



Lower Wye Valley

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Wyndcliff Quarry

Ban-y-gor Rocks

Tintern Quarry

Shorn Cliff

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Introduction

This supplement is designed to work alongside the *Lower Wye Valley* guidebook published by The Climbers' Club in 2007.

The Wye Valley is notorious for its sloping wooded slopes below the crags, which often make useful crag photos difficult or impossible to obtain. Most of Wintour's Leap remains a dead loss in this respect, but the *Symonds Yat* guide, published in 2010, showed what determination and skill could achieve with some of the smaller cliffs.

Also pointing the way was the rewrite of the Woodcroft Quarry section of the *LWV* guide, complete with very nearly full topo coverage, in the *Wye Valley Supplement 2012*. That booklet, which contains several new climbing areas in the valley, all with full topo coverage, should be owned by all Wye Valley aficionados.

Finally, coverage of individual selected routes is to be found in *South West Climbs Volume 1*, also published in 2012, and many of these are included here.

The title proclaims that this booklet is a 'photodiagram supplement'. It does not pretend to be or to fulfil the functions of either a new routes supplement or a topo guide. Its usefulness is limited to increasing the photo coverage of a selection of crags in the *LWV* guide. This selection is somewhat arbitrary, being based on a combination of the art of the possible and what is thought likely to be found helpful. Please note that all photos remain the copyright of the author. The booklet may be viewed on any suitable device or printed out for use at the crags, but may not be adapted or reproduced, in part or whole, for any other purpose without permission. Many thanks to Nigel Coe and Gordon Jenkin for proof checking.

Grade Band Colours

10 HS and below	10 F3 and below
10 VS and HVS	10 F4 to F5
10 E1 to E3	10 F6a to F6c
10 E4 and above	10 F6c+ and above

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Before climbing on any of the crags included herein, please read the access and conservation notes in the relevant guidebooks and refer to the BMC RAD.

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Rock climbing, hill walking, and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own activities and involvement.

Wynd Cliff

Left-Hand Crag

- | | |
|------------|--------|
| 1 Papillon | HS 4b |
| 2 The Don | E2 5c |
| 3 Sinew | HVS 5a |
| 4 Fibre | VS 4c |



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Right-Hand Crag

Right-Hand Crag



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|------------|--------|
| 5 Trial | HVS 5a |
| 6 Suncrush | HVS 5b |
| 7 Cadillac | VS 4c |
| 8 Questor | VS 4b |

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Wynd Cliff



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|-----------------|--------|
| 9 Zulu | E2 5c |
| 10 The Firebird | E1 5a |
| 11 Shaft | E2 5c |
| 12 Klute | HVS 4c |
| 13 Cardiac | VS 4c |

Wyndcliff Quarry

Upper Lift

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1 The Arête | F7a+ |
| 2 Canine Crack | E1 5b |
| 3 Bogger Bob | E3 6a |
| 4 Sometimes I Won't Thrill You | F6a+ |



Upper Lift

Wyndcliff Quarry

Upper Lift (cont.)
5 Better In than Out

F6b+



Lower Lift



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Lower Lift



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|------------------------------|--------|
| 6 One Tooth Short of a Smile | F6a+ |
| 7 Still Stuck on You | HVS 5a |
| 8 Finishing Touch | F6b |
| 9 Mr Whippy | F6c+ |
| 10 Diminishing Returns | F6c |
| 11 Miss Whiplash | F6c+ |
| 12 And the Crowds Went Wild | E2 5c |

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Ban-y-gor Rocks

Routes are numbered (as described in the LWV guide) from right to left. The diagrams are largely reproduced from *South West Climbs Volume 1*.

Route 11 *Always the Rain* and Route 20 *The Fat Controller* have been regraded after bolting.

The Mushroom Walls



Route 1 *A Little Stiff'ner*: an alternative finish out left is described in *South West Climbs 1*.

