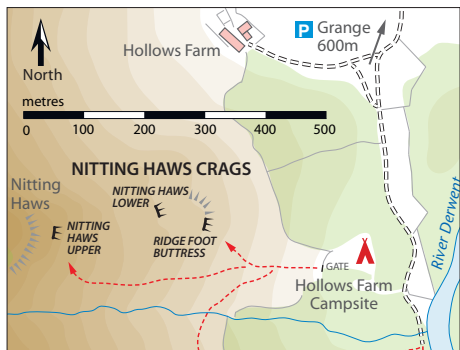


# Nitting Haws

North East through South East

The long broken broad ridge ascending the fellside offers a recognised scramble above Hollows Farm Campsite, Grange. A good mountaineering day can be had by combining *Grey Wolf* and *Hogmanay Climb* with the scramble then continuing onto the ridge of Maiden Moor.



▲ 160m to 305m    🚶 15 to 40 mins

**Approach:** Through the campsite to the gate in the dry-stone wall, then direct to the first small buttress.

**Ridge Foot Buttress**  
 NY 247 168    🕒 ⌚    ▲ 160m    🚶 15 mins

**1 Grey Wolf**                      25m    S 4a

Start at the foot of the buttress 6m right of a holly tree. Follow the rib up leftwards to a ledge then climb the wall and rib above. Descend to the left.

**Nitting Haws Lower**  
 NY 245 169    🕒 ⌚    ▲ 255m    🚶 30 mins

A line of broken outcrops slants down the hillside of Knitting How. This buttress is round to the right of the obvious levelling in the ridge and contains a prominent corner with an impressively steep clean-cut right wall. The rock is of good quality but lacking in friction.

**Descent:** Down the hillside to the left.

**2 Ripping Yarn**                      33m    E3 5c    ★

D Armstrong, P Whillance – 3 May 1984

The steep delicate corner gives a good sustained route. Go up the corner to a ledge just below the top. Pull up right into a slanting slabby groove which is followed to a tree belay on the rib at the top. Low in the grade.

