

A climbers guide to

# Inishowen

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The rock climbing on Inishowen peninsula is quite simply Donegal rock climbing in miniature.



Map of Inishowen

### Crummies Bay (Port Na Sionnach)

Directions: An unusual crag of orange coloured rock, on the northern side of a small inlet immediately north of Crummies Bay. The rock tends to be loose, especially towards the top. As there are now 'Private' signs on the previous access route to this crag, it is advisable to leave your vehicle at the main car park for the beach and approach via the strand, crossing the shallow river estuary and gain the coast. Walk north along the shore and at the first bay move inland to arrive at the southern side of a steep boulder filled inlet. The routes are on the right hand side of the bay.

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Twisted Speech HS 4a 50m

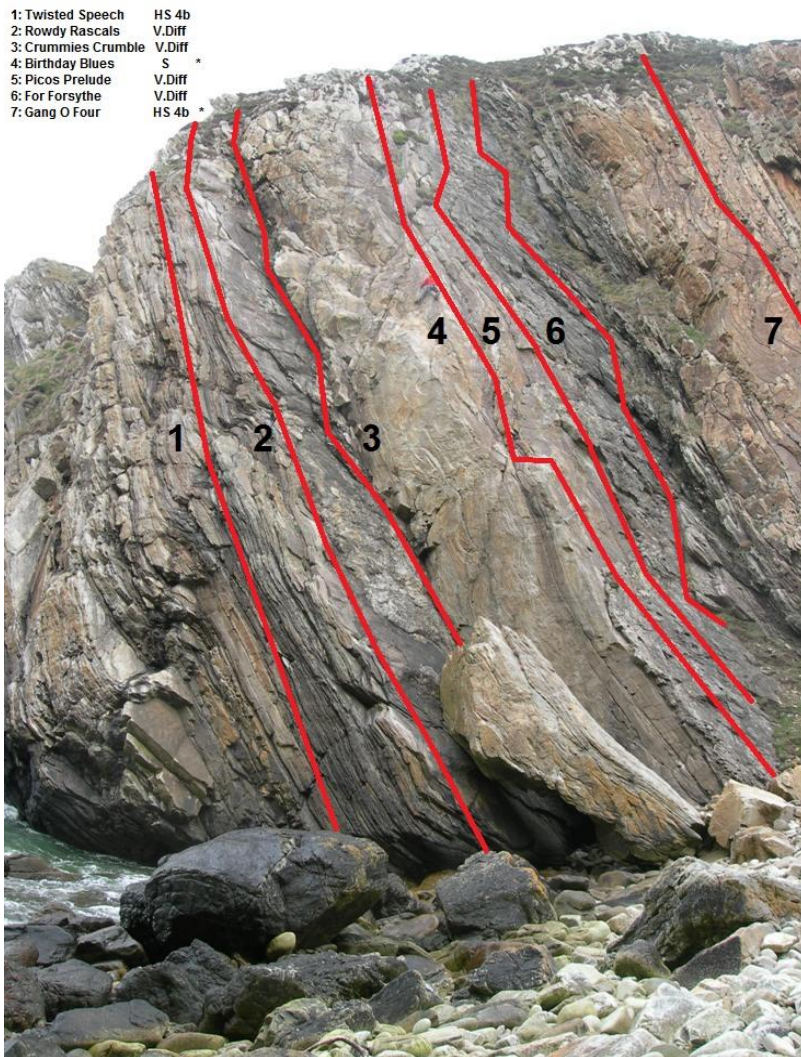
FA I. Rea, M. Rea 07/05/95

Left of Rowdy Rascals is a wide diagonal crack which leads to a small overhang. Climb the thin, fluted face cracks just right of this and go up the extreme left hand edge, with an airy finish just left of a loose block.

Rowdy Rascals S 50m

FA B. Patton, B. McDermott June 81

About 10m left of Crummie's Crumble. Move up off some boulders onto slanting ledge, and continue up along the left-hand edge of the ramp mentioned in Crummie's Crumble.



Crummie's Crumble VD 50m

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton June 81

This takes the right-hand corner of the obvious ramp at the lower, or left end of the crag, starting from a massive boulder at its base.

Birthday Blues S 50m \*

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton June 81

Right of Crummie's Crumble is a large grey slab. This route goes up the left-hand edge of it. Variations possible.

Picos Prelude VD 50m

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton June 81

Takes a parallel line about 4m right of Birthday Blues.

For Forsythe VD 50m

FA B. Patton, B. McDermott June 81

Takes a parallel line towards the right-hand side of the Grey Slab. Variations possible.

Gang O'Four HS 4b 50m \*

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton June 81

Just right of the Grey Slab is the Red Slab. This route goes straight up the left centre of it. Variations possible.

Dylsghi Daydream VD 50m

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton June 81

Start at the right-hand end of Red Slab, move up leftwards, and continue right of centre to the top.

Columba's Hitman Direct VS 4b 20m

FA B. McDermott, R. Smith, B. Patton June 81

Just right of the cave is a wide crack, very steep at first but easing above. Climb it until it turns horizontal, traverse left and climb directly up.

Columba's Hitman VS 4b 20m

FA P. Grant, B. McDermott, G. Colhoun June 81

As for Columba's Hitman Direct, only traverse right and climb the edge.

White Riot VS 4b 25m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 07/05/95

Climbs the arete of the Columba routes, starting just right of the toe of the edge, moving left onto the arete and following this directly up to the top.

Groovy Grandad S 4a 20m

FA M. Patton, R. Smith, June 81

4m right of Columba's Hitman, around the corner, is a wide crack which is climbed past a large flake to a corner. The wall above is climbed on small holds.

Tooth Fairy HS 4b 20m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher 07/04/94

Right of 'Groovy Grandad' is a detached pinnacle or flake. Climb to the top of it and step onto the face. Continue up a crack to the top.

Strawman VS 4b 20m

FA I. Rea, M Rea 07/05/95

Climb the wall, at the thin crack just left of Victory V until level with the second small overhang on the right edge. Go onto edge and finish.

Vulpine S 4a 18m

Take the 'V' shaped diedre up the centre of the arete.

*A. Tees, K. Gallagher 04/11/93*

Alpine VS 4b 18m

Climb the ledge to the left of "Vulpine".

*A. Tees, K. Gallagher 04/11/93*

### **King Mintiagh (Barnanmore)**

This is a pleasant little Dolerite Plug about 9.5 K East of Buncrana, on the northern footslopes of Slieve Snacht. The routes are mostly in the easier grades, and some care is needed with loose rock.

Directions: Follow the Buncrana/Carndonagh Mountain road until the "Plug" becomes visible on the road's southside. Limited parking available at a gateway opposite the crag, which is a 10-ish minute walk up the hill.

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**North Side**

Furthest left faces, as seen when facing crag. Routes left to right.

Tepee Groove S 4a 10m

FA N. McLaughlin, C. McLaughlin 26/03/04

This takes a right slanting groove on the third short wall to the left of rocky outcrop of 'Baby Stew'.  
The climb can be gained by various starts.

Arrow S 3c 10m

FA C. McLaughlin, N. McLaughlin 26/03/04

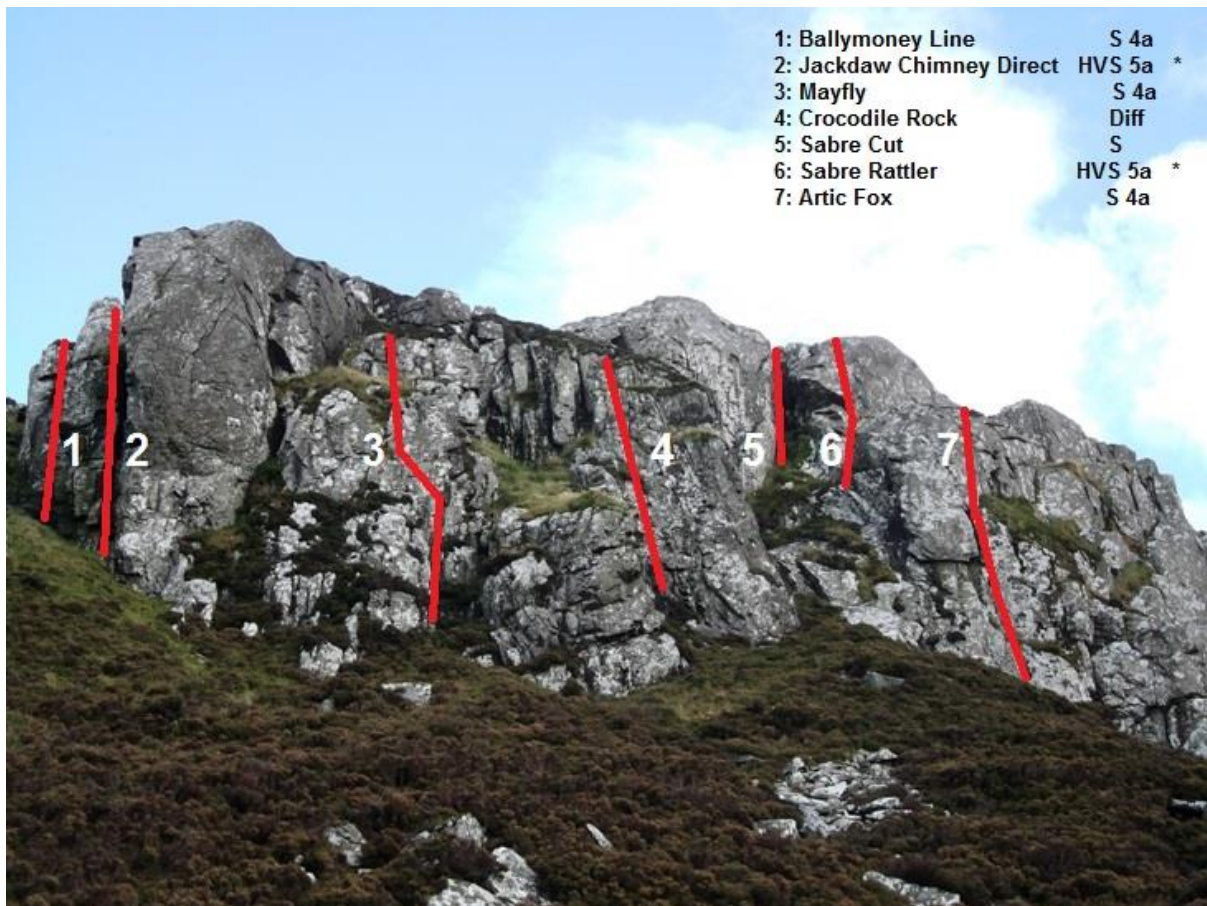
To the left of the rocky outcrop where baby Stew is there are three short walls. This route takes the prominent central crack on the 2nd of these short walls.

Baby Stew VD 3c 8m

FA S. Hamilton, R. Groves May 78

Centre of the closest small outcrop to the left of the main crag. a strenuous finger climb following small but adequate holds to the top.

The most obvious feature on the North Side is Jackdaw Gully and these climbs are up inside it.



Ballymoney Line S 4a 8m

FA M. Manson, A. Tees

This route follows the obvious crack about 2m left of Irene's Chimney.

Irene's Chimney D 8m

FA A. & I. Tees 1975

Straight forward chimney at the back of Jackdaw Gully.

Jackdaw Chimney S 4a 15m \*

FA A. Tees, RJ Lee June 76

Climb the prominent chimney at the base of the gully past the nest to a grassy ledge. Step across the gap at the chimney's top and traverse right to the end of a cramped and exposed ledge and up to the top.

Jackdaw Chimney Direct HVS 5a 15m \*

FA P. Chatterley, D. Campbell and party 23/08/80

The chimney is capped on its right by a series of overhangs. Climb these direct until a move towards the right-hand edge on small holds gives good hand jamming and bridging in the final crack. (Crux). Continue to the top, the belay is well back.

The next climbs are right of Jackdaw Gully

Mayfly S 4a 20m

FA S. Hamilton, A. Tees May 77

At the bottom of the crag about 8m right of Jackdaw Chimney. Climb up on good holds to stand on the top of a spike (about half-way up). Pull up past a heather filled niche (crux) and pick your route to the top.

Crocodile Rock D 18m

FA D. Reid, A. Tees May 78

This follows a prominent rough edge about 6m right of Mayfly.

A short wall can be seen up above a grassy slope

Polar Pat S 4a 10m

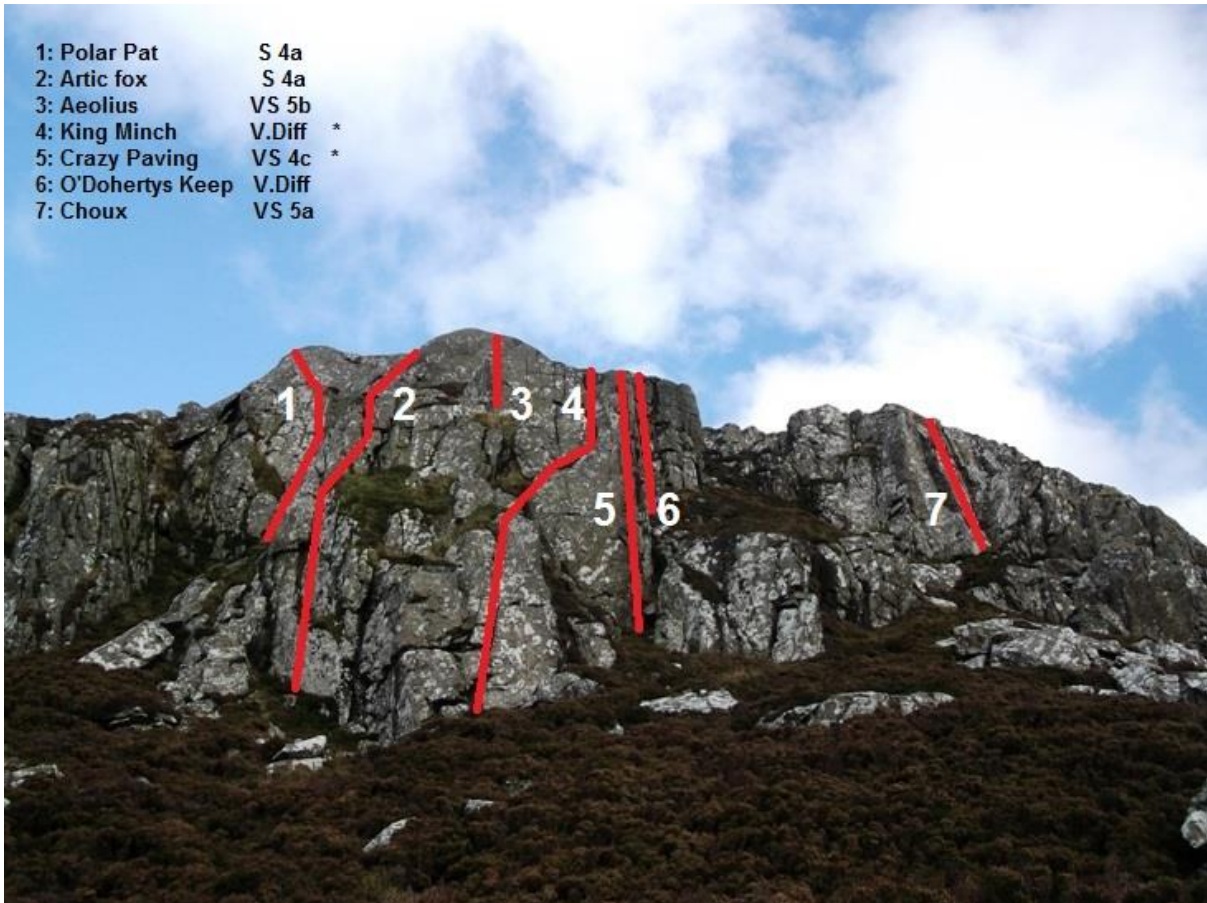
FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 29/09/07

This takes the right hand side of the slab, bounded on its right by the short "Sabrecut" chimney. Move left above crux, and finish to the highest point.

Sabre Cut S 6m

FA NWMC early 1980's

Takes the deep off-width at the top and to the right of the Tear Drop Buttress.



Back down and right

Arctic Fox S 4a 15m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper, 28/08/07

On the right hand side of the grassy bay bounded on the left by "Crocodile Rock" and on the right by "King Minch" is a wide crack, which is gained from a ledge, and then up left on good holds. Move up the crack, and step out left and climb delightfully to the top.

There are 2 climbs on the short wall above 'Arctic Fox'.

Sabre Rattler HVS 5a 8m \*

FA P. Cooper, A. Tees 29/09/07

4m right of 'Sabre Cut' and 3M left of 'Aeolius'. Start below and right of an overlap, climb up and then step left, once above overlap. Finish up short left-facing shallow corner. RP's or small wires needed

Aeolius VS 5b 7m

FA P. Cooper, A. Tees 30/08/07

Climb the crackline r. of centre, finishing directly above it. Good sport on excellent, but short, rock.

King Minch VD 20m \*

FA A. Tees, D. Reid May 78

About 10m right of Crocodile Rock locate large cracks at the base of crag and climb them to a ledge. Traverse left to edge and move up in footholds to heather and up to base of more cracks. Climb these and finish with a leftward trending crack in the back wall.

Crazy Paving VS 4c 12m \*

FA T. McKenna, F. McCloskey 14/11/93

Between 'King Minch' and 'O'Doherty's Keep' there is a steep south facing cracked wall. The route follows the face between the crack and arete. Climb finishes over 'V' shaped groove at the top. Poor protection with small holds. Descent on right down an awkward gully.

O'Doherty's Keep VD 15m

FA S. Hamilton, A. Tees July 77

Follow the wide crack on the right of 'Crazy paving', just around the corner from King Minch (to its right). An awkward move near the top.

Next routes are across a gully to the right where a short steep wall can be identified by a pair of left-facing corners.

Flaky Pastry VS 4c 10m

FA M. McGinty, Z. Stephenson 08/08/00

This route takes an obvious offwidth crack (?) on the left-hand side of the rock outcrop. From an awkward stance, climb the off-width into the corner and then up the wall to finish.

Choux VS 5a 9m

FA P. Cooper 19/08/07

On the r. of 'Flaky Pastry' are a corner and then a groove/shallow corner. The groove is climbed to an overlap, aim for rock spike. Whilst short, the rock is good; gear ends just below crux.

Next route is approx. 10M right of Flaky Pastry and Choux, directly behind a large pointed boulder.

Monty VD 10m

FA NWMC Early 1980s

Directly behind a large pointed boulder, awkwardly climb the wall to a ledge; go left and then easily up the top.

Sionainn's Groove VD 8m

FA C & N McLaughlin 15/08/98

3 metres to the right of 'Monty' is a visible groove. Start at the right hand edge, traverse left into the groove, which is climbed on good handholds and bridging. Locate a high jug and gain the overlap. Exit to top through the V slot.

