# West Country Climbs

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## West Country Climbs Introduction

West Country Climbs is a selective guide to the finest rock climbing in Somerset and Avon, the Wye Valley, Cornwall and Devon in western England. The area has hundreds of fantastic routes of all grades and styles, on a variety of rock types, and these are presented here in one concise guidebook.

For many climbers the golden granite sea cliffs of Cornwall will be considered the jewel in the West Country's crown, however there are many more outstanding destinations on offer. The broad choice ranges from the dark lava and culm of the north coast of Devon and Cornwall, to the granite of Bodmin and Dartmoor and to the lighter limestone of the Wye Valley, Torbay, the Avon Gorge and Somerset crags. Whatever grade and whatever preferred style of climbing is sought, the West Country caters for all options - long, adventurous climbs on remote sea cliffs, modern sport climbs above the beach, short bouldery routes on granite tors, and everything in between.

Mid-grade traditional classics on perfect granite? - West Penwith.

Huge, committing sea cliff adventures? - the Atlantic and Culm coast.

Sunny, limestone sport routes? - Brean Down, Wyndcliff Quarry and Torquay.

Exhilarating sea-cliff trad climbs with a holiday ambience? - Berry Head and West Penwith.

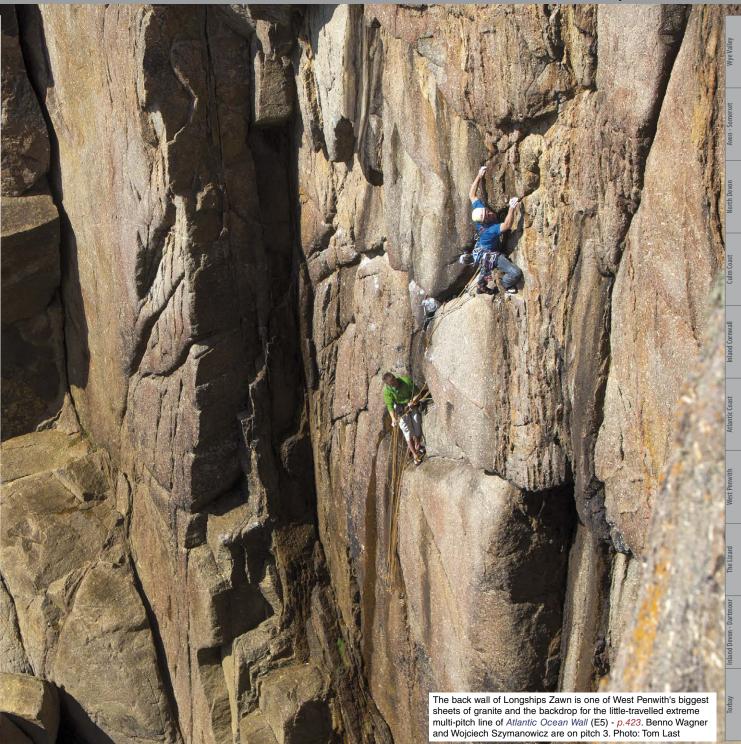
Technical sport and trad routes on moorland granite? - Dartmoor and Inland Cornwall.

Rural, or ultra-urban climbing? - the Wye Valley, Dewerstone and Chudleigh or the Avon Gorge.

West Country Climbs brings all of these cliffs and their climbs alive with clear approach information and maps, huge phototopos and aerial overviews, detailed route descriptions and inspiring action photography.

But it's not all about the climbing. The West Country is one of Europe's most enchanting corners. Its rugged coastline, wind-swept moors, traditional rural pubs, gorgeous beaches and picturesque villages make any visit an unforgettable experience, but when combined with the excellence of the climbing, and a bit of decent weather, it is without a doubt one of the finest places to climb anywhere.

Mark Glaister, November 2022



## The Book

This is the second (2022) edition of West Country Climbs. It is a selective guidebook that details the best rock climbs of the major cliffs in the West Country. In general, only the best routes on the best cliffs are described. On sport crags the coverage is more complete to avoid line confusion and several popular venues have more routes listed where full coverage best serves the visitor.

This new edition features a virtually completely new set of crag photos mostly taken using aerial photography. The existing crags have had additional routes added and there is a complete new chapter for the Wye Valley area. All the routes have been reassessed and changes and updates made where required.

In total there are 1748 routes described in detail, nearly twice as many as the last edition. We said the last book would last a lifetime so you must have two lifetime's worth here!

There are two important books which directly compliment the coverage in this book.

## Dorset Rockfax (Rockfax 2021)

A huge book, also by Mark Glaister, covering all the sport climbing and the best trad climbing on Portland, Swanage and Lulworth.

## Lundy (Climbers' Club 2007)

Full coverage for the island of Lundy (p.228) by Paul Harrison. An essential purchase if spending time climbing on the island.

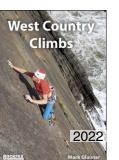
## Other Guidebooks

There are thousands of routes in the West Country not covered in this book. The most recent publications to the region are listed below. Avon Gorge (Climbers' Club 2017) Baggy Point & The Culm Coast (Climbers' Club 2021) Cheddar Gorge Climbs (Cheddar Gorge and Caves 2021) Cheesewring and South East Cornwall (Climbers' Club 2012) Dartmoor (Climbers' Club 2017) Cornwall: Chair Ladder & The Lizard (Climbers' Club 2018) Cornwall: Bosigran and the North Coast (Climbers' Club 2016) South Devon (Climbers' Club 2017)

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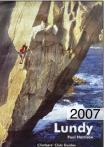
## **Great Western Rock**

A series of small guidebooks to areas around Avon and Somerset including the Frome Valley Sandstone, Wye Valley Sport Climbs and North Somerset - greatwesternrock.co.uk









#### Guidebook Footnote

The inclusion of a climbing area in this guidebook does not mean that you have a right of access or the right to climb upon it. The descriptions of routes within this guide are recorded for historical reasons only and no reliance should be placed on the accuracy of the description. The grades set in this guide are a fair assessment of the difficulty of the climbs. Climbers who attempt a route of a particular standard should use their own judgment as to whether they are proficient enough to tackle that route. This book is not a substitute for experience and proper judgment. The authors, publisher and distributors of this book do not recognise any liability for injury or damage caused to, or by, climbers, third parties, or property arising from such persons seeking reliance on this guidebook as an assurance for their own safety.



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## **UKC Logbooks**

A popular method of logging your climbing is to use the **UKClimbing.com** logbooks system. This database has more than half a million routes on over 22,000 crags. So far, over 55,800 users have recorded more than 9 million ascents! To set up your own logbook, just register at UKClimbing.com and click on the logbook tab. You will be able to record every ascent you make, when you did it, what style you climbed it in and who you did it with. Each entry has a place for your own notes. You can also add your vote to the grade/star system which is used by guidebook writers to get opinions on grades and quality of routes. The logbook can be private, public or restricted to your own climbing partners only.

