

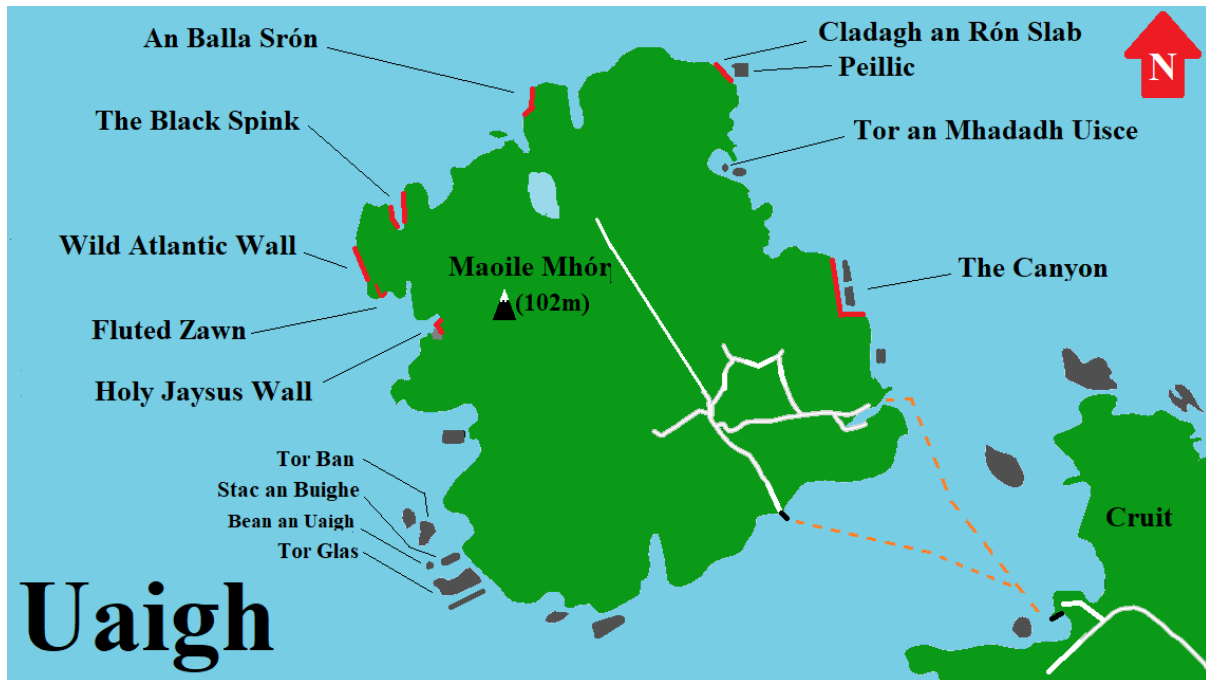
A climbers Guide
To
Owey Island

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Owey Island

Owey Island sits off the Northern tip of [Cruit Island](#) and is only accessible by a short sea crossing. The shortest crossing runs from the far northern end of Cruit Island from the pier below the golf course clubhouse and berths at the South East tip of Owey Island. This superb natural harbour on Owey provides lee from 90% of sea states alas it does not cope very well with large North West to North motion as the harbour entrance can be closed by violent white water.



The climbing on Owey can be easily subdivided into two distinct sections, the Western End and the Eastern End. These two climbing areas at opposite ends of the island each provide lee from the predominant South West and North West sea motions. With careful observation of the current and predicted sea states climbing on the island can be achieved in all but the most extreme nautical rage. The climbing on Owey is very similar to the much better known [Gola Island](#), in terms of atmosphere and setting. Many of the cliffs require a slightly more adventurous approach with most of the routes having only ever been climbed once.

[A short film of Owey Island](#)

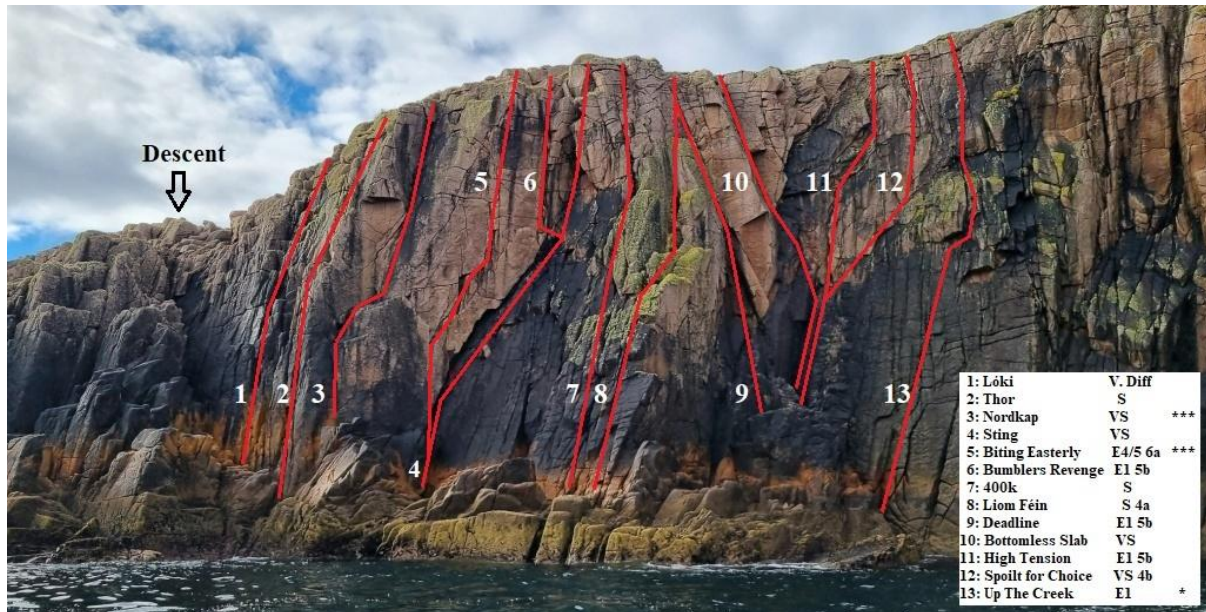
There are very limited facilities on the island with wild camping as the only option for an overnight stay. The area of flat ground around the harbour is the ideal campsite with the old stone walls providing excellent shelter. The only source of fresh water is the stream that runs through the village on the island, during periods of dry weather this stream can get a wee bit low and brown in colour. The best advice for visiting the island is to take everything you need with you. It is very possible to make a day trip to Owey and get good climbing done.

The Canyon

Directions: About 300m North of the harbour is a long and narrow canyon separating Owey from two small islands. It is possible to scramble down the Southern end where you will find two solid granite

slabs. One is a black triangular affair with a deep sideways chimney on its right-hand side. The other, a square slab, is around the corner to the right. Both slabs are capped by overhangs and have well-protected routes.

[Google Map pin for the Canyon](#) Grid ref: B719234



Nordkapp Slabs from the Eastern Sea Stack

Nordkapp Slabs

These first three walls are easily accessed by scramble from just to the south of the canyon. The routes as far as "Up The creek" can be scrambled around to above the high-water mark.

Lóki V. Diff 18m

Two meters left of Thor climb the cracks and grooves on immaculate rock direct to the top.

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Thor S 4a 20m

This fine climb follows the juggy flutings one metre left of the prominent arete beside Nordkapp to reach an exposed position on the arete itself, before stepping slightly left to join a shallow chimney to the top.

D. Carden, R. Dexter-Spooncer Aug 10

Nordkapp VS 25m **

Climb the right trending corner, shelf at one-third height, crux just above this, gaining the twist of the corner.

D. Walsh, P. Butcher June 91

Nordkapp Right Hand VS 4c 25m

As for Nordkapp, after crux move right and follow the crack BUT is climbed on it's right, for that feeling of exposure. Direct up the crack is the natural line but nowhere near as rewarding.

P. Cooper, D. Millar, V. Schaefer 25/06/07

Sting VS 5a 20m

Climb the left side of the triangular slab, the double jutting corner above providing a strenuous crux.

D Walsh, P Butcher June 91

Biting Easterly E4/5 6a 20m ***

The compelling crack line up the overhanging wall left of Bumble's Revenge. Start as for "Sting" and climb the slanting crack in the slab then trend right up flakes and follow the crack to the apex of the wall. Very well protected but strenuous to place.

T. Rankin, G. Robertson 20/05/23

Bumble's Revenge E1 5b 20m

Climb Sting until just above half height, below an obvious looking line that runs about a couple of metres out on the face from the corner of Sting. Step up into groove and climb this to top.

M. Hassan, A. Feeney, PJ Monaghan 20/06/09

400K S 20m

Climb the fluted cracks to the right of the triangular slab easily. Gently gain and follow the shallow corner in the prow above to finish.

D. Walsh, F. Cooney P. Butcher June 91

Liom Féin S 4a 22m

At the far right of the black triangle climb very deep cracks to a large ledge. At back of ledge climb the corner to a smaller perch looking down into the canyon. Finish via jammed block as for "Deadline."

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The following four routes all start to the left of the square black slab, where the crag changes direction and runs into the canyon.

Deadline E1 5b 20m

Scramble up to the stance at the base of the corner which is steeper than initially perceived, hard technical climbing on the wall to the left of the corner gains the base of the easier angled deep groove/gully above. Climb this groove in a more relaxed mood passing a jammed rock near the top.

S. MacGearailt J. McCann Sept 93

The following three routes all share the same stance at about 4 m, each gained by a different route. From this stance all three route travel in very different directions.

Bottomless Slab VS 4c 20m

Climb the corner/crack to the small stance, then athletically and with commitment left and up to just under a small square-cut overhang where it is possible to step left onto the bottomless slab which faces the canyon, up which to top. The belay is well back on a boulder.

D. Walsh, F. Crowley Sept 93

High Tension E1 5b 25m

Climb deep crack to the stance at 4m to gain base of a steep corner/groove and crack. Climb the bulging crack and groove above over several overlaps and trending rightwards at the top. The tension referred to is the product of the steep committing climb, which only eases at the top.

S. MacGearailt J. McCann Sept 93

Spoiled for Choice VS 4b 25m

Climb the heavily featured rock broken right of deep crack to the small stance and gain the bottom left of intermediate diagonal slab above overlap at top of black slab. Finish direct.

F. Crowley, D. Walsh Sept 93

Up the Creek E1 25m *

Climb the shallow twin cracks in centre of slab (crux at 15m near top of slab). Turn the first overhang on the right airily, above a small overlap. Turn the second overhang left of a V groove, finishing

leftwards.

D. Walsh, P. Butcher June 91

Across the channel from the Nordkapp Slabs are two sea stacks. Where the canyon, formed by the islets and the sea stacks narrows to three metres forming an obvious large corner on the second of the small Islands the following routes are found opposite this corner (Owey Island side).

Access is by abseil down the narrow south facing wall and belay at the high tide mark.

Routes cannot be seen, unless you have a boat, before abbing - this may have led to them not seeing many ascents; despite them being amongst the earliest of Owey's routes.



The Canyon from the base of the Nordkapp Slabs.

Reliable Seagull VS 30m

From the belay traverse left past the blind corner and climb along the base of the east facing wall for 4m to reach a wide crack system that leads to a bulge at 15m. Climb the bulge on excellent holds to top.

T. O'Brien, J. McCann Sept 93

Canyonland VS 20m

From the same belay climb the narrow chimney and fluted cracks that splits the narrow south facing wall. Some spiky jams bring you above the overhang and are followed by delicate crystalline bridging and pinching in the crack system.

P. Breen, S. MacGearailt Sept 93

Gale Warning VS 4b 17m

Abseil down the shallow corner and cracks and take a semi-hanging belay at some small ledges and spikes. Climb the steep green wall using the left crack for layoffs to gain the base of the corner which gives an easier finish.

S. MacGearailt, O. Cougat Sept 93

Captain Gallagher E1 5a 16m

Start on the wall 1 m left of Storm Force, climb strenuously over the lower bulges to gain the ramp and move left delicately (crux), climb wall above on a series of right trending ledges to top.

M. McCormick, B. Proctor Sept 93

Star Bank VS 4b 17m

Start 2m to the right of Gale Warning. The route takes the right hand side of the series of cracks finishing up the narrow corner to the left of the final steps of Captain Gallagher. Excellent protection.

M. McCormick, B. Proctor Sept 93

Storm Force E2 6b 16m

Using same abseil as last two routes swing right to a large comfortable ledge at high tide level in an alcove formed by opposing comers and an overhanging wall. Climb the left-hand leaving corner of the alcove using a wide crack/chimney that narrows to hand jam size higher up. Pull strenuously over a small overlap and break out left to a good ledge and rest (shared with Captain Gallagher). From the ledge move back right and using a thin hidden crack at the back of the niche reach for a good hold and pull up onto a smaller ledge (crux). Several more moves remain before the top.

S. MacGearailt, O. Cougat, M. McCormick Sept 93

The Northwest Passage HS 4b 16m

The next feature that is easily identifiable from the top is the stepped ramp of Shakespeare's Women, just to the south of this lies the shallow black north facing corner of Black September with a square ledge at its base. Left of Black September there is a face/wall with a direct finish up a steep crack. Start as for Black September. Traverse left for 4m onto a steep face that is pleasantly climbed on big holds and good gear. Finish left or alternatively climb the thin crack direct at 5b.

P. Breen, S. Mac Gearailt Sept 93

Black September E1 5b 16m

A shallow black right facing corner and crack with a small overhang at 4m. Climb the crack and corner which is more strenuous than it looks but well protected.

