

# Blackem Headwall

OS Ref: NY 164 112

Alt: 720m

Grades

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This steep wall of immaculate rock lies to left of [Elliptical Crag](#), about 400m beyond [Damparse Crag](#). The remoteness of area will deter all but the most determined of explorers. The main eye-catching feature is a shallow vertical corner up the centre of the wall. A lonely peg high in this groove indicates that this is a desperate project.

It has been estimated that there are around 200 unclimbed routes of merit in the Upper Mosedale area !

Uphill 75 mins NORTH facing

## 1 Only the Lonely HVS 4c 16m

Start above a rock step to the right of the corner. Climb up to a groove and follow this, then step right and move up a rib to a grassy finish.

2.05.1999 A Phizacklea, D Kirby

The following two routes are on the obvious crag 100m below the Headwall and called Blackem Crag.

## 2 Flowstate E5 6b † New 22m

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A very thin lower wall leads to a corner with a huge roof on its left, climb to this and make gymnastic moves through the roof (peg) to meet its final gut busting pull the turn the lip, memorable.

17.04.2021 Scott Quinn, Tim Millen, Chris Moore, Joe Flanagan  
Alternate leads

## 3 Catharsis E6 6b † New 22m

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The eye catching groove system right of the arête provides a direct and almost perfect pitch with great movement, marred only by the rest between the two grooves. A stretched start gains a large flat hold, which leads to two triangular pockets (runners) step left into the slim groove (peg) following this into the upper right hand groove which is taken on its left hand side to the top

3.04.2021 Chris Moore, Scott Quinn  
Both led



Blackem Crag - Catharsis - E6





Blackem Crag - Flowstate - E5





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