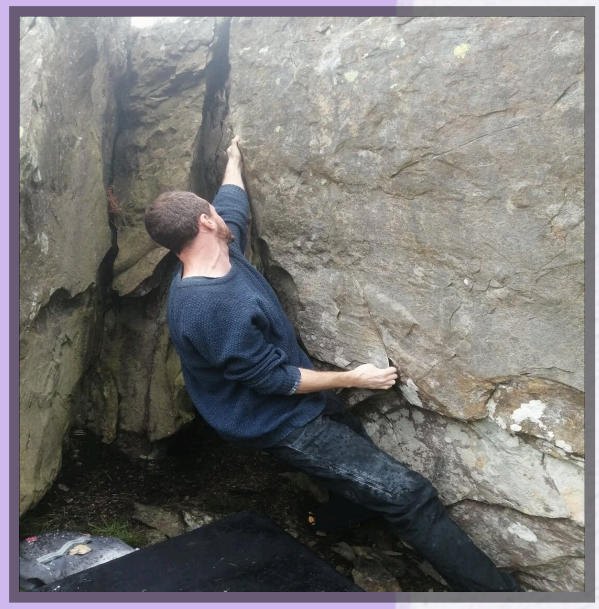
Crummack Lane Erratics

The Boulders

Within this Beautiful Valley in Crummackdale, close to the Norber Erratics are the Crummack Lane Erractics. A jumbled boulder field of glacial, Silurian sandstone boulders. Most of these climbs are sit starts on smallish boulders, but there are some good moves to be found here. The boulders face all directions but predominantly they are of an East facing Aspect

It's also a great place for beginners who want to get some volume under their belt, for families with young children who can potter about on many of the smaller boulders and rocks. And if you're a twitcher, there's plenty of Birds of Prey that operate in this area.



Bob squeezing the cool pinch on his FA of David Pincher

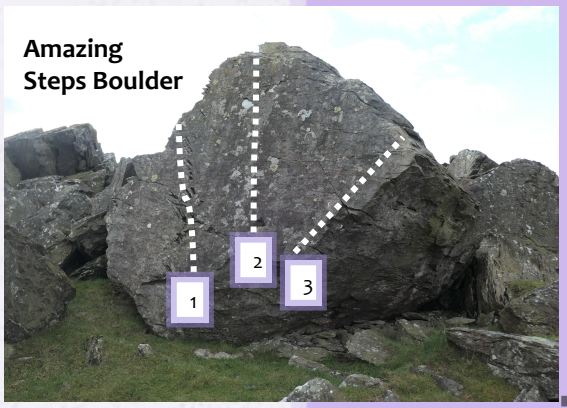
Fighting the pump on the FA of The Cold Trail

Parking and approach (GR 54.130783,-2.350837)

Approach as for Beggers' style and Theives Moss. Drive out of Austwick and past the turn off for Norber. Keep going beyond the point where the road turns into a dirt track. Park left on the verge just before a track comes in from the right. The boulders are on your left and accessed via a gate just a short distance back from where you parked.

The boulders are split over two fields, the right of which can be accessed from the lower section of the left field via a stone style just left of the gate.

Left Field Boulders



Found near the wall towards the top left of the field

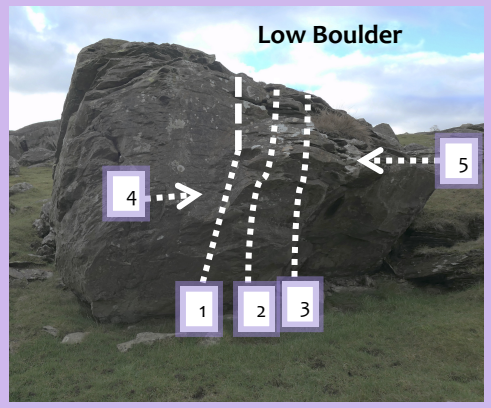
1. **Amazing Steps** 2
The slots and Steps

2. **Jesus wants you for a Mungbean** 6a*
SDS. Press out of the big hold and leg press up the wall.