Dee's Edge S 8m

FA N & C McLaughlin 15/08/98

Start as for 'Sionainn's Groove' and climb the edge to the top, without using holds on 'Sionainn's Groove' or the slab on the right.

The next route is located on an outcrop down the hill, approx 4 mins walk.

Hangover Blues HS 4b 12m

FA T. McKenna, F. McCloskey 14/11/93

Climb a diagonal crack with a chockstone at 3/4 height, on the left portion of the bottom outcrop; 1M right of a separating gully.

The next routes are around the back of summit plug ("opposite side of the hill"), on very good rock.

Pulp Fiction VD 8m

FA M. McLucas, S. Hamilton March 97

This route takes the corner of the short steep capped wall at the extreme left hand edge of the wall, to exit left of overhang.



Monkey Nuts VS 5b 9m \*\*

FA P. Cooper 29/09/07

The crack-line direct, without deviation.

Spanking the Monkey HS 4b 8m

FA M. McLucas, S. Hamilton Aug 97

Just right of 'Pulp Fiction' climb broken crack until it thins out after large obvious foothold. Step right onto arete to finish.

The next routes are situated at the far right hand side of the buttress, before a gully.

Natural Blonde S 4b 7m

FA P. Cooper, A. Tees 19/09/07

A direct start below the, now dug-out, crack of 'Blonde Accessory' gives pleasant enough climbing. This climb doesn't replace 'BA', just gives a more natural clean line.

Blonde Accessory S 3c 7m

FA M. McLucas, S. Hamilton Aug 97

At the extreme right of the wall, climb to a grassy ledge at halfway, step left, and finish up crack.

## Leenan Head

Directions: Access from Derry is over Mamore Gap to Leenan, turning right before the pier, and parking at the bridge over the moat, Gr 300444. Continue on foot through the ruined fort, and the crag is just South of the small sea stack "Leenan Needle". The routes are on the slabs forming the South side of two or three prominent corners.

Map ref: C296465

Oak Arete VD 25m

Grid Ref C302428 This route climbs the seaward face of the lonely wee sea stack in the bay a km to the South of Leenan Bay beach. Access is by Leenankeel farm road followed by a 150m sea passage from the storm beach to the South of the stack.

Pitch 1. 10m Scramble up the black ramp & up through a wee groove to a large platform high above the high water mark.

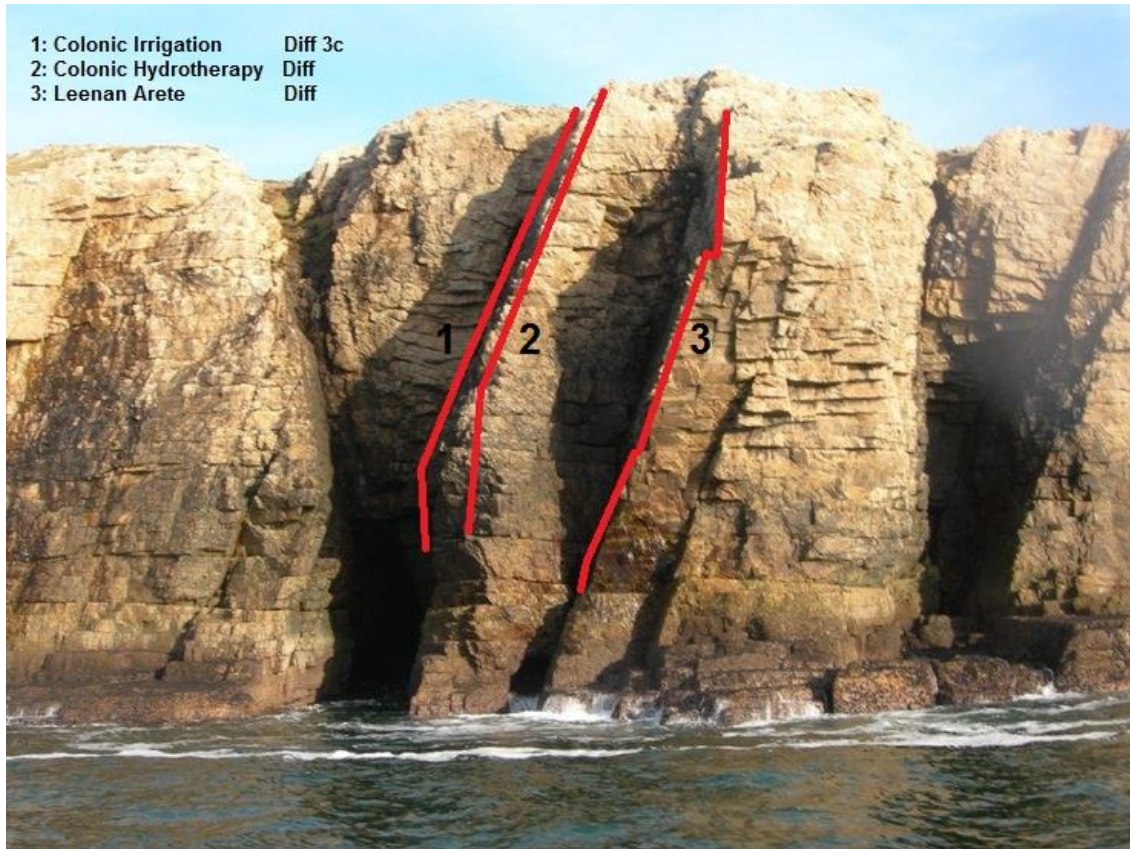
Pitch 2. 15m Climb the arete direct to the summit.

*B. Whelan, I. Miller 16/06/10*

Leenan Needle VD 3c 20m

Grid Ref C296446. This route climbs the easy angled South Face of the wee sea stack just off Lenan Head. Access is by Abseil to the tidal platforms facing the southern end of the stack, followed by a short atmospheric sea passage.

*I. Miller, B. Whelan 11/06/10*



Colonic Irrigation D 3c 18m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 07/03/10

Abseil down the right hand side of Uranus Slab (the slab forming the South side of the most Northerly corner) to a fine ledge above the water level, and right of, a cave. Follow the groove, first steeply, and then more easily to the top.

Haemorrhoids S 4a 18m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 07/03/10

Abseil down the centre of the slab to gain the ledge, (further right of "Colonic Irrigation"). Surmount the short impending wall on small footholds and continue up the centre of Uranus slab.

Colonic Hydrotherapy D 20m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 07/03/10

Abseil down Uranus, to a small platform at sea level, at the base of the arete, (being careful not to be swept away)!Climb back up the arete, steeply at first, but on jugs, and then more easily.

Leenan Arete D 18m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 07/03/10

Abseil down the corner just South of "Uranus" to belay above wave level. Traverse out right, and continue up easily, but airily to the top on the arete.

### Bamba's Island

Directions: From Bamba's Tower head North crossing the fence via the stile. Then head North East to reach the Eastern edge of the small island. Cross where the channel is narrowest (seems logical!) and climb up a rock rib to a large square block. A short descent allows one to cross onto the island via a chockstone. Access depends on sea state as in calm seas it can be done at high tide. In rough seas

it can be quite exciting. Initial routes are on the South west tip but there is potential most of the Southern side.

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Furthest North D 7m

FA T. Hartley, A. Conn 19/04/11

At the Western end of the island there is a large non tidal boulder, abseil down to this. Beware it can be wave washed in high seas and a belay is very sensible. This whole face is easily seen from the mainland opposite From the righthand end of the boulder go up the overhung slab avoiding the overhangs on the left.

Russ Abbot D 12m

FA A. Conn, T. Hartley 17/04/11

From the right hand side of the boulder, traverse horizontally right for about 5m to the first V shaped chimney. Ascend this. Easy and not great climbing but Oh what an atmosphere.

Elephants In Straw Hats D 14m

FA A. Conn, T. Hartley 17/04/11

From the boulder's right hand side traverse horizontally right for about 7 metres to the second V shaped chimney (rather dirty) and ascend this.

## Galavoir Point

Directions:

Map ref: C536519

Climbs on Jura Wall, the inland crag above and East of Glengad Wall.

Columba's Corner S 4a 14m

FA A. Tees, C. Mclaughlin Aug 2000

At the left-hand end of the crag is a prominent right facing corner. Start below and to its left, move up, step right, and climb the corner.

Jura Malt VD 15m

FA A. Tees, A. Tees Aug 2000

Right of 'Columba's Corner' is a steep wall with a 'stepped' arete on its right, this is gained via a crack on the right.

Immediately right is a broken recess before the rock becomes sound again.

Approx 10M right of 'Jura Malt', and right of the recessed gully, is a buttress; 'Jura-Hex' lies to its left-hand side.

Jura-Hex HS 4b 15m

FA A. Tees, A. Tees Aug 2000

One metre left of Jura-Bility climb a cracked 'diedre', step up left to small ledge and continue up wall above. From here step left around the corner and climb the v-groove, with crack, to the top.

Jura-Bility S 4a 15m

FA A. Tees, M. Pailing Aug 2000

The quartzite vein, 1M right of 'Jura-Hex'. Climb to the ledge and continue up a line of weakness to vegetated ledge, tricky move at the top. Finish as for 'Jura-Hex'.

Jura Jaunt S 4a 15m

FA A. Tees, M. Pailing Aug 2000

Approx. 3M right of 'Jurability' is a short face topped with an open v-corner. The top of the corner leads to a vegetated ledge, dynamic climbing up the short headwall gains the top.

Ledge VD 15m

FA C. McLaughlin, S. Cooke 28/08/00

About 1M right of 'Jura Jaunt' is a right-facing corner, climb this to a ledge on the left and finish up either of the cracks in the wall above.

Cracker S 4a 15m

FA C. McLaughlin, S. Cooke 28/08/00

On the right-hand side of the crag is an obvious arete. Climb this directly to the top of the pinnacle. Climb the twin cracks, treating the three jammed blocks on the left-hand side with suspicion.

Two Days to Go VD 14m

FA C. McLaughlin N. McLaughlin

Just left of "Wee Butt" there is an awkward crack. Climb this to the small ledge below the main block. Finish up the right hand arete as for 'Wee Butt'.

Wee Butt D 14m

FA C. McLaughlin, N. McLaughlin 02/09/00

Climb the centre of the small buttress, approx. 10M right of 'Cracker', to a small ledge below the square cut face. Move right and climb the arete to finish.

### **Glengad Wall.**

The crag situated in the middle of the Galavoir area, at the water's edge. Descent gully on West.

Nancy Clancy the Fancy Dancer E2 6a 20m

FA N. Grimes G. Colhoun

Takes the obvious overhung left trending on the right side of the cave, left of 'Grimer in Zion'.

Grimer in Zion E1 5b 20m \*

FA A. Millar, G. Colhoun 1997

Start on left-hand side of main face, in a short corner that ends in an overhang at 5m (5m right of cave). Climb corner and move right to good footholds on arete. Move finely up wall (crux) until holds improve at black stain. Straight up the final wall above via footledge.

Geographer Paul E2 5c 20m \*

FA A. Millar, F. McCloskey, R. Dunlop 1997

4m right of 'Grimer in Zion' climb steeply over overhang on good holds to stance above. Move up via lay-away trending left as the wall bulges slightly to the right end of footledge in 'Grimer in Zion'. Move right up fine wall to the top. Better protected than it appears.

Colhoun's Route E3 5c 20m \*\*

FA A. Millar, R. Moore 28/04/00

Climb the overhangs as for Geographer Paul. Traverse right using good footholds till underneath the right hand of the two holes in the face. Move up past this to huge hole at overhang. (Step right for rest if you like). Then layback over hang on left side to thin stance above. Continue with sustained thin moves up headwall to the top.

Salty Dog S 4a 18m \*\*

FA A. Tees, V. Russell 08/09/92

A line of weakness forms a right-facing corner in the final 1/3rd of the face. Climb the overhangs that form the corner, then follow the crack until you can step left onto the ramp.

Good Ship Venus VS 4c 20m \*\*

FA P. Nelis, K. Gallagher 03/04/96

At the wall's right-hand end, about 4m right of Salty Dog, climb a short overhang to the clean-cut right-facing corner. Move up and left out of this before traversing rightwards to the arete. Go round for the endwall's left arete for thin steep climbing and poor protection to the top.

Black Toe S 3c 15m

FA P. Smith, K. Gallagher

Right of the end wall is a lesser wall. This route makes its way up the arete to gain the slab above.

Wave Crest Rocks, situated at the water's edge immediately to the West of Glengad Wall. Access via scramble or abseil.

El Paso HVS 5a 8m

FA D. Millar & P. Cooper 12/06/04

Approx. 4m to the left of 'True Grit'. Climb the lower wall via a bouldery-move to gain the rightward trending top groove, a good 0.5 friend placement, continue up this to good finishing holds.

Truegrit HVS 5a 10m \*

FA P. Dunlop, K. Gallagher 02/06/93

2-3 metres left of 'Wavecrack' climb into a corner before moving up and right to layback-up the huge flake to the right. The initial poor start is more than made up for!

Wavecrack E5 6a 10m

FA P. Dunlop 02/06/93

Just left of the "Elephants Ear" climb the crack up the wall.

V-Crack VS 4b 8m

FA P. Cooper, B. Wingham 05/08/04

The V-crack right of wavecrack and left of raw hand.

Raw Hand VS 4c 8m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher 02/06/93

The most obvious feature is an 'Elephants Ear' protrusion about half way along with large boulders below. Climb the recess/boulders and awkward crack above, just right of the Elephant's ear.

Room to Roam E1 5b 8m \*

FA P. Cooper & P. Smith 02/08/03

Between 'Rawhand' and 'Clawhammer' is a small cave. Climb out of cave to foot of the steep right-to-left rising diagonal crack, climb this. Fingerjams and bridging will assist progress.

Clawhammer VS 4b 8m \*

FA A. Tees, A. Tees 02/06/93

2-3m right, climb steep cracks to a 'V', layback up the right fork to the top. Excellent.

Catherine D HS 4a 8m

FA P. Dunlop, C. Desmond 02/06/93

Right of 'Clawhammer' is a large overhang. Just to the right of this, climb up easily to reach a wall. Move up and left to finish.

Catherine D's Right Hand HS 4b 8m

FA P. Cooper & P. Smith 02/08/03

Follow Catherine D through nice move to reach break, gear, then traverse right out to below right hand arete; gain height via arete and finish on the face with a mantle.

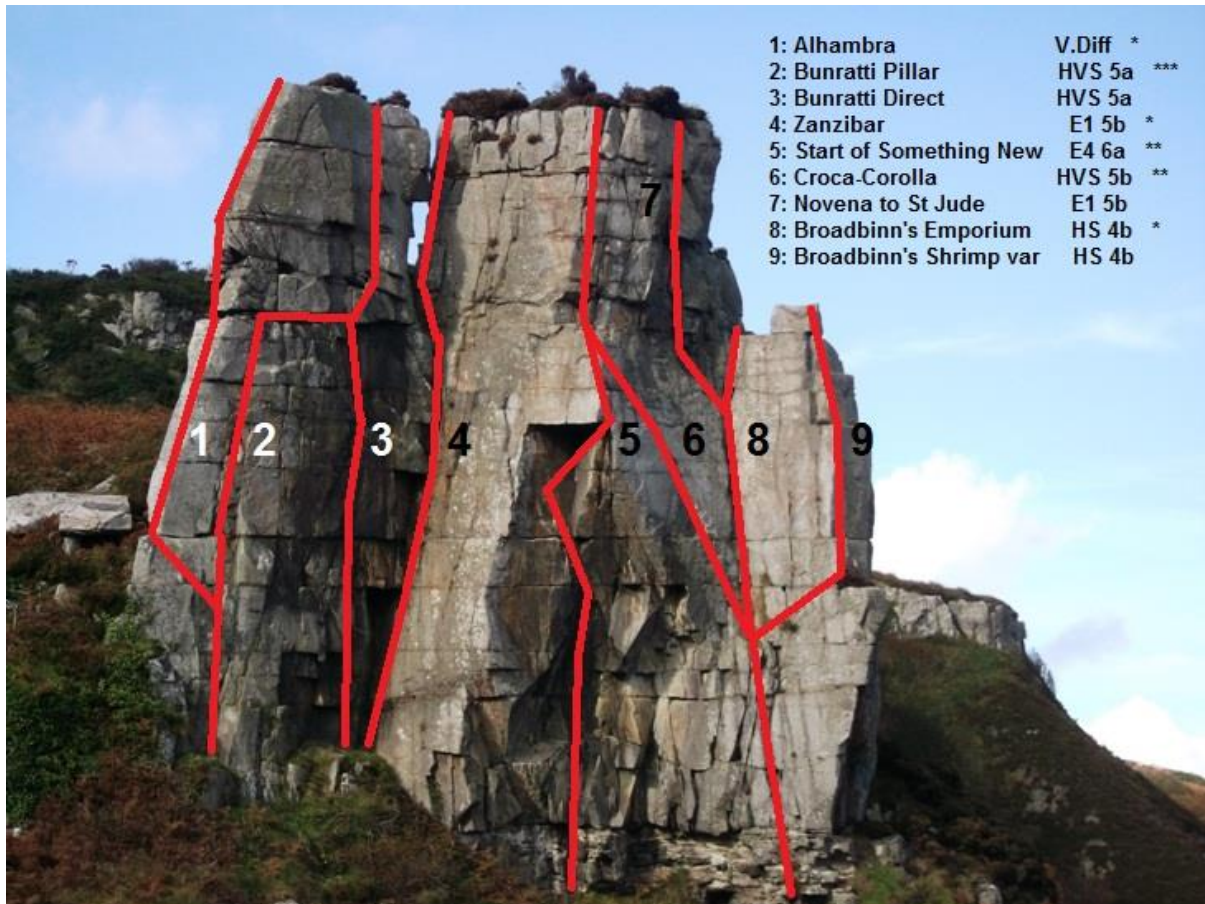
### Dunowen (Brazil Rock)

Directions: The old fisherman's permissive path connecting Dunowen Wall with the other crags beyond has been closed by the landowner. The locals are not happy about it, but nothing is likely to be done, so use a different approach to these crags. On regaining the Culdaff/Glengad road from Bunagee, turn right, and take the first right again, up the hill, past another turn to the right, and park in a small quarry on the left. Just beyond this is a cart track on the edge of a field (close wire gate after you) which leads down past a small byre, into a field, which gives access, over a tumble down wall, to the rough ground above the shore. Very close to Brazil Rock!

Please do not take dogs to Dunowen. Please be careful when crossing the walls and replace any stones that you may knock off. If you cross the land you do so at your own risk.

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Across the bay from Bunagee/Dunowen Fort a castle-like rock can be seen, this is Brasil Rock.



The first route follows the left hand arete of Brasil Rock.

