

A climbers guide to

Na Beanna Gorma

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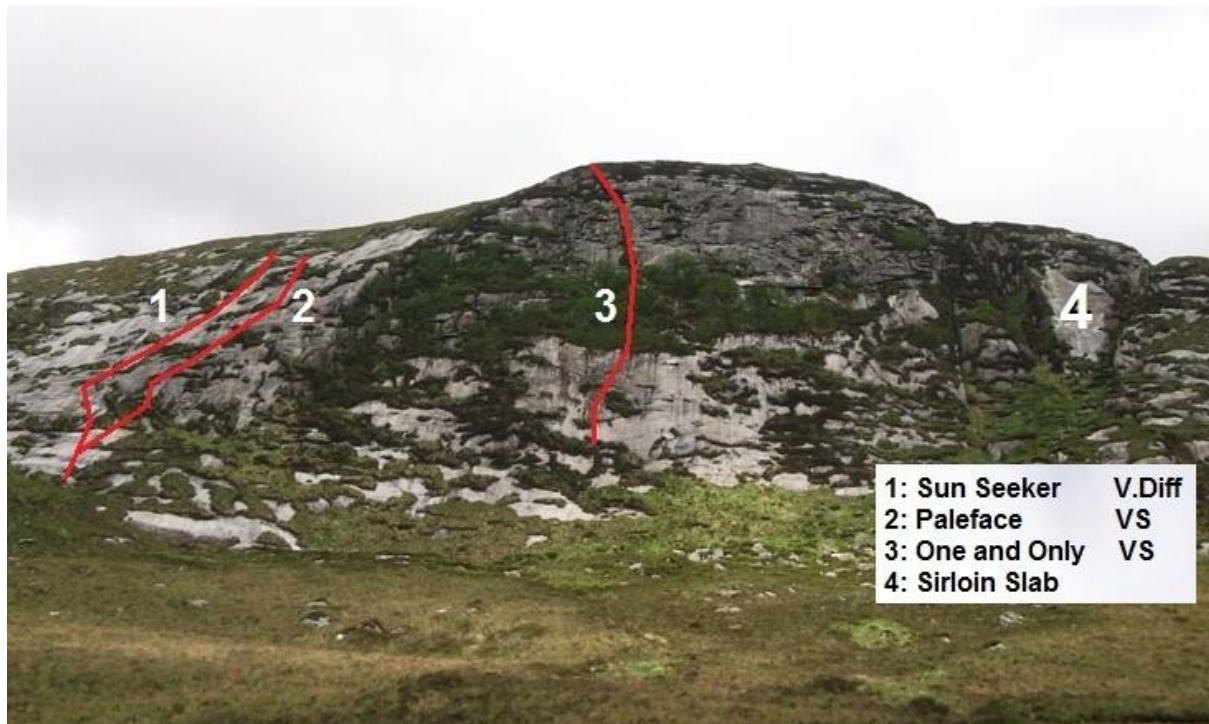


Na Beanna Gorma

Directly across the road from Loch Beara lives a large, vegetated crag. On the right high up there is a cleaned slab of perfect rock. (Sirloin Slab) Further right and nearer the road is a separate hillock with an obvious right-angled corner quite close to and facing the road.

From Dungloe take the N56 for 3km and turn left onto the R252, across from the school just before An Dúchoraidh take the sharp left and follow the R254 into Gleann Bheatha National Park to the carpark at Loch Beara.

[Loch Barra Car park Google Map pin](#) Map Ref. B929123



Sun seeker V. Diff 120m

Start at the lowest point of the white slabs to the left (facing) of the crag, directly below an overhanging flake at about 35m. The route takes a meandering line up the left hand side of the slabs.

J. Leonard, SR Young 23/04/73

Paleface VS 115m

Start for "Sun seeker" at the lowest point of the slabs. The route takes a fairly direct line up the easier angled pale coloured slabs. It passes through an obvious gap in a heather terrace at about 30M, continues up the overhanging flake, and climbs a short sickle shaped crack leading to an overhang.

Many variations possible.

R. McKee, P. Wells 19/04/81

Paleface (super Direct) E1 5a 103m *

1. 25m 4A Start at lowest point of slabs, climb up trending left to a grassy stance below a short steep wall.

2. 25m 4A Climb up the steep wall on perfect jugs and gear, continue direct to a small grassy ledge. Belay on 2 very poor spikes at base of right facing corner.

3. 28m 5A Climb RH corner to a smaller grassy perch. Climb direct up gearless, holdless immaculate slab to a steep cracked step. Climb up on to "crow's nest" stance to another poorly geared belay. (20

mtr run out on superb rock and atmosphere)

4. 25m Climb direct to top of slabs and belay left of grassy pillar.

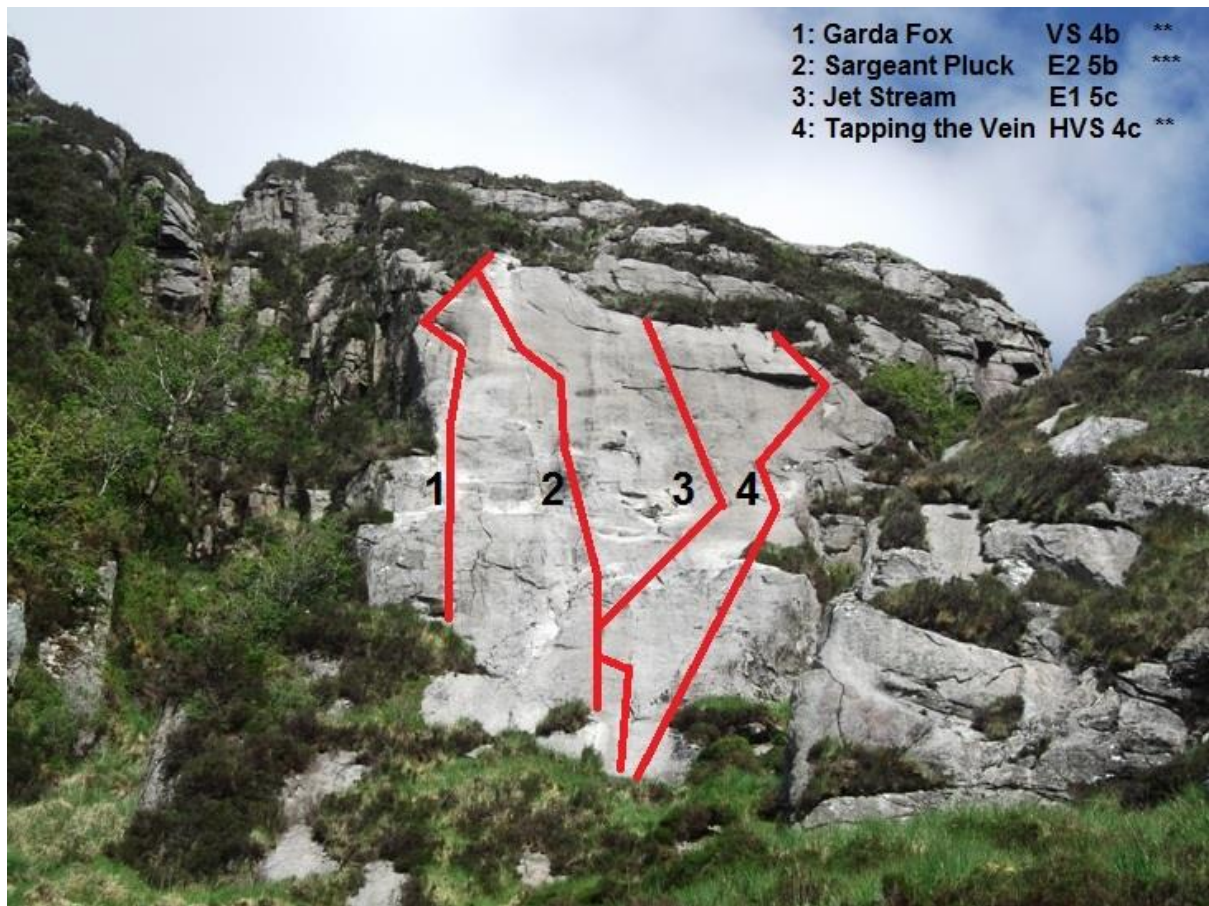
I & M Miller 15/05/05

One and Only VS 125m

This route takes a central line up the main cliff. The central terrace is reached by easy climbing up the central lower slabs below the prominent corner in the upper part of the terrace. Climb through the forest to its highest point about 19m right of the corner. Up overhang and then left into corner. Move out left onto rib and climb this to easy vegetated ground.

J, Peers, J. Reid 31/08/64

Sirloin Slab



Garda Fox VS 4b 40m **

Start at the top of the vegetation on the left hand side of the slab, beside some small trees. Follow the L.H. edge of the slabs (starting on a horizontal hold & flake) & continue up, passing a vegetated ledge on its right. the crux is a layback/mantleshelf move about 2/3 way up (no.1 friend around corner on left). On reaching overhanging rock, traverse right to gain crack & up to finish. 15m broken ground to top.

A & A Tees 14/06/03

Sargeant Pluck E2 5b 43m ***

Start 2 metres left of the lowest point of the slab. Move up left to right trending cracks, surmounting a slight bulge (delicate) until just below a horizontal quartzite vein. Excellent move up over bulge leads to thin crack on right which shortly fades out. Step left into major crack in centre of slab and follow

(layback) to top. Good selection of small cams comes in handy.

R. Smith & B. Magowan 02/10/03

Jet Stream E1 5c 40m

Start halfway between Sgt Pluck and Tapping the Vein below a thin crack that runs up the slab. Climb to the bottom of the crack and trend left into Sgt Pluck for a few metres. Step back right at the top of the crack and move up over the slab to a poor nut/cam in a flake. With the flake on your right climb directly up the white slab to a good hold beside a tuft of grass. Trend right to gain the crack and follow this to the top.