3. **European Champion** 6b *
SDS. The awkward fine grained arête.

4. **Silurian Press** 7a
SDS. Hang the green rail before a throw to the lip. Mantel, press and slither.

5. **Slight Cheat** 5+
SDS. Throw right for better holds and grind over. A poor variation spoilt by the underlying boulder.



Right of the Arête boulder near the path

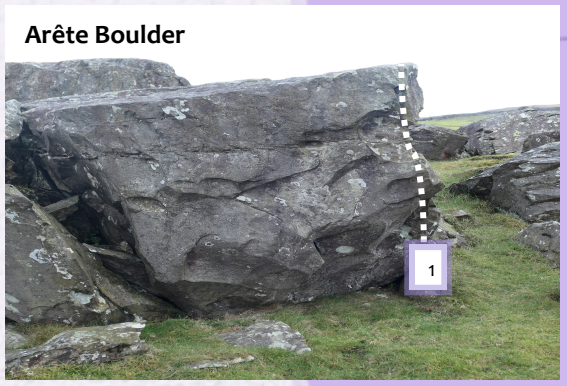
1. **Path Arête 5**
SDS. Use holds on the left wall; bowl up

2. **Path Eliminate** 5+
SDS. Be strict, eliminate using only holds on the overhanging face.

3. **Jugs N' Grass** 5
SDS. Off the crescent flake, into the grass.

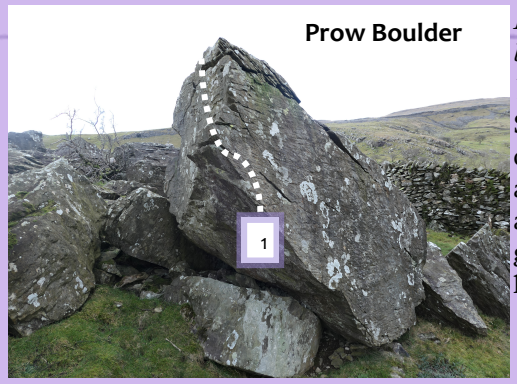
4. **Erratic Voyage** 6a
SDS. L-R traverse and grind over at the end.

5. **Erratic Progress** 5+
SDS R-L traverse to finish just before the arête



Found right of the Amazing steps boulder within the jumble

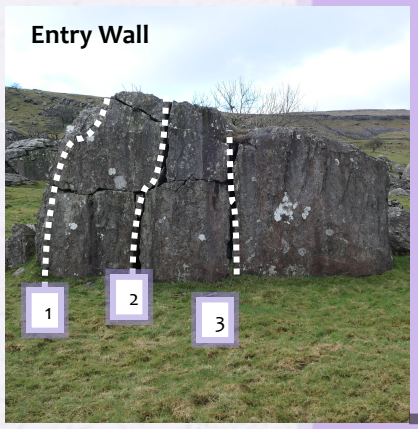
1. **One Arête** 5
SDS. Embrace the smoothness.



Found down and right of the low boulder, right of the large tree.

1. **Silurian Prow 5+**
SDS. SDS or low start depending on reach. Use seam for right hand and small but good crimp for left and make a dynamic move to the good ledge above.. Top out slightly left of the peak. Foot block out.

Right Field Boulders (*please use stile to access*)

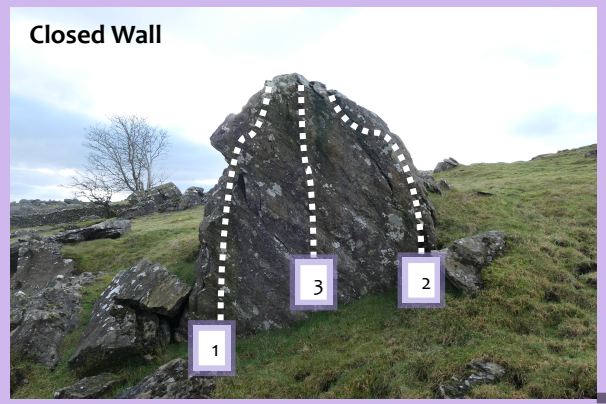


In the open field and can be seen from the gate

1. **Left Arête** 3+
SDS. Climb the left arête

2. **Crack A 4**
SDS. Climb the forked crack

3. **Crack B 4+**
SDS layback on the right, make an awkward move to get stood up and continue