Alhambra VD 18m \*

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher, V. Russell 08/09/92

The start is at the base of a crack system about 2 metres to the right of the arete. Climb up steeply for 2m and traverse left to the base of the edge, which is climbed, passing the overhang on the left; an exposed step regains the main pillar.

Bunratti Pillar HVS 5a 18m \*\*\*

FA P. Nelis, K. Gallagher 08/09/92

Start as for Alhambra, but continue straight up the crack until a rightwards traverse gains a small ledge; before a stunning layback up the crack to the top.

Bunratti Direct HVS 5a 18m

FA H. Hennessy, C. Brennan 17/06/12

Takes a line directly to the end of the traverse of "Bunratti Pillar" finish as for this route.

Zanzibar E1 5b 18m \*

FA A. Tees, P. Robinson 08/08/92

This climbs the dramatic corner past several overhangs and exiting through the camels eye. The crux is at the start and poorly protected.

Start of Something New E4 6a 20m \*\*

FA P. Dunlop 08/11/92

Steep and sustained climbing up the capped groove right of Zanzibar. Climb the steep groove to the cracked overhanging wall. Climb this short wall, past some friends in a hand jam crack to two good holds below the overhang. Move right over the roof to a big ledge. Finish up the wall on the left.

Croca-Corolla HVS 5b 20m \*\*

FA D. Millar, M. McGinty, P. Cooper July 2003

Climb the corner of Broadbinns Emporium to one-third height. Step left and climb the leftward trending diagonal crack by a tricky mantle to start and a second mantle to reach the ledge of Start of Something New. Finish as for Start of Something New.

Novena to St Jude E1 5b 18m

FA P. Cooper, V. Schafer & G. Carleton 19/04/08

Climb 'Broadbinn's Emporium' to the ledge, then follow the central line up the face. An eliminate but the top third is why its worth doing. Well protected in the right hand crack, for the top; remove 1 exposure grade if you use 'Broadbins' big crack.

Broadbinn's Emporium HS 4a 18m \*

FA A. Tees, P. Robinson 08/08/92

This route takes the large right angled corner, right of the main pillar. The corner is gained by awkward moves up the parallel cracks. Start is often guarded by brambles/briars. The trade route of the crag!

Broadbinn's Shrimp Net Variation HS 4b 18m

FA H. Boyle 8/11/92

Gain the half way ledge on the Emporium, but move out right and climb the edge over at least two ledges.

Right of and around the corner from Broadbinn's Emporium is a tapering rockface with a crack running up it.



Apex Direct HVS 10m  
 FA R. Brennan 03/11/08  
 Climb the crack direct to join "Apex" at mid height.

Apex VS 4c 10m  
 FA P. Nelis, P. Smith 27/04/95  
 This route traverses in from the right, to gain the crack at mid height; climb this. Exit up and behind.

Bunagee Bluegrass Boys S 3c 10m  
 FA A. & A. Tees 27/04/95  
 A poor route that starts in the corner right of Apex (As in the Hustler) but continues up the wall/ corner to join Broadbinns last moves.

The Hustler VS 4b 15m \*  
 FA V. Russell, H. Boyle, R. Dougherty 08/11/92  
 Climb the corner to a ledge, follow the cracks in the wall to another ledge; surmount the corner and overhang to finish. Technical.

Moonstruck HVS 4c 10m \*  
 FA P. Dunlop 08/11/92  
 The arete to the right of the Hustler.

Cap Gun Corner S 4a 10m \*  
 FA A. & A. Tees 27/09/92  
 The short right angled corner to the right of Moonstruck.



Expertise S 4a 10m \*

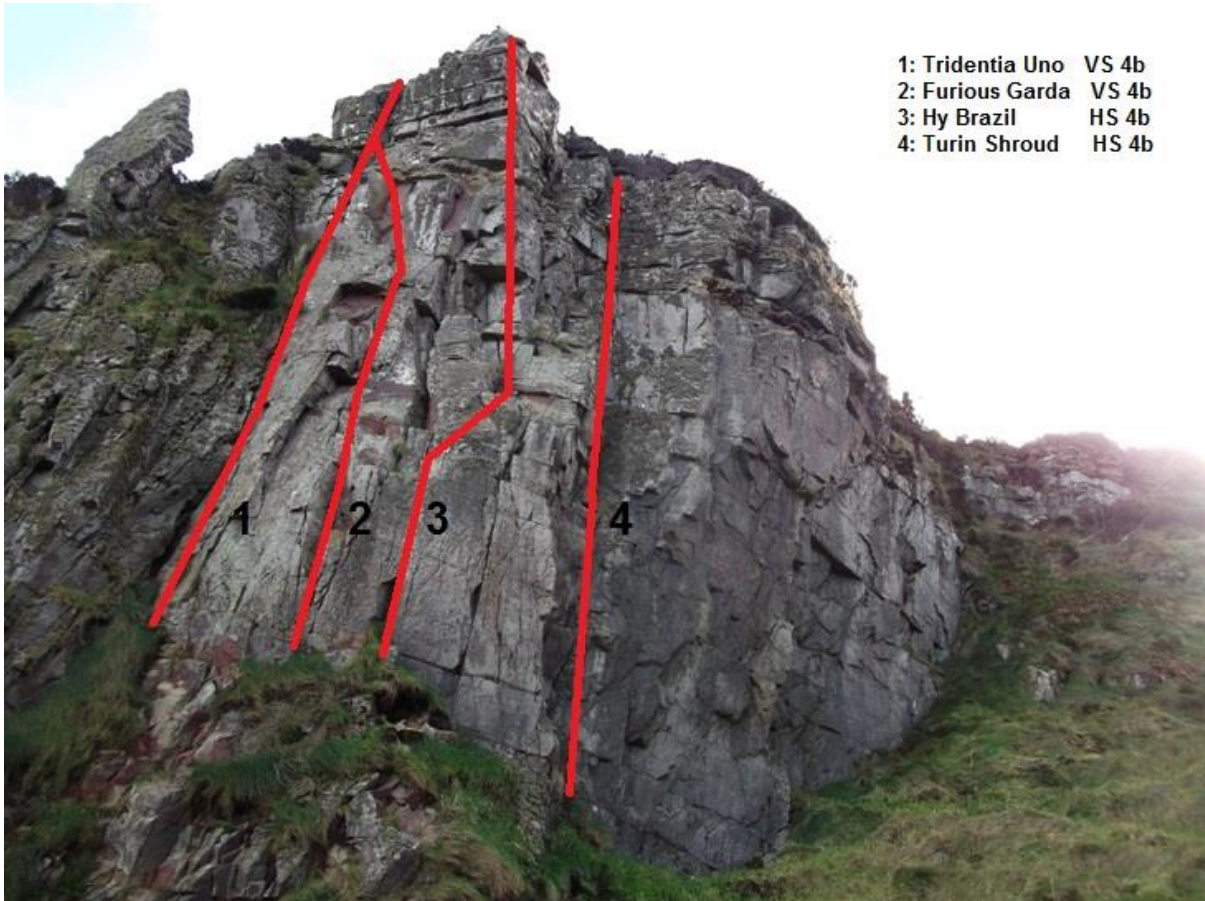
FA A & A Tees 1992

Takes the right arete and crack on right hand side of butress. Pleasant climbing with a sting in the tail.

Short Arm Crack HS 4b 10m

FA J. Healy, B. Duffy May 92

The short crack just around the corner from Expertise.



1: Tridentia Uno	VS 4b
2: Furious Garda	VS 4b
3: Hy Brazil	HS 4b
4: Turin Shroud	HS 4b

Just West of Brasil Rock is a steep West facing wall, above a stoney bay. Access from Brasil rock through a gully by a cave.

Tridentina Uno VS 4b 20m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 08/09/08

At the seaward facing end of the crag is a cleaned area of rock leading to a tower. Start up a cleaned approach from the very bottom, looseish, and step left into corner. Climb slab/ramp above, using corner on left for gear and the occasional hold. Ascend up slightly right into a hanging corner, which is climbed to a ledge below a slightly overhanging wall. Move left and up short chimney to finish. Ab posts in-situ.

Furious Garda VS 4b 20m

FA A. Feeney, S. Diver 07/04/09

Scramble up as for "Tridentina" and gain a short crack on the right (becoming a corner) by an awkward balancy step. Climb this to a ledge and continue, either directly up, or via a pillar on the right, into an exposed stance in a hanging brown corner above. Gear around the corner on the left! Continue to the top via the short chimney as per Tridentina.

Hy Brasil HS 4b 20m

FA A. Tees, A. Feeney, S. Diver 07/04/09

This starts in the central crack one metre right of "Furious Garda". Climb the crack (with a long reach), and continue up right to a ledge beside "Turin Shroud" After an awkward step to another higher ledge, the route gives a superb finish up the exposed arete on great holds and protection.

Turin Shroud HS 4b 18m

FA unknown

This takes the prominent central line.

This route is found on Muckcross Wall, a west facing crag with characteristic overhangs west of Pinnacle Bay and faces Brazil Rock.

Ulysses S 4a 15m

FA K. Gallagher, P. Marshall, V. Russell 23/08/92

On Muckcross Wall (A west facing crag with characteristic overhangs west of Pinnacle Bay and facing Brazil Rock) there is a shallow corner towards the seaward end. Climb the left hand side of this, and continue up a corner and flakes to the top.

### **Dunowen (Pinnacle Bay)**

Directions: The old fishermans permissive path connecting Dunowen Wall with the other crags beyond has been closed by the landowner. The locals are not happy about it, but nothing is likely to be done, so use a different approach to these crags. On regaining the Culdaff/Glengad road from Bunagee, turn right, and take the first right again, up the hill, past another turn to the right, and park in a small quarry on the left. Just beyond this is a cart track on the edge of a field (close wire gate after you) which leads down past a small byre, into a field, which gives access, over a tumble down wall, to the rough ground above the shore. Brazil Rock is on the left, but turn right, cross a stream, and if the tide is out, you can get to Pinnacle Bay around the coast by the boulders in the bay. If the tide is in it is necessary to go over the top of the cliff, and descend a ramp under 'Himalayan Wall'.

Please do not take dogs to Dunowen. Please be careful when crossing the walls and replace any stones that you may knock off. If you cross the land you do so at your own risk.

Map ref: C536513

Clove Rock D 10m

FA B. Bogle, C. Tees, A. Bogle, P. Coulter 20/06/92

The smaller of two pinnacles in Pinnacle Bay. Start in the gap between the two pinnacles.

The Crab's Claw VS 4c 12m

FA M. McGuigan 31/07/95

Climbs the higher of two pinnacles in the bay. Gain horizontal crack from the gap, move out left above the sea, and continue up on small holds.

Pouting Pinnacle VD 8m

FA A. Tees & The G.P.L.

This climbs the short off-width on the west face of the pinnacle at the East end of pinnacle bay. Surmount the off-width on good holds, to ledge & right to top. Descent by abseil.

Thundering Typhoons HS 4b 20m

FA A. Tees, A. Mukherjee, P. Cooper 09/10/07

An Indo, Anglo, Irish route in appreciation of Capt. Haddock, on the wall just opposite "Pouting Pinnacle" at the East end of Pinnacle bay. The route takes the obvious wide crack in the side (facing

the pinnacles) wall. Start just right of the crack, then follow it to a ledge on the left, just below the top. Up the left (thinner) crack to the top.



First and Second Thessalonians HS 4a 30m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher

In Pinnacle Bay is an obvious spur that runs out from a vegetated cliff behind the pinnacles. Climb the end of the spur via a shallow corner to the first pinnacle, cross the short arete to the second Thessalonian which is climbed on its left. Belay, and cross the second arete and up grass to the top.

Jericho S 4a 30m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher 02/04/93

Takes the obvious pillar up the right hand side of the Thessalonians arete. Much better than it looks!

Golly's Red Corner S 4a 12m

FA K. Gallagher, A. Tees 02/04/93

A forgotten route which takes the red corner left of Jericho.

Utmost Good Faith HS 4b 30m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher 02/04/93

On the other side of the spur is a shallow cave, which is bridged to reach a ledge above. Continue on jugs to reach a leaning pillar in a corner. Move onto the pillar and gain a small ledge above (crux). Continue up recess to join Thessalonians.

Aries VS 4c 30m

FA A. Tees, K. Gallagher 02/04/93

Approx. 3M left of Utmost Good Faith is an obvious wide clean corner at about 3m height. Gain the corner on small holds and continue until you can make a long step left into crack, which is climbed to ledge above the corner.. Continue straight up to join Thessalonians belay.

Ethics Be Damned VS 4c 30m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahone

Climb the crack of "Aries" from ground level.

Lobster Pot E1 5a 25m

FA A. Tees, T. Philson 09/05/99

Just left of Aries is a small triangular niche at about 3m. (Directly above a low overhang). Bridge up to the niche and stretch to gain a good hold. Continue up over rocking flake and as difficulties ease, bear right to avoid vegetation.

Rhumdoodle S 4a 30m \*

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 19/03/2000

This starts up the prominent arete that forms the "Bend" at the left hand end of the Himalayas cliff. Pull up over blocky spike to slab, and move up left of arete to gain ramp. Delicate moves at the top of the ramp leads to easier climbing rightward to cleaned ledge. From far side of ledge step out right onto exposed slab and continue to the top, exiting off a sharp edge at the top of Fulmar.

Caveat Emptor S 4a 25m

FA A.Tees, P. Smith, R. Moore, P. Cooper 07/08/02

Left of the corner, left of Carthage, is a wide crack which is climbed to a ledge. Continue up corner above & follow bulldozer trail to grassy terrace on right. Traverse right to rocky rib, & finish as for Rhum Doodle/Savage Slut.

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|---------------------------|--------|
| 1: Bogged Tae The Oxters  | VS 4c  |
| 2: Himalayan Dream        | HS 4b  |
| 3: Flight of Fancy        | HVS 5a |
| 4: Eviction Notice Served | E2 6a  |
| 5: Fulmar                 | VS     |
| 6: My Friend John         | VS 4c  |
| 7: Savage Slut            | HVS 5a |
| 8: Rhumdoodle             | S 4a   |
| 9: Carthage               | HS 4b  |
| 10: Caveat Emptor         | HS 4b  |
| 11: Satanic Verses        | HVS 5a |



Dead Finger HS 4a 25m

FA A. & A. Tees

Start as for Caveat Emptor (climb jamming crack to ledge), step right & follow groove up some mostly sound (but disturbing looking) rock, to the top.

Carthage HS 4a 30m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 19/03/2000

This takes the central crack on the "Return Wall" left of Rhumdoodle. Crux is about one third height where a buldge in the fissure is surmounted on a good undercut.

Satanic Verses HVS 5a 30m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper. 10/08/02

At the extreme L.H.S. of the "Himalayas Area", about 10m left of Carthage, is an undercut tower. Start below and left, scramble up to stand on a small ledge. Move right along a horizontal toe crack, and a committing move (crux) leads to more substantial holds, & up left to corner. Continue up steeply to jugs and ledge. Climb diedre above, keeping left of arete.

Savage Slut HVS 5a 30m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 19/03/2000

This takes the obvious cracks up the wall right of Rhumdoodle to a recess just below the top of the wall (Rest!). Pull up onto cleaned ledge and finish as for Rhumdoodle.

My Friend John VS 4c 30m

FA B. Magowan, A. Tees 08/04/2000

Two metres right of Savage Slut, gain ledge and continue past large flake and two slabby corners. An awkward move out of the second corner is required, before an airy step out right to climb two small overhangs on good holds and gear. A varied route. Previously called "Polecat Retreat."

Fulmar HS 4b 25m

FA M. McGuigan, A. Tees 21/09/02

Takes the big chimney just left of Eviction Notice. Start directly below, and move up to gain short corner (avoiding more grotty approach on right). Continue up, and chimney up the outside, (avoiding the back) to a platform on the left. Step across right, & swing around the corner to finish up the L.H.S. of Eviction slab.

Eviction Notice Served E3 6a 35m

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop

Takes the obvious steep undulating ramp left of Flight of Fancy. Thin, but it has a good corner crack high on the right.

Himalayan Dream HS 4a 30m

FA A. Tees, P. Robinson 03/09/93

The original route on the wall follows a line of cracks starting one metre left of Bawg and trending slightly leftwards to gain corner high on the wall.

Flight of Fancy HVS 5a 35m

FA A. Tees, V. Russell 03/09/93

2-3 metres left of Himalayan Dream, climb zig-zag finger cracks, and continue up the left hand edge of the wall roughly parallel with Himalayan Dream through cleft and upper wall.

Bawg in til the Oxters Sor VS 4c 20m

FA F. McCloskey, P. Smith 16/05/99

At the right hand side of Himalayan Wall there is a triangular roofed niche just right of Himalayan Dream. Climb crack to sloping ledge and continue up to overhang. Finish up wide stepped crack.

## Dunowen (Campsite Area)

### Directions:

Take a lane from the pier at Bunagee, (a bit rough) 5to a parking area just beyond. Walk along a path to a picnic area with stone tables, which is a fine place to camp. There is a Promontary Fort above and to the left, and the routes are on the various walls, inlets, and points, thereabouts. Routes are described left-to-right.

DOG FISH BAY is the right-most / easterly bay, with climbs, and its climbs are on the left wall as you look seawards.

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The Dungpile. VS 4c 12m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahon 09/03/99

A good route for demolition experts. Takes crack right of corner, and traverses right over loose scary ground.

Orange Slash HS 4b 10m

FA N. Mahon, F. McCloskey 09/03/99

Look for the wee orange slash in the rock. Climb the left hand wide crack, and finish straight up, right of fault.

The Fred Dibnah Job S 4a 8m

FA N. Mahon, F. McCloskey 10/03/99

Do a Fred job on the obvious chimney.

The Talkin Head VS 4c 8m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahon 10/03/99

The next crack right of Fred, easy start, but gets harder.

Too Feekin Short! VS 5a 5m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahon

In Dogfish Bay, this takes the slanting corner/ crackline, starting on a big ledge right of the "Fred Dibnah" job.

The Unused Rope E1 5b 5m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahon 10/03/99

Take the next crack right of T.F.S. Hard moves but good gear.

At the tip of the headland between Dogfish Bay and Ballyharry Bay is a shield-shaped slab, The Waterboys Slab, Stooges Wall is the short dark wall on its right. Access via abseil or by a long, but fun, low water traverse from Dog Fish Bay.

Curly VS 4c 8m \*

FA P. Cooper 2001

Mantle onto start ledge and climb a steep leftward trending line which finishes at arete.

Larry HVS 5a 9m

FA P. Cooper, G. Yates 2001

Mantle onto start ledge and take line up centre of wall finish via steep overlap. Details for Curly and Larry both submitted in 2001 but somehow lost from new Donegal guide book.

Fisherman's Blues E2 5b 10m \*\*

FA P. Cooper, G. Yates June 1999

Climb via notch at base of the slab access the face, then step left off face to arrange gear (RPs rock 1). Using arete pull delicately onto slab and follow arete to top. Thin and atmospheric climbing. Direct start added (to the left, below arete) during Climbfest 2007.

