

Black Crag, Stake Pass



Central Buttress Direct Paul Bennett

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OS Ref: **NY 258 081**Alt: **420m**

Grades

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A small buttress providing some very pleasant low grade routes on immaculate Langdale rock. The long but gentle approach is rewarded with a superb sunny outlook. All routes are clean and dry fast after any rain.

Approach

From the ODG, amble up Mickleden. At the footbridge, head up the Stake Pass footpath until level with the crag. A small hawthorn tree on the right of the path provides a good indication when to strike left across the fell to reach the base of the crag.

Descent

Easily to the right side of the crag plus there is an in-situ abseil station at the top of the crag.

 60 minutes Aspect: **SOUTH EAST**



Black Crag, Stake Pass LHS

1 **Back to Black S 4a** † **New** 22m

The obvious groove left of *Not Now* and 5m left of the holly tree. Climb the steep groove and wall above, step right to finish up the second square cut groove.

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2 **Not Now S** † **New** 22m

The short wall left of the holly tree.

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Solo



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3 Maybe Later HS 4b † **New** 31m



The thin cracks above the holly tree. Start at the left end of a grassy ledge. A thin steep crack leads to easier climbing above.

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4 Central Buttress MVS 4b † **New** 35m



Start from the right-hand end of the grassy ledge. Pull steeply up left to a small ledge then traverse left to gain the centre of the buttress. The wall above leads to a small triangular niche. A step up via finger pockets leads to easier climbing up the centre of the buttress.

A direct start to [Central Buttress](#) or [Two Grooves](#) can be climbed by the more adventurous via the steep, strenuous but well-protected wall at 5b.

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3.09.23 Direct Start - PC Bennett. M Scrowston.

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5 Two Grooves S † **New** 35m



Start as for [Central Buttress](#). Pull up left to access a left-slanting groove; follow this to a steepening. Step left to finish up the second groove and wall above.

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6 Rowan Ridge D † **New** 40m

Is it a climb or a scramble? A problematical short slab leads to a grass ledge. Follow the crest of the ridge passing a small rowan tree.

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7 Edge HS † **New** 26m

Start as for *Eastern Corner*. After 2m move left to climb a short wall leading to a steep groove. At the top of the groove step right to finish up a second short groove.

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8 Eastern Corner MVS 4b † **New** 32m



Easy climbing leads up to the obvious corner groove. Climb the short slab and corner direct.

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9 Umwelt S † **New** 32m

An interesting journey that improves with height. 2m right of the corner, a slim pillar leads to a steep wall. Move up the wall then left into a groove. Enjoy the fine steep rough arête above.

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