

Middle Fell - Iron Crag

OS Ref: NY 156 068

Alt: 250m

Grades

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This crag and its climbs were not included in the 2014 guidebook. The details are taken from the 1996 guide and have not been checked. An area of sound rock overlooking Netherbeck Bridge. Only the recorded routes are described but other short easy climbs do exist on the slabs up and right of the buttress.

Approach

Park at the disused gravel pit or Netherbeck Bridge and go straight up the fellside then follow a stream up to the clean buttress.

Descent

The climbs are described from left to right with descents on either side.

TRADITIONAL Uphill 20 mins SOUTH EAST facing

1 Iron Crag Ridge D 60m

Start at the left corner of the buttress at a large spike. Follow the ridge taking variations to the right and left with belays as required.

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2 Iron Crag Buttress MVS 4a 60m

A pleasant climb on good rock. Start 2m right of [Iron Crag Ridge](#).

1 30m 4a Climb the slab and thin crack to a ledge. Move right and up an awkward corner, then continue over slabs to a rock bay.

2 30m 4a The delicate rib on the right leads to a ledge followed by slabs and terraces to the top.

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3 Right Hand Buttress S 60m

Another pleasant route. Start 7m right of [Iron Crag Buttress](#) across a grassy bay at a crack.

1 30m Climb the crack, move right over slabs then straight up the centre of the buttress to a ledge. Climb the shallow chimney on the left.

2 30m Walk 5m left and climb the stepped slab, then a groove to a terrace.

Variation 30m

1a. Climb the mossy slab 5m right of the crack, traverse left, then go straight up the centre of the buttress to a ledge. Climb the shallow chimney on the left.

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Variation by same party