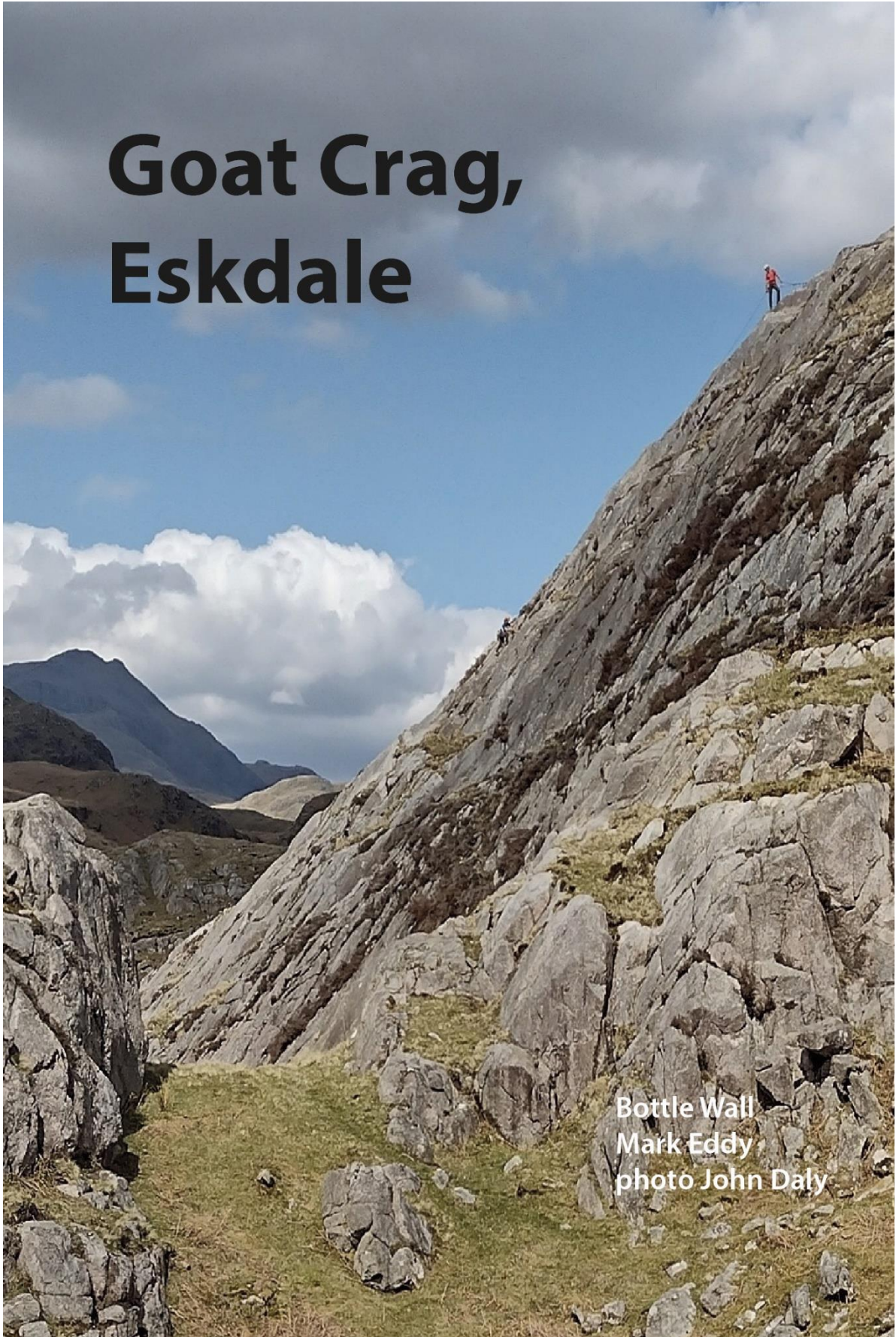


Goat Crag, Eskdale

Bottle Wall