S. MacGearailt, P. Breen, M. McCormick Sept 93

Northern Light HVS 5a 12m

From the square ledge slightly right of Black September there is a bulging crack leading straight up. Climb the crack which is strenuous and finish up a series of small ledges where the protection is just adequate.

S. MacGearailt, P. Breen, M. McCormick Sept 93

Shakespeare's Women S 16m

The cliff lies back slightly here with a series of large steps and ramps that trend rightwards. This is probably the most identifiable feature on this face. At the base of this route runs a narrow ledge 1/2 meters wide running for about six meters in length. This route follows these ramps to the top.

M. McCormick Sept 93

Tales of Nadia VS 5a 16m

At 2m right of the base of Shakespeare's Women is a crack system leading to a large block at 4m. Climb the crack and turn the block on the left continue up wall to top.

M. McCormick, B. Proctor Sept 93

Mick's Chimney HVS 5a 16m

This route takes the second crack to the right of Tales of Nadia climb the crack for 3m to gain the rightward trending flaky ramp. Follow this to join the non-obvious chimney to top.

T. O'Brien, J. McCann Sept 93

Tor Leice Riseach

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These are the two sea stacks known as the Leap Isles (Tor Leice Riseach). These are just North of Nordkapp etc and are separated from the main island, and each other, by The Canyon.

The following two routes are on the face looking over the canyon on the stack nearest mainland Donegal.

Window Route V. Diff 27m

An obvious rectangular window through the northern end of the sea stack nearest Cruit. Starting at sea level up to a ledge and bridge up the window to a large slab of rock and an easy scramble to the top.

M. McGuigan, A. Tees, B. Magowan June 2007

A Fhuinneog Tosaigh V. Diff 27m

Climb up and through the window from sea level starting at the sea ward side of the stack. Join window route for the last few meters to the top.

I. Miller 12/09/23

Shannon Collective VS 15m

Climb the first steep corner on the Island directly opposite 'sting'. The island is called Tor Lice Riseach, the rock of the flags of thong weed. Access by swim and Tesco inflatable aeroplane on the first ascent.

S.J. Read, E. Mullen June 2010



The seaward face of the larger stack

The following routes are on the seaward face of the stack.

An L ine is Fearn E1 5a 22m **

Climb the deep right-leaning hand crack running up and running up the middle of the main face. On the summit, step down to the right and belay in recess behind big blocks.

I. Miller, L. Murdiffe 02/06/24

A Bosnian Smile VS 4c 20m *

Climb the full crag Height groove and crack to its right with excellent gear in the hand crack on its right.

I. Miller, A. Pasalic, T. Booth 07/05/24

A Day in the Life VS 4c 20m **

Climb the thin cracks and small holds immediately right of the groove.

I. Miller, M. Ibanez 22/08/16

Cloud of Midges VS 5a 20m *

Climb the next crack line right with and excellent well protected finish.
I. Miller, M. Ibanez 22/08/16

Stacks without Snacks VS 5a 22m *

Climb the series of small flakes and hols leading directly up to and through the hanging V recess finish. Exit pulling out on right side of recess

T. Booth, A. Pasalic. I. Miller 07/05/24

At the far right of the seaward face of this stack the rock is separated by two deep recesses. The first recess has a hole leading to the through to the landward side of the stack. The rock is separated by these grooves into two narrow faces of excellent rock.

The following routes are found on the right hand of these two narrow faces. These is an excellent tidal ledge at its base.

An Díon E1 5b 18m *

Climb the perfect flakes and edges up and into the little roof high on the face. Pull through the roof strenuously.

An Chúinne HS 4b 18m

Climb the corner from sea level and continue up the deep above to the ledge and huge block belay.
I. Miller, F. Fhionnlaoich 07/08/23

On the left stack as you face out to sea from mainland Owey.

Thrutch VS 4b 12m

Climb the first full crag height open book corner / groove on the northern end of the landward face. It has a large tidal ledge at its base.

I. Miller, L. Murdiffe, M. Robertson 18/06/19

Long Arm of John E2 5c * 13m

Climb the steep crack to the right of the inverted triangular niche at sea level. Make a hard move through the steep crack and continue up on ever bulging ground.

J. Gilmore, I. Miller 11/08/2020

Stork VS 4c 14m

Climb the next full crag height groove next as you enter the canyon.

I. Miller, L. Murdiffe, M. Robertson 18/06/19

Reach VS 4c 14m

Climb the next full height corner groove with a bit of a stretch to exit

J. Gilmore, I. Miller 11/08/2020

The most obvious feature by far, on this landward facing wall of the stack is the huge right facing corner. The corner itself is currently unclimbed as the top third is very suspect, any falling rock will kill your second.

John's Route HVS 5b *

From the base of the huge right facing corner, climb up the centre of the narrow wall to the small roof and bulging crack/groove. Climb the crack to the summit.

J. Gilmore, I. Miller 11/08/2020

The following routes are found on the south face of the stack overlooking the heart of the canyon.

Trouble in Paradise E1 5b 25m **

Starting on the non tidal ledge at the centre of the base of the south face, traverse at sea level to gain the main corner of the stack. Climb the corner above through the steep groove and hard pulls above.

C. O' Fiannachta, J. Gilmore 11/08/2020

JCVD HVS 20m

From the non tidal ledge at the base of the south face of the stack, climb up the overhanging groove and step left onto face and follow the cracks upwards, stepping right at the very top.

S. Villanueva O'Driscoll, E. Son 2nd to 6th July 2018

The next two routes are on the Donegal end of the sea ward face of the left stack as you face out to sea from Owey. Access to the base of the routes is by easy sea level traverse from the Atlantic end of the stack.

Rookies Roost S 4a 15m

Climb the deep chimney.

I. Miller, L. O'Connor, J. Bags 03/07/14

Waiting Wife VS 4b 20m

Climb the centre of the slab with thoughtful gear and excellent rock.

I. Miller, L. O'Connor, J. Bags 03/07/14

In the next bay north of the Canyon, there is a steep clean buttress that projects from the southern side. The following three routes are described when viewed from above looking out to sea.

Pearl Harbour HS 4b 15m

On the left hand side of the buttress there is a deep north-west facing corner, Pearl Harbour follows the corner to the top.

O. Cougat, B. McDevitt Sept 93

Pearl Jam HS 12m

To the right (facing out) of Pearl Harbour climb the steep but straightforward crack in the west facing wall.

B. McDevitt, O. Cougat Sept 93

On the right hand (eastern) side of the buttress, this route takes the two-stage corner starting from a ledge about 5m above the sea.

The climbs not over until the pumped leader Screams HVS 5a 25m

Climb the lower part of the corner to a large ledge then get stuck into the second section which is steep and off putting or wait until the top rope arrives.

O. Cougat, B. McDevitt Sept 93

Abseil to low tide level, to the left (facing the sea) of the obvious promontory in Green Bay.

Green Bay Packer HVS 4c 25m

Scramble around to the base of the arete and start climbing one metre to the right of it (facing the rock). Continue close to the arete to the second platform. From here climb on the edge till a delicate move right leads to cracks and good holds. Continued to the top just to the right of the arete. The top four metres are enlivened if you can bring a consumer society approach to the climbing and the holds.

T. O'Brien, O. Cougat, B. McDevitt Sept 93

The Friendly Bag Lady E1 5b 20m

3 metres left of GBP abseil to low tide level.

M. McCormick, T. O'Brien, N. Leonard April 96

On the north wall of the bay approximately 3 minutes walk north of The Canyon.

Call me Ishmael E1 5b 30m

Climb the obvious clean cut rightward-trending steep crack which leads up to a corner and an overhang, the crack continues through this. A good seated belay position is at the top, just under a

handy belay block.

P. Cooper, V. Schafer 24/08/08

Cladagh an Rón

The next bay along the coast contains a very prominent slender needle stack, "Tor an Mhadadh Uisce" and a long loose rocky ridge above an impressive sea arch. Access to sea level is by grassy abseil down the groove at the back of the bay, ab stake required.

[Google Map pin for Cladagh an Róns](#) Grid Ref B 715237

[Climbing Tor an Mhadadh Uisce film](#)

Blade, E2 5b 20m **

Grid Reference B716237 From the top of the landward platform climb the wide groove to the small capping roof. (2 pegs) Pull through the roof to an airy wee stance, trend seaward and up to summit on rattling blocks.

Andrzej Smialy & Party 4/07/03

Vanquish the Demon E2 6a 25m

Climb the full crag height crack running up the centre of the seaward face of the stack.

D. Ryan, L. Murdoff, I. Miller 15/07/22

The following route is found on the larger stack on the seaward side of Tor an Mhadadh Uisce. Abseil descent of the route from the insitu stake on the summit ridge.

Cladagh an Rón, SVR 3c 35m

Pitch 1. 3c 25m. Climb the very obvious groove directly above the non tidal platform to the Ab stake on the summit ridge.

Pitch 2. 10m. Carefully scramble/crawl to the summit

I. Miller, E. Ross, C. Gleeson 20/06/09

The following route climbs the seaward face of the sea arch at the entrance to Cladagh an Rón on immaculate Granite

The Arch E1 5b 20m **

Gain the tidal ledge on the left side of the arch as you look through it. Climb the steep edge of the arch to a niche at the apex. Follow the left arete in the groove above to the grassy ridge.

W. Gadd, I. Miller 30/06/19

This stack sits off the Northwest tip of Owey and jut to sea and round the corner along the coast from Cladagh an Rón. It lives immediately to the South of the "Big Block Stack," which is very easily seen from the Owey ferry pier on Cruit Island. It is very effectively guarded by 60m cliffs and conflicting seas for over a Km along the coast.

Grid Reference B716239

The Spire V. Diff 15m *

Climb the South ridge on immaculate granite.

I. Miller 06/05/11

Peillic

This stack sits off the Northwest tip of Owey and is very easily seen from the Owey ferry pier on Cruit. It is very effectively guarded by 60m cliffs and conflicting seas for over a Km along the coast. The summit takes green in big West and Northwest seas, the entire stack is immaculate rock.

Grid Reference B716239

[Big Block Stack Film](#)

Big Block Stack S 15m *

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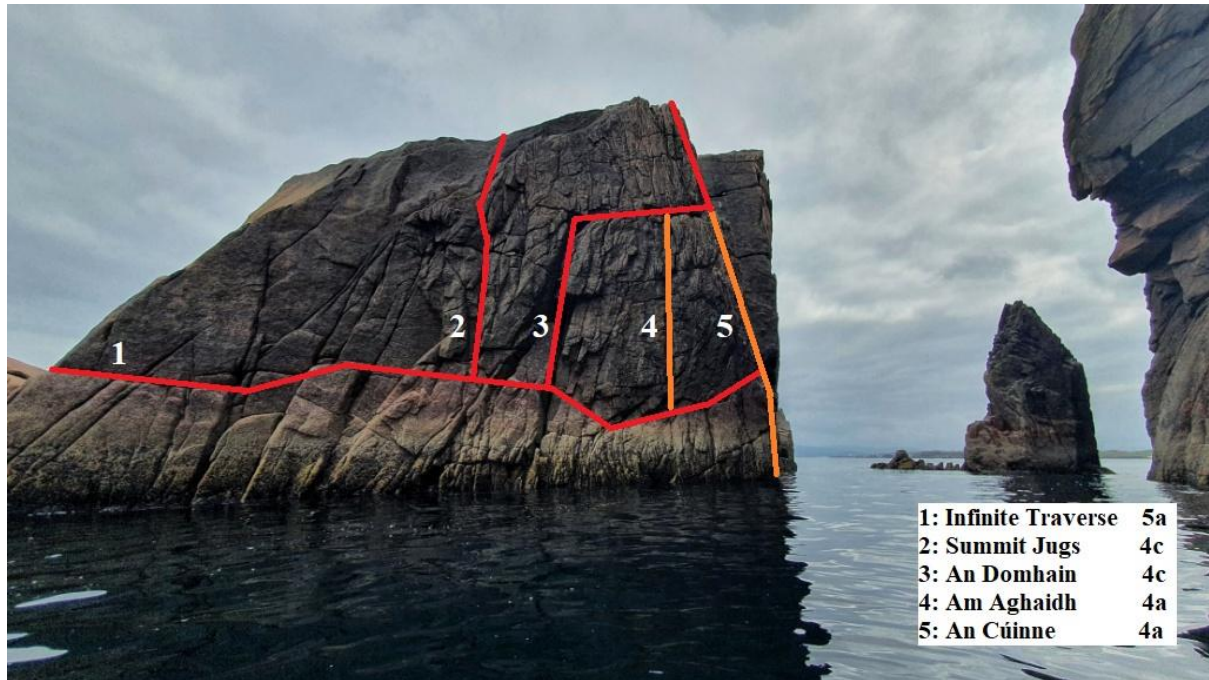
Climb the deep left trending crack/groove on the sea ward (East) face.

I. Miller 06/05/11

Infinite Traverse 5a 40m **

Starting at the sea ward end of the face, hand traverse on to the face and continue landward just above the high water mark. For the full traverse so far, gain and finish up "Dwarka."

I. Miller Sept 21



Summit Jugs 4c 15m ***

Climb the full crag height crack with the best finishing holds it is possible to imagine.

I. Miller Sept 21

An Domhain 4c 25m

Climb the coffin slot in the centre of the face, hand traverse to finish up An Cúinne.

I. Miller Sept 21

Am Aghaidh 4b 20m

Climb the deep crack and finish up "An Cúinne."