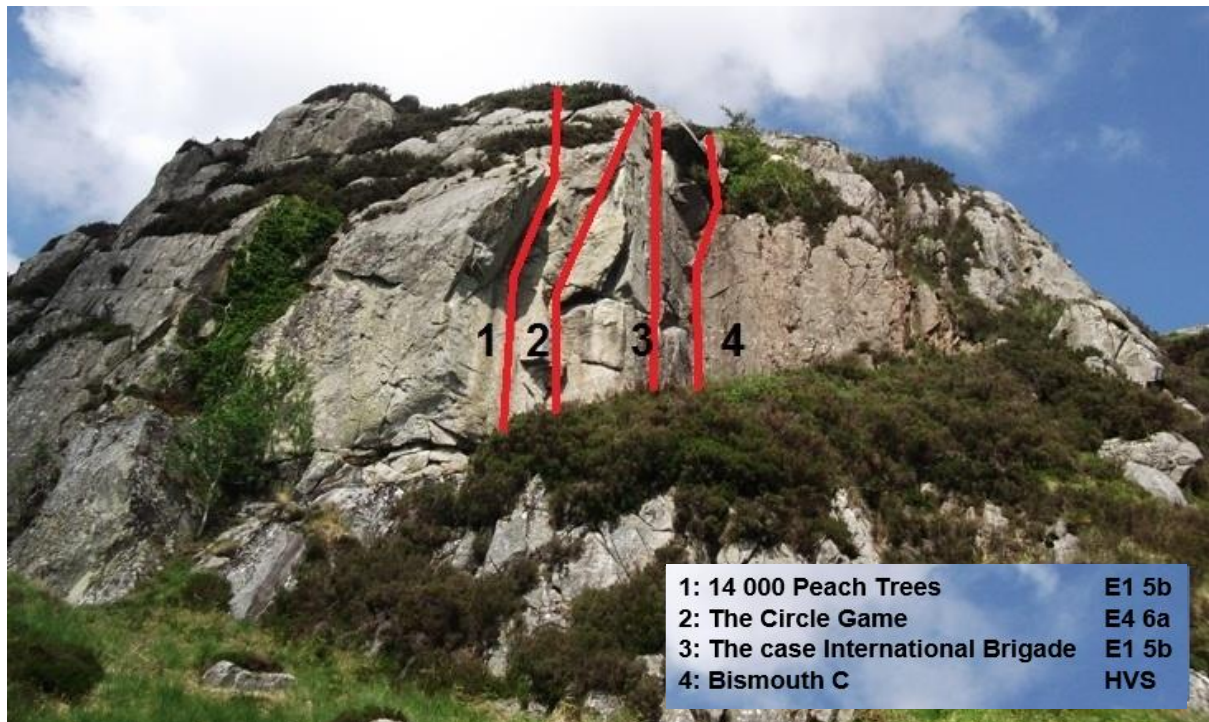
K. McGee, P. Tinney. 13/11/11

Tapping the Vein HVS 4c 40m **

This takes the obvious quartzite vein, running up the right hand side of the slab. Unprotected for the first third of the route. Continue up, over pocket and climb friction slab to small corner with small holds on its left edge. Above this, reach flakes and easier ground.

Andy & Alan Tees. 14/06/03

Carrig An Sneachda



14,000 Peach Trees E1 5b 20m

Second corner left of Case International. Climb steep slabby corner. As the rock steepens, jugs become apparent. Continue to the top. Good small wires at the bottom.

A. Millar, N. Grimes

The Circle Game E4 6a 18m

Left of the main wall, there is a large corner with 3 grooves. This route climbs the centre one, past several jammed blocks. At the top of this, arrange some small wires, step right and climb the steep groove above (Technical).

P. Dunlop, J. Brown 9/06/93

The Case International Brigade E1 5b 15m

A pleasant route tippy toeing up the crack in the left wall of the main corner.

Bismuth C HVS 20m

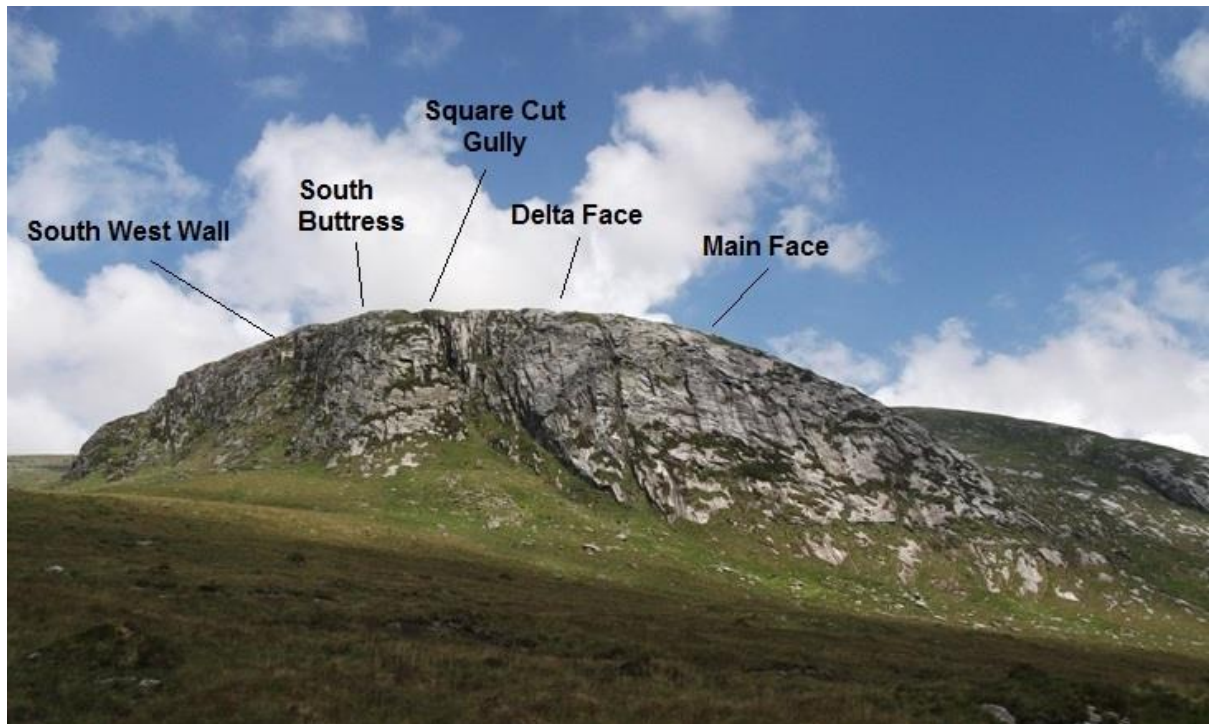
The original route on Carrig An Sneachda, a small "Hump" below and to the right of Ben Cormac. This climbs the prominent right angled corner on its right hand side, below a small holly tree.

G. Earnshaw 13/01/64

Bingorm West (Horseshoe Corrie)

Directions: Loch Beara

[Bingorm's Main Face google Map pin](#)



View from the road

Waterfall Slabs

These slabs are situated high up and to the right of the main waterfall as approached from Loch Beara. The routes are described from left to right when facing the slabs.

Grid Ref: 922136

Corner and Crack HS 4b 20m

Starts at the short corner/groove at the left end of the slabs. Climb this to a break. Directly above is a straight finger crack splitting the slab which is followed to the top.

Yorky 22/03/2016

Twin Ways V. Diff 20m

Follow the twin cracks a few metres to the right of Corner and Crack.

Yorky 22/03/2016

Cascade V. Diff 20m

Follows the overlaps a few metres to the right of Twin Ways

Yorky, 22/03/2016

Sruthán Chró Lao

This compact looking crag is situated above and north of the Sruthán Chró Lao Waterfall. It needs plenty of dry weather due to seepage despite getting the benefit of any sun for most of the day. A steep wall comprises it's left half which gives way to steep slabs on it's right side.

Waterfall Bastion Grid Ref: 923137 SE Facing 350m

Rowan Tree Crack S 10m

Climbs the obvious crack with a small rowan tree on a ledge below half height. Located at the left end of the steep wall left of Sundance Wall. Struggle passed the tree to an interesting finish!

Yorke 10/05/17

Sundance Wall HVS 5a 25m

Starts approx. in the middle of the crag and climbs the fingery line of weakness on the right hand side of the impressive steep smooth wall which comprises most of the left hand side of the crag. Steep fingery climbing leads to a blocky crack. From the top of the block step left to gain a leftward slanting groove. This leads to a series of easier cracks with a good block belay at the top.

Yorke 31/05/2016

Hangdog Gold E1 5b 25m

Starts 3m to the left of the slab which forms the right side of the crag. Climb a short steep wall on fingery holds to a small sloping ledge. Continue using a small crack to a larger ledge. Move left across the vegetated ledge to climb cracks first slightly left and then direct. At the top a short hand jam crack leads to a block belay on the left (same block belay as Sundance Wall)

Yorke, 05/06/2016

Chasing the Sun HVS 5a 25m

Starts by climbing the short faint crack 2m to the right of Hang Dog Gold. Climb the fingery crack to reach the rounded edge of the slab on the right. Climb the edge of the slab to reach the vegetated ledge on the left. Traverse left across the vegetated ledge. Gain the series of cracks above trending left to finish.

Yorke 10/05/17

At the right hand end of the crag is a slab corner which leads up to an overhang.

Unfinished Plod Slab Start S 15m

Climbs the slab to the left of the initial groove/ corner of Unfinished Plod. Reach small cracks near the top of the slab and move right to join Unfinished Plod at the overhang.

Yorke 11/05/17

Unfinished Plod S 4a 15m

Climb to the overhang and turn it on the left side. Continue up until forced out right above the overhang by a vegetated groove. Continue via vegetation and slabs trending left to finish. (the groove needs serious cleaning to provide a better line)

Yorke 11/10/16

White Magic Wall

This small buttress/wall is situated high up to the left of the main South Buttress and offers steep high quality 'outcrop style' granite climbing in a superb mountain location and aspect. It provides instant exposure which can give the impression at times of being on a much larger wall. It has little drainage and is particularly quick drying towards its lower end. Due to its SSW aspect enjoys any sun Donegal

has on offer!

It is at the top of an obvious steep grassy ramp which runs up the side of the main South Buttress. The Wall descends diagonally from its top and many of the routes finish on a good rock platform with plenty of good belays. It's height varies from 10m near the top to 15-20m as it descends. One route The Tenth Hierarchy takes the front face around the bottom of the main wall and has a length of 20-25m Map Ref: B932136

In addition this Wall required little cleaning and what small amounts of vegetation and loose holds were removed allows the routes to be enjoyed. I believe there may be a number of rare alpine plants near the top of In The Name Of The Father which can be carefully avoided. Please respect this wonderful location.