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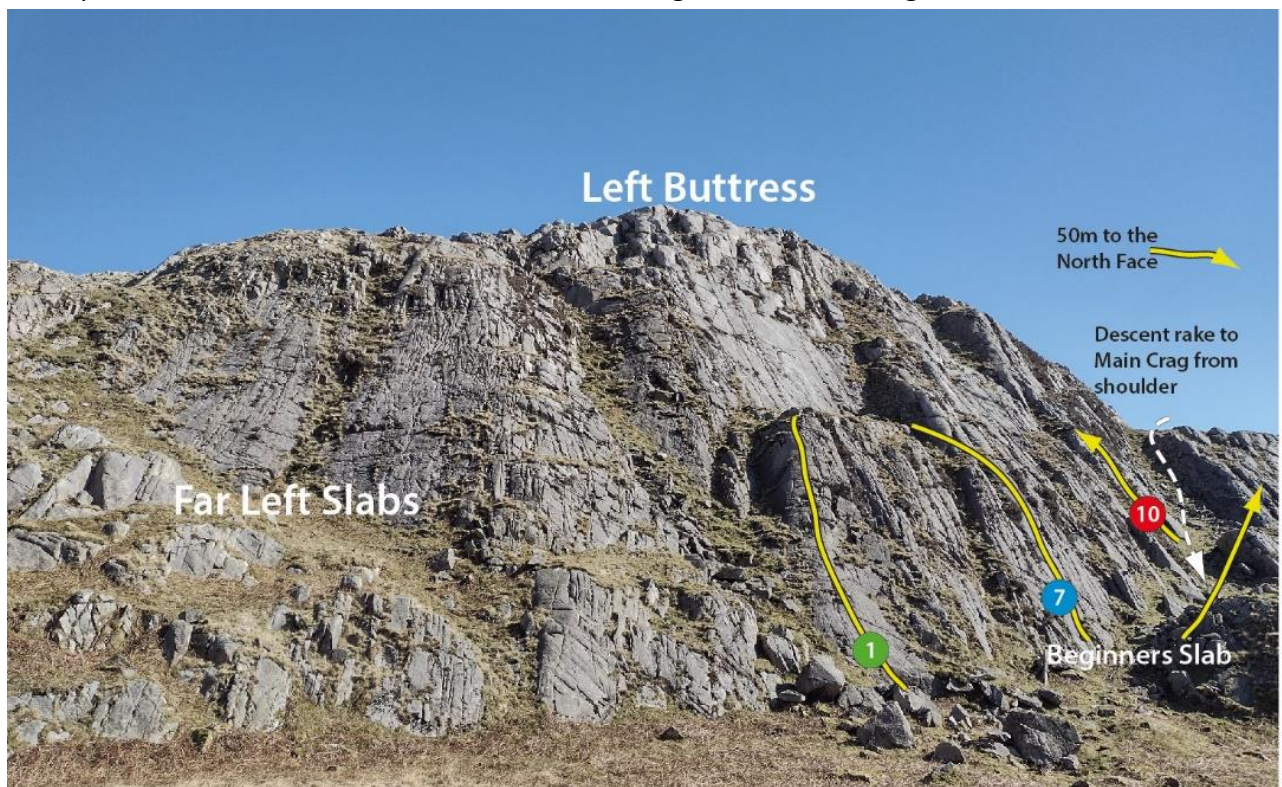


