Bungle 22m HVS 5a

Start 2m right of Dolly Dimble. The obvious easy mossy crack/groove leads up beneath an impending corner. Climb this direct via a small quartz overhang.

First ascent: (12/05/1995) J Daly,

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Scarface 22m HVS 5a/b

A good route up the middle of the crag, start as for *Condor*. Climb direct up the centre of the steeper white rock and rib above to gain some large blocks. From their top pull boldly over the headwall above.

"A direct start has been made to Scarface and starts 3m left of *Condor* and gives both climbs independent starts. Start at the black water streaked wall, to join the route at the steeper white rock.

First ascent: (16/09/1995) J Daly (solo),

Condor 22m HVS 5a

Start 3m right of the direct start to Scar Face below the left end of a vague ramp. Climb up 4 metres then pull up right to follow a vague scoop/ramp line up to a heather ledge beneath a bookend corner. Climb the crack in the right bounding wall of the corner.

First ascent: (16/09/1995) J Daly (solo)

Flip Side 18m VS 4c

Start at the base of an easy angled grass gully just by two short horizontal ledges low down. Climb a steep right trending line to gain a stepped groove in the upper wall, ascend this, which leads awkwardly to the top.

First ascent: (16/09/1995) J.Daly (solo)

Mistaken Identity 18m VS

Starts 2m right of *Flip Side*, just right of two short horizontal ledges low down. Climb the wall past a good small spike. Move up and left onto the arête and up to join *Condor*, follow this to the large grass ledge. Move over right to climb the cracked arête, just to the left of the stepped groove of *Flip Side*, follow this awkwardly to the top NB: This route was climbed by mistake, wrongly thinking it was *Flip Side*.

First ascent: (08/06/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham & P C Bennett

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Ruff Walls 12m VS

A good pitch. Starts 5m right of Flip Side, where the grassy gully narrows to a chimney. Climb the clean wall past a narrow horizontal ledge to, another ledge with an awkward mantelshelf. Once achieved, follow a thin crack to a small overhang. Climb this strenuously to the top.

First ascent: (08/06/2013) M Scrowston & J Loxham & P C Bennett

High Pike

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Visitors have found difficulty in locating the existing routes.

Main Crag

Bald Buzzards Ate My Sandwiches 35m HVS 4c

Takes the highest part of *Main Crag*. Start 2 metres left of a rush-filled gully. Climb up a cracked wall and through a break in the bulge. Move left 5 metres and go up a quartz wall. Finish up the arête.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) M Bagness, J Grindrod

Bald Slab is the 15 metre slab up and left of the Main Crag.

Sparker Left-Hand 15m S

The cracks on the left-hand side.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) M Bagness, J Grindrod

Sparker Central 15m HVS 4c

The thin curving central crack.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) M Bagness, J Grindrod

Sparker Right-Hand E3

The line on the right was also led with a side runner - it would probably be E3/4 without.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) M Bagness

Cockley Crag

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Cochlear Implant 11m VD

Between *Cock-o-Leekie* and *Cockroach*. Climb the slab with the thin crack, finishing just left of the cockroach corner.

First ascent: (19/03/1994) Andy Malony, Dave Morton

Cockchafer 9m S

The crack just left of *Cock-Eyed*.

First ascent: (14/07/2002) M Lynch, D Kay

Cock-A-Hoop 9m HS

Straight up the thin mossy streak just right of *Cock-Eyed*.

First ascent: (14/07/2002) M Lynch, D Kay

Prawn Cocktail M

Rib immediately left of *Cock and Bull*.

First ascent: (19/05/1994) D. Morton (solo)

Cock Sure HS

Steep between *Cockburn's Revenge* and *Cock to Spare*.

First ascent: (25/09/1996) Ted Rogers, MK

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Fighting Cock 13m HS

Climb the initial crack of *Cockburn's Revenge* and move up right to a rock step. Climb the wall one metre right of *Cock to Spare* to an awkward move on to a ledge. Continue up the slab above.

First ascent: (15/07/2009) Mike Bebbington, Frank Wilkinson

Cock to Spare HVS 5b

Crack line 3m right of *Cockburn's Revenge*. Start off rock step. May be E1 5b.

First ascent: (25/09/1996) Ted Rogers

About 20 metres up and right of *Cockburn's Revenge* is a small buttress which is level with a descent traverse from the main buttress

The Idle Cock 9m MS

Start from a flat block and climb the blunt left-hand rib, avoiding the heather filled groove on the left.

First ascent: (15/07/2009) Mike Bebbington, Frank Wilkinson

Little Stand Crag

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Central Buttress

Tomorrow's Hero E6 6c

The steep crackline on the *Central Buttress*.

First ascent: (23/06/1996) David Birkett,

Big Little Man 18m MVS 4a

Not the world's best route, but it fills a gap. Start 8 metres left of *Little Big Man*, at the left end of a short overhanging wall. Climb the left edge of the overhanging wall by making use of a mossy groove, to reach a ledge. Tip-toe right along this, pull onto a higher ledge and finish up the groove above.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

Custer's Last Stand: E1 5b **

Nose Buttress

Yankee 17m VS 4c

Start 5m left of *Gringo* at left-hand of 2 steep grooves. Straight up, move right and then up twin mossy cracks to finish.

First ascent: (03/07/1994) M Lynch (solo)

Hi-Fi 23m E2 6a

A fine route with a boulder problem start, just right of *Gringo*. Pull over the overhang on layaways to enter the groove right of *Gringo*. Pull up the arête on the right then follow the groove above to the top.

First ascent: (25/06/1996) David Armstrong (solo),

Black Watch: HVS; "Quite easy for the grade, maybe VS+ (4c) would be more appropriate.

Doodle 15m VS 4c

Start 5m right of *Bolting Bill*. Up a left-slanting crack.

First ascent: (03/07/1994) M Lynch, J Holden, B McKinley

Lower Slab

Escape from the In-Laws S

Start about 2 metres up left from the toe of the buttress. Follow a vague broken crackline to the top.

First ascent: (20/06/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo),

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The bulk of this route appears to follow the line of Mosedale Ridge. Start at the base of the slab. After a steep start climb the easy angled top edge of the slab in its entirety keeping well left. Variation start:-follow the lowest crack on the slab out right to join Mosedale ridge.



Little Stand Summit Crag

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A fine crag offering superb clean knobbly rock.

Blackbeard 20m MVS 4b

Start as for *Dark Haired Warrior*. Climb the right edge of the wrinkly slab to the grass ledge, then climb the deep groove bounding the right side of the face.

First ascent: (19/10/1997) J Daly (solo)

Rhubarb 22m HVS 5a

Start around the corner about 8 metres right of *The Dark Haired Warrior*. Scramble up to a short wall with a prominent crack and pull up to a ledge. Follow the curving crack above to a mossy niche, and finish up a groove.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea, Steve Merry

The Thunder Dragon 24m E2 5c

A teasing route starting just left of *Group 4*. Climb direct up to the recess in the centre of the slab, pull awkwardly into it and precariously gain height using its left edge until a reach up right to a small hollow flake allows progress to the ledge. Climb the bulging left edge of the open niche of *Group 4*.

First ascent: (22/11/1997) J Daly (unseeded)

Ticket To The Moon 24m E3 5c/6a

Left again is a steeper wall with 2 vague cracks leading up to a diagonal weakness through a bulge at 11 metres. *Ticket to the Moon* starts at the right side of this wall beneath the feint right hand crack. Climb the crack using two small pockets then make an awkward sequence of moves up the wall to a pinch grip. Move up then left to good holds in the diagonal break above the bulge. Easier slabby climbing leads to the top.

First ascent: (22/10/1997) J Daly, D Geere

Toots 20m E3 5c

The left hand crack and bulge. A pleasant route with a thin start, following a thin crack and bulge 5 metres right of *A Vroom with a Ewe*. Climb the crack then straight up over a bulge. Easier slabs above lead to the top.

First ascent: (14/09/1996) David Armstrong, Mark Hetherington

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Turd 20m VS 4c

The mossy crack and groove between *Toots* and *Toad*, finishing up the right rib.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

Toad 20m E3 5c

Just left is a slim steep pillar of rock. Steep fingery climbing up the narrow face just right of the V-groove right of *A Vroom with a Ewe*. From the foot of the groove pull up right onto the wall and straight up to ledges. Easier climbing direct to the top.

First ascent: (14/07/1996) David Armstrong, Nick Barraclough

Teardrop Explodes 22m MVS 4b

Good climbing up the bookend corner just right of *A Vroom with a Ewe*, (left of *Toad*). Bridge up the corner using the left arête until a ledge is gained. Pull out left then climb up pleasantly to finish up the right side of the headwall of *A Vroom with a Ewe*.

First ascent: (27/10/1997) D Geere, J Daly

Cabin Boy 18m E3 6a

The crackline just left of *Captain Crater*, followed by an easy continuation rib to the top.

First ascent: (22/06/1995) Chris Thorpe, Rick Graham

One for the Money 14m MVS 4b

Up a groove left of *Captain Crater* to a huge detached block. Make a long stride right then straight up.

First ascent: (25/06/1995) M Lynch (solo)

The True Show (Two for the Show - direct) 11m E1 5c

Two for the Show - direct. Start just left of *One for the Money*. Climb the arête direct without using holds on the two routes alongside. A technical eliminate.

First ascent: (22/10/1997) J Daly (solo)

Three to Get Ready 10m VS 4c

Just left of the arête up to an obvious square hold then a crack to the top.

First ascent: (25/06/1995) M Lynch (solo)

Two for the Show 9m HVS 5a

The arête just left of *Three to Get Ready*.

First ascent: (25/06/1995) M Lynch (solo)

"It has been suggested that the "95/96 New routes supplement" description is wrong and the route climbs the arête just left of One for the Money. However if it is the same arête Two for the Show seems unlikely to merit an HVS grade, unless the arête was climbed using holds on the routes alongside (e.g.: the obvious square hold on Three to Get Ready), which might make it rather contrived."

Aviation Fuel 10m E1 5b

Climbs the thin crackline in between *Three to Get Ready* and *Clapped Out*, finishing by a rock scar.

First ascent: (19/10/1997) J Daly (solo)

Angelic Upstart 8m E1 5b/c

Start just left of *Clapped Out*. Climb the thin crack past an obvious triangular hold at 5 metres.

First ascent: (22/11/1998) J Daly (solo)

On The Rocks 10m HVS 5a

Start 3 metres right of *Go Man Go*, just right of a small overhang at 3 metres. Climb a wrinkly slab/wall trending left above the overhang then straight up to a ledge. Climb the short wall above.

First ascent: (22/11/1997) J Daly (solo)

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Go Man Go 8m S

The V-groove starting just right of a block 10 metres left of *Clapped Out*.

First ascent: (25/06/1995) M Lynch (solo)

Dodgy Deals 8m VS 5a

Climbs the tricky crack high in the rib just left of *Go Man Go*.

First ascent: (22/11/1997) J Daly (solo),

The Plum 8m E2 5c

14 metres right of *Blackbeard* is a short wrinkly bouldering wall. Climb the awkward steep left side of the wrinkly wall, pulling out right at the top.

First ascent: (27/11/1997) J Daly (solo)

The Prune 8m MVS 4b

The shorter right side of the wrinkly wall, then trend easily up left.

First ascent: (27/11/1997) J Daly (solo)

75 metres further up right behind Summit Crag is an edge containing a number of good problems. The best two are up near the left end.

Pin Prick 10m HVS 5b

Climb the centre of the obvious pocketed Pincushion slab to gain a short hanging corner, then direct over the oblong overlap above. May be E1.

First ascent: (19/10/1997) J Daly (solo)

Top Deck 8m E1 5c

Takes a short steep wall 16 metres left of *Pin Prick*. Start 1 metre right of a moss streak. Climb directly up the centre of the wall using precarious layaways to gain a shallow scoop and the top holds.

First ascent: (19/10/1997) J Daly (solo)

Gaitscale Buttress

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Left Buttress

Stanage Edge HVS 5b *

The arête on the left of the buttress.

First ascent: (03/07/2005) Martin Bagness, Ian Almond

Back Seat Driver * E1 5b

Description awaited.

First ascent: (03/07/2005) Ian Almond, Martin Bagness

Pauly E2 5c/6a

An interesting steep problem up the wall left of *Instant Karma*. Start at a small overhang right of a prominent crack. Climb up with a long reach for a small flake, swing up slightly left, then straight up to ledges. Easier climbing direct to the top.

First ascent: (14/07/1996) David Armstrong, Nick Barraclough

Main Buttress

Anniversary Wall 25m E2 5c

Climb the rounded rib right of *Crack of Dawn* avoiding the grassy corner. Move left through the bulges above by a layback/Egyptian move. Finish up the last few metres of *Crack of Dawn*.