The routes are described from the top and from left to right as the wall descends

At the top of the grassy ramp is a gnarly/flakey 10m wall to the right of a small gully and at a slight angle to the main wall.

Up In The Gods HVS 5a 10m

Starts at a small faint groove and a few metres from the left edge of the wall and pulls out slightly leftwards. It continues direct through steep rock using good gnarly holds and edges to the top.

Yorky 16/08/16

Exit Right HVS 5a 10m

Start at the short flake beneath an undercut overlap. Move right across the undercut to reach a good flake high flake and climb the flake/crackline direct.

Yorky 16/08/16

The Circle VS 4c 10m

Starts at a rightwards slanting finger crack leading to a thick vegetated ledge. From the left side of the ledge climb direct steeply using good sharp breaks. (previously climbed off the righthand end of the ledge and finishing off the platform up cracks in the wall above, an easier but inferior finish at HS on 16/08/16)

Yorky 14/10/16

Hear The Call E2 5b 10m

Starts approx. 4m down the ramp from The Circle and takes the faint right curving flake/crackline. Gain the line from the right and climb with difficulty to reach small flakes and then a small spike which leads to a rounded finish. (The righthand crack in the wall above the platform can extend the climb at a lower grade)

Yorky 05/10/16

Look To The Herald HS 4b 12m

Climbs the first obvious direct good flake/crackline below and approx. 5m to the right on Hear The Call. It is the only route on the main wall graded below extreme due to its large holds but with impressive steepness for the grade. Start below the good flake at half height. Gain the flake using good holds and monkey up into the crack to finish.

Yorky 09/06/16

The Masters E1 5b 10m

Starts approx 2-3m down and to the right of Look to The Herald (Same starting point as I Am Beside the Breeze). Climb the short right curving crack to reach a good side hold near the top. Using this stretch left to gain the good thin flakes on Look to The Herald. Climb the good layaway flake above on the same route and then approx. 2m from the top traverse left using a small sloping handhold ledge, and with increasing difficulty reach and pull up into the shallow upper groove of Hear The

Call. Finish direct as for Hear The Call.
 Yorky 25/05/17

'I Am' Beside The Breeze E1 5b 12m

Starts approx. 3m to the right of Look To The Herald below a prominent finger flake which begins 3m off the base. Climb a short curving crack to a break. Traverse right along the break to a triangular/arrow shaped recess. Exit left out of the top of the recess using small holds to reach the finger flake and follow to the top.

Yorky 16/08/16

In The Name Of The Father E2 5b 15m

Climbs the next line to the right of the triangular/arrow recess of 'I Am' Beside The Breeze. From a crack step right to reach a larger crackline with a rounded spike. From the rounded spike move immediately left along a break to reach a small flake hold. Make a long reach to gain the break above. Pull up into the crack and use a good finger/flake crack. Climb direct to finish using a series of small horizontal holds.

Yorky 07/10/16

Beyond Doubt, Fear and Hate E2 5b 18m

Starts lower and to the right off a flat grassy platform. Climb to a good flat hold at 2m and then use a good flake to move left to a larger crackline and rounded spike (same as previous route). Now climb the right wall of the crackline using small holds to regain the crack. follow the weakness and breaks rightwards to reach larger holds in a blocky crack. Continue up and trend left using good holds and breaks to finish in a short vertical crack at the highest point of the Wall.

Yorky 30/08/16

Countenance Of Strength And Light E2 5c 15m

Starts at the bottom of the grassy ramp beneath a small overhang. Climb through the left end of the overhang to reach a short vertical crack. Gain the crack with difficulty(1 point of aid and rest). From the top of the crack move steeply up and right to gain an obvious good crack/flake line to the top.

Yorky 04/10/16

The Tenth Hierarchy VS 4c 20m

From the bottom of the Wall move round onto the front face and down another grassy ramp to an overhang. Start through the left end of the overhang using a brilliant spiky knob. Gain the left rising ramp and follow it to its end and then up a short crack to a small ledge. Pull up direct until it is possible to step right to a large ledge. Climbs the easier crack above the ledge to finish.

Yorky 07/10/16

The Tenth Hierarchy- Direct Finish E1 5b 20m

Follow The Tenth Hierarchy to the small ledge near the top and instead of pulling up and stepping right, pull up and climb direct up the short bulging wall to finish.

Yorky 08/10/16

Located not far below and to the right of White Magic Wall (looking out to the valley) is quite a large crag of continuous rock up to 25-30m high. Its obvious feature is a long overhang near its base. Sadly the rock is not too clean been covered with a thin layer of lichen in many parts for further development. However, the following route is worth recording and takes a good line which is visible from the valley floor.

Bottom-Up Crag

Bottom-Up HS 4b 30m

Starts at the left end of the obvious long overhang. Climb around the overhang and move back diagonally right above the overhang to gain a prominent groove /crack on the right side of the crag.

Follow this direct to the top.
Yorky 08/10/16

Westend Crag Triple Buttress.

At the far western end of this South/ South-West Buttress lies a long terrace wall at the very top. Top Triple Buttress. This can be accessed easily along a grass terrace from the west end. It provides instant high exposure for pretty short routes being the top of a triple buttress feature!
Map Ref: B930137

The routes are described from left to right:-

Westbound Groovy S 4b 5m

Climbs the first left facing groove mainly using the breaks on the right wall.

Yorky 23/10/16

Approx. 2-3m right are twin cracks splitting an overhang near the top

First Twin Crack VS 4c 7m

This route climbs the left hand crack.

Yorky 23/10/16

Second Twin Crack VS 4c 7m

Climbs the right hand of the twin cracks.

Yorky 23/10/16

The crag now becomes a little broken for 10-15m approx. and then gains in height. On this higher section are located the following routes:-

The first obvious feature is a left facing blocky groove/corner with a small overhang at the top.

Ton-Up Burn Out VS 4c 12m

The climb begins low down up a short steep crack to gain the bottom of the groove/corner. Climb this with interest to a good finish.

Yorky 23/10/16

Above the Below HVS 5a 12m

Starts a few metres to the right and follows the best direct line on this the highest part of the crag. Begins in a short corner groove which leads to a steep wall with a line of flakes and short cracks. Climb these steeply until possible to exit right onto a ledge and above to finish.

Yorky 09/10/16

Sculptured Cracks S 4a 12m

Right again climb cracks on a short face up to a large ledge. Gain a good large spike directly above and continue direct up the wall to finish.

Yorky 09/10/16

South West Wall

The following routes are found on the broken crags found right of Waterfall Buttress to the start of the more continuous rock of the South Buttress. Map ref: B933135

Gangway V. Diff 60m

This route follows a line of grooves to the foot of the wall and climbs the prominent crack. From here follow a vegetated ramp and onto the vertical wall. Traverse along a narrow ledge on the wall and up

to the top.

S. Rothery, U. Moore, E. Gallagher, S. Yates 17/04/60

Parsival S 3c 90m

Start Approx. 12m right of Gangway below a holly tree. Climb two short walls, separated by a large vegetated ledge to the base of a diagonal ramp. Climb wall and step left into ramp which is followed to a holly tree. Traverse left past one corner, to a second and climb blocks to grassy ledge. Finish up easy rocks and vegetation.

N. Brown, T. Cullen 17/04/60

Right of these routes the rock becomes even more broken and vegetated and then finally merges again to form the left edge of the South Buttress. This edge is steep and dark. To the left of this, about 150m above and left of the bottom edge of the buttress is one further route.

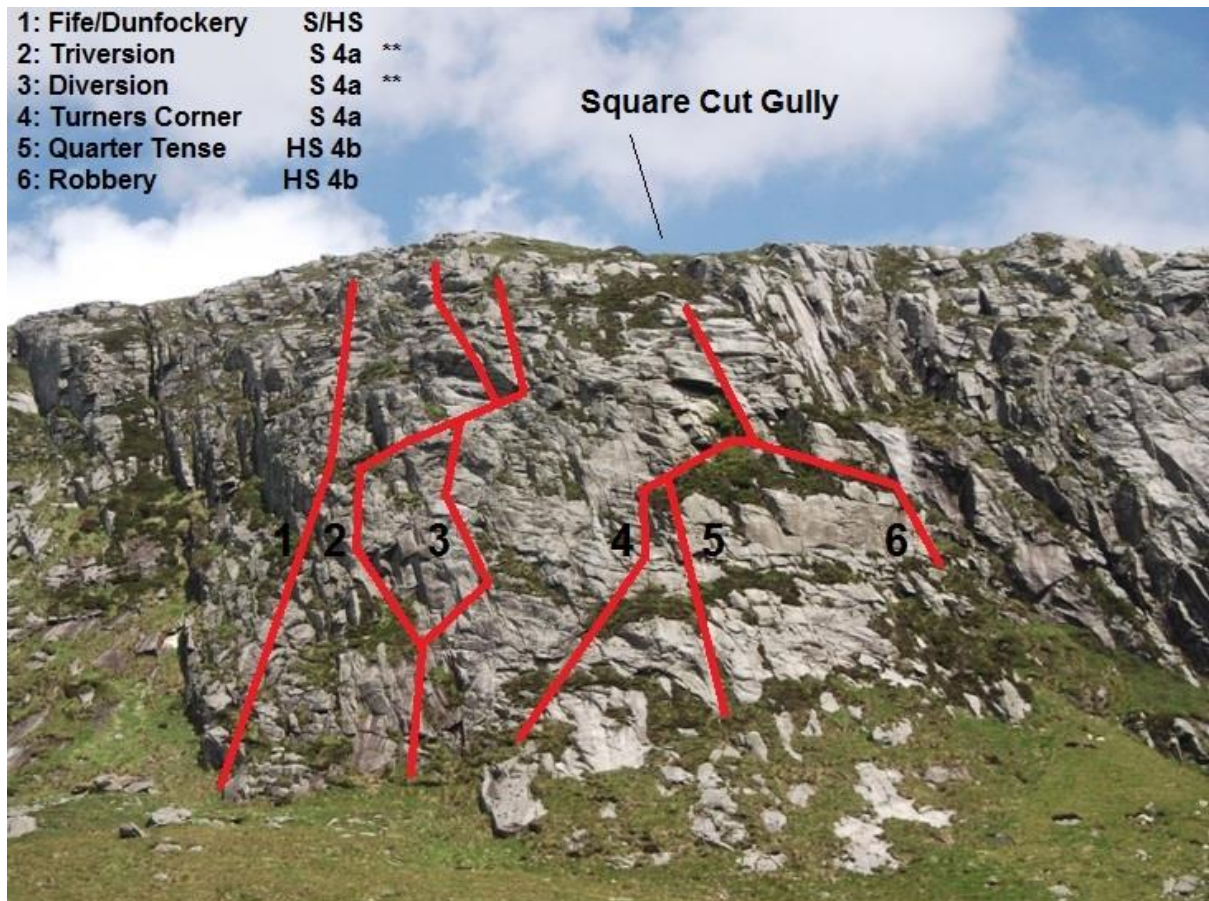
Cruddi's Original V. Diff 98m

This route follows a meandering line up the short slabs and walls separated by grassy terraces to the left of the left edge of South Buttress.

