

ST. BEES

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INTRODUCTION

The sea cliffs near St. Bees are composed of soft red sandstone. Early exploration was limited to artificial climbing, but there are now some 33 climbs, mainly free and in the very severe (hard) category. The rock demands respect because of its peculiar nature and a list of recommended climbs is therefore included.

The majority of the routes take crack and chimney lines which are very strenuous. The larger types of alloy chockstones are most useful. The routes are often climbable when the rest of the Lake District is wet.

The crags, particularly those north of the lighthouse steps, are important breeding grounds for the sea birds, and climbing should be avoided between early May and mid-August.

It pays to check the tide in the local papers, although the climbs on the North Head between the lighthouse steps and Lawson's Leap are accessible at all times.

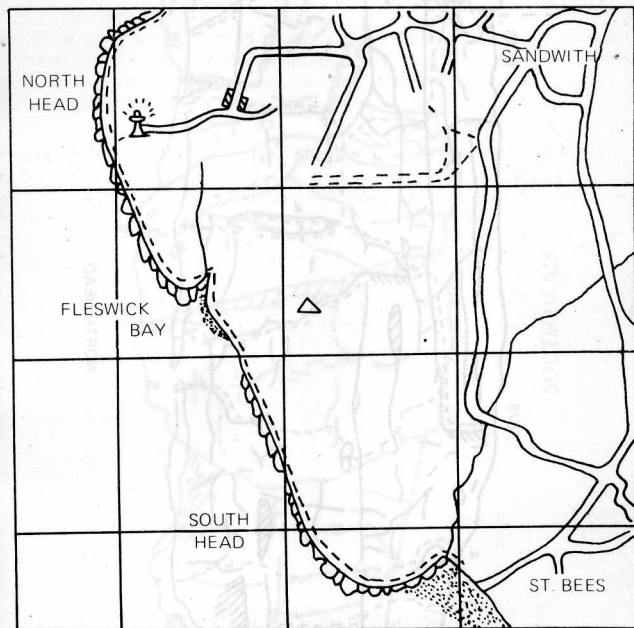
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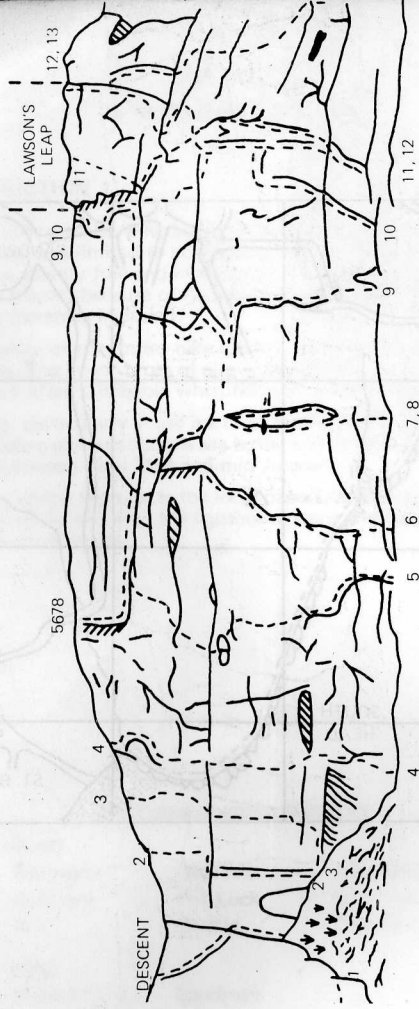
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Harmony	Gay Trip	Black Pearl
Sobriety	Pot Luck	Iron Horse (artificial)
B Z	Ossicle	Tantalum

