

Middle Busk Scar

OS Ref: NY 682093

Alt: 360m

Grades

17

32

2

Magnificently situated 2 km north of Sunbiggin Tarn and 5 km east of Orton – this tiny, extensive scar offers many problems on juggy limestone. The area below is known as Lousy Brow ! Much of the scar is quite small but has two higher sections .

All the numbered routes were first climbed by Barry Clarke on 04/03/2008 after which he intimated - *That'll be enough to be going on with - but there will be plenty more to play on, go for it! Definitely worth a visit, but not by "serious" boulderers!*

The routes are described from right to left and are in two distinct sections.

Approach

Park just below the summit of the Middle Busk road at a public footpath sign and walk north towards the scar, where the only landmarks are a tree and a bush. There is a path right along below the scar.

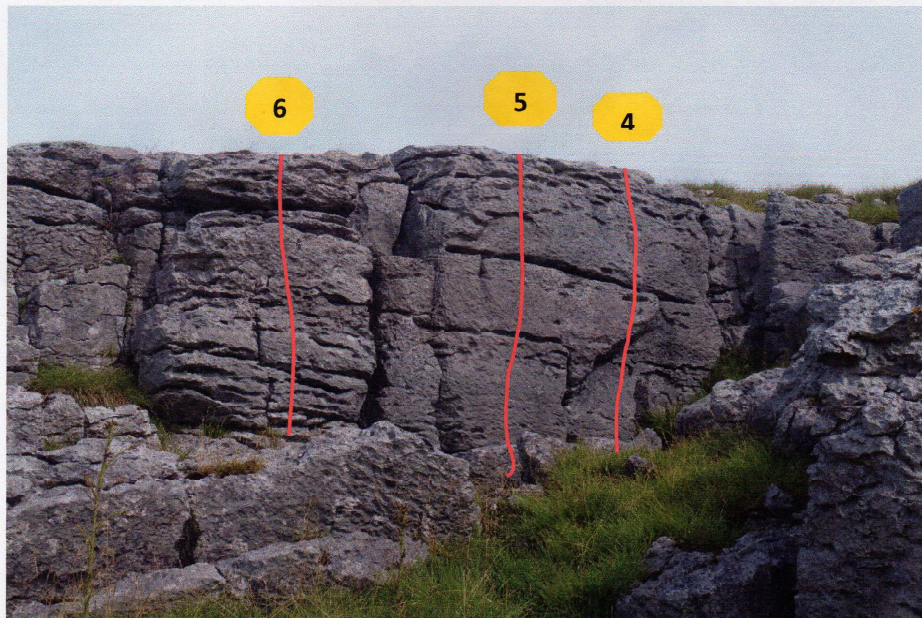
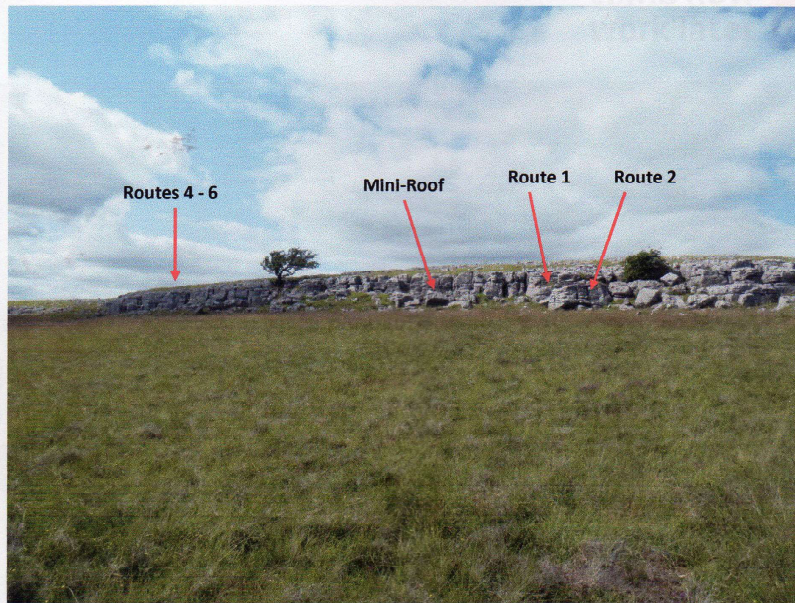
Right-Hand Section

BOULDERING Uphill 5 mins SOUTH facing 🌞

Introduction

This is the first section just left of a prominent bush.