J. Thorley, J. Murray April 62

South Buttress

This is the fine, fairly continuous buttress of rock to the left of Square Cut Gully. The main features are the short but striking tilted pockled wall low down on the left (Pitch 2 of Triversion), the broad, clean sweep of slabs in the middle (Diversion) and the obvious overhang on the right hand side (Turners Corner). The left edge of the buttress is a mixture of short slabs, walls and grassy rakes. The first two routes follow weaving lines up this edge, with a search for interest being rather artificial.



Fife/Dunfokery HS 110m

At the left edge of the South Buttress, as the cliff turns up the hill, there is a short broken wall. Climb the wall and follow slabs to the next wall. Up this, onto a broken slab area and pick one of the many exits above. Short traverse to the right lead easily into the top of Triversion.

P. Gribbon, B. White April 61

Triversion S 4a 98m **

About 40m left of the lowest part of the South Buttress there is a prominent rib of rock, at the bottom of the clean sweep of slabs and with a large spike at its base. The climb starts up this rib but then breaks left to follow another rib.

1: 40m Follow the rib up and then move left onto slabs, vegetated terrace and the base of the obvious tilted pocked wall.

2: 28m Climb the pockled wall, moving out left at the top to reach a ledge at 16m. Continue up to belay on large vegetated platform.

3: 22m Descend 2m and move right to the diagonally rising quartzite fault. Follow this easily, though exposed, to a large overhang. Step down and round this to belay on a large block below the final headwall.

4: 8m Move right and up to heather and finish, or climb the steep clean corner above (4a) stepping left near the top.

Diversion S 4a 115m **

Start: As for Triversion. The description given below does not follow exactly the original line but makes the best of the clean rock. Many variations are possible. Generally the route takes a fairly direct line up the clean sweep of slabs, to finish through the short steep headwall as Triversion.

1: 30m Climb the rib as Triversion but then move right across slabs to ledge below vegetated ledges.

2: 25m Climb the narrow pocked ramp on the right of the slabs and immediately left of the vegetation. Move back right to a ledge level with top of vegetated ramp.

3: 30m up right side of slab, then, at a spike, go right to niche.

Finish as for Triversion up the steep clean corner to the left of the overhang.

P. Kenny, F. Winder Sept 55

The next three routes and their many variations all finish up around the huge overhang on the right-hand side of the buttress.

Turners Corner S 4a 72m

Start at the lowest point of the buttress. The first 42m consists of a rightward rising traverse across broken slabs and vegetation to below a pock marked slab. Climb the left edge of this and exit by the overhanging corner with the huge roof on the left.

D. O'Shea, P. Kenny, R. Turner 01/04/56

Quarter Tense HS 4b 70m

Start: Immediately below the left end of the roof at the top of Turners Corner is a groove with a line of vegetation down its centre. The left wall of this groove is stained brown in its upper part. Start by scrambling up to the groove.

1: 4a 30m Climb the left wall of the groove until reaching vegetation. Move left and continue up on rock. Cross vegetated ledge to spike. Straight up above to belay in corner.

2: 4b 22m Climb the corner. Finish up vegetated rake to belay at holly tree below the overhang.

3: 18m Climb up to overhang, traverse right and climb round overhang. Scramble up for 6m to spike belay and top of Turners Corner.

B. O'Flynn, H. Quintan 10/06/62

Robbery HS 4b 65m *

1: 18m 3c Up corner of buttress on blocks for about 8m. Traverse round right onto the gully wall and

follow a line of broken blocks to a small ledge to the right of a steep crack.

2: 4b 5m Swing up left into the crack and wander up grassy slab above.

3: 3c 12m Traverse left across the face of the slab to arrive at the base of the pockled slab right of the overhang and belay as for Turners Corner.

4: 4a 30m As Turners Corner climb the left-hand rib of the slab to exit by awkward overhanging corner, with the main overhang on the left.

P. O'Halpin, D. Moloney 1962

IRA VS 10m

The steep left wall of the Square Cut Gully contains some fine rock but rarely sees the sun and is thus usually greasy and uninviting. Two routes are recorded which may be worthwhile after a dry spell. IRA, About a third of the way up the gully wall are two shallow corners formed by thick pillars. This route takes the lower of these. Move up pillar and swing left at overhang. Up to niche, step left and up onto block.

P. O'Halpin, N. Kavanagh 10/06/62

IRB HVS 5a 21m

This route follows the upper corner. Move up flake and swing left. Continue straight up on boiler plate holds to top pillar. Traverse left to small grass ledge and niche. Straight up from niche to small chimney and strenuously to the top.

P. O'Halpin, N. Kavanagh 10/06/62

Pate Knife by Gulliver E2 5c 28m **

Start as for IRB. Go straight up the crack, past a triangular niche at 6m (20ft). Bear on, and on, to where the crack trends right. Keep on following it, past a hollow flake, to grassy ledges and the top. Good value, especially if climbed in the low season. A more direct 5c Straight up instead of moving left at flakes.

A. Millar N. Grimes May 91

To the right of Square Cut Gully and separated from it by a series of slab and broken rock, is the clean upside down triangle of rock known as the Delta Face, bounded on the right by the obvious grey line of Tarquins Groove. The next seven routes all start on the gully walls to the left and below the Delta Face before it turns round to Tarquins Groove. These lines share the same area of rock immediately to the right of Square Cut Gully, following in the upper part the obvious clean white slab.

Crypto VS 4c 57m **

Start at the first section of true gully wall in the righthand side of Square Cut Gully. Scramble up to the bottom of a dark slab and corner.

1: 21m. Climb the good crack above until forced left. Continue through overlaps and move right to grass ledges. Belay at the foot of the white slab.

2: 36m. Climb slab using right wall for bridging. Crux is near the top.

P. O'Halpin, E. Healey 13/04/63

Mountjoy S 4a 100m

Start: about 30m right of Square Cut Gully there is a subsidiary gully which is bounded on the right by the bottom overhanging wall of the Delta Face, and on the left by a rib that has an overhang at about 30m. Start at the bottom of the overhang and follow the rib.

E. Healey, F. Winder April 56

Lazarus VS 4c 60m

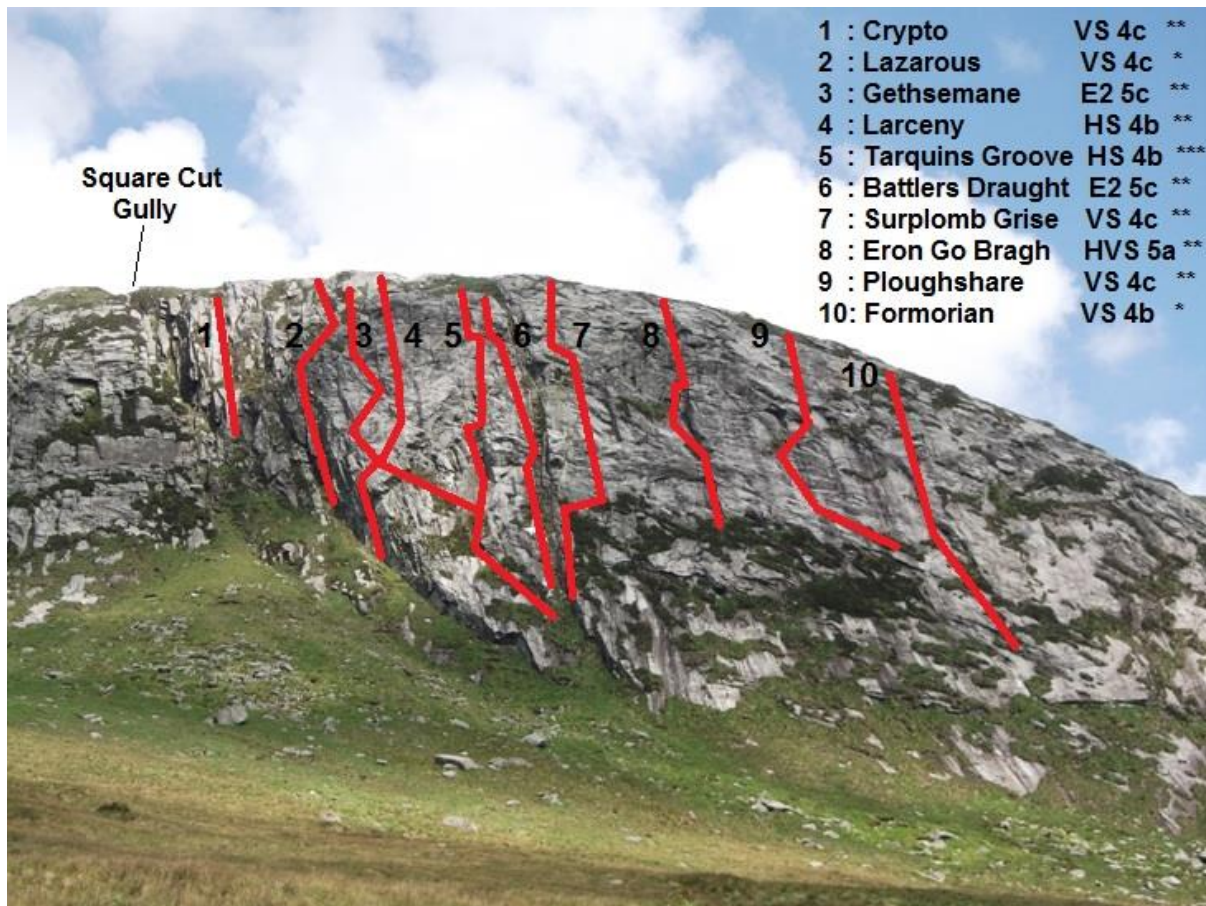
Start: About 9m up the subsidiary gully to the right of Square Cut Gully and the rib of Mountjoy. Starts up the ramp which runs from right of the gully, just below and left of a black streaked wall.

