

# Mossup Crag

OS Ref: SD 231 997  
Alt: 220m

Grades



Parking (car park)

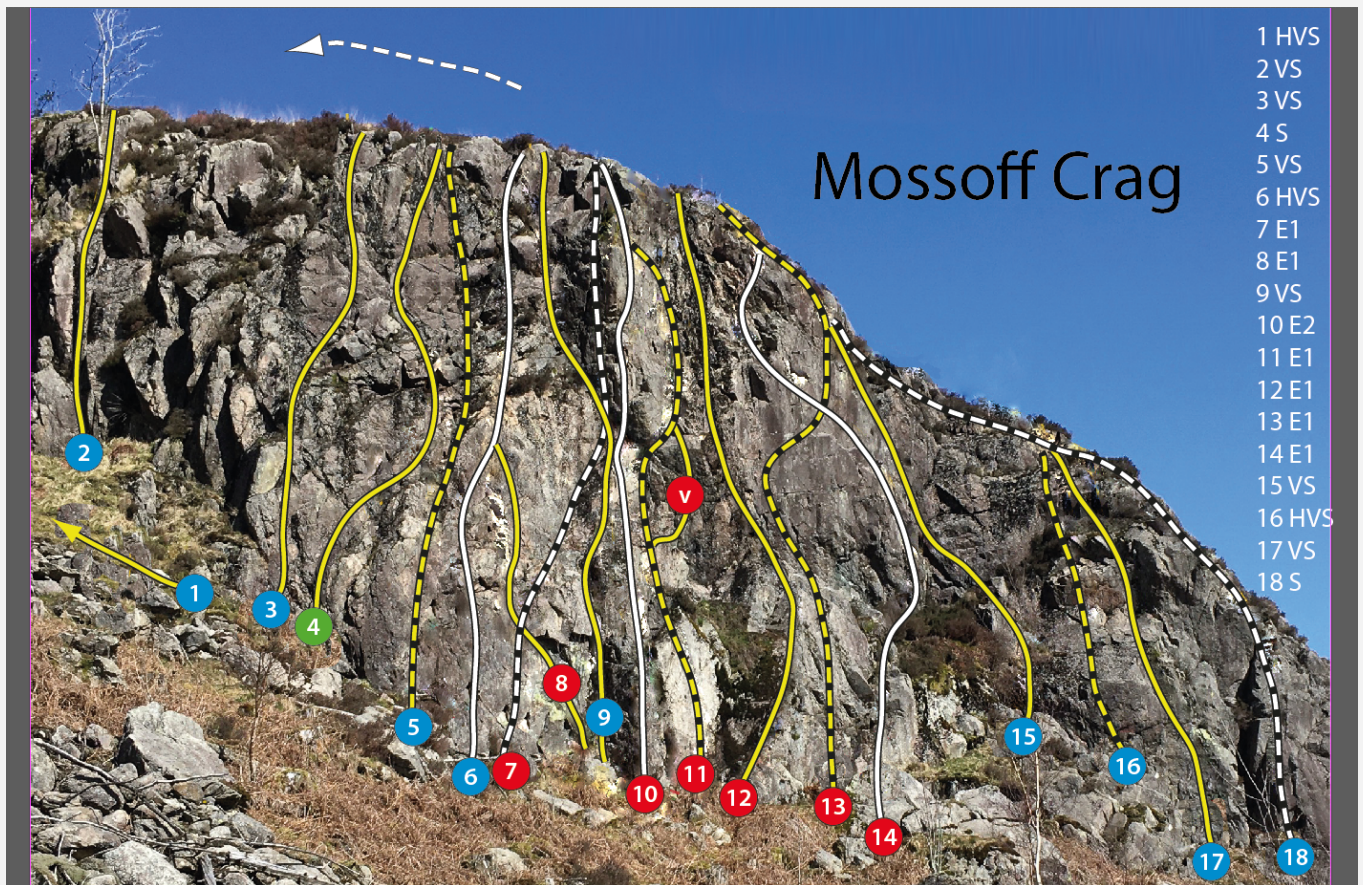
Birks Bridge parking (11)

aka **Mossoff Crag** - due to the natural transformation which has occurred over the years and the crag now has good rough rock with little drainage. These details supersede the information on page 196 of the Duddon & Wrynose guide, The routes [Mossad](#) and [Mossgo Central](#) from that guide have been incorporated into the climbs and described below. The trees have recently been cleared allowing more light to reach the rock. The crag is now far cleaner than the guidebook and route names suggest with sunlight having killed off the previous moss infestation. The routes are between 15 and 22m in length. Belaying at the top is difficult, as the bench is not fixed, and although there are some cleaned out nut and cam placements, they are a bit indifferent. With two 50m ropes it is probably most convenient to pre-fix one of them in a V using a tree on the right and a block on the left. The other rope can be doubled and used to climb and abseil from the fixed V. Otherwise 50m of rope is needed to reach the tree belay.

## Approach

From the Forestry England car park cross the river and follow the unsurfaced forestry road - this is the same access as the other Harter Fell crags. About 200m after the first bend, at a clearing, you can see the crag to your right across open ground. The direct approach is tedious and the crag is most easily reached by walking further up the forestry track then cutting back right using the signed bridleway/path.

TRADITIONAL SOUTH facing



- 1 HVS
- 2 VS
- 3 VS
- 4 S
- 5 VS
- 6 HVS
- 7 E1
- 8 E1
- 9 VS
- 10 E2
- 11 E1
- 12 E1
- 13 E1
- 14 E1
- 15 VS
- 16 HVS
- 17 VS
- 18 S

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For those climbers wanting minimalistic details this is the crag for you - a line diagram; route grades; no technical grades; no descriptions and no names - just like a climbing wall !!

The routes shown on the diagram were climbed by Rick Graham and Ted Rogers in April 2021.

The following two routes were climbed in 2007 and are incorporated into the 2021 routes. Make of it all as you wish !

### **5.5** Mossad VS 4b 22m

Start 2m left of a groove and climb a vague crack line, passing a diagonal break and over a bulge to easier rock above. There's nowt much to belay to, the best being a wooden bench 20m further back!

26.05.2007 JL Holden, A Phizacklea

### **11.5** Mossgo Central E2 5b 22m

Start directly below the upper arête and climb a short groove to a heathery ledge. Pull onto the right side of the arête; move up right into a scoop, then back steeply left to the top of the arête.

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