Rockfax Digital can be linked to your UKClimbing.com user account and logbook so that you can record your activity while at the crag. To do this you will need a 3G/4G/5G data connection. You can also look at the UKC logbooks to see if anyone has climbed your chosen route recently to check on conditions.

	Route Symbols	Горо Кеу
	A good route which is well worth the effort.	Descent
<b>[2]</b>	A very good route, one of the best on the crag.	Approximate height >30m
3	A brilliant route, one of the best in the area.	featur on ano
<b>Š</b>	Technical climbing requiring good balance and technique, or complex and tricky moves. Powerful climbing; roofs, steep rock, low lock-offs	Lop Cop
4	or long moves off small holds. Sustained climbing; either lots of hard moves or	Eq
¥. R	steep rock giving pumpy climbing. Fingery climbing with significant small holds on the hard sections.	Approximate o height <30m
	Fluttery climbing with long fall potential or a scary run-out.	17m Unequipped belay
Ĭ	A long reach is helpful, or even essential, for one or more of the moves.	Trad route
	Some loose rock may be encountered.	(red/white)
<b>(</b> ")	Graunchy climbing - wide cracks or awkward and thrutchy moves.	Sport route
X	A route which can be deep water soloed.	(red/yellow)
	Crag Symbols	
Å. 14 min	Angle of the approach walk to the crag with the approximate approach time.	U 2 Variation (see rou
Lots of sun	Approximate time that the crag is in the sun (when it is shining).	Boulder 3 descripti
Windy	The crag is exposed and may be cold especially if the wind is blowing.	Buttress on another page
Shelteret	The crag can offer shelter from the wind. Can be a suntrap - good in winter, bad when hot.	Map Key
Multi-pitch	A buttress with some multi-pitch routes.	
Tidal	A buttress where some, or all, of the routes are affected by the tide. Check the details carefully.	A crag in different chapte
Seepage	The buttress suffers from seepage. It may be wet and unclimbable after prolonged periods of rain.	Scan QR code Rocky for parking shore
Ause	A buttress that requires an abseil approach.	A crag
	The crag/buttress has a restriction due to nesting birds - check the crag information.	page Main GPS Coord Minor path
Restrictions	The crag/buttress has either restricted or special access requirements. Check the details carefully.	path Town
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This edition of West Country Climbs is radically different from the first, not only in its content but also due to the technological advances that have become available and hence used when putting the book together. Tremendous gains have been made in camera resolution and graphics packages available for laying out the book, but it has been the use of drone imagery, new detailed maps and the ability to have the book available in digital format that have presented great challenges but also massive improvements in the way the cliffs and their climbs can be viewed and documented. The inclusion of the Wye Valley area has given me the opportunity to revisit crags I have climbed on since the 1970s and to sample many of the new climbs that have been put up over the last couple of decades. Having climbed in the West Country since I was a young teenager it is impossible to thank all those who I have climbed with on the routes included in this guidebook - so it will have to suffice to say that without your company, these experiences would have been far less memorable and fun.

Many people have helped me compile this 2nd edition of West Country Climbs, their help ranging from posing for pictures and checking lines, to proofreading and providing route descriptions - without all of your help, the book would never have seen the light of day or be as good or appealing.

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Much of my climbing life, especially in the early days, has been inspired and influenced to a large degree by the various rock climbing guidebooks to the West Country and to all those authors I owe much gratitude. Over the last couple of decades, the wealth of information that is now in the UKC route database has grown to a level that is of enormous importance to the climbing community and guidebook compilers, who owe all who have devised, managed and contributed to it a big thank you.

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Tide Climbing - Inside front cover tideclimbing.com

Martin Ladbury finding the key hold at the very top of the brilliant *Dextrose* (HVS) - *p.409* - at Sennen, West Penwith. Sennen is one of the most popular Cornish granite venues, having a wide spread of grades. Photo: Brian Hannon

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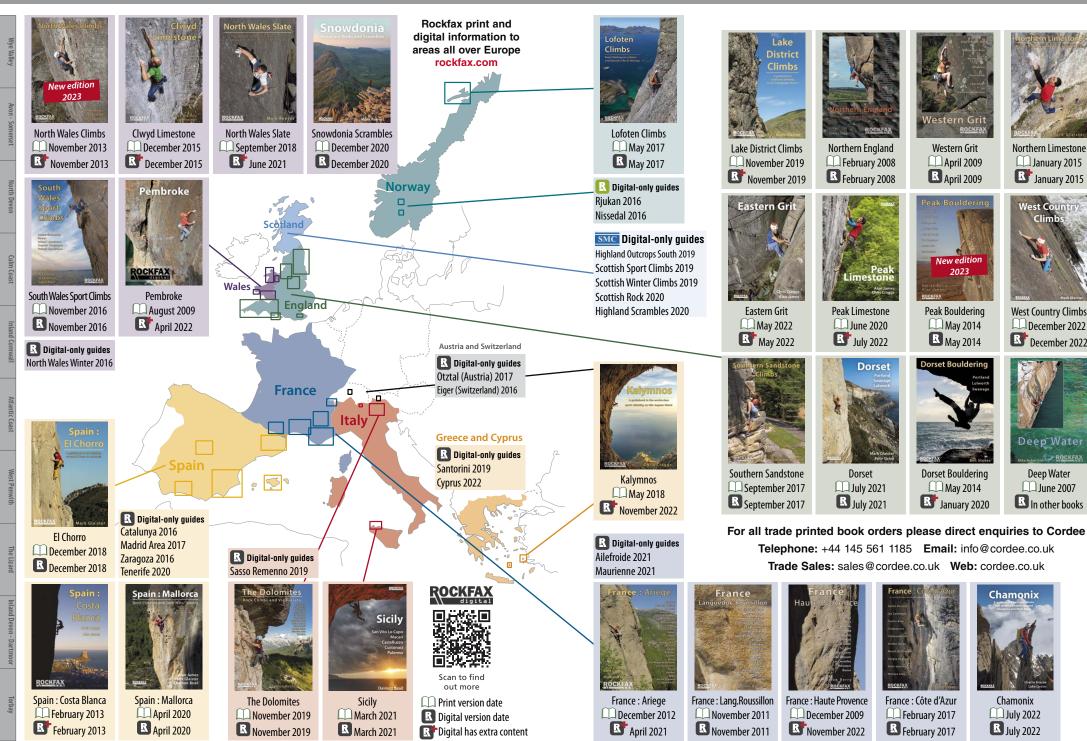
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# West Country Logistics

Richard Pollard moving out across the base of the Right Angle Zawn headwall on *Behemoth* (E2) - p.349 - Gurnard's Head, West Penwith, Cornwall. Gurnard's Head is composed of dark sheets of compact rock that are covered in a profusion of incut holds which makes for spectacular wall climbing. The rock can be slippery when greasy so good conditions are worth waiting for. Photo: Mike Hutton

## Mountain Rescue In the event of an accident requiring the assistance of Mountain Rescue: Dial 112 and ask for

## 'POLICE - MOUNTAIN RESCUE' or 'COASTGUARD'

This is very important since just asking for 'Police' will redirect you to a switchboard which could be a long way from your current location. This can cause delays in the rescue procedure as the authorities try and track down where the injured party is. Asking for 'Mountain Rescue' or 'Coastguard' will redirect you to people who know the area well.