1: 30m Climb initial bulge using crack on the right and continue up wall of ramp to heather ledge.

Climb wall behind ledge for 2m and move delicately left to edge. Climb arete to heather ledge and belay. This pitch is described as dangerous. A massive rock is detached from main face.

2: 30m Move up edge of rib and step right into chimney. Continue up and out right over white slab to heather ramp, moving diagonally left to belay.

P. O'Halpin, D. Moloney 1962



String of Pearls HVS 255m **

This is a girdle traverse of the crag, rarely done and quite an undertaking. Only the general line is described here. Climb the first pitch of Mountjoy, or Lazarus. Cross the Delta Face to the top of pitch 4 of Larceny and continue across to the overhang at the top of pitch 5 of Tarquins Groove. Cross the broken gully of Risorgimento (Thin Gully) and descend to tree at the top of Pitch 3 of Surplomb Grise. Climb down Pitches 3 and 2 of Rule Britannia. Traverse right to top of Pitch 1 Ploughshare, which is then followed to top.

D. Agnew, F. Delvin

Napalm the Midges HVS 5a 52m *

Start at the right-hand side of the black streaked wall mentioned above is a corner.

1: 5a 35m Climb the black corner. At 9m step right below the overhang and then left into a steep corner (crux). From here move up right and then back left on limited protection to belay on ledge on the left. Steep and sustained.

2: 4b 17m Step back right into the fault and continue on good bridging.

A. Currans, A. McQuoid 28/06/81

Gethsemane E2 5c 84m **

This fine route takes an almost direct line up the Delta Face. Immediately below the apex of the triangular face is an overhanging wall with a white recess on its right. The climb starts in the recess.

1: 5c 33m Climb the slanting groove in the recess from right to left until stopped by overhangs. Make a difficult pull out left over the overhangs to a resting place below a very steep wall. Climb the crack in the wall, using a sling to exit on to the Delta Face. Climb up easily for 5m to belay - top of Pitch 3 of Larceny.

2: 4c 24m Straight up short layback pitch as for Larceny, but instead of traversing left go straight up to the smooth walls and climb delicately right into a scoop with small spike runner. Move up to reach heather and easy rock which is followed to block belay to top of Pitch 4 of Larceny.

3: 4c 21m Step right and climb easily to the foot of an obvious corner. Bridge over the first bulge and continue to the second where a move right is made on to the arete in a fine position. Make a difficult move up into a scoop and delicately back left to continue more easily up the arete to a good ledge and belay below the final short corner.

4: 4c 6m Climb this deceptive corner to the top.

Pitches 2, 3 & 4 have been described as hard for this grade, and poorly protected.

L. Griffin, M. Curran 1973 FFA A. Millar, P. Dunlop 1985

Dermot Mullen E2 6a 10m *

An alternative start to Gethsemane. Just up the hill from Gethsemane is a obvious hanging corner. Move up a couple of metres to an undercut, and make a hard move right across to the base of this corner. Climb up for a few metres, until the route description forces you out right to a jug, which allows you to traverse over rightwards to join Gethsemane below its crux. Do what you want here. This would provide the first half to a good, independent route.

N. Grimes, A. Millar 27/10/91

Tears of Roy E1 5b 25m **

This route starts as for Gethsemane, but at 5m move right on good holds, around the bulging arete to a good flake. Climb airily upwards and leftwards along the arete to the overhang. From here, traverse right under the overhang all the way to Larceny. Continue up Larceny, or lower off the situ ab point above The Deltoid Face. Exposed climbing on perfect rock.

A. Millar, G. Colhoun May 90

The Deltoid Face E3 6a 25m ***

Start just downhill from Gethsemane. See that really long diagonal crack running right to left? You gain that from the left, and layback as far as a flat hold at 6m. Move right round the bulge on good holds to a rest. From here, follow the vague arete up and slightly left on big flakes to the triangular niche in the roof (as for Tears of Roy). Climb directly through the apex of the niche, cutting loose on flat holds and bodyparts. Continue up to a ledge and lower off situ wires.

N. Grimes, R. Fenlon, A. Millar, B. Mortimer 28/10/91

Aiseiri VS 4c 109m *

To the right of the white recess of Gethsemane is a vegetated niche. Start about 4m below and right of this.

1: 4c 30m Climb 3m straight up to sloping ledge. Follow this as it rises steeply to left, then make a tricky move into vegetated niche. Continue up left and after 3m move out right across vegetated rake to rib leading diagonally left. Follow this to below overhang. Make two awkward moves across the right-hand wall to vegetation. Move back left on to the Delta Face to a stance above the overhang as for Larceny Pitch 3.

2: 4a 18m Layback up groove, follow obvious line of weakness around corner on left and continue up to belay.

3: 4b 24m Follow groove for 4m to good flake runner. Step up on to slab and traverse left to edge. Pull around corner and continue up to triangular overhang on right where it is possible to regain the groove. Belay.

4: 4a 37m Pull out right and across vegetated rake, then up obvious groove to belay.

P. O'Leary. E. Goulding 04/06/60

The next four routes all start from the same point. The bottom edge of the Delta Face ends in a steep wall immediately before it turns right across to the Main Face. This edge is a long ramp with a mix of easy slabs and vegetation, with one short step, leading up to the foot of a pockled black corner - the first pitch of Tarquins Groove proper. It is possible to climb a steep crack on the gully wall to arrive at this point.

Larceny HS 4a 123m **

1: 30m up slabs and vegetation to the foot of the short step with a corner on its left-hand side. (Easy but exposed) Most climbers would rope up at this point.

2: 4b 20m Up the short corner and then easily up vegetation to the foot of the black corner of Tarquins Groove.

3: 4a 20m Step down and onto left wall. Traverse left to grass ledge. Follow this to corner at the upper end. Move left round the front of the face past a sound but rocking block in a crack. Step down and traverse left to a small but good belay ledge at the bottom apex of the Delta Face. Gethsemane and Aiseiri both share this belay.

3: 4b 26m As for Aiseiri Pitch 2 for about 15m. Climb the overhanging wall on the right using crack, and back right onto the slabs of the Delta Face proper. Ascend diagonally right to an obvious triangular block lying at the foot of a steep corner. Gethsemane also shares this belay.

4: 4a 27m Descent about 3m and climb out right. Up for about 6m and then traverse diagonally left above belay. Cross a slab towards the left edge of the Delta Face, and finish up groove. Other harder 4c variations finish up to the right of the face.

P. Kenny, C. Laracy Aug 55

Pussy Foot VS 4c 120m ***

Pitches 1, 2 & 3 as for Larceny. 70m

4: 4b 30m From the belay move up and then diagonally right across the face to the edge. Up this airily to a ledge at 15m. From this ledge move slightly right, then left to a black corner.

5: 4a 20m Climb blocks at the back of the corner and move right. Continue straight up to base of groove to left of the finish of Tarquins Groove. Up this groove and exit right on small ledge.

P. Kenny F. Winder Sept 55

A harder alternative climbs straight up onto the edge of the Delta Face from just before the swing round left onto the bottom of the face on Pitch 3.

Troika VS 4b 126m

Pitches 1 & 2 as for Larceny. 50m

3: 3c 15m As for Larceny to the corner at the top of the grass ledge, i.e., just before Larceny steps down and round onto the Delta Face.

4: 4a 14m Climb a broad delicate rib on the right to belay.

5: 4b 20m Climb up a steep groove with a spike at 4m. Reach a slight overhang on the left and climb this with a hard move to large ledge.

6: 4b 27m Move up on right - the closer to the edge the harder. Delicate friction moves and hard finger pulls lead to exit at the top of Pussyfoot.

P. Kenny, B. Wright, D. Helliwell 11/09/55

Tarquins Groove HS 4b 131m ***

One of the classics of the crag giving consistently good climbing, and is well protected all the way. This route takes the groove line at the right-hand side of the Delta Face and marking the start of the Main Face. Start as for Larceny.

Pitches 1 & 2 up 50m to the foot of the black pockled corner.

3: 4a 24m Climb the corner groove using holds mainly on the left wall. Exit left to belay at the holly tree.

4: 4a 16m Cross the groove, ascend the steep wall on the right and move left to the base of the crack.

5: 4a 19m Climb the crack to belay on a large ledge beneath the huge overhang on the right.

6: 4b 22m Traverse left beneath the overhang and then move back right over bulge. Cross onto slab above on the right of the corner and finish up easier rock.

F. Winder, H. Drasdo Aug 55

The Main Face

This is the long, generally clean wall, running from Tarquins Groove on the left to the overlapping corner of Formorian on the right, where the crag becomes more broken again. The face contains many good routes though some are marred by the approaches up huge heather terraces.

Battlers Draught E2 5c 90m **

To the right of Tarquins Groove is the obvious line of Thin Gully taken by the route Risorgimento. This route takes the broad rib of clean rock between these two lines. Start: Climb the grassy Thin Gully to the first rock step. On the left there is a short slab with an overhang. Start at the foot of the slab.

1: 4a 21m Up slab on left of overhang and step back right above overhang. Continue up keeping left and belay on grassy ledge at foot of short corner (poor belay).

2: 5c 12m Climb the thin crack above on left, laybacking around bulge to reach overhang, pinch grips enable a difficult step left to small foothold and runner (small friend). Step back across right to good sloping ledge (it may be possible to step right without stepping left first) and belay.

3: 4c 21m Up edge of gully for 2m passing two old pegs. Go left at second peg (as for Risorgimento) onto ramp, traverse to bottom of black crack. Climb crack to belay overlooking gully

4: 4b 18m Move slightly left and climb bulge and continue to belay on large ledge.

