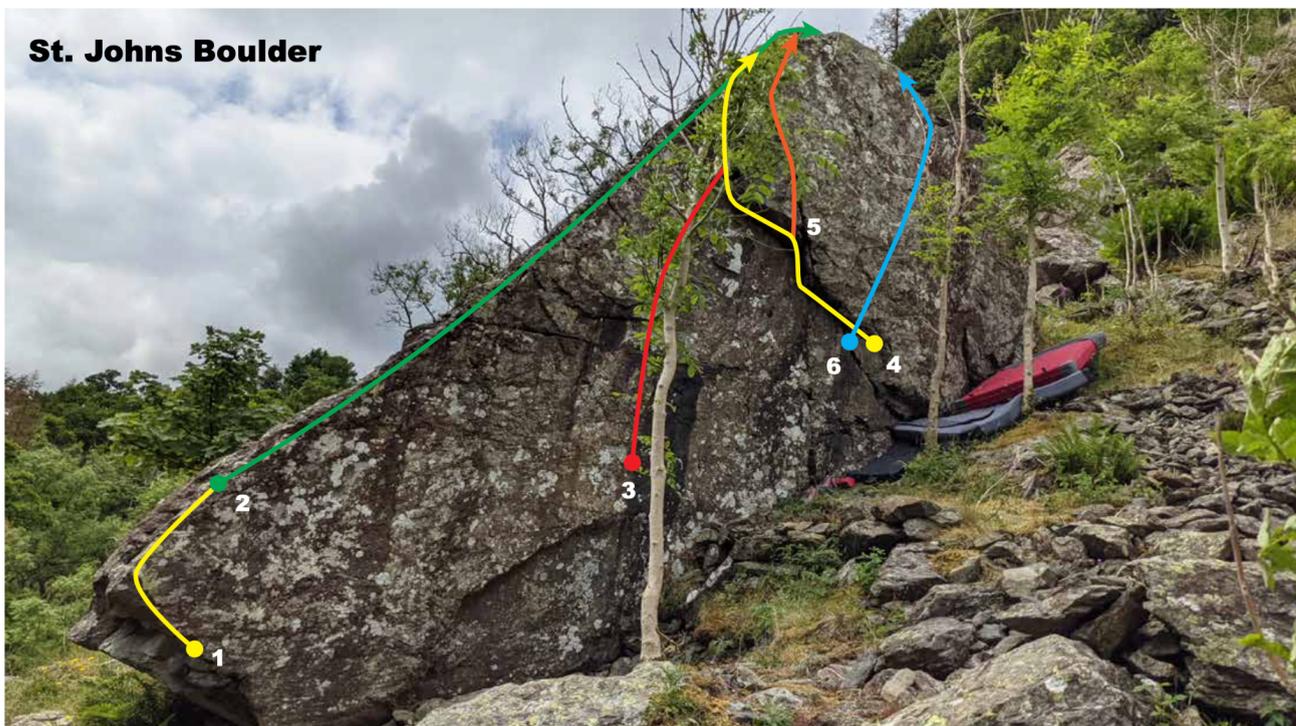


St. John Boulder

Park in the large layby at the junction on the A591 where many park for Castle rock. The approach is from here walk along the path northwards alongside the road for around 100m until you reach a gate and stile, cross this then follow the main footpath from here, avoid any minor paths and keep right at the fork in the main path after a short distance. Follow this path for 7-10 minutes skirting above the river until you emerge from the trees and the boulder is clearly visible approximately 30m from the main path on your left. (see map below).



- 1: Sit starting at the far bottom left of the boulder make some difficult starting moves to gain the rising ramp, once established on the front face take a breather then continue with hands on the rising arete to the top. (V5)
- 2 : Crouch start as low as seems sensible on the arete to avoid the lowball tussle of problem 1 (V3)
- 3: Start on edges left of the black streak and work up to a gaston/side pull in the middle of the face then finish by joining to top section of problem 4 (V5)
- 4: Sit start and trend leftwards following the obvious overlap and top out. (V1)
- 5: Direct to 4. Start as per 4 then at the wedged fin follow the crack directly until it peters out, then finish by gaining the arete up and right to top out. Can be started direct via a square hole and sharp pocket below the crack if you wish. (V2)
- 6: Sit start as per 4 but move out right to a thin rail on the face, match this and continue up and slightly rightwards on crimps before gaining a large hold just below the lip, top out directly. (V4)