Right of tiny roof

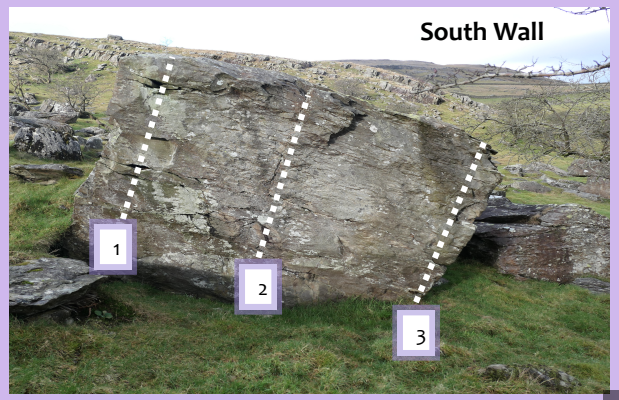
1. **Disclosure 5**
Climb the left arête to the apex

2. **Closure 5**
Start far left hand in the vertical slot and right hand on the arête. Follow the arête to finish over the apex.

3. **Project .** Slot and slanting crack no arête

Follow close to the wall uphill to a cluster of boulders

1.All Filler No Killer 5
SDS. From good holds near the bottom and slap up the two arêtes. Poor.

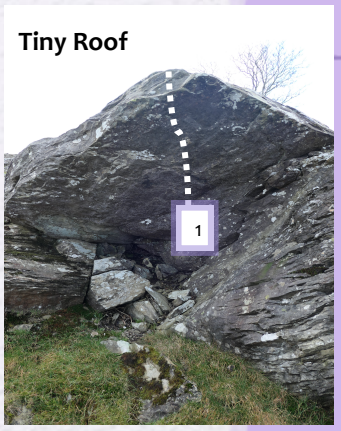


Behind and uphill from the prominent tree

1. **Pocket Arête 4+**
SDS The left edge of the wall.

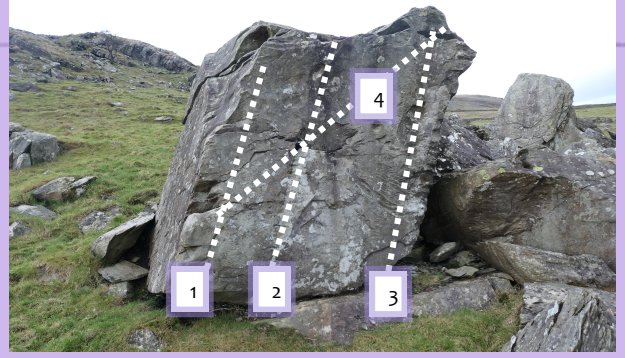
2. **Purged 6a ***
SDS Choose your crimps carefully up the center of the wall. Tough.

3. Restrict 5+
SDS The short arête from the ledge.



Bit further right on a similar level as the Meh Boulder

1. **Tiny Roof 6a**
SDS. Pull from 2 sharp crimps without using the right wall and grind over the top. A toe hook helps stop the swing.



Right of South Wall

1. **I am you 4**
SDS left arête on its right

2 . **You are Me 4+**
SDS use the rail and pop to the top

3. **Speed Trials on acid 6c**
SDS Eliminate the big Slots, use crimps and Side pulls. No arete