The Mushroom Walls

- 1 *A Little Stiff'ner* F6a+
- 2 *The Gruesome Toothsome* F5

Mandela Buttress

- 3 *Morning Winpenny* F5
- 4 *East of Sweden* F6b+
- 5 *Nelson Mandela* F7b
- 6 *Join the Union, Jack* F6b
- 7 *Stars and Stripes* F6c
- 8 *Lotus Wing* F6b
- 9 *That Historic Reach* F4

Mandela Buttress

Mandela Buttress



Ban-y-gor Rocks

Bronto Buttress



Bronto Buttress
10 Darkside
11 Always the Rain

F5
F6c

Twin Overhanging Bays

Twin Overhanging Bays



Twin Overhanging Bays

12 Ugooloo
13 Avatamsaka
14 His Master's Voice
15 Violation of Trust

F6a
F6b+
F6c+
F6b+

Ban-y-gor Rocks

Crawl Buttress



Crawl Buttress

- 16 Latest Craze F7b+
- 17 Lounge Lizard Leisure Suit F6c+
- 18 Just Too Hot F7b
- 19 B'stard F7a+

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First Ladder Buttress

First Ladder Buttress



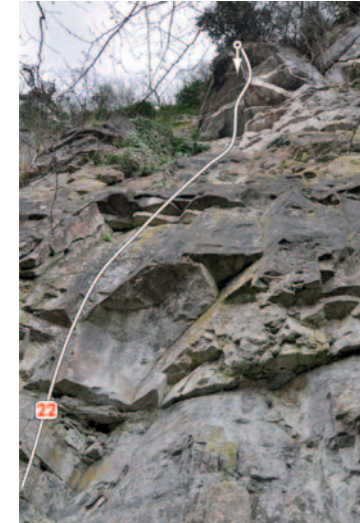
First Ladder Buttress

- 20 The Fat Controller F5+

Head Sector

- 21 Almost Me F7c
- 22 Heady Days F6b+

Head Sector



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Ban-y-gor Rocks

Apedex Sector

Apedex Sector
23 Muddy Waters

F6a



Cemetery Sector

Cemetery Sector
24 Pet Cemetery
25 Arial Combat

F7a
F7b+



Cemetery Sector

Cemetery Sector

Cemetery Sector
26 It's a Sin

F7a+



Accuracy Sector

Accuracy Sector
27 Baggy Trousers
28 Accuracy

F7a
F6b+



Tintern Quarry

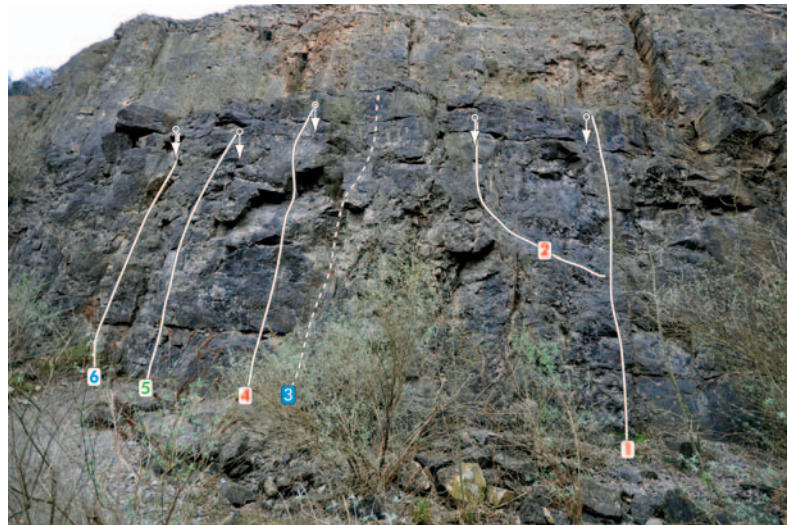
See also the 2012 Supplement for details of more recent development (with photodiagram) on The Upper Red Dust Wall.

The access situation here is delicate. Please refer to the notes in the BMC's Regional Access Database.

Thirty Foot Wall

Routes are numbered from right to left (as approached and as described in the LWV guide).

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|-------------------|----------|
| 1 Dinomania | F6a+ |
| 2 Mother of Pearl | F6a+ |
| 3 Cool Cymru | VS 4b |
| 4 Dinofever | F6a+ |
| 5 Humbolt | F3+ |
| 6 Hyperwar | F4 |
| 7 Hyperactive | F5+ |
| 8 Just a Mo | F5 |
| 9 Feline Groovy | F4 |
| 10 Life's a Dance | HVS 5a/b |

