

Gouter Crag Bouldering

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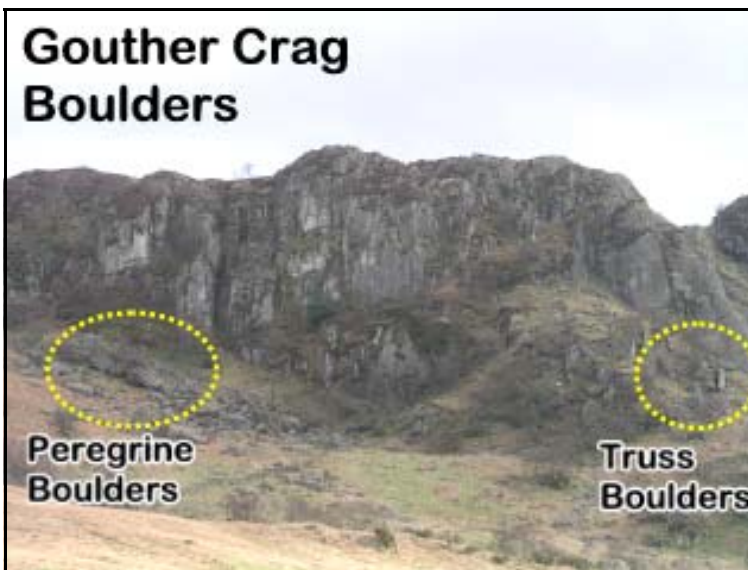
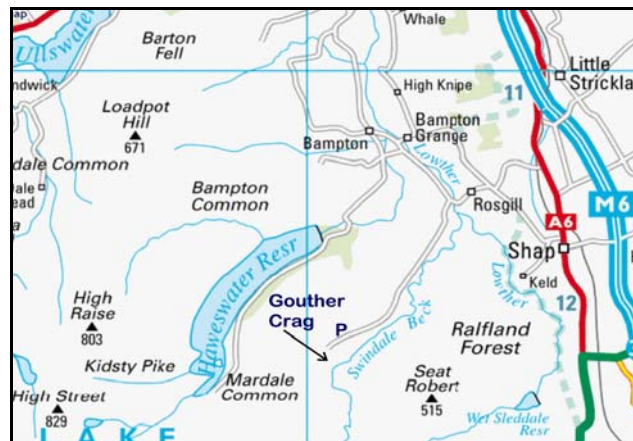
Gouter Crag is situated in Swindale, a picturesque valley located between Haweswater reservoir and the M6, 3km west of the small market town of Shap. The valley is reminiscent of the other quiet eastern valleys such as Longsleddle and Kentmere. Approach from junction 39 off the M6 into Shap then via Rosgill. The best parking place is in a lay-by on the left just before Truss Gap farm, as suggested in the current FRCC guide this involves ignoring the "no parking beyond this point" sign.

The bouldering is situated below the crag on two sectors which lie at the right and left of the crag. The rock is solid mountain rhyolite and has a fairly abrasive tendency.

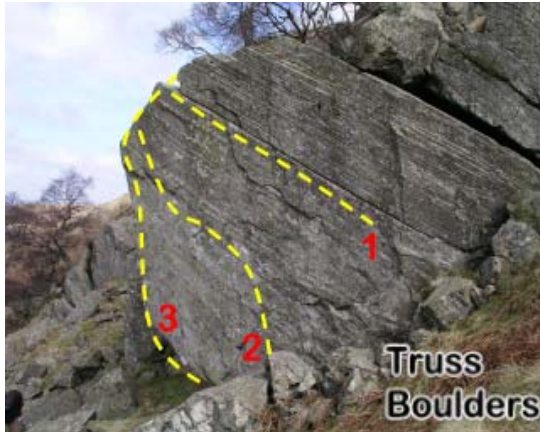
Although there are not a massive quantity of problems they are all of the highest quality, in fact the V7 prowl (J Mascis) at the Truss boulders is a contender for best problem of its grade in the entire Lake District!