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An Cúinne 4b 20m

Climb the corner of the stack

I. Miller Sept 21

Dwarka 4b (5b low tide) 20m

Climb the incredibly deep crack which runs right through and splits a third off the stack on the face of the stack facing Cladagh an Rón Slabs. This was climbed as a deep-water solo stepping off the kayak

I. Miller 01/09/20

Cladagh an Rón Slabs

Beyond the Bay of Seals the coastline travels north for about 400 meters and is very broken. At this point it turns west and a large slab 45 meters in height at an angle of 70 degrees. Sitting directly out to sea is the Peillic sea stack. The following four routes climb the main features on this slab.

Cormorant HS 4b 45m

Cormorant is the corner/groove on the left (southern end)

J McCann Sept 93

Owey From it All HVS 4c 40m *

The obvious curving groove left of Shadow Dancer. On the headwall a steep corner crack and loose rock leads to the top

D. Lane, J. Hoyes, J. Lane 31/05/17



Cladagh an Rón Slabs from Peillic

Shadow Dancer VS 38m

In the middle of the slab, a crack goes to a headwall, which is turned on the left loose blocks to the top.

M. McCormick, B. Proctor Sept 93

Wavedance VS 4c 38m

Takes a shallow crack on the right side of the slab, climb this to the overlap, then back right and follow parallel flared cracks to the top.

S. MacGearailt, P. Breen, R. Toal Sept 93

Under Development

Road to the Infinite V. Diff 35m

From sea level climb the deep crack line right of centre and up through the steepening to a ledge and easier ground.

I. Miller 23/04/21

Belayed by the Reaper V. Diff 75m **

An outstanding route which follows the full crag height v groove with three equal length pitches. Each pitch is immaculate V. Diff climbing on perfect rock and in an outrageous location.

Pitch 1: 25m From the high watermark recess climb the groove above on immaculate black rock to belay under the wee steepening where Runway Ramp trends right.

Pitch 2: 25m Climb up steepening and into the perfect groove above. Climb the groove and up the flake above to a perfect airy stance.

Pitch 3: 25m Continue up the widening groove above to the summit

I. Miller 29/09/20

Dead by Dawn V. Diff 25m ***

Climb the first two pitches of "Belayed by the reaper," build a belay at the base of the flake. Climb the right trending crack to a superb little stance at the bottom of the slabby corner. Climb the slabby corner on big jugs and tiny footholds.

I. Miller 14/10/20

Frozen Water Burial S 4a 40m

From the top of "Belayed by the Reaper" pitch 1, climb up through the steepening and follow the thin right trending cracks up the edge of the face.

I. Miller 23/04/21

Runway Ramp Diff 45m

From the belay at top of pitch 1 of "Belayed by the Reaper" climb the right trending ramp and up the short wall to right of boulder chocked groove to summit. This was used as both a descent and to access this side of the wall.

I. Miller 29/09/20

No Time to Recoil V. Diff 30m

I. Miller, L. & S. Maguire 02/05/22

Selkie Wall

A steeper than it looks slab with five rocky steps at its base (the Selkie's Childer'). The first three routes all start off these steps.

Bláth Fiáin E3/4 6a 30m

Start left of the little overhang and follow the features on the black rock, trending slightly left until good undercuts on the left-hand side of the slab. Move boldly across the slab towards the right-hand crack. Follow this up and rightwards to undercuts and follow the pumpy cracks towards the orange overhang above. Once gained, easier face climbing staying left of the crack then top out and smell the wildflowers!

V. Hau, T. Adams 04/06/2022

Flutin' Around E1 5b 30m ***

Best climbed when low tide is in the evening and in sunshine otherwise the start will be wet. Form the lowest barnacle covered ledge, climb the middle crack of the fluted section on huge crystals of perfect, clean granite. Continue up the flutes with easy (even when wet) hand and foot jams to a slanting, right trending, black corner. Climb this to 2 thirds of its height. A wild move and hidden hold and crack gains the slab on the left. Climb directly above on steepening rock to the furry top where the pale green, *Ramalina* lichen hides two wonderful jugs.

S. Daly, D. Craig 20/09/2020

With a Faery hand in hand E3 6a ***

A complex route that winds its way up the face involving jamming, delicate foot work and intricate rope work. Double ropes an absolute necessity.

Start just right of Flutin' around in the rusty coloured niche where the bottom of the flutes have been eroded by the sea. Climb the twin cracks above until they begin to peter out and move left into a single crack that goes straight up to some dinnerplate size right facing flakes. Climb directly up to a stance on the top flake.

Teeter horizontally left via a good foothold into the bottom of the slanting corner of Flutin' around. Climb diagonally right onto a black, square slab. Climb directly up the face to a small ledge (from here a long reach right allows a blind cam placement).

Move delicately left to gain cracks in Flutin' around and up to the bottom of the slanting roof.

Gather your wits and tiptoe up below the roof (crux) to better holds and stances.

Finish up huge, easy flakes.

S. Daly, D. Craig. 24/07/21

Lugh of the Longhand E3 5c ***

Climbs the obvious diagonal crack that crosses the slab. Start in twin cracks at the very right-hand end of the fluted cracks. Climb the cracks till they start to fade and move up and left to a sloping ledge shared with "with a faery...". Follow the rightward trending diagonal crack around a bulge (crux) and teeter on up to reach a stance beneath an overlap. Continue in the same direction below the overlap and onward to join the top of "The Selkie's Childer".

D. Craig, S. Daly 12/08/2022

'The Stolen Child' E3/4 6a ***

Excellent 'harder than it looks' climbing, start in a shallow left facing corner crack just left of Punters Pedestal. Climb the corner to gain a stance above the tricky overlap. Follow the crack above to hopefully gain good flakes and ledges where it tapers out. Finish as for Punters Pedestal.

D. Craig, S. Daly 21/07/22

'The Stolen Child' Indirect E4 6a ***

For a more thrilling finish, from the top of the crack step left beneath a small overlap to gain a thin crack. Climb the crack to a horizontal break. Gather your wits and make some thin moves up and slightly left to join 'With a Faery...' Swing out of the huge, juggy blocks for a bit of craic to finish.

S. Daly, D. Craig 21/07/22

Punters Pedestal E2 5c 30m ***

Start from the second tallest child beneath twin cracks. Jam the excellent hand cracks until they diverge, follow the right-hand crack to come up the right hand side of a pedestal. Step left and follow a line diagonally left up through an overlap. Keep following a thin crack along the same line to reach blocky ledges and finish up these.

D. Craig, S. Daly 18/09/2020

The Selkie's Childer' E2 5c 30m ***

From the highest step, climb the double cracks to the right of 'Punters Pedestal'. Superb, sustained jamming leads directly to the overhang. The crux requires delicate footwork to the left of the crack as it thins. Resist the temptation to swing over to the pedestal too soon (that steals too much of the other route). Swing into the overhang with spectacular easy moves and climb straight to the top exiting via a shallow niche and right of the big overhanging block.

S. Daly, D. Craig 18/09/2020

Selkie Buttress

The buttress to the right of the big corner.

Tir Hudi E3 6a 40m ***

Start on the tidal ledge beneath a wide crack. Climb this & the flake above to enter a deep groove. Follow this easily to the cracked overhang. Surmount this with difficulty and move up until it is possible to make a step right into the black flakey crack system. Steady climbing leads to a bulge which is taken on the right.

D. Keogh, A. Huovinen 20/09/2020

Wild Atlantic Wonderland E1 5c 40m ***

On the south west side of the buttress, start from a small, round, flat, ledge to the right of a huge black corner. Climb up to a smaller, very black, sharp, steep, rightward leaning corner. Twist, turn and squirm up this (crux) on to easier territory and directly up the deep chimney above. From the top of the chimney an airy step left leads into a gradually steepening groove/corner. Climb this to a large flat ledge with a boulder and directly to the top on easy angled, rounded cracks.

S. Daly, D. Craig 19/09/2020

The Púca's Predicament HVS 5a 50m *

Follow the corner/groove to the right of the start of Wild Atlantic Wonderland. Climb this groove to gain some interesting flakes on its left hand side (crux) and a good ledge above. Traverse leftwards to a large sloping ledge and follow a leftward trending crack system to reach easy ledges to the top.

D. Craig, S. Daly July 2021

Bun an Maochall

From the cliff tops overlooking the Big Block Stack and the top of the Cladagh an Rón Slab follow the cliff tops for approx. 400 meters to a huge deep cut zawn. The following two routes climb the far left wall as you face out to sea, abseil access. Grid Ref B712232

Hole in the clouds HS 50m

Climb the huge corner and arête on the right at the sea ward end of the left wall in the zawn

D. Millar, I. Krella 27/08/2008

Twelfth Day E1 5b 25m

Good steep climbing with good protection, but beware of loose rock. Climb the steep wall left of the second pitch of Hole In The Clouds. Belay as for that route. Climb the crack in the middle of the wall starting on jugs then using rounded flake pinches. Sustained. Move right to easier ground at around 15m to avoid a large hollow flake and climb more easily to the top.

P. Brennan, D. Millar, M. Bonner 12/7/2010

An Balla Srón

Approximately 200 meters from the Bun na Maochall lives Owey island's most dramatic piece of rock. An Sron (The Nose) is a 60 metre high North West facing corner made up on two very distinct and very different walls. The left wall of the corner being continuous vertical and split on it's left side by the deep crackline taken by "Fat Arsed Crack," and terminating at the junction of the two walls at a deep soaring offwidth taken by "Demise of the Rockstar." The right wall of the crag is continually overhanging and comprises of a collection of huge roofs with a series of immaculate crack lines running through round and over them. Access is by a 60 meter free hanging abseil down The Itchy Nose exit groove.

[Google Map pin for An Sron Wall](#) Grid Ref B710237

Fat Arse Crack E3/4 60m

On the left side of the left wall climb the full crag height wide crack.

M. Walsh, D. O'Sullivan 2011

A carefully set up free hanging abseil (60m) reaches a ledge at the base of the crack to start routes "Demise of the Rockstar" and "Rainshadow."

Demise of the Rockstar E3 5c 60m ***

Climb the massive steep deep crack at the side of the Zawn. Start in an open groove at the base of

the cleft or as low as the sea allows. Climb using a combination of squirming, jug hauling, caving and bridging, outside and inside the crack. Possible belay at half height. Crux at the top with an overhang. Start as low as the sea allows.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy



Rainshadow E4 6b 70m ***

Pitch 1: 5a 30m Climb the groove to a diagonal ramp. Continue up the roof and cracks to a spacious belay ledge/cave.

Pitch 2: 6b 20m From the lefthand side of the ledge climb a diagonal rightwards crack and pull strenuously around a roof to gain the most incredible hanging corner. Climb around a second roof to reach the third roof section which is enormous. Follow this via an epic traverse with good gear, underclings and just enough for your feet. Gain another 5 star belay ledge hanging out above the nose, and the sea.

Pitch 3: 6b 20m Follow the crack straight up into a final overhanging groove which is passed with surprising difficulty.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

The following route is approached by a diagonal abseil down a corner /gully with a big chock stone. With a deviation about halfway gain a non-tidal big square ledge.

Srón Tochasach (The Itchy Nose) E5 6a/b 70m ***

Pitch 1: 6a 35m Climb a rightwards diagonal crack from the left hand edge of the ledge. When possible follow some cracks and grooves straight up to small niche under the righthand side of the massive roof. Now traverse up and leftwards on small edges. Place a few cams under the roof and gain an arete on the left. Pull round the arete via an exhilarating move to gain a wonderful belay ledge/cave. (Careful route finding and rope management required.)

Pitch 2: 5b 10m From the belay traverse rightwards onto the hanging slab using small holds and underclings in the roof. Step down to gain the arete of the incredible hanging nose feature. Belay "au cheval" a leg either side.

Pitch 3: 6a/b 25m Now follow the steep splitter crack with increasing difficulty until possible to move back left to some good ledges and a rest. Now soak up the exposure, atmosphere and life in general before attacking the strenuous overhanging exit groove.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

Midnight Lobster E7 6b ***

Brilliant Yosemite-esque climbing. Belay at the niche below the right trending ramp on Donkeys Pelvis. Move up and left to gain the crack in the groove. The crack soon runs out and exciting bold moves lead straight up the technical groove to some thin undercuts. Move left to gain the magnificent splitter crack of the Itchy Nose. This is followed for about 10 meters until a line of beefy undercuts breaks out left and finishes at the spectacular belay ledge for Lip Rider.

C. McGovern, M. O'Loughlin 17/9/2019

Lip Rider E6 6b ***

This pitch takes the sensational open book corner at the top of the crag in a wild, unique and bold climbing in an incredible position.

From the belay ledge at top of pitch 2 of Rainshadow move left to a hanging position on the lip of the massive roof that forms the second pitch of Rainshadow. Sloth left to better holds and good small cams. Make a crux move directly up to gain a standing position on the lip. Step left to the bold hanging corner and climb this with sustained interest passing two pegs in a horizontal break (level with a small roof 5m below the top).

K. Kilroy, C. McGovern, M. O'Loughlin 17/09/2019

Downward Facing Donkey E3 5c ***

A grand adventure of An Sron buttress. Climb the first 2 pitches of the Itchy Nose (easily combined). From the hilarious straddle belay, move down right onto the slab and down again to a small foot ledge. Follow the thin cracks rightwards to some tricky moves getting established in the corner crack. Downclimb this and keep going right to belay on the black ramp. Finish up one of the Donkey routes. Competent seconder required. This pitch could also be climbed right to left, as an alternative starting pitch to the Itchy Nose.

