

Staircase Area

A convenient section of the cliff with a good selection of climbs in the lower and mid-grades. Take care in high seas as the ledge can become unexpectedly wave washed. Can be damp before the sun has arrived. Approach (map and overview p.398) - Walk and scramble to a wide platform below the wall.

● No Name BY

A good but testing line. Start at a slim corner-crack on the right of the black slab. Climb the slim corner-crack to a ledge. Make some tricky moves up right to another crack and follow this to the ton

FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s

2 No Number 🔯 🔊 📝 VS 5a

Very nice climbing with good protection possibilities. Use a flake in the wall right of *No Name* to reach the upper wall. Take the crack left of *No Name* to the top.

FA. S.Salmon, D.Hannigan 21.7.1983

3 Staircase Diff

A fabulous pitch that follows a narrow strip of black, hold-infested rock. Start below a corner with a black left wall. Gain and climb the narrow off-vertical wall of black rock on great holds and continue in the same line above. *FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing* 1940s

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Start up Staircase and then move right to climb cracks in its right wall, passing a small overhang midway.

FA. S. Salmon, P. Thompson, 22, 8, 1983

5 Truescrew Crack ☼
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VS 4c

Good climbing and protection. Make a couple of moves up Overhanging Corner and then link a series of cracks up the ground between Skewcrack and Overhanging Wall. FA M Edwards 1980s

Overhanging Wall..... VS 4c

Excellent committing climbing up steep ground on good holds and gear. Start up Overhanging Corner and at 5m head off

leftwards up the bulging crack-line.

FA. V.Stevenson. G.Wilson 12,11,1962

Overhanging Eliminate E3 5c
From the ledge below Overhanging Corner's final crack, swing

out left and make bold moves up past double black knobs to the top.

FA. P.Twomey, T.Dennell 1993

③ Overhanging Corner..... ☼ 📝 _____ VS 4c

A good but awkward climb that does remain wet for a while after rain. Start below the wide, right-slanting crack. Move up cracks to below the corner proper. Climb the wide crack to an awkward exit onto a sloping ledge and continue up the still tricky continuation crack above to the top.

FA. J.Deacon, R.Goodier 9.9.1955

Mark Up Another One 😩 🔊 🚾 _____ E5 6a

This bold climb takes a soaring line directly to the 'Africa' flake and then on up the wall above it just left of the arete to a ledge. FA. M.Edwards. T.Dennell 1993

A testing line that features a bouldery initial wall and a contrasting final crack. Start below small flakes in the low wall. Boulder up to, and past the flakes to a ledge. Climb left up easy-angled rock to the base of a crack and the tiny 'Africa' shaped flake on the left. Climb the crack and steeper leftward continuation to a ledge and belay. Scramble off to the left. *FA. R. Flemming 10.1955*

White Man's Burden... VS 5a

A worthwhile outing that has both thin and steep sections. Move up the very thin wall between the starts of Africa Flake and

up the very thin wall between the starts of *Africa Flake* and *Double Overhang* to a horizontal break. Traverse right and climb the steep wide groove feature to reach a pinnacle. Traverse left to join and finish up *Double Overhang*.

FA. D.Roscoe, P.Temple 6.1976

Double Overhang 🕸 📝 VS 4

An enjoyably steep romp on good holds for the most part. Start at a shallow crack system on the right-hand side of the low wall. Climb the line of cracks to a ledge, then move left and climb steeply on huge holds to an easing. Step left to a crack and finish up this via a couple of awkward moves.

FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s

A tight line but with some fun moves. Climb the wall/cracks right of *Double Overhang* and then the short, steep, narrowing groove above to less steep ground and move on up to the top of a pinnacle. Traverse left to join and finish up *Double Overhang*.

FA M Friwards 6 1984

Pevotee E1 5b
Follow Devo to its pinnacle and then move right on to a big flake (on Dexter). Make a hard and bold step up on to the finishing

FA. M.Edwards. T.Dennell 1993

15 Dexter ☼ 🖫 🗀 VS 5a

A fine pitch that has a reachy exit - high in the grade. Start just left of the corner that drops down from the upper approach-ledge. Climb the wall to a widening crack and follow this on excellent holds to a point level with a wide flake-crack on the right wall. Swing out right along the flake to below a black blob on the wall above. Step up onto the blob and make a crucial stretch for a good hold on the finishing ledge.