5: 5a 18m From left end of the ledge climb the steep wall/crackline

C. Torrains, C. Sheridan 17/04/81

Risorgimento VS 126m

Follows roughly the line of Thin Gully, partly in the gully, partly on the ribs to either side. Fairly broken and vegetated. The route is not attractive and interested climbers are left to discover their own way. Much of the line is easy and difficulties are short.

B. MacCall, K. Shelley, W. Hannon 16/04/60

Surplomb Grise HVS 4c 136m **

Start: About 30m to the right of Thin Gully (and about halfway between it and the obvious prominent corner of Rule Britannia) is a long straight steep groove. Directly beneath this, the lines of vegetation reach the highest point at a large overhanging cap of heather. The crux lies about 9m above, and slightly to the left of this heather.

1: 75m Climb the mixed rock and vegetation in the lower half of Thin Gully and then traverse right to ledge at top of heather cap.

2: 4c 22m The crux: climb two short slabs above, trending left, then move left and climb a steep crack leading to a small pulpit. Avoid bulge above by moving out right - delicate - and up to ledge. Continue up to corner on right. Good thread belay.

3: 4a 18m Move left across groove and climb steep crack to trees.

4: 9m Climb generally left until the top of an enormous block projecting over the gully is reached.

5: 4b 12m Climb a short wall to the base of a vertical groove above and slightly right. Substantial holds in the groove lead to easier rock and the top.

F. Winder, B. Ball 11/09/55

Gaffney's Climb HVS 159m

This route starts as for Surplomb Grise but then moves directly up and right to finish the last corner of Erin Go Bragh.

- 1: 75m As for Surplomb Grise
- 2: 18m Climb the two short slabs as for Surplomb Grise but move diagonally right on the upper one to reach a steep crack. Up crack and step left at 3m onto sloping ledge. Traverse left then up to belay in steep groove.
- 3: 18m Up groove for 6m. Step right to avoid overhang, regain fault and ascent broken overhangs to belay.
- 4: 30m Climb overhangs above and continue to smooth slab. Traverse right to belay under the overhanging corner of Erin Go Bragh.
- 5: 18m. As for Erin Go Bragh, Pitch 4. Turn overhang by climbing right-hand wall.

An alternative to Pitch 4 was climbed by P O'Leary and P McHugh on 17/6/67. From the smooth slab traverse diagonally left to small ledge with vertical crack at the back. Up crack and continue for 3m. Step down to a broad ledge on the left. Up to ledge at higher level and traverse left for 6m to broad ledge. Exit on right.

E. Gaffney, G. Moore, G. Cairns Pitch 2 May 62 P O'Leary, E. Goulding Pitches 3 & 4 30/05/66

Rule Britannia/Erin Go Bragh HVS 5a 79m **

The original Rule Britannia moved diagonally left from the top of Pitch 2 to finish up Surplomb Grise. Erin Go Bragh is the direct finish giving a much superior route. Start: About halfway between Thin Gully and Fomorian there is a prominent corner which is about as far to the right of Surplomb Grise as the latter is right of Thin Gully. The length of the climb does not include initial scrambling.

- 1: 5a 21m Start from a large grassy area below the corner. Climb up zigzag gangways, moving to the left at first, then right, then left again until the rock becomes steeper. Climb the next 3m with difficulty to a sloping ledge. Traverse left across wet streaks - thin - to reach the bottom of the grass, up right to belay.
- 2: 3c 13m Up the slab on the left to another grassy ledge and along this for about 7m to a small spike belay.
- 3: 5a 27m Above the Belay Climb to a corner and up it to an overhang. Move right and up to flake. Step left to a nose and continue up to overhanging corner.
- 4: 5a 18m Turn overhang by climbing up right-hand wall. Easy climbing to belay.

H. Banner, J. O'Neill 02/04/61 (Rule Britannia - Pitches 1 & 2)

Calvary Crossings HVS 5a 79m **

This climb takes the area of rock left of the first belay on Ploughshare to finish above the large prominent corner, which in turn lies directly above the first pitch of Rule Britannia.

- 1: 5a 22m Climb the first pitch of Ploughshare.
- 2: 4c 39m Climb diagonally left across the slab, passing a good flake runner until a few delicate moves lead to a crack line emerging from the large corner mentioned above. Move up to a small heather ledge and bridge the corner above to the top, leaving it to the right by memorable moves. Up more easily to a small grotto and thread belays. Last section is Erin Go Bragh.
- 3: 4c 18m Easily up to the Top.

L. Griffen, M. Curran 23/03/75

Granite Gangway VS 4a, 4c 50m *

This is a great access route all the routes starting from Ploughshare ledge and are two fine pitches in their own right.

1. 4a 15m Start at left edge of the prominent overhung slab on the lower part of the main face below the Fomorian fault. Climb the clean white groove leading left to a heather ledge at 15m and belay at good in situ tat.
2. 4c 35m Move right from tat up onto slab to short crack then traverse left under another hanging

slab on good holds until a step up left is possible onto good ledge. Climb the slab for 25m past various sloping ledges to short corner just below heather, moving up slightly to the right of this onto gentler slab and then to right end of Ploughshare ledge.

A. Millar D. Ryan May 2001.

Ploughshare VS 4c 62m **

This route takes a line up the centre of the Main Face. Start by scrambling up the slanting line of vegetation which reaches highest up the face.

1: 4c 22m From the highest (left-hand) side of the strip of vegetation climb diagonally upwards using thin flakes and friction. A short steep wall is followed by a delicate traverse on a horizontal ledge. Up to vegetation and belay.

2: 4a 18m Traverse right for 10m on broken rock to a pocked slab on the left.

3: 4a 22m Continue upwards, using a series of platforms moving right, then left, to avoid a small overhang. Continue up on vegetated platforms, moving left where the walls fall away to a slab. Climb the corner of the slab and finish up a short wall.

E. Healey, P. O'Halpin 22/05/61

Kestrel VS 4c 81m

Start at the lower (right-hand) end of the grass ledge from which Ploughshare starts and the foot of a groove below the start of Formorian.

1: 4c 24m Move straight up to a small resting place, then left and along ledge to obvious fault to gain large green terrace.

2: 4b 15m From left-hand end of terrace move up under overhang to reach belay at the top of Ploughshare. Pitch 1.

3: 3c 30m Cross the base of the pockled slab (as Ploughshare Pitch 2) then right under rotten rock to continue up to belay.

4: 3b 12m Continue straight up easily to the top.

P. O'Halpin, E. Goulding 06/05/62

Formorian VS 4c 65m *

This route starts at the foot of the obvious fault curving left half way between Surplomb Grise and the end of the cliff, directly above the left edge of the prominent overhung slab on the lower part of the face. It marks the right edge of the Main Face. There are three ways of approaching the fault, none of them entirely pleasant and most parties will want to rope up for them:

1: Follow a series of heather ledges from the gully that lies about 60m to the right.

2: 4b 45m From the left edge of the overhung slab move right to gain a rib slanting left. Follow this to a heather terrace and up mixed ground to the base of the fault. Climb up corner for about 8m to an overhung niche and belay. 10m Left and slightly above the start of Pitch 2 is a small wall that leads on to good slabs giving approx 25m of continuous rock before moving right on vegetated ledges to the base of the fault as Pitch 1.

3: 23m From the belay there are two alternative pitches. The original route is described first with the easier Cripples Way after.

I: 4c Swing out right onto the upper face. Move up delicately on the edge, then right along a sloping ledge, and up on to a similar ledge above. Up on small quartz knobs to good holds and a grassy ledge.

II: 4b Continue up the fault corner for 12m, then climb diagonally right to join the original route before the quartz knobs.

4: 3b 21 m Traverse right along ledge for 4m, then climb diagonally left to weakness in overhang. Through this and up wall to grassy ledge on left.

5: 21 m Easy climbing to the top.

E. Healey, F. Winder (16/4/60) First Ascent but different pitches 2 & 3

The Leopard E1 5b 69m

1: 4b 23m As for Fomorian

2: 5b 25m Traverse left from the belay and up to a thin flake. Climb directly up and turn the overhang on the left. Then back right to a good ledge. Plenty of protection

3: 3b 21 m As for Fomorian.

I. Rea, M. Rea 06/05/95

The next four routes lie on the more broken and vegetated rock at the right-hand end of the crag. They are not described in detail.

Goats Alley S 120m

Starts as for Formorian to the bottom of the wall right of the fault line and follows a generally rightward trending line up the slabs and wall right of Formorian.

S. Payne, L. Smith April 59

Firbolg VS 69m

The climb lies up the clean white slab to the right of Goat's Alley. Start to the right of the overhung slab at the base of the cliff (as Formorian) and climb the slab to a vegetated ledge below an overhanging wall. It climbs this and moves left via a small overhang to the top.

S. Rothery, P. O'Halpin, E. Wilkenson April 59

Avalanche S 90m

This route starts just to the right of Firbolg at the centre of the slab. It follows a line, trending right up slabs and loose rock to the top. Not recommended.

N. Brown, S. Rothery, P. Hayden, F. Butler 22/06/60

North Slabs V.Diff 90m

This climb takes a line up slabs and vegetation to the right of Avalanche. Start up a white slab low down on the extreme right-hand end of the cliff.

S. Rothery, N. Rothery 03/04/61

Bingorm Central

Directions:

Map ref: B937140

Gray Slab V.Diff 63m

The route follows the edge of the first rocks on the left side of the crag, starting high up, above and left of the long easily angled slabs of Bin Man. The climb starts on a rib of a gully and continues up the slabs above.

N. Brown, W.Hannon, F.Butler, E. Gallagher 25/05/60

Bin Man S 123m

The route starts on the long easily angled slabs at the bottom left of the crag. Follow the two main slabs and move generally right to reach a chimney at about 90 m. Climb this steep but easy chimney and second chimney above to top.

E. Healey, B. MacCall (Alt. Leads) W.Hannon, K.Shelley 17/04/60

Twilight S 93m

This route is on the left hand side of the largest rock mass of the central buttress. Start at the foot of the obvious chimney below the twin grooves leading to the overhang at the top of the buttress. 1/. 39m. Climb the wall to the right of the chimney and pull up onto vegetated ledge at 9m. Move right and up short walls, then back into the groove and up to stance. 2/. 30m Straight up groove and wall

on left on good holds to ledge below overhangs. 3/. 24m. Move right along ledge and up into obvious corner at 9m. Down to the right below a small overhang which is climbed strenuously, continue up slabs to the top.

