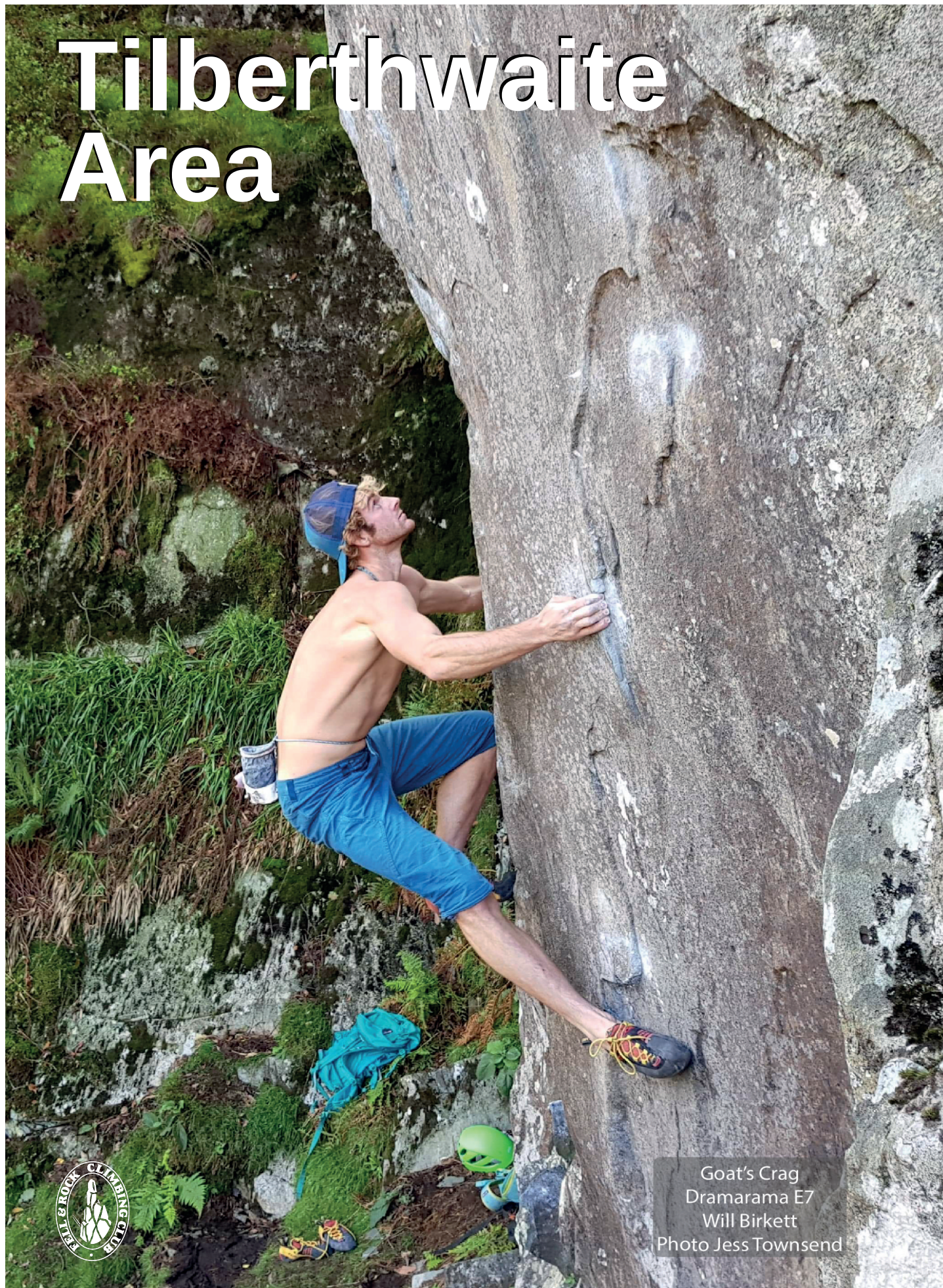


Tilberthwaite Area



Goat's Crag
Dramarama E7
Will Birkett
Photo Jess Townsend



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Goat's Crag

OS Ref: **NY 308 019**

Alt: **200m**

Grades

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Goat's Crag overview

Main Crag

Aspect: **NE**Lat/Lng: [54.4079, -3.0664](#)

Introduction

Hard wall climbing. The impressive steep outcrop on the left side of the road as you approach Tilberthwaite, about 300m past the cattle grid.