NOTE: This is definitely not a beginners bouldering venue with the majority of the problems being in the V6 to V9 bracket. Also, please keep away from the Peregrine boulders between March and the end of June as the boulders fall under the same nesting restrictions as the crag, thank you.

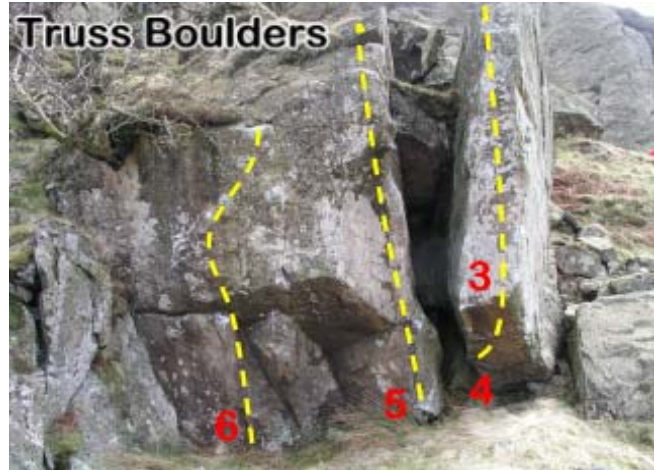
Gouter Crag Approach



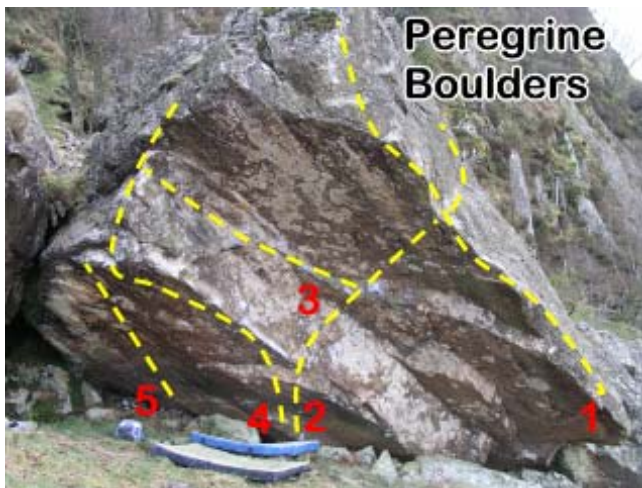
Bouldering Sectors Lay Out



1. **Classic Crack V2** – The rising crack, high. *
2. **Free so Free V7** – From a micro edge and an undercut/sidepull gain good holds out left (watch that swing!) now move left and up, via a powerful reach. **
3. **J Mascis V7** – Climb the prow direct, pure class! ***



4. **Coconut Start V9** – A sit start into the prow. ***
5. **Left Rib V4** – Up the rib using a hidden hold, no Chimneying!
6. **Four Winds Wall V7** – Nice moves lead to a stretched out position on the wall, now for a dynamic move to the top, but which hand will you go with? **



1. **Carlisle Slappers V9** – The rising lip is brilliant and hard. ***
2. **Matt's Roof V5** – From a good hold a long reach leads to the lip, now pull over anyway you can. *
- 2a. **V7** – The sit start into the previous problem.
3. **Trev's Traverse V6** – From the good hold move left along the break and up the prow, awkward but good.
4. **Kukri V8** – (sit start) More brilliant climbing up the rib using holds in the roof, starting as low as possible and moving left to finish. **
5. **Project V?** – A poor eliminate line through the roof.
6. **Renegade NED V6** – (sit start) The line of cleaned layaways involves tricky body tension. *
7. **Road To Valhalla V8** – (sit start) This awesome powerful line through the bulge has good hand holds but sparse footholds. **
8. **V2** – The cleaned wall behind P7.