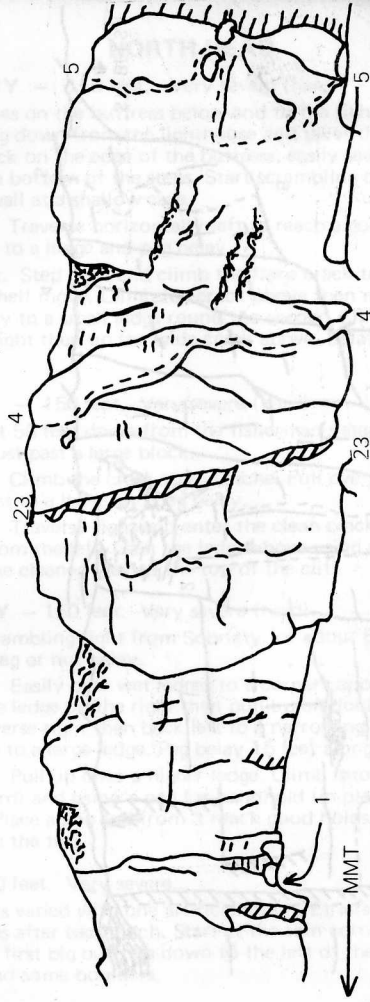
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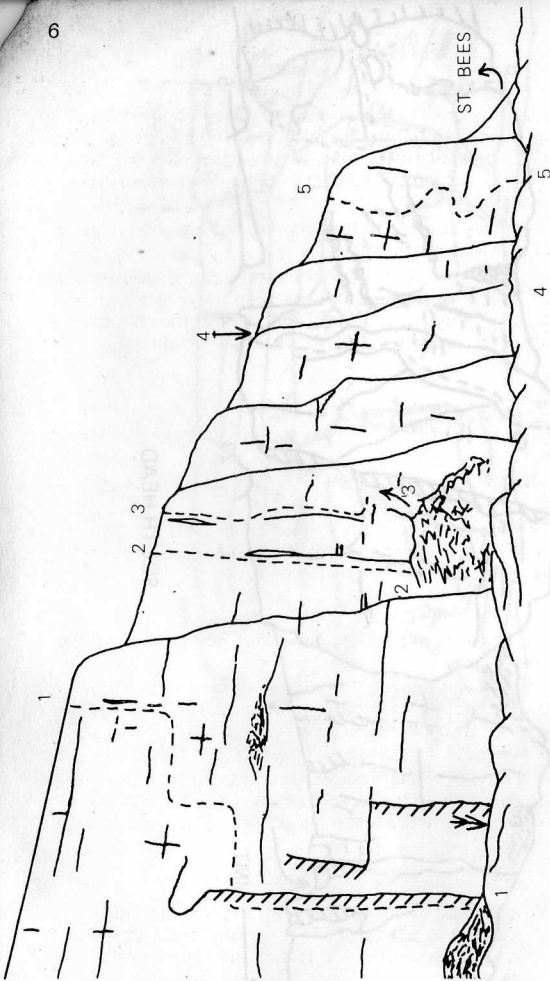




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SOUTH HEAD



SOUTH HEAD FROM FLESWICK BAY

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HARMONY — 150 feet. Very severe (hard).

The route lies on the buttress below and to the right (North) of the steps leading down from the lighthouse and takes the line of the overhanging crack on the edge of the buttress, easily seen from the large block at the bottom of the steps. Start scrambling down steep grass under the wall at a shallow cave.

1. 50 feet. Traverse horizontally left to reach a good crack which is climbed to a ledge and peg belay.
2. 100 feet. Step right and climb the flake crack to an awkward mantleshelf move. Climb the crack above then move left with difficulty to a small ledge round the corner. Climb the thin cracks on the right then up the wide crack above. Belay on the large block.

SOBRIETY — 150 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts about 50 feet down from the fisherman's steps at an overhanging crack, just past a large block.

1. 70 feet. Climb the crack to the niche. Pull over the overhang and step right to a ledge and peg belay.
2. 80 feet. Traverse right and enter the clean crack by a delicate move from the left. Gain the ledge above using a peg or nut and climb the cleaned way to the top of the cliff.

SATIN SKY — 150 feet. Very severe (hard).

Start by scrambling right from Sobriety for about 80 feet along a line of ledges. Peg or nut belay.

1. 90 feet. Easily over wet ledges to a corner capped by an overhang. Gain the ledge on the right then pull up on doubtful looking blocks and traverse right then back left to a narrowing flake which is climbed to a large ledge. Peg belay 15 feet along this ledge.
2. 60 feet. Pull up onto a higher ledge. Climb into the scoop above (awkward) and using a peg for handhold (in place) reach a crack above. Place a peg and from it reach good holds. Continue more easily to the top.

BZ — 200 feet. Very severe.

The climb is varied with one artificial pitch. Etriers not required. Good ledges after each pitch. Start at the thin corner crack at the base of the first big buttress down to the left of the Fisherman's Steps behind some boulders.

1. 40 feet. Climb the thin corner crack to a ledge. Step right and climb the thin crack, peg for aid, to a ledge and peg belay.
2. 35 feet. Climb diagonally right to a ledge and aged bolt. Climb up and left to a large ledge and peg belay below a cracked groove.
3. 30 feet. Climb the groove, peg for protection, to a ledge and peg belay.
4. 40 feet. Climb the obvious flake crack to another ledge and peg belay.
5. 40 feet. Go round to the right and climb a thin pegging crack to a narrow ledge. Step right and climb the obvious crack using pegs and nuts to a ledge on the left. Peg belay.
6. 15 feet. Climb the short wall above. Belay well back on the fence posts.

