North Wales Climbs

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North Wales has long been a focus for climbing in the UK. Its development dates back to the early part of the last century when the pioneers of the time began ascending the classic rock climbs with little more than a hemp rope tied around their waist. After the War came the Brown and Whillans era of the 1950s when many of the major trad classics were first climbed. Development didn't stop there though - the 1960s brought the Gogarth exploration followed by the twin booms of Slate and North Coast Limestone in the 1980s. It is fair to say that for the last 100 years North Wales has been a place where the technological and psychological boundaries of modern rock climbing have been tested and pushed to their extreme.

Unlike any other climbing area in the UK, the diversity of climbing is phenomenal. This guidebook features 8 different types of rock spread over an area that isn't much more than 50 miles across. Even in one valley like the Llanberis Pass, the rock types may have similarities as part of a family of volcanic rocks, but each crag has a different feel and character to it, giving rise to an even greater variety.

It is not just the rock type that offers variation though. While once seen as a trad climbing paradise, North Wales now boasts a fine variety of sport climbs (mainly confined to the Slate Quarries and the North Coast) which compare favourably with any other UK sport climbing venues.

However, for most climbers it is the trad climbing that sets the place apart. Nowhere in the UK is there such a concentration of classic traditional rock climbs, of all grades and of such variety. From long multi-pitch scrambles, to intense single-pitch testpieces; from beautiful mid-grade classics to wild sea-cliff adventures; North Wales trad climbing has it all.

The crags can be split into two broad areas when it comes to weather patterns. The mountains often suffer the worst of the weather as Snowdonia seems to suck in the cloud and rain. When the weather permits though, the area offers amazing climbing in a glorious mountainous environment. In contrast, the outlying areas nearer the coast often offer respite from the weather. These can be bathed in sun and more than a few degrees warmer when the higher crags are drenched with rain or even snow-bound.

The pull that North Wales exerts on climbers is undeniable. Being close enough to much of England and only 5-6 hours from London means that if the weekend weather forecast is good, hoards of climbers will make the pilgrimage.

This book brings together the best on offer over the whole area. It has more than enough climbing to last most people a whole lifetime. Start browsing through the pages, and get inspired to go and experience one of the finest climbing areas in the world!



The Book

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This is the second (2023) edition of North Wales Climbs. The first, published in 2013, included roughly the same areas but with more limited coverage. This edition has only 5 extra crags but double the number of routes - 2033, 1020 more than the 2013 book! Most of the crags have been re-photographed using aerial photography. All the routes have been reassessed and changes and updates made

where required. There are also improved maps for every crag and a completely new set of action photographs.

Rockfax also published guidebooks to North Wales Limestone in 1992 and 1998 and a North Wales Classics book in 2010.

Rockfax Guides

There are two Rockfax guidebooks that complement this book. Snowdonia Mountain Walks and Scrambles (2020)

A comprehensive guidebook to walks and scrambles over Snowdonia. The book covers scrambles up to Grade 3 and ungraded mountain walks with detailed maps and photo-topos.

North Wales Slate (2018)

A comprehensive guidebook to all the routes in the Slate Quarries mostly above Llanberis, but also further afield. The book covers the trad and sport routes across this extensive area.

Other Guidebooks

There are a number of guidebooks to North Wales by other publishers which give more complete coverage of the crags in this book, plus many other crags. These are worth getting if you wish to get the most out of the climbing c§ Note: 12-04-2023_15h48m We are