C. McGovern, N. Strizakova 19/9/2019

The Donkeys Pelvis HVS 5a 60m ***

Follows the line of the abseil. Climb a fine crack to a niche and rightwards trending ramp. After about 4 meters climbing up the ramp climb up the wall via grooves and flutings. Trend rightwards, then up a

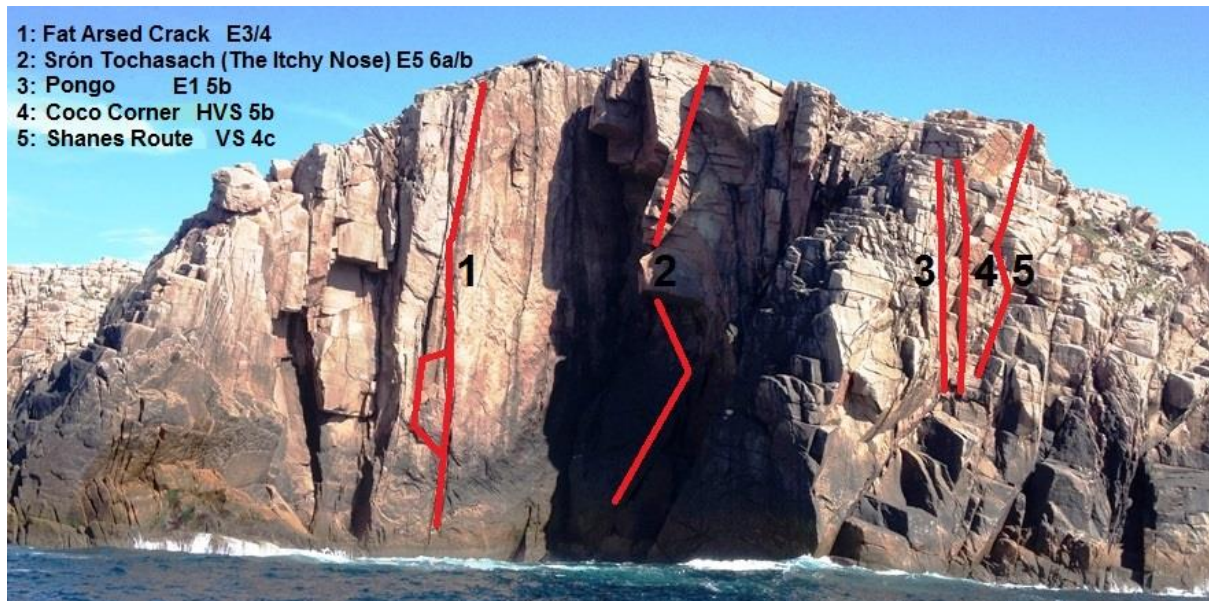
groove to gain a big ledge. Possible Belay. Climb a crack above the ledge which leads to the exit groove, blocked by the huge chockstone. Pass on the right with care.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

The Donkey Jumped over the Moon E2 5c 18m ***

An exhilarating variation top pitch to the previous route. From the right-hand side of the belay ledge climb a crack with difficulty into a groove barred by a roof. Escape rightwards under the stepped roofs on underclings and small footholds. When things run out make a sensational move to gain a magnificent hold on the arete and follow the jugs to glory.

K. Kilroy, J. McCune



An Sron walls from the sea

Abseil down to a good ledge at the base of the following cracks to the left of the main overhangs of An Bhalla Srón.

Pongo E1 5b

Climb the corner into a crack passing a few bulges.

J. McCune, K. Maxwell

Coco Corner HVS 5b

Climb the crack right of the corner passing a few bulges and a strange move.

K. Kilroy, J. Colandairaj

Unnamed VS 4c

Climb the diagonal ramp and corner, until a crack on the left wall. follow this up to a ledge and belay behind an enormous block. Follow the slab and ramp rightwards to finish?

S. Black, C. Strawson, R. Temple

Shanes Route E2 5c 25m

Abseil to a good ledge down and left. Climb the rightwards flake and groove passing a bird beak roof. Immaculate granite.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

(Next few lines are under development)

Ina n-aonar ar an mballa HS 4b 20m

Climb the left trending crack and follow the big holds direct to the summit.

I. Miller 19/09/21

An Simléar Dubh S 4a 20m *

Climb the black fault up the centre of the face.

I. Miller, F. Fhionnlaoich 29/04/22

The Ramp V. Diff 20m **

Climb the ramp on immaculate marbled granite.

I. Miller 19/09/21

The Ramp Direct E1 5a 20m **

Start up "The Ramp" until you can gain the collection of spikes on the steeper wall to your left. Stand on the spikes and make a rising traverse left wards to the perfect jug and air. Follow the jugs direct to the top.

I. Miller, J. McGinley, F. Fhionnlaoich 09/06/23

Collossus Wall

From the centre of the wee village, follow the track along the stream NNE until you arrive at the loch at Grid Ref B711235. Continue to the coast until you are facing the off shore island/stack, descend to sea level to the west down the huge descending slabs. Once at sea level coastaleer your way East until facing the landward face of the stack. The following 4 routes climb the aretes above this outstanding wee seaside resort.

Touching the Void V. Diff 23m *

Climb the right trending ramp line at the base of "Black Arete," follow the ramp around the corner for a tad of exposure. :-)

I. Miller, W. Schuessler 29/03/11

Black Arete VS 4c 20m

Climb the black Arete with sparse gear to begin and excellent perplexing moves in the middle.

I. Miller, W. Schuessler 29/03/11

Back to Trier VS 4b 20m

Climb the sharp arete to the left of "Black Arete" on excellent positive holds and just enough gear.

W. Schuessler, I. Miller 29/03/11

Square Arete HS 4b 20m

Climb the square cut arete by it's right hand corner on huge spaced holds. Sparse gear in first half

I. Miller, K. & L. Pierse 02/08/2020

Collossus V. Diff 3c 25m **

At the far left end of the crag climb the soaring tower/arete on immaculate rock/jugs and steepness.

I. Miller, W. Schuessler 29/03/11

I'll Take It VS 4c 20m *

Up high hidden behind a wall of much steeper rock, right of the huge rock scar. Climb the deep crack running up the black open book corner.

L. Murdiff, D. Ryan, I. Miller 16/07/22

The Black Spink

This zawn boasts excellent rock and a broad range of climbing, from well protected moderate slabs to fierce overhanging walls. Follow directions for Colossus Wall and continue westward to the island's north-western headland. The Black Spink is the large northern zawn of this headland. It is

distinguished by the black slabs on the western wall and the brown eastern walls which overhang above a rock island.

Google Maps pin for The Black Spink Grid Reference B706235

Giorraíonn beirt bother E4/5 6a 27m ***

Varied climbing up a gently overhanging golden corner. Ab down the widest black crack system to a ledge at the bottom, step right into the leaning corner (small gear). Turn the arête at a large flat hold and relatively good stance, traverse out right for some exposure and finish direct, above the hanging pedestal. Straddle for bonus style points before topping out.

M. O' Loughlin, R. Bell, 12/08/15 (Climbed after a brief abseil inspection)

Temple of Boom E7 6b 25m ***

Climb the centre of the steep wall left of the prow taken by Mega

M. O' Loughlin, K. Kilroy 20/09/19

Mega E6 6a 25m ***

A route of extraordinary quality up the blunt prow left of An Coinín Beasley, offering superb steep face climbing at the upper end of the grade; with difficulties increasing as the forearms fade. Start from the spacious sloping ledge to the right of the black corner, about 5m above the high water mark. Depart the right-hand end of this ledge and move easily up onto the obvious fins. Climb the right facing flake to its end and trend leftward up to join the twin cracks. Fight back the lactic acid onslaught and compress the diverging cracks up to a good shake out jug and just one last burly move to finish.

R. Browner, J. Gillmor, 13/08/15 (Headpoint)

An Coinín Beasley E3 5c 30m **

This striking line takes on the rightward trending crack system that splits the steep west facing wall, approximately 30m left of the sea cave mouth. Abseil in (fixing the rope as you descend) to a comfortable sloping ledge, just above the high water mark. Start up the short right facing corner and continue on jugs, jams and cams to a slightly damp finale.

R. Browner, J. Gillmor 01/08/15

The following routes are found on the opposite side of the zawn on the much more amicably angled east facing wall. The first six routes are based around deep V shaped grooves on the steep slab nearest the land.

Alpine disco HS 30m

Climb the corner crack on orange rock for 4 metres to ledge. Climb up and left to a second ledge and then trend right up the open book corner

D. Buchanan, J. Mallon, P. McFarlane Aug 19

Eadaí Fotaigineach (Photogenic clothing) E1 5b 30m **

Abseil off boulder with large in cut Ring formation to ledge below water line start left of ledge under small corner and roof just left of The Ring, Follow corner until moving right under roof to arete follow this up on good holds towards left hand side of small overlap to top

K. McCoey, R. Smith, P. Swail 17/06/14

The Ring HVS 5a 30m **

Climb up the left facing corner to small overlap. Pull through this and continue up the lovely crack system to the top.

R. Smith, K. McCoey, P. Swail 17/06/14

An Pussy Kai HVS 5b 20m

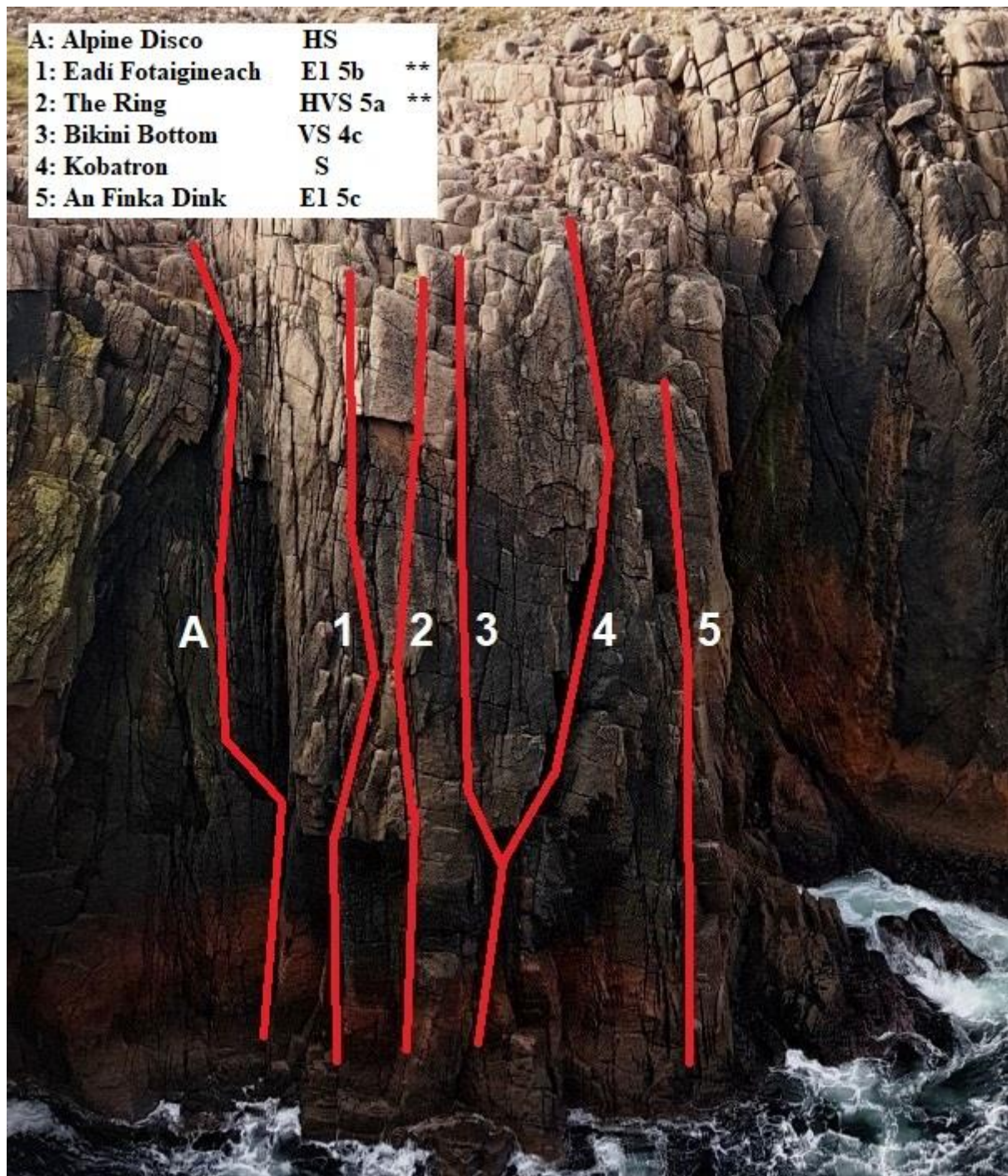
Climbs the wall two meters left of the vertical crack. Start from a good stance below a short left facing corner and roof. Climb this to easier ground. Two cracks lead to the final wee roof.

J. Gillmor, R. Browner 13/08/15

Bikini Bottom VS 4c 30m

Belay from the depths of the off-width crack. Climb the off width for 5 metres and then make an awkward move left and follow line to the top.

J. Mallon, Princess Kathy Aug 2015



Kobatron's Wobbly Tooth S 30m

As for bikini bottom, follow the right hand fault line to the top.