MIDDLE BUSK SCAR - RIGHT-HAND SECTION



Middle Busk Scar - Right

1 Route 1 f3+ V0

The first problem is 5m left of the bush and climbs the left side of the wall in a grassy defile.

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2 Route 2 f2 VB

The buttress in front via a sloping ledge.

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3 Mini-Roof f5 V1

The obvious mini roof left of [Route 2](#). Sit start - Pull on via the good jug on the left and pull over the roof.

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Further left, and 25m left of the tree is a wall with a horizontal crack, just before the rocks dwindle.

4 Route 3 f2 VB

The flakey crack on the right.

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5 Route 4 f2 VB

The wall just left of [Route 3](#).

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6 **Route 5** f3 V0-

The pillar 2m left of [Route 4](#).

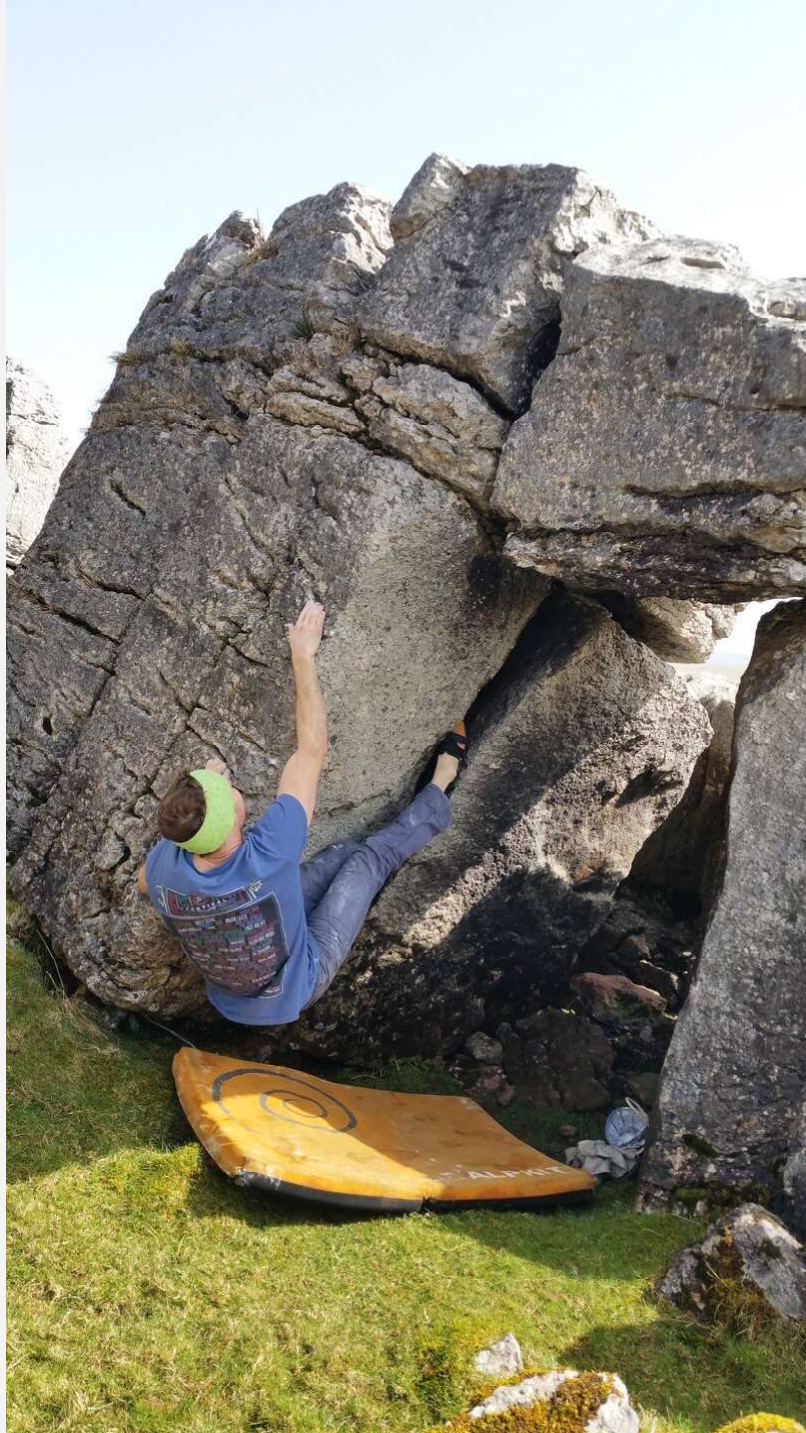
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Left-hand Section

