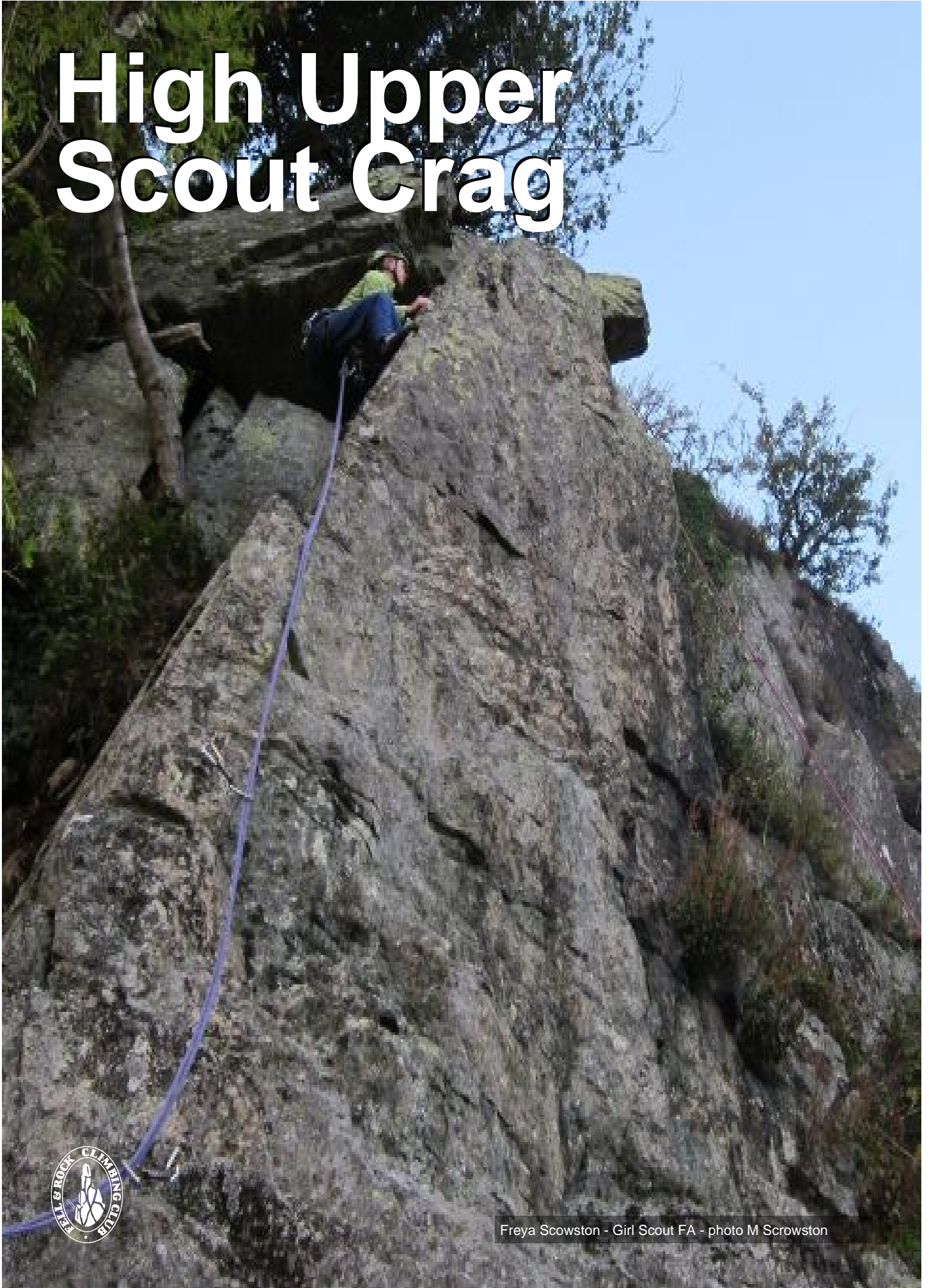


High Upper Scout Crag



Freya Scowston - Girl Scout FA - photo M Scowston

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OS Ref: **NY 298 069**

Alt: **300m**

Scout Craggs lie between 5 and 10 minutes walk up the fellside behind a barn by the road, some 200m east of the Stickle Barn/New Dungeon Ghyll car parks. From the right side of the barn, take the track leading directly to each crag in turn. About 45m right of the top of [Route 1](#) (P39 - Langdale guide) is another steep outcrop of fine rough rock. Routes on the right side of the buttress are prone to drainage and require a few days of dry weather to be enjoyed at their best.

Grades

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Approach

Approach from the top of the [Upper Crag](#).

Descent

Descent is back over to the left and down to join the normal descent from the [Upper Crag](#).



High Upper Scout Crag - LHS



1 Small Fry MVS † **New** 16m

Start at a short steep buttress left of the main crag and just right of a large sycamore. Climb the centre of the buttress to a break then step right to ascend the steep wall on large holds.

