



A "Good on Yer" Hidden Classic; Pleasure Zone, E1 5b, Oxendale Buttress, Shelter Crag

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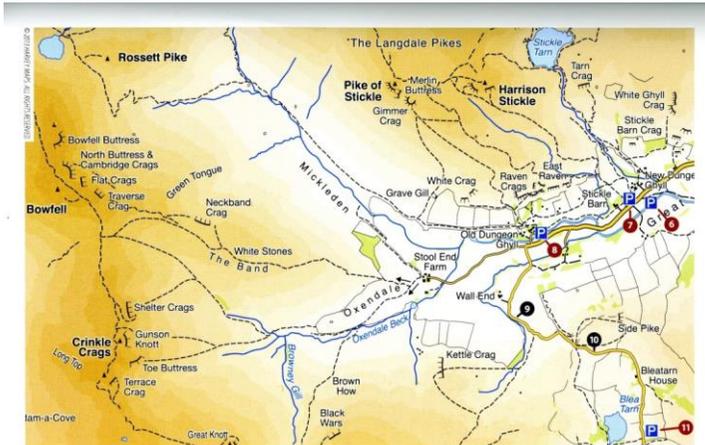


Approach: This large crag is generally quick drying and composed of excellent rough, solid rock. It stands prominently above the upper slopes of the Buscoe Sike/Hell Gill branch of Oxendale and just below the rounded summit immediately north of the five summits of Crinkle Crag. The crag comprises four main buttresses descending rightwards down the fellside. Our buttress is third from the left and its upper part is bounded on its left by the mossy drainage line of *The Sike* and it extends to a lower level on its right side. Separating this from the final buttress to the right is the deep and partially hidden Central Gully

On a first visit it is best to approach from below as the crag is in full view all the time. From Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel follow the path to Stool End Farm, from here;

- either continue up The Band, veering off south from its level part.
- or continue up Oxendale until the path through Hell Gill can be followed before you strike directly up to the crag.

Time: 1 hour 25 mins.



Pleasure Zone 46m E1 5b ***

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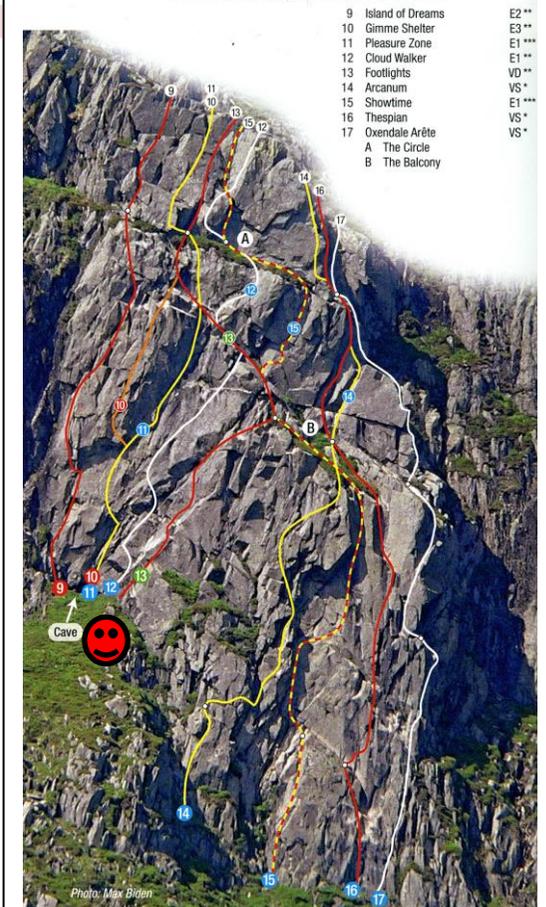
Excellent climbing up the right-facing open corner which defines the right-hand side of the upper bulging section of the buttress. Start immediately right of a cave, beneath a small square-cut overhang.

1 30m 5b Climb up past the left-hand end of the overhang to a spike runner just above it. Move up then pull out left to gain a sloping ledge. Ascend to an overhang beneath the bulging wall, where a step right leads to the obvious rightward-slanting corner/groove. Follow this and its continuation to a horizontal ledge beneath a short steep wall split by a crack. Climb it direct to gain the left end of a long grass ledge (*The Circle*). Thread belay in the corner on the left.

2 16m 5a Step out left and up onto the large slab. The steep narrow crack immediately above is followed to the top.

After completing this route and for a bit of adventure, why not try one of the other routes on this buttress using only the photodiagram as your guide e.g. line 15; *Showtime*, 76m E1 5b ***; line 12, *Cloud Walker*, 48m E1 5b ** or even line 13 *Footlights*, 60m VD **.

Shelter Crag Oxendale Buttress



9	Island of Dreams	E2 **
10	Gimme Shelter	E3 **
11	Pleasure Zone	E1 ***
12	Cloud Walker	E1 **
13	Footlights	VD **
14	Arcanum	VS *
15	Showtime	E1 ***
16	Thespian	VS *
17	Oxendale Arête	VS *
A	The Circle	
B	The Balcony	

Warning

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