## When to Go

Much of the climbing is available year round although some of the limestone crags may seep a bit, and the sea cliffs can be wild in the winter months. Sheltered climbing can often be found at Torquay and in the Wye Valley and Avon. Spring and Autumn can give perfect climbing conditions everywhere, with all the crags described being options in the right conditions. Summer is the traditional time to visit the West Country for those who don't live in the region and this is often when the climbing and ambience are at their best.

Bristol	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Max Temp (°C)	7	7	10	13	16	19	22	21	18	15	10	8
Average Min Temp (°C)	4	3	5	6	9	12	14	14	12	10	6	5
Average Rain Days/month	9	8	8	9	9	8	9	8	7	9	10	9
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Average Max Temp (°C)	10	9	10	11	15	18	20	20	18	15	11	9
Average Min Temp (°C)	8	7	7	9	11	13	15	15	14	12	10	9
Average Rain Days/month	13	10	10	9	8	8	8	9	8	11	13	13
Torquay	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Max Temp (°C)	8	8	10	12	16	18	21	20	18	15	11	9
Average Min Temp (°C)	4	3	5	5	8	11	13	13	11	9	6	5
Average Rain Days/month	10	9	8	9	9	8	8	9	7	10	10	10



Tin mine ruins near Botallack, West Penwith. Photo: Mark Glaister







The easiest way to access most of the crags in this book is by car and the approaches are written assuming you are using one.

## **Satellite Navigation**

GPS 53.276935 D-1.661346 indicated with a precise GPS location and QR code (right). Just point your phone at the QR code and open in

your chosen navigation app to take you direct to the parking spots.

## Trains 😫

Trains can be used to get to the main towns and cities in the West Country. From there local buses are an option if you wish to get around without a car. The best website for finding train information is **thetrainline.com**.

## Buses 目

There are local bus services in most areas. The best website is **traveline.info**.

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## Tourist Information 🚺

For general information for a visit to the West Country, contact the tourist information websites listed below: visitdeanwye.co.uk visitbristol.co.uk visitsomerset.co.uk visitdevon.co.uk visitcornwall.com





Getting Around West Country Climbing

## Accommodation

Useful websites for different types of accommodation are:

#### ukclimbing.com/listings

Youth Hostels - There are numerous Youth Hostels in the West Country, check out yha.org.uk

## Not Camping

Many other options for self-catered accommodation near to the climbing are available. Two increasingly popular options are Camping Barns/Bunkhouses and Backpacker Hostels. B&B's and holiday cottages are ubiquitous.

## Camping 1

There are a vast number of camping options and the list below is only a pointer to what is available. The West Country is the UK's premier summer holiday destination and is extremely busy at peak times. The larger campsites are expensive and get booked well in advance. However, a drive out into the sticks, up onto the moors or along the remoter sections of coastal roads usually turns up a basic farm camping field or less well-known site that are often cheaper and less busy. It is also worth remembering that many family campsites do not allow large and/or single sex groups.

## Wye Valley

Beeches Farm Campsite (map p.68) Near Wintour's Leap.

beechesfarmcampsite.co.uk

Huntsham Bridge Camping (map p.125) Walking distance to Symonds Yat. huntshambridgecamping.com

**Doward Park Campsite** (map p.125) Symonds Yat West. dowardpark.co.uk

## Somerset and Avon

**Uphill Touring Park** (map p.138) Campervans and caravans, Uphill. uphillmarina.co.uk

Oakhill Camping (map p.203) Pound Lane, Ashwick, oakhillcamping.co.uk

## North Devon and Lundy Croyde (Baggy Point) (map p.217) Many campsites, search 'Croyde camping'. Lundy Booking Office (map p.228) Ilfracombe. lundyisland.co.uk

Culm Coast Stoke Barton Campsite (map p.241) Stoke, Hartland. westcountry-camping.co.uk

## Inland Cornwall

South Penguite Farm (map p.286) Blisland, Bodmin. southpenquite.co.uk

Atlantic Coast Cherry Cottage Camping (map p.302) 4 Valley Truckle, Camelford. cherrycottagecamping.co.uk

## West Penwith

Many sites around Lands End and Sennen. **Trevedra Farm** Sennen. trevedrafarm.co.uk Treen Campsite (map p.474) Treen. treenfarmcampsite.com

## The Lizard

Henry's Campsite (map p.497) The Lizard. henryscampsite.co.uk

### Inland Devon and Dartmoor Runnage Campsite (map p.512) Postbridge, Dartmoor. Tel: 01822 880222 Huccaby Farm Camping (map p.512) Hexworthy, Dartmoor. Tel: 01364 631533

Torbay Area (map p.512) Many campsites, search 'Torbay camping'.

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## Climbing Walls

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Redpoint Bristol 40 Winterstoke Road, Bristol. Tel: 0117 3322222 redpointbristol.co.uk Excellent leading and bouldering wall. 300+ routes and 200+ boulder problems. Gym, Woody, Kids Crazy Climb, Cafe and Bar. See outside back cover

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For more walls and information check ukclimbing.com/listings/climbing\_walls/

## Climbing Shops **1**

Specialist climbing shops are thin on the ground as you get deeper into the West Country. There are plenty on offer in Bristol, with some specialist retailers and good shops at walls. There are other retailers in the bigger towns and cities for climbing gear and smaller more conventional outdoor shops in the tourist areas for other outdoor gear. To be sure, it is sometimes best to prepare in advance by ordering online from a quality specialist.

## Dick's Climbing

1st Floor Brunel Rooms, Straight Street, Bristol. Tel: 0117 929 7789 **dicksclimbing.com** The biggest selection of climbing shoes and hardware in the south west. See opposite

Rock On Mile End, London. Tel: 0208 9815066 Craggy Island, Guildford, Tel: 01483 565635 rockonclimbing.co.uk Great shops at two popular climbing walls. Get your gear before you travel. See p.21

Outside Main Road, Hathersage. Tel: 01433 631111 outside.co.uk Very large store with climbing equipment department and in-store cafe. See p.25

Cotswold Outdoor - Bristol Cotswold Outdoor - Exeter Cotswold Outdoor - Plymouth Cotswold Outdoor - Truro Ellis Brigham - Bristol Gorge Outdoors - Cheddar Rock and Rapid - South Molton Taunton Leisure - Bristol Taunton Leisure - Bristol Taunton Leisure - Exeter Taunton Leisure - Taunton The Barn Climbing Shop - Tavistock The Climbing Academy - Bristol More shops listed at ukclimbing.com/listings/outdoor\_shops/

## **BICK'S** CLIMBING BRISTOL

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## Pubs 🛅

Here is a small selection of the West Country's best pubs that are close to the cliffs. Most have good beer and cider, some have great food, most have both. There are many more!

