

Black Wars - East and West Sectors

Uphill 35 mins

Introduction

These two sectors have been developed on either side of the **Main Crag** at [Black Wars](#) - p 350 of FRCC Guide - Duddon & Wrynose.

Black Wars - East is about 50m east (left) and slightly higher than the **Main Crag**.

1 A Phoney War E1 5c † **New** 25m ★

Start a few metres left of the very overhanging 4m wall. Look up and left for a clean-cut crack leading to a widening pod. Gain a grassy bay to reach this. Climb the fierce finger crack / pod to a blunt spike. Several attempts are allowed! Continue more easily up the arête.

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2 Ode to a Spike HVS 5a † **New** 25m ★

Start at the left side of a very overhanging 4m wall. Climb a steep mossy groove on large holds and awkwardly mantleself onto the slab. Either: keep on up the slab, trending slightly left (spaced runners) or pad up the cleaner slab diagonally rightwards (no gear, 4c) to reach the crack of [Sunlit Saunter](#).

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3 Sunlit Saunter VS 4c † **New** 25m ★

Start at the right side of the very overhanging 4m wall. Climb some blocks. Traverse delicately left above the lip to gain an obvious large foothold on the arête. Follow a crack up the slab. A carbon-copy of [Twilight Stroll](#), though in a less atmospheric setting.

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4 Going on a Bear Hunt VS 4c † **New** 25m ★

Locate the deep cleft up and left of main crag. Climb rush grass then steep moves to gain a cave guarded by a (well-jammed) chockstone – over, under or round this. Exit left pursued by a bear.

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On the **Main Crag** - [Black Wars Corner](#) and [Moonglow](#) seem tough for HVS, even when dry, and more like E1 5b.

Black Wars - West is just west (right) of the **Main Crag**, where the crag turns uphill and west.

5 Pastry Wars E1 5b † **New** 25m ★

On cleanish west-facing wall up from west end of main crag. Start at foot of corner of [Turf Wars](#). Gain thin crack starting at small overlap about 2m left of [Turf Wars](#). Up this boldly to ledge, then stepped ramp on left.

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6 Turf Wars HVS 5a † **New** 25m ★

On west-facing wall up from west end of main crag. Climb large open corner (care with block) then hand-crack that curves to the right.

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