

Kirkstone Upper Buttress

OS Ref: NY 398 086

Alt: 600m

The buttress is about 150m directly above [Kirkstone Buttress](#) and runs rightwards from the foot of *Kilnshaw Chimney*.

Approach

From Kirkstone summit car park take the main paved path to Red Screens. At about 600m altitude, where the path turns left, take a wide grass rake up right then follow a sheep-track traversing right to the base of the buttress.

Uphill 10 mins SOUTH-EAST facing 🏔️

Grades

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Parking (car park)

Kirkstone Pass Car Park

1 Left Edge MVS 4b † New 20m

The left end of the crag abuts against the base of *Kilnshaw Chimney*. Climb the left edge overlooking the chimney. Scramble up to spike belays

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2 Central Line HVS 4c † New 22m

The obvious weakness 6m right of [Left Edge](#). Steep and well-protected climbing on jugs. Some loose rock.

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3 Leo's Wall E1 5a † New 22m

The wall 2m right of [Central Line](#) via a short corner at 6m.

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4 Overlapping Slabs HS † New 23m

Start 5m right of [Leo's Wall](#). Climb a short corner at 6m then trend rightwards up slabs passing a large spike near the top.

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5 Left Wall E3 6a † New 15m

40m right of [Overlapping Slabs](#) is an obvious clean corner. Start up the central corner then move up leftwards to a short leaning corner. Climb the corner (crux) and then finish up right on jugs.

7.05.2017 T Walkington

Climbed first with pre-placed gear. J Rogers - 13.08.2017 without pre-placed gear

6 Right Wall E2 5c † New 15m

Reported to be "particularly good". Start up the central corner and climb the right wall via the thin crack-line.

7.05.2017 T Walkington, E Barnes

7 The Missing Link E2 5c † New 15m

The slightly overhanging corner and wall 1m right of the arête just right of [Right Wall](#). Well-protected, fingery and strenuous. ★★

21.04.2018 T Walkington, L Walmsley

Round the arête to the right of [Right Wall](#) there is a short wall which overhangs slightly on its lower part.

8 Ape in the Sun E2 5c † New 15m

Start near the centre of the wall beneath a small slot (cam 2.5) at 3m. Make a long reach to pass the slot, then continue up, passing a large rounded spike to a slappy finish.

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9 Monkey In the Mist HVS 5b † New 15m

Start just left of the mossy corner at the right end of the wall. Steep moves gain a short corner, climb up passing a small suspect flake to continue up a slab, then right on easier rocks.

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10 Silverback VS 5a † New 15m

The undercut groove 1m right of the mossy corner. Climb the groove with a hard start and continue up the corner above.

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11 Primate VD † New 15m

Start 2m right of [Silverback](#) at a slab (usually wet). Gain the slab and then climb up leftwards to finish up the corner of [Silverback](#).

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The next two routes start as for [Primate](#).

12 Simian Left Hand VS 5a † New 15m

Climb up to the start of a steep crack, then leftwards up a steep wall to join the corner of [Silverback](#).

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13 **Simian** HS 4b † **New** 14m

Straight up the steep crack. A large and suspect block near the top can be avoided.

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14 **Mo** MS 4a † **New** 27m

This route starts 30m right of [Primate](#) at a slab. Climb the slab passing a corner at half-height. Continue up a slab then a corner to exit left above a flake.

14.07.2017 T Walkington, E Barnes

15 **Count Arthur Strong** VS 4c † **New** 25m

Start 6m right of [Mo](#) and follow slabs to a wide shallow chimney at 13m. Continue up the crack to finish on a slab.

14.07.2017 T Walkington, E Barnes

16 **Leonard Dembo** S 4a † **New** 25m

Start 4m right of [Count Arthur Strong](#) and climb the initial easy rib then up steeper rock to a grassy bay. Up the rib on the right to a rounded finish.

9.07.2017 T Walkington, L Walmsley