

Pike How - Dungeon Ghyll - Langdale

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Grades



This fine miniature pike has two rock facets, south-west and south-east; divided by a pale overhanging wall with a slanting groove on its left-hand side (un-cannily resembling Shifter, Burnt Crag, Duddon). The south-east facet is steeper and compact, but mossy. The south-west area is more broken, but protruding buttresses have provided a few opportunities, in the past, which may be worth the walk. Most of the routes have belays well back, so fix one rope first or use double 50m ropes. The newer routes are steep and generally well-sheltered from wind and rain and have been climbed on some pretty poor days.

Approach

Take the path, on the right-hand side (looking up) Dungeon Ghyll, as for approach to Harrison Stickle.

TRADITIONAL Uphill 30 mins SOUTH-EAST facing

The first four routes are to the left of the pale overhanging wall and are somewhat tamer than the rest of the routes!

1 Pamina's Pillar MVS 4b † New 13m

This is the final and shortest rib, 10m left of [Senta's Rib](#). Gain the rib from the left and follow it daintily to a ledge. Finish up easier rock.

20.10.2007 BJ Clarke
Solo

2 Senta's Rib S † New 15m

10m left of [Orford Buttress](#), at a higher level, is a two tier arête, identified at its base by a small block overhang, cut by a thin crack on its left. Climb the thin crack and continue up the arêtes to the top. Nice climbing.

20.10.2007 BJ Clarke
Solo

3 Orford Buttress VD † New 14m

25m left of [Eustacia Vye](#), a slab slants left under an overhang. Start below the right-hand end of the overhang at a small rib. Ascend rightwards past a flake to gain the foot of the buttress on the right. Follow this pleasantly to the top.

20.10.2007 BJ Clarke
Solo

4 Eustacia Vye HS † New 18m

Start 14m down and left of the pale overhang at the left-hand and cleanest of a series of ribs.

1 9m Climb the rib and follow the easier ground to the terrace. Block belay on the right below a slab split by a thin crack.

2 9m Climb a subsidiary block and continue up the thin crack.

20.06.2007 BJ Clarke
Solo

The meat of the crag will be found with the following routes.

5 Short Shift E3 5c † New 20m

[The Shifter](#) look-alike is just as troublesome as its big brother. Well-protected especially if you take extra 3, 4 and 5 Rocks. Low in its grade!

R Graham, T Rogers
2013 ??

6 Kiln Corner E3 5c † New 20m

The steep corner to the right of [Short Shift](#). Well-protected by skilled use of super rocks, wallnuts and superlight rocks. Technical bridging with a sense of urgency.

1.09.2013 T Rogers, R Graham

7 Sixes and Sevens E2 5b † New 20m

The steep broad arête right of [Kiln Corner](#) is gained from the right. Follow the rake for 4m then hand traverse a sloping ledge to gain a shallow groove just right of the arête. Climb steeply up the groove past an obvious hex slot to gain a ledge. Launch left across the wall to a jug on the very tip of the arête. Best belays are well back.

1.09.2013 R Graham, T Rogers

100 m to the right of [Short Shift](#), is a steep wall split by the impressive central crackline of [No Country for Old Men](#). Scramble up and left to gain the ledge below it.

A short buttress 20m left of this crack contains two routes:

8 Left Cheek E1 5b † New 15m

The thin crack up the left wall.

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9 Groove and Rib HVS 5a † New 15m

Just right of [Left Cheek](#), climb the central groove and right rib.

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10 Exit Stage Right HVS 5a † New 30m

Start about 10m left of the central crack ([No Country for Old Men](#)) and climb the right-trending ramps on the left edge of the main wall. Gain a higher ledge at 3m. A well-protected move rightwards across the lower half of the diamond-shaped wall gains the ramps.

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11 Lurching Stone E2 5c † **New** 30m

Step off the lurching stone to climb the crack and left wall to a ledge. Trend right to join the top of [No Country for Old Men](#) and finish direct.

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12 No Country for Old Men E4 6a † **New** 25m

5.11c - Classic testpiece. The central crackline. Think you can climb cracks? Try this one for size! Good locks and jams from tips to fist with gear on demand; how hard can it be?

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Originally climbed with gear in place, (apparently this is called green-pointing). There has been a ground up ascent (no beta). One fall, ropes pulled, climbed clean second go

13 Rib on Right HVS 4c † **New** 30m

Start 7m right of [No Country for Old Men](#). Climb rib direct, wall above, traverse left across slab and up steep wall on left to finish. Belays well back

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14 Slab and Wall VS 4b † **New** 30m

Start on a higher ledge right of [Rib on Right](#) by a big spike. Climb slab to a steepening, traverse left 3m and climb steep headwall just right of [Rib on Right](#).

An easier (and inferior) way to climb this area of rock is to climb a shallow groove to the right of the standard route, do the traverse and finish up easier ground to the left. Definitely not as good as the original but useful for regaining the top of the crag. About S but the large dirty holds seem particularly suited to approach shoes.

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