



2 Stonechat Wall E2 5c Matthew Thompson MARK DAVIES



King's Tor from Merrivale DON SARGEANT

**King's Tor** SX 557 738

This tor is beautifully situated high on the hillside south of the B3357 surrounded by the disused rail lines and granite quarries of yesteryear. There is a selection of bouldering and scrambling to be had amongst the many rocks on the hillside but the best climbing is found on the west face of the tor overlooking the Walkham Valley and the besieged Vixen Tor. This is the tricky Stonechat Wall.

Park at the Four Winds car park south of the B3357 about three miles west of Two Bridges, it is easily spotted by its walls and is surrounded by tall trees, which are a rare sight on the high moor as they normally get blown off the hilltops. The metalled road to The Mis Tors is obvious to the north. Amble gamely south to cross a stream and the disused railway then up the hill to the tor. The routes are at the far right-hand (westerly) end of the tor on top of the hill.

**1 King's Crack 8m VD**   
Climb the obvious fun layback corner with a steep start. FRA D Henderson 2.00

**2 Stonechat Wall 9m E2 5c ★**   
An excellent route that packs plenty in, despite being so short. Start a couple of metres to the right of the layback corner and climb up and

right to gear then make a hard move leftwards to a horizontal break. Funky moves past an undercut flake lead to a short steep crack and a tricky sloping finish. Gear is good but tricky to place and high in the grade, pushing E3. FRA D Henderson 2.00

Look out for the route's delightful namesake flying past, the red breast and white collar give them away.

**3 Stonechat Rib 8m HS 4b**   
Climb the rounded arête to the right of Stonechat Wall. FRA D Henderson 2.00



Luc Percival exploring the plentiful bouldering at King's Tor VIRGINIE PERCIVAL