First ascent: (29/04/1999) Ted Rogers, Rick Graham

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Hesitation 25m E2 5b

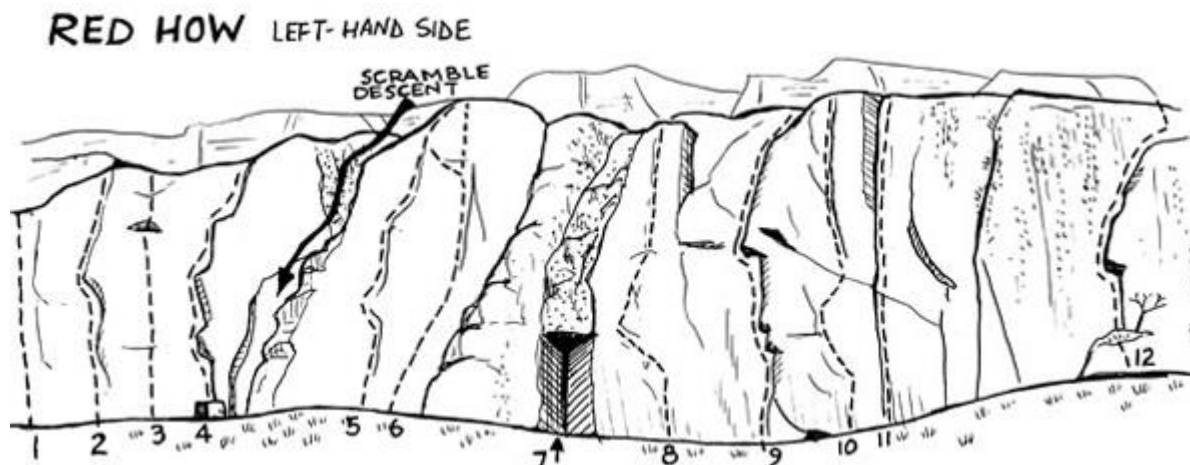
A direct start and right hand finish to *The Masterplan*. Several line slings will be found useful. Start a few metres left of *The Masterplan*. Climb to a good hold at 3m, then up (skyhook) and right to the nut runner on *The Masterplan*. Continue up to the left-hand of two short open cracks. Move left onto the rib to finish.

First ascent: (29/04/1999) Rick Graham, Ted Rogers

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Found on the hillside between *Cockley Crag* and *Gaitscale Buttress*, this steep little crag remains hidden from the road by a wide terrace on the hillside below it. The rock is steep and fast drying but it tends to have a fair amount of black moss in some areas.



Left-Hand Wall

There is a dirty niche at floor level in the centre of the crag. 8 metres left of this is the first clean wall. The route numbers refer to the diagram.

1. Waylon Smithers 8m VS 4c

Start 10metres left of the niche at a good flat landing, and climb the centre of a clean wall.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Steve Merry (solo)

2. Monty Burns 9m HVS 4c

Follow the central crackline up the wall, finishing up a short groove.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

3. Reverend Lovejoy 9m E1 5a

Follow the steep thin crack to a small overhang near the top, this is overcome by a long reach for a flat hold and a rounded finish.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Steve Merry (solo)

4. Troy McClure 8m S

Six metres left of the niche is a square block on the ground. Stand on this and climb the flake line above.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

5. Sideshow Bob 10m E1 5b

A good route. Move up the left side of a steep wall to a Friend slot, and follow the flaky line above to a good hold, finish on the left.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea, Steve Merry

There is a moderate descent scramble down the broken rib here.

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6. Krusty the Clown 10m E2 5c

Climb the right side of the wall, not touching the groove on the right, to poor wires in the centre and finish out left on *Sideshow Bob*. The direct finish is E3 (6a), but has not been led.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Steve Merry, Al Phizacklea

7. Barney 9m VS 4c

The obvious central niche and mossy line above.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

8. Homer Simpson 12m E3 5c

Excellent bold climbing starting 2 metres right of the niche. Boulder up left past a dubious Flexi-Friend to reasonable holds, and make a long reach right to an awkward exit (Micro-Friend). Follow the easier pillar above.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Steve Merry, Al Phizacklea

9. Nick Riviera 11m HS

Climb the prominent flake line 5 metres right of the niche.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

10. Ned Flanders 11m HVS 5a

A good route starting 3 metres right of *Nick Riviera*. Boulder up left to ledges, then step right and climb the thin crack up the wall above.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea, Steve Merry

11. Chief Wiggum 11m E1 5b

Another good line, following the crack right of *Ned Flanders* to finish up a fine cracked groove.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Steve Merry, Al Phizacklea

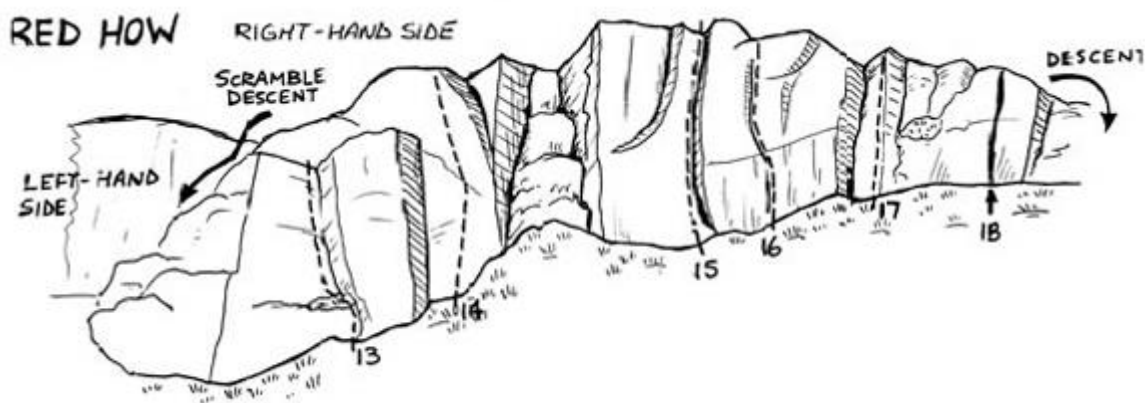
12. Nelson 8m VD

The chocky flake crack at the right side of the crag above a sapling.

First ascent: (12/05/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

Right Hand Wall

This is more broken than the Left-Hand Wall. There are descents at either end.



13. Moe 7m VS 4b

The slabby groove on the left of the wall.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

14. Fat Tony 9m MVS 4a

The wall right of the prominent corner.

First ascent: (03/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

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15. Julius Hibbert 8m VS 4b

Climb the steep shallow corner just right of the hanging groove.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea solo

16. Santa's Little Helper 8m VS 4c

The overhanging wall and crack above just right of *Julius Hibbert*.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

17. Otto 7m HVS 5a

The steep, short arête.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

18. Snake 6m HS

The prominent crack at the right side of the crag has a steep entry on good holds.

First ascent: (02/04/2005) Al Phizacklea (solo)

Beanpole 6m HVS 5a/b

To the right and round the corner of *Snake* is a narrow wall; climb this direct on good but small positive holds.

First ascent: (30/04/2006) Paul C Bennett (solo)



Photodiagram shows line of Beanpole

Cold Pike Crag

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This is the west-facing crag about 200 metres west of the summit of Cold Pike and overlooking Wrynose Bottom above Cockley Beck, Duddon Valley. It is the highest crag of the series of crags on this fellside known as *Gaitkins*, and has been referred to elsewhere as *Far Upper Gaitkins*. It is most easily reached from the summit of Wrynose Pass. Follow the path North West to below *Long Crag*. Cross the flat boggy area to the west and pick up the path leading up to the southern shoulder of Cold Pike. Continue up towards the summit of Cold Pike. On reaching the electric fence, follow this west for 100 or 200 metres (don't cross it). Eventually the crag is reached below you but is not obvious from this direction! To approach it from below takes a longer time. It is about 40 minutes from the road.

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Three routes were recorded here by Brian Davison and Pete Carter in 1998. Tom Walkington and Jim Cooper visited the crag in 2002 and 2003, producing a range of additional routes. Mostly the routes are suitable for beginners or oldies. In character it is similar to the neighbouring *Black Crag*, Pike O'Blisco - superb rock, superb situation, very quick drying, facing the sun and accessible but with an additional advantage of solitude (so far!). Taken together with the *Gaitkins Crags* (an extra 10 minutes further on below), this area has a wide range of excellent routes which could make Wrynose an even more popular rock climbing centre.

The crag is divided into three sections. *Main Sector* (on the left), *Right Wall* and *Upper Right Bay*.

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Main Sector

This is the left-hand side of the crag, at least 30 metres high and mostly easy-angled. Most of the routes start from the wide grassy shelf part way up near to the *Rock Crevasse*.

Star Turn 30m D

From the boulder field below the left side of the crag gain a ledge and then a wide corner/flake crack. Then take the easiest line to the top.

First ascent: (06/10/2002) Jim Cooper

Happy Days 30m MS**

From the *Rock Crevasse* take a direct way up to the top via the right side of a blunt rib at half height. Both easier and harder variations are possible but protection can be sparse.

First ascent: (06/10/2002) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

Four Falls 30m E2 6a

1 10m (4c). Hand crack and then a scramble.

2 20m (6a). The innocuous looking crack in the wall to the right of *Davison's Corner*.

First ascent: (20/05/2005) Martin Bagness, Steve Ashworth

"This is the described as the crack to the right of *Davison's Corner* - do they mean left where there is a good crack splitting the wall at about that grade?" **Brian Davison** 25/08/2010 11:50:50

Davison's Wall 30m E1 5c

In its upper half this follows the wall left of *Davison's Corner* and right of the thin crack which splits the wall. 1 10m (5b). Climb the steep lower wall starting right of the *Rock Crevasse*. Both left and lines were climbed based around a series of pockets and crack systems at this grade to reach the large shelf below *Davison's Corner*.

2 20m (5c). Climb the wall immediately left of the corner, a bit contrived at the top to avoid using the corner, or the thin crack to its left.

First ascent: (03/10/2009) B Davison

Davison's Corner 30m VD*

This takes the obvious left-facing corner in the upper part of the face. The easy-angled rock beneath the corner is reached from near to *Happy Days* by a variety of ways (up to 4b). The corner is straight-forward.

First ascent: (04/10/1998) Brian Davison, Pete Carter

Midget Gem 12m VS*

Start from the broad grassy ledge 6 metres right of *Davison's Corner*.

Climb the short steep pillar on delightfully rough rock. A good continuation to the routes on the *Lower Wall*.

First ascent: (04/06/2011) Martin Scrowston, Paul Bennett

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Hip, Hip, Hooray 30m VS 5a **

1 10m (5a). From the grassy shelf, find a way up the centre of the steep wall to the large ledge below and right of *Davison's Corner*.

2 20m (4c). Climb the wall immediately to the right of *Davison's Corner*.

First ascent: (06/10/2002) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

Cold Comfort HVS

Climb the inverted V-cracks at the left end of the wall.

First ascent: (04/06/2011) Martin Scrowston, Paul Bennett

In the middle of the lower wall to the right of the rock crevasse is a crack.

1. Bramble * E1 5b

Climb this direct using the crack and the wall on the right side.

First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)



The following route has been added to this short steep wall and compliments the existing line of *Bramble*

Mercury Falling E1 *

Start 2 metres left of *Bramble*. Climb the steep wall direct to finish via a thin crack.

First ascent: (04/06/2011) Martin Scrowston Paul Bennett

Right Wall

This is the obvious 10 metre wall to the right of the Main Sector, with a crack running the full height up the centre (*Mid Life Crisis*).

Edjukashun, Edjukashun, Edjukashun 10m E2 5c*

Climb the left arête and wall of *Mid Life Crisis*.

First ascent: (06/10/2002) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

Mid Life Crisis 10m VS 5a **

Climb the crack.

First ascent: (04/10/1998) Brian Davison, Pete Carter

Carter's Climb 10m S

Climb the right edge of the wall taken by *Mid Life Crisis*.

First ascent: (04/10/1998) Brian Davison, Pete Carter

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2. The Shipping News VS 4b *

Start about 2 metres to the right of *Davison's Corner* in the upper part of the face and right of an obvious crack. Climb the wall direct to the top. The easier rock below is climbed to reach the wall.



First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)

3. Sunshine Cracks S

Start from a grassy ledge just to the right of *Right Wall*, about 2 metres higher. Climb a fine crack to a small overlap running up right. Move left and follow another easier crack to the top.

First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)



4. Moss Streak S

About 2 metres right there is a dark mossy streak.

Climb this and the wall above. **Direct variation Finish.** About half way up there is a narrow ledge on the right. Move right along the ledge and climb the wall to the top.

First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)

5. Mossy E1 5b

Start 2 metres to the right of *Moss Streak* where the wall starts to get mossy again. Climb the wall below a large block overhanging near the top. Finish either side of the block (might be easier if cleaned).

First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)

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6. Twin Cracks S

To the right of *Mossy*, and right of the mossy corner, there is a narrow slab. From the bottom, climb a gangway/crack to the right side, follow broken cracks to a ledge, and climb the crack in the centre of the wall at the back of the ledge.

First ascent: (24/04/2005) Paul C Bennett (solo)



Upper Right Bay

Forty metres to the right, and at a higher level, is a cosy little bay with a wall about 6 to 8 metres high. Seven routes have been done here, but these do not include the featureless wall above the large flat boulder. The routes are:

VD. Climb the far left edge via small ledges.

S. Climb the crack just to the left of the large flat boulder. Finish up the rib and blocks.

S. Right of the flat boulder climb the crack and ledge finishing left.

HS (4b) Climb straight up the wall and crack to an impending finish.

VS (5a) Climb the crack forming the left side of the slab direct to the top.

VS (4c) Climb the centre of the slab.

S. Climb the rib and V-groove on the right of the slab.

All routes; Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper, 5th April 2003.



Paul C Bennet has also soloed the routes listed below. It is not certain how these relate to the lines above.

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| 1. VD | 2. S | 3. S | 4. S | 5. VS (4b) | 6. VS (4b) | 7. VS (4b) | 8. VS (4c) |
| 9. VS (4c) | 10. VS (5a) | 11. VS (5a) | 12. S | | | | |

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Far Right



Green Velvet Wall, 6m

Greg Chapman has recorded the following routes/highball problems on a large block on the far right side of the crag. He notes that within the context of its character it certainly is 'amazingly good'.

1. **La La Land E1 5b *** The crack system on the left side of the face features the easiest climbing but poorest landing.
2. **Green Velvet E3 6a ***** The best and most central line starts on good holds but soon reaches an awkward crux move at half height, easier climbing then follows. Fantastic! ***
3. **Cajmere E2 5c **** Climb the wall on its right side using the right arête. **

Upper Gaitkins

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Lower Gaitkins

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Furrowed Brow

This is the largest of the Lower Gaitkins buttresses, and is almost the most right-hand.