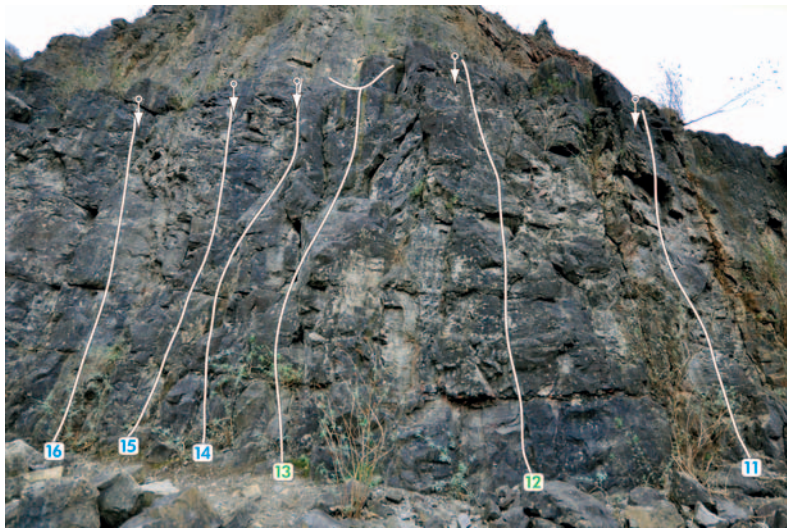


Thirty Foot Wall



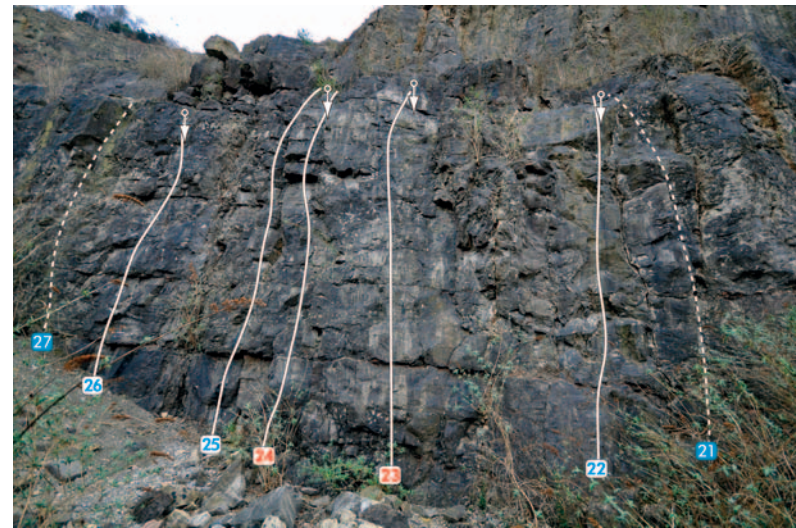
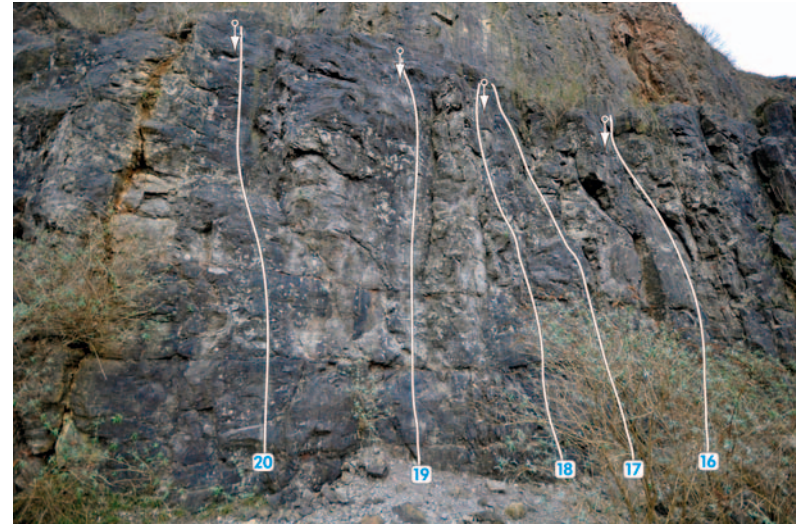
Tintern Quarry

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| 11 Home Is Where the URL Is | F5 |
| 12 Toys 4 Boys | F3+ |
| 13 So, Graham Norton | F3+ |
| 14 Puffed Daddy | F4 |
| 15 Land of Hype and Glory | F5 |
| 16 Don't Panic, Climb Organic | F5+ |
| 17 More Fluff than Stuff | F4 |
| 18 Sea of Change | F4 |
| 19 Ghetto Fabulous | F4 |
| 20 Box of Tricks | F4 |
| 21 Break Like the Wind | VS 4c |
| 22 Mojo Man | F4 |
| 23 Déjà Vu | F6b |
| 24 Crow | F6a |
| 25 Windoze | F4+ |
| 26 Trilobite | F5 |
| 27 Cat Litter | HVS 4a |



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Thirty Foot Wall



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Shorn Cliff

Note that route 9 *Three Score Years and Ten* has been climbed without the use of the old fixed gear (now removed). The new grade given here is believed correct. Further details can be found in the 2012 Supplement.