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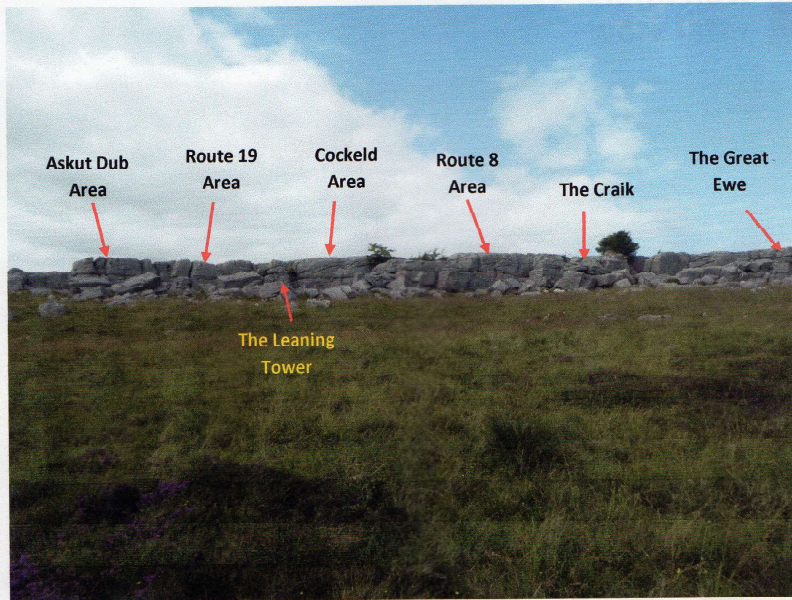
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160m further left of [Route 5](#), is another tree which indicates a pleasantly sheltered area, with many delights; the **Hidden Garden**.

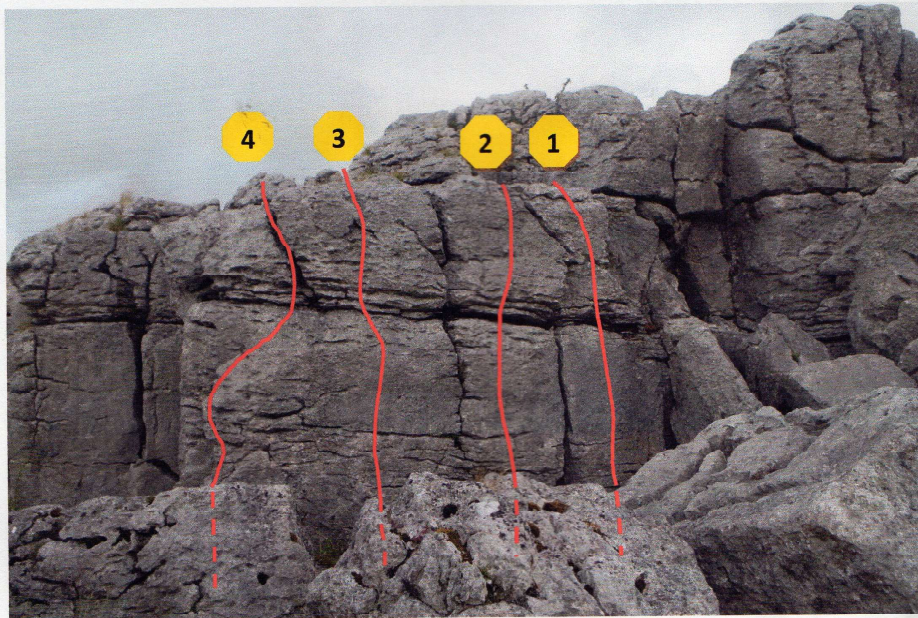


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MIDDLE BUSK SCAR - LEFT-HAND SECTION