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Whores are Laid 13m VS 4c

The major crack system towards the left side of the crag, between *Faulty Tower* and *Top's Purse*. Climb the crack and continue up thin twin cracks to a fine finish. This seems to take the same finish as *Faulty Tower*
First ascent: (01/07/2005) Stephen Reid, Chris King

Solo Slab

These short slabs lie just east of *Furrowed Brow*. Solo Slab (18m VD*) lies on the left-hand slab and three shorter slabs to the right contain respectively, *Picasso's Nose* (5a*), *Thin Horizontal* (5b**) and *Rhomboid* (5c*). All were soloed by Martin Bagness in May 2005.

Rhino's Arse	266 030	580m	S	40 min
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This small isolated south-facing crag can be easily visited en route to other crags in the area. It is a fine little crag of excellent rock, part of the spread of crags known as *Gaitkins* on the southern slopes of *Cold Pike* in Upper *Duddon Valley*. It is best reached from the summit of *Wrynose pass*. Follow the path north towards *Red Tarn* (*Black Crag*) for about 2 or 300 metres to a small path left (North West) which crosses a boggy area around a *Ghyll* until a large single boulder next to the path is reached in about 20 minutes. Turn west and make a slowly rising traverse up the, often wet, fellside heading towards a point right of a prominent boulder silhouetted on *Wrynose Breast*. When the fellside begins to fall back at the *Breast*, follow a shelf left (west) and the crag is reached with surprising suddenness. The shelf hides the crag from all approaches. Forty minutes from the road.

The striking feature of the crag is the central off-width crack of *The Rhino's Arse* of *Rhino's Pass*. The climbs are described right to left

Brothel Creepers 12m D

Twelve metres right of *The Rhino's Arse* of *Wrynose Pass* is an easy angled slab. Climb it.

Tom's Rhinoplasty 13m VS 4c

Climb a blunt arête under the right end of the right-hand roof to a slab, and then break through the roof at its right-hand end.

First ascent: (20/05/2005) Martin Bagness (solo)

Décolletage 17m MVS 4b

Start at the same point as *Jeepers Creepers*. Climb the short groove left of the overhang to the slab above. Climb to the top via walls on the left.

First ascent: (08/08/2004) Jim Cooper, John Bennetts

The Rhino's Arse of Wrynose Pass 13m HVS 5b **

The offwidth! Climb a short groove under the crack, then the crack, and then the wall/slab which will be found to be as rough as a ...

First ascent: (20/04/2000) Martin Bagness, Sue Wood

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Culo de Rino 13m E4 6a **

Climb a short groove under the crack, move left and go up to the big roof. Break through this towards its right hand end.

First ascensionists unknown - in fact it may not have been led.

Obvious Diagonal Line 18m E2 5c **

This is the obvious diagonal line from left to right! Gain the start from the left and follow the line in its entirety, crossing *The Rhino's Arse of Wrynose Pass*.

First ascent: (11/07/2005) Tom Walkington

Good Golly Miss Molly 10m MVS*

One metre right of *Twist and Shout*, climb up to a recess, beneath the overhang, at 4 metres. Swing out right onto the overhanging wall (Oh Golly!) and climb to the top. Easier than it looks.

First ascent: (11/07/2005) Jim Cooper, Tom Walkington

Twist and Shout 8m VD

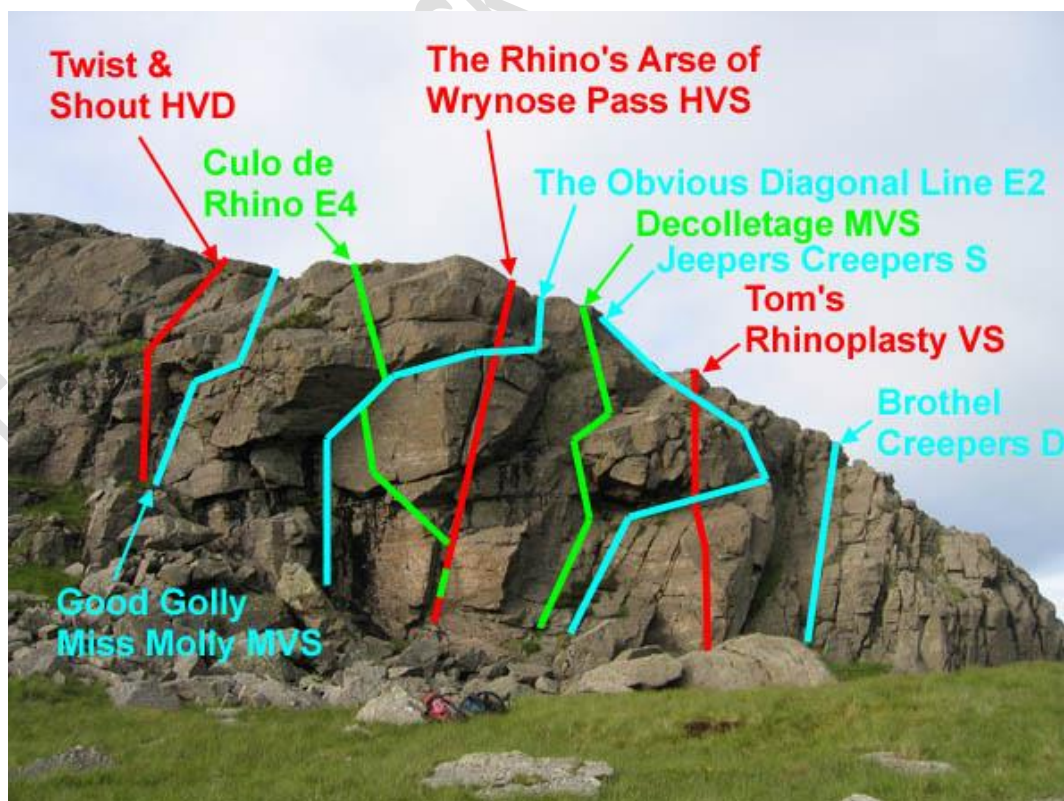
Left of *The Rhino's Arse of Wrynose Pass* there is a steep pile of boulders reducing the height of the crag. This climb starts about 10 metres left of *The Rhino's Arse of Wrynose Pass* on top of these boulders at the left end. Climb the mossy corner on the left. At half height twist and shout and pull over the overhang by a crack. Easier than it looks and worthwhile.

First ascent: (11/07/2005) Jim Cooper, Tom Walkington

Jeepers Creepers 20m S*

Five metres right of *The Rhino's Arse of Wrynose Pass* is a line of overhangs. Gain the slab below the left end of the overhangs. Creep right for about 8 metres. Climb the short wall above on good holds and trend left to the top of the crag.

First ascent: (11/07/2005) Jim Cooper, Tom Walkington



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Beckfoot (Eskdale) Quarry

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Rubble Run E2 5c

Omitted from current guide. If it was climbed a bit more some of the loose rock would come off. The prominent groove left of *Moria*. Start up the wall on loose rock and enter the groove. Follow it strenuously to the top.

First ascent: (27/07/1986) B Davison, A Smith

Hare Crag

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Birch Tree Buttress (The Lower Buttress): overgraded - severe 4a rather than VS 4c?

Slit Wall: undergraded at HVS?

Celebration: is no harder than pleasant slab (S)?

Plaque Route: the start is about 4c (rather than 4a) for a handful of moves above a perfect landing.

Jugged Hare: second pitch felt 4b and harder than the first.

Right-Hand Slabs

Hareshirt 15m S

Left of *The Rib* is a grassy gully and another slab. Climb the centre of the slab, trending right where it narrows under a steepening, to a tricky exit left up a short groove.

First ascent: (30/05/2010) John H Bull (solo)

Birch Tree Buttress, Right-Hand Branch 15m VS 4c

Just right of *Birch Tree Buttress* is a V-corner. Climb the slab on the right of the corner to a heather ledge, then the blocky corner on the left.

First ascent: (02/04/2000) WE Pattison, DA Barrass,

The Groove: Currently E1 5b the gear is good in the groove but awkward to place, the slab and wide/vegetated crack has no gear; E2 5b may be more appropriate?

Central Slabs

Hareless Heart: Hareless Heart is considered HVS 5a rather than E1. A better description would be: HVS (5a). Climb the flake and wall above to reach the slab. Go straight up this until gear can be placed in a flake crack on the left. At this point a faint diagonal crease runs up right. Follow it to its end, step up to a hand spike, and traverse left and then go up the slab on the left

Birthday Boy: another HVS pretending to be E1?

Pre-Election Tension 23m VS 4c

This route provides an easier approach to the right hand side of the slabs. Interest is sustained at the grade. Start two metres right of *Birthday Boy*. Follow the left trending stepped ramp out onto the slab. Climb the dirty cracks above directly to the top.

First ascent: (23/04/1997) D Bailey, P Bailey

Hare Crag Ridge 23m S *

A pleasant climb which starts 2m right of Pre-Election Tension. Climb the obvious cracks for 4m and step left onto a narrow ledge to avoid the heather filled recess. Continue up the right edge of the short wall and move leftwards to gain the upper slabs. Follow the ridge/right edge of the slabs to the top.

First ascent: (10/06/2009) Mike Bebbington, Frank Wilkinson

Waterloo Cup E1; Possible description correction. Instead of: just left of the large heather patch above lie parallel cracks. It should read: To the right of the largest patch of heather lie parallel cracks.

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Magnetron E2 5c: reported as "fantastic route worthy of 2 stars, extremely well protected with fantastic finishing moves E2 5c

Alternator E3: may be worth E4 6a

Upper Slab Route 1 VS: "Excellent climb worth at least 2 stars?"

Slate Crag 240 064 90 min

Page: 232 West of the summit of Bowfell. The crag is most logically reached via Stool End Farm and The Band. From Three Tarns, contour WNW above Hart Crag, then NW to the crag. About one and a half hours.

This is an idyllic venue in good weather with great views and bivi spots below the crag near Yeastyrigg Gill. It gets all the sun there is from midday onwards. The crag seems to be dry after three rain-free days. The sections that stay wet longest have lines of blackish moss/lichen. The routes avoid these, and some climb narrow clean areas between them. As might be expected, there is some loose rock on ledges and the cliff-top. Most of the rock elsewhere on the routes is generally sound. Slug Balancer and Handlebar Club finish through a short, low-angled 'moustache' of dwarf juniper, however, the gear is good immediately under the moustache and the bushes themselves are tough

- 1 - 'Snail's revenge' V Diff 30 metres.
- 2 - 'Did you kill that lad's 'awk?' Severe 4a 25 metres.
- 3 - 'Squeaky Duck' Hard Sev. 4b 25 metres.
- 4 - 'Slug balancer' Hard Severe 4b 25 metres.
- 5 - 'Handlebar club' Hard Severe 4b 25 metres.
- 6 - 'Mollusc juggler' Severe 4a 25 metres.



White Balance 40m M

An easy blunt rib towards the left end of the crag. Easily identified by a short rust-coloured streak at its base.

First ascent: (24/08/2008) Stuart Halford (solo)

1. Snail's Revenge 30m VD

A line which wanders and keeps the grade steady..

First ascent: (26/08/2007) Alyn Griffiths, Stuart Halford

2. Did you kill that lad's 'awk? 25m S

A direct line a few metres right.

First ascent: (26/08/2007) Stuart Halford, Alyn Griffiths

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3. Squeaky Duck 25m HS

Climb direct just to the left of a black moss-streak. Sneak left at the finish up a short rib to avoid come loose rocks.

First ascent: (28/06/2007) Stuart Halford, Phil Poole

4. Slug Balancer 25m HS

A direct line between two black moss-streaks. Good gear can be placed under the juniper 'moustache' before stepping through it.

First ascent: (26/08/2007) Stuart Halford, Alyn Griffiths

5. Handlebar Club 25m HS

The next line right between black moss-streaks to the left and right. Good gear can be placed under the juniper 'moustache' before stepping through it. Route marked as 5 on the crag diagram.

First ascent: (26/08/2007) Stuart Halford, Alyn Griffiths

6. Mollusc Juggler 25m S

Start alongside a blunt pinnacle at the base of the crag.

Bridge between the pinnacle and main face, then climb direct avoiding the widening moss-streak on its right.

First ascent: (26/08/2008) Alyn Griffiths, Stuart Halford

7. Bulb's Route 25m MVS 4b

Climb the slab and groove to a wide crack. Finish up this passing to the right of a pale square of rock.

First ascent: (28/06/2007) Phil Poole, Stuart Halford

7 - 'Bulb's Route' MVS 4b 25 metres



8. Cricket Route 20m D

Climb the slab and crack on great rock to a ledge. Haul yourself up the corner to another ledge to finish.

First ascent: (28/06/2007) Stuart Halford, Phil Poole

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Goat Crag

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Left Buttress

Waiting for the Fall: "Waiting for the Fall: The guide book shows the wrong start. The original start was the extreme left-hand side of the slab, left of the block. It is delicate with no gear for a long way and probably deserves E2 5b.

