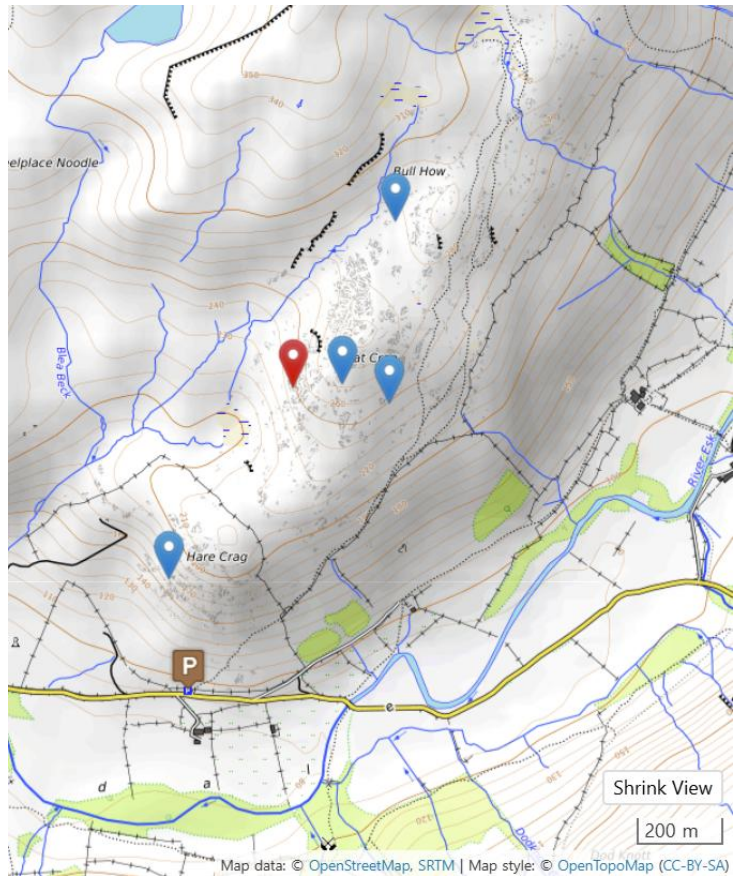
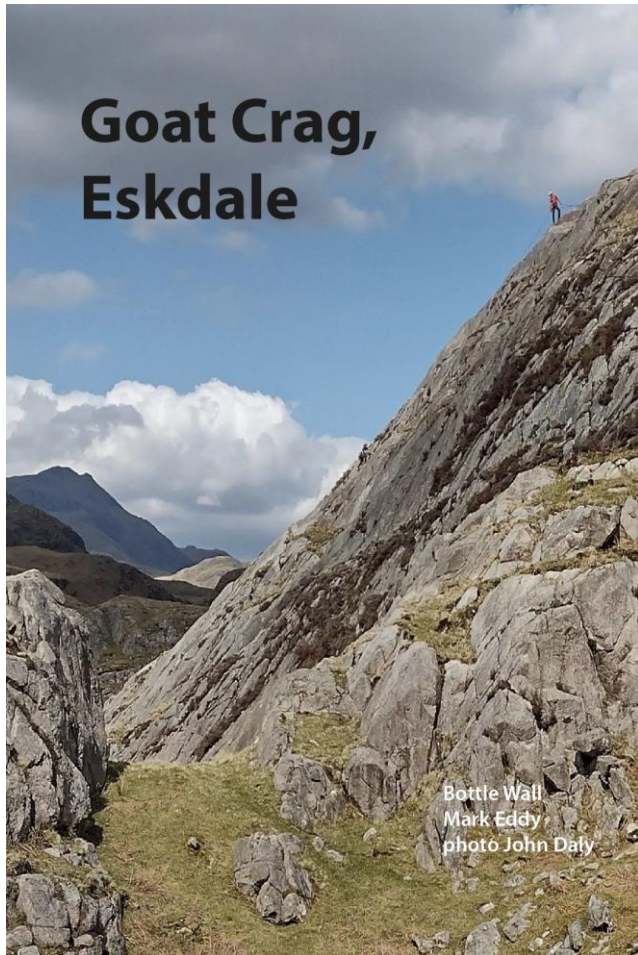


Goat Crag



(NY 2026 0162) Alt 260m 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 then head left 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 MS

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

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

2 The Gambler 30m MVS 4c

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.

