

Carrock Fell ~ Mosedale Boulders

This small but worthwhile circuit is situated on the hill directly behind the hamlet of Mosedale, and is only a couple of hundred metres south of the 'Kirk Stone' - the first documented block of the main Carrock Fell circuit. The jutting nose of the Misty Mountain Boulder can clearly be seen from the road, up on the hillside to the rear of the farm.

To reach the blocks park in a large grassy lay-by on the right, almost immediately after passing the last few farm buildings of Mosedale. Continue on foot across the road and veer right around the north end of a craggy outcrop opposite the lay-by. Link in to a vague path and follow it diagonally up and left toward the Misty Mountain Boulder.



Misty Mountain Boulder

- 1) ♦ **The Clay Machine-Gun** (6c+/V5) SDS The obvious and burley prow climbed direct starting on the lowest possible hand holds on either side of the prow. Good and hard at the grade! *
- 2) ♦ **No Block Wall** (3+/V0) The wall on the right without the foot block to start.
- 3) ♦ **Bourneville Boulevard** (6a+/V2) The thin wall on sharp crimps. It's all in your feet!
- 4) ♦ **Misty Mountain Hop** (6b/V3) More tricky crimping up the centre of the wall, finishing via the shallow scoop. *
- 5) ♦ **Arrowhead** (6b/V3) Very small holds and a handy inverted 'arrowhead hold' allow for a tricky passage up the left side of the wall. *

The next block is just right (as faced) of p1, and the only boulder problem is on the uphill face of the overhanging prow.

- 6) ♦ **Bishop Rage** (6c/V4) SDS Start centrally under the overhang on two crimps, pull on with difficulty and climb the steep prow exiting to the right. Good.

Tijuana Boulder

The final block is situated 100m up the hillside from the previous blocks, and its striking hanging prow is easily visible from the *Misty Mountain Hop* face.

- 7) ♦ **Mexican Rumble** (7c/V9) SDS The jutting prow starting on a quartzzy pocket (LH) and low side pull (RH). Climb direct to two thirds height before making some tricky moves to gain crimps on the right face and a committing slap for the most satisfying of top holds! Has an exposed feel due to its situation. The grade may ease with traffic. **
- 8) ♦ **Tijuana Cha-cha** (7a/V6) The sheer right wall of the block is climbed via a single awkward dynamic move to the top. Watch out for the block to the rear. *

Image below: *Mexican Rumble*.