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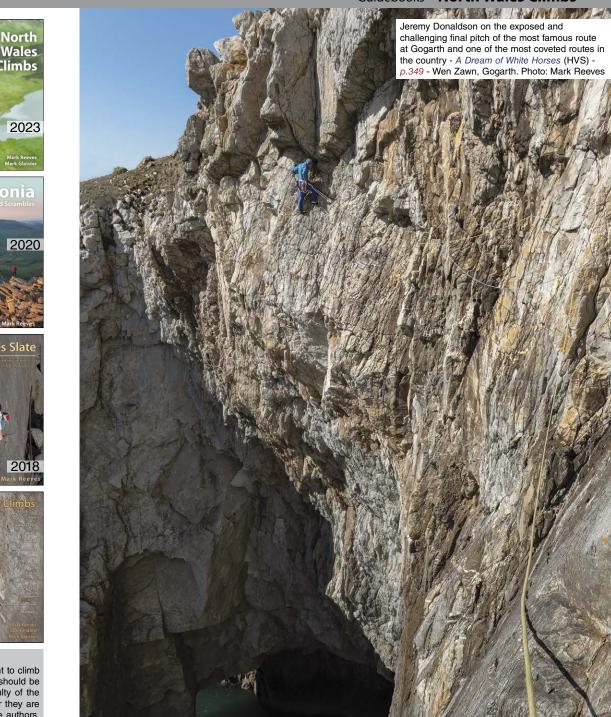
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Guidebook Footnote

The inclusion of a climbing area in this guidebook does not mean that you have a right of access or the right to climb upon it. The descriptions of routes within this guide are recorded for historical reasons only and no reliance should be placed on the accuracy of the description. The grades set in this guide are a fair assessment of the difficulty of the climbs. Climbers who attempt a route of a particular standard should use their own judgment as to whether they are proficient enough to tackle that route. This book is not a substitute for experience and proper judgment. The authors, publisher and distributors of this book do not recognise any liability for injury or damage caused to, or by, climbers, third parties, or property arising from such persons seeking reliance on this guidebook as an assurance for their own safety.













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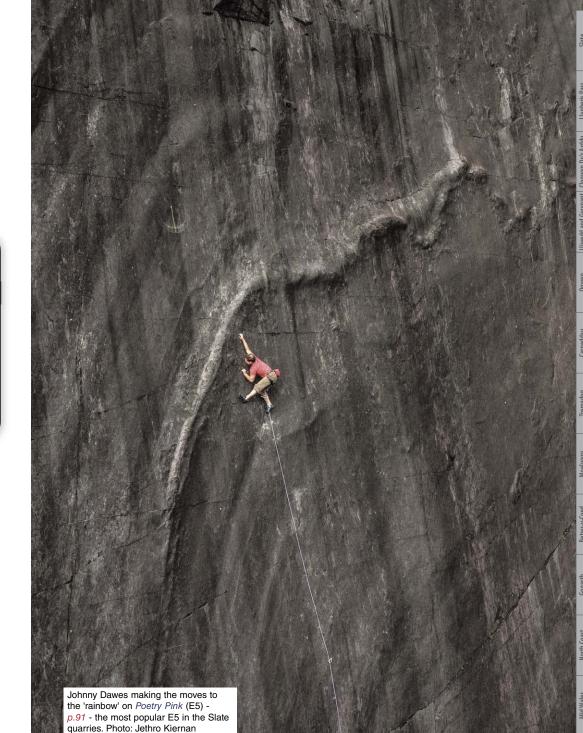
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UKC Logbooks

A popular method of logging your climbing is to use the UKClimbing.com logbooks system. This database has more than half a million routes on over 22,400 crags. So far, over 56,600 users have recorded more than 9.2 million ascents! To set up your own logbook, just register at UKClimbing.com and click on the logbook tab. You will be able to record every ascent you make, when you did it, what style you climbed it in and who you did it with. Each entry has a place for your own notes. You can also add your vote to the grade/star system which is used by guidebook writers to get opinions on grades and quality of routes. The logbook can be private, public or restricted to your own climbing partners only.

Rockfax Digital can be linked to your UKClimbing.com user account and logbook so that you can record your activity while at the crag. To do this you will need a 3G/4G/5G data connection. You can also look at the UKC logbooks to see if anyone has climbed your chosen route recently to check on conditions.

