

UPPER STONE HAW & KIRKBY FELL



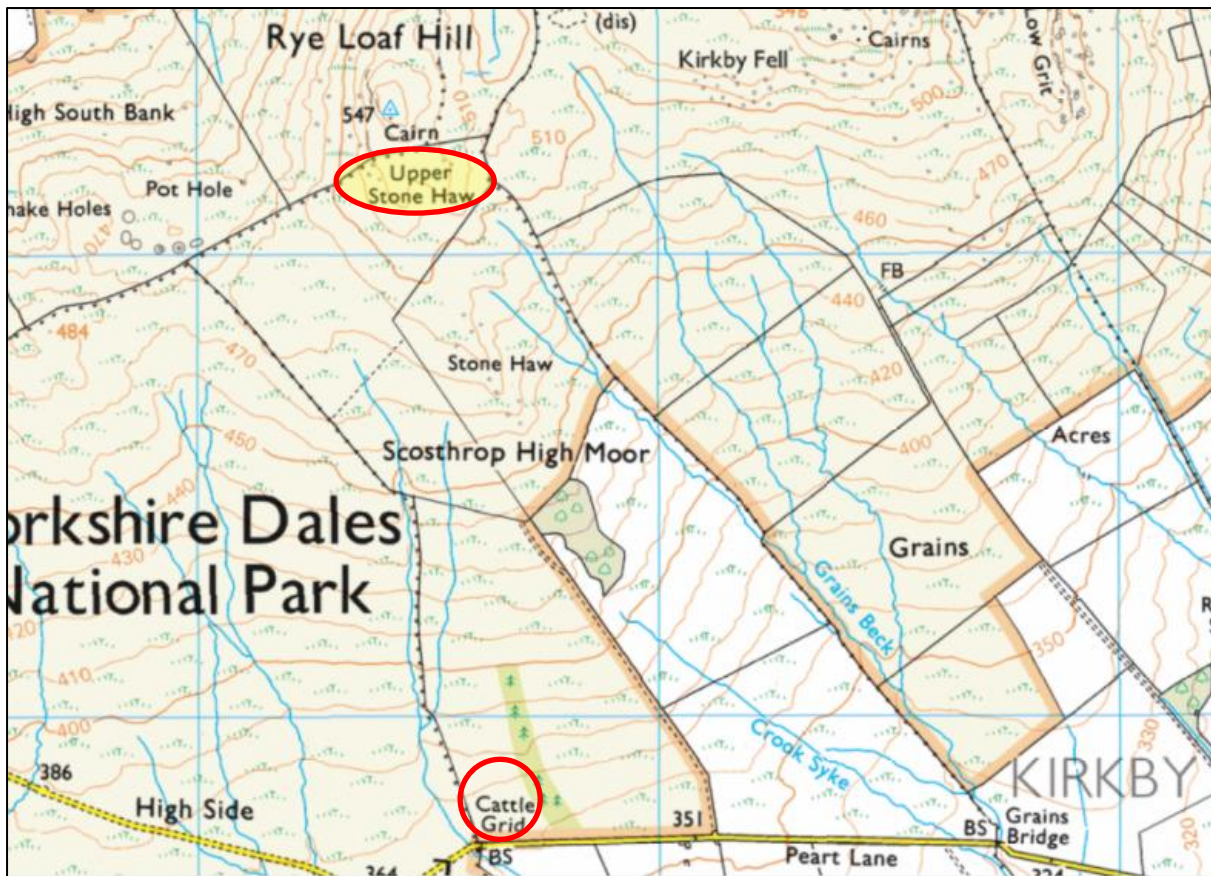
MALHAMDALE BOULDERING

Two minor gritstone blocs on the trinity of hills (Rye Loaf Hill, Kirkby Fell and Pikedaw Hill) at the roof of Malhamdale. These can either be approached independently or as part of a walking-bouldering day. Both are on Access Land.

UPPER STONE HAW

(near Rye Loaf Hill, Malhamdale)

A tiny crag, that has probably been ‘delphed’ at some point. It is hidden at the end of a ridge, just short of a dry-stone wall; the final push up to Rye Loaf Hill (547m) is just over the wall.



Approach – There is no easy way, but you get to feel like a pioneer. You could approach from the East or North (from Stockdale Lane) but parking near the cattle grid on Peart Lane (the Kirkby Malham road) and aiming at the words ‘Upper Stone Haw’ on the map works and serves as a decent warm up.