Approach

From the Tilberthwaite car park, walk back down the road and past the old copper workings to just before the cattle grid where a sign post directs one up a well-beaten track back up the fellside. Follow this to a left-hand branch which leads up to [Goat's Crag](#) on the right. Alternatively, the crag can be approach by following the approach to [Goat's Crag North](#) and just below the crag follow the track left.



Goats Crag

1 Fractious Applause E6 6b



The crux is quite tricky and unprotectable. Start in the centre of the clean streak in the deceptively overhanging wall. Step onto the ledges at 1.5m. Gain the jugs above and make a crafty heel hook rock-over, bypassing a small crimp, to gain a slot. Launch for the good holds above and follow a fault/rightward-slanting crack to a Rock 2 at 10.5 metres (first runner!). Gain the good ledge above for a shake-out and follow the leftward-slanting crack to a lower-off.

8.05.2006 S Wood, J Hughes

2 Dramarama E7 6c 13m



The prominent arête to the right of [Fractious Applause](#). Side pulls and smears work well to reach a flake. Continue up to a crimp and pinch on the arête; rock-over to better holds. Pads advised.

31.08.2018 W Birkett

Goat's Crag Quarry

Aspect: **NE**Lat/Lng: [54.391614814765, -3.0659943087636](#)

Approach

Follow the approach as for [Goat's Crag](#) then continue leftwards up the track which eventually terminates at this hidden quarry.

1 Jungle Fever E1 5a † 10m



Climb the centre of the slabbed wall in the top right-hand side of the quarry. Sky hook protection plus a small brass offset placed at 3/4 height to the right of the slab. A short pleasant climb, unfortunately over too soon.

6.07.2018 J Dickinson, I Newby, J Wood

Goat's Crag North

OS Ref: **NY 307 005**Alt: **200m**

This crag has been developed and makes for a pleasant afternoon's climbing. The rock is good quality and grippy in contrast to the surrounding slate quarries only a few hundred meters away.

Approach

Park at Tilberthwaite car park and walk back down the road for 150m to where an obvious quarry track, on the right, ascends diagonally uphill. Follow this for about 100m, until it levels out, to bear left past a ruined building, with a large tree. Follow the undulating track, leftwards for 100m towards a small ruined stone quarry hut. The crag lies 100m further up and diagonally to the left.

Descent

There is an easy descent off to the right.

10 mins Aspect: **NNW**

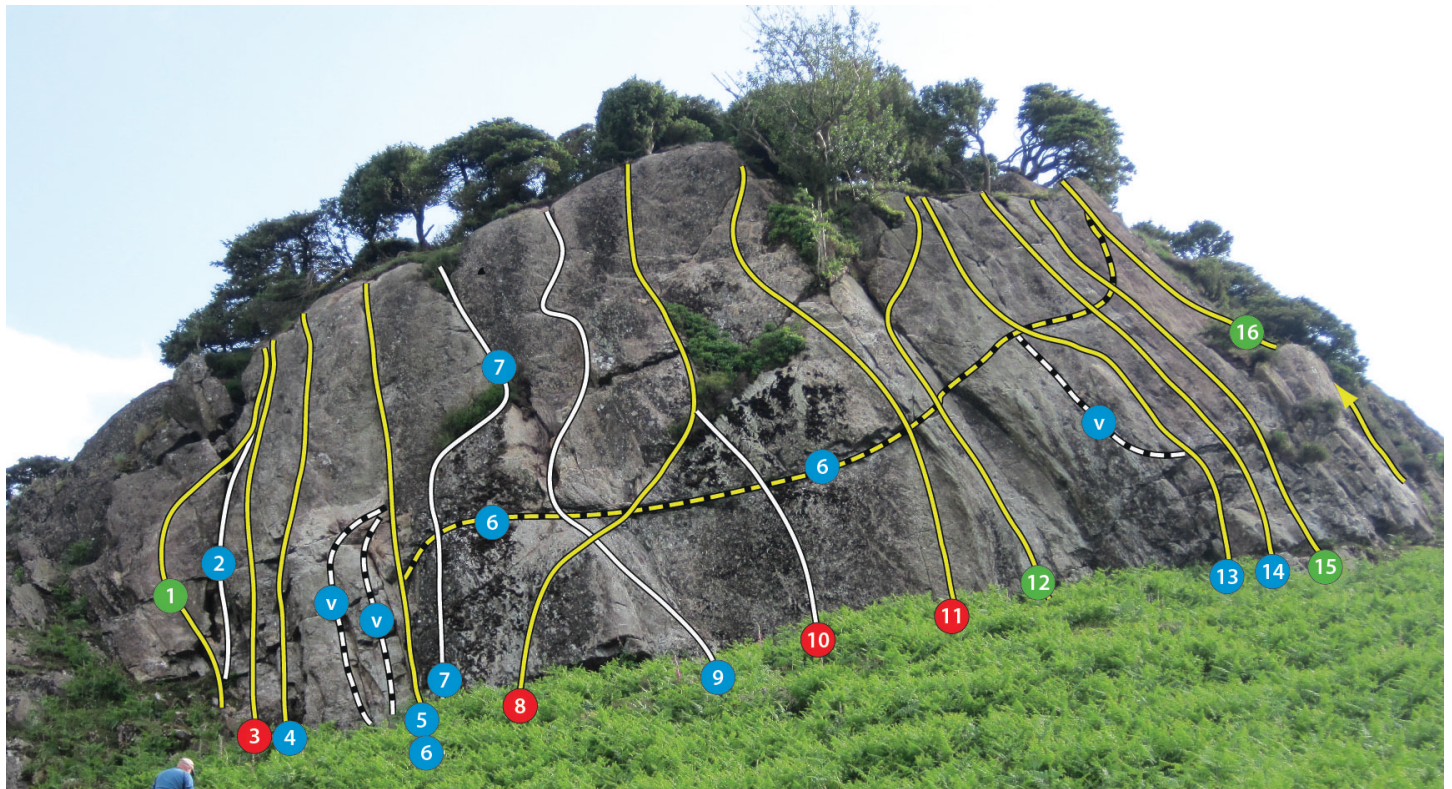
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Grades