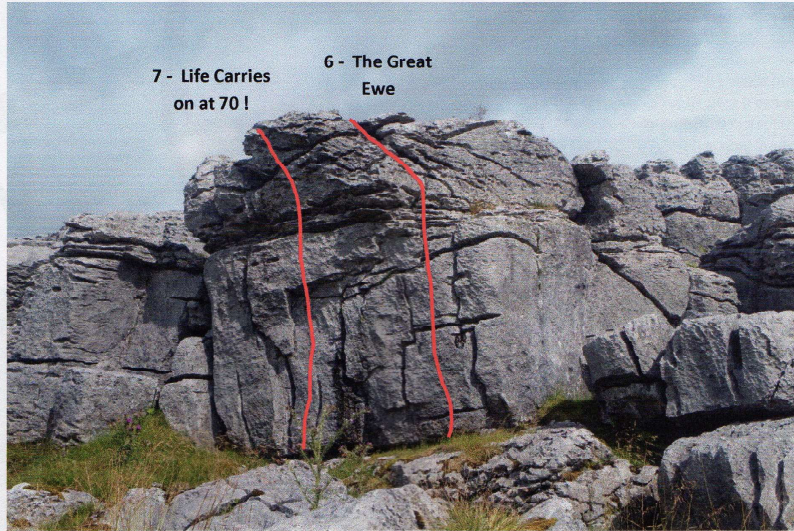
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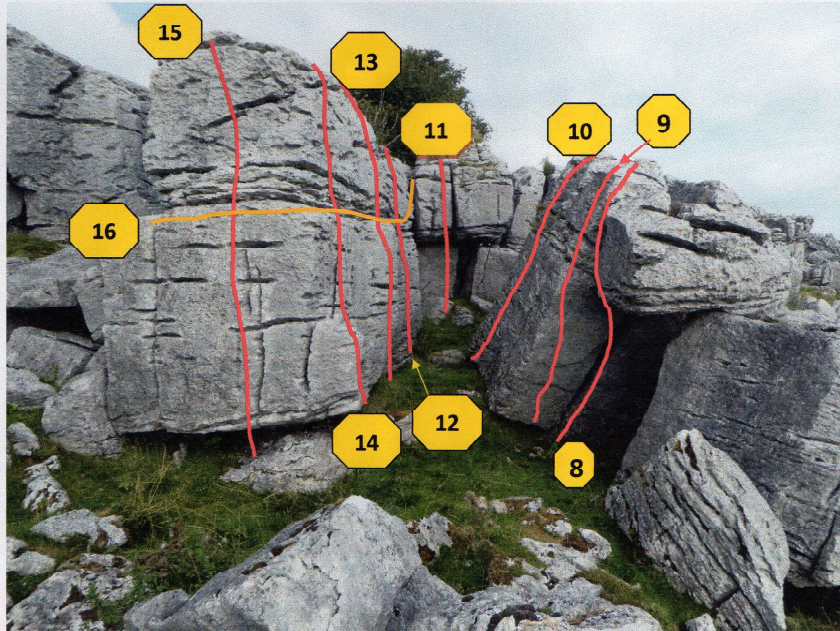
Middle Busk Scar - Left (01)