Touch VS 4c 10m

FA G. Yates, S. McDaid, N. Mahon, P. Cooper June 1999

As above, step right, and finish direct.

Voiding the Touch VS 4c 10m

FA N. Mahon, G. Yates, S. McDaid, P. Cooper June 1999

On Waterboys Slab, an obvious "Shield-like" angled slab at the end of the point at Dogfish Bay. Descent by abseil. Through notch in lower wall, onto slab, trend right.

Don't Bang the Drum VS 5b 8m \*

FA N. Machon, P. Smith, P. Cooper 27/08/03

An eliminate line with good airey moves. Use top of notch to arrange gear, descend and step right onto toe of slab; using ripples go direct up to ramp (thin). Arrange gear on face and in crack of 'Voiding the Touch' and gingerly proceed up blank-ish slab between 'Touch' and 'Voiding.'

Ballyharry Wall is in the bay to the left of The Waterboys Slab, over its back is the wall containing Glengad Girls etc.

Chaos S 4a 8m

FA A. Tees, 25/12/06

At the Left hand side if Ballyharry Wall, climb vertical crack to fork. Follow rightward trending off width to small ledge, and up to top.

Bedlam S 4a 15m

FA A. Tees, PJ Monaghan, C. McLaughlin

5m right of "Chaos" gain steep rightward trending crack (at half height), by easy climbing on good jugs. at the top of the crack, up left, to good flake/thread belay.

Pandemonium VS 4c 15m \*

FA A. Tees, PJ Monaghan, C. McLaughlin 10/03/07

Right of "Bedlam", and left of "Seventeen" there is a prominent corner/chimney high on the face. This starts almost directly below, in a steep shallow diedre, and continues up the easier slab above, to the corner, which is mainly bridged. Good, varied, technical route.

Seventeen HVS 5a 15m

FA F. McCloskey, N. Mahone 06/10/98

On the East side of the Promontory Fort, on the East facing wall about half way out. Up crack yo detached block, onto ledge. Move into corner for gear and to avoid dodgy looking section. Move left and struggle up twin cracks to niche under roof of Ballyharry Buoy. Three variations now, left to rising crack/ramp, or two more direct variations have since been cleaned.

Ballyharry Buoy HS 4a 15m \*\*

FA N. Mahon, F. McCloskey 06/10/98

Takes the obvious corner just right of "Seventeen".

The following routes are found on the opposite wall.

Willie's Black Corner E2 5c 15m

FA W. Canning, F. McCloskey 08/08/99

Climbs a clean cut double cracked corner on the seaward face beyond Seventeen. Access is by

seaward traverse or abseil at high tide or swell. Climb corner with increasing difficulty to get into worse trouble at overhang. Crux hard, committing and precarious and needs cleaning.

Back on the same side as Ballyharry Buoy - heading out to sea

Hanging Corner E2 5c 12m

FA F. McCloskey, W. Canning 08/08/99

On the face opposite Seventeen, this takes the obvious corner, with an overhang to start. Steep start to get established in corner, and move left at tongue. one rest point used at first ascent.

Newfoundland HS 4a 20m

FA A. Tees, M. McGuigan 17/03/01

Abseil off the end of the promontary, down a slab and wall to a large ledge. The climb takes the obvious off width on the left hand side of the ledge (facing the crag). Begin steeply (protection on the right) to good jugs and follow big crack up the slab.

Foot 'n' Mouth VS 4c 20m

FA M. McGuigan, A. Tees 17/03/01

A couple of metres right of Newfoundland, climb shallow corner and gain slab above by "V" shaped notch on the right and up the middle of the slab.

St. Patrick's Fleas S 4a 20m

FA R. Harvey, C. McLaughlin 17/03/01

Climb the obvious crack right of Foot'n Mouth to ledge, surmount overhanging corner at back of ledge to gain good cracks on RHS of slab.

Holy Deadlock D 20m

FA A. & M. Tees 06/05/01

Climb the slab right of St. Patricks Fleas, move up left onto jammed rocks and ledge. Step left again onto slab, and continue to the top.



- 1: Whiter Shade of Pale VS 4b  
 2: Angels VS 4c  
 3: Kerry Widow HVS 5a \*



The next climbs can be accessed from the next, and final, bay. The first climbs are tidal but can be accessed via abseil.

Whiter Shade of Pale VS 4b 30m

Left of Angels is a small overhang capped cove. Climb cracks up the slabs at the far side to gain arete. Turn right and continue up corner to the top.

*A. Tees, M. McGuigan 17/03/01*

Angels VS 4c 30m

Approx. 3m left of Kerry Widow, scramble onto broad rightward trending ramp to base of obvious crack leading to slanting ledge. Climb the corner above, using left hand edge, and crystal pocket above on the right, to reach a concealed jug. An awkward move to the left leads to a graveyard of jugs and an optional chimney to the top.

*A. Tees, P. Smith, A. Tees 26/05/99*

Kerry Widow HVS 5a 30m \*

Traversing out above the sea, left of Glengad Girls, the route takes the big left facing offwidth, in the corner high on the face. Make an awkward move onto a small ramp, and continue up to the bottom of the corner/offwidth. Bridge up as high as possible and climb the offwidth direct to good holds. Big hexes/Friends necessary.

*A. Tees, P. Smith, A. Tees 26/05/99*

Honeysuckle E2 5a 25m \*

Starts left of "Glengad Girls", in a niche with small roof above. Tackle this (gear on left) then continue direct up cleaned wall on edges to small cave feature. Finishes above cave & belay is a dream (little throne surrounded by Honeysuckle)

*P. Cooper, N. Mahon*

Glengad Girls HS 4b 30m \*

Big, hairy, but not as loose as it might appear!! Almost at sea level locate a corner, capped with an overhang. Start up the corner but move out right on good holds to the base of an obvious line of weakness. The crux is about 2/3 height where a delicate step out left from the corner to the wall. Thread runner above, and a narrow chimney leads to the top.

A. Tees, P. Smith 27/04/99

1: Honeysuckle	E2 5a *	4: Jigs & Reels	HVS 5a	7: Miss Conception	S 4a
2: Glengade Girls	HS 4b *	5: Grain's Groove	HS 4b	8: Dreapadoireachta	HS 4b
3: Blondes	VS 4c **	6: Mingus Eyes	VS 4b	9: Fernest	S 4a



Jigs and Reels HVS 5a 30m

Climbs the cleaned face between 'Grain's Groove' and 'Blondes have more fun'. Due to 'blankness' in the mid-section it's necessary to divert right at mid-height to use large holds at the edge of, and gear in, 'Grain's Groove' before continuing up the face.

P. Cooper, A. Tees 23/10/07

Blondes (Have more fun) VS 4c 30m \*\*

About 3m right of Glengad Girls (and left of Grain's Groove) start at the next small corner and climb directly up, until a dynamic move is made onto the top of a small pillar. The crux is a poorly protected pull up on two slots. Finish up a well defined corner. Delicate and technical with just adequate protection.

Alan & Andrew Tees, P. Smith, 26/05/99

Grain's Groove HS 4b 22m

Obvious groove 3m left of Miss Conception. Crux is eroded overhang half way up.

A. Tees, M. McGinty 03/08/00

Miss Conception S 4a 20m

At the right hand side of Dunowen West Wall is a fault line with a bulge at one quarter height.. This

is the crux, easier climbing, and a bramble, above.

*A. Tees, M. McGinty 03/08/00*

Mingus Eyes VS 4b 22m

Taked the rib mid way between Miss Conception and Grainas Groove. Move up to a narrow hanging corner, which is climbed, before trending right to gain the rib. Continue to the top.

*M. McGinty, P. Smith 03/08/00*

Dreapadoireachta HS 4b 20m

Two metres right of "Miss Conception" steep short wall, (Thin spike on top) leads to a rightward trending ramp. Follow this to twin cracks and ledge. Up left to top.

*P. Cooper, A. Tees April 07*

Fernenst S 4a 20m

4 metres right of "Dreap" at base of big slanting ramp. climb up left to corner, which is climbed leftwards, and continue to ledge and directly to the top over large stepped rocks.

*A. Tees, P. Cooper 23/08/07*

Now go across to the opposite side of the bay, the left hand side as you look seaward.

Kernaptious Corner HS 4c 8m \*

Other side of the bay and just opposite "Misconception" is a short layback corner. Climb this to a platform, with a choice of finishes, the left one being easier and the one used on the first ascent, due to lack of light, lack of pre cleaning, and possibly cowardise!

*A, Tees, M. McGinty 24/04/08*

Hellfire and Herring E1 5b 8m \*\*

Down on the left, as you look in from the land, a steep 8M arete can be found that has a pair cracks, which become 3 at the top. Scramble up right to ledge and climb these. Belay well back.

*G. Carleton, M. Hasson 06/05/08*

### **Dunmore Head, Left Crag.**

Directions: These are the outcrops left of the highest and most popular crag. They are described left to right, but further left again are shorter rocks around the gap leading to the head. These outcrops need regular attention to prevent them becoming overgrown and difficult of access. Beyond the gap, is a seaward facing wall, with a couple of routes excavated therefrom, most of which are very poor quality. The only quality route being "Black Perception"

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To the far left of the Dunmore's Main Crag is a short gully, at he right hand edge of the wall on the gully's right is 'Flakes'.

Flakes HS 4c 4m

FA P. Cooper

Step onto boulder in a small niche, arrange slings round dubious looking pair of flakes; climb up and finish up left trending ramp/corner.

Slab and crack VD 7m \*

FA P. Cooper

To the right of Flakes, on the face there's a slab and erm well...a crack. Route goes...!ll let you work it out! On-sight solo, then cleaned.

Right of 'Slab and Crack' is a blank wall, the following climbs are on the short face right of this.

Whin Some Lose Some VS 5a 7m

FA P. Cooper, A. & A. Tees 22/09/02

Leftmost crack and everything left of it. Situated at left hand end of Whin Buttress.

Whin Buttress Easy D 7m

FA P. Cooper & S. McDaid

Right hand side of the buttress.

Whin Buttress Central route S 4b 7m

FA P. Cooper & S. McDaid

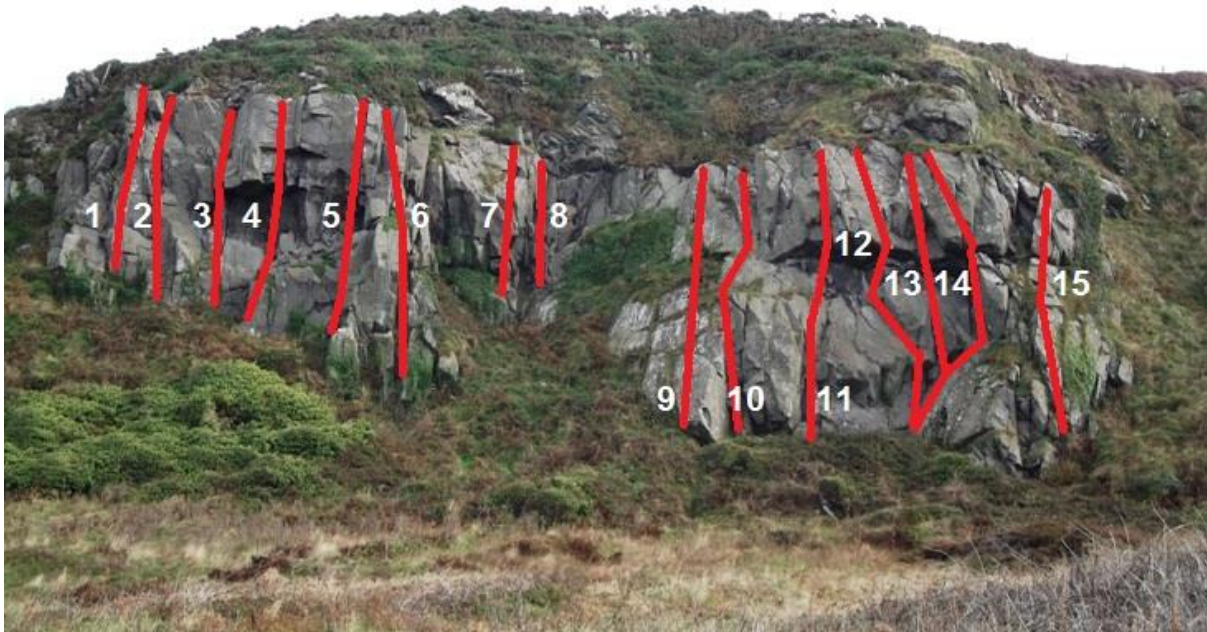
Central line up Buttress between main crack and the right hand corner.

Revenge of the Whins S 4b 7m

FA P. Cooper & S. McDaid

Line between up main crack and face, not using the high corner. "Removal of lots of whins on this buttress led to it's present cleaned condition, it was painful!"

1: Fruits of Labours	VS 4c *	9: Daddy Bear	V.Diff
2: Feb Freeze Up	S 4a *	10: Ivy Slalom	HS 4b *
3: Anorexia	VS 4c *	11: Egg & Spoon Race	E2 5c *
4: Subduction Zone	E2 6a *	12: Pretty & Pink	E2 6a *
5: How Do Chimney	HVS 5b *	13: Peewee Runt	E2 6a
6: Scratch	S 4a	14: Snakes & Ladders	VS 4c
7: The Clegg	VS 4c	15: Boomerang	V.Diff
8: Tiger Balm	S 4a		



The true Left Hand Crag. 'Fruits...' starts beneath a pinnacle at the left hand end.

Fruits of one's labours VS 4c 9m \*

FA P. Cooper & A. Tees 04/12/04

At the left hand of the crag there is a sentinel, start below this at a fine crack and a detached block climb these, at the top go for exposed face/top out to the left.

February Freeze-up S 4a 10m \*\*

FA M. Patton, P. Flood

Climb crack at left of the overhang, gain a wider crack then up left to corner leading to the top.

Anorexia VS 4c 10m \*

FA P. Turley 07/04/84

Takes the deep crack through overhang 3m right of February Freeze-up. Only for the slender figure.

Subduction Zone E2 6a 10m \*

FA A. Millar, P. Dunlop 17/05/87

The gash in the overhang right of 'Anorexia' and left of 'How Do Chimney'. Make some moves up to a ledge. Advance upwards with difficulty to a good hand hold and a large nut, continue bridging to a flat hold high on the right; difficulties are over for the time being when you get stood on this.

How Do Chimney HVS 5b 10m \*

FA P. Cooper, B. Wingham 19/04/05

Left of 'Scratch' is a left facing corner, climb up this, step out onto right-hand buttress to gain bottomless chimney.

Scratch S 4a 10m

FA P. Turley, G. Ellis 12/05/85

Start at detached pinnacle about 5m right of Anorexia. Climb short steep wall to cleaned ledge. Up easily to long ledge. Step right to twin cracks, up these to top.

Snatch S 4a 8m

FA P. Turley 13/05/85

To the right of Scratch, a variety of routes lead easily to the foot of a crescent shaped crack. Climb this to the top.

The Clegg VS 4c 8m \*

FA A. Tees, P. Smith 12/08/97

Dynamic climbing up the overhanging arete to the left of 'Tiger Balm', using undercuts and spikes.

Tiger Balm S 4a 8m

FA A. Tees, P. Smith 23/02/97

Right of the left crag there is a short bulging face. This takes the steep corner at the right hand side.

The crag becomes broken, until 'Daddy Bear'; which lies to the left of the clean corner that contains the start of 'Ivy Slalom'.

Big Bockan Crack VD 15m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan

Five Metres left of "Ivy Slalom" the slab is split by a big easy off-width. Climb this, and up corner above to ledge, and up right to the top.

Daddy Bear VD 12m \*

FA J Rotherham, G Hamilton

The route at the right edge of the white slab.

Ivy Slalom HS 4b 12m \*

FA J. Rotherham, B. Patton, M. Patton

1m right of the white slab, and just left of the overhangs, is a right-angled corner which is climbed. Continue up easier ground to a wall right of short gully. Climb wall on small but good holds. A good climb. The left arete goes at about 5a. \*Wall with sharp pocket, left of I.S.'s start also about 5a. HVS 5b Highball, 2m r. of I.S. are a pair of parallel cracks, undercut at base, pull up these onto face and go up to broken ledge; gear is minimal

Egg-and-Spoon Race E2 5c 12m \*

FA P. Dunlop, B. Martin Summer 1989

Start at the corner/groove right of Ivy Slalom. Climb easily up to the big break below the overhang. Climb up through the groove above on unfriendly jams. (crux)

Girding someone-else's loins E1 5c 17m

FA P. Cooper & M. McGinty 20/04/07

As for 'Egg and Spoon Race' until a step right can be made onto the toe of the slab on the right. A diagonally-rising-traverse goes up to a shallow corner, continue rightwards to gain the horizontal break; finish as for 'Pretty and Pink'.

Pretty and Pink E2 6a 12m \*

FA A. Millar, D. Millar 1997

Between Egg and Spoon Race and Peewee Runt, and with difficulty, place small nuts in opposition and move up with aid of small crack about 1 m left of 'Peewee'to claim slab. Continue to break and move leftward through weakness in overhang to top.

Peewee Runt & his Dixieland Flea Band E2 6a 12m

FA A. Millar, G. Colhoun 1988

This route climbs through the triangular niche at the right-hand side of the overhang, left of Snakes and Ladders. Start as for Snakes and Ladders. Go up the short slab, and then up the awkward crack on the left to a rest below the overhang. Climb on awkwardly through the niche on poor finger-locks to the top.

Snakes and Ladders VS 4c 12m

FA J. Rotherham, B. McDermott

Climb the slab avoiding the overhangs by slipping rightwards through the keyhole and out onto spike. Step out left and pull up to finish (crux).

Garryowen S 4a 20m

FA A. Tees, M. McGuigan 22/03/08

The slab of "Snakes & Ladders" and up into corner before traversing left below the overhangs all the way across to the top of 'Ivy Slalom's' start.