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Goat's Crag North

1 Chèvre Slab S 10m

The conspicuous slab at the left end of the crag. A committing move from the right gains the slab. Follow this to its apex then step right across the gap onto the main buttress to finish direct.

27.04.2013 M Scrowston, PC Bennett

2 The OW MVS 4b 10m

The dirty Off-Width (OW) moving right to finish.

26.08.2013 R Graham

3 Mistaken Identity E1 5a 10m

A very bold pitch. This takes the arête, on the right of *The OW*, with difficult moves over the initial overlap to get established on the arête proper, which is followed to the top. The initial difficulties can be avoided on the left, by starting up Chèvre Slab.

21.06.2013 PC Bennett, J Loxham

4 Antifragile HVS 5a 12m

A good pitch. Start up an overhung broken groove (crux). Continue up the blunt arête via a short vertical crack (small nuts).

03.05.2013 M Scrowston, J Loxham

5 Mr Slippy Fist HVS 4c 13m

A parallel line, 2m right of *Antifragile*, that accepts the challenge of the crack. Ascend the broken wall by one of a variety of starts and trend right to gain the crack - now get stuck in...

27.04.2013 M Scrowston, PC Bennett

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6 Groatesque HVS 5a † 30m ★

This traverses under the overlap that spans this left section of crag. Start at [Mr Slippy Fist](#), cross the central crack then step up slightly to follow a higher rising diagonal. Ground fall potential.

05.05.2017 J Dickinson, G Willingham

7 Retrograde Motion HVS 15m

Start just right of [Mr Slippy Fists](#) and climb the rib to gain a ledge then climb rightwards to finish up the slanting corner-crack.

13.06.2014 M Scrowston, C Scrowston

8 Men Who Stare At Goats E1 5b 17m ★

A fine pitch. Start at a left facing corner/groove, which is climbed, with difficulty. Follow a rightwards ascending crackline for 3m then pull up to gain a huge perched block. From the top of the block climb the steep headwall on small positive holds.

26.08.2013 M Scrowston, J Loxham, P C Bennett

9 Summer Equinox HVS 5a 15m ★

A fine pitch, starting at a right facing narrow corner. Climb the corner (thin), then follow the right edge of an open groove to reach a short layback crack. Ascend this without grovelling (points awarded) to reach the head wall crack on the left. Step left into the crack and climb it with difficulty to the top.

26.06.2013 PC Bennett, J Loxham

10 Heather is not a name it's a plant E2 5c 14m

Direct start to [Men who stare at Goats](#).