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3 Slide Rule 32m VDiff

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.

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Left Buttress

South-West facing

4 Approach Rib 30m Diff

The slabby rib on the left leading to the ledge.

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5 Nanny Cracks 40m Severe

Climb between the left-hand cracks.

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6 Kids' Stuff 42m VDiff

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

7 Bottle Wall 42m VS 4b ★

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

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8 Quartz Icicle 18m VS 4c ★★

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

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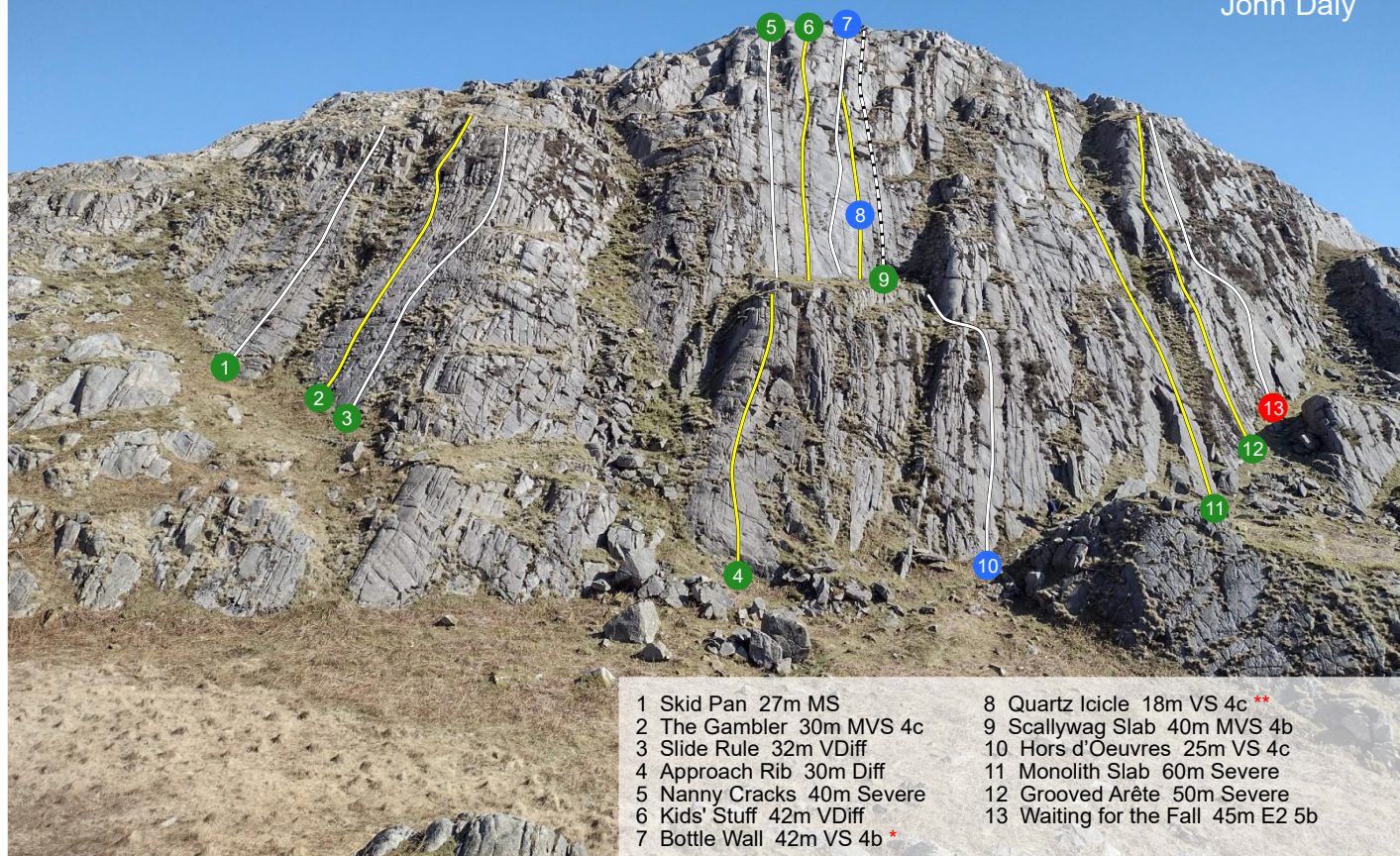
9 Scallywag Slab 40m MVS 4b

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.