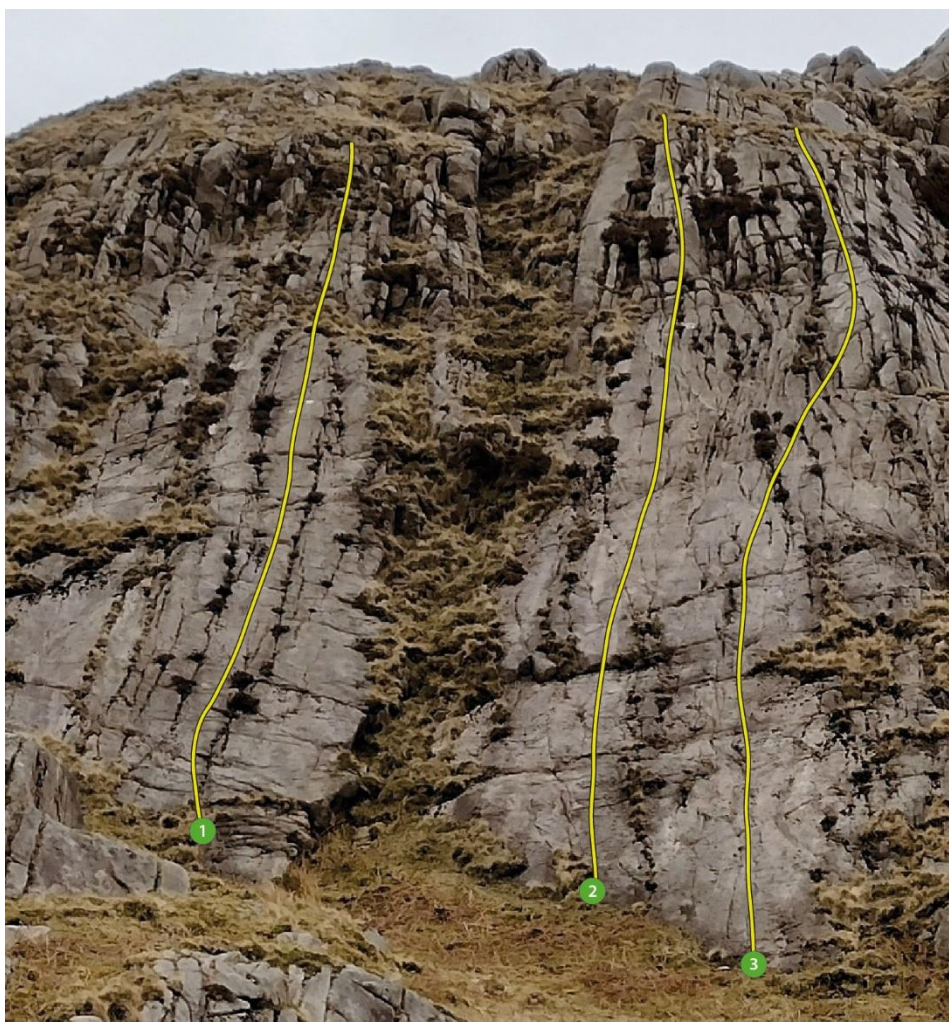
Goat Crag

(NY 202 016) Alt 230m South-West facing

Pleasant, fast-drying routes though many are poorly protected and a cool approach is required. Goat Crag is the name of two areas of easy-angled granite slabs which lie hidden from the road in a hollow behind Hare Crag. Extensive vegetation sprouts from the cracks and corners; don't let this put you off as the main slabs are clean.

Approach: There is a small car park opposite Wha House Farm. From the north-east end of the car park, go through the kissing gate then follow the footpath diagonally rightwards uphill, to go through a series of gates in quick succession. After the gates, continue for a further 500m along the footpath to a single tree then head left round the left side of Tortoise crag and up and over the crest of a hill before contouring round to the crag.





Far Left Slabs.

Two sections of easy angled slabs located about 60m left of *Approach Rib*. All the routes are bold.

1 Skid Pan 27m V Dif/M Sev J Daly 26.03.2025

The furthest left slab. Climb the cleaner slabby pillar line between the two obvious central cracks.