30.05.2016 M Scrowston, F Scrowston

2 Secret Slab S † **New** 16m

An easier companion route to, and starting as for, *Small Fry* on good rock. Climb diagonally leftwards to gain the arête, swing round and up to a good ledge directly behind the large sycamore tree. Enjoy the slab above.

19.04.2019 M Scrowston
Solo

3 Girl Scout VD † **New** 20m

A pleasant route that ascends the pinnacle topped by an obvious protruding block 5m right of *Small Fry*. Climb the pinnacle by its left arête to a large belvedere. From the back of the ledge, follow a cracked groove and short wall on the right to finish.

20.09.2014 F Scrowston, C Scrowston

4 Lutefisk VS 4c † **New** 36m

A route for adventurers; revealed during a sheep rescue. It links the best features available on this section of the crag and is a good option if its fishy neighbours are damp. Start just right of *Girl Scout*. Climb up and right on big holds to gain a large ledge in a corner. Hand traverse right to gain another ledge below some large flakes and move up utilising the large flake to yet another ledge left of a right-slanting ramp. (Possible belay) Climb the ramp (crux) and finish up the wall above.

10.07.2015 M Scrowston, C Earnshaw

5 Essential Vagrancy HVS 5a † **New** 34m

An interesting journey with some fine open climbing in its upper section. Start just left of an ash tree in the centre of the crag. Follow ledges and a shattered groove to a large bivi ledge. Settle down for the night or move to the left edge of the ledge to a small pedestal below a short V-groove. Commit to the groove then step up rightwards to gain the steep wall above to finish left of the hawthorn at the top of the crag. A direct line from the right edge of the ledge has also been climbed at the same grade but can be slow to dry.

18.09.2016 M Scrowston, D Till



High Upper Scout Crag - RHS

6 Gravadalax Groove VS 4c † New 34m 

A route of two halves with some very pleasant climbing interrupted only briefly by a grassy ledge. Start at a recess below a left-slanting groove and directly below two trees on the halfway ledge. Pull up steeply to follow the groove on monster holds. The wall above leads directly up passing between the two small trees onto a large ledge. From behind the trees, climb diagonally left and up to gain a fine right-slanting groove to finish.

2.07.2018 M Scrowston, M Withers

7 The Catch HVS 5a † New 34m 

More fishy related adventures on super rough rock with an exhilarating crux. Start left of [Sid The Sardine](#) at a large flat-topped block. From the top of the block, step up and right then follow a short diagonal groove passing a mini-hawthorn to access the main wall. Climb the rough wall passing right of the two trees to a rightwards-slanting ramp; follow this until below a steep hanging groove. Climb the groove (crux) on improving holds, stepping left at its top to finish.

26.06.2018 M Scrowston, PC Bennett

8 Sid the Sardine E1 5b † New 32m 

A good route that takes the large slab on the left side of the buttress. Start at a short groove 2m left of [Salmon Leap](#). Follow slabs and ledges to a small overhang and climb this on its right to gain the large slab. Ascend the slab to a second overhang; turn this on its left and follow a thin crack up steep rock to finish left of the tree.

1.07.2014 PC Bennett, P Kear, M Scrowston

9 Something Fishy MVS † New 32m 

An intriguing line with some good climbing. Start 2m left of [Salmon Leap](#) at a triangular block.

1 4a Climb up to gain an obvious deep right-slanting crack. Follow this to a junction with the large block on [Thing Fish](#). Belay or your life will be a drag.

2 4b Traverse immediately right across a clean pocketed slab to gain a groove at its right end. Ascend the groove (often damp but always climbable) stepping left to follow the clean rib to finish.

16.04.2019 M Scrowston, M Hope

10 Salmon Leap HVS 5a 34m 

Interesting and quite bold climbing up the left-facing corner on the left of the overhanging nose towards the right of the crag. Climb steeply on good holds to a nose at 13m (optional belay on the right). Enter the groove left of the nose and climb its left wall on washday-clean rock providing some good moves to the overhangs. Pull over these to easier ground.

July 1958 AH Greenbank, M Thompson

11 Salmon Leap Variations E1 5a † New 36m 

Start up the smooth slab right of [Salmon Leap](#) to the optional belay right of the nose. Traverse across below the corner to join and follow [Sid the Sardine](#) to the top.

M Bagness

12 Thing Fish HVS 5a † New 34m 

A good route providing interesting and exciting climbing. Start below a short left-slanting groove at the right-hand end of the large horizontal ledge at the base of the buttress and 3m right of [Salmon Leap](#). Climb the groove and slab to a diagonal ledge. Move up to gain a large perched block (big sling useful). Surmount the block; make an exposed and committing move left to gain the hanging slab above the overhang. Follow the slab to its apex then ascend the steep wall above on surprisingly good holds.

21.06.2014 M Scrowston, PC Bennett

The mass of outcrops which litter this hillside offer problems galore that hardly merit detailed description. The rock is normally rough and solid, but take care, there are areas where it is friable and flaky.