**3 Woolly Jumper**                      26m    E6 6b F7b+    ★

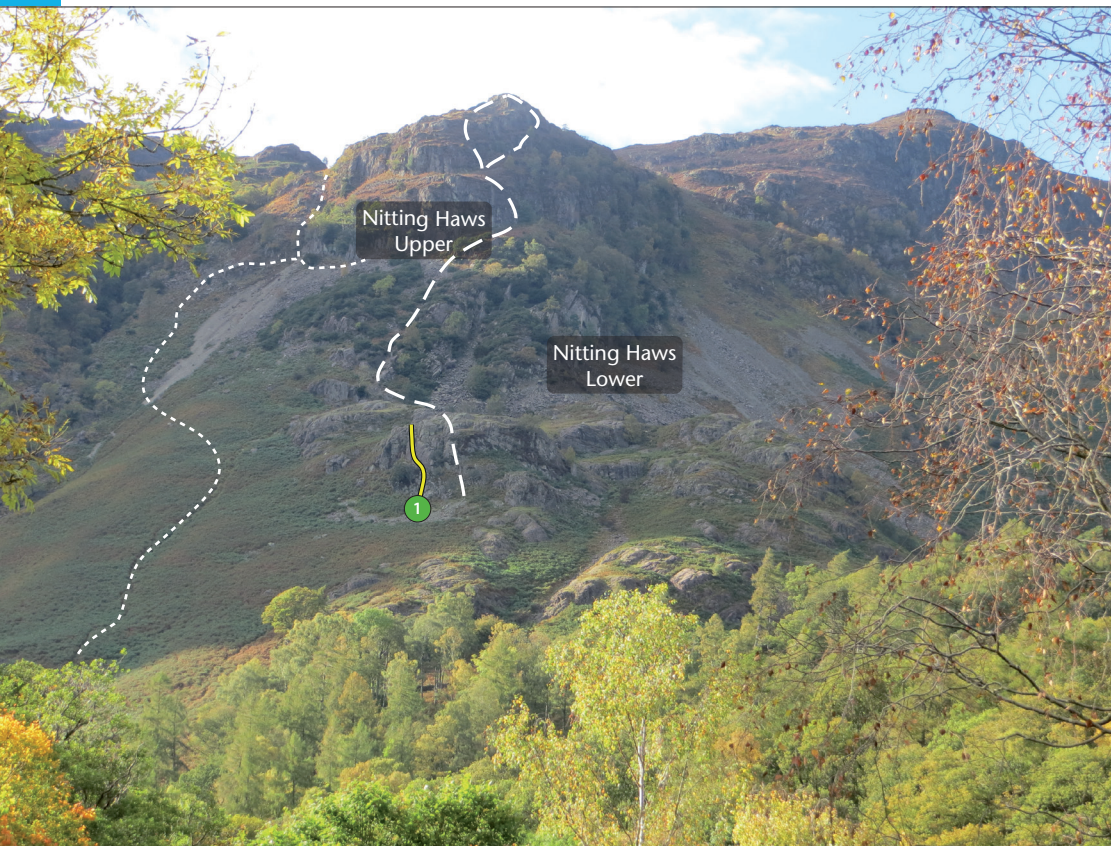
D Armstrong, A Murray – 6 Jun 1985

An excellent sustained pitch up the right-hand crack in the smooth impending wall.

**4 Happy Herdwick**                      25m    HVS 5a

A Hocking, W Hunter – 9 Sep 1999

Climb the slim mossy groove to a large flake right of the roof. Now climb the right-slanting groove and step left to the tree.





The next routes are on the small wall 25m to the right of *Woolly Jumper*. They are likely to need cleaning.

**5 Knitting Nicola** 12m E2 5b  
G Atkinson - 4 Sep 1993

Climb up on good holds to a right-trending diagonal crack. Climb this to an obvious layaway in the wall and then climb directly to the top of the edge.

**6 Bucking the Ram** 12m E5 6b  
A Hocking, J Kirkbride - 2 May 1999

Move up and left to the leftward-slanting crack (RP), then go up and left to some small holds.

**7 Stitch in Time** 12m E3 5c  
M Johnson - 4 Sep 1993

Using small holds on the left, make hard moves to gain the break, avoiding the bush. Use a layaway hold to reach the small holds on *Knitting Nicola* and finish up this.

**Nitting Haws Upper**  
NY 244 168 305m 40 min

This crag is high up on the ridge and is generally clean with some pleasant short climbs. A good place to avoid the crowds!

**Approach:** Follow a path in the gill to the left and traverse right to the foot of the lower tier.

**Descent:** From *Hogmanay Climb*, scramble up until it's possible to traverse left to the path in the open gully. From the other climbs traverse up and left from the leaning yew tree to gain the path in the gully.

**8 Easter Monday** 25m E1 5c ★  
I Whittaker, D Airey - 20 Apr 1981

A good little climb comprising a steep classic jamming crack. Well worth the walk if it's clean! It is situated in the centre of the crag, hidden by trees, and just left of *Atavistic Chimney*. Climb up easy rocks to a yew tree and continue up the obvious crack and groove directly to the top.

**9 Atavistic Chimney** 28m S 4a  
DN Greenop - 2 Jan 1956

Start at a short white slab below a chimney filled with trees at its top. Climb the white slab using the crack on its right to reach a ledge below the tree-filled chimney which is followed with interest and some loose rock to a tree belay

**10 Amenable Slab** 40m HS 4b  
DN Greenop - 2 Jan 1956

Start at the lowest point of the crag 10m left of *Hogmanay Climb*. Climb the slab past a holly tree then move up right through the trees to the foot of an obvious rib. Climb the left side of the rib to reach the easy ramp-line of *Hogmanay Climb* which is followed leftwards to a leaning yew tree belay.

**11 Hogmanay Climb** 50m MVS 4c ★  
DN Greenop - 2 Jan 1956

A rather broken but interesting climb which starts where two massive boulders lean against the main crag.

- 1 4c 10m Climb the slab on the first boulder to a pinnacle. Make a difficult move up the right edge of the second boulder and belay below the corner/groove.
- 2 4c 30m Climb boldly up leftwards (often wet) to reach a ramp-line. Follow this leftwards easily up heather to belay at a prominent leaning yew tree. Walk up the grassy slope to the centre of the upper tier and belay below a holly tree.
- 3 4c 10m Climb the steep wall just right of the holly and head slightly right to a yew tree belay.