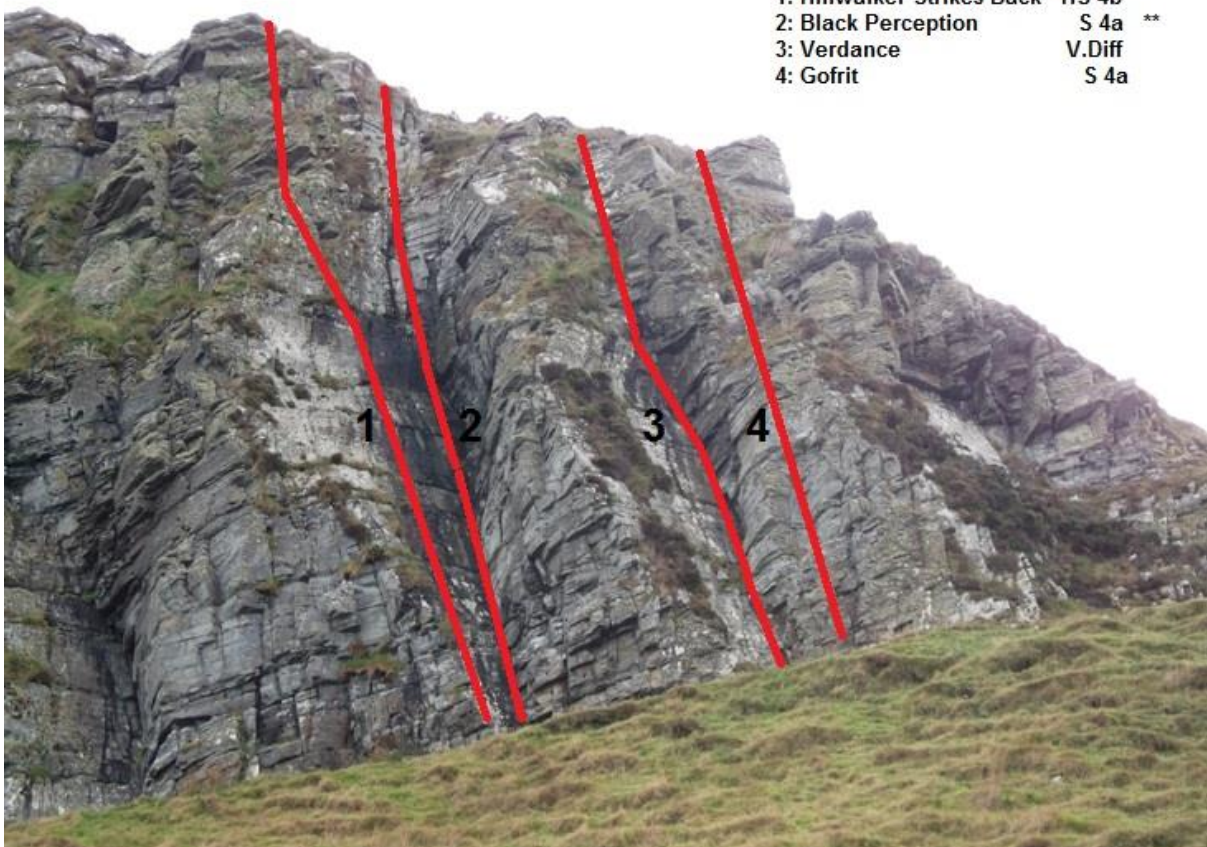
Boomerang VD 12m

FA B. Patton, M. Patton

This goes up the arete and rib at the right-hand side of the crag.

### **The Seaward Crag**

Go through the gully at the far left end of the crag and continue walking (1 minute) until you can look up right to a high crag leading up to the skyline.



1: Hillwalker Strikes Back	HS 4b
2: Black Perception	S 4a **
3: Verdance	V.Diff
4: Gofrit	S 4a

The Hillwalker Strikes Back HS 4b 30m

FA A. Tees, G. Colhoun July 89

The first route climbs the wall left of the taller, left-hand corner. "The Hillwalker Strikes Back", starts at the centre of the steep, clean wall left of the higher corner. Move up past cracks to gain the left-hand edge of the ramp of the corner (crux). Continue up the edge and climb the wall above on good holds and jams to gain an exposed arete. Climb the arete over steps, the first one being dubious, to the top.

Black Perception S 4a 25m

FA A. Tees, S. Hamilton 01/06/89

This route climbs the left-hand corner. Float up it until it becomes vertical just below a dubious looking spike. Move up left of the spike and step across right onto a ledge to finish. Good route, and probably the only one worth doing in this part of the cliff.

Verdance VD 20m

FA A. Tees, V. Russell 08/06/89

The shorter right-hand corner.

Gofrit S 4a 8m

FA G. Colhoun, J. Watt, K. Colhoun July 89

This rips up the short, steep wall right of Verdance.

## Dunmore Head

The most popular crag in Inishowen, owing to its convenience and the huge concentration of routes at all grades, some of which are excellent.

Directions: In the centre of Culdaff village there is a small village green and Post Office where the Coastal Scenic Road joins the main Moville/ Culdaff Road. Follow this coastal road east from Culdaff village for approx. 3km. Ample parking can be had at the car park opposite the caravan park, or (for a few cars only) in a small parking space above the bend in the road opposite the crag. Take care not to block access to house or the road/track to the small port below.

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The white slab at the right hand of Main Crag, right of alcove.

Toenails S 4a 12m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 30/03/10

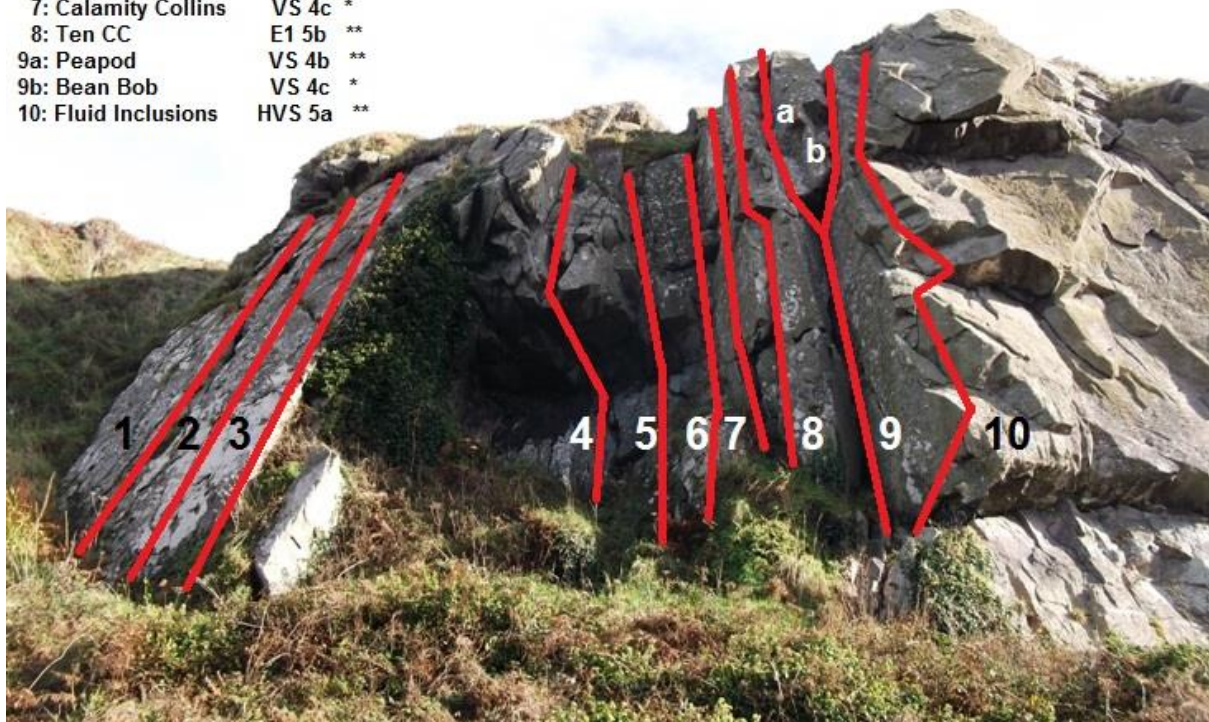
Start about a metre left of the big central crack of "Caratra Crack" and move leftwards following a thin crackline, which leads to a bigger crack towards the top. Belay in niche More Details (0 Comments)

Tweezers S 4a 12m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 30/03/10

Start as for "Toenails" but continue straight up in a line between "Caratra Crack" and "Toenails" Nice climbing on small holds.

1: Caratra Crack	V.Diff 3c
2: Dusty Mayday	V.Diff
3: OXO in October	S *
4: The Wurlitzer	E2 6a *
5: Miller Mills	HVS 5b
6: Zipper	VS 5a
7: Calamity Collins	VS 4c *
8: Ten CC	E1 5b **
9a: Peapod	VS 4b **
9b: Bean Bob	VS 4c *
10: Fluid Inclusions	HVS 5a **



Caratra Crack VD 3c 14m

FA A. Tees, B. Magowan 30/03/10

This takes the wide crackline in the centre of the slab, and just left of "Dusty Mayday."

Dusty Mayday VD 14m

FA S. McDonald, B. Patton



The white slab left of obvious alcove on the left-hand side of the Middle Crag. The route goes up the centre of the white slab.

OXO in October S 15m \*

FA B. McDermott, P. McDermott

Start 1m right of Dusty Mayday. Takes the right edge of the white slab.

Next climbs are in alcove to right.

The Wurlitzer E2 6a 10m \*

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop Spring 1991

The big roof at the back of the alcove left of Calamity Collins. Climb up the slab to roof, move out to a hovering block left of the roof crack (takes F1.5 + F2). Move excitingly up to a waltzing block on the lip, and up into a position of contemplation above the roof. Continue to the top passing various holds on the way.

Millar's Mills Ltd., 07448133 HVS 5b 10m

FA N. Grimes, A. Millar Dec 91

Suppliers of high-quality agri-chemicals. Climb steeply into and up the left-hand groove to the right of the roof (F0.5 or F1 protect the crux bulge). Ireland's first sponsored rock-climb, and the start of a new era of professionalism in the sport.

Zipper VS 5b 10m

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop 03/10/87

The groove right of Millar's Mills and left of Calamity Collins (F0.5/F1 protects crux).

Calamity Collins VS 4c 14m \*

FA B. McDermott, P. Flood

In the right hand corner of the alcove climb up to gain crack and continue up into slightly overhanging corner to finish knackered!

Ten CC E1 5b 15m \*\*

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop 23/08/87

Excellent varied climbing with an exposed finish. Start in short corner about 1m right of Calamity Collins. Thrutch up this to the small overhang. Move round left here to the thin crack in the wall, which is climbed with the aid of thin flakes and without the aid of Calamity Collins. Finish using the crack and arete to the top, with space being the most obvious thing between your legs!

On right of alcove and left of Main Slab is a v-groove.

Peapob VS 4b 18m \*\*

FA B. McDermott, J. Rotherham

This route takes the obvious chute 3m right of the alcove, moving out left and climbing the left of the upper cracks.

Bean Bob VS 4c 18m \*

FA T. McDaid, J. Rotherham.

As for Peapob but taking the right-hand crack at the top.

Now your at the left end of the steep and beautiful slab.

Fluid Inclusions HVS 5a 18m \*\*

FA A. Millar, G. Millar Sept 86

Splendid airy climbing up left arete of Main Slab. Start as for Bean Bob, climb arete (good F1.5 at half

height). Delicately step right onto the slab below the big overhang (large friends). Climb up, then step back left for difficult move up into small finishing groove.

1: Fluid Inclusions	HVS 5a **	8: Barbara's Baby	S
2: Rock Wall Alterations	E1 5b	9: SRS Slab	Diff *
3: Eddie Springsteen	E3 6a	10: Belfast Blitz Boys	V.Diff
4: Diversion	HS 4b **	11: Tetley Mild	VS 5a
5: Master of Puppets	HVS 5a **	12: Absent Friends	V.Diff
6: Grecian Gift	VS 4c **	13: Absent Friends Five	HS 4b *
7: Orange Blossom	HS 4b **	14: Bluebelle	Diff



Thank You and Goodbye E3 6a 18m \*\*

FA N. Grimes, B. Dunlop, J. Hutton 19/10/90

Bold then strenuous climbing up the slab and overhang right of Fluid Inclusion's finish. Start as for Wall Rock Alterations. Pull up onto the slab on left, over first small roof (F7.5 on the left here). Climb boldly and directly up through the two overlaps to below the big overhang (Big friends); climb it to a tiny groove. Finish up this. With a move somewhat akin to riding a donkey, this is an excellent eliminate.

Wall Rock Alterations E1 5b 20m \*\*\*

FA A. Millar, G. Millar Sept 86

Offering delicate and open climbing with an exposed feel. Start at the little groove left of Shining Cossacks, climb up the groove to a bulge and excellent protection. Step up left here onto the slab and move daintily away from the protection. Go leftwards as far as the final groove of Fluid Inclusions (big friends). Finish up Fluid Inclusions. This route, along with the previous two, unfortunately suffers from hairy growth in parts.

Eddie Springsteen E2 6a 18m

FA E. Cooper, N. Grimes Spring 1991

An alternative finish to some of the routes hereabouts.

Go over the roof into the obvious rightward-slanting groove on the right-hand side of Main Face's overhang, friend-protected.

Texas Badman E1 5b 18m

FA A. Millar, N. Grimes 1988

Follow Wall Rock Alterations to the delicate step up onto the slab. Follow the little arete up and rightwards to a junction with Shining Cossacks and finish up this. Nice positions, but little new climbing.

Shiny Cossacks HVS 5a 22m \*\*

FA P. Neary, I. Ryan

Start 4m right of Bean Bob, under a slab, 1 m to the left of an overhanging V groove. Make an awkward move to gain slab. Climb diagonally leftwards to knob and then rightwards to brown patch beneath overhang. Exit to the right of the overhang and continue as for Diversion.

Ray's Fish and Chips S 4a 18m

FA R. Dunlop 1989

Climb through the deep v-slot left of Diversion to a flat quartz hold, and continue up to join Diversion to finish.

Fishy business VS 4c 16m

FA P. Cooper 21/06/03

Step up onto hanging slab on r.hand side of 'Ray's fish n chips' to quartz overlap, continue directly up centre of slab, through diversion and up centre of above slab with a step right onto short final slab.

Diversion HS 4b 20m \*\*

FA J. Rotherham, M. Patton

Start 1m right of the overhanging V groove is bottomless chimney. Climb bottomless chimney to gain ledge and, at mid height, continue out leftwards following crack on fine jug handles past nest to finish.

Tina's Crack HS 17m

FA J. Rotherham, M. Patton

Start 1m right of Diversion. Climb crack using bridging and some jamming to gain large ledge at mid-height. Continue directly up over overhangs and ledges to top.

Master of Puppets HVS 5b 15m

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop, N. Mooney

The roof right of Tina's Crack and left of Grecian Gift. Up crack to ledge, up slab to thin traverse right under roof before feeling for the weakness and pulling over the lip onto the slab.

Grecian Gift VS 4c 15m \*\*

FA J. Rotherham, B. McDermott

2m right of Tina's Crack and to the left of the detached block is a steep right-ward trending crackline with great moves and stretchy finish.

The arete to the right has been soloed by 'P. Dunlop at about E5 6b.

The right hand end of the Main Face now steps back forming a corner for Orange Blossom.

Orange Blossom HS 4b 15m

FA M. Buchanan, D. Buchanan

2m Right of Grecian Gift. Takes the obvious corner crack to the top (orange coloured rock on left hand side).

The face on right is a delight at HVS 5a - without holds or gear in O.B.

Barbara's Baby S 4a 13m

FA B. McDermott

1 m right of Orange Blossom, climb the offwidth chimney on right of the slab, stepping left onto slab higher up. Given severe if you have good offwidth technique, if not it's a thrutch fest!

Un-Named VS 5a/5b 13m

FA R. Macallister 03/06/08

Starting right of Barbaras baby and left of Cheatin Bitch, follow the arete to overhang use the crack to gain a ledge follow the tricky finish around the top arete.

Cheatin' Bitch S 3c 13m \*

FA J. Rotherham, G. Hamilton Dec 81

Start 2m right of Barbara's Baby, on the left-hand side of the gully. Handjam and layback up deep crack into bay above. Continue up, and exit left of slab.

Chockstone Gully D 14m

FA B. McDermott

Follows the obvious large gully at the centre of The Middle Crag, with a large chockstone at mid-height.

The large slab.

S.R.S. Slab D 15m \*

FA B. McDermott, M. McDermott

Goes up the centre of the moderately angled white slab immediately right of Chockstone Gully. Standard route for beginners.

The next climbs start to right of SRS Slab, starts are in small gully behind warm-up boulder.

Belfast Blitz Boys MS 13m

FA P. Grant

Starts in a bottomless V-shaped chimney about 1 m right of S.R.S. Slab and goes up the edge at the top.

Tetley Mild VS 5a 11m

FA P. Cooper and M. McGinty 18/09/02

The vague arete on right of Belfast Blitz Boys. Exposed climbing direct to horizontal crack, some protection in v-groove 1m right. Finish above.

AWOL S 4b 15m

FA P. Cooper Spring 1999

Ascend initial corner of Absent friends, use horizontal holds on r.hand slab to gain arete; finish on Just a pleasant saunter up a nice line!

Absent Friends VD 15m \*

FA B. McDermott, M. McDermott

Takes the obvious large cleft/chimney 3m right of Belfast Blitz Boys. Numerous variations.

Absent Friends Five HS 4b 15m \*

FA B. Patton, P. Grant

In a small corner/recess above and right warm-up boulder and left of Bluebelle. Climb up to horizontal crack, then left go left to crack by arete. High stretch for thank God hold, follow edge to top.

Bluebelle D 12m

FA A. Tees 2000

The clean corner with crack.

Bird's nest bulge S 4a 12m \*

FA B. McDermott, B. Patton

Start part way up Bluebelle to climb cracks in bulging wall on left, follow these to gain vertical finishing crack in headwall above. Some superb moves for grade.

S.O.S. D 12m

FA F. Ferry, M. McDermott 1980

Left-most route on slab right of 'Bluebelle' corner.

Sharp Practise VD 12m

FA A. Tees, R. Smith 15/05/83

This takes the edge between X Route and S.O.S.

X Route VD 12m

FA B. McDermott, G. Ellis 1980

Just left of Coca-Cola. Starts in a recess about 3m right of 'Sharp Practice'.

Coca-Cola D 12m

FA G. Ellis, M. McDermot 1980

This is the furthest right of four routes on the slab.

## Finbarr Wall

Directions: A delightful cragette. To get to it from the top of the main crag, go over the headland in a North-East direction until you arrive at the top of the crag overlooking the sea. Alternatively walk to the immediate skyline (above the main crag) and go through the gate, below and right, follow the path on the wall's l.hand side; towards the sea. This approach gains the base of the crag easily.

The routes are now described from left to right.

