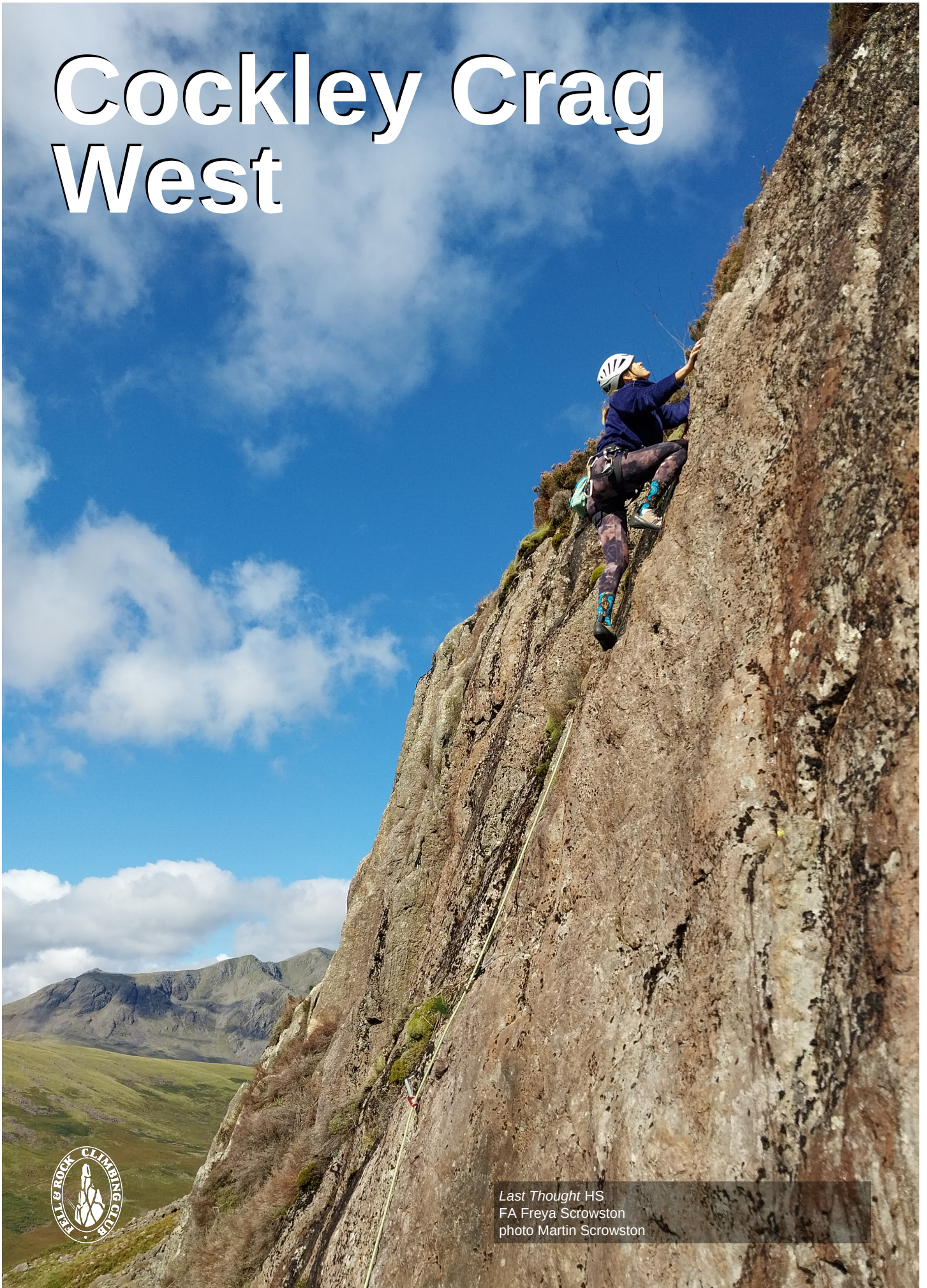


Cockley Crag West



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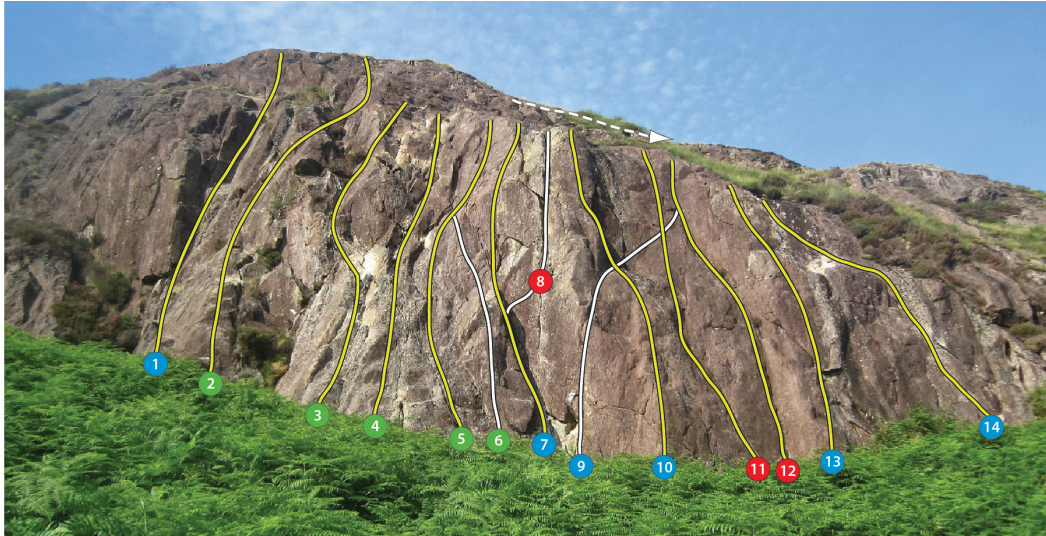
Cockley Crag West Overview