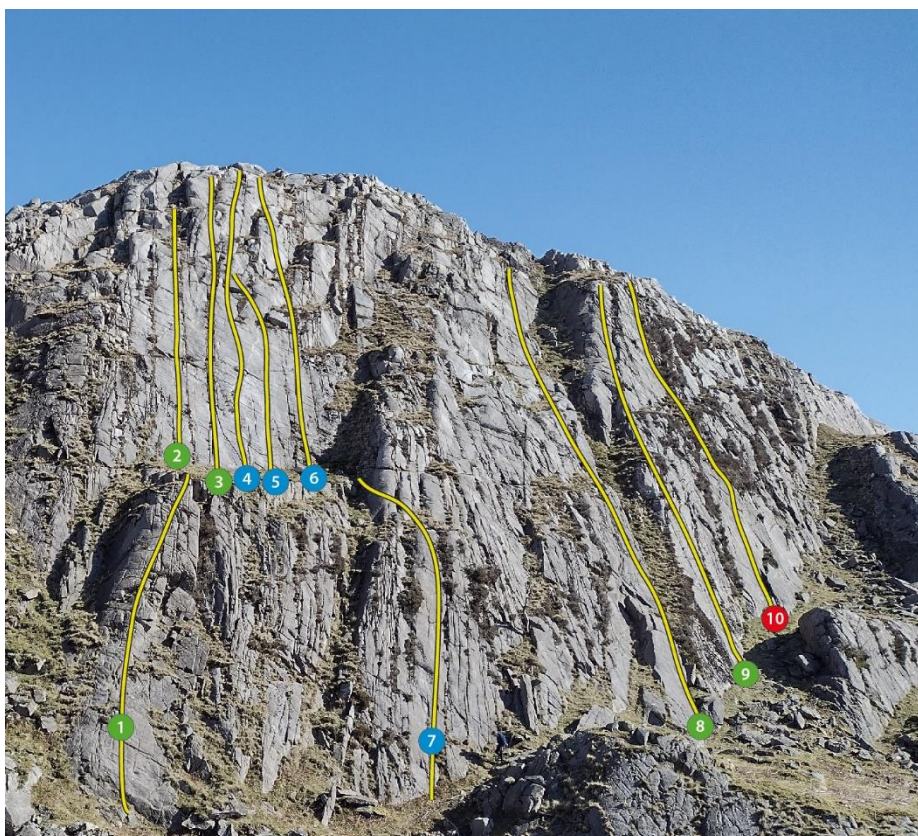
The right hand of the two slabs provides the following two routes.

2 The Gambler 30m MVS 4c J Daly, D Geere 26.03.2025

The clean line up the left side of the slab is climbed pleasantly until committing moves near the left edge of the slab allow the horizontal break at 22m to be gained. Finish up a short pillar above.

3 Slide Rule 32m V Dif J Daly 26.03.2025

From the toe of the slab climb straight up passing just left of a grass ledge then trend up rightwards to finish up the right edge.



Left Buttress

South-West facing

1 Approach Rib 30m Diff

The slabby rib on the left leading to the ledge.

FA W E Pattinson, A Dunn 1974

2 Nanny Cracks 40m Severe

Climb between the left-hand cracks

FA W E Pattison, A W Dunn 1974

3 Kids' Stuff 42m V Dif

The parallel crack system. Good nut belay possible at 30m.

4 Bottle Wall 42m VS 4b *

The obvious flake on the slab. Good nut belay in a cracked corner at 30m.

FA W E Pattison, J Bremner, A W Dunn 1974

5 Quartz Icicle 18m VS 4c **

Directly up the quartz. Best to then step left and finish up *Bottle Wall*.

FA W E Pattison, J Bremner, A W Dunn 1974

6 Scallywag Slab 40m MVS 4b J Daly, D Geere 20.03.2025

Start just right of *Quartz icicle*. Climb the twin cracks up the right side of the main slab and finish directly up the centre of two short more technical slabs near the top.

7 Hors D'Oeuvres 25m VS 4c

The clean rounded rib, to the ledge.

FA W E Pattison, J Bremner, A W Dunn 1974

8 Monolith Slab 60m Severe

The cleanest slabs left of the grass gully.