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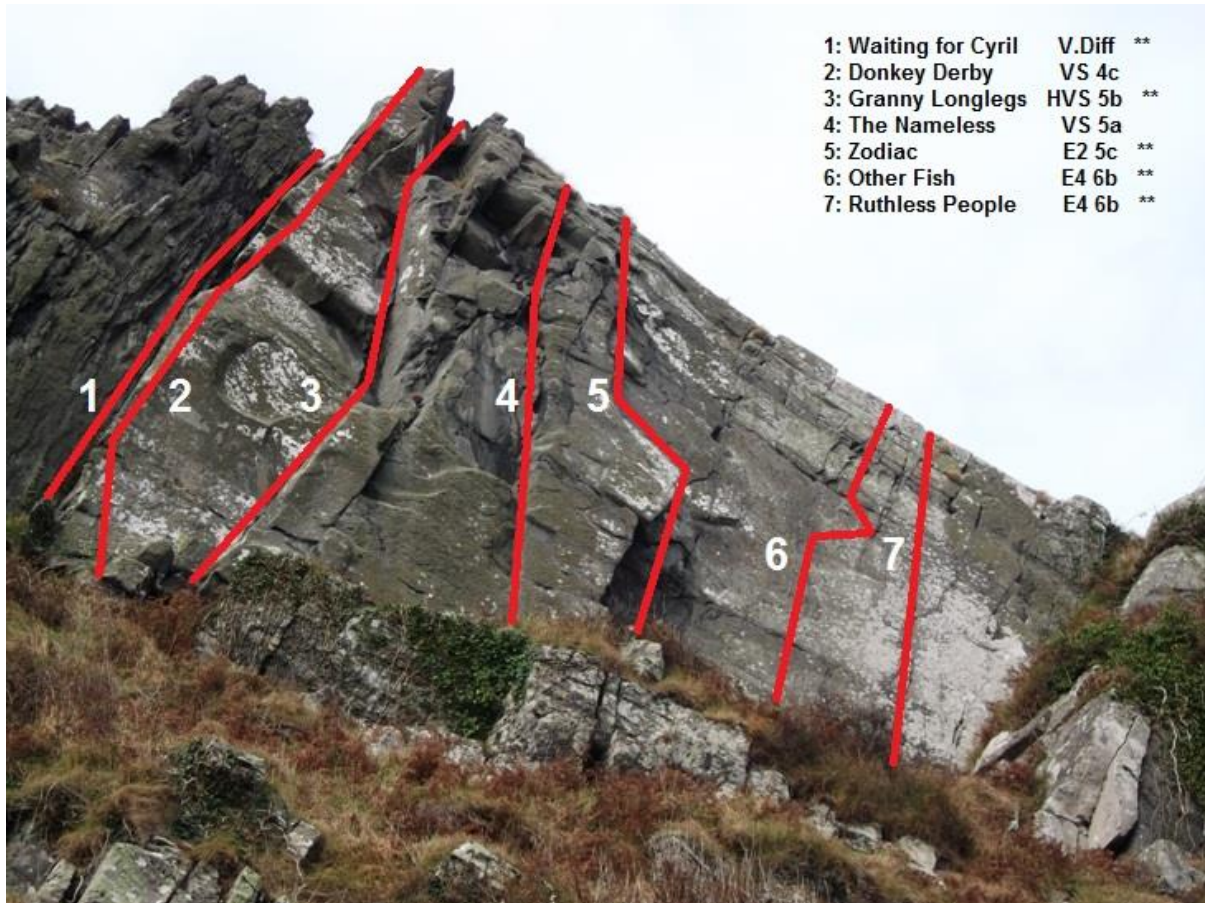
Tweeter and the Monkey man HS 4b 12m \*

FA A. Tees, P. McConnell 01/07/07 At the left end of Finbarr Wall is a pillar with a block at the top, just left of a big nest. Start just under, and climb a faint arete slightly rightwards, to reach a steep cracked wall. Exit via a mantleshelve onto the block at the top.

Grunting 'n' slapping E1 5b 8m \*

FA P. Cooper & D. Millar 01/06/07

3m left of 'Waiting for Cyril'. On the left of the flared rough cracks is smoother equally steep rock forming an apex to the rockface. Climb towards the top spike, making a thin move left onto the smooth slab to finish. (Belay just below the final top-out.)



4m right of this is the regular-cut corner crack of 'Waiting for Cyril'.

Waiting for Cyril VD 12m \*\*

FA A. Tees, M. Pailing 23/05/91

Climb the corner obvious clean cut corner.

The Donkey Derby VS 4c 12m

FA F. Dympna, T. Flynn 25/05/91

Climb the slabby wall/arete on the right of 'Waiting for Cyril'.

Granny Long Legs HVS 5a 12m \*\*

FA A. Millar, N. Grimes 25/05/91

This climbs up and into the hanging corner left of The Nameless. Steeply jam and bridge up this, exiting right at the top.

The Nameless VS 5b 12m

FA R Dunlop, P Dunlop 1988

This climbs the line a couple of metres left of the corner of a big spike. Continue directly into a niche and over the overhang on blocky holds. One in the eye for over-graders.

Zodiac E2 5c 12m \*\*

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop 1988

Pumpy, satisfying climbing up the groove left of Other Fish. Start on top of the big boulder. Go up the little corner and step left onto the little ramp. Up this, and straight up the steep wall above using handfuls of rough holds. Exciting.

Other Fish E4 6b 13m \*\*

FA N Grimes, B Callan, P Dunlop (all led) June 91

The steep, blank-looking, wall between 'Zodiac' and 'Ruthless People'. Boulder up on positive holds to get stood on these. Gear in fine horizontal break. A perplexing rock-up up and right leads to a good hold shared with 'Ruthless People'. Traverse left to a vertical crack, proceed up this to finish. At the upper end of the grade.

Ruthless People E4 6b 10m \*\*

FA N. Grimes, A. Millar 25/05/91

Desperate climbing up the crack on the right, strenuous and fingery. Start at the bottom of the grass ramp. A bout of sporadic snatching allows upward momentum, past a couple of wires (hard to place) and a good hold to be caught on the horizontal break left of the crack. Place small wires here, and strike on directly to the top.

Pushing String E2 5b 8m \*

FA P. Cooper & G. Thomas 24/05/09

To the right of Ruthless People and 1/2 way up the descent corner place a belayer. The climber now climbs a leftward traversing route, until below a step in the headwall; climb up to this for finish. A deceptively pumpy line, otherwise it would be E1.

The next climb is across to the right, in the first square-cut corner.

Calamari Corner VD 4b 12m \*

FA P. Cooper 14/05/07

Corner of first bay right of 'Ruthless People'.

Across to the right is the next route, Mosquito, is on a pillar of rock. Dunmore Damage is the route on the clean wall to the right.

Mosquito S 4a 10m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 14/05/07

5m left of "Dunmore Damage" is a stepped arete. Climb the first step by a leaning rightward trending crack. Up onto another block and up the groove on the arete.

Dunmore Damage S 4a 12m \*

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 19/04/07

The next niche left of Finbarrs Furry Fissure. Up onto jammed rock, right to ledge and straight up the face just left of the arete.

Finbarr's Furry Fissure S 4a 12m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 19/04/07

The prominent fist crack just left of "Redford Classic". Overcome buldge, up crack easily (great thread on the edge). At the top of the crack step left and finish up fine airy rock.

Redford Classic S 4a 12m \*\*

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 18/04/07

Right, and below the other routes, but on the same rockband, is a prominent corner, overhung half way up. Bridge up to the overhang to gain good jugs, and continue up the corner on delightful rock.

Inishtrahull HS 4b 12m \*

FA P. Cooper, A. Tees 18/04/07

Centre of wall, on immediate right of redford Classic. Start at the toe of the short slab, continue through small overlaps; direct direct for the top. Nice one-star line, with a scenic top-out; depending on the weather.

Blonde Moments S 4a 12m

FA P. McConnell, A. Tees 01/07/07

Takes the external corner right of Redford Classic, and just right of Inistrahull.

Dun Bheag Crack VD 10m

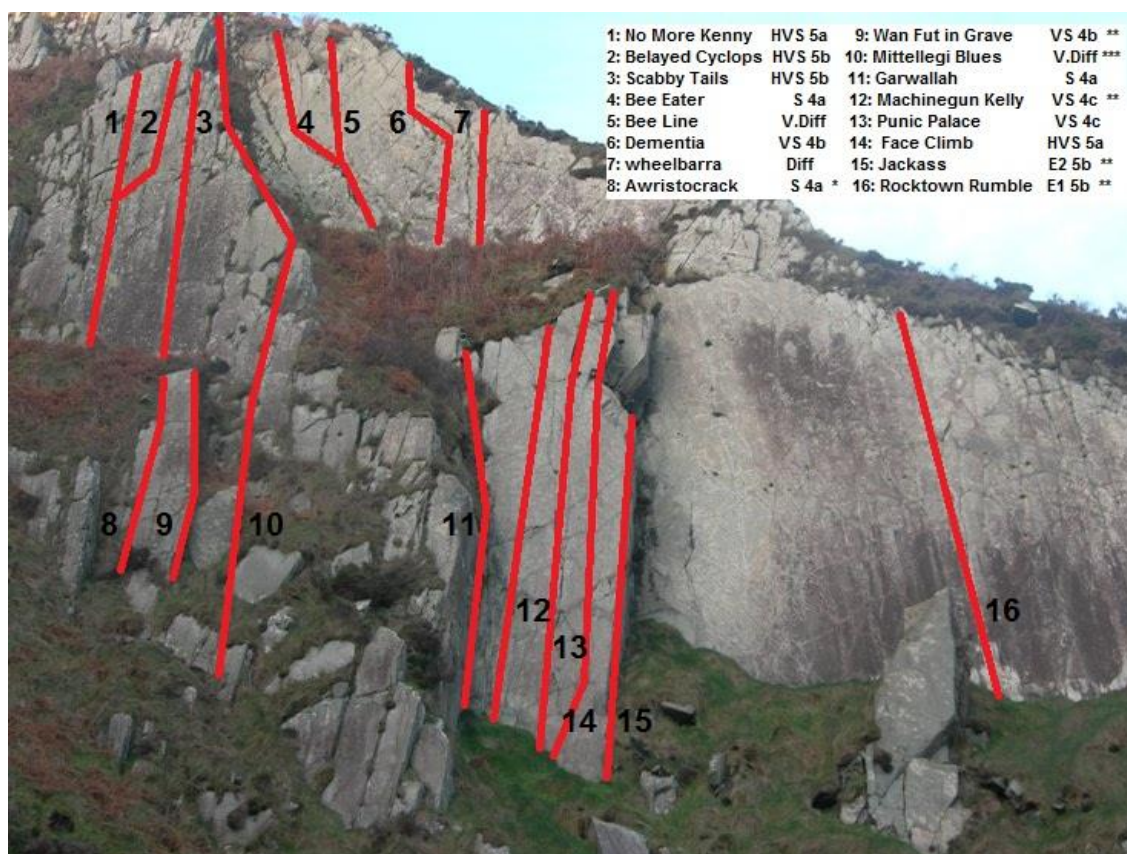
FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 14/05/07

About 10m further right from "Redford Classic" is an obvious crackline on the right wall of a corner. Climb the thin crack, step right and continue up it's big sister.

## Warm Bay Point

Directions: Access to the crag can be gained via following the coastal road between Tremone Bay and Kinnagoe Bay. Take directions for Kinnagoe Bay (see Donegal Guide). Take a signposted turn off left for Culdaff, 500m before the turn for Kinnagoe crag. Drive for approximately 1.15 miles to a section of open farmland and park next to a green gate. Hop over the seaward wall and continue over field at first and then heather to a jutting peninsula. This is Warm Bay Point, the crag lies on the lower eastern flank as your looking northwards/out to sea. Descend the steep heather via a cultivated path to the crag. Three areas of rock have been developed to date. An upper, middle and lower crag, the latter being tidal.

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### The Upper Wall Climbs

No More Kenny HVS 5a 20m

FA A. Millar D. Millar 05/06/04

This is on the "Upper Wall". Continue up the hill (avoiding brambles) past "Middle Wall" It starts as for "Cyclops" and climbs crack straight to the top. Finishing pleasantly up a thin finger crack on right, or more easily up short body width crack on left.



I was Belayed by a Cyclops HVS 5b 20m

FA A. Millar, D. Millar, S. Hamilton 04/06/04

On Upper Crag, climbs the next crag left of Scabby Tales. At Half height traverse right a few metres to reach large flake and straight up good crack above.

Scabby Tails and Sexuality HVS 5b 18m \*

FA A. Millar, J. Boyle, P. Cooper 01/03/03

Takes the slightly left trending crack near the right side of Upper Wall. The crack thins before half height and a thin well protected move leads to easier rock, and soon after, the top.

Next climbs are on the wall up and right of 'Scabby Tails.'

Bee Eater S 4a 12m

FA M. McGuigan B. McGowan Sept 05

Start as for "BeeLine" but this curves off left and up to very careful exit.

Bee Line VD 12m

FA A. Tees, P. McConnell Sept 2005

About 5m left of Wheelbarra, a longer similar crack.

Dementia VS 4b 12m

FA A. Tees, PJ Monaghan, P. McConnell 19/04/09

Start about 2 m left of "Wheelbarra Crack" and climb the steepening wall to where two diagonal cracks rise left wards, just below, and parallel to, the top. Move up left using these for hand and footholds.

Wheelbarra Crack D 8m

FA P. McConnell, A. Tees Sept 05

This takes the shortest wide crack on the upper wall above Punic Palace etc

Awristocrack S 4a 12m \*

FA A Tees 6/05/09

The "Tombstone" is the aptly named pillar slab left of the slab containing "Machinegun Kelly," This route takes the "Wrist width" crack up the left side.

Wan fut in the Grave VS 4b 12m \*\*

FA A. Tees, M. McGuigan 13/06/09

This takes the lovely right edge of the "Tombstone" Delicate and well protected.

Mittellegi Blues VD 4a 50m \*\*\*

FA A. Tees, M. Mcguigan 13/06/09

A "traditional" VDiff route with an Alpine feel to it, and very varied climbing in good situations. Scramble up right of the "Tombstone" into a bay at the right hand side of the wall containing "I was belayed by a Cyclops" etc. Climb the crack leading to the ridge above and continue left, up the exposed ridge to belay at the top. Climb the Gendarme behind, and finish up the wall either behind the gendarme, or further left, just left of a short chimney, belay at a big leaning rock.

The next climbs are on the face to the left of The Main Face. The eye-catching arete is 'Jackass'. Access via abseil or scramble approach to Main Wall's seaward end.

Garwallah S 4a 12m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 13/05/08

One metre left of "machinegun Kelly" climb just right of corner to ledge on left at 2/3 height. Continue to the top.

Machinegun Kelly VS 4c 12m \*\*  
 FA A. Tees 16/05/04  
 Climb the Left hand crack line.

Punic Palace VS 4c 12m  
 FA A. Tees, P. Cooper, D. Ryan, B. McGowan 22/05/04  
 Climb the central crack line about 2m right of "Machinegun Kelly."

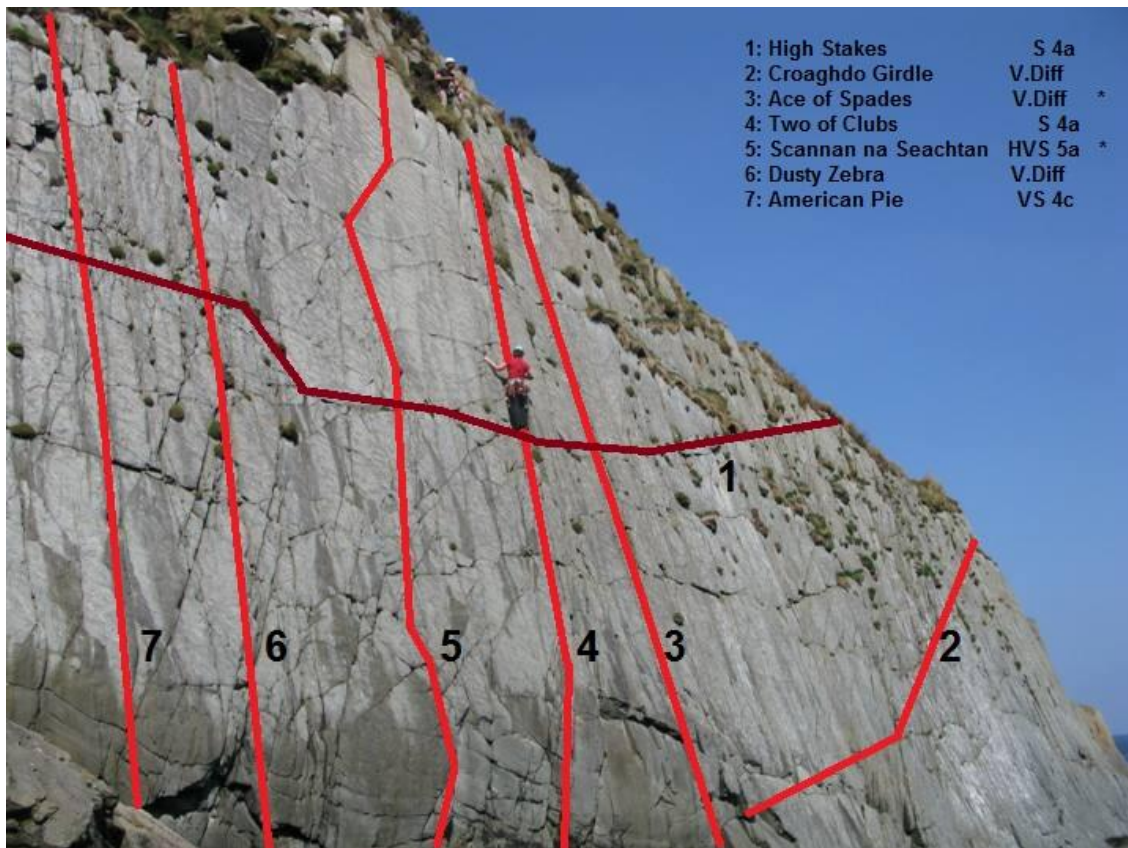
Face Climb HVS 5a 12m  
 FA P. Cooper, D. Ryan 22/05/04  
 Middle Crag, left face. Face between 'Punic Palace' and 'Jackass' slightly run-out in upper/crux area, finish on face to right of the top crack.

Jackass E2 5b 16m \*\*  
 FA D. Millar, P. Cooper March 2003  
 Follows the arete to the left of the main face on the second tier. Climb the arete with the aid of a crack on the left wall to a sloping ledge at three quarters height. Step down and right to a ledge below a short steep crack. Climb this on good jams to the top. Belay well back.

The next climbs are on The Main Face. Access via abseil or scramble approach to Main Wall's seaward end.

Rockstown Rumble E1 5b 16m \*\*  
 FA A. Millar, J. Boyle, P. Cooper 01/03/03  
 Takes the obvious crack line going up the middle of the clean slab of Middle Wall.

The next climbs are on The Seaward Wall, the large wall below and right of The Main Face. Access via scramble approach at Main Wall's seaward end and then down again. These climbs are tidal.



High Stakes S 4a 60m

FA M. McGuigan, A. Tees July 2005

Traverse left to right across the upper wall.

Croaghdoe Girdle VD 25m

FA A. Millar, J. Sittlington 07/12/03

A rising traverse left to right on the lower sea wall with fine airy situations out over the sea. Belaying from the last boulder before the sea, set out across ledge and on to obvious handflake, cross this (Crux) to reach a stance above a short chimney rising out of the sea. Follow the obvious line of weakness rising rightward and follow it to finish.

