

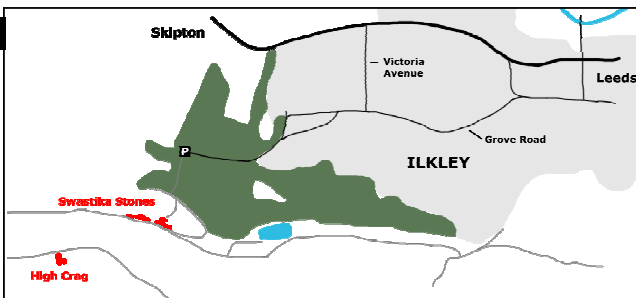
High Crag

Introduction

High Crag is a small collection of boulders on the north edge of Rombald's Moor near Ilkley in West Yorkshire, not far from the Swastika Stone boulders. The climbing is limited, but a few of the problems are superb - combined with the magnificent situation high above Wharfedale this makes a visit a well worthwhile. The problems described here were first recorded by Richard Seabrook in the summer 2003.

Access and Directions

Follow the main road out of Ilkley towards Skipton. Turn into Victoria Avenue at the edge of the town, then turn right at the next T junction into Grove Road. Follow this road out of the town to a point where it narrows at a 'no through road' sign. Park here, and take the path up through the woods to the open hillside. The edge above is Swastika Stones - described in another yorkshiregrit.com topo.

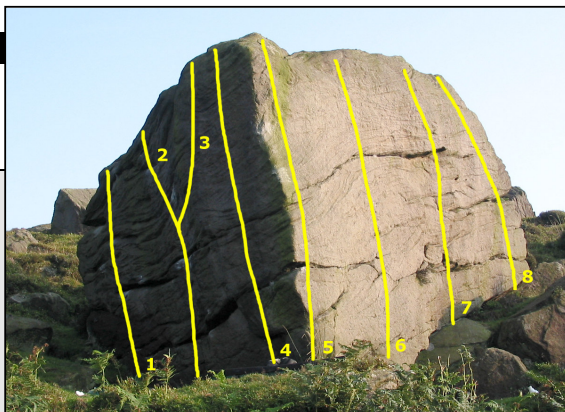


From the top of the edge High Crag can be seen higher up the hillside to the west. Follow the edge of the moor to the first of two parallel stone walls. Turn left here, go uphill beside the first wall, then turn right at the top to reach the boulders. In summer and autumn it's best to go slightly past the crag, then turn uphill after the bracken runs out.

Low Block

The first boulder, lowest down the hillside, has an arete facing Wharfedale with clean walls either side.

- 1 V4 **Space Shanty**. Sit-start at the left side of the boulder and use slopers to reach the top.
- 2 V7 **Rhythm and Stealth**. The classic of the crag, climbing the line of slopers in the middle of the wall from a sit-start.
- 3 V? **Project**. Start as for Rhythm and Stealth, but get the first sloper with your left hand and head up right somehow.
- 4 V4 **Leftism**. The left side of the arete from a sit start. An excellent, barn-doory problem.
- 5 V0 **Rightism**. The right side of the arete is somewhat easier, but still good.
- 6 V2 **Double Flash**. The wall just right of the arete.
- 7 V3 **Open Up**. The bulge to the right above a dodgy landing.
- 8 V0- The small right-most arete.



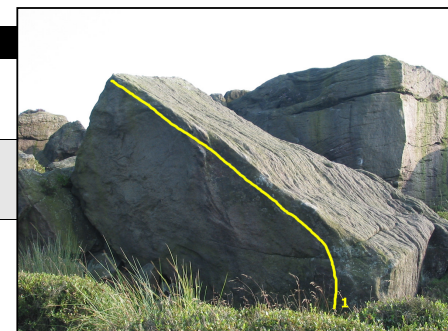
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- 17 problems
- High moorland setting
- Grades from V0- to V7
- Approach: 20 minutes walk

Middle Block

This block is much smaller and only has one problem.

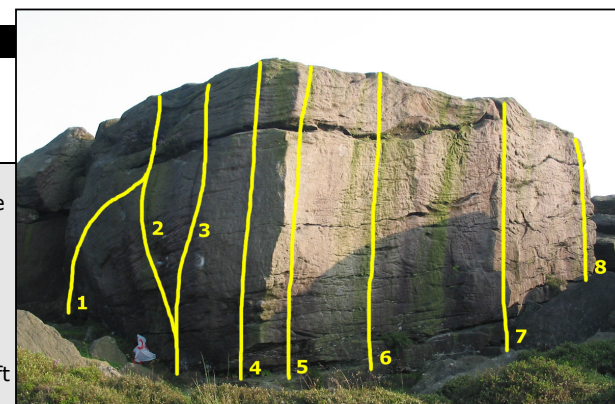
- 1 V3 **Rob's Traverse**. Traverse the lip of the boulder from a sit-start on the right. Might be very good if it were clean.



High Block

The largest boulder at High Crag, on the edge of the moor.

- 1 V2 **Storm 3000**. Traverse the line of ledges at the left side of the boulder from left to right. Needs cleaning.
- 2 V3 **Phat Planet**. Sit-start at a good pocket left of the arete and use a crimp up left and a good pocket to reach the top. Excellent.
- 3 V4 **Afrika Shox**. Start with left hand on the pocket, right hand on a layaway, then go straight up.
- 4 V2 **Afro Left**. The left side of the arete is good.
- 5 V2 **Dusted**. The right side of the arete is also good, with a barn-door crux.
- 6 V1 Climb the wall just right of the arete via a crimp.
- 7 V0- **Chant of a Poor Man**. The blunt rib in the centre of the wall.
- 8 V0- **Ali's Arete**. The small arete at the right end of the boulder.



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