N. Brown, S. Rothery (Alt. leads) E. Gallagher, F. Butler 20/06/60

White Slab S 90m

Start in the centre of the large white slab low down on the central section of the buttress, to the left of the deep gully.

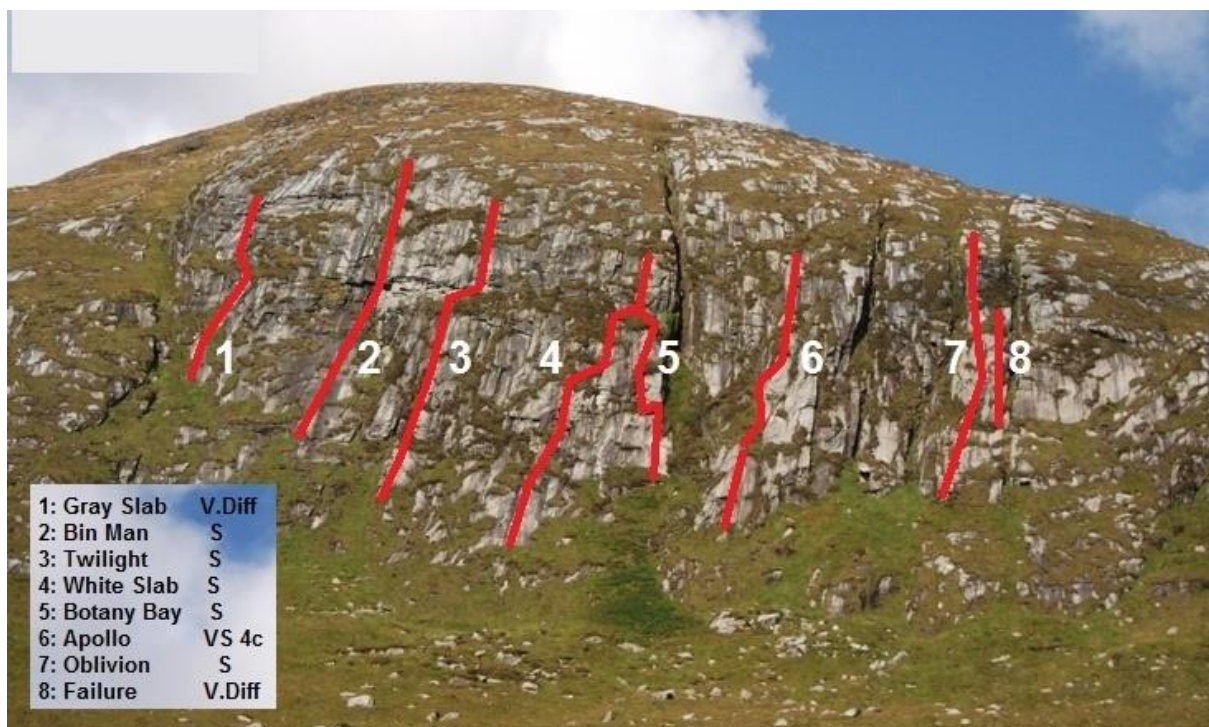
1: 39m. Straight up centre of slab to vegetated ledge at 24m. Move left and up to platform at the bottom of a steep corner.

2: 15m Climb the corner groove to a stance at mid height.

3: 22m. Traverse round to the right to a heather tongue and up to a broad ledge under an overhang.

4: 14m Move along ledge to the right and up corner on the left of the deep gully.

S. Rothery, T. Cullen, S. Yates, U. Moore 16/04/60



Botany Bay S 4a 75m

This route follows the left edge of the deep gully. Start to the right and about 15m above the start of "White Slab".

1: 23m Climb the steep slab by a groove slanting to the right and up to grass ledge.

2: 15m. Move across to the left and up a vegetated overhang to belay below next slab.

3: 18m. Climb a short vegetated groove and traverse left and up corner to a large field of dwarf oaks.

4: 19m. Climb above the large block onto the edge of the gully, and join White Slab for the final 10m.

S. Rothery, F. Beloe 20/05/61

Felicitation V.Diff 60m

The route follows a narrow rib up the central section of the cliff.

P. Gribbon, C. Sloan, E. Innes, April 1955

Apollo VS 4c 63m

The Climb follows the cracks on the slabs immediately to the right of the main gully and continues up a rib on the face.

1: 24m. Take the left hand of two parallel cracks to overhang, up this on the right and continue up crack by increasingly difficult moves, leading to a small sloping ledge with a patch of vegetation in a corner on the left. Belay.

2: Move up edge for 3m and then back right onto face. Up slab to grass ledge.

3: 30m. Traverse right over two ribs to second groove, which is climbed for 5m before stepping right onto rib. Follow the general line of this to the top.

P. O'Leary, P. O'Halpin, P. Power 06/06/60

Oblivion S 84m

Start at the lowest point of the right hand buttress. A poor route following slabs and vegetation up the broken buttress.

E. Gallagher, N. Brown 15/04/60

Failure V.Diff 48m

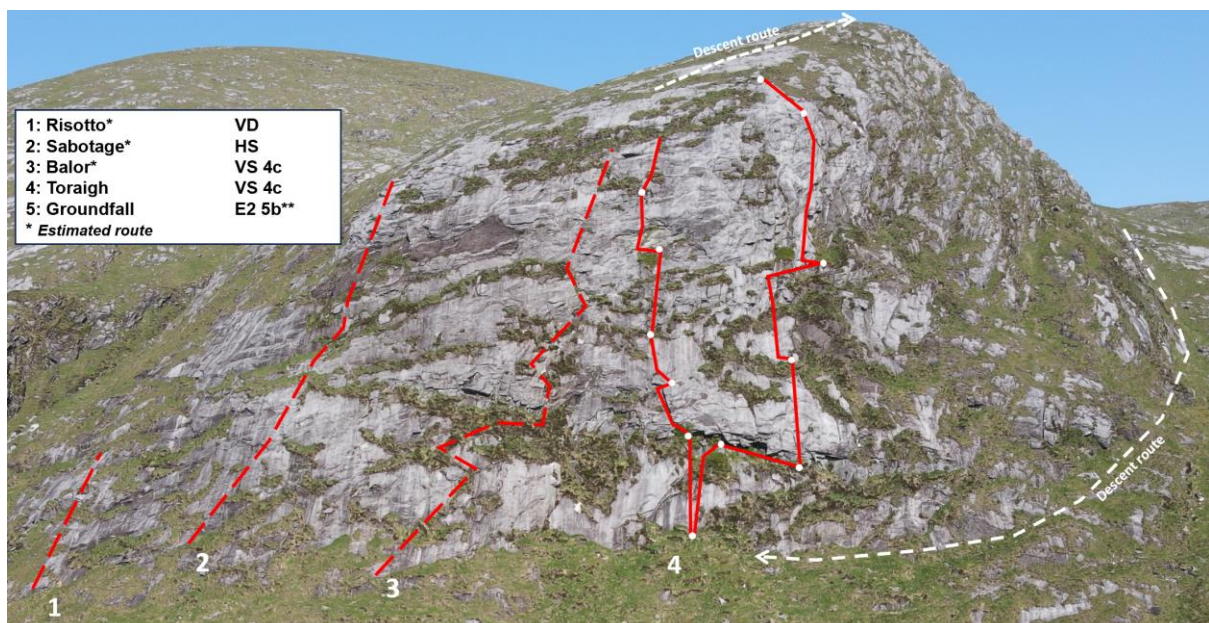
A further gully separates Bingorm Central from Bingorm East. This route starts left and above the corner of the rib on the left of the gully, and follows a line of broken rocks and slabs, finishing up a shallow vegetated chimney.

P. & T. Cripps 26/03/69

Bingorm East

Directions: The large, east facing crag forming the right shoulder of the long Bingorm spur characterised by some large vegetated terraces contains some excellent rock but needs dry conditions. Long adventurous routes. Map ref: B941143.

Access up the Scardandoo burn. Descent for Toraigh and Groundfall via the summit and a broad grassy ramp on the north side.



Risotto V.Diff 45m

This route lies on the series of white slabs on the extreme left of the crag, starting about 100m below the large white slab high up on the buttress. Start at the bottom left and traverse diagonally up and right to the top of the slab at 18m. Continue up and right for another 18m to vegetation. Move right onto ramp leading back left to mantelshelf, vegetation and finish.

E. Gallagher, N. Rothery, S. Farrell, N. Brown 24/06/60

Sabotage HS 150m

On the left side of the main crag, the rock starts in two sections split by a shallow gully, joining above to form a white slab running a quarter of the way up the cliff. The route takes the left hand slab until it widens above a few patches of vegetation. Move up and then right along a smooth shelf below a wall. Surmount the wall by good but small holds to the left. Continue up slabs and ledges to the top.

B. Healey, F. Winder 17/04/60

Balor VS 216m

To the right of Sabotage, the cliff, as seen from the right, is split by a groove running in three sections to the final wall. The route starts about 30m to the left of the groove.

- 1: 38m A band of vegetation runs from bottom left to top right of the slab, finishing just left of the groove.
- 2: 21 m Move diagonally left on thin line of vegetation and up to foot of wall.
- 3: 24m Walk right along ledge to undercut groove with tree.
- 4: 9m Pull up into groove and up to tree.
- 5: 12m Move left onto edge of rib. Up and cross groove to vegetation on right.
- 6: 18m Move right to end of vegetation and continue delicately onto slab. Climb up left to cross vegetation and up another slab reaching corner below next wall.
- 7: 27m Traverse right and ascend slab to stance at 9m at bottom of third groove. Climb corner to near top and move left onto ledge.
- 8: 16m Move diagonally right and up to perched block - the Balor.
- 9: 24m Continue to traverse right. At 6m move up to obvious flake. Diagonally right to red pockled slab, then up on vegetation.
- 10: 27m Pull up, ascend groove and climb diagonally right on easier rocks to belay.

H. Drasdo, F. Winder 23/08/55

Toraigh VS 4c 129m

On the centre of the main face is a bright green patch set under the upper overhangs. Below this the diedre forming the beginning of the second pitch is seen to be the exit line from the lower overhangs. Start at an incut section of the lower slabs below and slightly to the right of the diedre.