Ace of Spades VD 4a 12m \*

FA A. & P. Tees

At the centre of the sea wall is a square depression. Climb straight up from its right hand side, and follow obvious cleaned groove to the top.

Two of Clubs S 4a 20m

FA M. McGuigan & A. Tees

This takes the first of two prominent crack lines at the highest part of the wall. Crux at the start.

Scannan na Seachtan HVS 5a 15m \*

FA D. Millar 20/05/04

The high point of the seaward crag. At start of large foot ledge is a flake, climb it's face and head up to crack which splits the centre of the high point.

Dusty Zebra V.Diff 12m

FA B. McGowan, D. Ryan 22/05/04

6m right of the leaning block, climb the deepest crack on this area of the face. Belay well back, after grassy finish.

American Pie VS 4c 12m

FA D. Millar & P. Cooper March 2003

Follows the broken cracks to the left of Scannan na Seachtan.

Ramona S 10m

FA P. Cooper, D. Millar Feb 2003

Seaward Crag. 2M r. of large leaning boulder follow cleaned cracklines on face, to niche area, beware exposed grassy finish.

Soap Hopera VS 4c 12m

FA D. Millar & P. Cooper March 2003

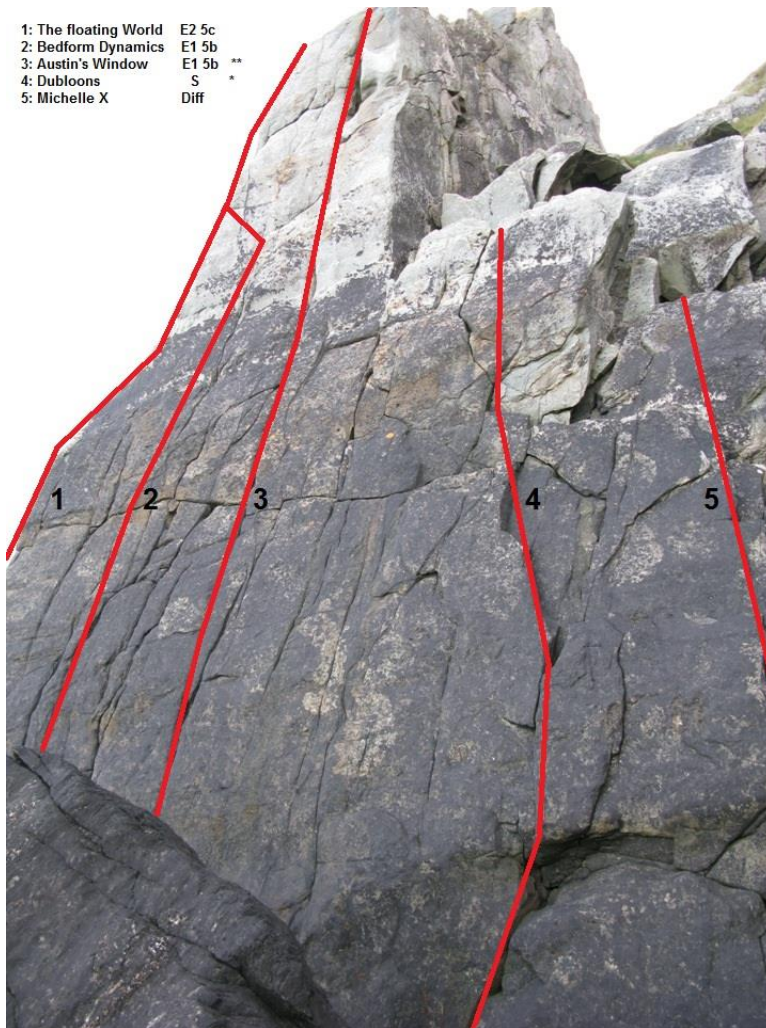
Follows the broken cracks on the left hand side of the lowest tier.

## **Dungloon (Kinnego)**

Directions: Kinnego Bay. The various cliffs around the headlands and islands of Dungloon provide good quality climbing in all grades. The longest routes are on the 'Galleon' - a high stack, and are up to 40m in height.

From Moville take the Culdaff Road. Approx 5km from Moville the rd forks at Doherty's Bar, take the R fork. Turn R at the chapel. Follow this rd for approx 6km and turn L just before the steep hill to the beach. Walk N along field edges to the top of the cliffs and take a steep descent path.

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The Floating World E2 5c 18m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 30/08/89

The excellent arete L of Bedform. Accessible at low tide only. Takes the arete all the way. Climber can be well protected by small wires and friends. Belayer can be well protected by wetsuit.

Bedform Dynamics E1 5b 18m

FA A. Millar, P. Dunlop, N. Grimes 17/05/87

Nice climbing on good rock. Take crack just L of Austin's Window. When crack peters out traverse L to arete and take this to top.

Austin's Window E1 5b 18m \*\*

FA C. Torrans, C. Sheridan 1980

At the left hand end of the wall facing the sea climb the long fine crack.

Dubloons S 10m \*

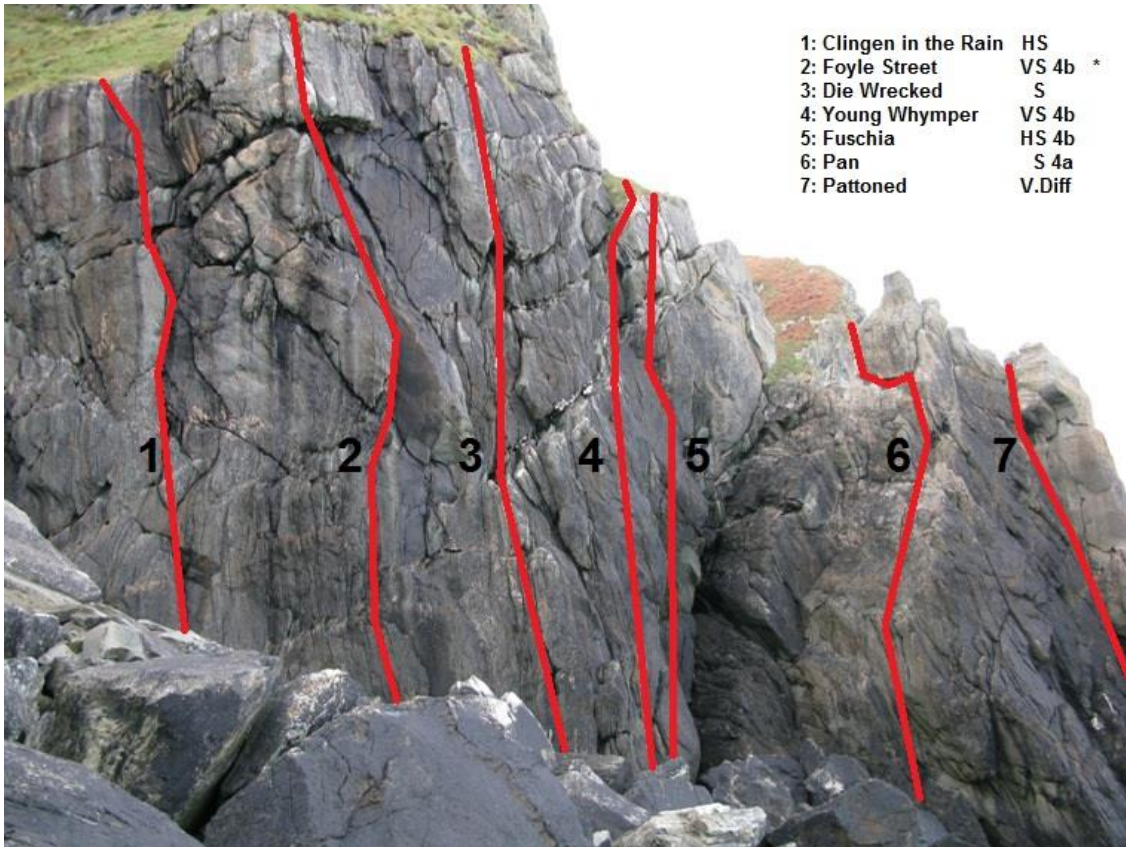
FA A. Tees, R. Wray 12/06/80

Takes the thin crack right of Austin's Window. Surmount overhang, step left onto flake and up to finish.

Michelle X D 8m

FA B. McDermott, M. McDermott 1979

Goes up the shallow groove approx 3m right of Dubloons.



Clingin' in the Rain HS 18m

FA A. Tees, A. Ward 14/06/84

This route is on the left hand side of the "Black Wall" West of the "Crow's Nest". Start: At the centre of the wall left of Foyle Street. Climb obvious crack continuing up corner and slab to the top.

Staveni pyramid S 20m

FA I. Krella, G. McWhirter 10/10/2010

The route starts as for Clingen in the rain but going rightwards up across the wall where joins Die wrecked for about 2m and then going strait up under small corner and from there steps right on the edge and following it to the top.

The Haven VS 4c 18m

FA M. Rea, I. Rea 27/08/89

Start 2m right of Clingin' in the Rain. Climb directly up to spikes. Traverse right, then back up left into v-shaped niches. Exit from these and go up to a short left-facing corner. Up this for a few metres, then swing right onto the arete to finish.

Le Grand Ennui E1 5b 18m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 27/08/89

Start as for The Haven. Climb up to spikes. Traverse left and climb steeply up grey discoloration until its possible to step left into Clingin' in the Rain. Now climb steeply right across a fault to gain the last moves of Foyle Street and finish.

Foyle Street VS 4b 18m \*

FA J. Rotherham, T. McDaid 11/05/80

Start L end of cliff of Young Whympier. Climb the leftward trending crackline to the overhang (2m below the top), make a straddle move to gain position under overhang, undercuts allow one to stand up and a high step left leads into final crack.

Die Wrecked S 18m

FA J. Rotherham, M. Manson Aug 1980

Right of Foyle Street, start at a small alcove. Climb bulge in wall, continue up slight overhang split by crack.

El Gecko HS 8m

FA A. Tees, A. Ward, R. Smith 12/06/83

This route takes the central cracks on the outcrop below and right of Maeve and Lucy. More awkward than it appears with a poor exit.

Planters' Plunder VS 4b 18m

FA D. Stelfox, M. Manson Aug 1980

Takes a crack up centre of the wall R of Foyle Street and L of Young Whymper exiting R over the overhang. Crux at start.

Young Whymper VS 4b 10m

FA B. McDermott, J. Rotherham 1979

10m L of Pattoned, the angle of the wall becomes less steep forming a corner. About halfway on its L side is a slightly overhanging corner which can be laybacked. Move right to exit.

Fuschia HS 4b 15m

FA M. Rea, I. Rea 27/08/89

Start in the niche directly below Young Whymper. Climb steeply up a fault/crack to a niche at 5m. Step R and finish up the arete.

Pan S 4a 15m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 27/05/89

The arete a few metres L of Pattoned. Start at its very base. Continue via good crack and finish by traversing L of pinnacle at top.

Pattoned VD 15m

FA B. Patton, M. Patton 1979

Climb the obvious corner at the R end of Black Wall surmounting bulging block at the top.

### **The Crow's Nest**

Rusty Rigging S 25m

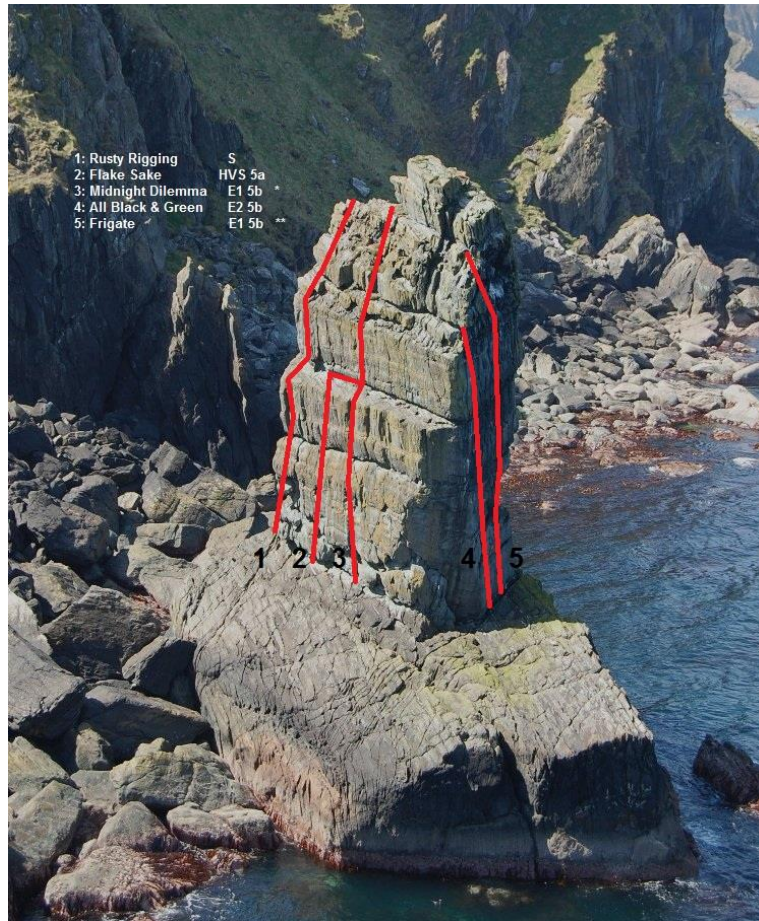
FA J. Rotherham, P. Grant 1979

Directly opposite the Black Wall is a prominent sea stack known as the 'Crow's Nest'. The route takes the left-hand side of the stack starting from the platform.

Flake Sake HVS 5a 20m

FA S. Read M. Sweeney Climbfest 2006

Interesting climbing starting about 3 meters left of midnight dilemma. Fight your way up through a dusty big hole about 2 meters off the floor. Continue up the crack above, moving right to finish up easier ground for the final 3 meters. (Direct finish awaits)



Midnight Dilemma E1 5b 20m \*

FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop 17/06/87

This one wicks its wicked way up the fragile face facing Forked Lightning. It takes the crack in the centre of the wall. Move up holey rock to a steep section. Pass this (crux) to a ledge. Continue up the crack to the top. Belay, and abseil off a block on the summit. A sling was originally in place around this, but a cow is thought to have eaten it. To the right of Midnight Dilemma and round the corner is a narrow wall where the next two routes are situated.

All Black and Green E2 5b 20m

FA A. McFarlane, P. Mallon 27/08/88

This route takes the steep wall left of Frigate. Start just right of the arete, climbing on nobbles. Continue up the wall, finishing just left of the crack.

Frigate E1 5b 20m \*\*

FA A. McFarlane, T. McQueen Nov 88

Excellent climbing up the crack on the right-hand side of the narrow wall. Climb the crack and trend left from the top to the exit

The next outcrop right of Forked Lightning is split by a wide crack (about Diff). The next to routes lie to the right of this crack.

Trinidad Vee S 12m \*

FA A. Tees, A. Ward 22/05/85

Start 2m right of the wide crack. Move up on small holds to gain a widening crack at two-thirds height. Finish skywards.

San Vicente VS 4c 8m

FA A. Tees, K. Deery 1991

Right of Trinidad Vee. Follows thin crack from bottom to top. Features a bad exit.

Toad-in-the-Hole D 15m

FA P. Grant 1979

Scramble up jammed blocks in the corner right of Forked Lightning.

Forked Lightning VS 4c 20m \*\*\*

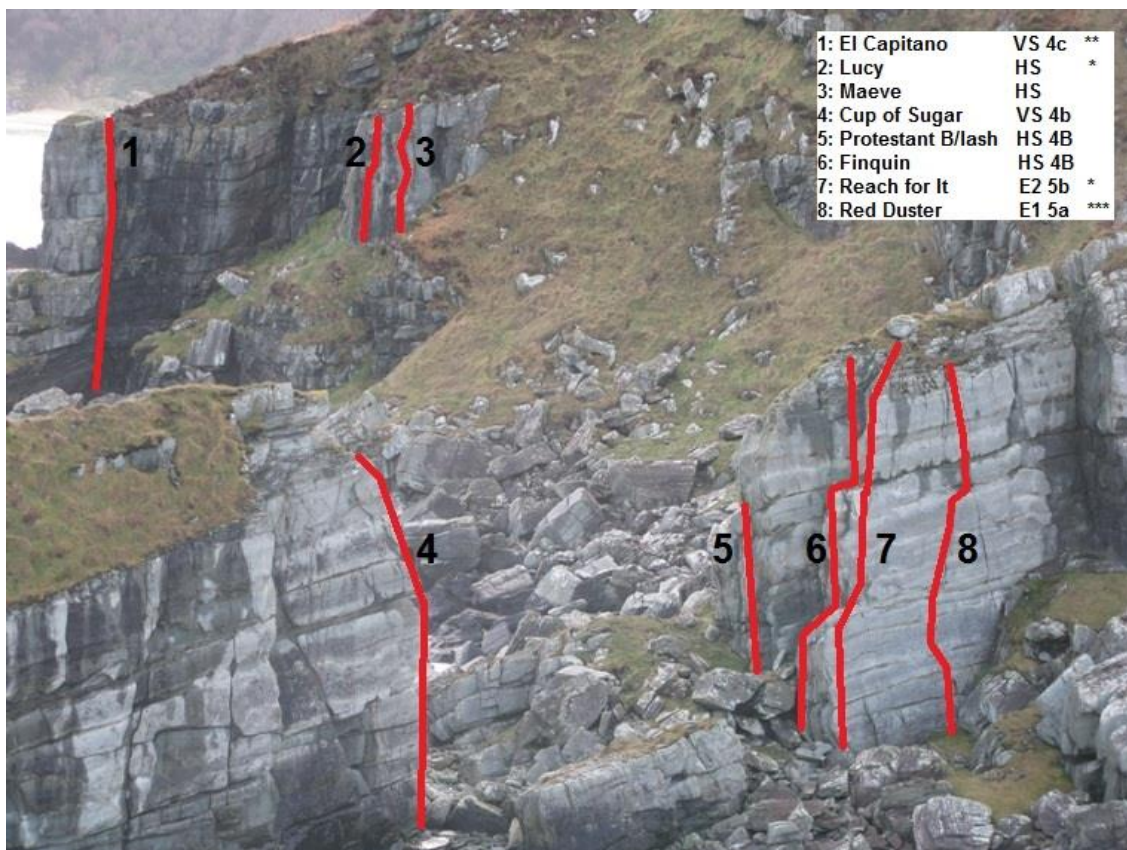
FA J. Rotheram, J. Logan 1979

Rightward trending crack in the wall almost opposite the Galleon. Crux is low.