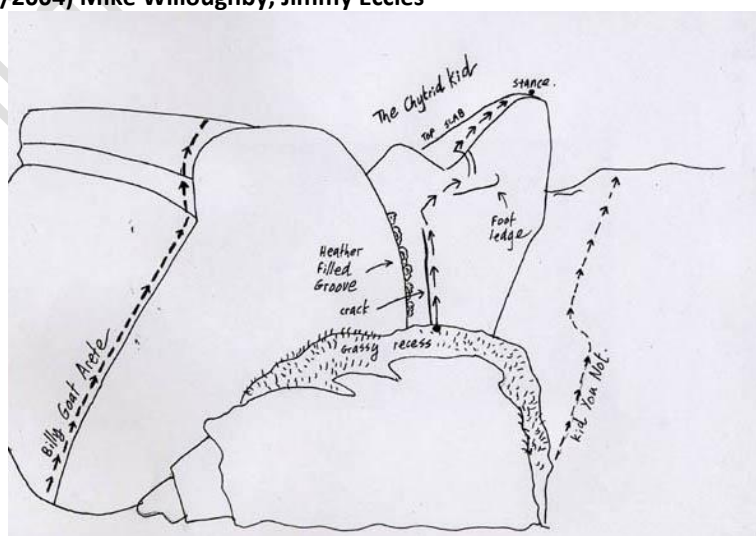
Right Buttress

The Chytrid Kid 14m VD

An engaging line: A refreshing contrast from the blank slabs on this section of *Goat Crag*! Between *Billy Goat Arête* and *Kid You Not* is a grassy recess at a slightly higher level. *The Chytrid Kid* climbs the slab and rightwards-leaning pillar above. Climb the crack in the slab, just right of the heather-filled groove, then traverse right to a prominent foot-ledge on the front of the pillar. Climb the short crack above to gain the top slab (crux). Romp up the slab to a pleasing stance on top of the pillar.

Chytrid: a microscopic fungus of bewildering variety, found in soils universally

First ascent: (18/08/2004) Mike Willoughby, Jimmy Eccles

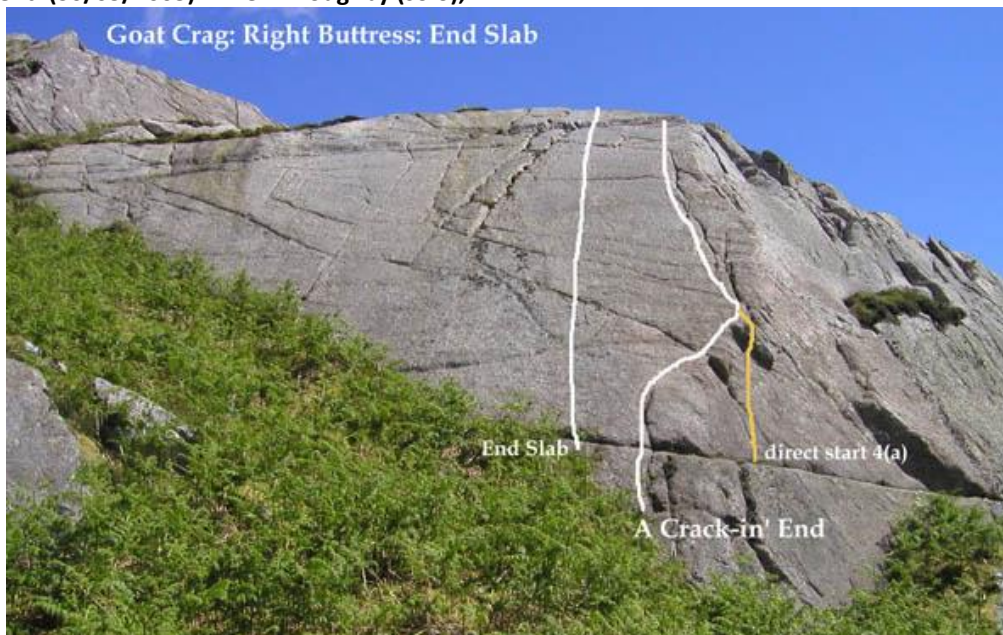


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A Crack-in' End S

The crack-system up the right edge of the slab taken by *End Slab* is gained delicately from the right side of the slab. A *Direct Start* for thugs gains the crack from the ledge on the right (4a).

First ascent: (30/05/2005) Mike Willoughby (solo),



Ten Green Wattles 14m VD+

Climb the cracks 3m left of Nanny Flakes.

First ascent: (30/05/2010) John H Bull (solo)

Lower Right Slab; 2012 0199

Located to the right of, and further down the hill than, Right Buttress. The track to the main crag passes over the top of this slab.

Paddy 15m S

Climb the clean line from the newly cleared area at the left hand side of the main slab and right of the mossy area. Trend rightwards to pass to the right of the black streak on small holds and friction to the top.

First ascent: (23/06/1999) D Moger, P Simms,

McGinty 18m S

Start approximately 3m right of *Paddy*.

Climb the clean area past a rightward slanting break to a slab above. Follow this to the top on delicate small holds and friction.

First ascent: (23/06/1999) D Moger, P Simms,

Bull How	205 019	275m	SW to W
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This sunny granite crag lies just north of *Tortoise Crag*, giving routes up to 30 metres long in the D to VS grade range. The rock is typical granite, slabby with blind cracks. Like the closest neighbouring crags this is high friction granite, with plenty of lichen and heather to tickle you, and minimal gear. The crag is roughly 30m high with a number of excellent clean lines.

Approach. From Wha House Farm car park walk up the Scafell path. 200m beyond Tortoise crag is a soggy gap. Skirt up the side of this, bearing right, for approx 200m. The crag is split into a number of sections which for purposes of description I will call (from left to right): Left hand Slab, Central Slab, Central Wall, Right hand slab (slightly offset back from the main crag)

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Historical notes:

Routes have been climbed here in 2004 (by John Temple, Jo Cambell, Stuart Worsfold and George?) and in 2005 (by John Temple and Peter Spalding), but full details are not known. However, Bill Pattison states that most of the routes here have been climbed from 1980 on by amongst others Penny Kirby, Dave Barras, Jamie Pattison. The routes are good fun and it is a great place to have to yourself.



The following two routes were recorded by Christian Lenehan in July 2014.

Airy Scary 30m MVS*

7m right from the left hand side of the Central Slab there is a clean line, follow this up and slightly right until forced into an airy step to the right (crux) at two-thirds right. Straight up to finish.

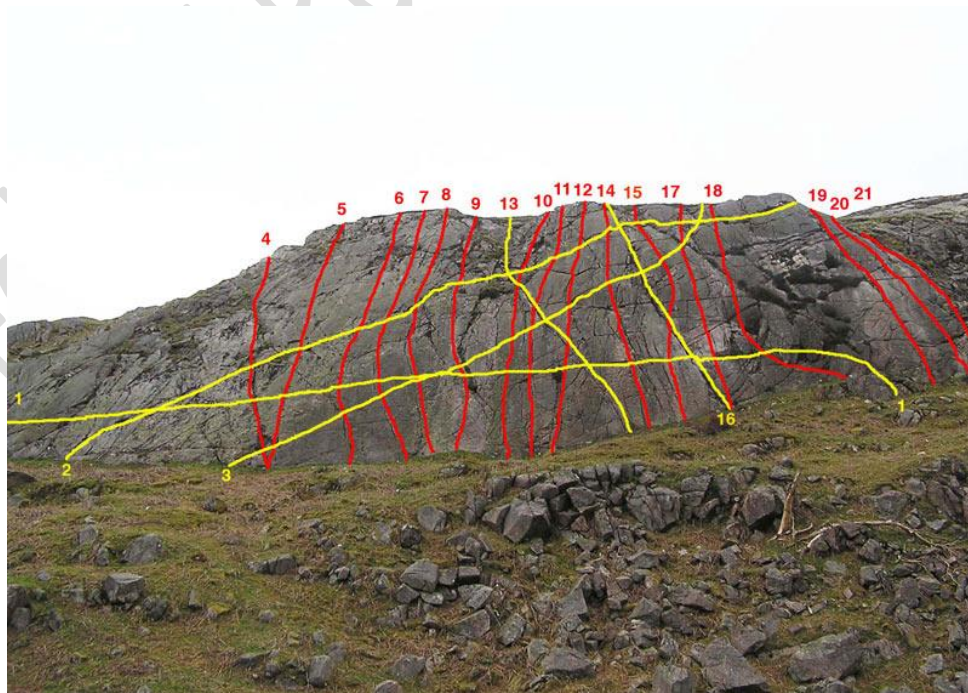
Pinch Me 30m HS

5m left from the right hand side of Central Slab there is a clean line which is followed until forced out right to the arête. The arête is followed up to finish.

Tortoise Crag NY 206 017 270m

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As with Bull How many of these routes have been climbed before. The routes are very close together but enjoyable none the less.



The first three routes are traverses, given the crag can be traversed at any level they are probably pointless

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1. Take it Easy 100m HS

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

2. Witchy Woman 75m D

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

3. Lyin' Eyes 50m S

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

4. Egret 30m D

Easy left slanting crack.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Freya and Martin Scrowston

5. Esio-trot 30m VD

Direct up slabs.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Freya and Martin Scrowston

6. Best of My Love 30m VD *?

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

7. Already Gone 30m VS 4b

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

8. Desperado 30m VS 4b

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

9. Eagle Eye 30m VS 4b

Start below hanging vegetated crack.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

10. Tequila Sunrise 25m VS 4c.

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

11. Take it to the Limit 25m MVS 4b *?

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

12. Egalitarian 30m HS 4b *?

Start below heather blob- climb direct.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

13. Eagle and Child 30m VD

Obvious left slanting crack.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin and Freya Scrowston

14. One of those Nights 25m VS 4b

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

15. Peaceful Easy Feeling 25m MVS 4b

First ascent: (14/09/2002) Paul C Bennett (solo)

16. One of Those Days 30m MS

Left slanting cleaned crack.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

17. Fallen Eagle 30m S

Slabs direct passing heather ledge.

First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

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18. Hawk Eye 35m S

Traverse left under small overhang passing obvious downwards pointing spike to ledge. Finish direct.
First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

19. Night Hawk 15m VD

Obvious black quartz crack.
First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

20. Balding Eagle 15m HS

Last clean slab direct.
First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

21. Long Road out of Eden 10m D

Climb the arête direct (escapable on the right).
First ascent: (07/10/2007) Martin Scrowston (solo)

Brock Crag

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Crazylegs 19m E1 5a

Climb the arête 4 metres left of *Little Cenotaph* on its right until the end of the crack. Step round the arete (care taken with loose block) and go straight up, pulling boldly onto the sloping ledge. Finish on increasingly good holds up the steep crack.
First ascent: (27/09/2003) Philip Wake, Rob Fielding

Heron Crag

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Mean Feat: Reported as being bold and probably worth E4

Green Cove Buttress

210 059

3 hrs

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About 100 metres high. Described as having a remote feel - and no wonder, the approach takes 3 hours! The wreckage of a WWII 'plane lies in the cove.

Follow the Cam Spout track towards Mickledore but leave it where it levels above the falls. Probably quicker from Wasdale.

Descent is by a good sheep trod on the right.

Bah! Humbug 90m D

There is a buttress bounded by a gully on the left. The climb takes a broad rib on the right side of this. Cairn at the start. A succession of small walls leads to the base of a headwall with distinctive triple pillars. Traverse left until a break allows strenuous moves onto upper rocks and the summit.

First ascent: (27/06/2009) John Temple, Stuart Worsfold (alt)

Homage to Airmen 100m HS/MVS?

A quality route taking a good sustained line with varied climbing on excellent rock. Start 2 metres right of a recent rock fall scar on the left of the lower slabs, below an area of clean "washed" rock (cairn).

1 25m. Go up the clean line to hard moves at an overlap at 3 metres (4b/c?). Finish up a V-groove in the block and trend right to belay at the foot of a corner.

2 25m. Step right onto the edge and climb up on jugs onto the top of a block. Move down left onto a challenging steep wall and ascend to a ledge.

3 30m. Move left onto spikes and climb another steep wall and the arête above.

4 20m. Fun rock takes you to the summit rock.

First ascent: (27/06/2009) Stuart Worsfold, John Temple (alt)

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Esk Buttress

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Gargoyle Groove VS: Abseil Descent: A 50m abseil brings you to a large embedded flake. From here a short walk left (facing in) brings you to the top of the triangular wedged block at the start of the climb. From here it is an easy climb down."

The Long Good Friday 95m E3 5c **

A good, sustained companion route to *Central Pillar* (see footnote). Start at the base of *Square Chimney Route*. 1 33m (5b). Move up to a good spike at the very base of the *Square Chimney*, then step right on a heathery ledge to an incut hold on the steep wall. Pull up to gain a thin crack-line in the front of the pillar, which is followed delicately to the top of the large flake on the belay of *Bridge's Route*. Climb the thin crack just right of the flake corner of *Bridge's Route* pitch 2 to a stance just right of the pinnacle (which is *Bridge's Route* second belay).

2 38m (5b/c). Follow the thin crack which leads directly to the junction between the slab and the headwall. Follow this junction rightwards, passing an awkward overhang, (crossing the *Cumbrian* where it starts to go left on the headwall), and continue up into a delicate scoop. Step right and finish up the last 5 metres of pitch 4 of *Central Pillar*.

3 25m. (5c). Start up the thin crack directly above the belay to a good hold at 4 metres, then pull rightwards across a fingery wall (poor Rock 2 in a horizontal crack) and lurch for the "doubtful block" on *Central Pillar*. Pull onto the higher ledge, as for *Central Pillar*, then reach a higher ledge, which is hand-traversed left to a point directly above the initial crack. Finish straight up.

Pitch 3 was top roped on an earlier visit. This line incorporates sections of various routes, but it strings them together into one good continuous line to give a fine companion route to *Central Pillar*.

First ascent: (18/04/2003) Al Phizacklea, John Holden

The Central Pillar - Direct Finish 21m E1 5a

A good way to finish the route is carry straight on up after the steep wall of pitch 5, avoiding the easy traverse right to pitch 6. Follow pitch 5 to the "doubtful" block and climb up to a higher ledge. Continue up a steep slab and step boldly left under the overhang to finish more easily up a crack on the right edge of the main wall.