## Wye Valley

**The Rising Sun** (map p.101) Community run pub In Woodcroft village above Wintour's Leap and Ban-y-gor.

#### The George

Old pub in St Briavels Village, handy for Wye Valley crags. Good service.

## Avon and Somerset

**The Coronation Tap** (map p.140) Handy for the Avon Gorge, just above the suspension bridge. **The Oakhill Inn** (map p.203)

Smart pub close to Fairy Cave Quarry.

#### North Devon The Thatch (map p.217)

Lively pub in Croyde close to Baggy Point.

## Atlantic Coast

The Old Smithy (map p.255) Nice old pub at Welcombe village, handy for the Culm Coast. The Bush Inn (map p.255)

Good spot at Morwenstow, close to Gull Rock, Cornakey and Sharpnose.

## Culm Coast

**The Port Garvene Inn** A pub in a quiet fishing cove. Good for Doyden Point and Pentire.

## West Penwith

**The Tinner's Arms** (*map p*.340) An atmospheric pub in Zennor close to Bosigran and Gurnard's Head. **The Logan Rock Inn** (*map p*.470) Good for south coast granite in Treen.

### The Lizard

The Cadgwith Cove Inn Lovely pub close to The Lizard and its beaches.

#### Inland Devon and Dartmoor

**The Meavy Inn** (map p.531) On Meavy village green close to the Dewerstone and Sheeps Tor. **The Rugglestone** (map p.543) Great Dartmoor pub with a fine beer garden.

## Torbay

The Berry Head Hotel (map p.583) Great views across Torbay, close to The Old Redoubt. The Cary Arms (map p.613) Close to Anstey's Cove at Babbacombe Beach.

## Cafes 莡

It is impossible to provide a guide to all the cafes and tearooms in the West Country since this would make a guidebook as thick as this one! Suffice to say that a decent cafe or tearoom selling diet-busting cream teas or pasties is never more than a brief drive from most of the cliffs.



climbing Booby Prize, E7 6b, Gull Roci Photo: George Sandersor

Outside.co.uk

Climbing Shop & Café Main Road, Hathersage Derbyshire, S32 1BB 01433 651936

# West Country Climbing

Kel Vargas on the long snaking crack-line of *Pressure Drop* (E3) - p.252 - at Speke's Mill Mouth on the Culm Coast. Thin intermittent cracks splitting huge slabs of culm are a major feature of many of the routes on the coast, with the major classics of *Sacre Coeur* (E2) at Blackchurch and *Matchless* (E1) at Oldwalls Point being two fine examples. Photo: Mike Hutton Access to the crags covered in this guidebook is generally good and there are few problems at most crags. In the majority of cases all that is required to ensure continued freedom of access to the cliffs, and to maintain good relations with landowners and stewards, is a responsible approach and level of general behaviour.

## **General Behaviour**

Rock climbing has become ever more popular, increasing numbers of people want access to the cliffs and the pressures on the crag environment have never been greater.

Some general guidelines:

- Be polite to other countryside users
- Don't light fires or use barbecues
- Close gates after you go through them
- Park sensibly as described in this book
- Don't stray from the popular paths
- Don't disturb animals especially sea birds
- Use less chalk
- Don't use wire brushes
- Take your litter home - Go before you go!

## Parking P

All the crags in this book have parking areas which are indicated with GPS coordinates and QR codes

on the maps (see right - just scan with your phone). Please use these parking areas. If there is one thing above all others that annoys landowners, it is having their drive/field blocked by someone's car. In some cases, parking may involve you spending some money in one of the Pay and Display parking areas.



#### Restrictions

The most significant restrictions are for the protection of bird nesting sites. These restrictions are seasonal and predominantly on the sea-cliffs but also on some inland cliffs - the details are covered in the crag pages. The restrictions may change and new ones may be imposed, so it is important to check if you are unsure - see BMC RAD App. Signs are usually erected on the crag approaches where there is new or updated information on the extent or duration of a restriction.

Occasionally, access is restricted to some crags due to environmental concerns and crags in SSSI areas may have specific requirements - see BMC RAD app. A number of the cliffs are privately owned and great care must be taken not to damage relationships with landowners.

## **BMC RAD App**

Access arrangements can change and we recommend that, when unsure, you use the **BMC Regional Access** Database (RAD) to check what the current situation is. You can check the RAD here thebmc.co.uk/modules/RAD/

RAD

or install the BMC RAD app from your iOS or Android app store.

If you do encounter problems, contact the BMC Access and Conservation representative. They are always happy to discuss problems and often their involvement at an early stage can defuse a situation before it escalates into a serious access dispute.

British Mountaineering Council, 177-179 Burton Road. Manchester, M20 2BB. Tel: 0870 010 4878 Web: thebmc.co.uk Email: office@thebmc.co.uk



## Rack

The basic UK traditional rack of wires, large nuts, cams, quickdraws, slings and double ropes is the minimum requirement to climb the traditional routes in the West Country. It is difficult to generalise about how much to carry but, on the limestone and Culm routes, more wires are normally required (maybe 3 sets), on the granite cams and large nuts are more useful. On sport routes, 14 quickdraws is sufficient for virtually all the routes in this book.

## **Climbing Ropes**

For leading trad routes, use double 50m x 9mm ropes. For the sport climbs, a single 60m rope will suffice but on a few routes it will not be enough to lower-off so take care.

**Rope Buckets** - A rope bucket is useful for routes that start at a hanging stance at the end of an abseil. Feed your twinned 9mm ropes into the bucket before abseiling down and it will feed out easily as the leader climbs.

## **Abseil Ropes**

An abseil rope is essential to reach the base of many of the sea cliffs and it is seldom possible to use your climbing ropes for the abseil. A thick 10mm+ single rope of 50m is the minimum requirement but preferably 60m if you have one. If there is an abseil rope in place when you arrive, it is accepted practice to use it rather than add clutter with an extra rope.

## Helmets and Loose Rock

Many routes have loose rock, especially on their final sections. Always wear a helmet since rock can be dislodged at any time, and always put an extra runner in before the last moves, no matter how easy it looks. Test every hold and be especially careful early in the season, or on days after heavy rain. When belaying, keep out of the fall zone, especially when the leader is finishing a pitch.

## Other Gear

**Prusik Loops -** A prusik loop is useful for protecting you as you abseil and having two is invaluable if you fall off when seconding or fail leading a steep route. Make sure you know how to use them if you suspect you might struggle learning 'on the job' is not much fun! **Abseil Rope Protectors -** These are useful for

the cliff-top edges, particularly if the rope runs over an abrasive edge.