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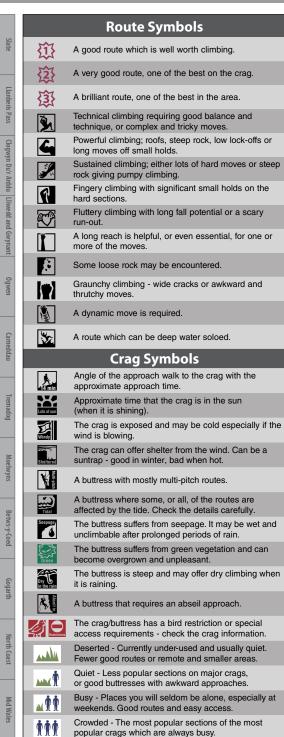
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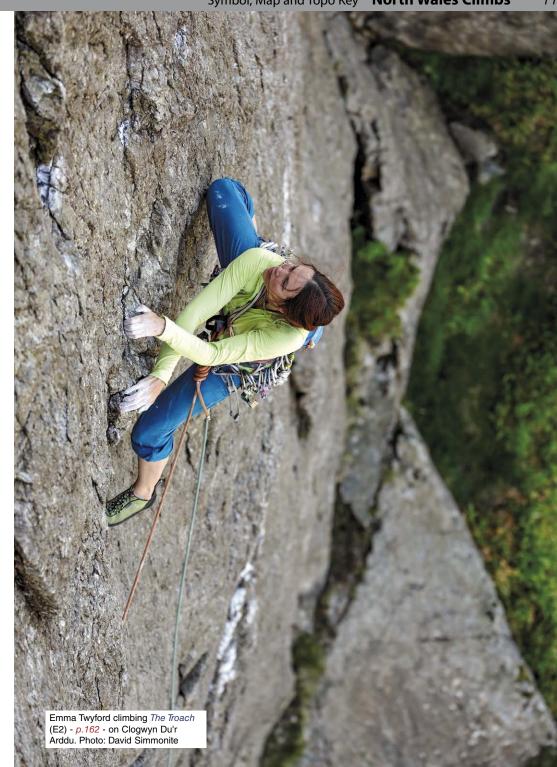


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Hello and welcome to the second edition of North Wales Climbs. It barely seems like ten years since we released the first edition covering North Wales' finest rock climbs.

This almost total reworking of the last guide has added to both the depth and breadth of the coverage. In doing so we have managed to double the content. This has been possible by me forcing any poor unsuspecting soul onto some less-travelled but still worthy crag or route.

Much of the knowledge has come from my 28 years living and climbing in North Wales with a diverse and varied bunch of friends. The people I have climbed with most over the years include Simon Lake (I miss climbing with you so much and sorry I don't see you enough), Llion Morris, Katie Haston and her family, Dave Evans, Tim Neill, Duncan Spencer, John Bunney, James McHaffie, Pete Robins, Matt Perrier and Dave Rudkin. These people have helped by sharing a rope with me many times.

To help expand the content, I spent the last few years climbing with some new friends including Natasha Lucas, Louise Harvey, Abigail Fletcher, Amy Griffiths, Rebecca Coles, Dave Turnbull, Dino Stock, Hannah Carter, Eleanor Asquith, Ieuan and Karen Roberts, as well as many clients and far too many climbing acquaintances to recall. If you have been climbing with me in North Wales, then you will have been a part of the process of information gathering for this guidebook. For this I am almost as grateful as I am for the friendship and time we spent climbing together.

I also called on a few friends for images and extra knowledge when I hadn't managed to get round to specific routes. In particular the irrepressible Mike Hutton with his ever-reliable contributions. Also Emyr Jones, Luca Celano, Luke Davies, David Simmonite, Ryan Balharry, Chris Prescott, Jethro Kiernan, Jake Webb, Andy Teasedale, Alex Riley, Calum Muskett and Bridget Glaister. Having a wide pool of images has really helped make this book a visual marvel. One thing that is notable in this edition is the sheer number of new and expanded sport crags in North Wales. These have often been re-equipped, or fully developed and funded by either the first ascentionists or the North Wales Bolt Fund and its amazing volunteers. The NWBF receives donations from both the last edition, Rockfax Digital and this new book, as well as the excellent North Wales Limestone guide by Onsight.

Specific thanks is owed to the volunteers who spend their free time cleaning, re-equipping or generally just acting as custodians of the crag. From me and all the climbers who clip those shiny new bolts, or crimp that clean edge, we thank you.

Finally thanks to Alan and the Rockfax team. I really think we have made something beautiful and informative with this guide and of course the Rockfax app, which in my opinion is unbeaten in terms of its content and curation.