First ascent: (25/07/1998) Rick Graham, John Adams

West Flank of Crinkles 244 050 60 min

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A collection of small crags of excellent rock, reached in about 1hr from Wrynose Pass.

Chicken Skin Slabs

A sunny west-facing slab with two main crack lines.

Chicken Skin Left-Hand 15m VS 4c

Climb directly up thin cracks passing a small vertical slot/niche at half height.

First ascent: (12/06/2004) Jim Roberts, Rick Gordon

Chicken Skin Right-Hand 15m HVS 5a/b

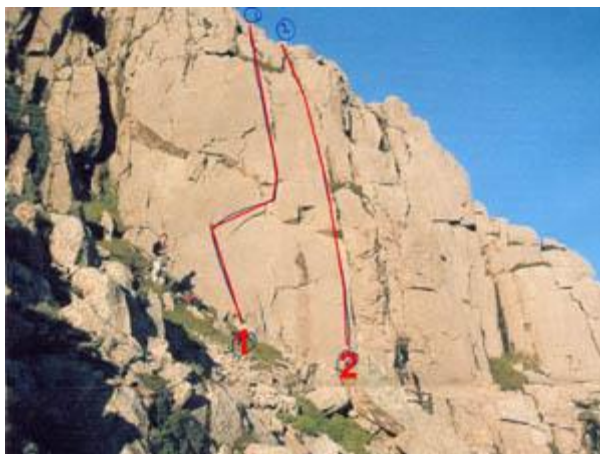
Start as for the *Left-Hand*, but step into the right-hand crack and ascend it directly.

First ascent: (12/06/2004) Jim Roberts, Rick Gordon

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Long Top

Further right of Chicken Skin Slabs is another fine wall about the same height, with an overlap at half-height



1. Active Involvement 18m HVS 5a

Start in centre of slab below overlap. Climb up left for 4 metres, then traverse right to a niche, break through the overlap and ascend the fine crack.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Rick Gordon, Andy Wadeson

2. Spring Crack 18m VS 5a

Start 3 metres right of *Active Involvement* at a wide crack with a troublesome start. The crack gets easier with height.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Andy Wadeson, Rick Gordon

Swinsty Gill Crag	247 0434	60 min
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Ten minutes right of Long Top, at the top of Swinsty Gill, is this last sector. What this tiny crag lacks in height it makes up for in magnificent views. The rock is clean and dries quickly.

A very pleasant crag in a great setting, with superb views over the Scafells and down Eskdale. Easily found by veering off slightly south of west from the track that skirts the first Crinkle when approaching from Wrynose Pass (about one hour), and heading off down a beck that drains the boggy area south of that Crinkle. The crag will be found on the right as one descends. The rock is immaculate, clean, solid and rough, and generally dries quickly. The left side of the crag provides lots of opportunities for easier grade routes or scrambling.

The last 10m of all routes consists of easier climbing to a belay platform.

Descents: Traverse slightly up and across rightwards to easy ground.

Rainbow Arête 32m VS 4c *

Climbs the main right-facing corner and arête left of *Sardine Sally*. Start at the left side of the initial slab. Climb the slab to the steep wall. Bridge up (good Rock 1 nut) to gain better holds in the corner. Continue up the corner (the arête provides useful handholds) until level with the mossy cave. Then pull out left onto the arête itself and finish up the front of this.

First ascent: (11/05/2008) I Gray, R M Biden

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3. Sardine Sally 32m VS 4c **

On the left is a narrowing ramp. Climb a narrowing ramp on the left of the crag to a blank looking wall with a white headwall above it. This is a direct line 2 metres or so to the right of the black mossy corner.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Rick Gordon, Andy Wadeson

4. Uncle Frank's Tomato 32m VS 4c **

From the top of the narrowing ramp move up 2 metres where a step right gains positive holds. Step up and left to a left-slanting fault. Easily now to the top.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Rick Gordon, Andy Wadeson

5. Wadeson's Ring-Pull Dilemma 30m VS 4b ***

Two metres right of the ramp is a groove and crack system in a more or less direct line. An excellent line and consistency of grade.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Andy Wadeson, Rick Gordon

Sunshine Groove 30m VS *

Pleasant climbing unaffected by the moss. Start immediately left of the mossy streak emanating from the corner bounding the left end of the half-way overlap on *Flexible Brethren*. Climb up into the right-facing corner/groove. When level with the overlap, pull left into a parallel groove, and then follow the rib splitting this from the mossy corner itself.

First ascent: (11/05/2008) R M Biden, I Gray

6. Flexible Brethren 30m VS 4c

The right most slab at this crag has a little overlap at two thirds height. Climb slab to the overlap, go over it into niche, pull left with interest and climb up the fine slab above.

First ascent: (06/07/2004) Andy Wadeson, Rick Gordon

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Catching Some Rays 20m S**

Climbs the obvious hanging groove bounding the right side of the crag. Start just right of *Flexible Brethren* at a short crack that runs up to the arête. Climb the crack and continue until a move right allows entry to the groove. Climb this, moving right to follow the arête when the groove widens.

Descent: up to the right.

First ascent: (11/05/2008) I Gray

Ill Crag - The West Face 223 077

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Half a kilometre north of Broad Crag, across the combe lies a prominent square-cut scree gully. It is bounded on its right by a steep wall and on its left by a light-coloured attractive slabby ridge. The first route takes the slabby ridge

Whimsy Ridge 40m MVS 4b

Start at a cairn in an open nook just above the base of the ridge. A delightful climb.

1 32m (4b). Climb the ridge to a ledge below a marked steepening. Follow the steep rib, and continue up the fine, curving arete to a ledge with a block belay on the left.

2 8m. Step back right, and move up a short wall to reach easier ground and the top.

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

Other climbs

The crag continues left but is rather too broken. However, at its end after 110 metres, the rock compacts to form a short steep wall of excellent rock. It is easily identified by a central crack-line leading to a roofed, circular recess at 4 metres. All the routes are 10 metres long.

The central crack-line itself, taking the roof slightly on its left, is **Ill Wind** (HS 4b, 2007). The wall and bulge 3 metres left is **Merry** (MVS 4b, 2007), whilst the wall and shallow groove one metre right of the central crack-line is **Pippin** (S 4a, 2007).

Incidentally, a mere 200 metres north lies the newly-developed (2006) *South West Buttress of Great End*.

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

Esk Pike - The West Face

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Angouleme 16m HS 4b

A deceptively awkward climb taking the angle between the broad ridge and the wall on its left. Start 5 metres left of *Lozenge Ridge*. Climb a blocky ramp for 2 metres then step left onto a rib. Follow this, and grooves, to a sentry-box. Move up and swing right onto a ledge on the arête, and follow the arête directly to easier ground.

First ascent: (08/08/2005) BJ Clarke (solo)

Lozenge Ridge 27m MS

Fifty metres left (N) of *Esk Ridge* is another ridge-like buttress identified by its broad ridge guarded by a steep wall, and a wall on its left facing Esk Hause, seamed by sinuous cracks, with an overlap at two-thirds height.

Start at the foot of the broad ridge. Climb the front of the pinnacle blocks and pull up the steep wall to reach an easy-angled groove. Follow this and continue up simple walls and slabs to the top.

Descend by scrambling down the broken buttress on the left (N).

First ascent: (08/08/2005) BJ Clarke (solo)

Crozzply 15m MVS 4b

The flying arête bounding the lower part of *Lozenge Ridge* on its right. Easier than it looks due to the preponderance of jugs (except for one section)! Start 3 metres right of *Lozenge Ridge*. Climb the right side of the pinnacle blocks, before pulling up right onto the crozzly wall just left of the arête. Follow this side of the arête to a final thought-provoking move to reach easier ground.

First ascent: (08/08/2005) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Bit Part 14m MVS 4b

The small, eliminate buttress of amazing rock just left of *Eskapade Chimney*. Climb the buttress trending leftwards then move up and right to finish.

First ascent: (08/08/2005) BJ Clarke (solo)

Eskapade Chimney 15m VD

Start 10 metres up the grassy gully right of Lozenge Ridge below a shallow, square-cut chimney groove (not the wide, loose chimney further up the gully). Bridge the chimney to a steeper finish and so reach easier ground.

First ascent: (08/08/2005) BJ Clarke (solo),

Esk View 45m VD

Twenty-five metres right (S) of *Esk Ridge* is a prominent arête. Start in a little corner just right. A pleasant ramble with striking views of rock architecture!

1 15m. Up the corner then step immediately left onto the arête. Follow this and belay on the pinnacles above.

2 12m. Overcome the cleft above, then step left across the grassy gully to follow the front of the buttress to a terrace.

3 18m. Step left and follow the slabs to easy ground.

First ascent: (12/09/2005) BJ Clarke (solo),

Eskuses 25m S

Above and right of *Esk View* is a buttress whose only redeeming feature is a sharp arête overlooking a sea of slabs. Start 18 metres up the grass/scree gully at a short, steep mossy wall guarding access to the slabs.

1 13m. Climb the wall and cross the slab leftwards to reach cracks which lead to an alcove.

2 12m. Move right and make a stiff pull onto the base of the sharp arête. Follow it with surprising ease and scramble to the top.

First ascent: (12/09/2005) BJ Clarke (solo)

The following routes are on the East face of Esk Pike overlooking Angle Tarn, and level with the Bowfell/Esk Pike col (Ore Gap) at GR 239 076. They are on a sea of attractive, sun-drenched slabs. The main feature is an undulating slab, right of centre with a perched block on top and a fallen flake beneath. The pleasant climbing on beautiful rock more than compensates for the contrived nature of the routes! No it doesn't!!

Unduline 40m S

Start 6 metres left of the undulating slab at an attractive rib; cairn.

1 20m (4a). Climb the superb shallow corner in the rib, then continue slightly left up the rib to easier ground and a good ledge with spike and nut belays.

2 20m (4a). Step left and follow a subsidiary buttress to below the final tower. Climb up to the nose from the left and move left to finish up the converging cracks in the slab above. Walk up the upper slabs to block belays.

Descend to the left (looking in).

First ascent: (30/05/2009) BJ Clarke (solo)

Undulation 23m MS+

Excellent friction climbing up the undulating slab. Start 6 metres right of Unduline below the undulating slab. Step off the fallen flake and climb direct up the brown slab to gain a shelf on the front of the undulating slab itself. Follow the shelf right, and then climb the slab to its top. Finish up the rippled slab above and left.

Descent:- Go left (looking in) for 6 metres and down the grassy gully.

First ascent: (30/05/2009) BJ Clarke (solo)

Undue Stress 22m MVS 4c

A two-move wonder, but exquisite.

Start 15 metres up and LEFT of *Unduline* at the foot of a rib, immediately left of a grassy gully.

1 12m (4a). Climb the rib to low spike belays below a groove leading to a bulge.

2 10m (4c). Climb the groove and overcome the bulge with difficulty. Continue to easier ground and the top.

First ascent: (30/05/2009) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Esk Ridge (Edge) Area:

This was incorrectly named in the last guide. Its true name is Esk Edge. It should be graded HS New direct first pitch. (4a) Start just left of the short chimney, and follow a left-facing corner to the belay ledge. The second pitch is also (4a)

Red Admiral - Pitch 1, 32m HVS 5a ***

A superb pitch up the beautifully clean (and vertical) south-facing wall on the left of the gully. The best HVS added to the Lakes since Scenic Cruise? Start about 6m below the start of the gully. Climb the short chimney in the left wall and move right to the foot of the wall. (This avoids the gully base) Climb a short diagonal groove and cracks until steep moves can be made up to a good flake. Follow the thin crack above to a flake on the left, then pull out left onto the arête and move up to a sloping ledge belay about 6m below the final crack of Esk Edge (Erroneously named Esk Ridge in the last guide). Follow this to the top, or climb the second pitch.

First ascent: (03/09/2010) Al Phizacklea, Joe Holden

Red Admiral - Pitch 2 25m E3 **

Step around from the mossy ledge onto the steep gully wall with the protection of a high runner. Cross right with difficulty to a good flake crack, step up to a traverse line and move right to the vegetated corner. Traverse right again onto the undercut arête, where bold moves lead to the finishing slab. Abseil off, from a thread over to the left. Beware rope drag on this pitch!

First ascent: (03/09/2010) Joe Holden, Al Phizacklea

Long Crag W

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Well to the right (several hundred metres) of the routes described on this crag in the current guide is a pink slab facing towards Scafell.

Pink Slab Route 1 20m S 4a

This route takes the left side, just right of the mossy area, on very nice rough rock. Quite possibly climbed before as it's so obvious (if a little remote).

First ascent: (01/06/2002) D Forster, S Needham,

Pink Slab Route 2 20m VS 4c

Start below the right side of the pink slab. Climb to a ledge then up a delicate slab, passing a block and crossing a slight bulge to the base of the upper slab. Move up and left a few feet then ascend direct via some faint cracks. Delicate with spaced protection and feels high in the grade. Possibly done before?

First ascent: (01/06/2002) S Needham, D Forster,

Green Howe Crags (Greenhole Crags?)

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When approaching from Lingcove Beck, to the left, and nearest the stream at GR 234 057 is a small, clean and solid wall about 15m high.

Liktor VS 4b/c

At the left end of the wall is a right-facing corner. Ascend the corner direct over two bulges.

First ascent: (26/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove

Fasces VS 4b/c

Start 2 metres right of *Liktor* at a block. From the block gain a slab and follow cracks to the top.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove

Latin Wall HVS 5a

3m right of *Fasces* is a ramp. Gain the ramp and ascend the crack directly with a hard move at the top.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove,

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Alaric VS 4c

3 metres right of *Latin Wall* is a corner/niche. A steep start gains a ledge at 3 metres, then climb directly up the crack.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove,

100 metres up the hill to the right is an outcrop with an obvious overhang above a shallow corner.

