

PATTERDALE MEET

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As the Guide Books to this area are not very up-to-date, it has been suggested that write-ups of new climbs be copied from the recent Fell & Rock C.C. Journals, and circulated to members. If you think this is a good idea, and find it useful, it will be continued particularly for newer areas.

There are, of course, quite a number of well known climbs, many of them easier than those listed, but Brian Cooke and, no doubt, Pete Jones will be glad to help any new comers.

DOVEDALE (1948)

Dovedale Buttress This crag, which for want of better name, might be called Dovedale Buttress, lies fairly high up Dovedale to the right on the way up to Dove Crag on the ridge which runs from Dovedale Slabs to the col. between Dove Crag and Hart Crag.

Impromptu 190 feet. Very difficult. First ascent, 8th October, 1947. A.G., L. Roberts, J.W.T., J. Ward. Starts to the left of the lowest point of the buttress at the left-hand end of the crag below a rowan tree. Cairn.

- (1) 60 feet. A steep pull up to the rowan tree leads to a rib on the left. This is followed to a grass ledge. Continue up the grass to a belay to the right of a small rowan tree, below the prominent arete.
- (2) 40 feet. Climb up the arete until a traverse right leads to a corner. Small belay for line.
- (3) 50 feet. With a rather awkward start from the crack above the belay gain the slab on the right and climb to a grass ledge.
- (4) 40 feet. Climb the wall ahead taking it rather to the left.

Bilberry Rib. 140 feet. Difficult. First ascent, 18th October, 1947. A.G., L. Roberts. Starts 30 feet to the left of Impromptu. Cairn.

- (1) 40 feet. Climb up the rib to a belay just below a prominent rowan tree.
- (2) 30 feet. Continue upwards to the right of the tree and gain the arete to the right, which is followed to a ledge and belay.
- (3) 70 feet. Continue up the steep arete on good holds, finishing up a delightful slab.

Hanging Chimney 170 feet. Severe. First ascent, 18th October, 1947. A.G., J.W.T., J. Ward. Starts between Impromptu and Bilberry Rib.

- (1) 30 feet. Climb up the subsidiary rib situated just to the right of Bilberry Rib.
- (2) 40 feet. Up steep grass to a belay in the corner below the chimney.
- (3) 40 feet. Climb the steep crack on good, if awkwardly placed holds, until a lodgment can be made on the small ledge below the steep chimney. Belay round a small tree.

- (4) 20 feet. The steep and rather overhanging chimney leads to a good ledge. This pitch is very hard and strenuous, combined tactics being used on the first ascent.
- (5) 40 feet. Step across and down to the left on to a small ledge above the left wall of the 20 feet chimney. Climb straight to the finish by the steep crack which leaves the hedge on the right.

Castor 270 feet. Very difficult. First ascent, 25th October, 1947. J.W.T., A.G., Miss A. Jones. Starts at extreme right-hand end of the crag.

- (1) 30 feet. Starts up the water-worn crags to the foot of a shallow chimney. Belay.
- (2) 30 feet. Climb up the chimney until a traverse at the top, by a tree, leads to a grass ledge and belay.
- (3) 80 feet. Traverse left across the chimney 15 feet, and climb the steep slabs to a corner with a rock ledge on left.
- (4) 50 feet. Climb the shallow gully above and to the right until slabs lead to a rock ledge below a steep right-angled corner.
- (5) 80 feet. The corner above is awkward until lodgment can be made on a small ledge. Shortly above climbing becomes easier and steep slabs with good holds lead to the summit.

ULLSWATER (1950)

DEEPDALE

Deepdale Gully 425 feet. Very Difficult. First ascent. A.G., J.W., F. Grundy. A gully of some character giving continuous climbing. This climb lies in the upper part of Deepdale which is the next valley to Dovedale running up the south side of St. Sunday Crag. A line of crags on the left of the valley faces St. Sunday Crag, the gully is found about a hundred yards from the bottom left-hand corner of the crag. Cairn.

- (1) 60 feet. Scrambling up the start of the gully.
 - (2) 30 feet. The left wall of the gully to belay round tree.
 - (3) 30 feet. The large chockstone is climbed direct to a recess.
 - (4) 70 feet. Interesting climbing up the gully to a point where it is possible to belay round a rowan tree.
 - (5) 70 feet. Rather grassy climbing to a ledge on the right, belay round a bollard.
 - (6) 60 feet. Up the gully to a thread belay below the deeply cut chimney.
 - (7) 30 feet. The chimney is climbed by backing up facing left. Belay high up on left wall of gully.
 - (8) 25 feet. Continue up the gully to belay below the chockstones.
 - (9) 50 feet. Start on the left wall until it is possible to climb directly over the chockstones. Easier climbing leads to the finish of the climb.
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ULLSWATER (1951)

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East Wall

430 feet. Severe. First ascent, 11th June, 1950, A.G., C.P. About 500 yards

to the right of Deepdale Gully is a huge overhanging buttress bounded on the left by an open gully which descends from the summit of the mountain. The climb starts near the left-hand corner of this buttress at the foot of some water worn slabs. Cairn.