Princess Kathy, J. Mallon Aug 2015

An Finka Dink E1 5c 15m

Climb the wall one meter in from the right hand arete. Start above the high water mark on a small stance. Ledges and a crack lead to the final bouldery bulge. VS finish using the large crack on the left.

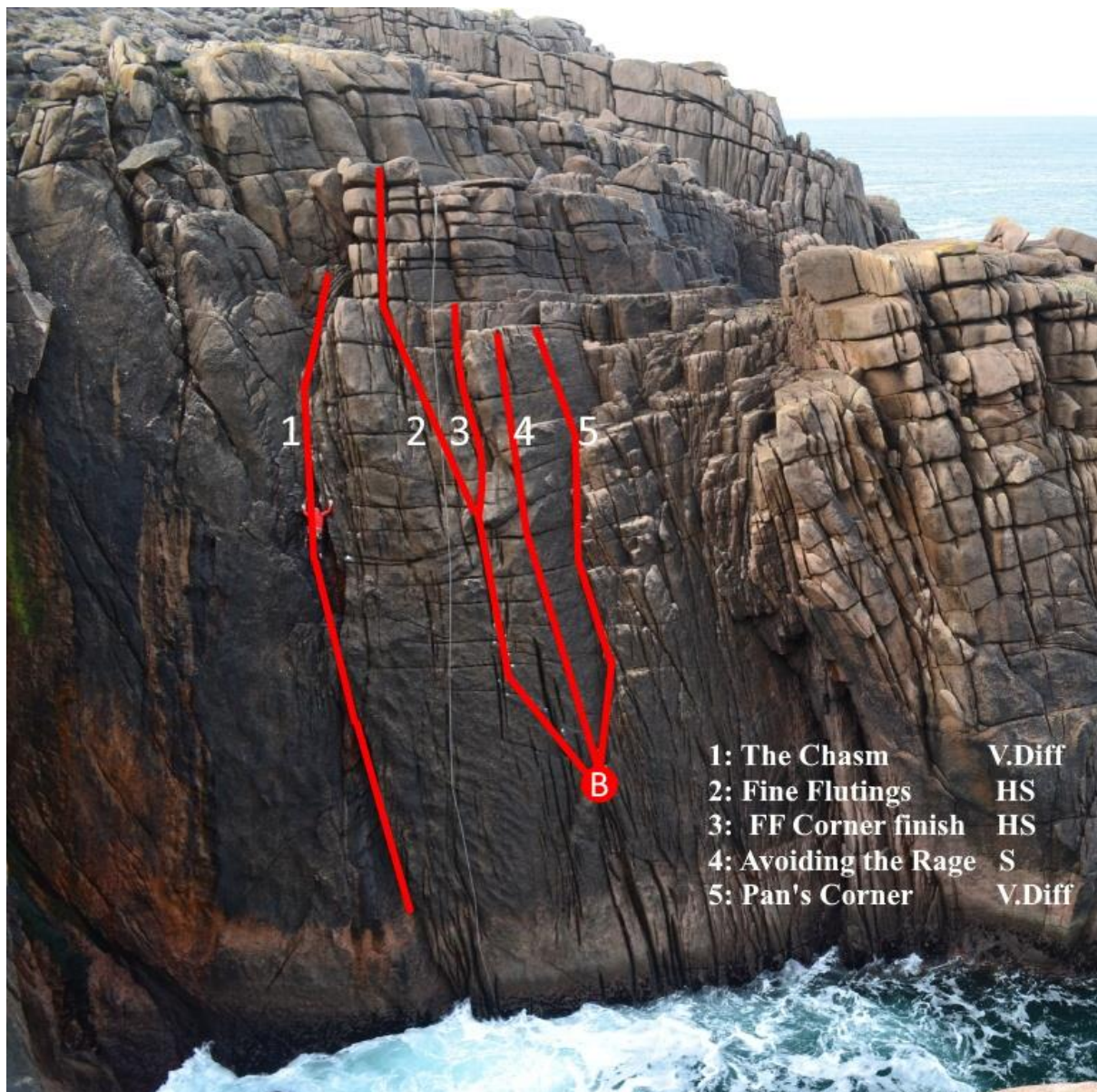
J. Gillmor, R. Browner 13/08/15

The following 5 routes climb all the main features on the black slab to the right of the above. Abseil descent

The Chasm V. Diff 30m

Climb the deep chasm up the left side of the slab.

I. Miller 18/11/19



The following routes all start on the same small ledge above the high-water mark. Access by abseil or by terrifying down climb of the moderate ground right of Pans Corner.

Fine Flutings HS 4b 30m

Climb up and out left following the series of vertical slots to the foot torque free rest just below the corner. Trend left and climb the vague pillar on perfect rock and holds.

I. Miller 18/11/19

FF Corner Finish HS 4b 20m

Climb as for Fine Flutings and finish up the corner above

I. Miller 18/11/19

Avoiding The Rage S 4a 20m

Climb vertical slot directly above the ledge and continue direct and finish up the other vertical slot at the top.

I. Miller 18/11/19

Pan's Corner V.Diff 20m

Climb the deep left facing corner above the belay ledge, at its top step left onto the smooth wall and pad to the top.

I. Miller 18/11/19

Alluvial Wall

Right of the black slab the wall bulges slightly and when viewed from across the zawn it has an inverted triangle of excellent crack lines and features. There is a perfect non tidal ledge at the base of the triangle accessed by abseil.

The Edge of Reason HS 4b 28m

From the left edge of the ledge make a rising traverse out left and follow the small left trending ramp. Continue out left to gain and climb the dark arete to the summit.

I. Miller, L. Cape, E. Mahon 26/08/20

The Good Doctor HS 4b 25m

Climb as for "The Edge of Reason" and follow the rounded breaks and crack to finish up the left-hand pillar as you look up.

I. Miller, M. Robertson 01/07/20

The Eternal Silence V. Diff 20m

From the square cut recess directly above the belay ledge follow the ledge and ramp as per "Edge of Reason." Gain and climb the deep slot between "The Good Doctor" and "Slender Man."

I. Miller

Slender Man VS 4c 25m

Between "The Good Doctor" and "Fears and Smears" climb the vertical crack on big rounded holds, finish up the flake crack above.

I. Miller, L. Cape, E. Mahon 26/08/20

Fears and Smears HS 4b 25m

From the left edge of the ledge climb directly up following a multitude of smears in the lower reaches. Continue direct as the holds get bigger and bigger to pull through the small roof to finish on the

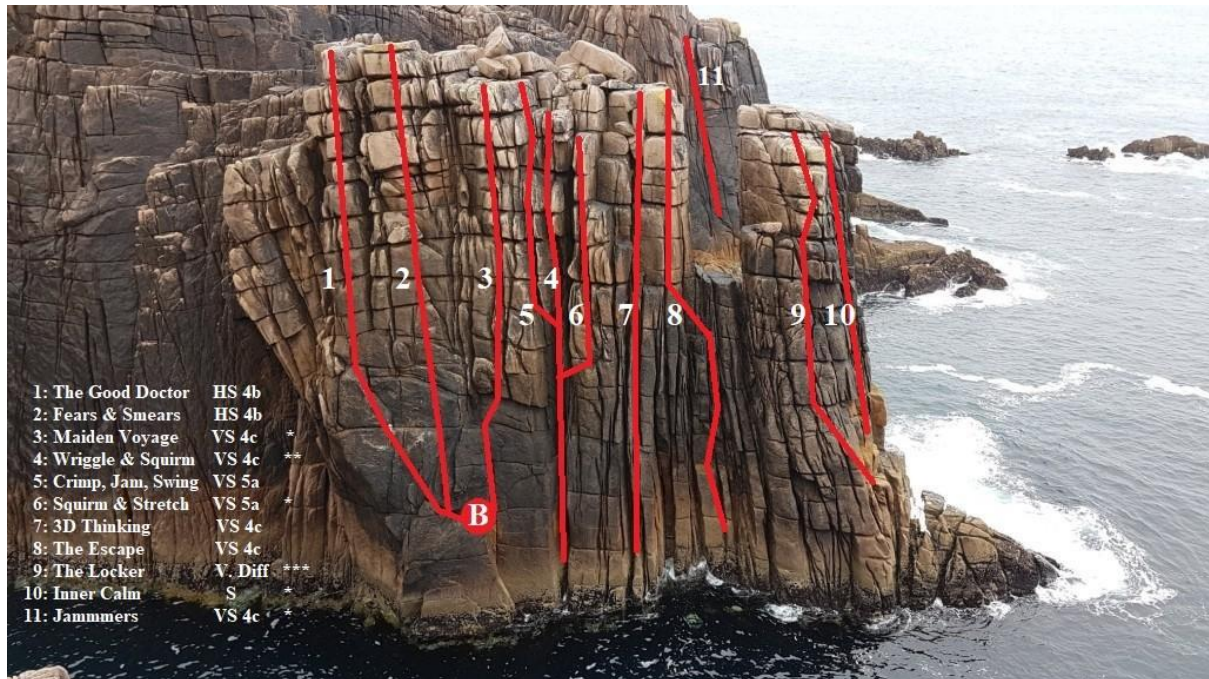
highest point on the crag.

I. Miller, M. Robertson 01/07/20

Spoon Go Up S 3c 20m

From the slightly higher belay ledge climb direct, on huge and perfect holds and up through the squeeze niche.

E. Conroy, R. Conroy 19/06/21



Alluvial Wall

Maiden Voyage VS 4c 25m *

From right hand edge of ledge either climb corner above (or step out right and climb the face on superb holds) Pull through bulge above and continue direct up the vertical flutes above

I. Miller, L. & K. Pierce 02/08/20

Wriggle and Squirm VS 4c 25m **

Climb the full crag height chimney on right side of the crag.

I. Miller, M. Robertson 01/07/20

Crimp, Jam, Swing HVS 5a 25m

Climb Wriggle & Squirm to small stance at just above half height. Gain the flying lake out left and continue up it to the top.

I. Miller, L. Murdiffe 14/08/2020

Squirm and Stretch VS 5a 25m *

Climb the big chimney taken by "Wriggle and Squirm," just below half height stretch out to gain protruding stance. Continue direct up vertical cracks to finish up the slim summit fin.

I. Miller, L. & K. Pierce 02/08/20

3D Thinking VS 4c 25m

Just before wall turns in to tower gap, Climb the full crag height wide flaked cracks and very thin fins.

I. Miller L. Murdiffe 14/08/20

The Escape VS 4c 25m

Climb the centre chimney/groove up past two excellent stances. Just below the gap between the tower and mainland Owey move left and follow the steeper corner flake crack to the top. Awkward and slightly upsetting climbing throughout

I. Miller, L. Murdiffe, S. Jock Reid 16/08/20

The following routes climb the black pillar at the seaward end of this face, low tide and calm sea are required for the sea level platforms. Abseil access

The Locker V. Diff 23m ***

Start on sea level platform below sea ward face of the pillar climb the left side of the smooth slab and jug haul to the summit through the twin spikes above.

I. Miller 03/08/20

Inner Calm S 23m *

Start at the base of the right trending ramp and climb directly up through the first roof by the jug. Climb the arete above through a second roof to the summit.

I. Miller 16/08/2020



Tower Sea Face

Inception V. Diff 23m *

Climb the left trending ramp to the first wee stance and continue direct through the forest of helpful spikes above.

I. Miller 16/08/2020

The Ramp V. Diff 23m

Climb the right trending ramp and up through the steepening above

I. miller, L. Murdiffe, S. "Jock" Read 16/08/20

Maternity Leave Svr 4b 23m ***

Climb the outstanding flakes and crack to lead direct up and through the huge corner to the top.

S. "Jock" Read, L. Murdiff 16/08/20

As you stand on the top of the Alluvial Wall look north and the very obvious black wall is about 50m away to the north.

Jammers VS 4c 20m *

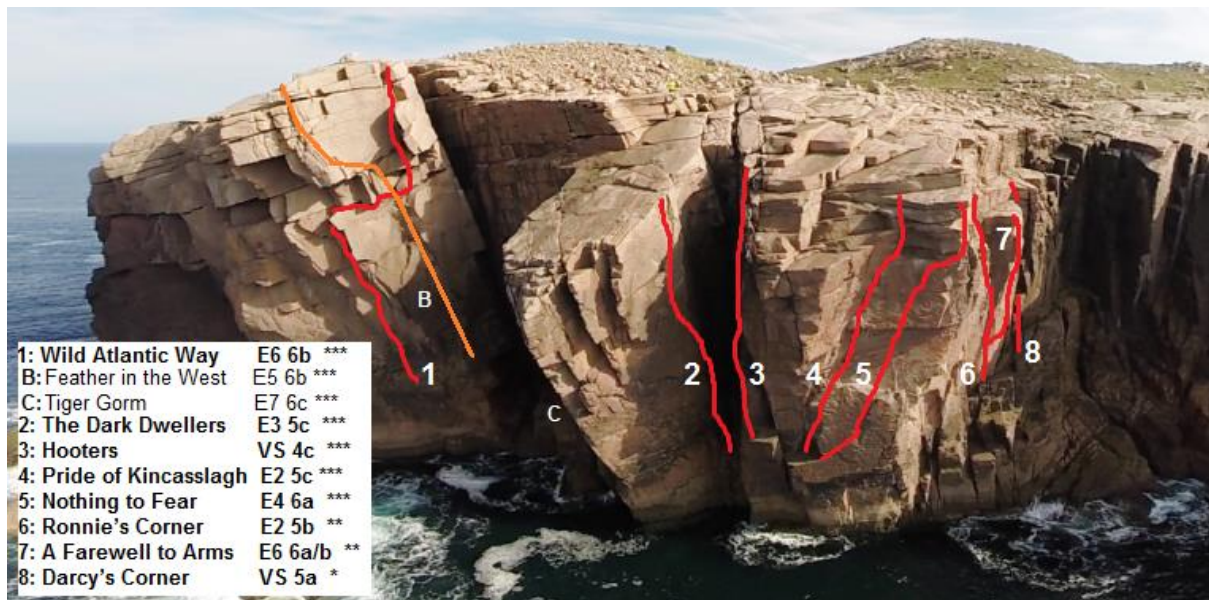
Climb the full crag height offwidth into the slightly overhanging chimney, finish at the top of the chimney or continue left up the flared headwall.