Cockley Crag West

 20 mins Aspect: South 

Approach

NY 247 027 This small crag is situated 300m left of the [Main Crag](#).



Cockley Crag West

1 Cockade HVS 5a 27m



Fine climbing up the hanging groove on the left end of the buttress. Start below a clean triangular slab climb the slab to gain the groove follow this direct to finish up the slabs above.

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2 Concocktion HS 25m



Start 2m right of [Cockade](#) at a large detached block. From the top of the block a rough ridge leads to a large flake left of a small holly tree. Move up and right, step across a shallow grassy gully to finish up the ridge and slabs above.

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3 Hen's Teeth S 23m



Start below a clean rib right of a grassy gully. The rib and groove lead to a short headwall which is turned on the left to a second groove; an awkward move back right gives access to the final rib.

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4 Rooster Wall S 14m

The wall and groove between [Hen's Teeth](#) and [Midget Gem](#).

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5 Midget Gem S 13m

Poorly protected and mossy at the bottom. Climb the stepped slab directly.

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6 Rib 'n Slab S 13m



Climb the rounded rib to the left of a dirty diagonal crack to finish up [Midget Gem](#).

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7 Cockley Wall MVS 14m

Climb the left-slanting crack to gain the top of a blunt pinnacle. Follow the thin crack above to finish up a short ridge.

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8 Cockley Crack E2 5b 13m



Start as for [Cockley Wall](#). Climb the left-slanting crack for 5m. A step right gains the steep vertical crack. Move up this and make a committing move right which leads to reassuring holds. Follow the widening crack above.

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9 Rainy Day People HVS 5b 13m

Protection is poor after the initial crack. Start below a thin vertical crack. A steep wall leads to a rising rightwards traverse to finish up the final crack of [Half Cocked](#).

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10 Stopcock HVS 5b 12m ★

Protection is poor. Start 3m right of the lowest point of the crag. Climb the blunt arête then move left into a scoop. Enter a niche above then finish by climbing the arête on the left.

5.07.1991 I Greenwood, M Lynch

11 Too Many Cocks E2 5b 12m ★

The crack and slab.

25.09.1996 E Rogers, NT

12 Half Cocked E1 5b 11m ★

The cracked corner.

5.07.1991 I Greenwood, M Lynch

13 Ball Cock VS 4c 9m ★

The arête.

5.07.1991 M Lynch, I Greenwood

14 Chicken Breath VS 4c † **New** 9m ☆

The left-slanting groove on the extreme right side of the buttress. Climb the groove to a ledge, step left crossing a black streak to finish up the wall and slab above.

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Cockley Crag West Upper

Introduction

Two good walls above and left of [Cockley Crag West](#).



Cockley Crag West Upper LHS

The first routes are located on the left-hand wall.

1 Life of Pie HVS 5a † New 18m

An unbalanced route with a steep start. Climb the steep wall below a thin vertical crack move left over broken ledges to finish up a short groove.

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2 Wilding VS 4c † New 18m

Start below a clean wall with a deep V-groove at half-height. Climb the wall and groove step left to finish up a second deep groove and wall above.

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3 More Pie Adventures VS 4c † New 20m

Start 2m. right of [Wilding](#). A broken wall and thin crack to finish via an obvious right-slanting crack.

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4 Underland VS 4b † New 20m

20m.VS 4b** Good climbing up the steep groove in the centre of the buttress. Climb the groove and cracks direct.

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5 Underflow VS 4c † New 20m

Start right of [Underland](#) at a thin vertical crack. Follow the crack, step right to gain the left edge of a large ledge. Climb the fine crack above.

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Cockley Crag West Upper routes 6-7

6 Underwood VS 4b † **New** 20m

Start below a small rowan tree on the right side of the buttress. Climb the groove to a small ledge step up and left to gain the right side of a large ledge. Finish up the wall above.