GAY TRIP — 260 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts about 120 feet right of B Z and 20 feet left of Frustration.

1. 70 feet. Climb the cleaned wall to a short flake crack. Up this and walk along the ledge to a good corner crack. Nut belay.
2. 70 feet. Climb the corner crack, peg for aid, to reach a small ledge on the left. A steep ascending traverse left leads to a large jammed block. Climb over this to reach the earth ledge above. Piton belay.
3. 50 feet. Climb up over two ledges, step right and climb the leftward facing groove to the big ledge. (A short man may require aid).
4. 70 feet. Climb the steep corner crack to the top.

FRUSTRATION — 260 feet. Very severe.

Takes the obvious deep crack on the left hand part of the face until joining Jimarten below the leaning block. A reference line for the cliff.

Start directly below the crack.

1. 20 feet. Climb the short slab to a steep little groove. Up this to the ledge. Belays up on the left.
2. 60 feet. Climb the crack starting with a layback move before getting inside. Bolt belay on the horizontal portion of the flake.
3. 40 feet. Climb the remainder of the crack, then traverse up and right behind the large leaning block. Nut belay at the far side.
4. 20 feet. Climb the crack and slab to a ledge and piton belay.

5. 50 feet. Climb the steep crack above the belay to a large grass terrace.
(Alternatively — Move left up onto a ledge. Traverse left and up the corner to a second ledge. Move left and climb the thin crack in the wall of the terrace.)
6. 70 feet. Climb the steep corner crack on the left of the terrace to the top.

GO GO GROOVE — 260 feet. Very severe (hard).

The obvious jamming crack to the left of Jimarten. The natural finish after the first two pitches is up Jimarten but as much new ground as possible is described.

Start at the same place as Jimarten.

1. 60 feet. Start directly below the overhanging crack and climb steep rock to the crack. Use one peg for aid and continue to the second bulge. Pull over this to gain a stance and piton belay.
2. 30 feet. Continue up the crack to a ledge. Piton or bolt belay. Junction with pitch 2 of Jimarten.
3. 40 feet. Walk right along the ledge to a peg belay below the overhanging flake crack.
4. 60 feet. Climb inside the flake and up to belay on the large terrace.
5. 70 feet. Climb the steep corner crack on the left of the terrace to the top.

JIMARTEN — 240 feet. Very severe.

In the centre of the face is a large block leaning against the face about half way up. Obvious crack lines go either side of this and the climb takes the right hand one. There are two cracks about six feet apart beneath which is the start.

Start 60 feet right of Frustration.

1. 20 feet. Climb steep rock to a ledge. Belay on large block on the right.
2. 60 feet. Walk along the ledge to the left, up a short crack and then traverse right across a slab. Climb the short bulging corner to a ledge on the right. Continue up the crack above. Belay 10 feet back on piton or bolt (in place).
3. 40 feet. Step left and climb over some loose and shattered blocks to a large leaning block. Nut belay.
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5 } Finish as for the corresponding pitches of Frustration.
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POT LUCK — 240 feet. Very severe (hard).

Takes the prominent flake crack 50 feet right of Jimarten.

1. 80 feet. Climb the shallow groove to a ledge. Mantleshelf onto the higher ledge and climb the crack to a ledge and peg belay.
2. 60 feet. Climb up to the obvious flake crack and layback round it (Poor protection). Climb up to the large terrace.
3. 40 feet. Walk along the ledge to the right. Piton belay.
4. 60 feet. As for pitch 6 of Ossicle.

OSSICLE — 300 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts up the short steep wall about 40 feet right of Pot Luck.

1. 20 feet. The middle crack leads to a large ledge at the top of the short steep wall. Piton belay at the bottom of the obvious thin crack.
2. 60 feet. Climb the steep crack and wall until it is possible to move right to a ledge. Piton belay.
3. 30 feet. Climb the crack and struggle up the tight chimney to a ledge. Nut belay on the right.
4. 60 feet. Step back across the top of the tight chimney and climb ledges on the left wall. Traverse left to a corner and chimney which lead to a ledge with spike belay on the right.
5. 70 feet. Traverse left along the slabby ledge, round the corner and up grass to a piton belay beside Lawson's Leap.
6. 60 feet. On the main face a steep crack rises past a pointed block to a corner capped by an overhang. Climb the steep wall (usually wet) to gain the crack (crux), which is climbed to a good ledge. Climb the deep crack to the right of the pointed block. Move left along the ledge to a steep corner. Climb the corner on good holds then move right under the overhang to a short groove which leads to the top.

VELVET UNDERGROUND — 360 feet. Very severe.

The original route up this part of the cliff. Starts about 30 feet right of Ossicle.