4.**Oh Yes, Oh Yes 6a**
SDS traverse crimps to RH arête

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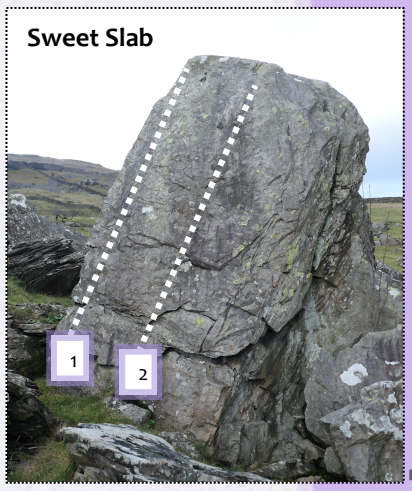
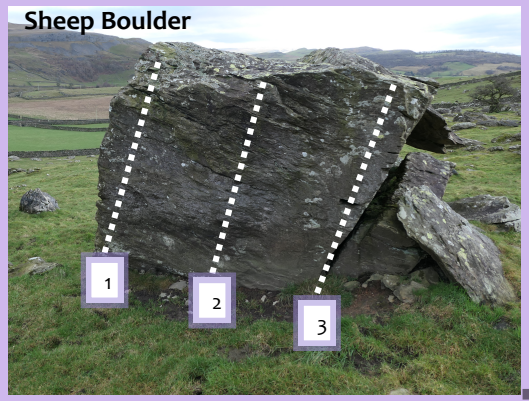


Close to previous boulders

1. **Sweet Arête** 3+
SDS. Climb the left arête

2. **Paddy** 4
Climb the nice slabby face without the arête.



Down the hill where the field opens up

1. Stickler 5
SDS. Climb the left arête

2. **Bulging wall 5+**
SDS center of the wall

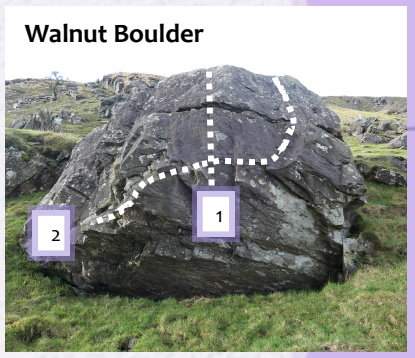
3. **Propped 5**
SDS right arête

Just up from Sweet Slab

1. **Suprising Struggle 6a**
SDS. from two obvious holds just underneath the lip and go directly up from there. Harder than it looks

The downhill side of the sheep boulder.

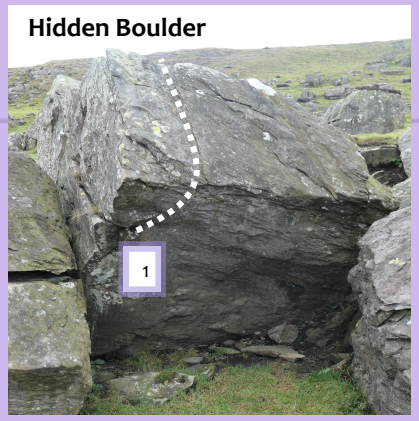
1. **Silurian Slab 4**
Lovely padding up the slab from its lowest point. Shame its not a little bigger.



Bit further right on a similar level as the Short Legged Boulder

1. **Silurian Stretch 5+**
SDS. Straight up the middle starting from a curved In cut hold for LH and a pointed pinch for right. Pull on then use crimps to get to the break

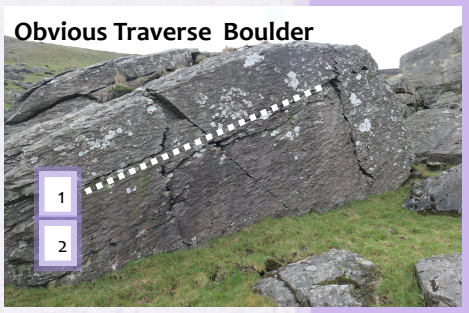
2. **Stomach Issues 6a+**
SDS at the far left flake. Move up and right to the lip and traverse right across the lip to finish just before right arête... A tad Powerful and a tad reachy.



Hidden just uphill in the jumble of boulders

1. **Bump N Grind 6a**
SDS left hand on knobbly arête hold. Right hand sloping crimp just past the lip. Work your way up the arête to a good rock over on the lip to top out direct. Could be started with the right hand lower on undercut at a harder grade .