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Goat Crag Far Left Slabs & Left Buttress

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10 Hors d'Oeuvres 25m VS 4c

The clean rounded rib, to the ledge.

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11 Monolith Slab 60m Severe

The cleanest slabs left of the grass gully.

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12 Grooved Arête 50m Severe

The rib right of the grass gully.

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13 Waiting for the Fall 45m E2 5b

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

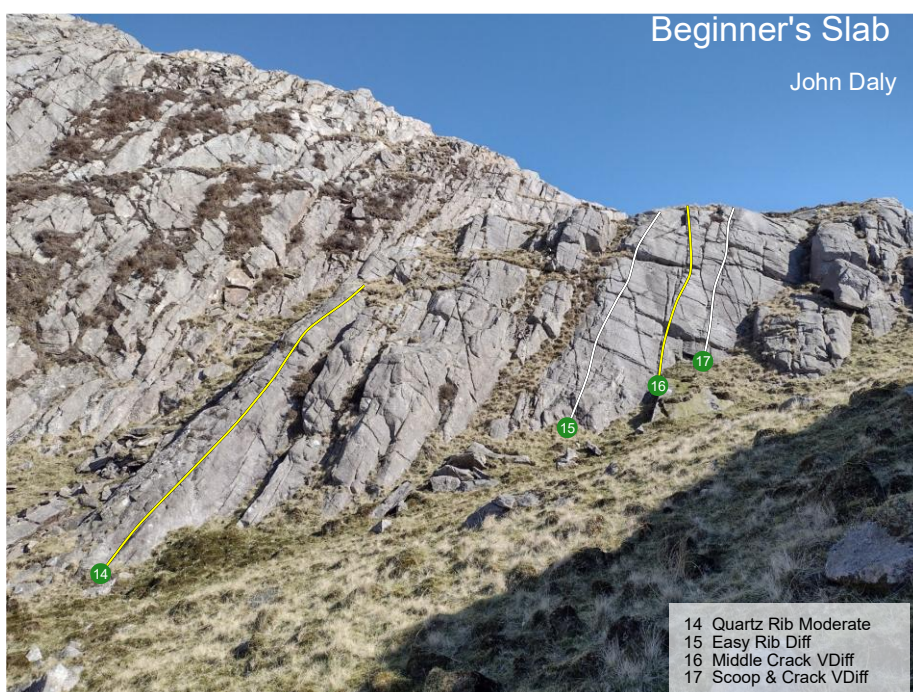
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Beginner's Slab

From the shoulder/crest of the hill a descent northwards down a grassy rake leads to the **Left Buttress** (Main Crag). Beginner's 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 are as per topo. All the routes were climbed by combinations of M Lynch, D Geere and J Daly on 06.04.2025.

Beginner's Slab

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14 Quartz Rib Moderate

15 Easy Rib Diff

16 Middle Crack VDiff

17 Scoop & Crack VDiff

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 VDiff

Climb straight up through the gap in the turfey ledge.

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2 Sheepwash Channel 10m MS

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

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3 Daffodil Girl 12m VS 4c

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

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4 Dead Duck 12m HS 4a

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

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5 Wha House Wonder 16m MVS 4b ★

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.