1. 20 feet. Climb easily up to a large ledge and peg belay.
2. 70 feet. Climb the shallow corner to a small ledge. Traverse up left for 20 feet to an earth ledge. Peg belay.
3. 30 feet. As for pitch 3 of Ossicle. The tight chimney.

4. 110 feet. Move right round the arete and traverse right along the ledge for 20 feet to a pile of loose stones. Step off the top of these and traverse left to a crack which is climbed for 15 feet to a ledge. Move left then back right to a good ledge running across the face. Move right along this to a deep curving chimney. Peg belay.
5. 130 feet. Climb the inside of the chimney to the top of Lawson's Leap.
Descend as for Tashunca-Uitco.

POSEIDON — 320 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts at the same place as Velvet Underground.

1. 20 feet. Climb easily up to a large ledge and peg belay.
2. 90 feet. Climb the centre of three grooves to the base of a steep chimney crack. Climb the crack to enter the deep chimney. Climb behind the chockstones to a ledge and belay.
3. 50 feet. Above is a deep crack. Layback round the overhang and chimney up to a ledge. Climb the easier crack to a ledge and spike belay.
4. 60 feet. As for pitch 5 of Ossicle. Traverse left along slabby ledge, round corner and up grass to peg belay on the right.
5. 100 feet. Move up and right to a break in the 'flutings' on the front of Lawson's Leap. Up this for 25 feet to an overhang. Make a difficult move over this to an easier angled groove. Follow this to the top of Lawson's Leap.
Descend as for Tashunca-Uitco.

TASHUNCA-UITCO — 530 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts about 120 feet right of Velvet Underground.

1. 60 feet. Climb the flake stepping left to a small ledge at 20 feet. Climb up using a peg (in place) to gain a flake crack. Traverse left to a ledge and peg belay.
2. 70 feet. Climb the crack and narrow chimney above to a ledge on the left. Peg belay.
3. 50 feet. Climb up bearing slightly left to a ledge and peg belay.
4. 50 feet. Traverse right for 30 feet and climb the thin crack above on pegs. Peg belay.
- 4a. 25 feet. Move right and climb the wide flared crack above. Peg(s) for aid. This leads to the stance at the end of pitch 5.

5. 30 feet. Walk left and take a stance below a large chimney crack.
6. 130 feet. Climb the crack traversing left at the top to the chimney of Velvet Underground. Climb the chimney direct to the top of the pinnacle. At the left hand side of the pinnacle is a plank reaching across the gap to the top of the main face. If this has disappeared continue as below.
7. 70 feet. Reverse the chimney and take a belay on the chockstones in Lawson's Leap.
8. 70 feet. Climb across the chockstone and along a ledge to a wobbly block. Up the corner crack to the top of the cliff.
- 8a. 40 feet. From the top of the chockstones place a thin peg high up in a horizontal crack. Use this for aid and pull up and left on good holds to a niche. Move right and pull over the short wall to the top.

TASHUNCA — UITCO — Direct start. 40 feet. Extremely severe. Round the buttress to the left is the continuation of the crack on pitch 2 to the ground. Start 10 feet left of this. Climb up a few feet to a good foothold. Difficult moves across the wall on the right lead to the main crack 10 feet above the ground. Continue up the crack (good protection) to the overhang. Make a difficult pull over this to a stance and peg belay at the top of pitch 1.

BEDFORD JUMP—350 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts in a wide groove below a pointed overhang 40 feet right of Tashunca Uitco.

1. 60 feet. Climb the slab on the left then move right to a ledge below a thin crack. Climb the crack on excellent finger jams to a ledge. Move left behind a block. Thread belay.
2. 40 feet. Move left onto the wall. Climb the wall using a large angle peg in a pocket and a 2½" bong to gain the ledge. Peg belay in the corner on the right.
3. 60 feet. Climb the corner above for a few feet when an awkward move right leads into a groove. Climb the groove to a ledge. Belay 20 feet higher in a shallow cave.
4. 90 feet. Step right and climb the large flake crack before climbing steep vegetation to belays by the right hand side of Lawson's Leap.
5. 100 feet. Step over the wreckage and climb the obvious corner cracks to the top of the cliff.

BLACK PEARL — 340 feet. Very Severe (hard).

Starts 15 feet right of Bedford Jump at an overhanging wall then up the obvious deep chimney on the right of Lawson's Leap.

1. 90 feet. Climb the wall to a small niche, pull into this using a peg for handhold and move left to a small ledge below parallel cracks. Climb these, nut for aid, then traverse left to another small ledge. Up the groove to a ledge and peg belays.
2. 90 feet. Climb the chimney to a belay on a large grass ledge.
3. 60 feet. Climb the flake cracks to their top, then down to the left to a stance and nut belays.
4. 100 feet. As for pitch 5 of Bedford Jump. Climb the obvious corner cracks to the top of the cliff.