MIDDLE BUSK SCAR LEFT-HAND SECTION

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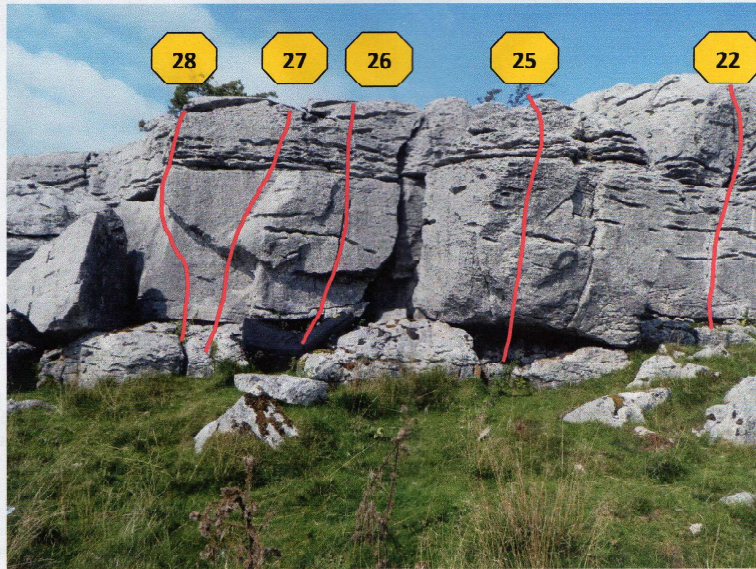
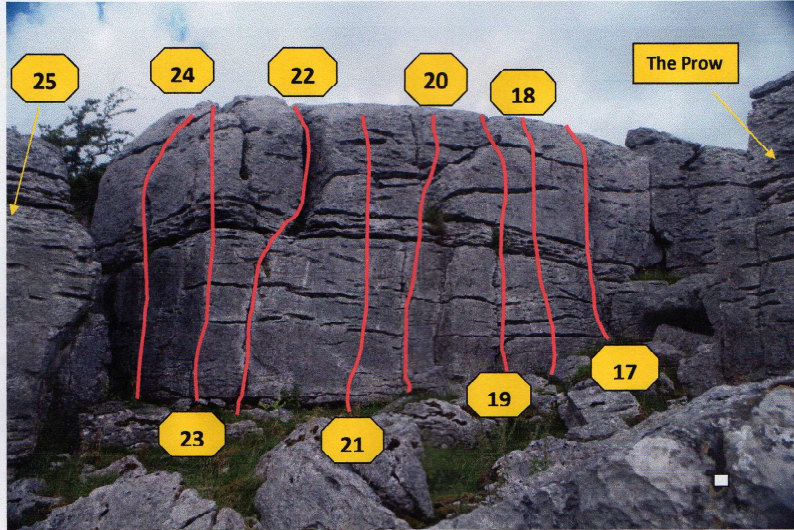
THE PROW AND THE CRAIK



Middle Busk Scar - Left (02)

MIDDLE BUSK SCAR – LEFT-HAND SECTION

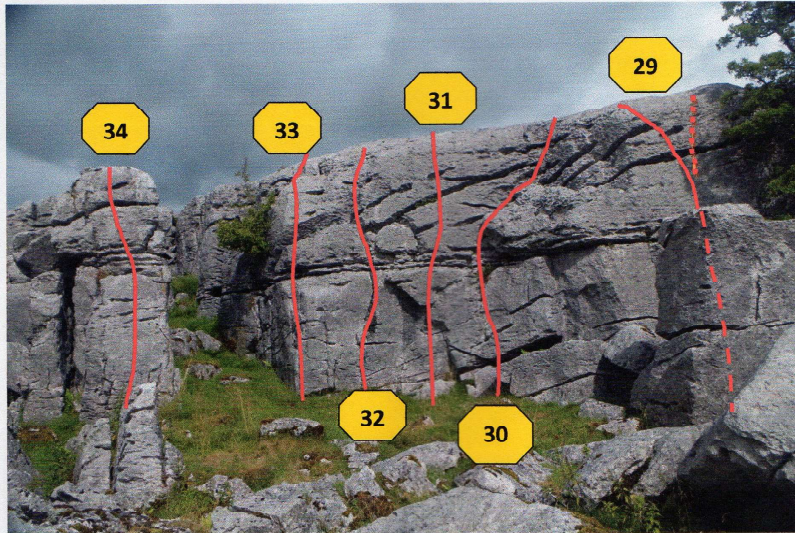
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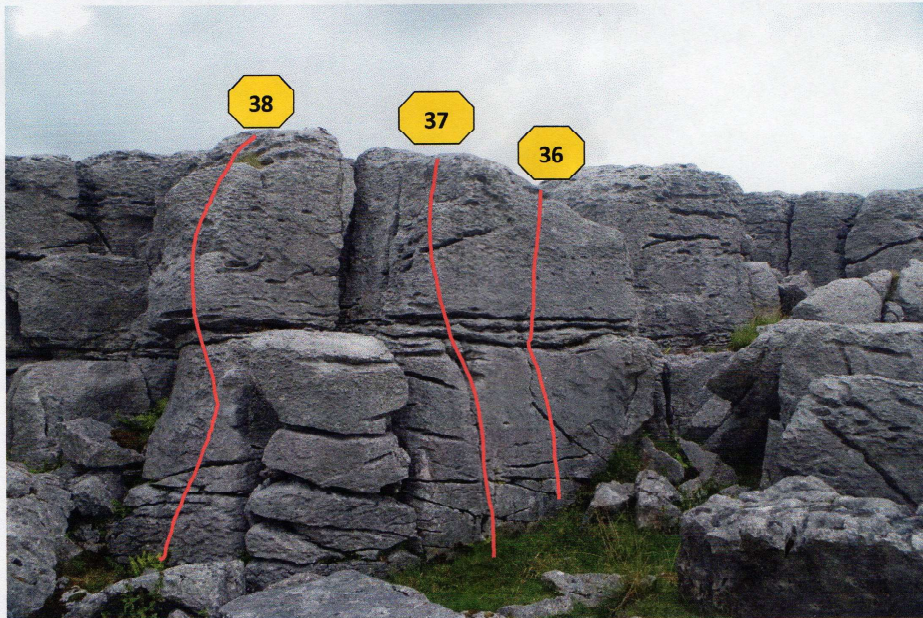
Middle Busk Scar - Left (03)

