

WEST CORNWALL - LIZARD PENINSULAR

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Hot Point.

This is the next headland east from Bass Point. Approach along the cliff path from Bass Point or from the other direction from Church Cove/Lifeboat station. A large pointy boulder (overhanging on the seaward side) at GR 717 126 marks the spot at which to turn off the main cliff path.

Crag 1. Non tidal. Descend a small track and continue over a small rock outcrop (false trail goes down right). Carry on down and traverse right (facing out) until above a small square cut rocky bay. Continue right to a flat grassy area on a narrow headland with huge block belays at GR 717 123. The main wall faces due east. At the south (seaward end) of this wall is an attractive black corner, the line of the first route. Abseil down the corner to ledges just above the high water mark.

Initiation** 15m. Severe 4a

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The black corner. Step up from the belay ledge onto a sloping triangular ledge. Follow the corner to the top on good, rough, black rock. A real gem.

First Blood* 10m Hard Severe 4b

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The layback crack left of Initiation. From the same belay ledge as Initiation, step up onto the sloping triangular ledge, move left and climb the left slanting layback crack.

The next 2 routes are on the north (landward end) of the main east facing wall.

Approach by abseiling down the middle of the main wall to a good ledge left (facing in) of a hanging chimney.

Generation Gap* 15m Very Severe 4c

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Climb the left side of the chimney, then twin cracks above to the final deep jam crack.

The Whitchurch Bomber 15m Very Severe 4b

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The corner right (facing in) of the chimney. Start from the same belay ledge as Generation Gap. Step rightwards across the gap and climb sloping ledges to the foot of the corner crack. Climb the corner, which leans slightly leftwards, to the top.

Crag 2. Non tidal. Leave the main cliff path 20m west of the pointy boulder.

Descend vegetated slopes keeping right (facing out) past lichenous rock outcrops to a good, wide rocky platform containing a convenient single block belay. GR 717 121.

The platform is immediately above a west facing wall. Approach by abseiling from the block to a ledge and crossing a rock trench to a much bigger, wider ledge well above the high water mark.

Dino's Dive 15m Severe 4a

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The obvious corner at the left (facing in) end of the main west facing wall. From a belay on the large ledge move up rightwards into the corner and climb it to an awkward bulging finish.

Hand Jive* 12m Very Severe 4c

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Start up Dino's Dive before stepping up into the crack right of the corner. Follow the crack to the top.

Jowan's Jaunt* 12m Very Severe 4c

Jonathan Preston, Harry Preston 2nd September 2010

The left slanting crackline on the right side of the west facing wall. From the same belay on the large ledge step across the rock trench and climb a ramp rightwards to the crack. Follow the crack leftwards to the top in a fine position.

Black and Blue 15m Very Difficult

Jonathan Preston, Harry Preston 2nd September 2010

Left of Dino's Dive is a pillar and left again is a deep crack. From the same belay on the large ledge, step round left into the deep crack and climb this, moving left at the top.