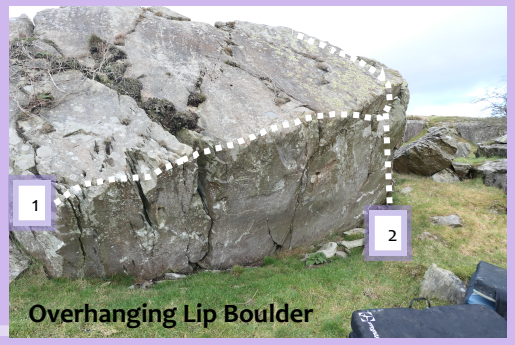
Right Field Boulders (*please use the stile to access*)



Just left of the Pirana Boulder

1. **Frontside Traverse 4**
Traverse left to right using the large obvious horizontal break.

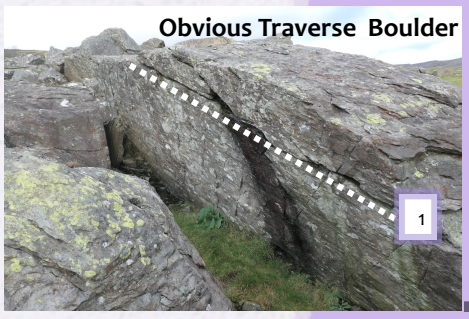
2. **DPD Go Home 6A**
Eliminate traversing left to right using only holds below the large horizontal break and topping out after the right vertical crack.



Up the hill and right of the Pirana boulder

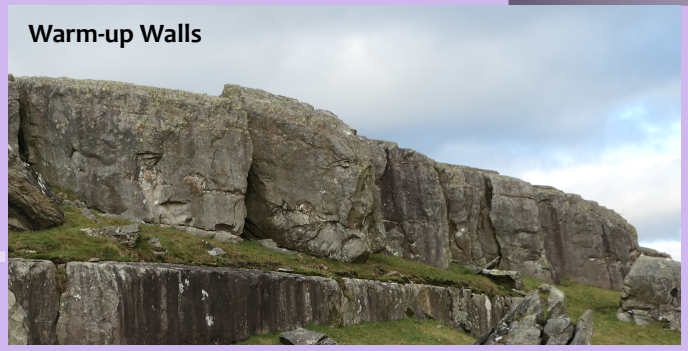
1. **The Cold Trail 6B***
SDS. Traverse the overhanging lip from the left Arête to its peak on the right .Once at the peak top out here rocking left on to the upper slab. Stick to Holds on lip and just below until the top out.

2. **Silurian Arête 5+**
SDS RH good hold on arête, left hand dish . Climb the right arête on its left.



Backside of the boulder. More short problems to be done here.

1. **Kwik Cricket 4+**
The large obvious hand crack on the rear side of the obvious traverse boulder.

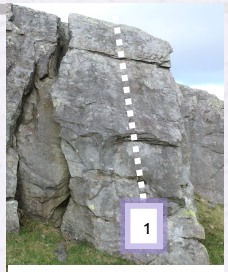


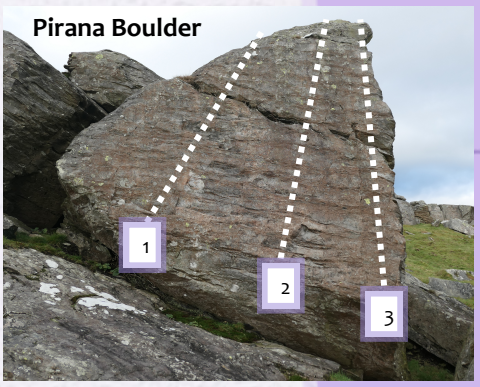
Right hand side of the the field are are the obvious back walls .Problems described right to left.

1. **The Spider 3+**
SDS. The double Arête and work your way up.

2. **The Tick 4**
SDS - Matched on the good protruding hold , work your way up direct. Poor

3. **The Ladybird 4**
SDS. Right hand good hole, left hand face hold. Get feet up and use left hand crack to rock over. Left Block is out of bounds.





Obvious boulder just right of the traverse boulder

1. **Fairy Steps 4**
SDS. Ascend the left of the Pirana Boulder, avoiding the grassy break.