MIDDLE BUSK SCAR – LEFT-HAND SECTION

COCKELD AREA



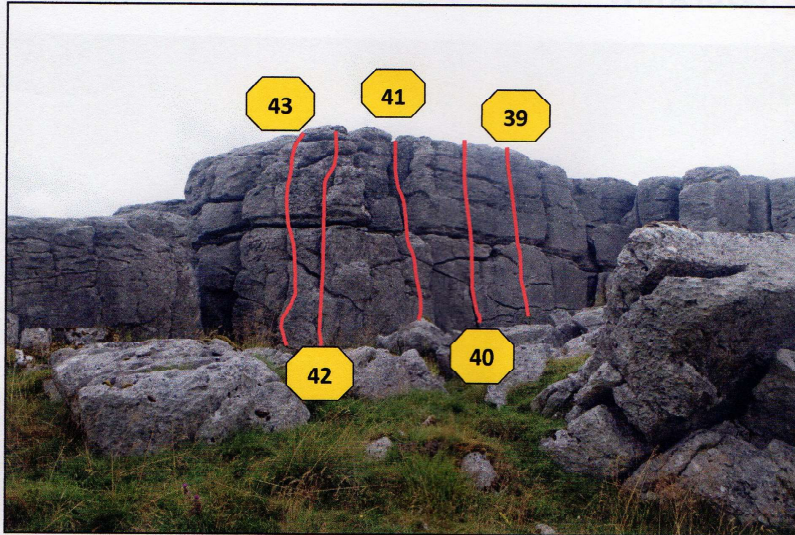
ROUTE 20 AREA



Middle Busk Scar - Left (04)

MIDDLE BUSK SCAR – LEFT-HAND SECTION

ASKET DUB AREA



OVERVIEW OF LEFT-HAND SECTION



Middle Busk Scar - Left (05)

25m right of the tree, on the right of the Left-Hand Section, is a wall behind a series of separate boulders.

1 **Spear Pott** f2 VB

Sit start - use the flake to gain a horizontal crack and finish direct.

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2 **Mason Wath** f3 V0-

Sit start - use the crack to gain holds at the top - for top out !

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3 **Howes Well !** f3+ V0

3m left - climb wall to gain rightward-pointing flake and the top

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4 **Friar Biggins** f1 VA

Climb the flake and crack above.

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5 **Black Rayseat** f4 V0

3m left of [Howes Well](#) - climb the cracked arete to finish directly.

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The Nose - this is a prominent boulder 10m right of the tree on the right of the Left-hand Section.

6 The Great Ewe f2 VB

Climb the crack on the right of the wall and finish on the right of the top overlap

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7 Life Carries on at 70! f5 V1

Sit Start - using the crack climb the wall on its right and finish direct over *the Nose*.

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Just in front and left of the tree is an area of rocks with a prominent suspended boulder on top. The following two routes are on the left/inside area of this.

8 The Jam f5 V1

Sit start - Climbs the appealing crack. Under the roof hand jam your way up the wide crack above before pulling up to the top of the perched block.

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9 The Craic f6A V2

Sit start. Climb the arête of the block with a good jam for your leg in the crack. Finishing up left of the perched block.