I. Miller, M, Robertson 01/07/20

Wild Atlantic Wall

At the far western tip of Owey Island lives the Wild Atlantic Wall, this 30 metre high wall of immaculate granite provides sea cliff climbing of the highest quality. Follow the directions as for Colossus Wall and at the lake walk west up and over the slight rise to the far western tip of Owey. This route avoids almost all the deep wet bog and bramble bashing the more direct routes will take you through. Abseil access to all the routes

[Google Map pin for Wild Atlantic Way Wall](#) Grid Ref B705235



Journey into the Unknown E5 6b,5a 33m **

Abseil in 15m East of the top groove/ chimney of Wild Atlantic Way. Abseil over a series of overlaps until a ledge is reached – from here re-belay and make a diagonal abseil (left when looking in) to the starting ledge. The abseil is very committing and requires some gear to be put in just to stay in contact with the cliff.

Pitch 1 (6b) 15m - From the ledge climb the steep wall horizontally right for 6m until below a corner. Make strenuous and bold moves up to below the corner where a rest is had. From here arrange protection and fire up the corner (crux) to reach the belay.

Pitch 2 (5a) 18m – Follow the crack above that runs diagonally to the left to reach a large ledge. Climb the short steep corner to the top.

P. Swail, R. Smith 16/06/14

Wild Atlantic Way E6 6b,5c 45m ***

Abseil in 4m North of the finishing groove of Wild Atlantic Way down to a ledge 5m above the high tide line (visible from the top of Darcy's mist). You must keep you swing so you can reach the ledge (if not you will be stuck in space). The route starts of the left side of the ledge.

Pitch 1 (6b) 20m – From the left edge of the ledge make some easy moves up to reach a layback crack. Climb this strenuously until it ends just below a small roof. Bridge wildly up the holdless groove to get established in the overhanging chimney above to a well deserved rest. Climb the delightful chimney and take a belay at the top of it.

Pitch 2 (5c) 25m – Climb horizontally right from the belay and under a massive flake for 8m. Continue more direct up a left facing corner. Jam up the corner with difficulty until the top groove is reached. Watch for rope drag!

P. Swail, K. McCoe 17/06/14

Access to the following route is by abseil down finishing chimney of Wild Atlantic Way

A Feather in the West E5 6a ***

A thrilling route on immaculate rock. Belay from the left of three flat ledges. Climb to the first ledge, then continue up the wall right of the groove to a horizontal break. From here, boldly quest left (crux) past the groove and along the break until you reach respite at the ramp and better gear. Continue past the ramp to gain a niche with some difficulty. From here, a sensational traverse takes one up and leftwards above a series of roofs and will hopefully deposit one at good holds on the arete. Finish easily up the arête with some exposure to the top!

C. Condrón & N. Byrne 19/09/2019

Tiger Gorm E7 6c 25m ***

The route climbs the full crag height soaring arete to the right of A Feather in the West Wall. Starting off a big ledge near the water the route takes a fat crack followed by with some hard moves on crimps leading to some of the sexiest jugs in the west.

R. Bell, M. O' Loughlin July 2016

Ceochar Darcy (Darcy's Mist) E3 5c 28m ***

This takes the NE facing corner 10m East of the Wild Atlantic Way Buttress. Approach is by abseil down to the tidal ledge.

Belay on large ledge below overhanging corner, follow corner through series of ledges with good gear and surprising steepness. At the last ledge move right and make moves on thin gear up face and handrail to top. Bold and deceptively steep!

K. McCoe, P. Swail 17/06/14

The Dark Dwellers E3 5c 20m ***

Abseil into the dark chimney 10m West of Darcy's Mist. It climbs the black wall via left facing crack.

Start at the base of crack (often wet) east at first until the crack peters and the corner feature heads out right at 13m. From here make a big span left to a good rounded hold. Climb boldly and delicately straight up the wall to finish.

P. Swail, K. McCoe, R. Smith 16/06/14

Hooters VS 4c 25m ***

Fun climbing on the steep juggy wall across the zawn from The Dark Dwellers.

From the cleft of The Dark Dwellers abseil down the nose on the North-East tip down to a good square cut ledge. The next 2 routes start from this ledge.

Pride of Kincasslagh E2 5c 25m ***

Climb the rightwards flake and groove passing a birdbeak roof. Immaculate granite.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

Nothing to Fear E4 6a 35m ***

From the right-hand side of the ledge, follow the thin crack to the middle of the slab. Climb boldly but easily up to a scoop in the slab below a set of parallel cracks. Make a long reach up and climb along the cracks (hands in one and feet on the other) rightwards until the wall steepens below an arête. Finish directly up the arête in a wild and very satisfying position.

P. Swail, P. Nolan 29/06/14

The next 5 routes start from a non-tidal ledge just around the corner from the top arête of Nothing to Fear.

The Old man and the Sea E6 6a/6b 30m ***

The obvious line of flakes up the wall left of Ronnie's corner provides another excellent well protected route. Start from the platform below Ronnie's corner, climb the slab ramp left to gain a hidden crack. Climb this into the shallow niche. Exit right and up to the flake line, follow this strenuously to an easy finish.

T. Rankin, G. Robertson 17/05/23

Ronnie's Corner E2 5b 18m **

Climb the corner, bold to start up then steady to the top.

R. Smith, P. Swail 16/06/14

A Farewell to Arms E6 6a/b 20m **

A steep well protected test piece – worth getting warmed up for this one!

Start as for Ronnie's corner. At the base of the corner proper climb the steep wall with a vague corner system passing a crux at 2/3 height!

P. Swail, P. Nolan 29/06/14

Lost my Cent E2 5b 20m **

Start as for Darcy's Corner. Climb up for 5m until the corner steepens. Climb the corner/flake on the left wall and make some strenuous moves to get established on some positive breaks. Arrange gear and blast up and slightly left to finish at the top of

P. Swail, R. Smith 16/06/14

Darcy's Corner VS 5a 22m *

Climb the corner 5m right of Ronnie's Corner passing a hard move at the top.

P. Swail, R. Smith 16/06/14

The Crows Nest

This south east facing crag lives between Wild Atlantic Wall and The Fluted Zawn, the top is walked across between these two crags. Access is by scrambling down a rock gully with some easy down climbing to a tidal ledge.

From the top of the panpipes area / the west face of the Fluted zawn (looking at Holy Jaysus wall with the Ocean behind you), turn right and walk and scramble down an obvious gully (heading south) down towards the sea, veering rightwards as you reach obvious wide ledges till a short down climb / chimney brings you to a large, mostly non-tidal, ledge that flows into the sea. The main wall is to your right and more overhanging than it first appears.

Google Maps pin for the Crow's Nest

A Race Against Time E4 6a/6b 22m ***

A fabulous route that has a bit of everything – jams, crimps, kneebars & very physical - with the crux near the top. The obvious right to left crack is more overhanging than it first appears and is guaranteed to get the arms 'pumping'. Start at the obvious thin corner and crack and climb to a ledge at the bottom of the main crack as it heads leftwards. Climb quickly and confidently as the crack steepens and your arms begin to wither with the climbing becoming more difficult as you head for the top. Large cams (BD 4 & 5) advisable but not 100% necessary.

S. Brocklehurst, B. McAlinden June 2015 (tried O/S)

Darcy the Salty Sea Dog VS 4c 10m *

From the base of the descent gully and before down climbing the chimney to main part of the Crows Next an obvious crack line provides interesting climbing.

S. Brocklehurst, B. McAlinden June 2015

The following two routes are found on the clean wall just below (inland) the descent chimney for the above routes. Access to tidal ledges at the base of the wall is by abseil.

French Cheese VS 20m

Follow the line of weakness, cracks and ledges up the right side of the wall to the top

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Mussels from Brussels HVS 20m

Step left and climb twin cracks to top.

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Fluted Zawn

Follow the directions for Wild Atlantic Wall and once on the cliff tops head south to the twin south facing zawns, the Fluted Zawn is the one nearest America. Grid Reference B706234

Geataí ifreann E5 6a 35m

Climbs the wide crack furthest left on the North-West face of the Zawn. Approach by abseil with directionals for steepness.

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Lumpy space E4 6a 25m ***

Silly climbing up and across a series of dubious but juggy flakes gains a span to gain the hanging groove. Continue up the groove with sustained interest and bursting forearms to a slabbier finish.

J. McCune, K. Kilroy

Lost in Lumpy Space E2 5c 25m **

Start as for lumpy space but head up the right hand arete and follow the line to the top

T. Adams, V. Hau 29/05/22

Solas sa tollán E1/E2 30m

Climb the largest and obvious dihedral on the North-West face of the thin zawn.

S. Villanueva O'Driscoll, E. Son 2nd to 6th July 2018

Supermarket Sweep E2 5c 30m **

Abseil to a spacious black oblong ledge below two main cracks.

Starting from the right side of the ledge climb up and left for several metres until below an obvious steep bulge. Climb through this (crux) using side pulls to gain the crack above with the angle easing.

C. Hiller, D. Chatteris 28/06/14

The following two routes climb the same feature starting at different heights above sea level.

Promethius VS 4c 27m **

This climbs a crack on the east face of the Fluted Zawn opposite the "fluted features" on the west face. Abseil in to base of corner crack (about 7m above sea) and set up a belay in crack above a small roof feature. Climb the layback crack steeply to start with great featured rock towards top. Crux at start.

D. Millar, K. McGee, P. Tinney

An rud a luionn in iochtar (What Lies Beneath) E3/4 6a 30m ***

Has been done before but previous ascents started much higher up the crack.

Belay on far right of large ledge shared by Lumpy space, Start just right of belay on good flake (good gear) start traverse with delicate moves right to gain a large hold under crack , get high feet and make strenuous moves through face and crack to good holds on left horizontal break follow crack with easing difficulty to top

K. McCoey, P. Nolan 16/06/14

Comallyee Ridge V. Diff 4a 40m

The obvious juggy line of weakness running right to left up the wall on the seaward side of Prometheus. Abseil diagonally from a square inset 5m beyond the top of Prometheus, down to sea level. Start on the seaward side of the ridge and scramble up to a short layback crack. More straightforward scrambling left leads to an awkward thrutch of a corner and on to the top.

A. Tees, M. McGuigan, G. Thomas, V. Schafer 08/09/14

Finnickineerio HVS 5a 30m

Starting from the sloping ledge start up the upside-down V to easier ground. Head slightly left staying on the vertical face then trend right at the top to return to the ab point.

V. Hau, T. Adams 03/06/2022

Blue Moon VS 4c 30m

This climbs the featured cracked wall right of the Prometheus crack. Abseil in to a large sloping ledge about 8m above sea. Climb crack at top of ledge steeply for 3-4m to where the angle eases off.

Continue diagonally leftwards using cracks to base of a large detached flake. Step left onto face and climb vertical crack 1 metre left of detached flake. Climb this for 5m to ledge. Continue diagonally leftwards to corner crack at top of Prometheus. Climb this crack to top.

D. Millar, I. Krella July 2012

Blue Moon (Direct Finish) HVS 5a

Climb direct to the top instead of traversing left towards Prometheus.

V. Hau, T. Adams 03/06/2022

The following three routes are found on the West face of the Fluted Zawn.

Panpipes HS 4b 30m

Abseil to a large platform at the base of fluted buttress. Step right off platform onto arete on Fluted Buttress (about 3m above sea). Climb arete to large flake feature about 4m above platform. Continue up arete using horizontal breaks finishing rightwards towards top.

D. Millar, I. Krella June 2012

Girls with Fishes HS 4b 30m

This climbs large chimney feature left of the Panpipes arete in first half and easier ground in second half towards top. Abseil to large platform on west of Fluted Zawn. Climb chimney using crack on right wall for 10m to where angle eases off. Continue up easier angled rock towards top.

D. Millar, I. Krella June 2012

Mauritz with Pollacks VS 4c 20m

This route starts from the ledge left of Girls with Fishes in the middle of the wall. Go straight up following the easiest ground. It gets steeper near the top.

I. Krella, G. Thomas 06/09/12

Twin Atlantic VS 4c 18m *

From the same belay as Mauritz with Pollacks, climb up a series of easy flakes to follow a twin crack line that goes right to left. Enjoyable but short crack climbing gets you to the top.

S. Brocklehurst, B. McAlinden June 2015

Leana Rann na Bhfaoileann Wall

The following routes are found in the landward zawn inland of the Fluted Zawn. Access by abseil or scramble down the easier angled rock and slope towards the Holy Jaysus Wall.

[Google Maps pin for Leana Zawn](#)

Hiraeth E1 5b 35m ***

From a sea-level foot ledge at the RHS of a chimney climb the crack systems to a tricky move through the bulge, utilising an undercut flake. Follow spikes and easier rock to the top.