Mark Reeves, January 2023

Some of my earliest mountain climbing experiences were on the crags of Mid and North Wales as a boy, though it was my first visit to Pen Trwyn in the early 80s that opened up the possibilities of escaping poor weather in the hills and the pull of quality, sunny and easily accessed limestone cragging. The intervening years have seen the focus shift from traditional to sport climbs but the coastal limestone, and now the diorite quarries, keep on presenting new possibilities and an excuse to keep on returning. North Wales is one of the World's great climbing destinations and my experience of it has been enhanced and sampled to the full thanks to those I have had the pleasure to climb with - come rain, snow and sunshine.

Thank you to all who have put the climbs up and documented them over the years and to the team that have put this book together.

Mark Glaister, January 2023

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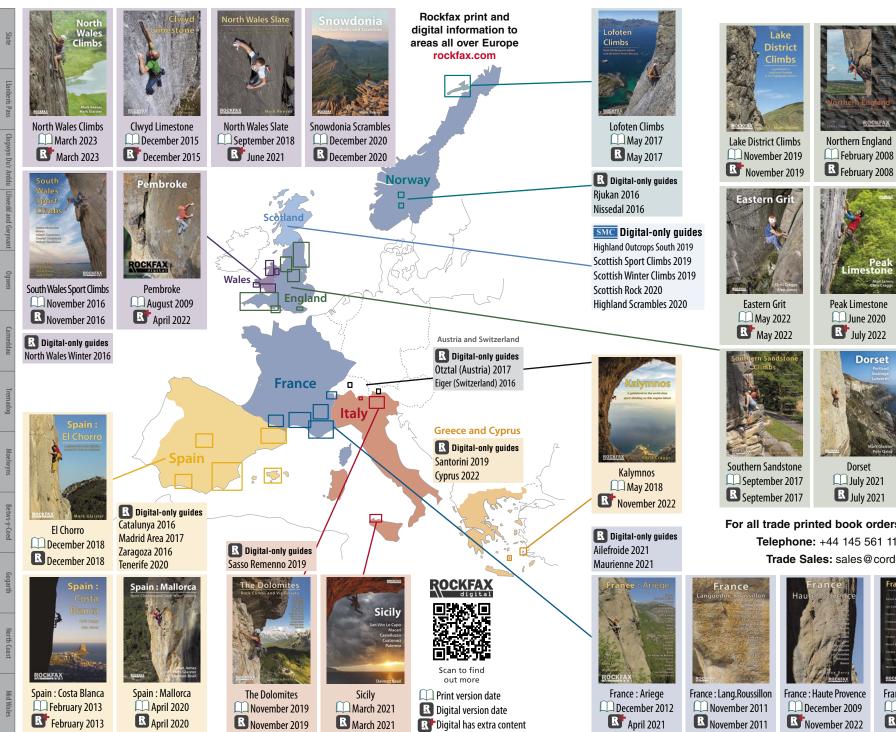
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Keith Scarlett on the spectacular *Magellan's Wall* (E5) - *p.411* - in the Fallen Block Zawn of Rhoscolyn. Photo: David Simmonite

Mountain Rescue

In the event of a mountain incident requiring the assistance of Mountain Rescue Dial 112 or 999 and ask for 'POLICE' and then 'MOUNTAIN RESCUE'. If the incident is on the coast dial 999 and ask for 'THE COASTGUARD'.

Reporting an Incident

When you ring in an incident requiring mountain rescue, the operator, and then the Mountain Rescue Coordinator, will need various pieces of information from you. 1) What has happened? Give an overview of the incident.

2) If there is a casualty with injuries, what are these injuries?

3) What is the name of the casualty or missing person?

4) Where are you and/or the casualty? A map grid reference, a location from your phone, or a route name and rough position on the route like pitch number are all worth knowing.

5) How many people are in the group? Are you wearing any identifying bright coloured garments?

First Aid

It can be at least an hour before the rescue team arrives so you may well need to administer some first aid while you wait. A basic first aid course will help with this but a simple acronym is *DR ABC*. **'D' Danger -** Is it safe for you to get to the casualty?

'R' Responsive - Are they responsive/ conscious?

'A' Airway - Is their airway open and unobstructed?