## Fixed Gear

**Pegs -** Over the years many routes have been climbed using pegs for protection. On the sea-cliffs most of these pegs are untrustworthy due to accelerated corrosion in the salty environment. The local ethic is for the use and replacement of protection pegs on the sea-cliffs in the West Country to be reduced/phased out. The famous route *Eroica* at Pentire Head was graded E2 with a point of aid from a blade peg for years. The peg has corroded and been removed and it is now climbed without the peg and re-graded at E4.

On the inland crags, pegs have been used in abundance for protection, however they are less prone to corrosion and are often replaced (many pegs at Wintour's Leap were replaced in 2022). Nevertheless, the same level of caution should be applied to the reliability of the pegs as, even away from the sea-cliff environment, corrosion is still fairly rapid. At Chudleigh, great care should be taken to back-up the 'ring' style pegs.

**Threads -** Fixed threads in the West Country are not common. Threads make use of natural features of the rock and are more accepted than pegs, and they are more easily replaced. Care must still be taken to assess the state of a thread - pull it around so that you can examine all of it and leave a different section in the rock. If you decide to replace a thread, remove all of the old ones since one brand new thread is a lot better than a few dodgy old ones.

Bolts and Staple Bolts - Bolts are used extensively for protection on both sport and traditional climbs in the West Country. On the sea-cliff sport climbs of Torbay and Brean Down, marine-grade staples and bolts are used almost exclusively. On the inland crags and quarries, stainless steel bolts and staples are also widely used, however non-stainless steel bolts will also be encountered. As with pegs and threads, always check the placement and state of a bolt before trusting your life to it.

Abseil points - On a number of cliffs it is necessary to descend by abseil after completing a climb. If there is an abseil point in place always check its reliability! Some abseil points were originally set up using pegs and many of these are now in a dangerous state. If in any doubt always back-up the abseil point. Ash tree dieback has taken hold and abseil points that rely on these trees should be treated with great caution and backed-up or an alternative found.



The traditional routes in this book are graded using the British Traditional Grading system. The sport routes are graded using the Sport Grading system.

### **British Trad Grade**

1) Adjectival grade (Diff, VDiff, Severe, Hard Severe (HS), Very Severe (VS), Hard Very Severe (HVS), E1 and upwards)

How well-protected a route is, how sustained and a general indication of the level of difficulty of the whole route. 2) Technical grade (4a, 4b, 4c,..... to 7b)

The difficulty of the hardest single move.

## Sport Grade

The sport routes in this book are graded using the familiar 'sport grade', or 'French grade' as it is often known. The overall difficulty of a route in this guidebook is rated on a scale from **4** to **8c+**.

## **Deep Water Solo Grades**

A few routes in this book are described as deep water solos and given a sport grade and an S grade. The S Grade consists of a 0, 1, 2 or 3. S0 gives relative safety, with S3 offering considerable possibility of injury in the event of a fall.

The deep water solos in this book are all hard and a degree of experience is essential (and the ability to swim!) if you intend to climb them un-roped.

## **Colour Coding**

The trad routes and sport routes are all given a colour-coded dot corresponding to a grade band.

Sport

Grade

1 2 2+

3a

3b

3c

4a 4b

4c

5a

5b

5c

6a 6a+ 6b

6b+

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6c+

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7a+

7b 7b+

7c

7c+

8a

8a+

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• Green Routes Beginners - everything at grade Severe and under, and 4c and under for sport routes. Good routes to start out your climbing career on.

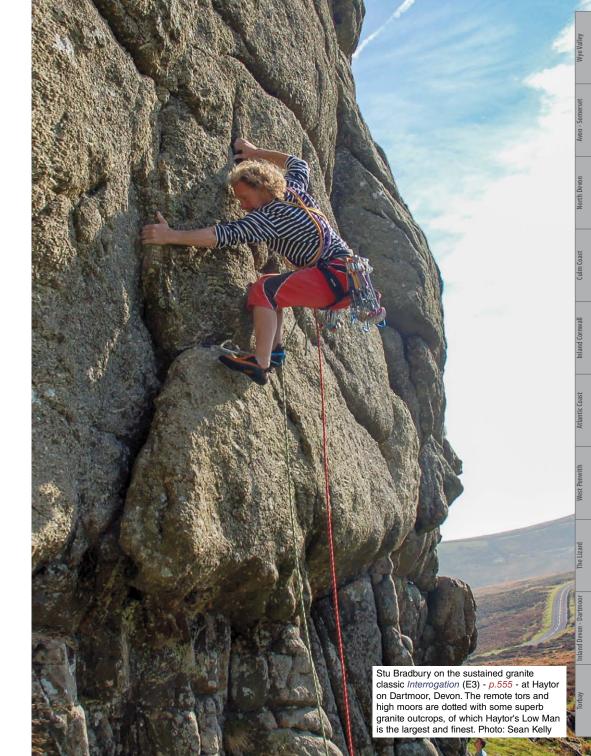
Orange Routes Experienced - HS to HVS inclusive, and 5a to 6a+ for sport routes. General ticking routes for those with more experience, lots of excellent routes are available across this band.

• Red Routes Advanced - E1 to E3 inclusive, and 6b to 7a for sport routes. For the experienced and keen climber. Anyone operating at this level can attempt some of the best climbing in the book.

• Black Routes *Expert* - E4 and above, and 7a+ and above for sport routes. If you are up to it then this band has some major national testpieces.

 $\bigcirc$  White Spots Elite - E7 and 8a and above. The hardest routes for the world's best climbers.

British Trad Grade (for bold routes)	UIAA	USA
Mod		5.1
Moderate		5.2
Difficult		5.3
Very Difficult	111-	5.4
Sev Difficult	111+	5.5
Severe HS UK tech 4a	IV-	5.6
Hard Severe VS	IV IV+	5.7
Very Severe UK tech 4c 4c	V-	5.8
5a HVS Hard Very Severe	V V+	5.9
E1 5b	VI-	5.10a
5c E2 5c	VI VI+	5.10b
6a E3	VII- VII	5.10c
<b>6</b> a		5.10d
6a E4	VII+	5.11a 5.11b
E4 6a	VIII-	5.11c
<sup>6b</sup> E5	VIII	5.11d
6b	VIII+	5.12a
60		5.12b
E6 6c	IX-	5.12c
6c E7 6c	IX	5.12d
	IX+	5.13a
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	X4	5.14a
7b E10 <sup>7a</sup>	XI-	5.14b
	XI	5.14c
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	XI+	5.15a
7b	XII-	5.15b
	XII	5.15c



Tides are a crucial consideration when climbing on the sea-cliffs of the West Country since the access to, or escape from, many of the cliffs, is affected by the state of the tide. The West Country has one of the greatest tidal ranges in the World on its North Devon and Culm Coast - with tidal swings as large as 8m. Understanding more about tides can be a great help in making the most out of your visit.

## About Tides

Throughout one lunar month there are two spring or high-range tides, and two neap or low-range tides. Spring tides occur during the full and new moons, when the sun and moon are in line and the combined gravitational pull causes the highest tides, which then ebb to the lowest level. During spring tides the low tides will always fall towards the middle of the day. During the first and third guarters of the moon, when the sun's and moon's forces of attraction are at right angles, we experience less extreme high and low tides. Neap tides will always be low at either end of the day with the high tide occurring in the middle. By knowing the current phase of the moon you can roughly work out what kinds of tide you are going to get.

