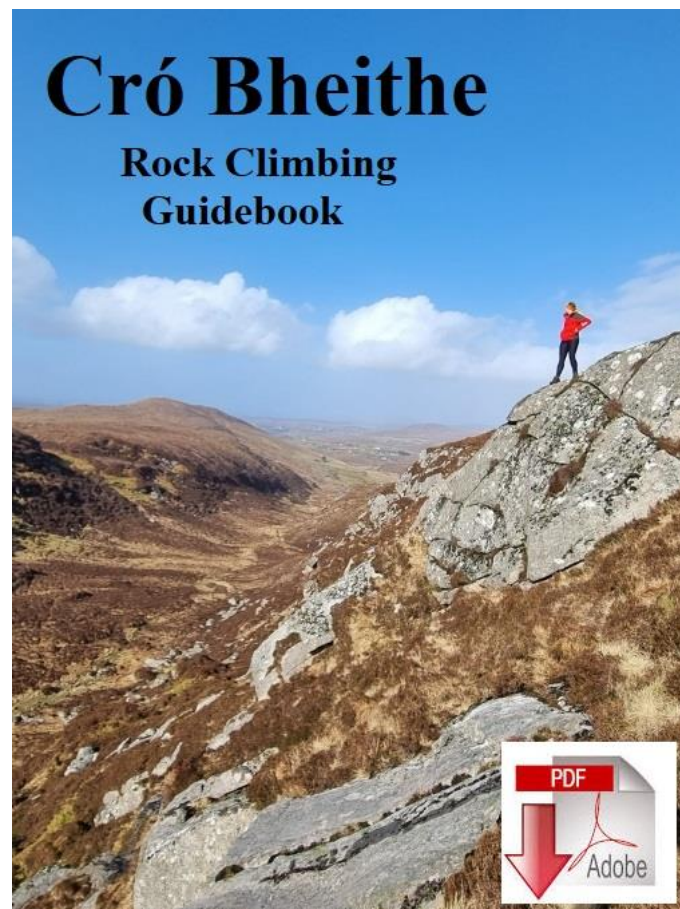


A Climbers Guide to

Cró Bheithe

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Docherty Crag and Boulders

This small crag lives in the col between Cruach Bhinn na Scéithe and Cró Bheithe. The best approach is from the Brockca side and the footpath which leads out from the Dockerty's farm. (also the same as for Crystal Slabs). Follow the marked footpath up to the col and the crag is immediately on the right above the boulders.

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The Yorky Slot D to Mild S 15m

Climbs the righthand of 2 chimney cracks in the first clean looking high buttress above the large boulders. Climb a short wall on the right to gain the grassy ledge. Move left along the ledge and squeeze or leap into the slot and try and enjoy the remainder of the climb which involves a short dirty corner to finish.

Yorky 20/09/16

Shamrock Chimney VS 4c 15m

Climbs the chimney to the left of The Yorky Slot. Climb a short wall directly up to the bottom of the chimney. Move up to the chokestone and move out onto the left nobbly wall. Up this until it is possible to move back across the top of the chimney and to finish up the top corner as for The Yorky Slot.

Yorky 21/10/16

Foot Loose S 4b 12m

Climbs the wall above and to the right of The Yorky Slot. Climb the short start wall to gain the grassy ledge. Climb the start of the thin curving crack in the steep wall above. Then follow the obvious series of small rising ledges leftwards across the exposed wall. Gain the short slab above and climb through the overlap via a crack to finish.

Yorky 19/10/16



Crystal Slabs

Cruach Bhinn na Scéithe (east of Cró Bheithe)

Grid: 833117---approx. alt. 250m--NNW facing

A nice slab in a remote setting with late aft/even sun which dries quickly.

The routes are described from left to right:--

East End Crack V.Diff 10m

At the far left end of the crag. Climbs the crack and slab above.

Yorky 05/07/2014

Marble Arch E1 5a 12m

Climbs an obvious arch-shaped overlap. Climb up to and over the overlap on small holds and continue direct up the wall to the larger crescent shaped arch to finish on the slabs above.
Yorky 19/04/2016

Crystal Chandelier 30m E1 5a

This is a left to right rising traverse of Crystal Slabs starting at Marble Arch and finishing up The Fringe

Climb through the crux overlap of Marble Arch and take a rising traverse at approx half height across Triple and Twin Cracks. Descend slightly across Sickle to reach the obvious rising ledge leading to Dancing Ledges. Climb Dancing Ledges until it is possible to join The Fringe at the top groove. Finish up The Fringe.

Yorky 26/05/17



Crystal Slabs

Crescent V.Diff 12m

Climbs the crack that leads to the crescent feature finishing as for Marble Arch
Yorky 05/07/2014

Triplet Crack VS 4c 15m

Climbs the first of a series of thin crack lines. It is possible to finish left or right at the top.
Yorky 19/04/2016

Twin Crack Left Hand S 4b 20m

Climbs the left crack of the twin cracks.
Yorky 19/04/2016

Twin Cracks Right Hand S 4b 25m

Climb the right hand crack trending right to follow a top traverse line above the main smooth slab.
Yorky 05/07/2014

Sickle Crack VS 4c 25m

Climbs the obvious sickle crack to join the top traverse line or finish direct.
Yorky 05/07/2014

A Place Where None Can Come To Buy E2 5c 15m

Starts to the right of Sickle Crack. Climb easily up the the obvious but faint quartz dyke/vein. Delicate but steady moves lead up the vein until it is possible to make a difficult semi- mantleshelf step right to

a tiny ledge. Directly above is a small depression. Move up into the depression to reach good finishing holds which lead easily to the top.

Yorky 28/08/16

Dancing Ledges HVS 4c 20m

Climb the slab to the right of High Hopes via a series of small ledges.

Yorky 20/04/2016

The Fringe VS 4b 25m

Follows the right edge of the slab to enter a short groove as it steepens. Finish direct above the groove.

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The Upper Wall

Up and to the right of the slabs is a short compact wall.

Isolation Wall HS 4b 10m

Climb the series of small ledges up the centre of the wall to reach a flake, Using the flake step right and up to a good flake to finish.

Yorky 19/04/16

Far East Groove S 10m

Climbs the groove at the far left hand end of Crystal Slabs as it becomes more of a small buttress. Begins by gaining a scoop with good holds which leads to the upper vegetated groove. Climb the groove with the aid of the left rib.

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Clean Hand Wall S 8m

Climbs a small clean narrow buttress approx 25 m down the hillside below Far East Groove. Climbs the clean right hand side of the buttress direct.

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The Lower Wall

Below Crystal Slabs is a 15m high and 30m long wall.

En Route VS 4c 15m

Climb the Wall's right arete/ pillar direct and then the easy slab to finish.

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