

Lancrigg Crag

OS Ref: NY 329086

Alt: 150m

Grades



This compact semi-quarried crag provides some quality climbing and only 5 mins from the nearest beer. Access as for Helm Crag to Lancrigg Hotel. The footpath is permissive and runs directly past the front door of the Hotel, the new proprietors are keen to promote this and hopefully generate some business for the bar. The path is clearly signed for those wishing to walk to the summit of Helm Crag. Parking is available for a small fee at the Lancrigg Hotel car park (redeemable at the bar for post climbing beer or coffee). The routes are described from left to right. The central routes can be extended via the lower 8m slab VD/S.

Approach

After passing in front of the hotel follow the Poet's Footpath through the woodland. On exiting the arboretum through a small gate turn immediately right, strike up the hill and follow the wall rightwards for 60m where the crag will be on your left.

Descent

Descend easily down either side of the crag - though perhaps best by the less steep on the right.

Uphill 10 mins SOUTH facing



1 Cloud Wanderer E1 5b † New 22m ★★

An exciting route with plenty of exposure. Start from a large ledge on the left side of the buttress below a large overhang. From the ledge move precariously up into the overhung corner (peg). A committing traverse move left (crux) is rewarded with some reassuring holds leading up to a fine exposed position on protruding blocks. Follow the crack above moving left to finish up the fine rough slab.

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2 Prelude VS 4c † New 25m ★

A fine diagonal line that dissects the full length of the crag. Start at a black wall directly below the large overhang. Delicate climbing rightwards up the slabs leads to a large ledge and oak tree (possible belay). The corner crack above is constantly trying to eject you.

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3 Untrodden Ways E1 5b † New 20m ★★

Good and well protected climbing, both interest and difficulty increase with height. Start behind an ash tree on the large ledge above the lower slab. A broken crack leads up behind a small fir tree (deduct points if you monkey the tree). The wall and crack above leads to a small overhang, pull over this (crux) to finish via a thin crack on the left.

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4 Poets Corner HVS 5a † New 22m ★

Start below the large square overhang at the extreme right side of the buttress at a slab with a right slanting crack on its left. Climb the crack and slab moving right below the overhang to another soaring corner crack. Steep climbing up the crack and arête leads to a stance by an oak tree. Easy climbing up the left edge to finish.

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