Description of route 20 *Today You Shall Be with Me in Paradise* is also in the 2012 Supplement.

Abbey Buttress

Abbey Buttress

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|------------------------|--------|
| 1 Gargoyle | HS 4b |
| 2 Alta Vista | VS 4c |
| 3 Party Piece | E3 6a |
| 4 Beeline | VS 4c |
| 5 Rumble in the Jungle | HVS 5a |
| 6 The Bone | E1 5b |
| 7 Pooh Sticks | E1 5b |



Shorn Cliff



Abbey Butres (cont.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 8 Tigers Don't Cry | HVS 5a |
| 9 Three Score Years and Ten | E6 6b |
| 10 Acoustic | VD |
| 11 Intravenous Feeding | VS 4c |
| 12 Social Criticism | E1 5b |
| 13 Side Effects | E1 5b |
| 14 Hydraulic Jump | VS 4c |

Abbey Buttress



Shorn Cliff

The Buttress with No Name



15 The Orphan
16 Heavy Plant Crossing
17 Alone in a Crowd
18 Breech Birth
19 The Long Reach

E1 5b
VS 4c
HVS 5b
E1 5b
HVS 5a

Opposite:
28 *Organ Grinder* (HVS 5a)
Brian Mullan



The Berlin Wall



- 20 Today You Shall Be with Me in Paradise E4 6a
- 21 Name in the Book E1 5b
- 22 East to West HS 4b
- 23 The Iron Curtain VS 4c
- 24 Another Brick in the Wall VS 4c

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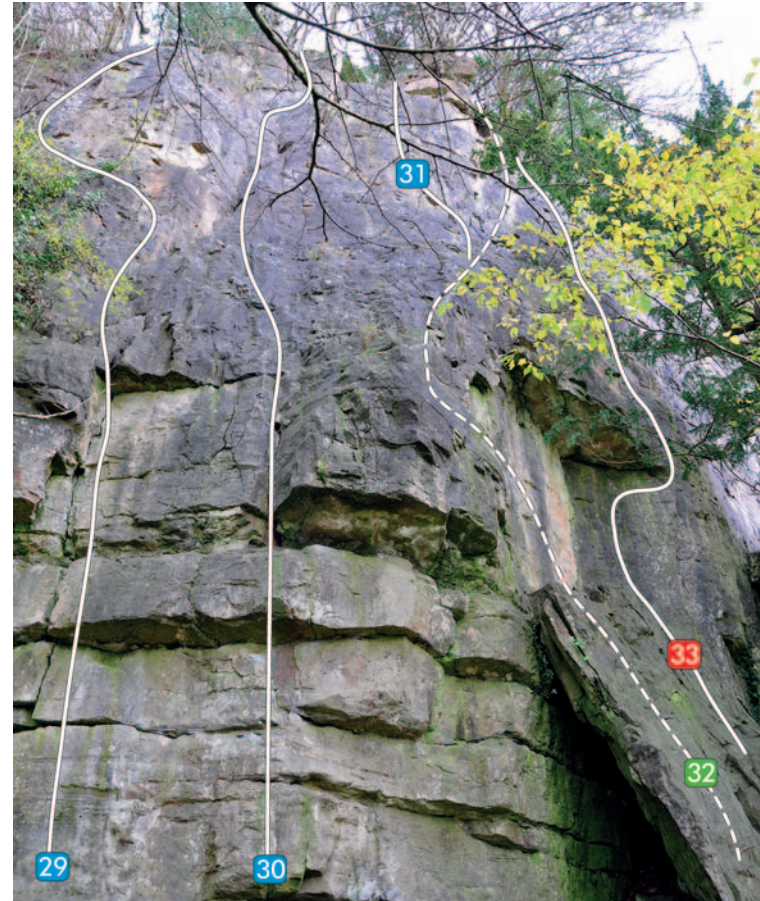


The Berlin Wall (cont.)

