

# Peat Field Quarry

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OS Ref: NY31740184

Alt: 170m

Grades



## NO CLIMBING - NO ENTRY

**There is currently no access agreement - Climbing is banned.**

Extraction is going on in the nearby spoil heaps and the quarry is closed to climbers.

Excellent climbing on west-facing steep grey slabs and walls. Fast drying and sunny. Situated to the south of [Hodge Close Quarry](#), the quarry can be recognised by a massive cave on the southern flank. All the climbing to date has taken place on the west facing walls, Western Walls.

Nine routes were recorded in the late 1980s. At the time the quarry had become very popular for raves. To deter these gatherings the then owner blew up the Black Wall to block the access road. [Western Walls](#) was left untouched and has not been used for slate extraction for many years. During 2022 seven new routes were established before the current leaseholder made it clear that climbing should not take place. This is unfortunate as only the nearby spoil heaps are used for extracting stone.

## Approach

Park above [Hodge Close Quarry](#) or to the south, on the west side of the road. Approach downhill through the woods to the left of the gated road into the quarry site, arriving at flat ledges and boulders at the top of the [Western Walls](#) avoiding the owner's main entrance to the site and the access track into the quarry. Bolt belay stations along the top provide access.



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## Western Walls – Left Side

The left-hand side has four very good climbs on a steep grey wall with a prominent peapod-shaped groove high in its centre. The first 3 routes share the same start.

### 1 Tick, Tick, BOOM F6b 30m ★★

From the ramp, follow a slight groove leftwards to a grassy ledge then continue in the same line to ledges. Climb the steep wall on the right, first slightly rightwards then back left and up to gain an orange scar. Go up and left to reach better holds and a crack leading back rightwards to the top. Or, climb direct from the orange scar; 6c.

### 2 The Peapod F6b+ 30m ★

From the ramp climb a slight groove leftwards to the grassy ledge. Climb the steep wall on surprisingly good holds, moving right to gain a ledge at the base of the peapod-shaped groove. Follow the left edge of the groove then an awkward wall whence a move right gains the upper crack.

### 3 Clockwise F6b+ 30m ★★

Follow the ramp rightwards to where the wall steepens. Traverse right then climb the wall passing a large drill hole. Climb a slight groove to a ledge. Follow the left edge of the wall overlooking the peapod-shaped groove then move up and right to a slanting break. Climb the final headwall rightwards.

### 4 Rave Rage F6c 30m ★★

Perhaps the best route here. Go up easily rightwards then climb the centre of the wall on small holds to reach the large midway ledge. Continue up the wall then delicate moves up left gain a right-slanting break. Move right along the break a few metres then up to a large flake and finishing ledges.

## Western Walls – Right Side

The right hand side consists of open grooves and steep grey slabs with an attractive cupid's bow-shaped crack and groove, [The Hourglass](#), sitting above a large triangular grass terrace. Five metres to the right is the prominent flake and groove line of [The Pendulum](#). The grass terrace has bolt belays and can be reached by abseil or via a short easy approach pitch.

### 5 The Hourglass F6a+ 32m ★★

**1 12m F4** Start just right of a slanting overhang at an easy slab (often wet). Move up right then back left to reach a clean rib. Climb this to a step left onto the grass terrace. Traverse left across the terrace and up; bolt belay.

**2 20m F6a+** Move up right to the base of the groove and climb this steeply to a good ledge. Follow the groove to an awkward exit right onto a ledge just below the top.

### 6 The Pendulum HVS 5b 30m ★★

Climb to the step left to the terrace, then continue up the rib and slab above to a grass ledge at the base of a hanging corner. Climb the steep crack and wall just left of the corner to holds in a break. Move up to the flake and groove then follow this pleasantly to the top. There are plans to equip this as a sport route - F6a.

### 7 Tempus Fugit F6c 30m ★★

An excellent route that winds its way up the big slab to the right of [The Pendulum](#). Start at the easy slab, as for the two previous routes, then climb up rightwards over two large detached flakes to reach a ledge below a thin left-slanting crack in the steep lower slab. Move up right then back left, passing a shot hole. Continue up with thin moves to gain ledges and a glaciis in the centre of the face. Go up left then climb a delicate scoop to a ledge. Continue up for a few metres then gradually trend rightwards up the big slab to the top.

## WARNING

You climb at your own risk. Climbing is a dangerous activity carrying the risk of serious injury or death. If you climb, the presumption is that you are aware of and accept these risks together with responsibility for your activities and your safety.

You are the sole judge of conditions, the suitability of any chosen route, the ability of the party and you take sole responsibility for your actions.

Rock is a dynamic medium and rockfalls are frequent. In the mountains the weather changes quickly, climbs change unpredictably; blocks, flakes and holds become loose and fall off, rock becomes vegetated and dirty, in situ gear deteriorates or disappears. Even a minor change can have a dramatic effect on the difficulty or seriousness of a route. There can be no presumption that any given climb will be found in the condition described. It is therefore essential that climbers judge the seriousness or difficulty of any route before committing themselves.

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