

Penllwyneinion

Sandstone/Limestone - west facing - 15 minutes

A beautifully peaceful spot of top quality gritstone that doesn't require crowds, stereotypes or litter. There are some other nearby areas documented by Martin Crocker in his pdf guide to the area.

Approach - from the small village of Ystradfellte take the side road beside the New Inn and then a small road (CF44 9JF) heading left/southwest (keep the car park on the right). Continue for 750m through farmland until reaching a junction with a parking area on the right, beside the entrance to Penllwyneinion farm. Enter the farm on foot through the gate and walk up the drive a short distance before following a path left through trees (keeping noise and group size to a minimum so as not to disturb). Another gate soon leads on to open moor (mind the bull). Follow the main track before the outcrop becomes visible on the right. An alternative approach is described in M.Crocker's pdf guide to the area.



1. **Ledge-end** [4, ss] A small problem on a separate block, far left and starting low on the rail (*R.Dagnan 22/11/18*). A left arête version (5, *M.Crocker 1/15*) is a bit harder.

2. **Little pinch block** [5, ss] Leaning left side of the boulder (*R.Dagnan 22/11/18*).

3. **Meghan moans** [5, ss] The left arête of the boulder from its right-side sit-start makes for a royal problem (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

4. **Pinch block** [3, ss] Sit start the middle on edges to gain a big pinch (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).

5. **Kate wows** [5] The right side (including arête) from a left-side sit start is apparently more acceptable, for some (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

6. **Carb free diet** [6a, ss] Start low in the small cave and traverse rightwards along the lip without using footblocks until possible to top out at a large hold. Slightly easier [5+] in reverse from the right, starting at a pocket (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

7. **Mind the bull** [3, ss] Centre of the left buttress (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

8. **Stick that!** [5, ss] Through the overhangs, starting from a low pocket (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

9. **Legless lizard** [4, ss] From a low start at the back of the small roof either climb the wall direct or follow the ramp leftwards (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

10. **Legless lizard** [6a, ss] Small roof from low start (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

11. **Traction** [6a, ss] The overhanging cracks (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

12. **Easy arête** [3] (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

13. **Nameless** [6?, ss] An eliminate sitter up the small wall (*A.Mannion 1/17*).

14. **Warm up** [3, ss] The obvious lay-back rail (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).

15. **Taf** [6b, ss] A good problem up the blunt back left arête (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).

16. **Flying Wallenda** [5] The original sidewall problem starts stepping from the boulder to reach and climb a black crack (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

17. **Wall** [3] The wall on to a ledge (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).

18. **The shuffle** [6a] Start as for *Wall* then head left past the pocket to top out at the end (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).

19. **Rebel heart** [5+] Reach the black crack from a start beneath the arête (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

20. **Shake that shake hole** [5+, ss] An excellent highball starting right of the arête (an easier left-version start can also be made). Climb through the roof using a jug to reach the groovy arête above (*M.Crocker 1/15*). [#southsidetour](#)

21. [6b] Direct through the shield (*A.Mannion 11/1/17*).



22. **Backbone of a paramecium** [4, ss] A good problem. Use a flake to gain the 'shield' feature above, moving right to negotiate it or, alternatively, move left under the 'shield' to link into *Shake* (M.Crocker 1/15).

23. **CL to MG** [6a, ss] Direct through the roof (M.Crocker 1/15).

24. **Left knee won't work** [5, ss] The juggy overhang left of the big crack (M.Crocker 1/15).

25. **The horrorfice** [5] The wide crack cave-left, starting in the 'pod' (M.Crocker 1/15).

26. **Sansa** [7c, ss] An impressive line through the central roof and up the front bulge, amongst the best in South Wales (some say the world). Squat start under the roof, having warmed up your shoulders for what is to come. Alternatively - much easier - skip the hard action & start standing at the cave lip [6c]. Unfortunately the roof is prone to seepage during wet weather (A.Mannion/L.Fyfe 1/17). [#southsidetour](#)

26b. **Sansa variants** - The original has two alternative sit-starts: low left [7c+ - A.Mannion 1/17] & low right [8a - L.Fyfe 1/17] at the back of the cave.

27. **Beast from the east** [6a+] An eliminate (no crack or wall) using a high pocket on the right of the cave to go leftwards and up into the *Sansa* stand (M.Crocker 1/15).

28. **Shake ya booty** [5] The crack on the right side of the cave (M.Crocker 1/15).

29. **Cuckoo wrasse** [6a] Arête right of the crack (M.Crocker 1/15).





30. **Flippy the burger** [5+, ss] Right of the cave is an overhang (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

31. **Butt surely** [5+, ss] The right arête of the overhang (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

32. **Striker muto** [6a] The wall has a tricky start (*M.Crocker 1/15*).

Another area of easy problems can be found by following the path 15-20 minutes north then north-west - documented by M.Crocker.