From high tide to low tide takes approximately 6 hours, which means that there are two high tides and two low tides in every 24 hour period. The average time for the tide to turn around is actually slightly longer than 6 hours. This means that each day the high and low tide times are between 30 and 80 minutes later than the previous day.

The most dramatic spring tide swings range from a massive 8m (spring and autumn) to usually at least 6.5m (summer and winter), and neap tide swings range from around 2.5m (spring and autumn) to 4.5m (summer and winter).

## **Important Considerations**

1) During the middle hours between low and high tide, the sea comes in MUCH faster and areas of flat rock and boulder beach can disappear rapidly so escape routes can be cut off. This means that you may have spent a few hours at the crag and not noticed much tide movement when suddenly there is water lapping around your ankles. This is significantly more pronounced during spring tides. 2) The smaller fall to low *neap* tides may give much less access than low spring tides

to certain cliffs. For example, The Blisterin' Barnacle Slab, the routes at Gurnard's Head, and the ledges at the base of The Amnesty Wall on The Lizard are either inaccessible or only barely uncovered during low neap tides. 3) The lower level of high *neap* tides may allow access to certain routes which are cut off in high spring tides.

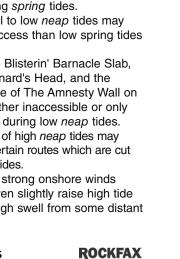
4) Persistent and strong onshore winds can prolong or even slightly raise high tide levels as can a high swell from some distant ocean storm.

### **Tide Resources**

Rockfax Digital has tide charts for all the crags in this book for subscribers.

There are lots of other apps available for tides - search 'tide tables' in the appropriate app store. These usually only

forecast for three days ahead at most. The web site ntslf.org/tides/predictions has an easy-to-use tide forecaster to get tides up to 28 days ahead.



Scan to find out more



## 36 West Country Climbing Bouldering

There is a massive amount of bouldering spread throughout the West Country that ranges from pebble and crystal pulling in woodland dells, through steep dusty limestone caves to exposed boulders on high moorland or wild coastal frontage. Below is a very small selection of some of the more frequented bouldering venues in the West Country. **Devon Bouldering -** A new Rockfax guide is due in 2023.

## Wye Valley

Biblins Cave (*map p.125*) and the sandstone boulders close to Symond's Yat have plenty to offer the elite as well as solitude.

## **Bristol Area**

The myriad venues dotted all over Avon and Somerset cater for all tastes and grades on a multitude of rock types. There is a good amount on offer within the urban confines of the city whilst further afield the coastal low cliffs and the Mendip Hills outcrops provide variety and unusual settings.

## North Devon and Culm Coast

Lurking amongst the enormous cliffs that front this section of coast are some extensive and well documented venues. Lynmouth (*map p.211*) is an isolated area of sea level boulders and walls close to the Valley of Rocks that has lots to go at. On the Culm Coast, the best starting points are the caves and inlets at Hartland Quay (*map p.241*) and Northcott Mouth (*map p.283*) between Lower Sharpnose and Compass Point.

## Atlantic Coast and Inland Cornwall

Two massively different environments and geology. The Superbloc at Tintagel (*map* p.305) is the place for classic 7a and above power problems. For huge numbers of problems cross the grades, pick a warm dry day and head for the abundance of granite blocks on Bodmin Moor (*map* p.286).

## West Penwith and Surrounds

Granite and other rock on a large scale with many areas that have been developed over the years. Carn Brea, Godrevy and Clodgy Point (*map p.334*) are dedicated to bouldering. There is plenty more on the cliffs further west.

## **Dartmoor and South Devon**

The lofty tors of Dartmoor, with their thousands of problems, are a huge draw for boulderers. Many of the finest are at Bone Hill Rocks (*map p.543*) near Chinkwell Tor and Hound Tor, and around Cuckoo Rock, not far from Sheeps Tor (*map p.531*). Bovey Woods (*map p.512*) is of a similar quality but lower down and sheltered in some woods and not too far from Chudleigh Rocks. The limestone offers the possibility of dry rock in poor weather, especially at the caves of Chudleigh (*p.560*) and the base of the Empire and Mitre Walls at Anstey's Cove (*p.612*) in Torquay.

Alex Chapman on *The Wave* (f7A) at Bone Hill Rocks on Dartmoor. Photo: Tom Last

This is a very rough graded list of the best routes. As ever, it will not be found accurate by everyone. If you disagree strongly with it, then please let us know via the voting on the UKC Logbook on ukclimbing.com

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**	East of Sweden opposite
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**	Coral Sea
***	Cavewoman

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\*\* Old Men Last Longer .....

Mark Glaister mid crux on the classic Ban-y-gor sport pitch East of Sweden (6c) - p.96 - This route typifies much of the climbing at the cliff - intense and steep sequences on good rock - but don't forget your stick-clip! Photo: Mike Hutton