'B' Breathing - Are they breathing?
'C' Circulation - Is their heart rate normal and is there a major bleed?
Beyond this you can look for other injuries and keep the casualty warm and comfortable, but without breathing or a pulse the casualty will die quickly.

Helicopter Procedure

If a helicopter has been tasked then there are things you can do to aid their arrival. Get any spare bags, equipment, people and clothing gathered together well away from the casualty site and get someone if possible to sit on them as the downdraft can easily blow people off their feet. If you are climbing/scrambling nearby, make sure you are secured to the cliff as well.

To attract the helicopter, stand up and make a 'Y' shape with your arms in the air and if possible with your back to the wind. Don't wave, remain still and the helicopter should come in to hover in front of you if the wind is against you back. At this point you can probably back away from the aircraft and do not approach it unless you are beckoned over by the aircrew.

Smartphone Apps Smartphones have apps that can help you be found quickly. EchoSOS has a button that will call the correct emergency service whatever country you are in.



EchoSOS

In **Google Maps** you can tap on your blue dot location and 'share' this easily via a text message or similar. The rescue team may send you a **SARLOC** message - just click the link they send you and it updates their map with your current location.

North Wales Mountain Rescue

This is the umbrella organisation of the search and rescue organisations who deploy to mountain rescues across North Wales. The main teams in North Wales are Llanberis MRT, Ogwen MRT, South Snowdonia MRT, Aberdyfi SRT, Aberglaslyn MRT and North East Wales MRT, all supported by the Search Dog at SARDA. Find out more at nwmra.org



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It is often said that you can always find some dry rock to climb on in North Wales no matter what the weather. While this may not be strictly true, it is often the case that a little perseverance in choosing your venue will be rewarded. The mountain crags are obviously often plagued by bad weather, although even here it is possible very occasionally to have sunny conditions when Tremadog and Gogarth are in the mist and the Ormes are greasy. Usually though, the three options vou have when the weather is bad in the mountains are Tremadog, Gogarth and the North Coast. Experience, wind direction and the presence of sunshine are the factors which should dictate your crag choice.

Tremadog dries quickly and often sits just inside the rain shadow of the mountains.

Gogarth has a totally different climate to the mountains and a quick call to the coast guard (01407 767950 - office hours only) will get you a weather and conditions update.

The North Coast Limestone offers by far the driest of the cliffs in the area, getting the best weather and being very quick to dry after rain.

For a general mountain weather forecast for the region, one of the best sites on the web is the Mountain Weather Information Service at **mwis.org.uk** or you could always drop in to Plas y Brenin the National Mountain Centre for a weather forecast and some recommendations for dry crags.

Tides - See p.38

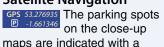
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Average Min Temp (°C)	1.8	1.1	2.8	4.0	6.3	9.2	11.3	11.2	9.2	6.9	4.2	1.9
Average Rain Days/month	19.6	16.4	17.7	15.1	14.3	13.5	14.5	16.1	14.7	19.3	19.8	18.6

Dinas Cromlech catching dramatic morning sunshine in threatening weather. Photo: Jethro Kiernan Outside.co.uk

Climbing Shop & Café

Main Road, Hathersage Derbyshire, S32 1BB +44 (0) 1433 651936 The easiest way to access most of the crags in this book is by car and the approaches are written assuming you are using one.

Satellite Navigation



on the close-up maps are indicated with a

precise GPS location and QR code (above). Just point your phone at the QR code and open in your chosen navigation app to take you direct to the parking spots.

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Trains 😫

Buses

Trains can be used to get to the main

towns especially on the coast line towards

Holyhead. From there, local buses are an option if you wish to get around without

There are local bus services in most areas.

a car. The best website for finding train

information is thetrainline.com.

The best website is traveline.info.