- (1) 80 feet. Up the water worn slab for about 30 feet then by a scoop and up a brown slab to a large terrace. Continue up the grassy terrace to a point below a grassy slab 10 feet to the left of a huge block.
- (2) 30 feet. Up the centre of the slab to a grass ledge. Stop up a few feet to a small stance and good belay. Immediately above is a fault and chimney which starts upwards to the left.
- (3) 70 feet. Climb straight up for about 10 feet until it is possible to traverse right to the skyline and a ledge. Continue the traverse right for about 10 feet then round a corner out to a grassy ledge and belay.
- (4) 80 feet. Step up on the right in the corner and gain a small grass ledge. Climb upwards and slightly right then straight up the face of the buttress to a large belay. Bollard belays a few feet higher below a steep right-angled corner.
- (5) 70 feet. Climb the steep corner to a rock ledge, then by steep slabs to a large bilberry terrace below a wall.
- (6) 70 feet. Up the wall by a shattered crack to a ledge.
- (7) 30 feet. Easy climbing to the summit.

Migraine

510 feet. Very Difficult. Pitch 5 Severe.

First ascent, 9th July, 1950. A.G., J.W..

Starts to the right of 'East Wall.' Cairn.

- (1) 40 feet. By steep grassy rock to spike belay on small ledge.
- (2) 90 feet. Climb upwards to the left to a corner below a groove which is followed to a bilberry ledge. Continue along the ledge to a belay by a huge block.
- (3) 20 feet. Climb the crack to the left of the block to a grass ledge. Belay at the foot of the wall.
- (4) 80 feet. Step down two or three feet and traverse right to the edge of the buttress. Continue upwards and slightly right then straight up the nose of the buttress to a ledge below a brown slab.
- (5) 80 feet. Junction of pitch 4 of 'East Wall' then up on the right in the corner and gain a small grass ledge. Climb upwards and slightly to the right then straight up the face to a large ledge. Bollard belay a few feet higher below a right-angled corner.
- (6) 30 feet. Climb the steep rib to the right of the corner taken on 'East Wall' route to a rock ledge. Step right to a grass ledge and good belay.
- (7) 60 feet. Up immediately above the belay to an overhung which is climbed direct on good holds and gives access to a large bilberry ledge with a huge square block.
- (8) 50 feet. Traverse to the right end of the ledge to the foot of a wall. Cairn. Up the wall by the line of least resistance to a ledge with a square block below a pinnacle.

- (9) 30 feet. Climb the right-hand corner of the pinnacle to a grass ledge.
 (10) 30 feet. Up a rib to the finish of the climb, then by easy scrambling to the top of the mountain.

DEEP DALE (SLEET COVE) (1955)

HUTABLE CRAG

Cyrano 455 feet. Severe. First ascent 12th May, 1954. G. Batty, A.D. Marsden. Starts 90 feet left of Curving Gully in a small square-out recess.

- (1) 40 feet. Climb the recess moving out to the left at its top and then traverse to the right to a square mossy corner, continue up a rib shortly moving left again to a belay in a very constricted stance under the overhang.
- (2) 30 feet. (A poorer variation exists to the right). Traverse 10 feet to the right and go up a shallow groove to a large grass ledge and belay.
- (3) 45 feet. Go slightly to the left to clear the slab which follows, bearing slightly right to the foot of a prominent V chimney.
- (4) 20 feet. (Can be avoided on left but this would miss hardest part of the climb). Go straight up the chimney with an awkward landing on a ledge to a belay on right.
- (5) 40 feet. Traverse right to the foot of the third scoop and go up it to a grass ledge and belay.
- (6) 45 feet. Go up three short walls directly above belay.
- (7) 40 feet. Walk 10 feet to the right and go up a corner to a ledge on the left. From it go up a wall on the right to a stance and belay.
- (8) 35 feet. Go up wall on right to foot of a V groove to the left of an overhanging nose ('Cyrano'). Go up the groove to a grassy stance and a thread belay.
- (9) 35 feet. It is best here to descend a few feet before traversing right on to the tip of the nose and then go directly up to its junction with Curving Gully at foot of the 9th pitch where there is a belay.
- (10) Interesting rocks lead to the finish.

Gully Wall 250 feet. Severe. First ascent 11th May, 1954. G. Batty, A.D. Marsden. Starts on the Terrace and runs fairly closely to the right hand of Curving Gully.

- (1) 30 feet. Strenuous. Lay back in the corner of a vertical wall. Finishes on an awkward mantleshelf below a large pedestral with belay on a grass ledge to the left.
- (2) 20 feet. Climb groove above the stance roof by an awkward finish to a belay in the gully at the foot of the sixth pitch in the gully.
- (3) 35 feet. Climb the wall on the right to a belay on a grass ledge.
- (4) 35 feet. Go up a broken wall to a large grass ledge and belay.
- (5) 45 feet. Climb up the centre of a wide wall to a detached block and climb over it to reach and ascend a groove to a stance and belay.
- (6) 40 feet. Bear right to easier rocks leading to a large ledge and belay.
- (7) 45 feet. A steep round and delicate wall leads to easier rocks.