31.08.2013 W Birkett

11 The Longest Day E1 5b 15m ★

Brilliant and enjoyable. The difficulties are low. Climb to a ledge, continue up left, then back right.

21.06.2013 PC Bennett, J Loxham

12 The Taming of the Shrew S 13m ★

The left slabby wall of a groove leads to a wide corner crack and veg.. Move right to the wall left of [Angora](#).

13.04.2013 M Scrowston

13 Angora VS 4c 13m ★

3m right of the big corner lie two cracks starting from mid-height. The left crack is [Angora](#). Overcome the overhung corner. Either steep moves lead up and right for 3m before heading back left to the crack or alternatively move left and climb the V groove to the crack.

01.05.2013 P C Bennett, M Scrowston

14 Troggenburg MVS 4a 13m ★

Climb the lower wall to gain and climb the righthand crack.

01.05.2013 M Scrowston, PC Bennett

15 The Shortest Night HS 4a 10m

Climb the lower wall and the upper section, which is a steady slab but protection is a little sparse !

26.06.2013 PC Bennett, J Loxham

16 Meat on the Ledge MS 10m

The steady open corner leads to a pleasant slabby section.

04.05.2013 J Loxham, M Scrowston

Betsy Crag Slabs

OS Ref: **NY 305 020**Alt: **360m**

Grades

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A pleasant situation, fine views and easy access. These steep 20m slabs provide some enjoyable low grade lines on good fast-drying rock. All the routes are worthwhile, some are very good.

The rock is compact with nice holds and reasonably solid for a new crag. However, protection is very difficult to find. Central Groove (**VD**) has nice climbing but gear is very hard to find – any VD leader would be having kittens ! – and sometimes not that great giving significant ground fall potential. Routes 7 and 8 were very pleasant climbing and of a similar standard, around **4a** - however, protection is very sparse and the placements not that inspiring, particularly on route 8. Hard to see how sensible adjectival grades can be decided in these circumstances!