BLACK PIG SLANT — Direct Start. 70 feet Extremely Severe.

Starts from a raised ledge 20 feet right of Black Pearl.

Climb the pedestal to the foot of the crack proper. Belay. Difficult wedging in the wide crack past a chockstone runner. Make a difficult move to the overhang. (A nut runner can be arranged deep in the back of the crack. Strenuous to place). Move out under the undercut chimney and make a strenuous and strange move to jam head and shoulder in it. Easier climbing leads to the ledge at the top of pitch 1 of Black Pearl.

IRON HORSE — 230 feet. A2. Severe.

Starts on a raised ledge about 60 feet right of Black Pearl.

1. 60 feet. Climb the crack on good pegs to a bolt on the right. A peg high on the right enables 2 bolts to be reached. Pegs lead to a ledge and bolt belay.
2. 50 feet. Climb the bolts on the left to a nut and peg move. Up the bolts crossing a small roof to a small ledge.
3. 60 feet. The bolts are followed to a belay below a corner groove.
4. 60 feet. The groove. Much easier than it looks. Belay well back on the fence posts.

RAGNOR — 435 feet. Very Severe (hard).

At the far right hand end of the Iron Horse wall is a large roof. The climb starts up grooves directly below this roof. Dry weather is recommended for an ascent.

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1. 70 feet. Climb the slab below the left hand groove until it is possible to traverse right to a horizontal ledge at the foot of the right hand groove. Start the groove with a peg for aid, then continue by jamming and bridging onto a spacious ledge below the roof.
2. 45 feet. Traverse right over block and so to the left edge of amphitheatre base. Nut belay.
3. 50 feet. Cracks and walls on the left of the amphitheatre lead to a ledge a few feet below the amphitheatre rim. Nut belay.
4. 15 feet. Climb the corner, peg for aid, to a ledge. Nut belay.
5. 80 feet. Follow the cleaned ledge right and then up broken ground to the base. Move up open groove on the left to a stance and peg belay.
6. 100 feet. Move diagonally right across ledges on the wall until it is possible to climb via slabs and corners to a ledge below overhang at the top of the cliff. Belay on right behind large jammed boulder.
7. 75 feet. Traverse right along the ledge and round a corner to a shattered groove which leads to the finish.

Variation.

- 7a. 50 feet. Move off the top of the block and climb left through the overhangs to the top.

EASY WAY DOWN — 340 feet. Severe.

A scrappy route. Not recommended except as an easy way off from this part of the cliff if cut off by the tide. Starts about 150 feet right of Ragnor round the corner of the buttress.

1. 100 feet. Climb the ramp. Often wet. Belay on blocks.
2. 50 feet. Walk up and belay on pegs in the wall on the right.
3. 130 feet. Traverse left below the wall to blocks in the corner. Up this for 10 feet then step left to a small chimney with a slab on the left. Climb this to steep grass. Keep right to a stance and peg belay.
4. 60 feet. Climb the slab on the right, then left to reach the top.

COPROPHAGISM — 250 feet. Very Severe.

Takes the line of the wide chimney cracks trending right above a short wall. Starts about 400 feet right of Easy Way Down.

1. 40 feet. Start off jumbled blocks and climb the wall trending left before moving up to a good ledge.

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2. 40 feet. Climb the crack on the right.
3. 70 feet. Continue up the wider chimney crack over wedged boulders. Belay under the final chimney.
4. 100 feet. Up the chimney to the top.

PANTOMIME — 365 feet. Extremely Severe.

Starts 100 feet right of Coprophagism and takes the obvious crack line up the front of the buttress.

1. 40 feet. Climb the wall to a ledge at the foot of the large flake which starts the crack line.
2. 100 feet. Layback onto the flake and chimney up behind it to emerge on a good ledge. Thread runner. Follow the crack with increasing difficulty to its finish. Traverse left along the ledge for about 15 feet to a short flake on the wall. Peg and nut belays.
3. 25 feet. Climb the flake and standing on it make a long reach to gain a good ledge. Mantleshelf onto this with difficulty and move a few feet right. Peg and belay.
4. 25 feet. Traverse up to the right, ignoring leftward possibilities, to a peg belay at the foot of a leftward slanting flake/ramp.
5. 50 feet. Climb the ramp and a flake crack above. Move right to another crack with a natural thread. Ascend this to a ledge and peg belays beneath the large roofs.
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7. } Finish as for the corresponding pitches of Babes in the Wood.

BABES IN THE WOOD — 370 feet. Extremely Severe.