D. Lane & J. Hoyes. 31/05/17

Captain Snappy E2/3 5c 40m **

Starting from the mid-tide sloping shelf, ascent the obvious wide crack just right of the centre of the wall to a steepening. Pull through this and continue up either groove to the top.

J. Hoyes & D. Lane. 31/07/17

Mackrile HS 4b 25m

Abseil down the Darcy slab to access. Enter the fissure separating the slab of 'Darcy' from the main cliff. Bridge up and scale a bit of unprotected rock on good holds, leftwards to a ledge and continuing

up to the base of twin cracks at the top of the gully. Climb the cracks (crux) and continue up past a spectacular flake to the top.

A. Tees, V. Schafer, M. McGuigan 07/09/14

Darcy VS 4b 40m

This route takes the narrow south facing slab, probably the most notable feature thereabouts, but not very visible from most positions on the clifftop. Start easily on the right, using whatever protection is available, as it becomes sparse higher up. Move thinly towards the middle and climb a poorly protected groove to easier ground, and finish up on spectacular jugs to the top. Lovely route on perfect granite.

A. Tees, V. Schaffer 21/06/14

Traonach HS 4b 30m **

Start awkwardly mid way between Darcy and Kite Runner to gain slanting ledge and short wet corner. Climb corner and cracked slab on the left to a ledge. Climb directly to a higher ledge, and up steep crack on jugs to the top.

I. Krella, M. Bonar, 22/06/14

Kite Runner S 4a 30m

About 15m South of the base of Darcy, there is an obvious chimney system, which gives delightful climbing on sound granite at about V. Diff. Towards the top, choose the steep stepped cracks on the left, which improve the quality from good to excellent, and the grade to severe!

B. MaGowan, A. Tees 22/06/14

One and a Half Seagulls S 4a 30m

This takes the deep crack between Kite Runner and Two Sea Gulls.

M. Bonar, I. Krella, 22/06/14

Two Seagulls S 4a 30m

Start as for Kite Runner, and ascend right to the edge. Step around the corner and climb a flake to a ledge, and a higher step to the top.

A. Tees, V. Schafer 21/06/14

Holy Jaysus Wall

This outstanding 60 meter high wall of gently overhanging granite is the showpiece of Owey Islands climbing.

[Google Map pin for the Holy Jaysus Wall](#) Grid Ref B707233

The Second Coming E5 6b 60m ***

Pitch 1: 25m 6b Starting on the same ledge as for Imaculata. After a short traverse onto the face head up an obvious crack near the left edge.

Pitch 2: 35m 6b Climb the cracks on the face near the left edge. Very sustained with further hard moves in the top third.

J. McCune, P. Swail 29/06/14

Imaculata E6 6b 60m ***

Starting from the obvious ledge near the base of the arête follow the hand traverse out on to the wall. Hard moves on crimps lead up a darker band of rock to the second break and belay. The next pitch climbs effectively straight up the center of the stunning overhanging wall to its highest point, utilising twin parallel cracks near the top.

J. McCune, R. Brown 23/06/14

The Three Wise Men E6 6b 35m ***

From the Imaculata belay traverse right along the flake line for 7m. Extended moves lead up cracks (good kit) towards a niche on the left. Follow parallel cracks up and rightward for 10m heading

towards another niche. From here blast straight up the crux head wall cracks
L. Postlethwaite, N. Lee, O. Grounsell 09/07/15

Resurrection E7 6b 40m

Start from the gully, climb the obvious thin black streak on the right hand side of the Holy Jaysus wall. Start climbing with hard moves on dubious sugary rock with difficult to find gear placements. Once you reach the obvious ledge, the climbing eases but the rock quality stays questionable

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| 2: Imaculata | E6 6B | *** |
| 3: The 3 Wise Men | E6 6B | *** |
| 4: Resurrection | E7 6B | |

Holy Jaysus Wall

To the south of Holy Jaysus Wall,

American Spirit E2 5b 20m

A nice little route on the smaller cliffs south of the Holly Jaysus wall. Start up a large corner. At the ledge at half height, step left and jam up the crack to a final squirm at the top.

R. Brown, J. McCune 23/06/14

The following route is found on immaculate rock on the south side of Lic an Earraigh, the point about 2-300m south of Holy Jesus wall. This is the arete and groove is west facing, with a decent sized tidal ledge at the bottom of the wall. There's just enough gear on the bottom section for this to be safe, with an absorbing run out at the top.

[Google Maps pin for Bereeved](#)

Bereaved 35m E5 6b ***

From the ledge, follow the flake trending rightwards towards the arête. Make a couple of hard moves up and right (medium RPs) to gain the arête (crux). Climb more easily up the arête for 5m, and at a horizontal break step back left around the arête and traverse up into a niche below a small roof and crack. Pull over round the roof and climb the crack, past a widening, until it peters out into a leftward curving groove. Place all the gear you have left in the abundance of cracks at the bottom of the groove, that's the last of it. Climb the immaculate groove on surprisingly positive holds, until you're forced to make a long and balancy move out right with an increasing sense of urgency. Don't blow it!
J. Roberts, M. Hutton 08/06/18

Scealpán Bui

Following the coast North for 300 meters takes you to a large very scenic bay with a dragon shaped sea stack in the centre of it. Descend to the storm beach by scrambling down the loose slope at the back of the bay.

[Google Map pin for Scealpan Bui](#) Grid Ref B709228

Super Sunday V. Diff 50m

On the north facing wall at the southern end of the bay sea level traverse south from the base of Dragon stack passing the "WO CC" & "JC" carvings. After the "JC" climb the series of corners & steps trending slightly left to the base of a right facing corner. Climb the corner by the stepped crack (exposed) to the summit.
S. Read, I. Miller 27/06/10

Towers of Pizza V. Diff 40m

Probably the most obvious feature is a series of stepped towers connected to the clifftop by a short arete. This is well down towards the sea. Climb the first step by a wide corner crack on the right, and continue up taking care not to drop too many boulders on the second. Will be excellent at its grade, when the loose rock is cleared.
P. Smith, A. Tees 19/9/99

Dragons Breath HS 50m

On the sea-facing wall, opposite stack, approx midway between 'Towers of Pizza' and 'Ferryman Ridge', access is by sea-level traverse. Start from a small platform and climb parallel fluted cracks. Airy moves bring you up on a long, grassy ascent to the foot of another small wall. This is climbed boldly on a leftward trending crack to reach an arete and left to the top.
P. Smith, B. Magowan 19/9/99

Ferryman Ridge V. Diff 40m

Traversing right, at sea level, past the sea stack, there is a prominent pillar just where you turn into the next bay (the Ferryman). This exploratory route gains the col behind the Ferryman by climbing sound rock on its far side. Continue up left, taking care, and make an awkward exit through a keyhole.
A. Tees, M. Pailing 19/09/99

Light in the Western Sky VS 4b 50m

Start left of and below obvious overhang capped corner at the bottom left of the main seamed wall at the western landward side of the Zawn. Scramble up left of the capped corner, climb crack just behind, to gain slab above, move up right and climb fluted cracks (crux) to ledge and continue up obvious corner and wall to top.
M. McGuigan, A. Tees 23/09/00

Comedy of Errors HVS 5a 30m

This takes the obvious line of corner/grooves about 10m right of 'Light in the Western Sky'. An abseil

Descent is preferable as access to the bottom is dangerous. Layback up two large flakes and continue up Groove (substained) to small ledge. Climb at left two corners to door exit.

M. McGuigan, A. Tees 24/09/00

The following two routes are found on the landward face of the dragon shaped sea stack.

Taming The Dragon V. Diff 40m

This route climbs the landward arête up the prominent sea stack in the bay. Cross from the sea facing mainland wall and climb the right hand side of the sea arch to belay at a block on the top. Continue over the arch and climb the ramp on mixed rock and some vegetation to belay. Traverse the pinnacle ridge to highest block at the far end. Beware of the sizable collection of poised blocks on the summit ridge.

A. Tees, B. Magowan 24/09/00

Baby Jasmine's Dragon S 4a 26m

On the wall below the sea arch, start climbing up onto good ledges then follow line of dark crack on good holds then climb ramp on mixed rock and vegetation to large blocks belay and abseil point.

I. Gault, J. Mallon, R. Mulraney, S. Garcia 12/07/13

Archangel S 4a 55m

This takes a curving line up the huge slab on the south facing wall at the North side of Dragon Bay. Abseil down from a rusty post in situ stake to a ledge at the centre of the slab comfortably above high water line. Climb up rightwards for about 30m, reaching the right edge, and avoiding the prominent overhangs. An exposed step left leads into a corner, which is followed to the top. A really spectacular line for the grade, but the rock should be treated with some respect.

A. Tees, G. Thomas 25/08/08

Around the corner to the south and facing out to a collection of islands and sea stacks. Lives a secluded wee bay. It is flanked on its SW side by a couple of impressive caves (one with a slim freestanding pillar) and a stack connected by a narrow arete. Access is by abseil to a large non tidal platform at the north of this bay.

Owey Yin Kenobi S 4a 15m

This routes takes the platform corner (with an offwidth crack in it). Technical to start, leans back higher up, but with a short loose arete at the top.

A. Tees, B. Magowan 20/06/09

Four Ewoks in a Pie Diff 15m

This takes the easy ramp running up rightwards from the left hand edge of the non tidal ledge of Owey Yin Kenobi.

A. Tees, B. Magowan 20/06/09

Hugh Francis HS 4b 15m **

From the start of "Four Ewoks" step left and climb up through a break in the overhangs on good jugs. Avoid the furry ramp on the right, and continue up the wall/corner to the top.

A. Tees, B. Magowan 20/06/09

The following routes are in the bay to the north looking out to the stack with a window in it.

Pete's Prowess VS 4c 15m

This takes the obvious leftward trending crack/overlap between Tor Glas and the wall containing "Ass Biter."

P. McConnell, G. Carlton June 07

Crazy Paving VS 4b 20m

Just left of "Petes Prowess" climb easily up broken slabs into a corner. Climb the wall to the left of the corner to the top.

G. Carlton, P. McConnell June 07

Ass Biter S 25m

Just to the north of Tor Glas on a south facing wall there are a series of leftward leaning cracks. Abseil down the large blank section on the right of the wall to gain the start. Use the blocky steps on the face to follow an edge line towards a small overhang, exiting right of the overhang onto a loose exit.

A. Feeney, M. Hassan 23/06/07

Ginger Biscuit Diff 8m

On the north wall on the other side of the bay from Ass Biter a zig zag stepped line can be seen in the alcove in the centre of the wall. A very easy ascent on grippy jugs.

A. Feeney, M. Hassan 23/06/07

King of the Swingers HS 4a 10m

On the face immediately round the corner right of Ginger Biscuit start as low as possible on a rocky rung. Using the horizontal cracks and edges climb to the highest point directly above, avoiding the blocky ledges to the left and right that threaten to turn this route into a Severe or less.

A. Feeney, M. Hassan 23/06/07

Stove legs Be Handy S 24m

Climb corner crack on excellent holds and make way to offwidth crack and enjoy the short struggle out.

J. Mallon, Princess Kathy Aug 18

Stolen from Jock HVS 25m

Climb up the thin cracks to the roof, place an excellent small cam and traverse blind around the arête to a jug. Climb the ramp on excellent laybacks to tops.

J. Mallon, Princess Kathy Aug 18

Bean an Uaigh Area

From the pier follow the road west through the village and continue west up and over the distant hill. From the summit of the hill descend to the cliff tops aiming to the left of the large bay below you.

The following routes are found on the short sea cliffs along this section of coastline facing out to the collection of sea stacks. There is a lot of solid granite, but nautical guile is advised.

[Google Map pin for Bean an Uaigh Area](#) Map ref: B709228

Uaigh Bhig

This dramatic little stack sits to the North West of Tor Ban and is guarded by a modicum of Neptune's Wrath. This is an excellent wall of immaculate wave battered rock with perfect cracks and features.

[Google Pin for Uaigh Bhig](#) Grid Ref B707226

Above the Rage V. Diff 20m

Climb the chimney/groove in the channel between this stack and Tor Ban.

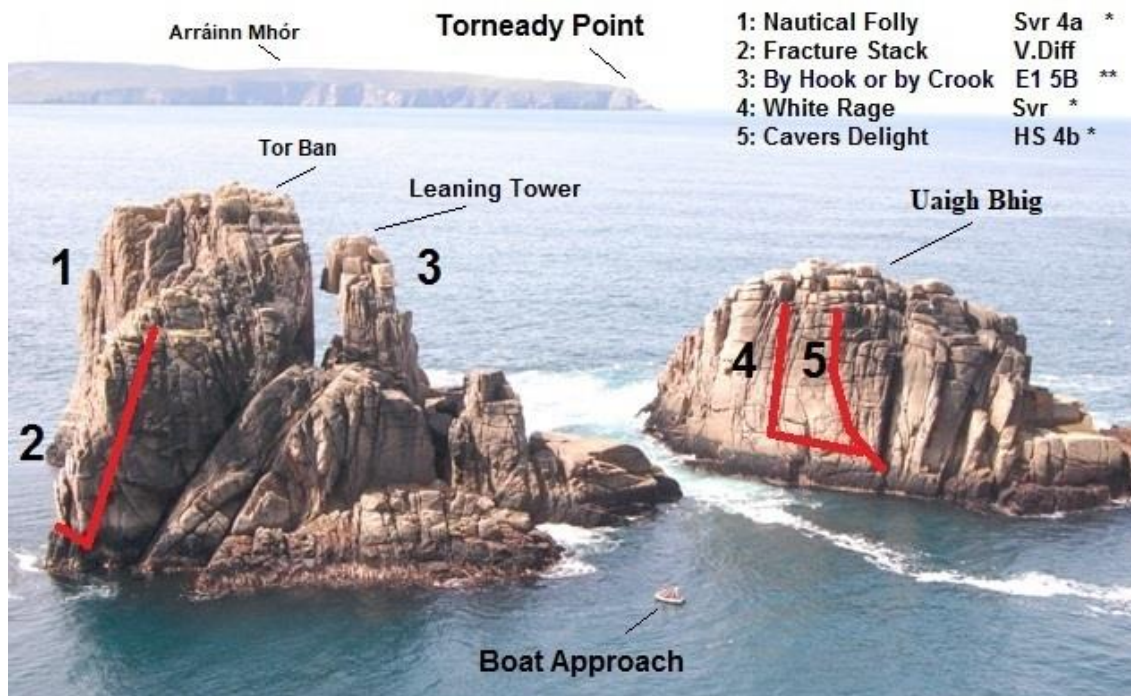
I. Miller 03/05/23

Cois Mara VS 4c ** 20m

Gain the platform to the right of the "Above the Rage" chimney and climb the cracked wall leading out

right. Make a step of faith out right to a jug and continue airy following the jugs.

