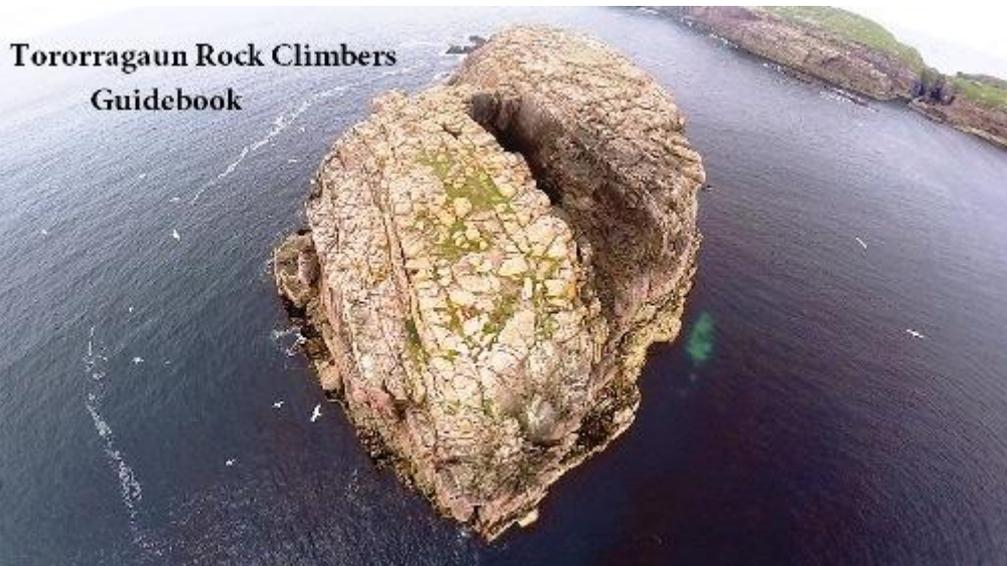


A Climbers Guide to

Tororragaun

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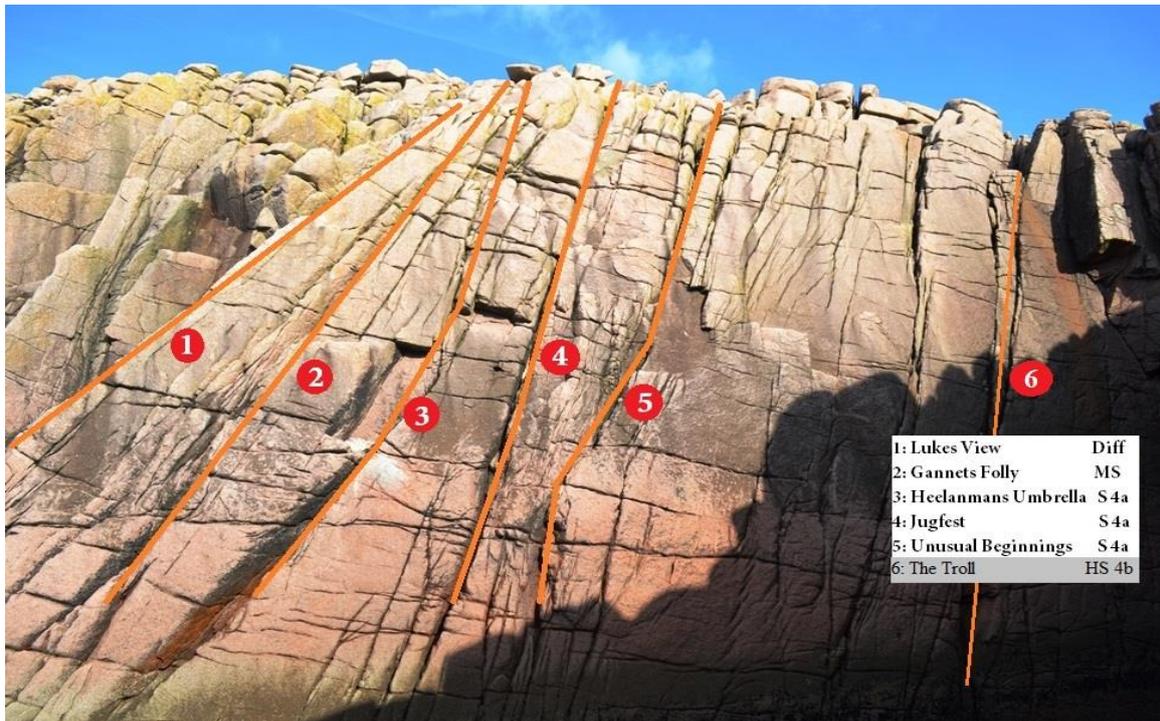
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Torrragaun is a 22 metre high rocky granite island living in the channel between Gola and Umfin Islands four kilometres off the Gweedore coast. The island is effectively guarded on all sides by Gola Island quality sea cliffs and off course the potential for climbing new routes is enormous. Running through the centre of the island is a huge, and I do mean HUGE, sea washed water spout. It is difficult to imagine the size of this water spout but it would easily accommodate a million tons of sea water at a time.

There is no fresh water on the island and pretty much every horizontal surface is birded as this is home to approx. 500 nesting pairs of Fulmar and a token amount of Gannet. Best avoid the island during the nesting period as there is nowhere to go to avoid being spat on.

Access to the island by sea kayak from Port Arthur Pier at Map ref B798284 on the Gweedore Coast. Landing on Torrragaun is not without a certain degree of rocky uncertainty as there are no easy landing beaches, coves or recesses. The easiest landing is at the eastern tip of the island onto rock sea level ledges. With a west sea running the island provides excellent lee and this eastern tip has large non-tidal ledges for kayak storage.

Map ref: B766280



Torrragaun Rock Climbing

Lukes View Diff

Climb the gentle angled ridge at the seaward edge of the main face.

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Gannets Folly Mild Severe

Climb the first deep crack in from the seaward end of the face.

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Heelanmans Umbrella S 4a

Climb the tapering corner crack to a recess and follow cracks above to summit.

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Jugfest S 4a

Climb the continual deep crack from sea to the summit.

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Unusual Beginnings S 4a

Climb the next crack in from the sea where the wall steepens, holds get bigger as height is gained.

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The Troll HS 4b **

Climb the narrow twin crack immediately below the bridge on the seaward side.

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The Corner V.Diff

Climb the big corner at the landward end of the wall right of the troll. Access by the green staircase at the very back of the spout.

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