Starts about 60 feet right of Pantomime.

1. 40 feet. Climb the steep corners. Nut belay under the large overhang.
2. 70 feet. Up the overhanging chimney to a traverse line leading left. Belay below a short wall.
3. 15 feet. The steep wall on pockets.
4. 85 feet. Bridge up the groove and traverse right to an eroded spike. Layback up the crack with a hard move to finish.
5. 35 feet. Climb the scoop behind the stance then go diagonally left to a belay on the arete.
6. 50 feet. Move up to the large overhang running round to the right and hand-traverse to a peg which is used for aid to gain a narrow ledge under the overhang. Move round the corner to a large stance

7. 75 feet. Bridge up the corner on loose flakes. Good nut runner under the roof. Make a hard move right on a hand jam then traverse right on undercuts to a little corner. Climb over the bulge onto steep grass. Belay well back.

TANTALUM — 230 feet. Very Severe.

This climb takes the big corner immediately South of Babes in the Wood. Start on a terrace above the high water level at a slimy chimney on the right.

1. 130 feet. Climb the chimney and then more easily up a line of cracks, passing a cave on the right to a stance and peg belay at the foot of the impending corner crack.
2. 50 feet. Climb the crack to a peg belay in the cave. An excellent pitch.
3. 50 feet. Continue up then break left. Move over loose rocks and steep earth to the top. Belay on fence posts.

Variation

1a. 120 feet. Very Severe (hard)

Start 10 feet left of the original start.

Climb easily up a leftward slanting fault to a ledge.

Continue up the steepening corner until a difficult move right leads to a ledge above the big chimneys. Continue as for the original route to a peg belay below the impending corner crack.

THE AUK — 200 feet. Very Severe (hard).

The climb takes the obvious chimney 100 yards South of Tantalum. The last big buttress before Fleswick Bay.

1. 30 feet. Climb the chimney over the chockstones to a ledge and belays.
2. 70 feet. Move left and climb the chimney crack over chockstones to a resting place on the right. Continue up the layback crack to a small overhang. Move right and up the crack above where it widens to an overhang. Gain a ledge on the left and continue up to a stance and perched block belay.
3. 45 feet. Climb the crack on the left to a jammed boulder. Continue up the wide crack to a ledge and belays.
4. 55 feet. Move right and up, then traverse left above the belay to a small corner. Climb loose rock to the top of the cliff.

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M M T — 370 feet. Very severe.

Takes the big groove on the left of the square buttress at the south end of Fleswick Bay about 300 yards from the mouth of the bay. A huge finger of rock at the top of the groove is a good landmark.

1. 80 feet. Climb the groove starting with a short overhanging crack to a cave. Climb the hanging chimney on the left and the groove above to a belay below an overhanging chimney.
2. 70 feet. Climb the chimney, bolt for aid, then traverse right to the great ledge. Peg belay.
3. 40 feet. Walk along the ledge to a short corner. Nut belay.
4. 100 feet. Move right round the corner and climb a short wall to a chimney with a large chockstone. Move up right to a ledge and continue to a higher ledge with a low roof. Traverse right along this ledge to a belay in a groove. (This groove is clearly seen on the edge of the buttress from the start of pitch 4).
5. 40 feet. Climb the groove or the arete on the right. Horizontal flake and peg belay.
6. 40 feet. Step right and climb the wall to the top. Belay on the fence posts.

There appear to be other possibilities to the top of the cliff from the top of pitch 2.

KON-TIKI — 180 feet. Very severe (hard).

About 100 yards South of M M T is a short grass slope reaching down to the rocks at sea level.

Starts at the left hand side of the buttress at the top of the grass slope and takes the prominent chimney crack.

1. 90 feet. Climb the wide crack to the top of the pedestal. Climb the chimney crack above to a stance and peg belay in the corner.
2. 40 feet. Climb the wide corner crack to a sloping earth ledge and belays.
3. 50 feet. Climb the steep wall and flakes behind the belay to a small sloping ledge. Finish by the short loose corner to the top. Belay on the fence posts.

ULLCOATS — 200 feet. Very severe.

Starts about 120 feet right round the buttress from the start of Kon-Tiki.

1. 35 feet. Climb the short wide crack, move right then left to a ledge and a bolt belay.
2. 30 feet. Traverse left along the ledge to a peg belay under the overhang.
3. 75 feet. Climb the awkward crack on the right to a sloping ledge. Move left and enter the chimney by a hole in the roof using a peg for hand hold. Climb the chimney to a large sloping ledge. Flake and block belays through a crevasse on the right.
4. 60 feet. Climb the short groove on the left. Climb straight up then make an awkward move left to steep grass and the top of the cliff. Belay on the fence posts.