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Wynd Cliff	35	35	-	-	14	18	3		🔝 10 - 12 min		Shellored				Predominantly single pitch trad on generally good limestone in a lovely setting. Grades to suit most, but best for VS to E2.	52
Wyndcliff Quarry	35	10	25	-	14	17	4		🔝 5 min		Shellorrd				Well-equipped roadside limestone sport climbing mainly catering for those after lower and mid-grades. Popular but always plenty to go at.	60
Shorn Cliff	111	111	-	5	54	44	8	•	<u>)</u> 35 - 40 min	X	Shellered				Fantastic traditional climbing. All the routes are single pitch and descent is via abseil. A bit of an approach hike but worth it. One small bird restriction.	///
Ban-y-gor	68	-	68	4	14	36	18	ป	🚺 16 - 18 min	X	Shelleres				A long escarpment of steep limestone that is a popular sport climbing destination. Burly routes. Some complex access requirements.	86
Wintour's Leap	101	72	29	10	34	47	10		📢 10 - 20 min	X	Shelleres	V			Huge cliff with many multi-pitch trad climbs across the grade spectrum. A superb location with some sport climbs. Complex access requirements.	102
Symonds Yat	22	22	-	4	13	5	-	•	🚺 13 - 17 min	X		V			Long established trad crag in a stunning setting. Well used over the years but never busy. The popular routes are solid. One small bird restriction.	126
Avon Gorge	105	84	21	10	28	48	19		🔝 3 - 15 min	X		X			A spectacular gorge in a noisy urban setting. Numerous limestone walls of up to 70m in height, some natural and others quarried.	142
و Portishead Quarry	6	б	-	-	3	2	1		🔝 5 min	To mid sitemoon	Shelleros				A good quarried face that gets plenty of morning sun with a small set of mid-grade trad lines.	173
Goblin Combe	24	24	-	2	13	7	2	•	15 - 18 min	Labs of sum	Shellored				A series of charming natural limestone cliffs with many single pitch routes. Varied and interesting climbing on solid rock. Occasional access problems.	
کم Uphill Quarry	11	4	7	-	-	2	9		🔝 2 min	X	<b>X</b> Windy				A huge quarried cliff in a pleasant and unusual setting. Long high quality pitches of fingery face climbing, both trad and sport.	185
Brean Down	37	12	25	-	3	12	20	2	🔔 4 - 5 min	Lobs of sum					A popular beach-side sport crag with some mid-grade and hard routes that get a lot of sun. Also a number of less-travelled trad lines.	<sup>t</sup> 189
<sup>2</sup> Split Rock Quarry	12	11	1	-	1	4	7		🔝 10 min	To mid sitemoon	Shelleros				The best of the Somerset quarries and a good venue for people operating i the mid to high-grades. The rock is superb and the climbing hard.	<sup>n</sup> 200
Fairy Cave Quarry	17	17	-	3	5	8	1		🔝 5 min	Not much sun	Shelleres				A big hole in the ground and not a very attractive place, however it has lots of popular slabby routes. Access via a locked gate.	205
ہ Valley of Rocks	16	16	-	5	11	-	-		<u>)</u> 10 - 12 min	X	<b>V</b>				Stunning location with some reasonable pitches on a thinly layered sandstone. Easy approaches but a long drive from other climbing areas.	212
Baggy Point	34	34	-	7	18	7	2		<u>)</u> 20 - 25 min	X		X			A long-established slab climbing venue, close to a surf-beach. Many good single and multi-pitch climbs. Abseil approaches. One small bird restriction	<b>218</b>
Blackchurch	9	9	-	-	2	6	1		<b>2</b> 5 min	Not much sun		V			Blackchurch draws few climbers to its loose main face, however the spectacular Blackchurch Rock is solid and has some classic routes.	236
Smoothlands	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	ป	25 min	X					A massive, virtually featureless steep slab. All the routes are in the upper E grades. Some protection is from pegs. Tidal approach.	239
Dyer's Lookout	11	11	-	-	4	5	-	2	15 min	X	Windy				The big lines are amongst the hardest in the West Country. Some nearby smaller cliffs also have worthwhile lines on good rock.	242
Screda Point	10	10	-	-	4	5	1	-	5 min	X	Winty				Easy access ensures that Screda Point gets plenty of attention. The routes are predominantly in the mid-grades and tidal.	248
रहु Speke's Mill Mouth	7	7	-	-	1	4	2		<u>×</u> 25 min	Not much sun	Shellered				Home to one of the Culm Coast's non-tidal classic extreme pitches and nex to a spectacular arch that has some short routes on variable rock.	<sup>d</sup> 252
မို Gull Rock	10	10	-	-	6	3	-	ป	🔝 25 - 30 min	Sun and shade					A great venue, although some of the routes are now more serious than the once were now that the pegs have corroded and not been replaced.	<sup>y</sup> 256
<b>Ornakey Cliff</b>	3	3	-	-	2	1	-	•	<u> 2</u> 5 min	X					Home to a famous multi-pitch Culm classic. A couple of single pitch lines on the approach are also excellent.	261
Vicarage Cliff	15	15	-	2	10	3	-		📐 30 min	Labs of sum					An excellent fin of culm rock with easy access and a number of good lower-grade routes.	264
Oldwalls Point	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	•	40 min	Not much sun					A large face with a couple of intimidating crack-lines.	268
Lower Sharpnose	24	24	-	-	4	11	7	2	📐 35 min	Sun and shade					The Culm's finest cliff. A unique set of three gravity-defying fins with a hos of mid and hard-grade classics on sunny or shady faces.	<sup>t</sup> 274
Compass Point	5	5	-	2	2	1	-		10 min	Lubs of sum					A popular cliff, close to the busy beach at Bude. The rock needs careful handling, especially near the finishes.	284
Cheesewring Quarry	36	27	9	4	14	10	8		🔝 13 min	X		V			High on Bodmin Moor and best visited in dry and warm weather. Both trad and sport routes on solid quarried granite.	290
रू Roche Rock	30	30	-	12	11	6	1	•	🔝 3 min	Sun and shade					A good crag for some lower-grade climbing with superb rock and situated in an interesting landscape. Lots of routes to go at.	298
Tintagel	3	3	-	-	-	-	3		20 min	X	<b>U</b> Windy	X			A big, well-hidden cliff on the isle of Tintagel. The routes here are amongst the most serious in the West Country. Permission required.	307
Doyden Point	6	б	-	-	1	3	2	•	10 min	×			R.		Close to the quaint fishing hamlet of Port Quin, with a couple of popular climbs that pack a punch.	311
¥ Pentire Head	21	21	-	-	5	6	9	ป	20 min	X	<b>V</b>	X	A.	Į	Pentire's Great Wall is the West Country's finest face with hard routes only. Other walls are close by but all are north-facing and can be cold.	316
Carn Gowla	15	15	-	1	3	7	4		🔔 2 - 5 min	X	Winty	X			A very remote and wild section of coast. Huge routes with committing approaches and serious climbing. Restriction for nesting birds.	327