2. **Pirana Direct 4**
SDS - Ascend on the right of the large triangular boulder.

3. **The Thug 5+**
SDS. Up the right arête.

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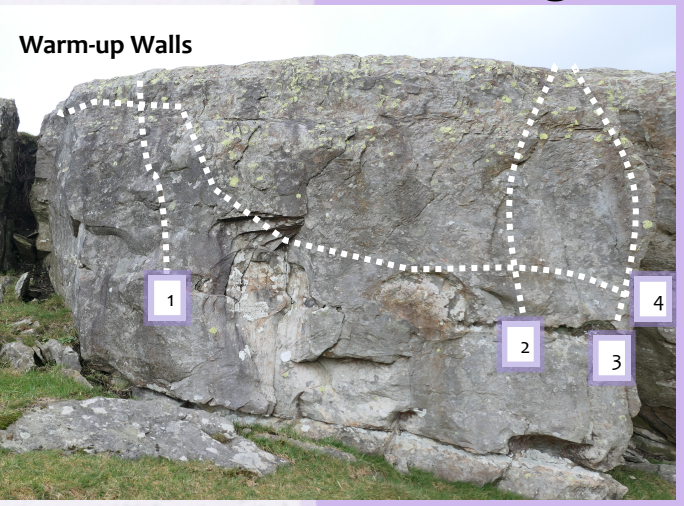


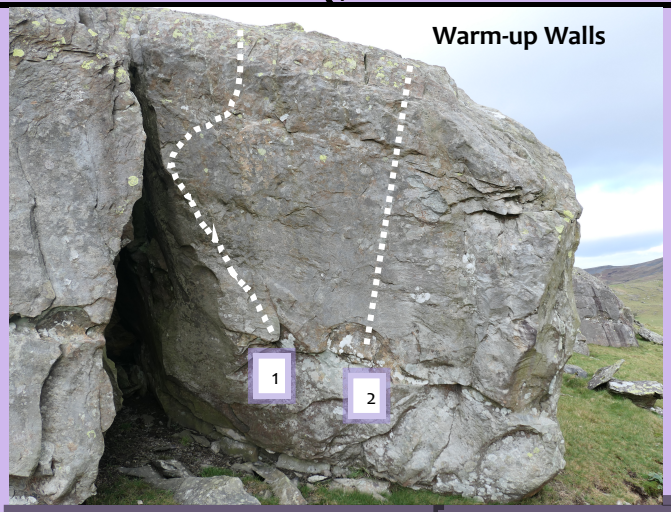
Left Hand side of the Warm-Up Walls

1. The Ant 5+
SDS. Eliminate. The blunt left arête on its right.... LH slot RH sharp pocket. Slap into left hand undercut then slap the right into the good right hand side pull.. Work feet up and go for the top . Large bulging ledge/flake to the right and holds in its crack are out.

2. **The Fly** 4+
SDS - Right hand undercut , left hand pinchy holes. Top out without the arête via a left hand gaston.

3. The Worm 4+
SDS the right arête . Left hand in the pinchy holes, right hand arête. Work your way up the barn doory arête. Easier if you can reach the upper good holds from the foot block.

4. **The Fly** 5+
Traverse left from the right arête, round the corner and finish by topping out at the runnel . Staying off the top until the runnel. Crux is coming round the corner.



The left hand side of the warm up walls facing Uphill

1. **David Pincher 6B***
SDS Matched on the good undercut. Move up and left to the cool pinch hold then use small crimps to reach the top... Foot block is in as are feet left of the Arete. Good climbing.

2. **Project**
SDS just right of David Pincher on undercuts. Somehow reach or jump to a reasonable flatty much higher up.

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Stand out Problems

David Pincher 6b
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Silurian Slab 4

There are still problems to be done for the keen. The Project right of David Pincher my prove to be a hard couple of moves. The back of the Obvious Traverse Boulder may also yield some stiff pulls from the ground. A lower start to Bump and Grind and the central line of Closed Wall. There are also some walls up the hill, which scar down the hillside, that may have a problem or two in them. And lastly and probably least , there's plenty of very lowball lines left to explore.