FA W E Pattison, J Bremner, A W Dunn 1974

9 Grooved Arête 50m Severe

The rib right of the grass gully.

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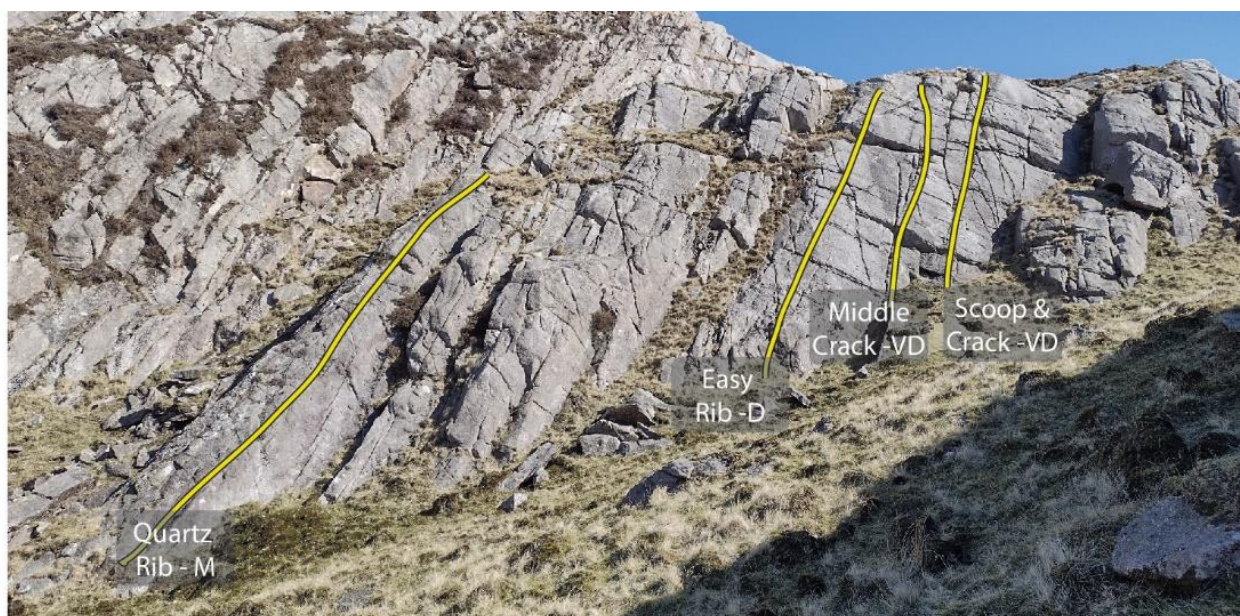
10 Waiting for the Fall 45m E2 5b