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10 Bleaflatt f1 VA

Climb up the left side of slab, taken on the right by [The Craik](#).

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The Prow - this is the distinct prow, just left of The Craic, dividing the recesses. It extends back but is separated from the crag and can be awkward to descend off - beware !

11 Tough Cookie f5+ V1+

Sit Start - At the back of the recess is a tapering crack, with an overhung base - attack this with determination.

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The right wall of *The Prow* gives some pleasant climbs.

12 Kelleth Rigg f2 VB

Climb the right end wall of *The Prow*.

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13 Hooksey f2 VB

Climb the centre of the wall, finish left of the vegetated crack.

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14 Stone Scrip f2 VB

Pleasant climbing up the left side of the wall.

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15 Rispa Pike f3 V0-

Climb the front of *The Prow*.

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16 Cowbound Lane f3 V0-

Start on the left of *The Prow* and traverse rightwards and along to finish at the back at the back of *The Prow*.

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To the left of The Prow is a recess with a bouldery floor and a fine wall to the left.

17 Route 6 f3 V0-

Climb the wide crack 7m left of the tree.

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18 Route 7 f3+ V0

The wall just left of [Route 6](#).

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19 Route 8 f2 VB

Climb the left side of the steep wall 4m left of [Route 7](#).

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20 Route 9 f2 VB

Climb the central crack 2m left of [Route 8](#).

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21 Route 10 f4+ V0+

The leaning face on the left of [Route 9](#).

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22 **Route 11** f3 V0-

Climb the thin crack left of [Route 10](#), at the left side of a wall, stepping right to finish up the wide crack.

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23 **Cowdale Slack** f3 V0-

Climb the fine arête on stonking holds.

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24 **Whygill Crack** f3 V0-

Climb the crack on the right wall of the gully.

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25 **Route 12** f4+ V0+

Across the gully on the left of [Route 11](#) the arête is very good, but only if you avoid the boulder..

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26 **Asby Mask** f4 V0

Sit Start - Climb the short wall to gain better holds. Strenuous !

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27 **Route 13** f4+ V0+

The shelving wall 5m left of [Route 12](#).

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28 **Route 14** f3 V0- †

Climb the thin, undercut crack and the arête, left of [Route 13](#).

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Just to the left of [Route 14](#) is a pleasant grassy alcove which makes a useful basecamp. To its left is the **Leaning Tower** with the following routes behind.

29 **Reckarpot** f3 V0-

Left of the tree and in the gully climb the wall crossing horizontal crack exiting leftwards. The direct finish has not been done and appears bold ! !

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30 **Ling Bank** f2 VB

Climb the crack and easy ramp up right

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31 **Clockeld** f3 V0-

The reachie wall on great holds.

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32 **Route 16** f2 VB

The thin crack and crack and wall above.

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33 **Route 17** f3 V0+

The wall and arête just left of [Route 16](#).and right of the shrubby tree.

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34 **Route 15 - The Leaning Tower** f5 V1

The Leaning Tower on the left of the alcove is climbed by the cracked arête.

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35 **Route 18** f4+ V0+

The crack 4m left of [Route 17](#).

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8m left behind a tilted block is a fine wall.

36 **Route 19** f4 V0

Climb the right side of the wall.

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37 **Route 20** f4 V0

Climb the thin crack and delightful wall.

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38 **Route 21** f4+ V0+

Climb the arête just left of [Route 20](#).

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A fine wall with juggy arete to the left is now the main final buttress.

39 **Route 22** f4+ V0+

Climb the right side of the fine wall on interesting holds.

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40 **Asket Dub** f4+ V0+

Climb the crack and wall direct on pleasing holds.

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41 **Turn End** f1 VA

Use the crack to gain the recess and finish up wide crack.

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42 **Route 23** f4+ V0+

Climb the juggy arete by the right-hand crack

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43 **Nevyill Fold** f3 V0

The left side of the juggy wall.

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22m further left may be a blanker wall with a sinuous crack in its lower part.

44 **Route 24** f5 V1 †

Climb the crack.

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45 **Route 25** f2 VB †

Climb the steep wall 7m left of [Route 24](#).

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Middle Busk Scar - View to Howgills



Middle Busk Scar - Route 8



Middle Busk Scar - Stone Scrip