

Eskdale Additions

A circuit of low grade problems heading uphill from the Diamond area to the summit of Fell End. Grades typically in the 4 - 6A range. The rock is generally clean, though it can be scrittly as it hasn't seen much traffic.

Bench Wall

A small boulder overlooking Cleft Boulder, just north of the bench on the top of the knoll above Diamond Crag.

1. Sit start on edges and use the large head-height side pull to reach the top.
2. Sit start with right hand on large undercut and use the smaller chest-height side pull to reach the right arete.



Ranks Blocks

Three boulders about level with, and to the west of, the clean slab of Ranks Bank. From the Cleft Boulder, head through the gate on the path past the Foxes Den. Continue following the boundary wall of the Outward Bound centre up to the crest of the hill. Turn right level with a gate into the Outward Bound centre and follow the path uphill until it levels out overlooking the valley. Continue on the level path for about 100 m until the boulders can be seen below the path on the right (photo below).

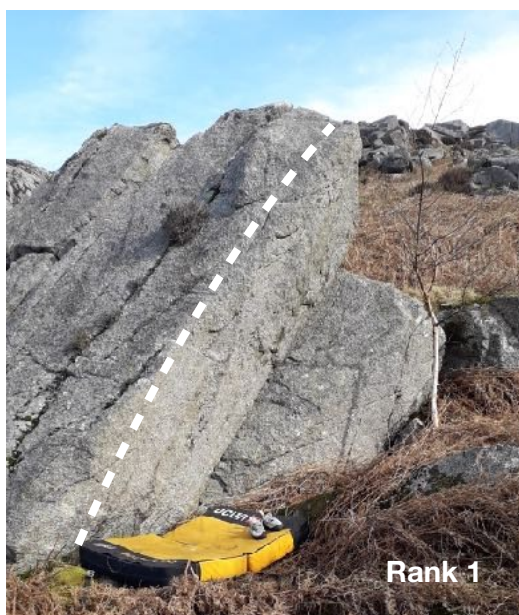


Rank 1

The arete climbed on its right hand side from sitting is better than it looks. No bridging out right. Laybacking the crack to the right from a sit start is more satisfying than it has any right to be.

Rank 2

1. The blunt left arete from sitting.
2. The curving central groove from sitting.
3. Sit start the wall to the right of the groove.



Rank 3

Just beyond Rank 1 and Rank 2 is a steep wall behind a large oak tree. A large block is in an unfortunate position below the middle of the wall but the problems either side are worthwhile.

1. Sit start at the left side of the wall. Use a small undercut pocket for the right hand to avoid touching the block to the left. Climb diagonally right to rock up on the obvious square-cut hold.
2. Climb the right arete of the wall from sitting or standing.



Holly Arete

Continuing along the path from Ranks Blocks, an outcrop sits behind a holly tree to the left of the path as it starts to climb again. Climb the arete below the largest wall on its right hand side.



Summit Wall

Follow the path to the summit of Fell End. There are two tops with a slight dip between them. Summit Wall lies just down the shallow gully on the Miterdale side. It is shady for much of the day and takes some drainage.

The best problem takes the tallest pillar to a rounded finish (6C?). Further problems exist on the smaller pillar to the right and the easier cracks at the right hand end.

