



# Langdale Boulders

## Approach (Grid Reference 314058)

Enter Langdale and follow the valley road (B5343) to Chapel Stile. The boulders are a further 1/2 a mile up the valley, and are easy to spot (through a gate) in a field to the left of the road. Park in the lay-by on the right, just a few metres past the boulders.

## Aspect & Access

These blocks offer some splendid boulder problems in the low to mid grades, on a fabulous compact glacial worn rock, which provides loads of friction. The landings are all generally pretty good, and bar the odd problem a single pad will suffice. Although the boulders are in a farmers field climbing is permitted, NO DOGS though please. Both boulders are next to each other and connected via a wall and accompanying stile. The lower (west) boulder hosts some ancient rock art on the east face, and although there are a few boulder problems here please DO NOT climb on this part of the block. Whilst there are numerous eliminates, we have centred on the purest lines on offer. Rockfax's 'Lakes Bouldering' guide offers more variants.

## East Block

- 1) ♦ **Low Mantle** (6c+/V5) SDS Just left of the wall is an obvious low sloping mantle from sitting. Easy once established.
- 2) ♦ **Wall & Crack** (6a+/V2) Poor hand and footholds lead to a thin crack and then the top. The break in eliminated at this grade.
- 3) ♦ **Scoop** (3+/V0) The blunt scoop.
- 4) ♦ **Blunt Arête** (7a/V6) Use an obvious big hold to rock left then up and right to the top. \*
- 5) ♦ **The Pocket** (6c+/V5) A classic of the boulders. Gain the shallow pocket then straight to the top. \*
- 6) ♦ (7a/V6) SDS The line right of the crack. From a big hold go up via an undercut and crimps to a pocket near the top.
- 7) ♦ **The Crack** (5+/V0) Another classic. Climb the crack direct. \*
- 8) ♦ **The Overhang** (6c+/V5) Gain undercuts in the overlap before bearing left to a slopy finish. \*
- 9) ♦ **Erasure** (7b+/V8) An fun but unconventional problem. Stand below the overlap, backhand a small edge (LH) and free jump into the sloping mouth-like hold (RH) on the lip of the overlap, now pull direct through the short headwall to the top. \*
- 10) ♦ **Stefan Grossman** (7c/V9) The arête immediately right of the wall is climbed via a committing but useful heel-toe out left over the wall. \*\*
- 10a) ♦ **Stefan Grossman SDS** (8a/V11) The sitter to the previous line is started just over a metre right of where the wall meets the block. \*\*
- 11) ♦ (4/V0) The crack just left of the wall. The vague nose to the left (without the crack) is 5/V1.
- 12) ♦ (6a+/V2) The centre of the wall to a tricky mantle finish.
- 13) ♦ (4+/V0) The groove. Finish to the left at the top.
- 14) ♦ (6b+/V4) SDS Up the short blunt arête via slopy holds and a mantle finish. \*
- 15) ♦ (6a+/V2) Pleasant easy wall.
- 16) ♦ (5+/V1) Slab without the break.
- 17) ♦ **Ed's Traverse** (6c+/V5) See 'East Block - Traverses' section.

## West Block

- 1) ♦ (4+/V0) The blunt rounded arête to a flatty and up.
- 2) ♦ (5/V0) The clean face on plentiful solid edges. A sitter is 6a/V1.
- 3) ♦ (6b/V3) SDS The wall to the left via side-pulls and crimps.
- 4) ♦ (3+/V0) 1.5m left is a crack system, climb it.
- 5) ♦ (6c/V4) SDS Pull up straight into a perplexing sloping mantle finish to get on top of the block.
- 6) ♦ (4+/V0) Short slightly mucky corner.
- 7) ♦ **Triple Dyno** (7b/V8) From two good low edges pop to the big ledge, now dyno to the big hold on the nose (slightly left), before finally dynoing to the top (the crux). \*
- 8) ♦ (6c+/V5) Use an undercut and a slope to dynamically gain the higher finishing holds. \*

## East Block - Traverses

- A) ♦ **Wall to Wall** (7c/V9) Start at the base of p10 and traverse the face rightward, keeping low(ish), and finish up p1. \*
- B) ♦ (6c+/V5) From p11 traverse the face leftward and finish up p14.
- C) ♦ **Ed's Traverse** (6c+/V5) (p17) A full R-L traverse of the block, only using the top of the block on the back right side.

## West Block - Traverses

- A) ♦ (6c+/V5) Start up p1 then traverse the top of the block all the way to the top of p8.
- B) ♦ (7a+/V7) SDS Start sitting just right of the base of p2, now follow a line of tilted edges diagonally up and left to reach the top of the block at the summit of p4.

## Andy Boulder - Traverse

- A) ♦ (6c/V4) SDS Situated on the small boulder in front of the East Block: From the lowest point on the south face, traverse the sloping lip from right to left with a tricky top out on the north end of the block. \*