FLORENCE — 170 feet. Very severe.

Starts at the same place as Ullcoats.

1. 35 feet. As for pitch 1 of Ullcoats.
2. 75 feet. Move left along the ledge for 10 feet until below the obvious chimney. Climb the chimney moving right onto the wall at the protruding flake. Move left into the corner and continue up to flake and block belays on the ledge.
3. 60 feet. As for pitch 4 of Ullcoats.

ARGO — 280 feet. Very severe.

Starts left of a prominent deep and dirty groove which faces South above fairly new rock debris about 300 yards right of Florence and Ullcoats.

1. 45 feet. Climb the corner using a good crack to a flake on the right wall. Traverse right to a short rib/groove which leads to a ledge and peg belays.
2. 45 feet. Climb the corner crack and move out right at the top. Step round to the right to a bolt belay at the top of the deep and dirty groove.
3. 50 feet. Climb left onto the rib and traverse delicately for 20 feet to an earth ledge. Climb diagonally right to a good earth ledge and bolt belay—directly above the belay of pitch 2.
4. 80 feet. Climb the groove starting on the right wall and exit left at 30 feet. Traverse left and climb a short groove to a ledge. Traverse further left and climb a short groove to a ledge. Traverse further left to two short cracks. Climb the left one to a peg belay below an overhang.

5. 60 feet. Climb up to the left past a flake then move right and up to the top over loose rock and earth to a prickly finish. Belay on the fence posts.

WHITSEND — 380 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts several hundred yards right of Florence and Ullcoats and seventy yards left of Outrigg. Climbs a good corner crack between chimneys.

1. 90 feet. Climb the short layback crack to a ledge. Go left and climb the corner crack on good jams and pull onto a small ledge with aid from a peg. Peg belays.
2. 50 feet. Climb the wall above then traverse left over ledges to a short corner. Peg belays.
3. 70 feet. Climb the line of grooves on the left to a ledge. Peg belays.
4. 70 feet. Enter the groove on the left using a peg for aid. Climb the groove and then the shallow chimney above to the final overhang. Cross the left wall to a good ledge. Peg belays.
5. 100 feet. The grassy arete and a groove are followed to the top of the cliff.

OUTRIGG — 300 feet. Very severe.

Takes the left edge of the middle of three gangways on the buttress right of Whitsend. A loose, vegetated and poorly protected climb. Best climbed in winter when the vegetation has disappeared.

1. 100 feet. Climb over ledges and climb a crack to a corner groove. Up this for a few feet then step left onto the wall. Climb diagonally left to a short crack which is climbed to a good ledge and bolt belay.
2. 60 feet. The two cracks above. Climb the second one on the right wall to a ledge and bolt belay.
3. 90 feet. Climb the left edge to a good ledge. Bolt belay across to the right in the corner.
4. 50 feet. The clean wall above to the top of the cliff. Belay well back.

THE DRAIN — 300 feet. Very severe.

Climbs the corner of the gangway right of Outrigg. A natural line which is usually wet and to which similar comments as Outrigg apply.

1. 110 feet. Climb the corner over a bulge to a good ledge below a protruding block. Peg runner. Climb over the block and the groove above to another ledge. Step left and climb straight up to a ledge and peg belays.
2. 50 feet. Straight up the slab then bear right and up the chimney to a ledge and bolt belay.
3. 100 feet. Climb straight up the corner to a ledge and bolt belay.
4. 40 feet. Climb the wall on the left. Belay well back on the fence posts.

SANDMAN — 300 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts at the right hand edge of the buttress 50 feet right of The Drain.

1. 30 feet. Climb the corner crack to gain a short bow shaped slab. Climb this to a small ledge. Peg or nut belay.
2. 40 feet. The crack behind the belay is climbed for a few feet (often wet) until it is possible to move left. Delicate climbing across the slab leads to a small ledge. Bolt belay.
3. 40 feet. Gain the niche above and pull round to the right onto the arete. Climb up to a ledge and peg belay.
4. 70 feet. Climb the rib above until forced to move left. Climb up and left to a ledge and bolt belay.
5. 40 feet. The ramp on the left is followed until it ends. Peg runner advised. An awkward move left across an open groove gives access to a ledge and bolt belay. A loose pitch.
6. 30 feet. The corner crack above the belay, or mantleshelf on the left followed by a short chimney with a difficult move to gain a good ledge and peg belay.
7. 50 feet. Mantleshelf above the belay to a small square ledge. Climb the short steep wall above when easier climbing leads to the top. Belay well back on the fence posts. 150 feet of rope required.