FA. J.Kinnaird 1954

A worthwhile variation on Dexter. Start as for Dexter. Climb the

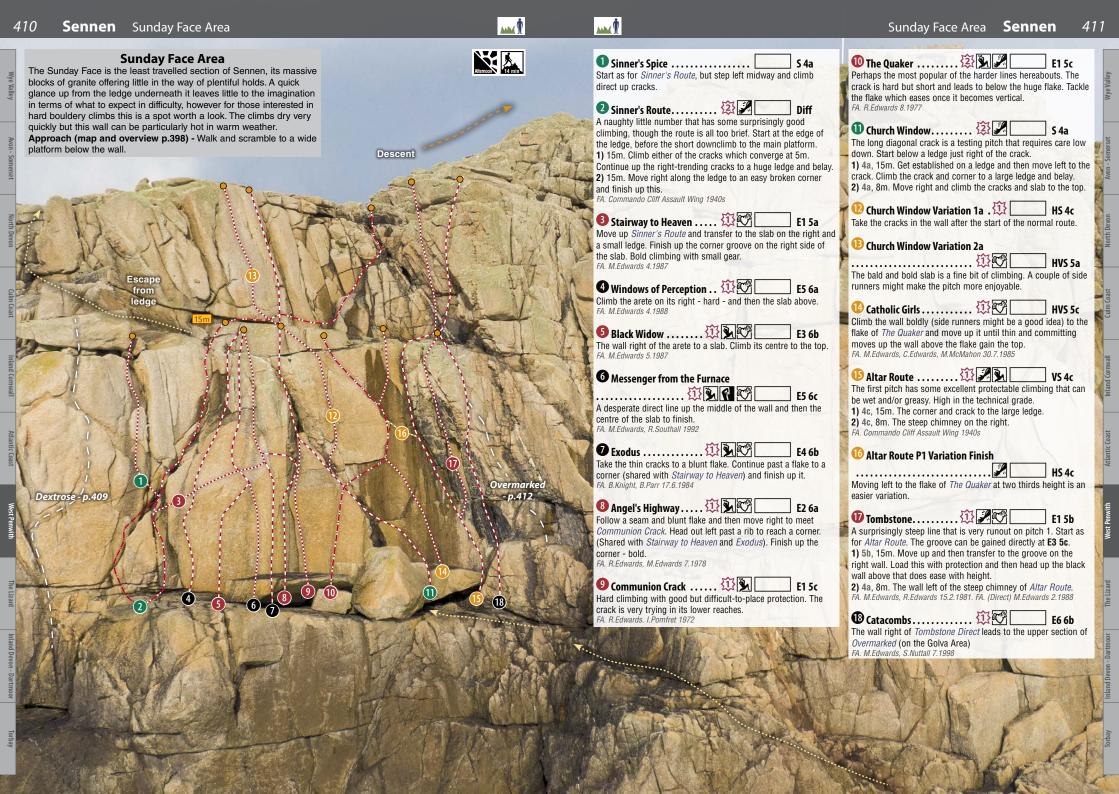
A worthwhile variation in *Dexter*. Start as not *Dexter*. Simile the wall to a widening crack and follow this on excellent holds for a few metres until level with a line of weakness on the right wall. Move out right along the line of weakness and, from where it fades, reach right to a shallow, rounded crack. Take the flake above leftwards to the finish of *Dexter. Photo p.11*.

FA. V.Stevenson, G.Wilson 12.11.1962

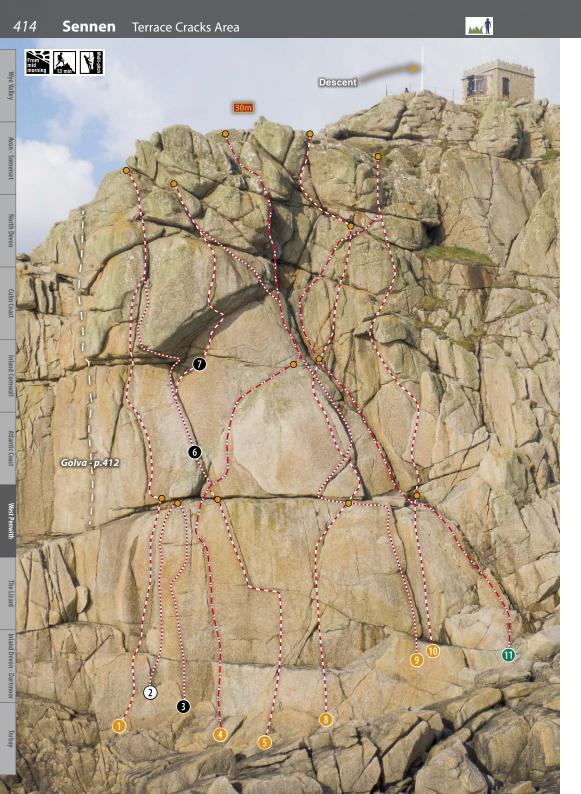
Windows of Perfection . . E5 6b

Start on the ledge above where the approach drops down a rock step. The route takes a direct line up the wall passing the break of *Dextrose* to reach the apex of the *Dexter* pinnacle. Finish as for Dexter