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Wicca Pillar	7	7	-	7	-	-	-		25 min	Sun and shade					The pillar is attached to the mainland and has a number of short routes summit. The tour makes a lovely outing in a remote-feeling location.	o its
Zennor Cliff	7	7	-	1	3	3	-	-	🙏 15 min						A small single pitch venue that has a number of good routes that appear vegetated but are in fact clean. No tidal problems.	
Gurnard's Head	9	9	-	-	3	5	1	-	15 min			Willyin		A.	Superb multi-pitch climbs in a spectacular zawn environment. Needs a c sea and afternoon sun for prime conditions.	alm
Carn Gloose	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	20 min	X		Wilipin		×.	Home to a remarkable sea-cliff classic. Needs calm sea conditions and s afternoon sun for the experience to be enjoyed to the max.	ome
Robin's Rocks	3	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	35 min					×.	A little-visited collection of undercut walls. Easy access but the rock take bit of getting used to.	s a
Halldrine Cove	14	14	-	12	1	1	-	-	📢 15 min	X					A fine sea-cliff that is packed with lower-grade trad routes on great gran Easily combined with a visit to Bosigran.	te.
Bosigran	58	58	-	15	23	15	5		🚺 10 - 15 min		F	Note yith			Cornwall's best known cliff set high above the sea with no tidal problem Something for all - long, short, easy or hard.	3.
Great Zawn and Bosigran Ridge	16	16	-	1	3	10	2	-	📐 15 - 20 min	Sun and shade	<b>Windy</b>	Mill y Lin		*	First-rate classic granite climbs from VDiff upwards. The multi-pitch Bosigran ridge is fantastic and the Great Zawn is awe inspiring.	
Kenidjack	8	8	-	-	3	5	-	-	<u>)</u> 20 min					X.	Kenidjack's sheer looking Killas Slate face is a popular place that is sheltered, non-tidal and home to one of the finest HVSs on the coast.	
Sennen	116	116	-	25	45	23	18	5	📐 13 - 15 min	X		Mark S and			An array of superb pitches. The grade span is wide and the plentiful easi and mid-grade lines are some of the best on the coast.	er
and's End	16	16	-	2	3	5	6	-	5 min			A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL		<b>A</b> .	A complex area with some mixed quality granite but a number of good pitches and a great easier ridge route.	
Pordenack Point	11	11	-	3	3	3	2	-	📐 15 min	X			<u>بنا</u>		Pordenack Point has better rock than that at Lands End, is barely tidal a has some classic routes.	nd
Carn Les Boel	4	4	-	-	1	-	3	-	📐 25 min	Late of sum		Will yield		×.	A major venue for hard wall/crack climbing. Bags of atmosphere and a g seal spotting crag.	ood
Zawn Kellys	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	<u>)</u> 20 min					<b>A</b> .	Only one route but it is a really good one that is easily combined with a to Carn Barra or Carn Les Boel.	/isit
Carn Barra	29	29	-	3	12	8	6	-	📐 20 min	Labar of sum	Sheltered			<b>A</b> .	Great for hard single pitch climbs but also a brilliant place for people loc to get lots of VSs in the bag. Can be a sun-trap.	king
Fox Promontory	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	10 min	X	<b>E</b>			K.	A quiet location that takes a bit of getting to. The climbs are all excellent those on the west face need some sun.	but
Chair Ladder	30	30	-	6	16	8	-	-	<u>)</u> 12 min	Late of sum		Will yield		X.	A fantastic sea-cliff with superb low and mid-grade multi-pitch routes. T and can be frustrating to get perfect conditions. One small bird restriction	dal n.
Porthgwarra Buttress	4	4	-	3	1	-	-		📐 5 min	Lata of sum					An unusual spot that has classic old school style routes on monolithic granite. The descent is tricky and may need a rope if not confident.	
Iella Point	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	📐 5 min	Sun and shade		Wash			A beautifully located pinnacle that requires a bit of effort to approach via scramble and abseil or downclimb.	a
/essacks West	9	9	-	-	7	2	-	-	<u>)</u> 20 min	X	Shellaros	Witsta			The long squat wall has variable rock and a tidal pool that might be the undoing of the careless! The routes see little attention.	
St. Levan's Wall	13	13	-	2	3	5	3	-	<u>)</u> 12 min	Lata of sum	Shellared				A tough venue with hard crack and bold wall lines. The approach needs careful planning to avoid a long wait on the beach!	
Cribba Head	9	9	-	-	2	2	2	3	🙏 15 min	¥					Hard headpoint territory with a number of more conventional challenges none of which are easy.	
St. Loy	8	8	-	1	2	3	2	-	40 min	Frant					An isolated venue that has a wide grade appeal. The harder climbs are serious undertakings, often on off-vertical walls. The approach is long.	
ater Du	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	<u>)</u> 30 min			Wits yield		<b>A</b> .	A rarely busy cliff that plays host to a classic VS. A long but pleasant approach from the tiny harbour of Lamorna.	
Frewavas	45	45	-	11	17	14	3	-	📐 20 min						A popular crag, set high above the sea. Sheltered with some good pitche granite. Can be combined with other crags on Lizard Point.	s on
Coastguard Cliff	12	12	-	-	6	6	-	-	📐 10 - 15 min	X		Maria y Lin			Very steep routes in a spectacular setting. The rock is supplied with goo holds that allow swift upward progress.	d
Pen Olver to Bass Point	21	21	-	9	6	4	2	-	🚺 20 min	X				<b>A</b> .	Two contrasting crags that are easily combined. Bass Point and Amnest Wall are the harder areas, whilst Pen Olver has many lower graded route	s.
Black Head	3	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	🙏 40 min			Witspin			Unusual black rock and striking architecture mark this venue out as well worth the longish approach.	
The Dewerstone	50	50	-	15	24	9	2	-	📐 10 - 17 min	<b>H</b> arring		No.			One of the West Country's finest cliffs for the lower and mid-grade trad climber. Multi-pitch climbs on excellent granite in a magical setting.	
Sheeps Tor	26	26	-	16	7	3	-	-	<u>s</u> 5 min	¥					A popular place with a lot of short, easier lines. Often used by groups.	
uckey Tor	16	16	-	4	4	7	1		🙏 35 min	Laba of sum	Shellered				A small granite outcrop located in a gorgeous wooded dell. A longish bu approach - make sure that the weather forecast is good.	t flat
Bench Tor	11	11	-	3	4	3	1		🗼 15 min						A limited number of routes, including one athletic classic.	
Chinkwell Tor	7	7	-	2	2	3	-	-	📐 15 min						An outlier but the two major routes will leave a lasting impression. If thi don't go well, then the pub in Widecombe-in-the-Moor is not far away.	ngs
Hound Tor	29	29	-	8	9	9	3	-	📐 4 min	Sun and shade	<b>E</b>				A friendly venue with plenty of short, fun pitches.	
laytor	25	25	-	7	8	8	2	-	📐 5 min						Dartmoor's largest tor is rarely quiet. Brilliant rock and routes.	
Chudleigh	59	59	-	12	22	18	7	-	🛓 4 - 5 min	X	Shelleros	Mark 5 Hand			A popular trad limestone cliff, set in the depths of rural Devon, but not t far from Dartmoor and Torbay. Fine but well-used climbs.	00
Torbryan Quarry	18	2	16	· ·	-	8	9	1	🔔 4 min	X	Shelleros				A small but excellent limestone sport crag. Takes a bit of finding, but the climbs are well worth the battle with the rural Devon roads.	fine
Berry Head	28	20	8	-	11	13	4	-	3 - 10 min	¥	Shellered	No.			Classic multi-pitch lines that soar up out of the Great Cave, and two seat traverses that radiate from the Great Cave. Some nesting restrictions.	level
Churston Quarry	30	1	29	-	5	11	12	2	25 min	Not much sun	Shelleres				A series of north facing quarried limestone bays that have some good pitches in the 6th and 7th grades. Great when the weather heats up.	
Daddyhole	31	31	-	2	13	11	5	-	5 - 12 min	¥.	Shellarto	Wite state			Sunny, adventurous and spectacular climbing on the Main Cliff contrasts with more technical climbing in the quarries. Sheltered and non-tidal.	
Anstey's Cove	88	32	55	3	12	30	30	13	8 - 12 min		Shelleres				A picturesque setting above a gorgeous cove, with hard sport routes and serious trad climbs. Can be very warm in the summer.	I
Long Quarry Point	21	10	11	1	1	8	10	า	📢 10 - 12 min	Sun	I	K.			Two huge crags with contrasting hard climbing. Sanctuary Wall is a stur sea-cliff whilst the quarry is home to tough sport climbs and trad slabs.	ı ning

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