I. Miller, F. Fhionnlaoich 02/06/23



Tor Ban and Uaigh Bhig

First in HS * 20m

Climb the first full crag height crack, just right as the stack turning into the channel with Tor Ban. A superb route of perfect holds, alas they face the wrong directions.

I. Miller 03/05/23



Uaigh Bhig from Tor Ban

Thinness VS 4b 20m

Climb the thinner crack left of the double barrelled "White Rage."

I. Miller 03/05/23

White Rage S 20m *

This route climbs the most obvious deep crack in the left of centre of the wall.

I. Miller S. Read 26/06/10



Uaigh Bhig Main Face

Scallop Fest S 4a * 20m

From the juggy bulging flake just above the high-water mark, follow the excellent holds trending slightly left to arrive at a huge scalloped jug. From the first scalloped jug reach up and to another and follow them to the top.

I. Miller 03/05/23

Cavers Delight HS 4B 20m *

On the land ward face of this excellent little stack climb the groove / face immediately to the left of the monster chimney/gash at the right hand end of the face.

S. Read, I. Miller 26/06/10

2nd Coming S 15m

Climb the first full crack height crack line left of the deep chimney recess.

I. Miller 03/05/23

Edge of Reason S 15m

Climb the left edge of the deep chimney recess.

I. Miller 03/05/23

Grooved Arête S 15m *

Climb the oddly shaped arête at far right of crag.

I. Miller 03/05/23

Tor Ban

This is the big flat topped sea stack NW of Tor Glas with a detached leaning pillar, which can look like a square window through the stack when looking from mainland Uaigh.

Fracture Stack V. Diff 30m

From the cave a difficult move right and around the corner leads to delightfully easy climbing on good granite to the summit ridge.

A. Tees, I. Kyrella, B. Magowan 22/06/09

Nautical Folly SVR 4a 30m *

At the seaward end of the East facing wall of Tor Ban (facing the Lady of Owey) there sits a large tidal platform. Climb the prominent right facing corner in the centre of the seaward wall directly above the ledge. Superb rock and holds all the way to summit.

I. Miller, C. Gleeson, M. Boner 27/06/09

The following route climbs the West face of the leaning tower on Tor Ban. Scramble/cave your way to the seaward face of the tower (between the tower and the parent stack) to the massive seaward platforms.

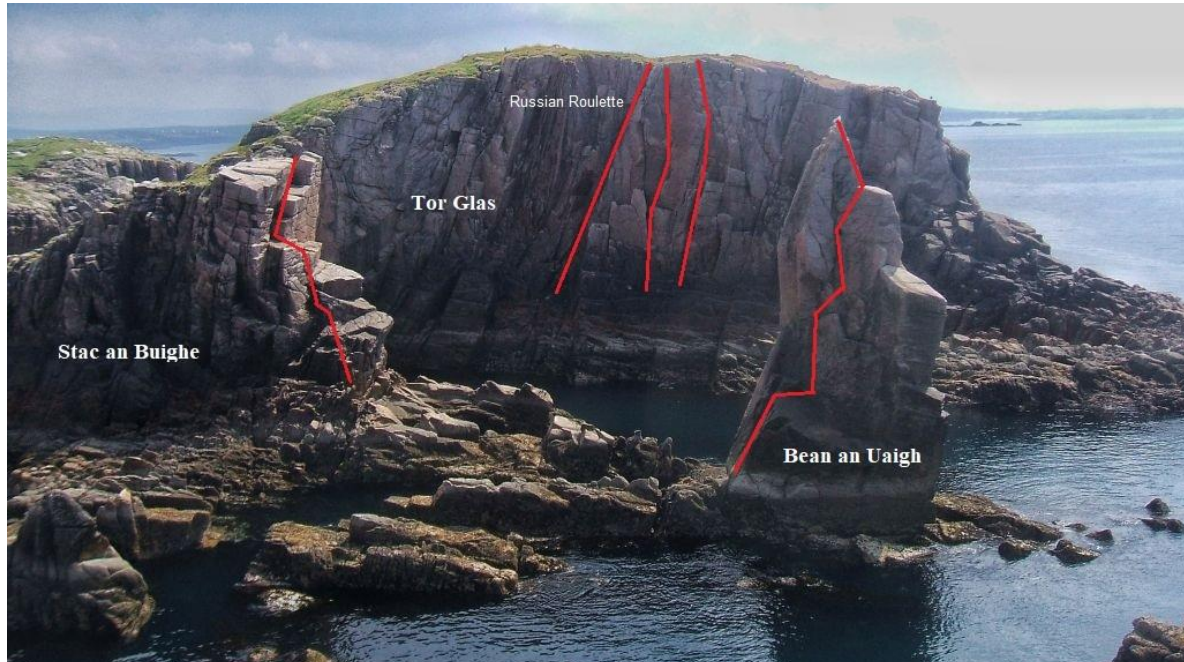
By Hook or by Crook E1 5B 20m **

At the seaward end of the west face of the tower climb the series of ledges to the left of the obvious roof crack. Micro wires needed.

I. Miller S. Read 26/06/10

Stac an Buighe

This is the flat topped sea stack between Bean an Uaigh at its seaward end and mainland Owey, just to the north of Tor Glas.



Stac an Buighe , Tor Glas & Bean an Uaigh from Tor Ban

Finbar's Route Diff 25m *

Climb up the centre of the wall by a series of big stepped ledges on the seaward side. Nice little airy crux at the very top.

F. Mullen 22/06/00

Stac an Buighe Film

Bean an Uaigh

The following route climbs the stunning narrow needle stack just North of Tor Glas and is known as Bean an Uaigh.

Stac an Buighe E1 5b 16m **

Climb the stack on its North face via the crack at first then the groove to the summit.

Andrzej Smialy & Party 4/07/03

Tor Glas

Living off the southwest tip of Owey Island is the large grass topped Island. The South face of Tor Glas is made up of clean granite slabs with some slightly scrittly rock in places.

Google Map pin for Tor Glas Island Grid Ref B707224

Cordite Cracks HS 4a 20m

A couple of metres east of the big corner taken by 'Gun Runner' there is a crack in the slab which disappears at about 5 metres, to be replaced by a thin one. After a couple of thin unprotected moves, the climbing is easier to reach, and overcome, a short steep layback crack at the top.

A. Tees, V. Schaffer, B. Magowan, 11/08/12

Gun Runner S 4a 20m

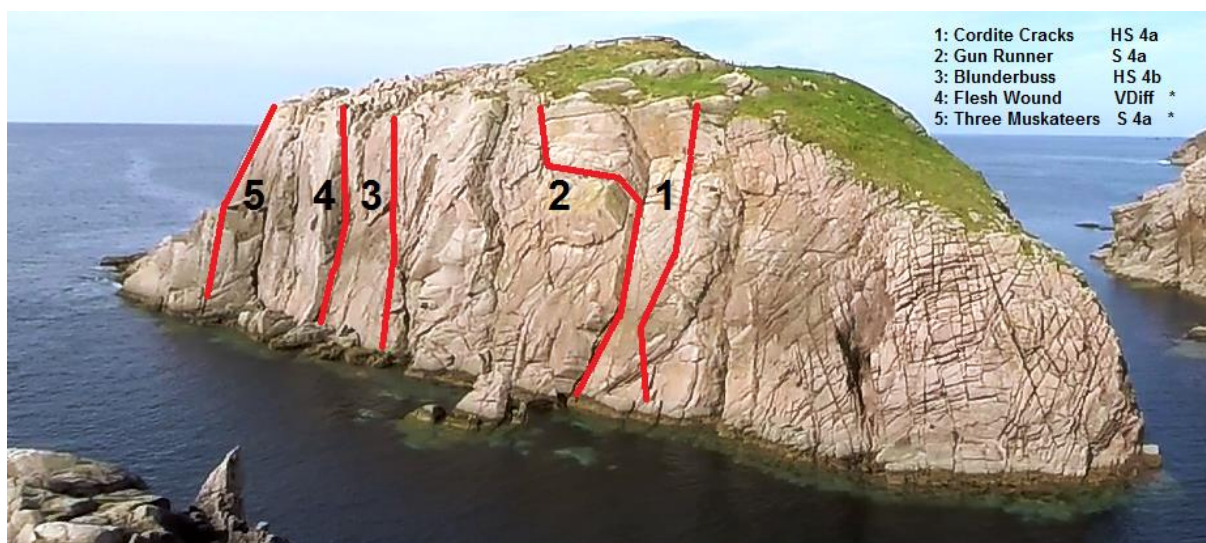
Layback delightfully up the big corner to about two thirds height, where there is a thin crack on the left (just above the feature after which the route is named) giving access to the slab above. There is a temptation to continue up the corner above, but the exit is sugary and unpleasant. Traverse left across the slab under the overhanging step, and climb a short corner to the top. An option would be to go straight up the slab over a couple of furry unprotected mantles!

A. Tees, V. Schafer, B. Magowan, 11/08/12

An Radharc is fearr S 4a 20m

Between the "Gun Runner" and the chimney that separates the crag. Start in the small triangular recess, climb the deep grooves above, and continue on jugs through the steepening. Climb the steep corner on jugs to finish.

I. Miller, E. Cahill 27/05/23



Tor Glas

Beyond 'Gun Runner' there is a chimney which provides an obstacle to traversing along the bottom of the slab.

Blunderbuss HS 4b 20m

Easier to ab down beyond this, to a big platform. This route takes prominent twin grooves, which steepen and bear left towards the top. At the top the rock becomes sugary in the corner, so make a thin step left to the arête, treating the flake with caution.

A. Tees, V. Schafer, B. Magowan, 11/08/12

Flesh Wound V. Diff 20m *

Approx 10m left of 'Blunderbuss' is a trough, with a deep right to left groove leading into a steep corner, above it. Start just left of the trough, gain the groove and continue up the overlapping corner on great holds and protection.

B. Magowan, V. Schaffer, A. Tees 11/08/12

Sun Trap S 20m

Climb the left facing corner on thin holds and small gear (nuts & cams) to an airy exit move.

J Mallon, K. Mc Daid Aug 18

Three Musketeers S 4a 20m *

Beyond 'Flesh Wound' is a stepped layback off width, and beyond this a lovely arête sweeps down to the sea. This route starts on the right of the arête, and gains it higher up, on perfect rock, with a slight sting in the tail on the last move!

A. Tees, B. Magowan, V. Schafer, 11/08/12

On the north face of Tor Glas.

Russian Roulette HS 4b 25m

This route climbs the ramp on an unusual combination of crumbly holds and quite good protection. Thoughtful and skilful climbing may result in the survival of your belayer, especially if he forgets his helmet. An experience not to be missed.

A. Tees, B. Magowan, 11/08/12

Forked Lightning E1 5b 20m **

Climbs the strikingly obvious forked lightning crack on the North side of Torglass Island. Climb the crack via the chimney to start onto the ledge, then continue up the crack as it zig-zags its way up the face, with a crux at the top. Big gear handy.

D. Millar, M. Boner 2009

Not all jugs are your friends E2 5b 20m *

A meter or two right of "Forked Lightning," climb the steep open groove to a half-height stance. Continue up the steep flake above with increasing difficulty to the top.

D. Ryan, L. Murdiff, I. Miller 29/04/23

Rachael's Run S 4b 16m

Starting 20 metres right of forked lightning, climb up onto the block ledges on increased difficulty. Awkward move onto the final ledge and then climb the corner to the top.

J. Mallon, Princess Kathy Aug 2015

At the seaward end of this face, the rock becomes a ridge that runs gently into the sea towards Árrain Mhór. The following two routes are found just to the right of this ridge.

An Ceann Ramhar V. Diff 15m *

Climb the left-hand groove/chimney, either internally or externally

I. Miller 01/05/23

An Ceann Tanaí V. Diff 15m *

Climb the slightly slender right hand groove /slot.

I. Miller 01/05/23

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The west coast and islands of Donegal are very exposed to the Atlantic Ocean swells brought by the ever present trade winds. A good working knowledge of such nautical matters is essential to ensure safe practice whilst visiting and climbing on remote and very exposed sea cliffs and stacks.

Rock climbing is an activity with a very real danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities must employ appropriate levels of mountaineering / rock climbing guile and common sense. Participants must take personal responsibilities for their actions and involvement in these activities at all times.

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