Pale Rider 4b S

Ascend easily to the overhang and turn it on the right by an interesting move.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove

A further 100 metres or so right, and below *Pale Rider Wall*, the crag gains height.

Pinchers Slab E1 5a

A slab identified by a large black mossy streak. Ascend to the right of the moss. Recourse to the blocky groove on the left may reduce the grade.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove,

Blag VS 4c

Twenty metres right and round the corner, the crag now faces north-east. A flake crack with big holds leads to a steep corner which is climbed exiting left and finishing via a further corner.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove

The Commoner VS 4c

The moist and very traditional Lakeland corner is a little gem if you like that sort of thing. Follow the corner throughout, with the crux at the top.

First ascent: (28/06/1998) R Gordon, G Dearlove

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Churchyard Buttress

Devil's Edge 17m E3 6a

Start beneath the square arête right of *Grave Robber's Dog*. Awkward moves up bulging rock lead to a hand jam in the base of the groove (good wire). Step immediately up left onto the arête where several hard moves allow a jug on the right side to be reached (skulking up the groove would be avoiding the issue). Pull up and make an exit up right to easy ground.

First ascent: (19/08/1998) T Thompson,

Hardknott Crag

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Wheel Squeal 15m HVS 5a

Climb up front of square detached pillar, directly above pitch 1 of *Knack-a-Crack*.

First ascent: (13/07/2004) M Bagness, M Harris

Plasmadawn: FA details missing from list' FA Paul C Bennett and R Barr, 2nd August 1994

Hardknott Roadside Crag

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This is the broken, south-facing, crag about 200 metres below the summit of Hardknott and about 30 to 50 metres from the road. It could be described as a lower right hand section of *Hardknott Crag*. It has one route in the 1996 FRCC guidebook called *Alpha Beta* (HS) - which is surprisingly worthwhile.

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The routes described below tackle the short steep wall, and slab above, closest to the road just above the last/first hairpin bend of the road. They are described from left to right. For the arthritic who cannot walk but can climb these climbs are good sport in a super location (except on Bank Holidays!).

Hard Rib 30m VD

Start 4 metres right of the left edge of the crag, at a shallow chimney with a crack.

Climb this to the rib above. Follow this excellent rib to the large grass ledge.

First ascent: (19/10/2003) Jim Cooper, Terry Kitching, Tom Walkington

Retirement Crack 15m HVS 5b

Climb the thin crack line 2 metres right of *Hard Rib*. The start is strenuous but the protection is good. *Hard Rib* provides the finish.

First ascent: (12/10/2003) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper,

Roadside Crack 15m E1 5c

Tackle the thin crack line 1 metre right of *Retirement Crack*. This gives another strenuous start with good protection. Finish up *Hard Rib*.

First ascent: (18/10/2003) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper

Vee Crack 15m VS 5a

Start from the top of the pinnacle, 4 metres right of *Roadside Crack*. Step left into the niche and follow the crack finishing right. Finish up *Hard Rib* or *Kennedy Primer*.

First ascent: (12/10/2003) Jim Cooper (not seconded)

Kennedy Primer 25m S 4b

Three to four metres right of the pinnacle is an overgrown gully/groove. Climb the groove and crack in the left wall of this gully and step left onto the slab above. Follow slabs to the large grass ledge.

First ascent: (18/10/2003) Jim Cooper, Tom Walkington

Alpha Beta 26m HS

See guidebook. Some metres right of the above climbs, start at a block lying against a slab.

Gamma Delta 35m HS

This route makes the best of the rock to the right.

1 25m. Start 10 metres right of *Alpha Beta* at a sharp topped boulder beneath discontinuous slabs. Climb the slabs by the line of least resistance to a steepening at 15 metres. This is climbed on the right to the large grass ledge above.

2 10m. Somewhere above is a rightward slanting rib. Follow it.

First ascent: (19/10/2003) Jim Cooper, Terry Kitching

It's All Greek to Me 30m MVS

This route attempts to make the best of the rock to the right of *Gamma Delta*. Start 10 metres right of *Gamma Delta*. Climb slabs to the steep top wall. A belay on blocks is possible here. Climb the rib on the right of the wall with a bold move to finish on the right.

First ascent: (19/10/2003) Terry Kitching, Jim Cooper

Horse Howe Crag

They routes are on a short overhanging wall (on a small buttress) at the southern end of the crag. I think the wall faced more west than north

The Slapper's Daughter E5 6b

On the far side of the crag (northwards-facing) up from the large boulders (possible potential for boulderers?). The route takes the 10 metre or so high overhanging quartz wall above the blocks on the ground. Bit too high for bouldering even with a few mats! Follow a steep overhanging wall on small finger edges with small wire placements to a very rounded (crux) top out. Really sharp but excellent rock.

First ascent: (15/09/2007) Andy Clough, Tom Walkington

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Slap Head goes Happy Slappin' E2 5c

The hanging groove just to the left of *The Slapper's Daughter*. Small wires protect. Crux low down, escape off left at the top.

First ascent: (15/09/2007) Andy Clough, Tom Walkington

Greener Grass 10m E2/3 5c/6a

About 7 metres right of *Slap Head goes Happy Slappin'*, pull up into the small overhang and follow steep cracks to a reach out left for a jug near the top, then continue directly.

First ascent: (15/09/2007) Andy Clough, Tom Walkington

Gate Crag

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The Sassenach Direct E6 6b **

The original line has been straightened out. A good route and well worth doing. Ascend the obvious ramp, reach an undercut in an overlap (two Friend 00's) and move right to a jug on the lip. Climb a groove on layaways to a small undercut (6b) and reach the flake (as on the original way. Gear is poor in the flake but there is a bombproof Rock 2 above in a horizontal break). Reach/slap left to pinch, and finish more easily up a rib on jugs. The original route was by I Turnbull, 1989.

First ascent: (17/09/2003) Andy Mitchell, Steve Hubbard. Cleaned, top roped and then led

Brantrake Crag

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Lower Crag

Nail File Direct Start HVS 5b

Start 3 metres right of *Diagonal Route*. Climb the thin crack up the centre of the subsidiary slab.

First ascent: (20/04/2003) Tom Walkington, Nick Evans

Cuckoo Pillar 15m VS 4c

This is the pillar front between *Diagonal Route* and *Lingbeck Chimney*. Start in a corner at the base of the pillar and gain a ledge to the left. Step right to climb up the front of the pillar.

First ascent: (01/05/2003) Tom Walkington, Peter Walkington

Lingbeck Pillar 15m HVS 4c

This is the pillar front just right of *Lingbeck Chimney*. Start in a corner and gain a shelf at 2 metres. Continue up to the left. Climb straight up to a ledge on the edge. Move right onto the pillar front, then up to the top passing blocks in the upper section.

First ascent: (20/04/2003) Tom Walkington, Nick Evans

Main Crag

Brothers in Arms: is now completely overgrown

Thirty metres to the left of the *Main Wall* the crag turns to face north. The following two routes follow crack lines up this part of the crag

Dinner Ladies' Deadline 17m VS 4c

This follows a crack system up the centre of the wall with a bulge at half height. Start at the crack line beneath the bulge. Follow the crack line over the bulge to a ledge (blocks). Climb up to the arête, step right then back left to finish up the arête.

First ascent: (27/09/2003) Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper, A (Faz) Faraday

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Barton's Debut 20m MVS 4b

Start 3 metres down to the right of *Diner Ladies' Deadline* at some blocks. Make some awkward moves to gain the ledge on the arête up to the right. Continue up the crack line to a ledge at 7 metres. Step right then climb up the crack line with a move right near the top.

First ascent: (27/09/2003) Tom Walkington, Bryony White, Paul Barton, Jim Cooper, A (Faz) Faraday

Slim Jim 9m MVS 4b

Immediately right of the *Main Wall* is a steep gully with a small slab on the right. Start in the centre of the slab 4 metres right of the gully. Step up onto the slab and climb to the left edge at about 4 metres. Follow the left edge to the top.

First ascent: (27/09/2003) Jim Cooper, Tom Walkington, A (Faz) Faraday

Upper Crag

SR and CK have sorted out the various new routes claimed above taking the area between *Open Groove* and *Block and Tackle*, and the following is probably the best description for this Buttress.

Open Groove VD

Start just left of the blunt arête on the left side of the clean part of the buttress. Climb up rightward to a slot, then climb the shallow groove above. The slot can be gained directly via a short right-facing groove (VS 5a, 2003), but this is rather contrived.

Direct Start: Tom Walkington, Jim Cooper, A (Faz) Faraday, 24th August 2003

Closed Season S

Start just right of the blunt arête. Climb up into the base of the green right-slanting groove of *Open Secret* and then traverse up left to finish up cracks in the arête. The arête can be gained direct without use of holds on adjoining routes but only if you tie your elbows to your sides (HVS 5b, 2003).

M Lynch, D Kay, J Lynch, 30th July 2000

Direct Start: Tom Walkington, Chris Ella, 13th September 2003

Open Secret MS 2

The green right-slanting groove just right of the arête joins *Block and Tackle* towards the top.

M Lynch, D Kay, J Lynch, 30th July 2000

The next two routes utilise the huge block just to the right.

Block and Tackle Left-Hand VD

Climb the left side of the block, then straight up the juggy wall above.

Block and Tackle Right-Hand VD

Climb the right side of the block, then follow a line of short grooves.

Face Route HVS 5a

Start just right of the block, and climb the face direct. It all gets rather artificial near the top. The blank *Right-Hand Start* is E1 (5c).

The next routes all climb the low wall on the right to the *Big Ledge*.

Terrace Crack VD

The crack just to the right leads to the left end of *Big Ledge*. Continue up the corner groove, or climb the blunt arête to its left.

Slim Line Tonic VS 4c

A pleasant eliminate. Climb directly up the wall in between *Terrace Crack* and *The Middle Way to Big Ledge*. Continue in the same line, moving right near the top.

First ascent: (06/10/2005) SJH Reid, C King

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The Middle Way S

The crack in the centre of the wall leads to the middle of *Big Ledge*. Take the central crack above.

Dog Leg Crack VD

The crack towards the right side of the wall leads to *Big Ledge*. Finish more easily up the right side of the wall above.

Edge Hog D

Climb the right edge of the wall to *Big Ledge* and then finish as for *Dog Leg Crack*.

Upper Crag Girdle 30m MVS 4b

Enjoyable climbing throughout.

1 15m (4b). Follow *Open Groove* for 5 metres to stand on a large spike runner on the right of the slot, and then traverse rightwards into the green groove of *Closed Season*. Continue traversing rightwards across the wall to belay at the left end of the *Big Ledge*.

2 15m (4b). Climb 3 metres up the upper groove of *Terrace Crack*, and then traverse rightwards across the wall to its right arête. Step down round this onto an undercut mossy slab, traverse right under a heather cornice, and finish via the right arête.

First ascent: (06/10/2005) SJH Reid, C King (AL),

Great Bank

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Area D

Ten Weeks to Go 17m E5 6b**

A good route on excellent clean rock. Soft for that grade. Climbs the obvious nose via the roof and groove. Start beneath a long fin to the left of the ivy. Climb the fin followed by the left hand side of the roof to gain a large jug by a peg. Move up the groove with difficulty to an excellent wire placement, followed by the thin cracks and grooves, keeping to the left.

First ascent: (08/04/2008) Will Sim (unseeded). Top-roped prior to leading



Ten Weeks to Go

Great Crag, Ulpha Fell	186 979	300m	SW	15 min
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15 minutes' walk across the moor from the view point on top of Ulpha Fell the outcropping is plainly visible. Just left (and below) of the obvious grass rake cutting the crag is a square corner. A ruined sheepfold wall abuts the crag. Above is a groove whose bottom overhangs the base of the rock. Several parties lay claim to

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some of these routes.

Grooved Buttress 43m HS

1 17m. Start a metre or so from the wall and climb steep pleasant rock trending right to reach the left end of an obvious traverse; follow the traverse to an awkward move into the groove and climb the groove to a ledge.

2 14m. Continue up the groove, then follow a whaleback to a wall.

3 12m. To the right the wall has a large shallow scoop. Drop down grass for a few metre or so, traverse into the scoop and exit it by a groove above.

First ascent: (19/08/1974) JW Brenner, Karen Hewitt (Alt),

Nocturne 42m MVS

1 14m. Climb the fine inclined corner right of *Grooved Buttress* to a stance and belays.

2 5m. Cross grass to a large block.

3 23m. From the top of the block climb a corner to an obvious flake, pull up and right into another well-defined corner, then traverse right across a slab, under a chockstone groove. Continue up the slab immediately right of the groove and finish by trending slightly left up steep rock on perfect holds.

First ascent: (26/06/1975) JW Bremner, Anthea Hardy,

Kraken Corner 23m HVS

Right of *Nocturne* is a wall with a grass ramp either side of it, and split by a central crack. Above and somewhat right is an obvious corner. The aim, imperfectly realised is to follow the central crack.

1 10m. Climb a recess and step left to reach a flake jammed in a hole at the foot of the crack. Pull up and right onto a small ledge and move diagonally left to exit via the crack using a jammed flake. Belay on a ledge.

2 13m. Climb the slab rightwards from the stance to the foot of the obvious corner. Climb the corner until forced right by a bulge, then finish on easier rock above the bulge.

First ascent: (23/06/1975) JW Bremner, Anthea Hardy

Pisa Pie 23m VS

A crackline runs all the way up the crag starting from the foot of a grass ramp which is itself immediately right of *Kraken Corner*. The bottom section of the crack is formed by a tower which leans against the wall to its right. The top section is a groove which bends left and then right.

1 11m. The crack followed by ledges, to reach a ledge and belays at the foot of a short overhanging wall.