FA. M.Edwards, S.Anson 1989



Golva Area **Sennen** Golva Area An excellent wall of cracks set high above the sea. This A good introduction to Cornish granite cracks, being wellis a great place for those looking for jamming cracks of protected but requiring a subtle balance between caution and various size. The walls between the cracks are more action. Start at the corner-crack. Climb the sustained crack that serious undertakings. The climbs dry very quickly but eases with height gained. this wall can be particularly hot in warm weather and the FA. J.Barry 1943 cracks become slippery. Descent Approach (map and overview p.398) - The Golva Area is slightly up and to the right of the scramble along the The wall just right of *Vertical Crack* to the horizontal break is a base of the cliff. serious bit of climbing without side-runners. Finish via cracks in the walls above. FA. M.Edwards 2.1988 HS 4a Move steeply out of the recess left of the start of Senior's Route and then take the slab above to a large ledge and belay. Walk off Climb directly up the wall to meet Gillian at its pocket. leftwards or finish up Senior's Route. FA. M.Edwards 8,1985 FA. M.Edwards 1983 2 Senior's Route....... Enthralling wall climbing, tempered by the need for careful gear A popular first pitch. Start at a slightly raised ledge at the left placement. Start just left of the thin crack of Golva. Climb the end of the platform at the base of the Golva Wall. thin left-slanting crack and then move up to a pocket. Continue 1) 14m. Climb the well-protected, left-leading crack and its slightly right and up to the first large horizontal break. Finish up continuation to a huge ledge. the cracks and breaks above 2) 9m. Walk left and finish up the easiest line. FA. R.Edwards, M.Edwards 8,1977 FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s F5 6b A tight bit of climbing. Move directly up the wall and past the A fabulous line, one of Sennen's best pitches at the grade. Start overlap from the start of Gillian and rejoin it at the break. at the left end of the platform. Climb the narrow corner/groove FA. M.Edwards 1994 that has a black mottled left wall all the way to the top. FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s Sennen's most coveted crack pitch is a test of technique and E3 5c determination. Start below the long finger-to-hand-crack. Take the slab right of Junior's Route to a left-leading groove. Follow the crack-line all the way to the top. Climb the steep groove and bulge at its end to reach a break. FA. R.Edwards, M.Edwards 8,1976 Finish up the wall above via breaks and flakes FA M Edwards Rourke S Stotz 1994 **O** Pinch the Egyptian... 🕸 🗽 🤝 5 Pots Arete 🗓 📝 Start at a flake just right of Golva. Move up and past an overlap to a fading crack (low protection here in the crack). Hard and Start at a small pinnacle of rock that sits flush to the face at the increasingly bold climbing gains the horizontal break and a finish left end of the platform. Move up to a bulge and pull over to up Golva. reach a groove that is followed to a break (possible belay). Move FA. M.Edwards 1992 up right to a crack and climb it to a ledge and easier ground. FA. R. Tewson, S. Salmon, P. Thompson 28, 10, 1983 Altar Route Link *Smeagol* to the *Gillian* pocket and then continue leftwards 🚺 Monday Face 😫 🖋 VS 4b p.411 to the horizontal break. Finish up the top walls of Gillian. Steep and juggy wall-climbing that requires a confident FA M Edwards | Blake 2 1988 approach. Start at a small pinnacle of rock that sits flush to the face at the left end of the platform, as for Pots Arete. Move up 🌃 Smeagol..... 🗯 💉 HVS 5a onto the pinnacle, step right and climb the hold-plastered steep On the far right of the ledge is a crack that runs up to an wall to a ledge. Finish up the corner and wall to its left. overlap, start here. Gain the overlap and then take the right-FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s leading flake to the horizontal break. Finish up the crack above (this is the upper half of the Dolphin Cracks 2nd pitch). 🕖 Slim 🗓 🔊 FA. T. Walker, M. Tighe 19.10.1973 The thin crack just to the left of Vertical Crack is climbed without bridging across to Vertical Crack. The hardest climbing is low down. A very tight line but it climbs well. FA R Wake, G Wilson 12 11 1962



Terrace Cracks Area

The tallest section of the cliff at Sennen, and the first to get the sun. The routes described follow cracks of all shapes and sizes, are multi-pitch and dry quickly. Approach (map and overview p.398) - Walk and scramble to boulders below the various walls.

