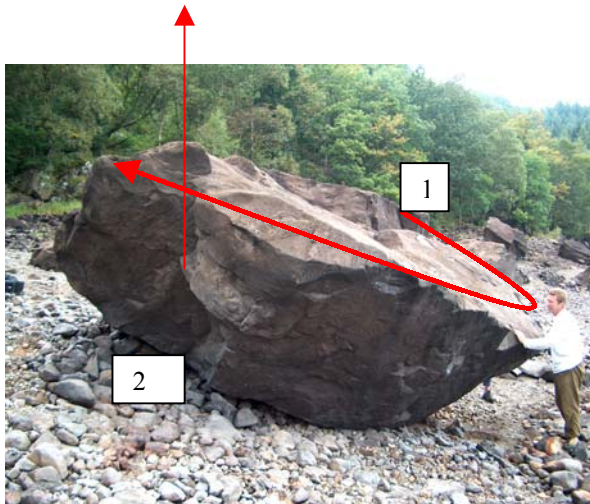


The Thirlmere Boulders.

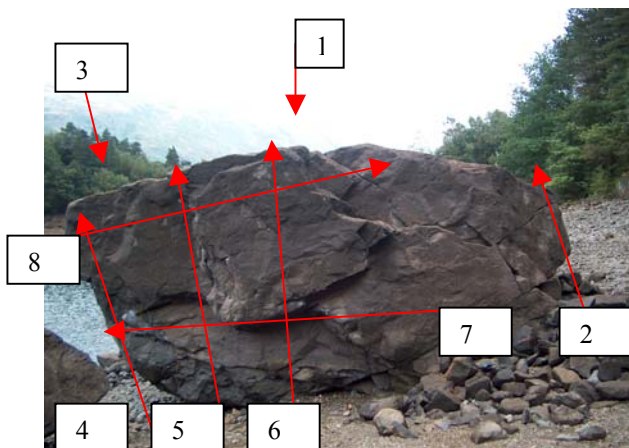
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It seems rather ironical that some of the finest rock in the Lake District lies under water. When the Thirlmere dam was constructed to supply the aquatic needs of Manchester, some mossy boulders, which had parted company from the hillside above Deer Garth, became covered in water. After a period of low rainfall in a dry summer, (yes it can happen!) the boulders reappear. One local has appropriately named the area Atlantis. The rock is superb and rough in yet another peaceful area with splendid views. Parking is in a convenient car park on the old road on the West Side of Thirlmere opposite Deer Garth Island. Once through the gate follow the path north and down onto the beach. The boulders are obvious, and hopefully above the water line. The landings, with a mat, are good. Due to the porous nature of the rock they take a bit of sun to dry them after a shower.



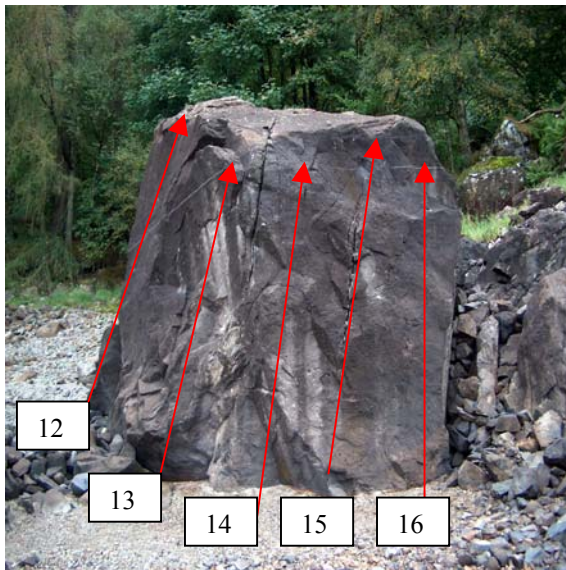
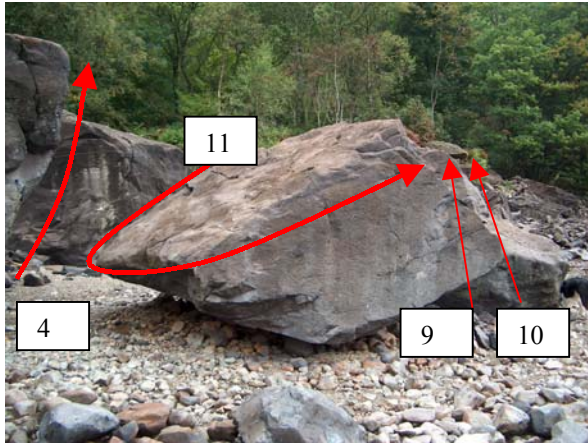
Block 1 The first isolated block from the car park.

1. V4. *Hook, line and sinker.* Traverse the lip from right to left bearing the name in mind. Deep-water solo or sub water solo in all but the driest of conditions!
2. V4. The groove from sitting.



Block 2 The next block and its daughter have some good problems and eliminates.

1. Easy face good warm ups.
2. V1. SDS Pull over the roof.
3. V3. SDS The arête V3 (VO from standing).
4. V4. SDS The arête.
5. VO. SDS The groove.
6. V4. SDS The wall.
7. V8. SDS Low Traverse.
8. V2. SDS High traverse of the entire block.
9. V1. SDS Pull over the nose.
10. V2. SDS The cracks in the nose.
11. V8. SDS Traverse the lip finish up 10.

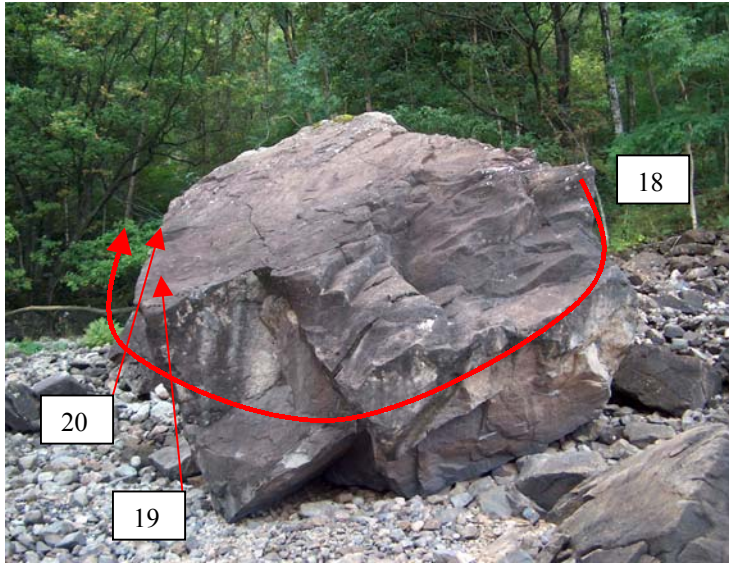


Block 3 The next block and its son have some good problems also with eliminate possibilities.

- 12. VO. The slab.
- 13. VO. SDS The arête.
- 14. V4. SDS Eliminate up the wall no cracks or arêtes.
- 15. V1. SDS The crack.
- 16. V2. The wall to the right no cracks or arête.

The small block to the right with a small tree growing in it gives:
17. VO. SDS Pull over the overhang.





Block 4 The final block has a good traverse and two other short problems.

18.V3. *Little Al's Big Effort*. Traverse the entire block starting from jugs on the right arête.

19.V1. The arête from sitting.

20.V0. Pull onto the slab.