2 12m. Follow the crack up the wall (crux), then continue easily to finish up the bendy groove.

First ascent: (21/06/1975) JW Bremner,

Gangway & Turret 63m VD

Towards the right-hand end of the crag is a horizontal sloping gangway which overhangs a pedestal slab.

1 31m. Gain the gangway at its right-hand end, move left along it, then up either right or left of jammed blocks, to reach a grass ledge.

2 32m Move left and up a pleasant rib, then diagonally left across grass to an outcrop with a 3 metre turret abutting against it. Climb the corner right of the turret, move left onto a ledge and up to a spike on the left. Step off this to finish up a slab.

First ascent: (14/08/1973) JW Bremner,

Left-Hand Groove 26m MS

Start a metre left of *Right-Hand Groove*.

1. Pull up onto a gangway, similar to that on *Gangway & Turret* but higher, and move left along it to a break. Follow the break and a groove to reach an overhung slab. Make a sensational move left to escape the overhanging wall, then go up easily to a grass ledge (on *Gangway & Turret*).

2. From the foot of the corner right of the belay, pull left on a good spike and up a sort of short crack.

First ascent: (13/10/1974) JW Bremner

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Right-Hand Groove 26m MS

A steep short groove starts from the right-hand end of *Pedestal Slab*. Climb this and the groove above, which has a slightly overhanging start. Scramble up a metre or so of heather and up the groove directly above which is just right of the groove of *Left-Hand Groove*. At the top, pull onto the rib on the right, then traverse right across an easy slab to finish up a short steep left-tilted crack.

First ascent: (13/10/1974) JW Bremner

This and the following lines were recorded recently by Dave Kay who was unaware that the earlier climbs had been done. There may be some overlap with the Brenner routes. These climbs are described from **RIGHT** to **LEFT**.

Pleasant Enough 30m D

Start at the bottom of the easy angled rib which bounds the very right-hand side of the crag.

Climb the slab. A pleasant outing.

First ascent: (22/03/1999) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

The Stroll 27m HS

Starts 10m right of the bottom of the grass rake at the right-hand end of a glacia slab which abuts the foot of the crag. From the right-hand end of the glacia pull up on to the diagonal fault line running leftwards across the crag and follow this to belay in a bay.

First ascent: (22/03/1999) Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde

Route 51 18m HS

The obvious corner/crack rising from the back of the bay in the upper wall half way up the grass ramp.

Climb the corner, mainly on the right, to good belays.

First ascent: (03/04/1999) Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde

Another Five Months Gone 18m VS 4c

Start about 1m left of the foot of the obvious corner of *Route 51* at the back of the grassy bay and climb the steep crack direct to belay well back.

First ascent: (29/08/1999) Dave Kay, Mark Evans

No Rolling Stone 20m S

Start half way up the grass ramp to the left of the bay and just left of a large triangular block.

Climb the slab left of the block to the leftward slanting crack line, follow this, pull on to the slab and finish up the obvious crack above.

First ascent: (03/04/1999) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

Airstrike 12m E1 5b

The next routes start in the square corner below the grass rake. Start at the foot of the steep rib bounding the right side of the corner. Pull up strenuously and climb to the grass ramp.

First ascent: (02/04/1999) Dave Evans (solo),

Slobodan Slab 14m E2 5c

Takes the wall right of the corner to the same belay as *War Crime* (details of this route are not known at present!). No Gear

First ascent: (02/04/2000) Will Wilson (solo)

Milosevic 25m HVS 5a

Pull on to the short gangway at the left edge of the corner and then climb directly to the obvious V-groove above. Enter the groove with difficulty and follow continuation cracks to the top.

First ascent: (02/04/1999) James Kay, Dave Kay

Mothers' Day 22m D

The left-bounding rib of the obvious corner gives a pleasant route.

First ascent: (22/03/1999) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

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About 100m left (towards Eskdale) is a very steep short wall with a rightwards slanting gangway on its left

I'll Be Calling Roo 15m D

Start at the toe of the little subsidiary rib which abuts the wall on its left. Climb the rib and follow the rightward slanting gangway to the top.

First ascent: (29/08/1999) Mark Evans, Dave Kay,

100m left again from the steep wall and well down on the end of the knoll of *Great Crag* is an easy angled rounded buttress. This and the following routes take in this buttress.

One-2-One 20m S

Takes the slab at the right-hand side of the buttress. Pull on to the slab and follow a thin crack directly to the top.

First ascent: (28/08/1999) Mike Lynch, John Lynch, Dave Kay

Friends & Family 20m S

Start at the same point as *One-2-One* but pull on to the slab and immediately traverse left to a foot ledge. From here climb directly up the edge of the rib into the obvious crack line above and finish up this.

First ascent: (28/08/1999) John Lynch, Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

Cable & Wireless 20m VD

At the left edge of the buttress is a pleasant flake-crack line. Start at the toe of the rib and follow the crack to good belays in a grassy bay.

First ascent: (28/08/1999) Dave Kay, John Lynch, Mike Lynch,

However (!) John Daly writes, "A while back I also did some new routes on Great Crag, Birker Fell, but because two groups of climbers had counter-claimed various first ascents (Bremner and Kay/Lynch) I have attempted to clear up the confusion by checking all the routes."

Fifteen minutes walk across the moor from the viewpoint on top of Ulpha Fell, the outcropping is plainly visible. Just left of (and below) the obvious grass rake cutting the crag is a prominent steep wall with a ruined sheepfold abutting the base of the crag (Milosevic Area). The first routes described lie on the more broken buttress to the right of the grass rake, and are described from **right to left**.

Pleasant Enough 30m D

Start at the bottom of the easy angled rib at the very right-hand side of the crag. Climb the pleasant slab just right of the rib.

Variation Finish (MS) The steeper slab just right of a grooved nose.

Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay, 22nd March 1999

Variation Finish, J Daly, D Geere (solo), 24 February 2001

Gangway and Turret 37m S

Starts 10 metres left of the rib at the right-hand end of a glacia slab which abuts the foot of the crag.

1 27m. From the right-hand end of the glacia pull up on to the diagonal fault-line/gangway running leftwards across the crag and follow this to belay in a grass bay.

2 10m. The short steep corner and slabby rib above.

JW Bremner, 14th August 1973

Also claimed as 'The Stroll' by D Kay 22nd March 1999

Two other routes claimed in this vicinity do not merit detailed descriptions. **Left-Hand Groove** follows a similar line to *Gangway and Turret*, whilst **Right-Hand Groove** is rambling in nature.

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Long Johns 20m VS 4c

Start 7metres left of *Gangway and Turret* at the centre of the easy glacis. Climb the glacis and pull boldly over the centre of the overhang above to gain a hanging slab. Easier ground leads directly up to a prominent short crack and bulge to finish.

First ascent: (18/03/2002) J Daly (solo),

Crag Sort Out by John Daly Part 2

Pisa Pie 28m VS

A broken crackline runs all the way up the crag starting from the foot of a heather ramp just right of Kraken Corner. The scrappy crack interspersed with heather ledges leads to a short overhanging section of crack (crux). A bendy groove above leads to the top.

JW Bremner, 21st June 1975

Midway up the grass rake is an obvious large boulder with a grassy bay/ledge to its right. The next two entertaining routes start up a short steep wall immediately beneath the bay.

Kraken Corner 28m HVS.

Start in a small recess on the right side of the wall.

1 10m (5a). From the recess, step left and climb the steep crack up the right side of the wall to belay in the bay.

2 18m (4b). Climb the slab rightwards from the stance to the foot of the obvious right-facing corner. Climb the corner until forced right by a bulge, finish up easier rock above.

Direct Finish (5a). Climb the corner crack direct.

JW Bremner, Anthea Hardy, 23rd June 1975

Pitch 2 also claimed by D Kay as 'Route51' 3rd April 1999. Direct Finish J Daly, D Geere, 24th February 2001

The Minimalist 9m E1/2 5b

Climb the centre of the short wall without recourse to either crack.

First ascent: (18/03/2002) J Daly (solo),

Another Five Months Gone 17m VS

Start in the grassy bay about 1 metre left of the obvious corner of pitch 2 of *Kraken Corner*.

Climb the crack just left of the steep rock pillar to belay well back.

Dave Kay, Mark Evans, 29th August 1999

Grubstake 18m VS 4c

Start just left of *Another Five Months Gone*, and climb up and left and then straight up the steep wall.

First ascent: (01/07/2000) M Lynch, D Kay

Lime Green 15m MVS 4b

Starts in the grassy bay just right of the large boulder and takes a direct line through the traverse pitch of *Nocturne*. Climb the obvious lime green groove to an overhang and use a jammed flake above to gain the hanging V-groove which leads to the top.

First ascent: (17/02/2001) D Geere, J Daly,

Nocturne 23m VS 4b

Start on top of the large boulder. Climb a corner to an obvious flake, pull up right to another corner and traverse rightwards across a slab, under a chockstone V-groove, to finish up the slab just right of the groove.

Variation Finish (4c). Traverse further right across a rock pillar to *Kraken Corner*.

JW Bremner, Anthea Hardy, 26th June 1975

See note below on *Nocturne's* original pitch 1. **Variation Finish DG/JD, D Geere, J Daly, 24th February 2001**

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No Rolling Stone 16m MS

Start halfway up the grass rake just left of the obvious large triangular boulder. Climb the rippled slab left of the boulder, trending left towards an obvious finishing crack.

Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay, 3rd April 1999

Milosevic Area

Below and left of the grass rake, a ruined sheepfold abuts the base of a steep buttress with a prominent central corner crack and slabby right wing. The next routes are located here.

Airstrike 9m E1 5b

Start at the foot of the rib bounding the right side of the corner. Pull up strenuously over a bulge and follow the slab above to the grass ramp.

Dave Evans (solo), 2nd April 1999

Monte Negra 10m E1 5c

An eliminate climb up the right edge of *Slobodan Slab* with a tricky top arête.

First ascent: (24/02/2001) J Daly (solo)

Serb Wall 15m E5 6b **

The thin crackline in the overhanging wall left of *War Crime*. A good line on perfect rock. Start at the base of *War Crime*. Follow the thin crackline straight to the top.

One pre-placed wire at 8 metres. Not sure whether route is E4 or E5.

First ascent: (06/08/2012) Tom Walkington (unseconded)

Slobodan Slab 11m E2 5c

Takes the centre of the slab just right of the corner. Belay as for *War Crime*. No Gear.

Will Wilson (solo), 24th April 1999

The corner crack just left, climbed and named *War Crime* by Dave Kay's party, had previously been climbed as pitch 1 of *Nocturne* by J.W Bremner.

War Crime 11m HS 4b

Climb the obvious corner crack.

JW Bremner, Anthea Hardy, 26th June 1975

The left wall of the corner has an obvious V-groove high on the left side of the wall. *Milosevic* starts beneath this.

Milosevic 20m HVS 5a

Pull on to a short gangway and then climb directly to the obvious V-groove above. Enter the groove with difficulty and follow continuation cracks to the top.

James Kay, Dave Kay, 2nd April 1999

Mothers' Day 20m D

The left-bounding rib of the obvious corner gives a pleasant route.

Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay, 22nd March 1999

The start of Mothers' Day and groove of Milosevic had been climbed before by J.W Bremner, 19th August 1974, as part of **Grooved Buttress** - a somewhat disjointed route.

Conundrum 15m HVS 5a

The next route starts on a small subsidiary wall, 15 metres up left from the ruined sheepfold. Start at the centre of the wall where a short triangular rib leans against the face. From the top of the rib pull onto the impending wall above, make a long reach up right, then up the wall direct. Spike belay on the easy rib above.

First ascent: (17/02/2001) J Daly, D Geere

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Incursion 12m E1 5b

About 100m left (towards Eskdale) is an impending short wall with a fence abutting its base. Start on the flake by the fence. Climb the prominent mossy right hand groove, taking care with a suspect flake.

First ascent: (30/03/2002) J Daly, N White

Gaza Strip 12m E2/3 5c

Start on a small rocky rib just left of Incursion. Climb the steep wall direct using a series of short diagonal cracks.

First ascent: (30/03/2002) J Daly, N White

About 100m left (towards Eskdale) is an impending short wall with a fence abutting its base.

I'll Be Calling Roo 13m D

Start up an easy subsidiary rib abutting the left end of the wall and climb the obvious rightward-slanting gangway above to the top.

Mark Evans, Dave Kay, 29th August 1999

One hundred metres left again from the steep wall and well down on the end of the knoll of *Great Crag* is an easy angled rounded buttress. The following routes are on this buttress.

One-2-One 20m MS

Climbs the slab at the right-hand side of the buttress following a thin crack.

Mike Lynch, John Lynch, Dave Kay, 28th August 1999

Friends & Family 20m MS

Start at the same point as One-2-One but immediately traverse left to a foot ledge. From here climb directly up the edge of the rib into the obvious crackline above and finish up this.

John Lynch, Dave Kay, Mike Lynch, 28th August 1999

Cable & Wireless 20m VD

At the left edge of the buttress is a pleasant flake-crackline.

Start at the toe of the rib and follow the crack to good belays in a grassy bay.

Dave Kay, John Lynch, Mike Lynch, 28th August 1999

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Below and left of the summit of Great Whinscale is a fine slabby buttress with a steep right wall and a steeper shorter upper tier.

Climbs are described from left to right.

Reynard's Rib 40m MVS

On the left edge of the crag is a wide broken scoop with a slabby rib bounding its left side. This rib has a thin crack line running up it.

Start at the toe of the rib and climb up to the crack. Follow this and the continuation corner to the slabs above. Follow these to the top. Belay well back.

First ascent: (01/05/1999) Cokie van der Velde, Dave Kay

"Al Phizacklea could not locate this climb."