Opplied to the control of the contro HVS 5a A classic crackfest that follows the intimidating wide vertical

crack on the left side of the face and the exposed corner to the left of the huge capping roof. Start on ledges below the wide

- 1) 5a, 10m. 'Genges Crack'. Move up to below the wide cornercrack and bridge and layback up it, past a useful chockstone, to a large belay ledge.
- 2) 4c. 18m. Climb the knobbly curving crack in the less steep face above to below the corner-crack to the left of the huge roof. Pull steeply up into the corner and follow it all the way to the top. An exposed pitch.

FA. (P1) T.Genge 1947. FA. (P2) J.Deacon, R.Goodier 9.9.1955

2 Hell Hath No Fear E7 6c The left-hand side of the arete right of 'Genges Crack' is a very

hard and super serious undertaking. Finish at the large ledge and continue up other lines or traverse off.

FA. M.Edwards 1988

E4 6a A similarly bold undertaking is the right side of the arete moving

out to the final metres of *Terrace Cracks* initial pitch. Finish at the large ledge and continue up other lines or traverse off. FA. M. Edwards 2.4.1988

HVS 5a

A popular crack climb and nearly always out of the clutches of the sea. Start on the left end of a high ledge, below a thin crack. 1) 5a, 19m. Climb the thin crack and then step left to another, which quickly leads to a good ledge. Climb a flake-crack and then work up right to a stance and belay next to a gully. 2) 4c, 14m. Move up the gully to below an overhanging

V-shaped corner. On its left wall is a series of thin undercut cracks, climb these to the top.

FA. R.Edwards, M.Edwards 6.1976

5 Slanting Crack...... 🔯 🔊 HVS 5a Climb to good holds in the horizontal break and then go left and

climb the slanting crack to a ledge and belay. Finish up Terrace Cracks or traverse off. A variation climbs the thin seam directly above where the horizontal break is reached at E1 5a. FA. R.Edwards, M.Edwards 7,1976

F5 6b A testing upside down off-width that sees a good number of

attempts, but not very many successful ascents - you have been

FA. M.Edwards, R.Edwards 4.1984

1 A Flair for the Theatrical

A wild trip over the upper overhang and up the flake above it. FA. M.Edwards, R.Edwards 8,1984

1 Hayloft The state of t An entertaining series of short pitches, the second being bold

and the finale a rarity! Start on a high ledge below a crack that leads up to an acute right-trending corner. 1) 11m. Climb the crack and acute corner to a belay on a ledge.

- 2) 4b, 10m. A poorly-protected pitch. Follow a shallow crack, just to the left of an arete, to a black blob. Stand on the blob and make a precise step up onto the slab above, which quickly leads to a big ledge and belay.
- 3) 4a, 10m. Across the gully on the right is a crack. Climb the crack to a ledge and then another short, wide crack to a large ledge and belay on the right.
- 4) 4c. 10m. Traverse left to an undercut corner and make an awkward move up into a chimney above and slightly right. Squeeze up the chimney to finish.

FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s

A wandering and slightly odd line but with some reasonable climbing. Start at a corner-crack on the right side of the wall. 1) 4b, 9m. Climb the corner-crack to a ledge and move left to belay at a short right-slanting crack.

2) 4b. 22m. Climb the short crack and then up a tight line just left of the main crack in the gully to where it steepens at the upper overhang. Move up and left to reach a big blob and then head out left along a ramp and take a wide crack to the top. FA. (P2) M.Springaett, S.Moore, R.Hodgson 17,2,1967

FA. J.Lees, G.Moffat 8.7.1967 - 1st Pitch

A tough but worthwhile couple of pitches. Start at a corner-crack on the right side of the wall, as for Donna.

- 1) 5a, 9m. Climb the cracks in the wall just to the right of the corner of Donna.
- 2) 5a, 20m. Climb up a flake-crack and then go leftwards to below an overhang. Pass the overhang with difficulty using a crack on the right and then wander up easier territory to the top. FA. M.Edwards 1985

Hayloft Gully...... 🗯 🗲 A popular line that heads up into intimidating territory but then

ducks off right to avoid the final headwall of the gully. Start by a small pinnacle at the bottom of the gully.

- 1) 28m. Climb the crack to a big ledge and continue up the wide crack on the right to a ledge and belay
- 2) 15m. Continue up the crack a short way and then move right to a block/flake perched on a ledge. Surmount the block/flake and then move up from its top to a ledge. Move right and finish more easily.

FA. Commando Cliff Assault Wing 1940s