- 1/ **Outta Delph 3** The left arete from standing. Positive holds and a nice line.
- 2/ **Strict Haw 6b** SDS. An eliminate on the next problem – no feet on the central column. Hands on the arete and slot in the face. Powerful foot-pasting should unlock it.
- 3/ **Stone Haw 6a** SDS. The central arete with feet on the column next door.



The fragile tower cutting the crag in half is best left alone.

4/ Back to the Beasts 5+ SDS. Low slots then up the left of the right-hand wall.

The Right Side of this wall – the arete is in, but watch the stacked capping blocks.

5/ RS Stand 4+

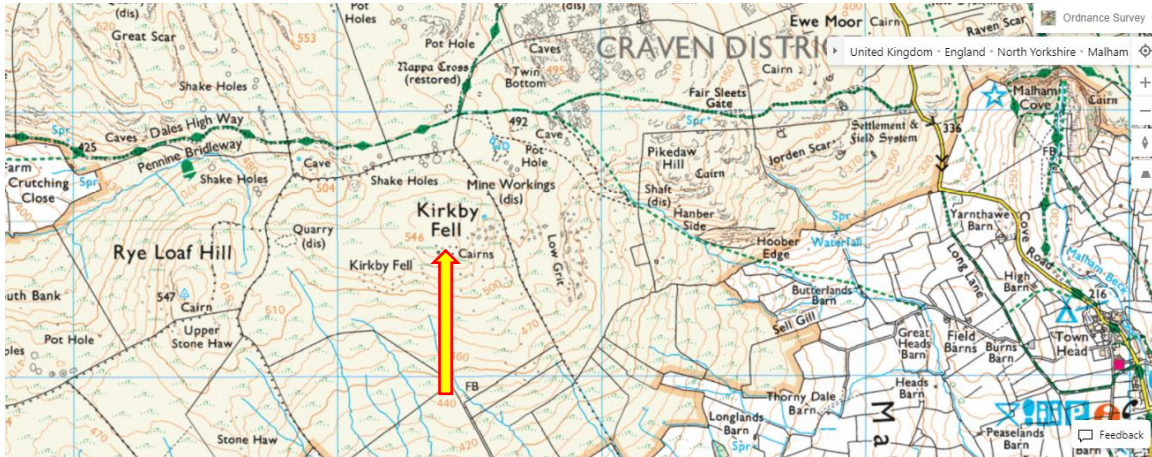
6/ RS Sit 5+

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KIRKBY FELL

There is a fair bit of grit ringing this hill side. The buttress described is a mini roof in one of the mine workings on the summit. The base has been made flat.

Approach – Again there are lots of approach options: the path past Pikedaw Hill out of Malham or the bridal tracks off the Cove Road.



1/ **Left Arete 5+** SDS. The foot-block is in.

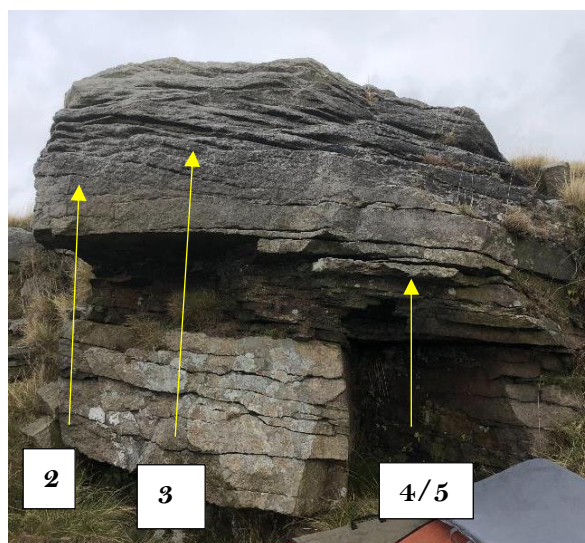
2/ **Centre 6a** SDS (no foot-blocks). Span from good flatties to crimps over the roof. Getting feet up is key.

3/ **Right of Centre 5+** SDS. Everything is in.

The next problems have a suspect flake on them – BE CAREFUL.

4/ **Hollow Dome Cave 4+** SDS. Climb the cave and out of it.

5/ **Hollow Dome Hanger 6a** Start hanging the good break (above the suspect flake). Feet on the upper rocks only.



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