Lazy Dog 35m S

Start in the centre of the buttress just left of the grassy crack line.

Climb the smooth slabs just right of the grassy crack to a ledge below the cleaned crack in the steeper, middle section, of the crag. Climb the crack on good holds and follow continuation cracks to the top.

First ascent: (30/04/1999) Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde

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Flaky 20m HS

The steeper right edge of the buttress, as it runs up to the bottom of the wide grass rake, has two obvious lines either side of a worryingly large and apparently detached block high up. *Flaky* takes the obvious crack left of the block.

Start at the foot of a wide crack formed between a discontinuous rib and the main wall. Climb the crack to the bottom of a steep rake running leftwards and then step right to follow the crack-line up the main wall to finish on the grass ramp.

First ascent: (30/04/1999) Dave Kay, Cokie van der Velde

Trosanose 20m MVS 4b

Start just right of *Flaky*. Pull on to a ledge, then climb the spiky wall up and right to a good hold/spike just below and left of the detached block. Finish direct up a shallow groove.

First ascent: (22/09/2007) A Phizacklea (solo),

Vrillis Gimmol 25m VS 4c

The following route is on the steep wall 120 metres right of *Foxbiel'd Slab*. Climbs the obvious crack. Start just left of a block embedded in the ground. Climb the groove using the pinnacle to reach a heather ledge. Climb the crack past a good hold on a ledge to a grassy pull-out (harrowing on the solo!). Easy rocks to finish.

First ascent: (22/09/2007) A Phizacklea (solo)

Green Crag, Ulpha Fell

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The main buttress is bounded on its left side by another short compact buttress about 12m in height. *Left Charlie* and *Right Charlie*, a fine pair of short routes take this buttress.

Bill Pattison notes that *Storm in a B Cup*, *Ground Force*, *Charlie's Army* and *Dimmock's Way* were all climbed in June 1975 by himself and AW Dunn.

Left Charlie 12m VS 4c

Start at the toe of the buttress and pull up into the left hand of the two shallow corners near the top of the buttress. Make some tricky moves up the corner to finish on a large grass ledge.

First ascent: (13/11/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Right Charlie 12m VS 4c

Start about one metre right of *Left Charlie* and climb up to the obvious crack in the corner at the top right of the buttress. Climb this past good runners to finish at the same point as the previous route.

First ascent: (13/11/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Storm in a 'B' Cup 32m VS 4c

The main buttress has an obvious crack/groove line towards its left edge. Start in the centre of the buttress where a cracked pinnacle leans against the face.

1. 25m (4c). Climb on to the pinnacle and pull steeply on to a higher pinnacle on the left. From here climb directly up the 'V' groove with difficulty and follow the rightwards slanting crack-groove line to finish on a ledge just right of a juniper bush. Shuffle leftwards behind the juniper to good nut belays at the foot of a crack.

2. 7m (4c). Pull up the crack immediately behind the belay to a ledge, Then follow the thin right slanting line to good belays at the top of a big ramp cutting up across the buttress from the left.

First ascent: (29/05/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch (alt)

"Climbed before and named The Ramp, WE Pattison, AW Dunn, June 1975 "

Ground Force 38m E1 5a

Start in the cleaned corner about 4m right of the cracked pinnacle in the middle of the face.

1. 30m (5a). Climb the cleaned corner for a few metres and then pull on to the left wall and climb up to two small spikes. From the lower spike traverse left across the slab and move up into the obvious corner. From the bottom of the corner move diagonally rightwards and then pull into an obvious cleaned scoop. Traverse right from the scoop and up to a grass ledge. Belay at the foot of the crack behind the large block.

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2 8m (4b). Climb the crack behind the block and move leftwards from its top to belay on the big ramp at the top of the buttress.

First ascent: (29/05/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch (alt)

"Climbed before and named On the Edge, WE Pattison, AW Dunn, June 1975"

Charlie's Army 30m VS 4c

About 10m right of the cleaned corner just above the toe of the buttress is an easily accessible grass ledge with an easy angled rounded rib rising from it.

1 10m. Climb the rib to belay at the back of the large ledge immediately below some detached blocks (now removed) on the subsidiary ledge above.

2 20m (4c). Climb up under the blocks and move right on to the cleaned ledge. Climb the cracked wall above moving slightly leftwards until a move back right enables a small left slanting gangway to be gained. Finish up the gangway.

First ascent: (17/10/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch, (alt)

"Climbed before and named Cracked Wall, WE Pattison, AW Dunn, June 1975"

Dimmock's Way 12m HS

Takes the curving crack line at the right-hand end of the higher grass ledge from which pitch 2 of *Charlie's Army* starts.

Pull up past the ledge on the left at 3m into the crack and follow it to belay on the edge of the buttress.

First ascent: (13/11/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch,

"Climbed before and named Right Hand Route, WE Pattison, AW Dunn, June 1975"

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A fine little crag about 15 metres high with a lot of slanting cracks and ribs. Routes are described from left to right. At the left end of the crag, just before it becomes broken and loses height is a clean cracked rib slanting slightly rightwards

D' Notice 20m MVS 4b

Start at the foot of the rib and climb the cracks until easier rocks lead to good belays in a grassy bay.

First ascent: (10/07/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

'V' Sign 20m MS

One metre right of the clean cracked rib bounding the left side of the crag is a rightwards-slanting chimney. Climb into the chimney; surmount the bulge and then pull out on to the rib on the right to finish.

First ascent: (21/08/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

'B' Special 20m VS 4c

Approximately 5m right of the left bounding rib and 2m left of an obvious 'V' notch at the foot of the crag are two parallel recessed crack lines slanting right. Climb into the recessed crack lines and follow them to the top.

First ascent: (10/07/1999) Dave Kay, Mike Lynch

'G' Force 20m HS

Start at the 'V' notch below the right hand pair of recessed cracks.

Climb into the notch and follow the recessed cracks until a couple of moves left gain good belays.

First ascent: (10/07/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

'T' Bar 20m HS

One metre right of the 'V' notch is a rightwards-slanting groove line with a small holly at about 6m.

Start below the holly and follow the slanting line to finish up the chimney.

First ascent: (21/08/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

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'H' Block 20m VS 4c

Ten metres right of the 'V' notch is a slab with a thin curving vein running up it. Start in the corner below the perched blocks at the left end of the slab. Climb the left side of the slab and finish up the obvious small chimney at the top of the crag.

First ascent: (21/08/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

'U' Boat 20m E2 5c

Follow the curving vein in the slab, with runners where it matters, until a move left at the top of the slab can be made to a resting place. Move back right from here and pull steeply into the cracks above. Follow the cracks moving left to finish.

First ascent: (21/08/1999) Mike Lynch

'P' Company 20m E1 5b

About 1m right of the curving vein is a steep, right slanting line leading to the *Blocky Ledge*. Climb the vague, right slanting, crack and pull on to a small ledge on the right at about 3m. From the left end of the ledge pull up to the *Blocky Ledge* and then make some hard moves to gain a left leaning line in the headwall on the left. Follow this line more easily to the top.

First ascent: (29/05/1999) Mike Lynch, Dave Kay

Crook Crag, Ulpha Fell (Birker Fell?) 200 989

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This small, clean, overhanging face of "granite-like" rock is situated just below and N.N.W of the summit of Crook crag/Pike, and faces south-west with a view over Devoke Water. Although a long hike in the crag offers enjoyable soloing. It may now be more easily accessible by driving as far as possible up the forestry track from Birks Bridge car park, Duddon. However it should not be confused with the *Crook Crags* in the Duddon (233 999). This is another crag with competing claims for the FA's, many lines were climbed here in the '70s.

Main Crag

The main crag routes are described from left to right.

Identity Parade 12m VD

The groove just left of *Mugshot*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch (solo)

Mugshot 8m MVS 4b

The short leaning crack at the left end of the wall, then easy slabs up right.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

PC Cox's Route 10m E3 5c/6a

(5c/6a). Climbs the superb overhanging crack in the centre of the face.

First ascent: (01/01/1996) P Cox

The Peeler 10m E2 5c

The fine overhanging crack on the right side of the face is gained by starting up the awkward wall to its left. May be E3.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (unseconded)

Fair Cop 9m E1 5b

Climb the corner just right of *The Peeler*, good runners in the crack round the left arete, then straight over bulging rock above.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (unseconded)

Gagging Claws 12m MVS 4b

Start immediately left of *Swag*. Pull up the steep crack and immediately step left onto the slab above the overhang. Follow this to a ledge, then finish up the groove on the left.

First ascent: (20/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Wrinkled Slab

Just right of the overhanging wall and at right angles to it is a south-east-facing wrinkled slab with a huge boulder in front. The slab has two obvious thin diagonal cracks. The next route takes a short corner just left of the slab.

PC Plod 12m VD

Climb the short corner to a ledge, step left then up a cracked groove above.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Mobster 10m S

Start 3 metres right of *PC Plod*. Up the slab (or 4c up the arete direct) and short cracks above.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Jailbreak 11m HVS 5a

Climb the left hand diagonal crack to where it peters out, then direct up the headwall above at its steepest/highest point.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Jemmy 10m VS 4c

Start between the two diagonal cracks, and take a direct line up the slab.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Gangster 9m HS 4b

From the base of the right hand diagonal crack, climb the wall above to finish up a short crack.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Thirty metres above *Peeler Wall* is a small buttress

Swag 12m D

Climb the obvious line starting up a slightly overhanging arête.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch, I Greenwood

Burglar Bill 12m VD

Start 5 metres to the right of *Swag*.

Climb up and traverse left, then straight up to finish just right of *Swag*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch, I Greenwood

Bungler 9m S 4a

Six metres right of *Burglar Bill* a heathery rake slants up leftwards with a slabby wall on its right. Start at the foot of the rake. Pull around a small roof on its left and follow the hand-sized crack up the slabby wall.

First ascent: (20/07/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Soft Cell 9m S 4a

Start one metre right of the foot of the rake. Follow a series of thin cracks up the slabby wall to the top.

First ascent: (20/07/2008) FA BJ Clarke (solo)

Parole 12m D

Takes the blunt arête 15 metres right of *Soft Cells*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) I Greenwood, M Lynch (both solo)

Probation 12m D

The groove immediately left of *Parole*.

This may be the same as PC Plod

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch (solo)

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Diagonal Slab

20 metres up the fellside towards the peak, is a diagonal slab with various lines between Severe and VS. Porridge takes a line up the centre of the slab. Routes described from bottom right working leftwards up the slab.

The Mafia 10m HS

A stepped line up the right side of the slab.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly

Porridge 11m MVS 4b

From a tiny triangular niche/ledge, climb the slab and short cracks above.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

Convict Crack 11m VS 4c/5a

Climb the diagonal crack just left of *Porridge*.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (solo)

The Thug 11m HVS 5b

With protection part way up *Convict Crack*, pull out left and climb awkwardly up the blanker pillar of rock.

First ascent: (06/07/1997) J Daly (unseconded)

Breakout 11m MVS

The obvious crack-line left of *Convict Crack*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch, I Greenwood

Supergrass 11m HS

The obvious line 2 metres left of *Jailbreak*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) M Lynch, I Greenwood

Choky 11m M

An easy line just left of *Supergrass*.

First ascent: (23/05/2004) I Greenwood, M Lynch (both solo)

The Amphitheatre

200 metres south of PC Cox's Route, an ancient landslip has created a large square-shaped amphitheatre (199 986). The Back Wall at its top, forms the west-facing summit wall of the southernmost Crook Crag Tops; and possesses two or three impressive (unclimbed?) lines. This wall is terminated at its right end by a quartz-flecked arête. Spurs project westwards downwards from either end of the Back Wall. The right-hand (S) one should offer a few possibilities. However, after 100 metres it truncates at a fine, grey-hued slabby wall; the Grey Wall. The left-hand spur truncates at a large, broken slabby buttress; Rib Buttress.

Stealth 15m VS 4c

Start at the foot of the left arête of the *Grey Wall*. Climb the right side of the arête on a surprising set of good holds to a ledge. Climb the green wall rightwards and finish up a rib.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Steel Yourself 15m HVS 5a

A fine, but tenuous and serious route starting 1 metre right of *Stealth*. Pull onto the slabby wall at the horizontal crack and continue with difficulty, keeping just left of the runnel, to gain a recess. Step left, then right to finish up the rib.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

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Leg It 14m VS 4c

Start 6 metres right of *Steel Yourself* at an upstanding flake. Step off the flake and climb the blunt rib. Make an awkward high step left to overcome the steep wall, and finish up the slabs.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Abscond 15m S 4b

Start 2 metres right at a pinnacle. Climb the front face of the pinnacle; move right, and finish up the slabby left wall of the corner crack.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Escape Plot 15m VS 4c

A climb with a technical and steep finish. Climb the stepped wall 2 metres right of the pinnacle, and continue up to the upper buttress. Climb direct into the peapod and finish up the crack above.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Reflected 17m VS 4a

Takes the quartz-flecked arête at the right end of the *Back Wall*. Climb the poorly-protected arête on a series of brittle holds, if you must!

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Cuff Slab 18m MS

Takes a line up the slabs on the right-hand side of *Rib Buttress*. Start 10 metres right of the central, scimitar-shaped perched rib. A fist-wide crack at 8 metres gives the line.

Climb the slabs to gain the crack, move up this, mainly on its left wall, until easier ground leads to the top.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)

Confined 18m MVS 4b

An interesting start, rapidly easing.. Start 5 metres down and left of the scimitar-shaped rib below a roofed recess. Gain the recess with difficulty, move up, and escape leftwards around the rib onto the face. Continue up easier ground to reach an outstanding spike belay on the left; from where 20 metres of pleasant scrambling leads to the top.

First ascent: (30/08/2008) BJ Clarke (solo)