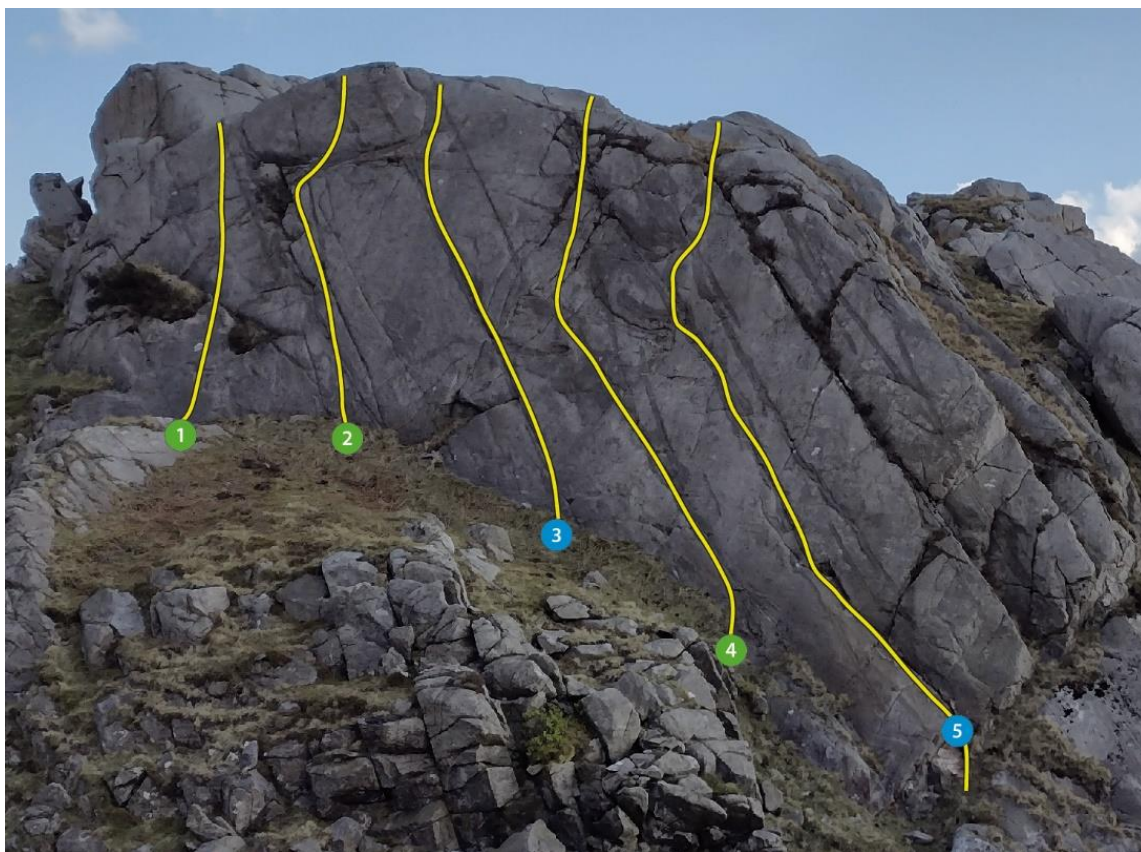
The thin slab left of the flake; an easier variation climbs above the flake (4c).

FA W E Pattison, J Bremner, A W Dunn 1974

Beginners Slab

From the shoulder/crest of the hill a descent northwards down a grassy rake leads to the Left Buttress (Main crag). Beginners Slab is located on the left as you descend the grass rake. Four short 10m routes that may be of interest to the easier grade climber. Route lines and grades as per Topo. All routes climbed by combinations of M Lynch, D Geere and J Daly on 06.04.2025





The North Face.

Follow the FRCC guidebook approach description on page 87 which passes just left of **Tortoise Crag**, now head up to the shoulder/crest from where the North Face becomes visible. The slab is north facing and is situated up left from the *Gruff Stuff* slab.

1 Open Gate 10m VD J Daly, D Geere 24.04.2025

Climb straight up through the gap in the turfey ledge.

2 Sheepwash Channel 10m M Sev D Geere, J Daly 24.04.2025

Climb the first left trending weakness then step right at the top to pull over steeper rock.

3 Daffodil Girl 12m VS 4c D Geere, J Daly 24.04.2025

Challenging. Climb up left to gain the crag's prominent feature, a left trending fluting. Climb this tentatively with your feet on the fluting.

4 Dead Duck 12m H Sev 4a J Daly, D Geere 24.04.2025

An eliminate following a subsidiary weakness between adjacent routes. Climb up leftwards then finish up broken cracks above.

5 Wha House Wonder 16m MVS 4b * J Daly, D Geere 24.04.2025

From the Toe of the slab climb the left trending ramp and continuation fluting until a direct pull over bulging rock allows a finish up to the right.



Right Butress

South-West facing

Slightly down and left from the *Gruff Stuff* slab are two short isolated slabs.

6 Smile 14m H Sev D Geere, J Daly 26.03.2025

Climb the slabby blunt rib direct and a short cracked wall above.