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- 100 feet. Climb straight up the corner to a ledge and bolt belay.
- 40 feet. Climb the wall on the left. Belay well back on the fence posts.

SANDMAN — 300 feet. Very severe (hard).

Starts at the right hand edge of the buttress 50 feet right of The Drain.

- 30 feet. Climb the corner crack to gain a short bow shaped slab. Climb this to a small ledge. Peg or nut belay.
- 40 feet. The crack behind the belay is climbed for a few feet (often wet) until it is possible to move left. Delicate climbing across the slab leads to a small ledge. Bolt belay.
- 40 feet. Gain the niche above and pull round to the right onto the arete. Climb up to a ledge and peg belay.
- 70 feet. Climb the rib above until forced to move left. Climb up and left to a ledge and bolt belay.
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- 1969 June 4. Outrigger.
Alternate leads.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
- 1969 Coprophagism
C. Jackson
B. Andrew
- 1969 Oct. 26. Jimarten.
Alternate leads. 1 peg was used for aid on pitch 2.
Pitches 1-3 had been climbed previously by T. Martin and J. Wood.
B. Smith
I. Angell
- 1970 Jan. 17. B Z.
Feb. 1.
I. Angell
B. Smith
J. Wilson
The bolt was used for aid on pitch 2.
1 peg, 2 nuts and 1 wedge used for aid on pitch 3.
- 1970 April 4. Gay Trip.
Alternate leads. 3 pegs and 2 nuts used for aid on pitch 2.
2 pegs used for aid on pitch 3.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
- 1970 April. Frustration.
I. Angell
R. Bennett
1 peg used for aid on pitch 1.
- 1970 April 26. Sandman.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
B. Wilson
I. Angell
Varied leads
K. Wilson
A peg was used for aid on pitches 4 and 7. The bolt still visible on pitch 3 was used on the first attempt to remove a large block filling the niche.
- 1970 May 11. Satin Sky.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
Alternate leads. 1 peg was used for aid on pitch 1.
2 extra pegs were used for aid on pitch 2.
- 1970 May 25. Whitsend.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
Alternate leads.
- 1970 June 3. The Drain.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
Alternate leads.
- 1970 July 4. Bedford Jump.
B. Smith
I. Angell

- Varied leads. 1 peg was used for aid on pitch 1.
J. Wilson
- 1970 July 5. Argo.
S. Smith
R. Bennett
Alternate leads. 2 pegs and 1 wedge used for aid on pitch 2.
- 1970 July 11. Tashunca-Uitco.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
Alternate leads.
Direct Start—M. Burbage, W. Young—3/6/71.
Variation to pitch 8 W. Young, W. A. Barnes—June 1971.
- 1970 Aug. 19. Easy Way Down.
B. Smith
I. Angell
Alternate leads.
- 1970 Aug. 25. The Auk.
W. Robinson
K. Perry
Alternate leads. A peg was used for aid on pitch 2.
- 1970 Sept. 5. Iron Horse.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
Alternate leads. First complete ascent.
- 1970 Sept. 19. Black Pearl.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
I. Angell
A bong was used for aid to gain the ledge at the top of pitch 1.
Direct Start. Black Pig Slant—K. Myhill, T. Proctor.
Alternate leads. 18-9-71.
- 1970 Sept. 27. Sobriety.
J. Wilson
B. Smith
A. Jackson
W. A. Barnes
LANGDALE
- 1970 Oct. 3. Go-Go Groove.
D. Scott
I. Angell
H. Walmsley
A further peg was used for aid on pitch 1.
- 1970 Nov. 17. Tantalum.
I. Angell
B. Smith
J. Wilson
Variation to pitch 1. M. Burbage, W. Young—June 1971.
- 1970 Dec. Ossicle.
W. A. Barnes
A. Jackman
D. A. Elliott
Pitch 6 was added by M. Burbage, W. Young—June 1971.

1971 Jan. 2. Florence.

Alternate leads.

B. Smith
J. Wilson

1971 Jan. 3. Ullcoats.

A further peg was used for aid on pitch 3.

B. Smith
J. Wilson
Varied leads
J. Lindsey

1971 Jan. Ragnor.

Variation to pitch 7. M. Burbage, W. Young—Feb. 1971.

W. A. Barnes
A. Jackman
Varied leads
I. Singleton
D. A. Elliott

1971 Jan. Pantomime.

Alternate leads.

A. Evans
K. Myhill

1971 Sept. Poseidon.

Pitch 5 had been climbed previously by M. Burbage, W. Young, J. Wilson—12/6/71.

M; Burbage
W. Young
Varied leads
W. A. Barnes

1971 Oct 10. Kon Tiki.

M. Burbage
W. Young
W. A. Barnes
A. Jackman