Atlantic Ocean Wall E4 6a 20m \*\*

FA N. Grimes, A. Millar 05/01/92

Exhilarating wall climbing up the wall left of Forked Lightning. Sustained and technical going on pockets and edges, and quite worrying. Start on the ledge below Forked Lightning. Make a move up and left to footholds and finger edges. From here, the route goes more or less straight up the wall, passing a small overhang on the right and finishing up a short crack. Protection consists of many wires crammed horizontally into holes and pods, a good F0.5 in a deep slot at half height, and some disposable R.P.s above this. Hardest at the start and above the friend. The start was top-roped before the first ascent.



El Capitano VS 4c 27m \*\*

FA B. McDermott, J. Rotherham 11/05/80

This takes a route up the Eastern boundary wall of the Dungloon climbing area. Start on the far side of the bay from the Galleas, to the L of and below Lucy and Maeve. There is an obvious corner broken at mid-height by a ledge. Start low down and climb L of the corner strenuously until the crack is reached. Steep hand jamming to the ledge and some delicate rock to the overhang.



Lucy HS 8m \*

FA P. Grant 1979

Right of "El Cap" and higher up is a small wall. Takes the left corner. Frequently underestimated!

Maeve HS 8m

FA P. Grant 1979

High up in the bay east of the Prow is a small crag. This route climbs the right-hand corner. Harder than it looks.

Liam Neeson Chasing a Load of Hens Around Inside a Barrel E1 5a 15m.

Start just left of Cup of Sugar, under the roof. Climb to roof and swing left to climb leftward trending crack on thoughtful gear to break. Make tricky moves up and right to reach flakes. Follow these to finish up and left.

*R. Kernan, C. Gilmour 26/5/17*

Cup of Sugar VS 4b 10m

FA D. Somers, B. Patton Feb 81

To the East of the Galleon there is a small island at the sea edge (called the Galleas) characterised by a clean corner on the left. This route takes the overhanging groove just right of the clean corner on the Galleas.

Fools Mariniere HS 4b 13m

FA P. Cooper, N. Machon May 1999

Out in the bay on the left hand side of the Galleas is a left to right trending crackline, follow this rising traverse; exit up last vertical crack.

To the left of Red Duster, on the sea facing wall of the prow, there are two vertical crack lines, on the right 'Finquin' and on the left 'Protestant Backlash'.

Protestant Backlash HS 4b 10m

FA D. Stelfox Aug 80

Climb the left-hand vertical crackline on the prow, opposite the Galleas, and about 3m left of Finquin.

Finquin HS 4b 10m

FA R. Finlay, K. Quinn Oct 80

This route takes the right-hand crackline, which contains a series of small ledges.

Reach for It E2 5b 20m \*

FA A. McFarlane, P. Turley 29/08/88

A sporting route taking the arete left of Red Duster. Boulder up the wall to the first step in the arete. Continue up the arete with trepidation. Poorly protected, but 'big friends would help'.

Red Duster E1 5a 20m \*\*\*

FA M. Manson, D. Stelfox Aug 80

Climb wall to reach crack. Layback up crack to reach horizontal break. Climb over the break and then straight up to the top. Beware loose rock near the top.

Red Duster - Alternative Start 20m 5b

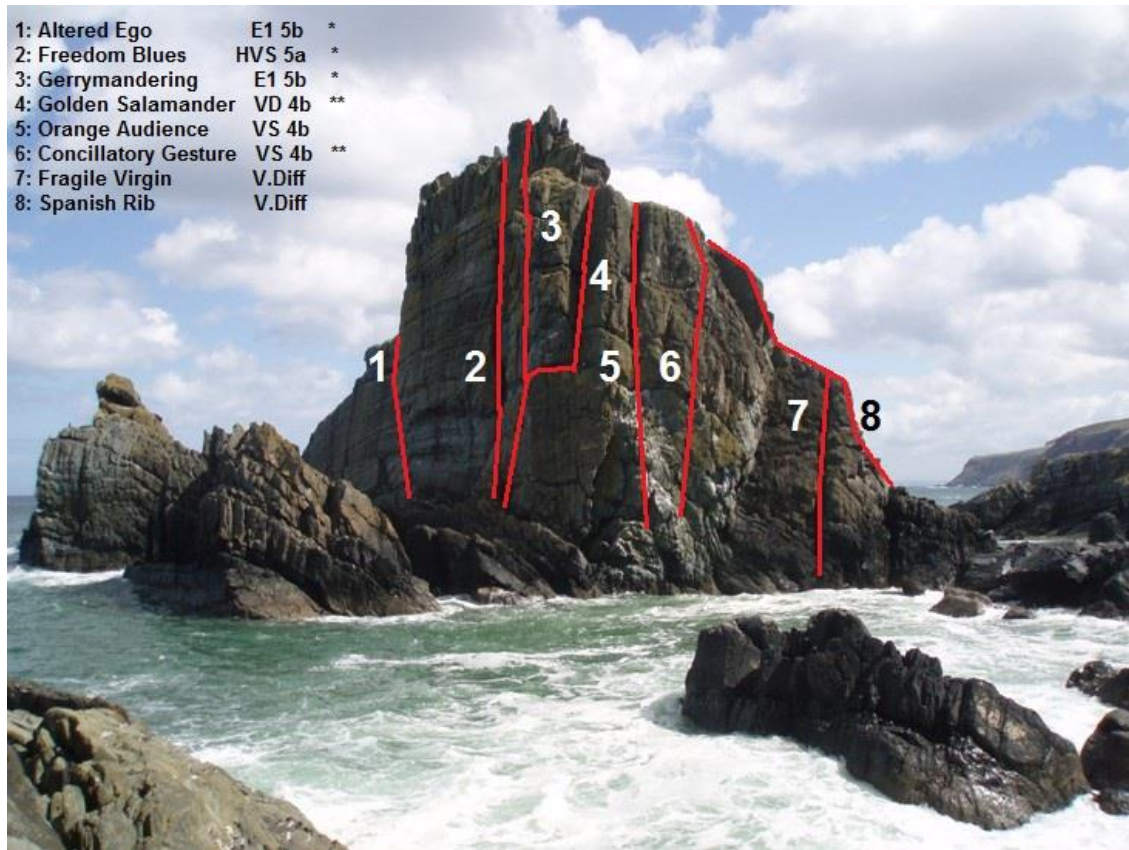
Climbs the crack just right of the original start. Start on the ledge, and layback up to join the last third of the original route. Harder, but not as good as the original. Incidentally, this superb route has now become harder since losing some holds off the top.

## The Galleon

The first three routes start the exploration of the west wall of the Galleon

Spread Your Wings E1 5b 33m \*  
 FA S. McCrory, E. Cooper 04/04/81

This route is situated on the seaward side of the Galleon. Access is by abseil down Golden Salamander and leftwards traverse to obvious corner topped by a roof. Climb corner with increasing difficulty.



This route is the wide crack right of Spread Your Wings.

Altered Ego E1 5b 30m \*  
 FA A. McFarlane, P. Mallon 27/08/88

Abseil down Spread Your Wings and gallop up the wider crack 3m right. The crux is at the bottom. A good line.

Freedom Blues HVS 5a 30m \*  
 FA D. Stelfox, A. McFarlane 27/08/88

Start at the large left-facing corner left of Gerrymandering. Follow it to the final overhang, which gives exciting bridging.

Gerrymandering E1 5b 30m \*  
 FA D. Stelfox, W. Brown-Kerr, B. Calhoun 27/08/89

This route climbs the west side of the Galleon, left of Golden Salamander, up the steep wall at the right-hand end of the west face. Abseil descent. Slip easily up shelves to below a prominent overhang with a curious eroded column of rock. Bridge up this (crux) to gain cracks above. Move up the wall to below the final overhang, step left around this, across a ramp and into a final short crack and an awkward mantel shelf to reach the top.

Golden Salamander VS 4b 40m  
 FA J. Rotherham, B. McDermott. 11/05/80

This takes the obvious right angled corner on "The Galleon" (the big sea stack usually accessible

from the shore). Access by abseil. Climb up left of the corner, and traverse right to reach the bottom of the corner. Lower section of this route can be lacquered in thick green slime, and upper section infested with Fulmar chicks suffering from chronic salmonella. An experience!

Orange Audience VS 4b 40m

FA J. Rotherham, B. McDermott Aug 1980

Takes the 2nd large corner on the landward side of the Galleon, just R of Golden Salamander.

Conciliatory Gesture VS 4b 40m

FA D. Stelfox, J. Rotherham. Nov 1980

Takes the thin curving crack up face starting 3m R of Orange Audience. Can be split into 2 pitches.

Fragile Virgin VD 30m

FA J. Rotherham, J. Logan 1979

Takes the obvious long deep corner left of Spanish Rib.

Spanish Rib VD 30m

FA J. Rotherham, J. Logan 1979

Looking from Forked Lightning, this route follows the R skyline of the Galleon.

Spanish Steps S 4a 45m

FA A. Tees. B. Magowan, 30/03/08

About 20m West of Austins Window is a wide dirty crack at the bottom of the buttress. Climb the thin crack just left of this, and continue up the offwidth above (thin parallel crack on it's right) to a large ledge. Move up right into a suspended corner (crux) and up right again to a ledge. Another short step leads to a belay ledge. Pitch 2. ascend to a leftward leaning chimney, step out left, and continue up airily on the arete (good wires). Traverse left and finish up Drakes Final Flakes.

Drake's Flakes VS 4b 45m

FA A. Tees, P. Cooper 30/03/08

About 20m beyond (West) of Austins Window, is a high buttress of rock. This route starts just right of a wide crack, and climbs unprotected to the base of a left facing corner. Alternatively, a fine crack further right and a leftward traverse will lead to the same place! Layback up the corner most of the way to the top, and step out right to a small stance, and climb up onto the arete. Continue up airily to a ledge below a bulging wall, belay. Pitch 2 Climb the wall left of the obvious crack (crux) and continue up more easily to finish up the finely situated "Drakes Flakes", at the top.

## Beef Nut Walls

About 75 to 100m around the coast from Austin's Window is a short steep black wall perpendicular to the coast. The following three routes are on this wall.

Greenice HS 12m

FA P. Dunlop, A. Millar 26/06/87

100m West of Austins Window is a short steep West Facing wall, perpendicular to the coast. This climbs a crack on the right side of the wall, with an overhang at half height. Layback up to the overhang, move left, and go up the crack to the top.

Missionary Woman HVS 5b 12m

FA A. Millar, P. Dunlop 26/06/87

3m left of Greenice. Move into, and over, the niche, and finish via the corner.

Missionary Man HVS 5b 12m  
 FA P. Dunlop, R. Dunlop 24/06/87

The thin line up the wall, 2m left of Missionary Woman.

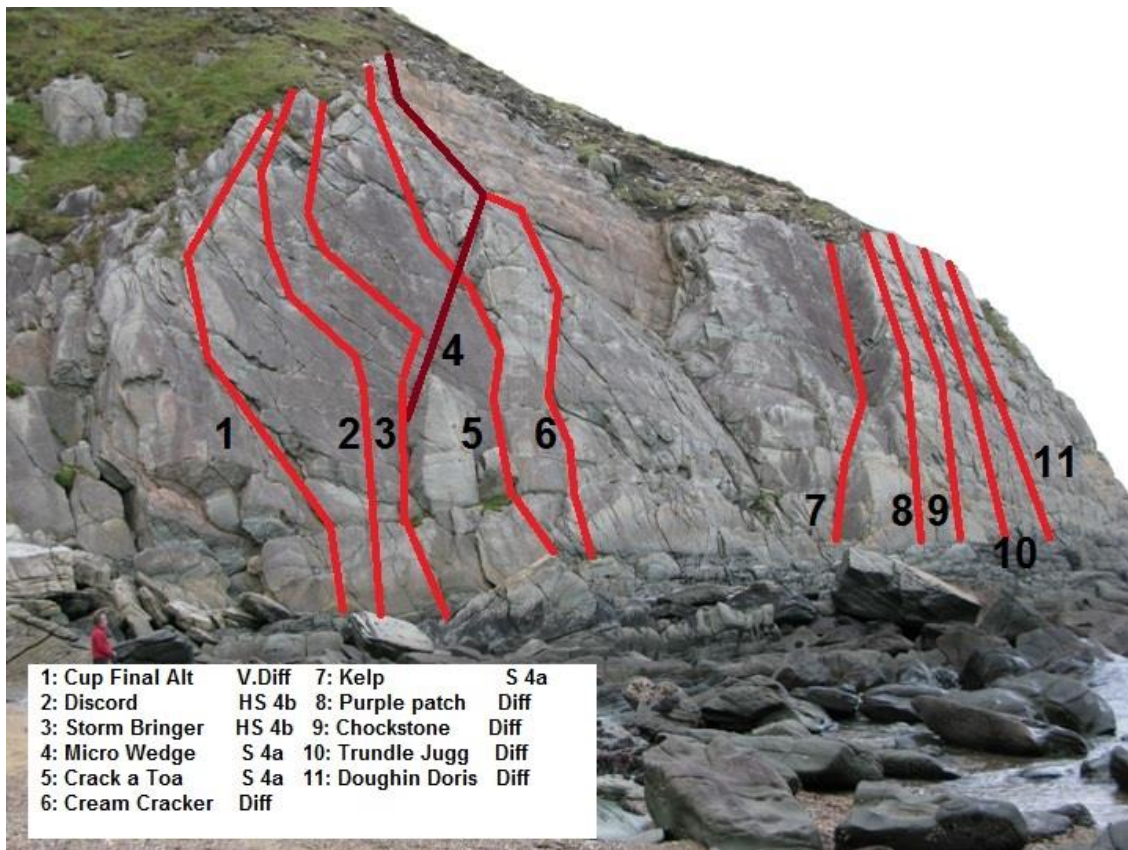
The Golden Hind/ Admirable Craic HS 4b 20m \*\*  
 FA A. Tees, C. McLaughlin, Aug 2010

This climbs the NW side of the "Golden Hind" (next stack to Crows Nest) by an obvious crack, and the less steep roof by a slight rightward traverse. Access is by boat, or swim from just below the "Black Wall".

### Port A Doris

Directions: Park at the lighthouse/shore carpark at Shroove, and walk northwards up the road to a small gate on the right (where the road bends back to the left). Walk down the field and pick up a coastal path, which brings you into the cove via a small rock doorway after 10 minutes approx. The main crag, comprising Circular Wall and Toby Jug Wall is straight ahead.

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Cup Final Alternative VD 25m  
 FA R. Smith, A. Tees 12/05/79

Towards the left-hand side of Circular Wall locate the blackened area with flakes trending up leftwards. Follow them up to cracks which are climbed and continue right on rock to the top.

Nelson Drive Special VS 4b 25m  
 FA R. Moore, C. McLaughlin 06/07/99

This takes a direct line between "Cup Final Alternative" and "Dischord".

Dischord HS 4b 25m

FA D. Stelfox, P. Turley 04/12/83

Takes a more or less direct line up the centre of Circular Wall, starting at the initial bulge immediately to the left of Storm Bringer.

Storm Bringer HS 4b 25m

FA M. Manson, A. Tees 20/05/79

Start just left of the pillar situated about half-way across Circular Wall. Climb above the top of the pillar (without using it). Traverse slightly right and continue up on small holds to a crack which leads leftwards to the top. A fine route on small holds.

Micro Wedge S 4a 20m

FA S. McCrory P. Grant 02/06/79

Climb pillar. Continue right across crack to overhang on Crack-a-Toa. Surmount overhang rightwards up right-angled diedre to ramp and scramble left to top.

Crack-a-Toa S 4a 25m

FA A. Tees, R. Smith 12/05/79

This follows the hook-shaped layback crack about 6m right of Cup Final Alternative, to the overhang which is passed on the left. Follow cracks to the top. Pleasant route.

Cream Cracker D 15m

FA R. Smith, A. Tees 12/05/79

This takes the cracks just right of Crack-a-Toa to the ramp. (It can be continued on bad rock behind the ramp).

Kelp S 4a 10m

FA A. Tees, R. Smith 12/05/79

Climb the prominent corner to the left of Toby Jug Wall.

Toby Jug Wall D 20m

FA A. Tees, R. Smith, S. Hamilton May 79

Prominent multicracked wall, containing 4 similar routes from the left Purple Patch, Chockstone Trundle Juggernaut and Doughin Doris. Awkward descent.

Strawberry Blonde S 4a 15m

FA S. McCrory, B. McDermott 10/06/79

Climb is on the shore side of the sea stack over the bridge, suitable at low tide only, taking the crackline left of the sentry box. Climb to the ledge and move right and make an airy traverse on sloping holds back left, finishing through "V."

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| 1: Paulines Crack | HS 4b  |
| 2: Thrills        | HVS 5b |
| 3: Scarcasm       | S 4a   |
| 4: Straw          | VS 4b  |
| 5: Novice Outing  | Diff   |
| 6: The Crawler    | S 4a   |



Paulines Crack HS 4b 10m

FA B. McDermott, S. McCrory 09/06/79

The crack and ledge immediately left of entrance to cove. Layback crack and move onto ledge (au cheval). Stand up and traverse right. Climb wall above to top.

Thrills HVS 5b 10m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 28/08/89

Start 5m left of Scarcasm under the left edge of the overhang. Go up a steep, undercut fault and break out left to a ledge. Bridge up and over the capping stone of the little tunnel.

Scarcasm S 4a 15m

FA M. Manson, A. Tees 20/05/79

About 5m left of Novice Outing is another shorter, steeper corner. Climb to ledge and continue on loosish rock to top.

Straw VS 4b 10m

FA I. Rea, M. Rea 28/08/89

The fault on the left of Novice Outing has been well cleaned to give this route and Chop Chop. Start 2m right of Scarcasm. Swing up to a ledge, then skip right and climb the steep wall and crack on the left edge of the slab.

Novice Outing D 17m

FA P. Grant 20/05/79

On the side of the cove above the entrance arch is a prominent corner with a thin band of quartz running up to the top.

The Crawler S 4a 15m

FA B. McDermott, S. McCrory 10/06/79

Follows crackline on slab right of Novice Outing. Start with difficulty beside large block/boulder.

Follow the crackline for 10m to head wall. Move up onto ledge on right (difficult). Traverse right to quartz line in groove. Move out over wall (crux). Excellent protection.

Chop Chop S 10m

FA M Rea, I Rea (28/05/89)

On the right as you come through the arch is a steep little pillar with an easy corner on the right.

Windy Gap S 4a 20m

FA A. McFarlane, P. Turley, R. O'Hare 23/10/88

Continuing beyond Port-a-doris cove, is a bay with a split sea stack accessible across the rocks. The dividing fissure is gained from the right by a short traverse above the sea. Continue through the centre of the stack to the far end where 'Windy Gap' is found. Gain the fissure and chimney to the top. A classic route.

Ladas Drive VS 4c 20m

FA A. McFarlane, R. O'Hare 29/10/88

Climb the steep left wall of the fissure entrance. Climb the wall as far as the jammed block in the chimney. Follow the obvious line of weakness to the top.



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