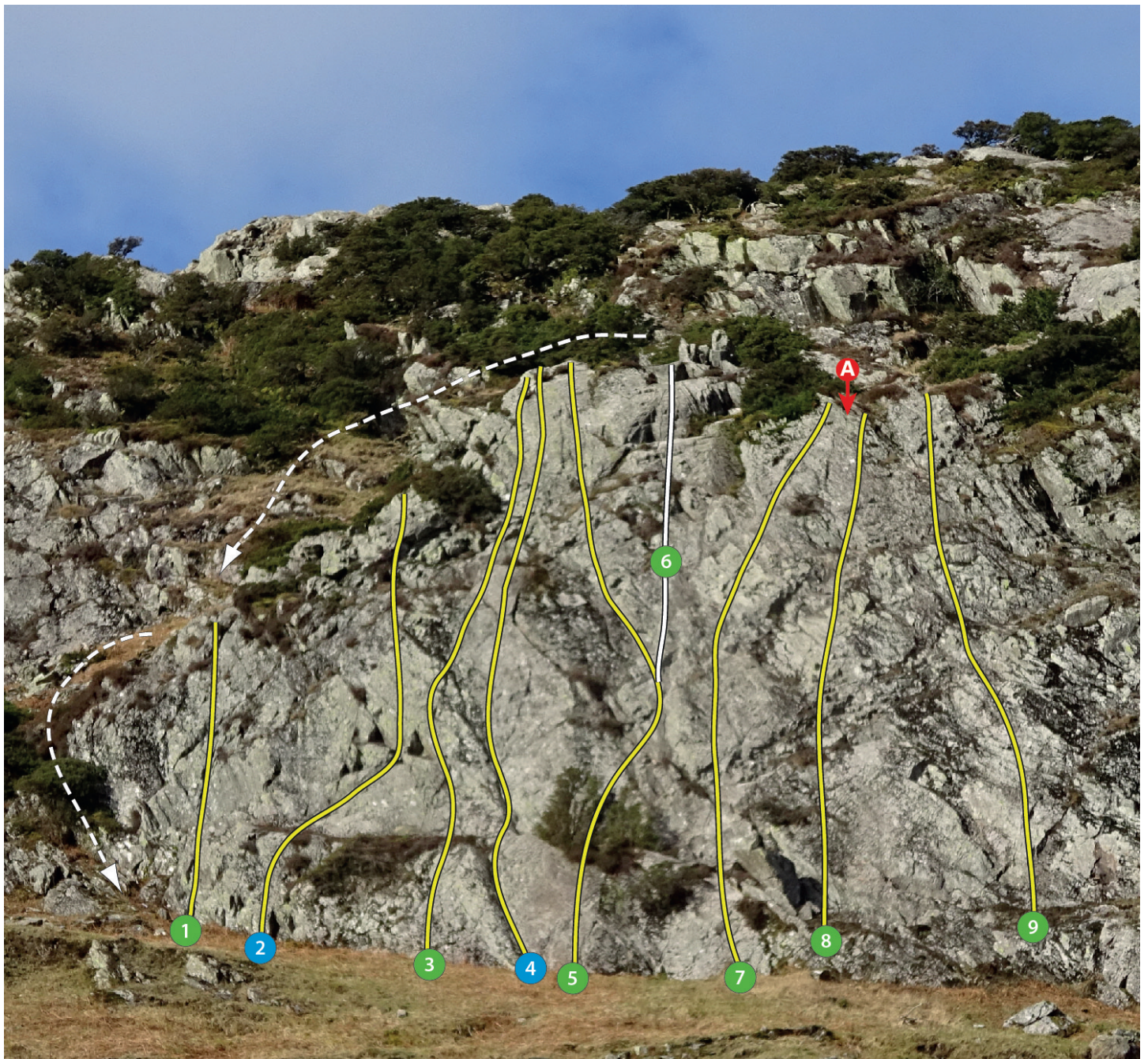
Approach

Park at Tilberthwaite. Follow the footpath that traverses directly in front of the Tilberthwaite Cottages. After passing through a wooden gate, keep right at the junction to follow the track signed High Fell Quarry. 200m past the second of the two metal gates encountered on the uphill track, the crag can be clearly seen up on the left.

Descent

Easily to the left, plus abseil anchor in place.

 20 mins Aspect: **SOUTH EAST**



Betsy Crag Slabs

1 Route 67 HS 4b † 11m

Brief but satisfying. The short broken wall on the extreme left side of the crag.

19.03.2022 M Scrowston
Solo

2 Like a Slab but Steeper. MVS 4b † 17m ★

Start 3m right of [Route 67](#) below a stepped wall. The lower wall leads to a large grassy ledge and a large boulder. From behind the boulder follow the clean wall above to finish up a short bulge.

26.03.2022 M Scrowston, P Bennett

3 Age Concern HS 48 † New 24m

Start below a short clean wall 3m left of [Slava Ukraini](#). Climb the short wall to a grassy ledge. Follow a left-slanting crack on good holds to gain a sloping ledge. Move right to ascend the steep headwall by its left edge.

11.03.2024 M Scrowston M Withers

4 Slava Ukraini VS 4c † 25m ★★

Start by a left slanting diagonal crack that leads to a large grassy ledge. A fine steep slab leads to some broken ledges, finish up the bulging wall above.

22.03.2022 M Scrowston, M Withers

5 Lateral Flow S 4a † 18m ★

Start as for [Central Groove](#). After 4m. take the compelling left slanting shallow groove passing ledges to finish up the headwall.

26.03.2022 M Scrowston, P Bennett

6 Central Groove VD † 18m

The obvious groove. Starts from behind a juniper bush on the large grassy ledge. Climb the groove on big holds to finish left up a bulging wall.

25.01.2022 M Scrowton
Solo

7 Slow Flow HS † 22m ★

Start below a large boulder that is perched on the right end of the grassy ledge. Pass the boulder on its left. Climb the slab direct to a small spike, move rightwards to finish right of a green groove.

22.03.2022 M Scrowston, M Withers

8 Protuberance HS 4b † 20m ★★

Start at a clean slab 2m. right of the perched boulder. Climb the slab, move up left to gain an unusual rock protrusion. Follow steep pocketed slab above.

22.03.2022 M Withers, M Scrowston, A Cooper

9 Fragile Thoughts S † 20m ★

Start 3m. right of [Protuberance](#) below an immaculate pocketed white slab. The slab leads to some broken ledges, step left to ascend the rough wall above.

5.03.2022 M Scrowston
Solo

10 Homeground MS 4a † 23m

A direct line up the right hand slab. Start from a heather ledge at the right side of the crag. A short slab leads to a broken wall, follow the stepped wall to exit through crag top junipers.

15.09.2022 M Scrowston, M Withers