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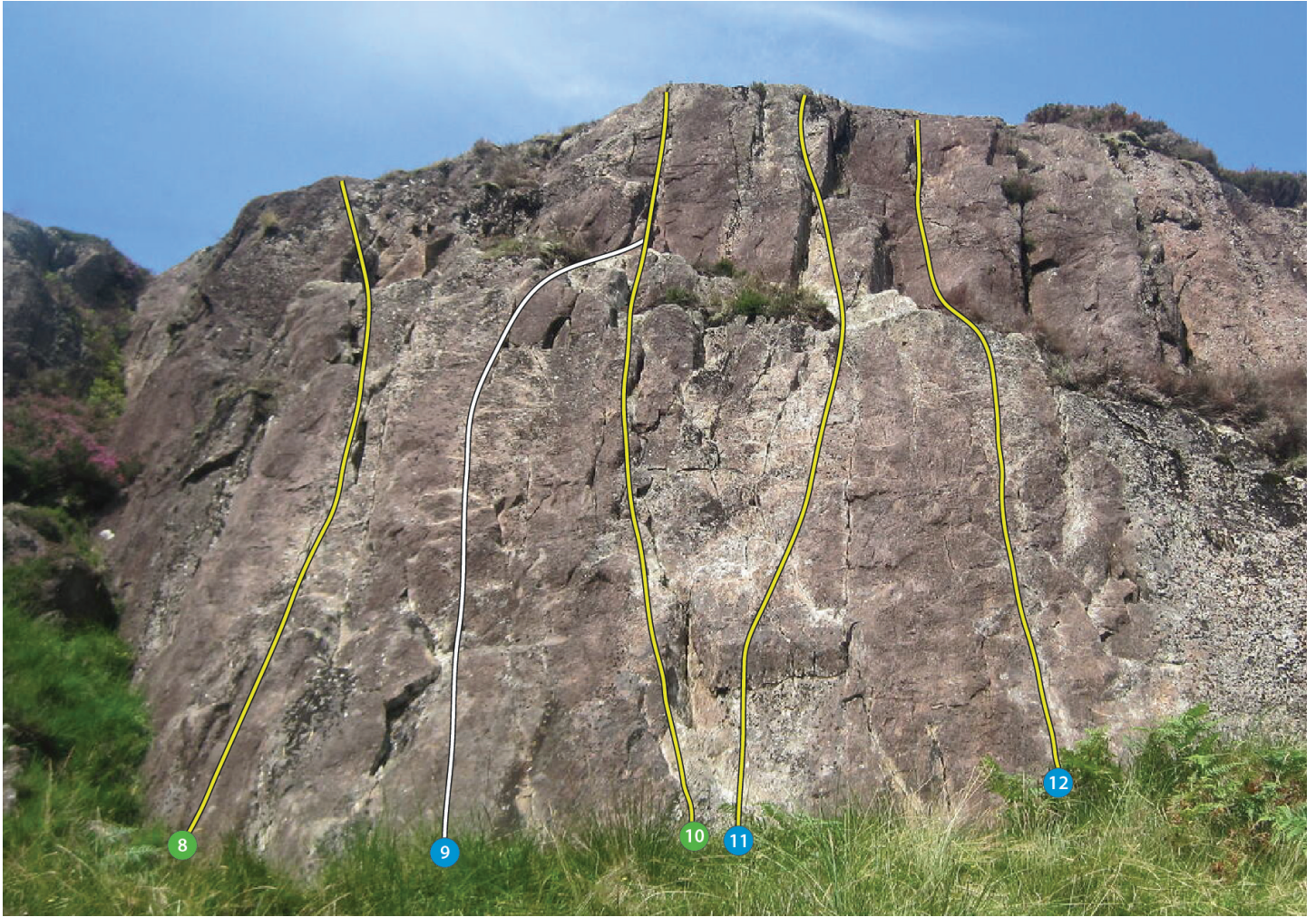


7 Pinnacle Club S 4a † **New** 20m

A fun route that utilises the detached pillar on the right. Climb the right side of the pillar to its apex. Step off right to gain and follow the grooves and walls above.

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Cockley Crag West Upper RHS

The following routes are located on the right-hand wall

8 **Dust S** † **New** 20m

Start from a grassy gully on the left end of the buttress. A thin crack leads to a large ledge then move left to follow the broken wall above.

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9 **Storm Direct MVS 4b** † **New**

The clean wall right of [Dust](#). Climb the wall to join [Storm](#) at mid-height.

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10 **Storm S** † **New** 22m

The obvious left-slanting crack in the centre of the buttress. The left-slanting broken crack leads to a large ledge. Finish up the rough wall and crack above.

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11 **Frigg MVS 4b** † **New** 23m

Start as for [Storm](#). Move up and right to ascend the cracked wall to a good ledge. Finish up the short fine arête.

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12 **Thrive VS 4c** † **New** 22m

The clean wall on the right-hand side of the buttress. Climb the steep wall on small but positive holds to a large ledge. Ascend the short wall above.

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Cockley Crag West Upper route 13

13 Last Thought HS † New 12m

A short, sharp but surprisingly satisfying line. Start 6m right of [Thrive](#) below a short clean wall.

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