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Climbs -

Altitude 500m

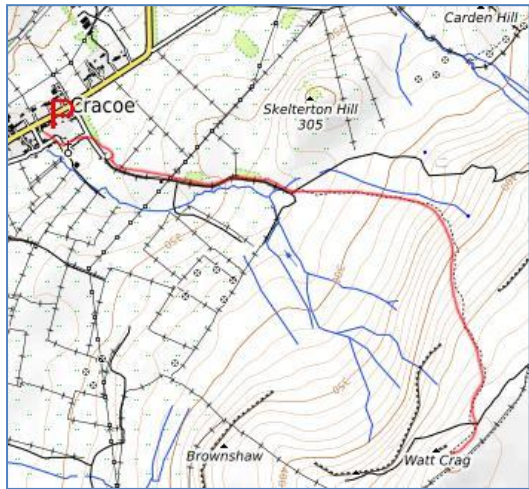
Faces Mostly west

Other condition info:

Close to the Stile Boulders but below the monument itself. Composed of clean, tough grit some of which is quite pebbly. Marked on maps as Watt Crag.

Parking and approach info:

Parking in Cracoe is to be preferred. There is a large car park behind the Devonshire pub. The owners allow parking so long as you let them know you are parking there (and preferably buy a drink on your return). A gate at the back of the car park gives access to the lane at the start of your walk. Follow lanes to the fell gate then a path, a short section of which can be boggy.



The rocks are obvious below the monument.

Problems

Roll of Honour Block



The first problems are immediately below the monument with the first being a roof to the left.

1/ Roll of Honour 6b *

From holds on the left hug the roof and surmount it.

Other problems are possible here.

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Warm-up Block



Just to the right – nice warm-up problems.

1/Warm 2

Left side.

2/ Warmer 2 *

Left of crack.

3/ Warmest 2*

Crack and up.

4/Hot 3

Right side.

The top break makes a nice traverse.

5/ Hotter 4

just around the arete.

6/ Hottest 6a+

An eliminate.SDS.

Swing along the lip and climb the edge.



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Lookout Block

The next problems are at lower level with the first block being out to the left.



1/ Lookout 5 *

SDS and then follow holes and slab.

2/ New Look 5 *

SDS at foot of the slab. Pull on and up.

3/ The Look 6b **

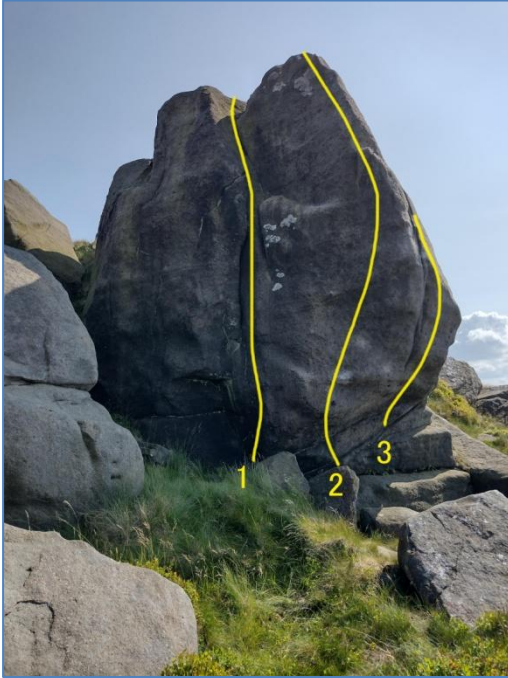
SDS at foot of rising rail. Follow it and slap up right. A variation rocks around left from the rail



Across to the right there are some small blocks but the main event is the prominent prow and steep slab.

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Monumental Block



1/ Crack a Toe 5 *

The crack is good but tends to become dirty.

2/ The Lost 6a **

Staying out of the crack use side-pulls to reach the shelf and then the good jug on the arête. keep on the left side of the arête to the top.

3/ Monumental 7a ***

Hug the opposing arête/edges to reach a hold and then the good jug. Keep on in the same line to the, thankfully good, finishing jug.

4/ Pebble Power 7a **

Tenuous pebble pulling and tricky footwork to follow the right side of the vague edge.

5/ Pebble in Your Shoe

7a **

From the same starting position move up then work right using pebbles and shallow slots though, rather artificially avoiding the underlying block. Press on to the top.

There is a vague line just right but feels forced



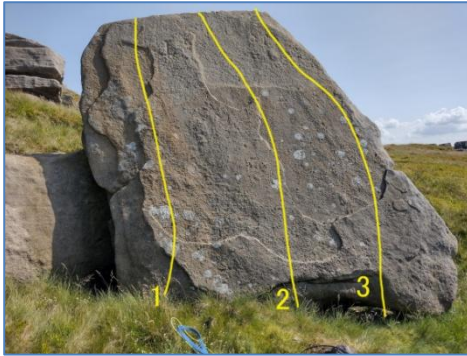
6/Pebble Beach 5+

The short line by the slight groove.

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The Tombstone Block

To the right is a tombstone like block that provides easy problems/warm-ups



1/ Left 2

2/ Centre 2

3/ Right 2

Using the arête.

Unsatisfactory SDSs and eliminates are possible

If you have energy left then it is worth having a final blast and seeking out a roof block that is located 300m to the north of the steepest part of the approach path.



Roof Block

All start as SDSs.

1/ Pull 5

From the jug reach, haul, flop.

2/ Puller 6a *

Similar but harder.

3/Cardi 6a+ *

Follow the lower rail and keep going.

4/ Pullover 6a+ *

Follow the lower rail but pull up towards the centre.

5/ Sweater 6a+ *

Pull up to the upper rail, follow it and reach for ok finishing holds.

There are further blocks to the north of here.