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Right Buttress

South-West facing

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

6 Smile 14m HS

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

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7 Spring Statement 10m HS

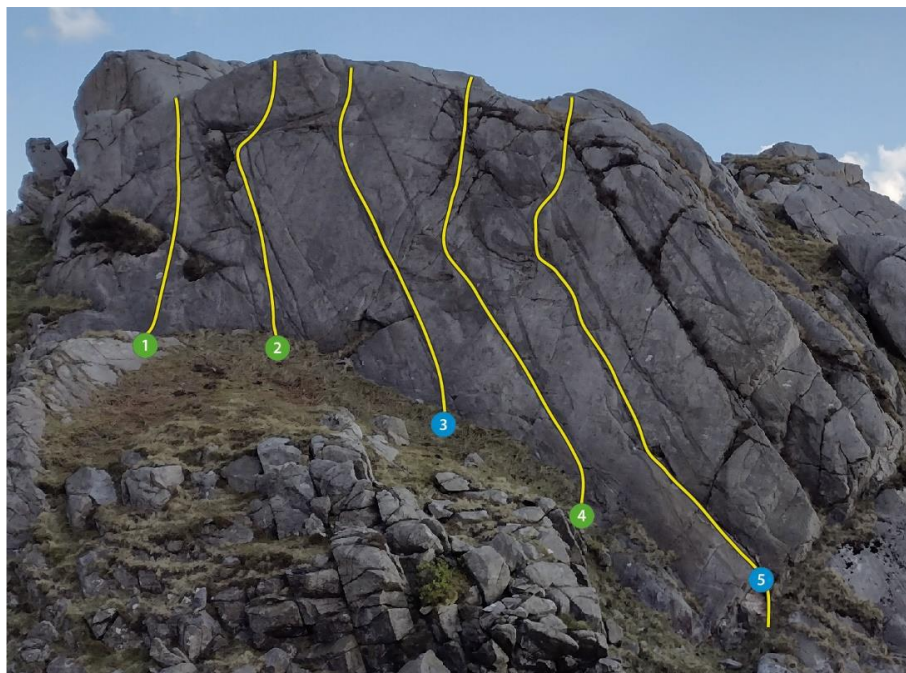
The short slabby blunt rib just right of a thin crack.

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On the left is a slab with three recorded lines.

8 Gruff Stuff 23m HS

The slab leading to a shallow scoop.



Goat Crag, Right Buttress Gruff Stuff area

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6 Smile 14m HS
7 Spring Statement 10m HS
8 Gruff Stuff 23m HS
9 Billy the Kid 23m VS 4b
10 Goatee Beard 23m Severe

9 Billy the Kid 23m VS 4b

The centre of the slab.

10 Goatee Beard 23m Severe

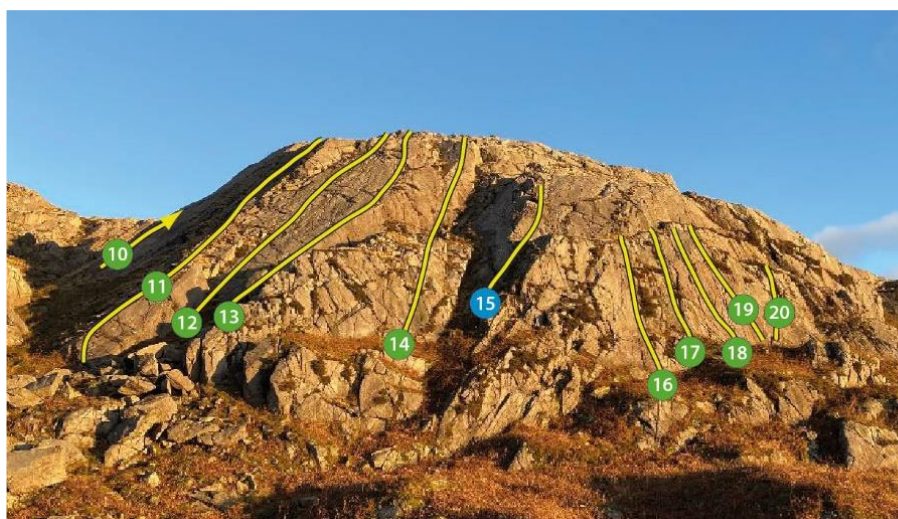
The twin cracks on the right of the slab.

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 Billy Whizz Diff

The leftwards-leading shallow groove.

37 Short Stuff VDiff

The right-hand clean slab.

20 End Slab Severe

The clean isolated slab is climbed directly.

21 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 Butress. 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