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| 25 Dictator | HVS 5a |
| 26 Traitor | E1 5a |
| 27 Temporary Truce | VS 4c |
| 28 Organ Grinder | HVS 5a |

Fallen Block Buttress

Fallen Block Buttress



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|--------------------------|--------|
| 29 Jug? What Jug?! | VS 4c |
| 30 One Less White Nigger | VS 4c |
| 31 Emotional Dyslexia | HVS 5a |
| 32 Night Rider | HS 4b |
| 33 The Green Meanie | E3 5c |

Shorn Cliff

Tiger Bay



Tiger Bay



- 34 Motion Pictures
- 35 Touch the Fire
- 36 Last Call
- 37 Renaissance
- 38 Bubble Memory

- E1 5b
- E2 5c
- VS 5a
- E1 5a
- HVS 5a

Great Central Cave Area



- | | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 39 All for One... | HVS 5a |
| 40 The Bitter Battle Tears | HVS 5a |
| 41 A King's Ransom | E3 6a |
| 42 The Laughing Cavaliers | HVS 5a |
| 43 No Musketeers | HVS 5a |
| 44 ...One for All | HS 4b |



- 45 War of the Worlds
- 46 Peace in Our Time
- 47 The Phoney War
- 48 Rebellion
- 49 State of Independence

- VS 4c
- HVS 5a
- HS 4b
- E1 5b
- VS 4b

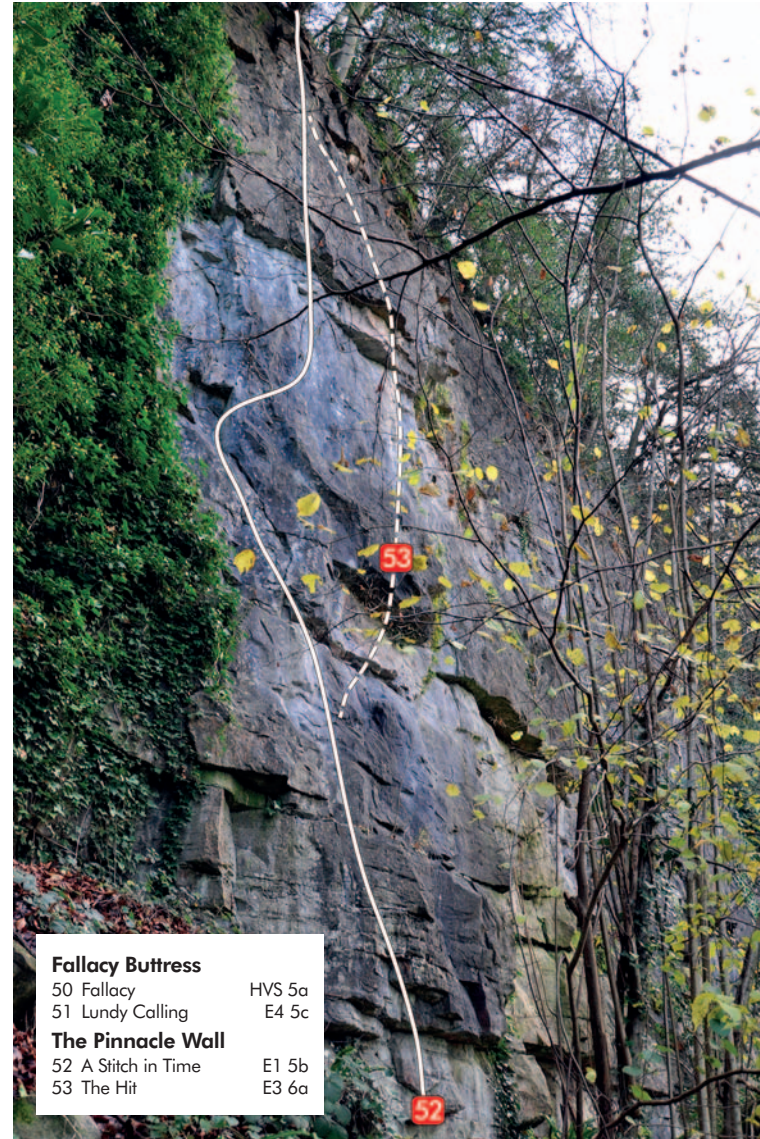
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Fallacy Buttress



The Pinnacle Wall

The Pinnacle Wall



Fallacy Buttress
50 Fallacy HVS 5a
51 Lundy Calling E4 5c

The Pinnacle Wall
52 A Stitch in Time E1 5b
53 The Hit E3 6a

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Bridle Buttress



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Bridle Buttress



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Hit and Run Buttress



Hit and Run Buttress





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