7 Spring Statement 10m H Sev D Geere, J Daly 26.03.2025

The short slabby blunt rib just right of a thin crack.

Gruff Stuff area

8 Gruff Stuff 23m HS

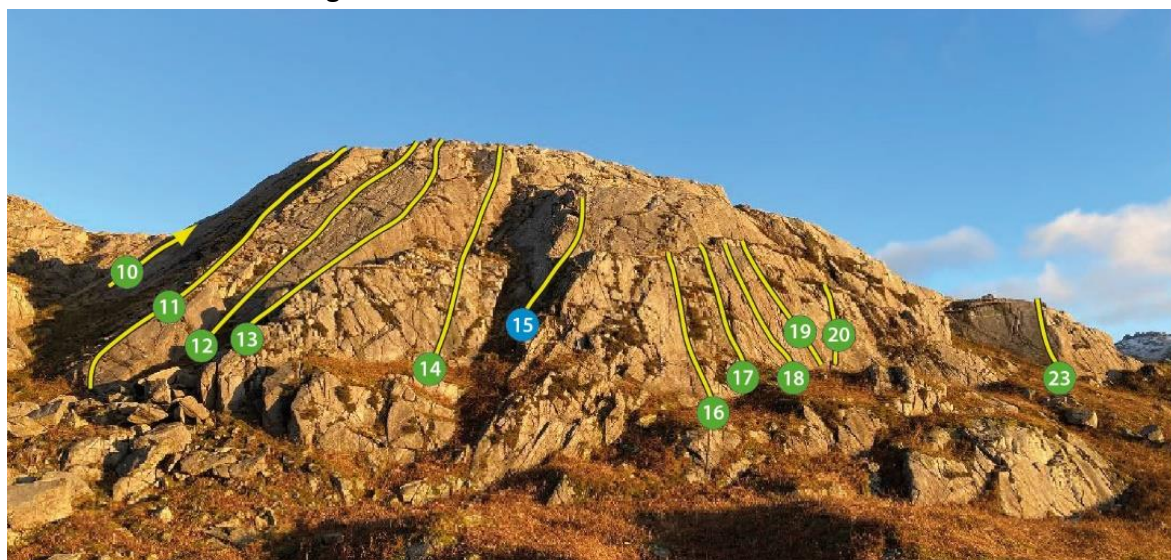
The slab leading to a shallow scoop.

9 Billy the Kid 23m VS 4b

The centre of the slab.

10 Goatee Beard 23m Severe

The twin cracks on the right of the slab.



11 Goat Rib VDiff

The stepped nose and rib system.

12 Billy Goat Cracks VDiff

The crack system up the centre of the slab.

13 Billy Goat Arête VDiff

The arête on the right, moving left to finish.

14 The Chrytid Kid VDiff

The upper pillar; scramble approach.

15 Kid You Not MVS 4a

Directly up the slab.

16 Bash Street Kids Severe

Directly up the slab.

17 Ten Green Wattles VDiff

The left-hand crack

18 Nanny Flakes Severe

The line of flakes up the left side.

19 BillyWhizz Diff

The leftwards-leading shallow groove.

20 Short Stuff VDiff

The right-hand clean slab.

21 EndSlab Severe

The clean isolated slab is climbed directly.

22 A Crack-in End Severe

The crack on the right with a hard direct start.

Other routes exist on an isolated slab further right.

Lower Right Slab

Located on the right and further down than the **Right Buttress**. The track to the Main Crag passes over the top of this slab.

1 Paddy 15m Severe

Climb the clean line from the newly cleared (in 1999) area at the left side of the main slab and right of mossy area. Trend rightwards to pass to the right of the black steak on small holds and friction to the top.

FA D Moger 23.06.1999

2 McGinty 18m Severe

Start 3m right of Paddy and climb past a rightward-slanting break to a slab. Follow this, delicately, to the top.

FA D Moger 23.06.1999