Kirkstone Buttress

OS Ref: NY 400 085

Character: The rock is generally good, especially in its upper half and houses some of the roughest and sharpest rock in the district. Although only 25m high, there is a big crag feel, coupled with excellent views and all the sunshine that's going. The buttress can be seen from the Kirkstone Inn car park and is not to be confused with Kirkstone Crag (Eastern Crags p197).

Situation: located 150m below and right of Kilnshaw Chimney on the upper right of the crag is an impressive open book corner easily seen from the car park, and to its left is a splendid rectangular wall. At the top of the crag lies a large erratic boulder, which makes an immaculate belay, although there are adequate belays nearer the top of the climbs.



Car Park

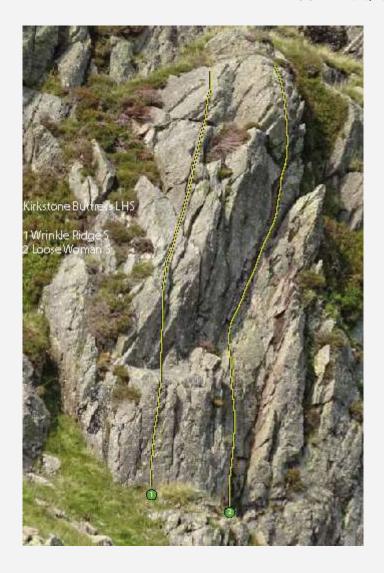
Approach

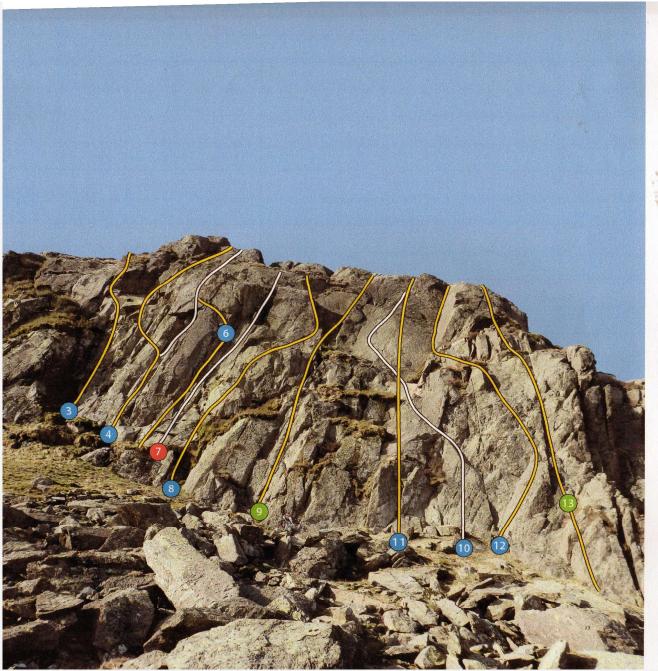
Follow the Red Screes path for some 150m to where three erratic boulders are perched on a rock plinth on the right, close to the path. Turn right by the boulders and follow a small rising indeterminate sheep trod for another 150m to an undulating grass and rock terrace. From here the crag lies 100m up and right, reached by a diagonal traverse rightwards crossing a scree and boulders.

TRADITIONAL Level 10 mins SOUTH-EAST facing



Grades





Wrinkle Ridge S T New 18m

The short rough cracked ridge that bounds the left edge of the crag. Start from a grass ledge directly below the ridge. A short crack leads to a large ledge. Follow a right-slanting crack to finish up a short slab.

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Loose Woman S T New 16m

A companion route to Wrinkle Ridge following the obvious groove right of the that route. Climb the right slanting groove until perched upon a large spike, pull up left to finish up the short steep wall.

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Boreas HVS 5a T New 24m

A good route that feels greater than its height, accepting the challenge of the overhangs at the left end of the crag. Start 2m left of Deviant below a shallow groove. Follow the cracked groove to an overhang, pull up steeply to gain good holds below a second overhang. Commit up left (crux) via a small pocket to a fine finishing jug.

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Deviant VS 4c T New 25m

An excellent but deviant line, which makes sense when on the route. Start at the left end of the crag, at a vertical broken groove with a triangular overhang at 2/3 height. Climb the steep groove on good holds for 4m to a rounded flake (runner). Make a long horizontal stride left into a corner groove and flake crack. Make a few moves up these, before climbing up and left into a hidden corner. Follow the rugged slab on the right to the top.

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Conformist E2 5c T New 23m

Start as for Deviant. Climb the steep groove to the overhang. A committing move right gains better holds; pull up steeply left, excellent holds lead to the big ledge above

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WWTD E1 T New 25m

A direct line starting up Nocturnalist and finishing up Conformist. A short quite pokey link pitch despite every hold being a full hand jug. Climb the left side of the Nocturnalist groove until a long reach left gains the right-hand variation to Conformist. A contrived independent finish is possible up the thin crack on the right, but this has not yet been fully cleaned.



Nocturnalist HVS T New 23m



Some bold and energetic climbing with good protection. Start 2m right of <u>Deviant</u> at a rightwards-leaning open groove, with a holly tree near the top. Climb the groove to a steep slab; ascend this with difficulty to gain a small ledge below the holly tree and the narrow chimney above. Athletic moves up its right edge (crux) gain magnificent "thank god" finishing holds.

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Sophistry MVS 4b T New 25m



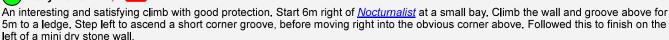
Start 3m left of Sky Waller at a short V groove. Climb the groove moving right to gain a hanging slab, follow the slab, and the right trending cracks above that terminate at a steep headwall. A hand traverse right gives access to the right hand arête, climb this (crux) to finish up the broken wall above.

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Sky Waller S T New 22m





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Sereno HVS T New 25m





The superb upper wall is worth the walk alone. It is sustained but adequately protected by small runners. Start 7m right of Sky Waller beside an embedded spike. Move up the wall to gain a left-slanting groove; follow this and the short corner above to gain the base of the wall. Ascend the wall by sustained climbing, first trending left, then directly up for a few moves, before trending right (crux) to reach the small V-groove at the top of the wall; all on amazing rock with some very sharp holds!

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RNM HVS 5a T New 25m



A well-protected direct line up the left side of the <u>Sereno</u> headwall. Start directly below the headwall and climb just left of a dubious flake/block over easy partly-gardened grassy ledges. A couple of thin moves start the headwall then a series of good handrails lead to the finish of Sereno. Possible to avoid the crux by traversing in higher and an easier finish is possible left of the last bit of Sereno.

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Isorhythm VS 4b/c T New 25m





Another excellent route. Start 1m right of Sereno, at the right end of the craq, by a short (3m) left-facing open corner. Climb the corner for 3m, before moving up and left onto a slab and into a short corner. Ascend this to gain a grass ledge. Move left into the superb open-book corner and climb it directly on immaculately rough rock to the top. Ace.

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Kirkstone Passive S T New 25m







Another worthwhile route with some massive sharp holds on the upper section. Start 1m right of Isorhythm at an easy gangway. Ascend the gangway to reach a thin right-facing corner crack. This is climbed to a thin corner groove which is tackled directly to gain rock ledges. Climb the headwall enjoyably to the top.

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