- 1: 21 m Climb the slab to trees under the overhang.
- 2: 21 m (4a) Start up corner of diedre, moving left and then back right to exit over loose rock onto ledge Traverse 6m right to belay.
- 3: 15m (4c) Climb diagonally left across exposed slab and up groove in centre of slab.
- 4: 24m (4b) Take a line over ledges and up over overhanging corner to gain the prominent bright green patch of ivy.
- 5: 24m (4b) Traverse left to rib on skyline, surmount nose, gain ledge and up to detached block. Continue up ledges and move right about 9m to belay.
- 6: 24m Traverse right to first break upwards and to left. Scramble to top.

P. O'Halpin, E. Healey (Alt leads) and S Rothery P O'Leary (2 parties) 05/06/65

Groundfall E2 5b ** 190m

Setting aside a few vegetated terraces that have to be crossed this route offers some exceptionally good granite in fine, exposed settings. Adventurous and serious in places.

1: 25m (4b). Same start as Toraigh but belay to the right. Directly up the slab to 2/3 height, move slightly right, then back left below rowan tree. Up heather moving right to belay at block below hanging corner.

2: 25m. Traverse right and slightly down along grassy ledge. Go behind the tree to provide protection. Reach peg belay in small blind recess out of sight from pitch 1

3: 40m (5b/c). up and right from belay, past a small "nose" hold, step up and right to surmount a small overhang. Climb the slab above with poor/limited protection. Surmount a steep heather section to belay below overhang.

4: 40m (5a). Up the slab left of the belay, cross a heather terrace moving up left to second slab with small wall to left to reach overhang/corner. Rising, poorly protected rightward traverse of "horror" across overhangs to reach a grassy bay, beyond the arete on right

5: 45m (5b/c). Best pitch of the route (sustained). Traverse back left out of grassy bay to gain the blunt arete. Climb this with care, arranging gear to pass big overhang at its left end. Gain the steep slab/corner above to reach the obvious big flake on left wall. Use this to make a big move up and left to reach the steep slab. Climb this directly until it eases at a shallow bay that provides a poor belay (60m ropes may help).

6: 15m. Short easy angled slabs to reach safe ground at a large block on top of the crag

G Williams, C Coles, W Poots (03/06/23)

Bingorm North

On the northwest side of Scardandoo Burn, in the back left of the corrie are a collection of small crags ranging from 10-20m in height. They require a prolonged period of dry weather but offer excellent water washed granite with the potential for many more short, steep lines. The following have been recorded (described Left to Right).

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Here We Go Again HS 4b 17m

Starts in a small corner left of black slab. Climb this and follow a rightward curving line to the base of a short steep corner to exit.

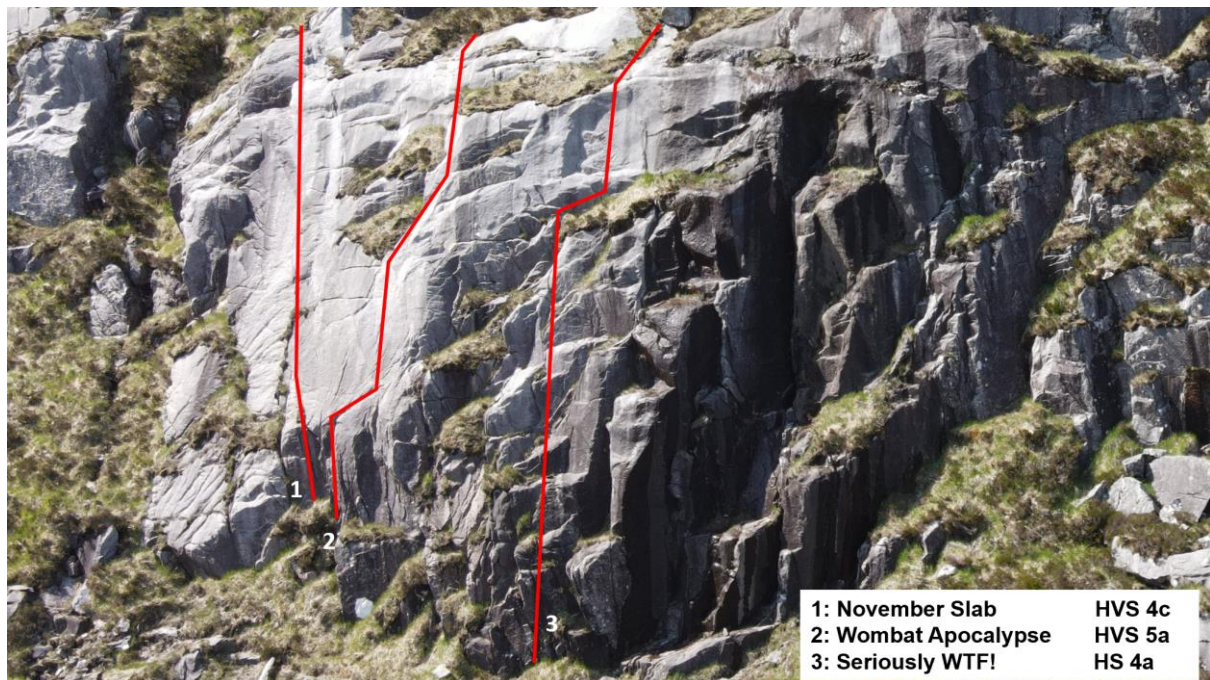
W Poots, C Coles (04/06/23)

Moronic Compulsion VS 4b 18m

Boldly up the wall left of the obvious corner (Cockeyed Mongoose) to ledge, then right onto block.
Climb the crack in the nose above to finish up steep corner (Here we go again)
C Coles, N Phipps (10/06/23)

Cockeyed Mongoose VS 4c 18m

Climb the obvious corner to 2/3 height. Make a bold step right onto the face and then follow parallel cracks to a large ledge. Exit this via the steep corner at the back of the ledge.
C Coles, W Poots (02/06/23)



November Slab HVS 4c 15m

Start in the obvious recess below the large white slab. Climb out on the left side to reach the slab. Climb this directly straight through the 'N' feature in the slab.
C Coles, N Phipps (10/06/23)

Wombat Apocalypse HVS 5a 16m

Exit the right side of the obvious recess to reach the slab. Climb directly up to below large grass ledge, move right of this and up easier ground to finish
C Coles, W Poots (02/06/23)

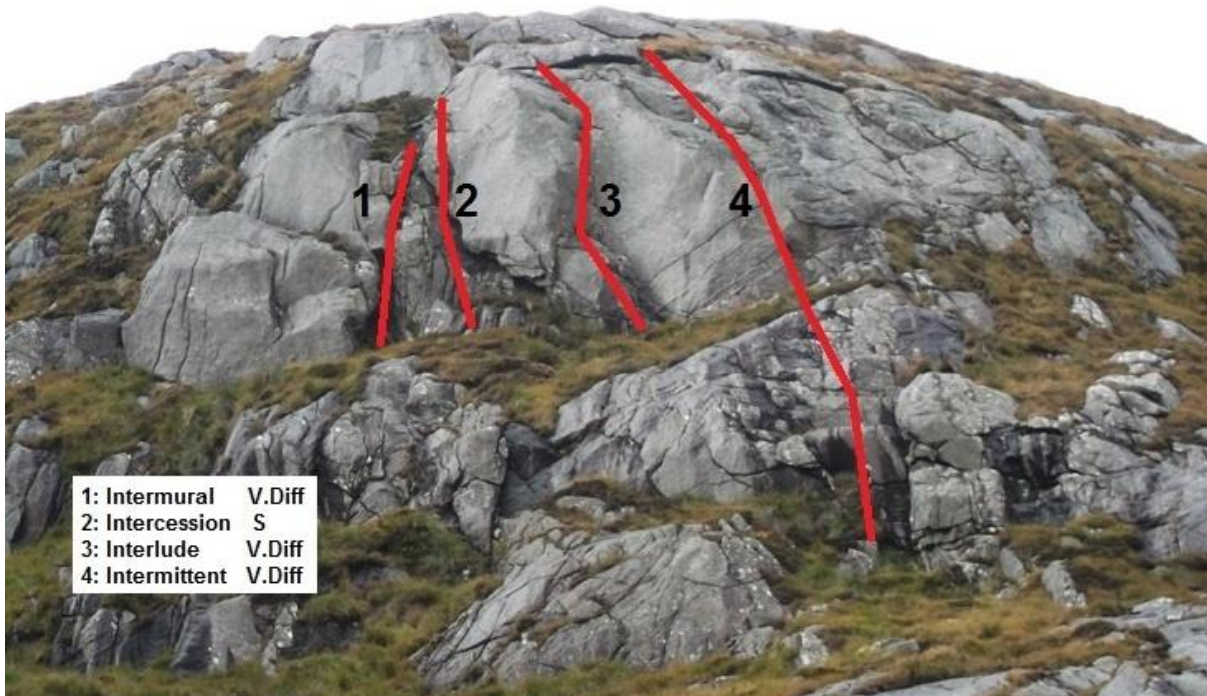
Seriously WTF! HS 4a

Starts nice pleasant ledges and steps from the lowest point of the crag. At grass ledge below a steep headwall, move right and then make a very unpleasant and awkward mantle to finish. As with all three routes on this wall the better belay anchors are 10m back from the edge.
W Poots, C Coles (04/06/23)

An Cnoc Breac

This small quick drying crag is situated at the end of the NW ridge of An Sceardán Dubh. From Poll Glas Bridge it can be seen prominently above on the shoulder.

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Intermural V.Diff 10m

Climb the large chimney on the left of the buttress formed by a huge toppled block.

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Triple Buttress VS 4c 15m

Starts just below the start of Intermural and climb the short steep arete on good flakes to gain a hand traverse flake leading left into a short corner / groove. Climb this to a mantleshelf move to reach the ledge. Move left to climb an obvious flake crack in the middle buttress. Climb the top buttress via a faint weakness on it's left side. This leads leftwards which involves a long reach to a rounded finish.
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Intercession S 10m

The deep crack curving up from right to left, beneath an overhanging wall to the right of Intermural.

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Interlude V.Diff 10m

The prominent rightward facing corner on the right, with a short ramp leading in from the right. Good climbing.

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Intermittent V.Diff 10m

The right edge on the slab on the right hand side of the buttress. The route can be connected with lower slabs to give a rather artificial route of up to 40m in length.

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