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Canol (E1) on Craig Ddu - page 103 Photo: Eilir D Hughes



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Tourist Information Offices 🚺

There are tourist information offices in Barmouth, Beddgelert, Betws-y-Coed, Caernarfon, Llanberis, Llandudno and Porthmadog.

gonorthwales.co.uk visitwales.com

visitsnowdonia.info

Accommodation

Often the most popular accommodation for climbers is camping and there are loads of campsites all over the national park. These can vary from a farmer's field with a basic toilet and a tap, all the way through to large campsites with outstanding facilities. In general, most campsites are happy for you to turn up on spec on anything other than a bank holiday.

ukclimbing.com/listings/accommodation/

Camping 🚺

Nant Peris Campsites (p.101) - Two campsites opposite the Vaynol Arms. Llanberis Camping (p.159) - Well placed for Cloggy - campinginllanberis.com

Llyn Gwynant Campsite (p.180) - Nicely situated in the quieter Gwynant - gwynant.com Snowdonia Parc Campsite - Waunfawr next to Snowdonia Parc pub - snowdonia-park.co.uk Gwern Gof Uchaf (p.186) - Below Tryfan. Gwern Gof Isaf (p.230) - Close to Tryfan and the parking for Craig yr Ysfa. Capel Curig - Two sites near the A5. Cwm Bychan (p.518) - The farm allows overnight parking and may allow camping.

Hostels and Bunk Houses 🕅 🖬

There are many hostels and bunkhouses in Snowdonia. independenthostels.co.uk yha.org.uk Ben's Bunk House, Nant Peris - bensbunkhouse.co.uk Crashpad Lodges, Llanberis (p.159) - crashpadlodges.com Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig - pyb.co.uk Pete's Eats Bunkhouse, Llanberis - petes-eats.co.uk Jesse James Bunkhouse, Penisarwaun - jessejamesbunkhouse.co.uk Lodge Dinorwig

- Lodge-Dinorwig.co.uk Ogwen Bunkhouse, Ogwen (p.224) - ogwenvalleybunkhouse.co.uk

Holiday Rentals

There are many rental properties in Snowdonia which work out at a reasonable cost if bringing your whole family or a group of friends. Search 'Holiday Rentals Snowdonia'.

Pubs 🛅

There are many pubs across Snowdonia. Some favourites are listed below but there are others. **Snowdonia Parc, Waunfawr -** A nice pub with its own micro-brewery and good pub grub. **Gallt y Glyn, Llanberis -** West of Llanberis. Home

of the famous 'Pizza and Pint'. **The Heights, Llanberis -** Not the climbing centre it used to be but still a good pub.

The Gwynedd, Llanberis - A nice quiet pub with a pool table.

Padarn Lake, Llanberis - Restaurant and bar.
Vaynol Arms, Nant Peris (p.101) - Good beer, pub grub and a pool table. Can get busy.
Pen y Gwryd, Llanberis Pass (p.176) - A bar

steeped in mountaineering history. **Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig -** Open to the public. Can get busy.

Tyn y Coed, Capel Curig - On the A5 between Capel and Betws-y-Coed.

The Golden Fleece, Tremadog (p.272) - Good real ales but an expensive menu.

Cafes 💆

There are hundreds of cafes in Snowdonia and you are never very far from coffee and cake at the start or end of your walk.

Pete's Eats, Llanberis - Well known outdoor cafe. Old school 'greasy spoon' food.

Mafon, Llanberis - A lovely small cafe with a modern healthy menu and excellent cake. Caban, Brynrefail - A modern cafe/restaurant

offering great food and coffee. **The Pantry, Llanberis -** Small cafe attached to an

outdoor shop.

Lodge Dinorwig - A great cafe close to the Dinorwig Slate Quarries.

Cafe Siabod, Capel Curig - An amazing cafe with good food and cake. Massive scones. Alpine Cafe, Betws-y-Coed - Monkey-themed cafe with a mind-blowing selection of cakes. Cow Shed Restaurant - In the old Eric's Cafe building. Restaurant food but cafe during the day. Pinnacle Cafe, Capel Curig - Found in the Pinnacle shop. All day breakfasts. The Big Rock Cafe, Porthmadog - Near to Tremadog. Home made cakes and good coffee.

Ogwen Cottage Snack Bar - Hot and cold drinks and snacks by the Ogwen/Idwal parking.



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Outdoor Shops **1**

There are many outdoor shops in the Snowdonia area. If you are looking for climbing gear then we recommend one of the following local and online specialist retailers:

> Joe Brown Shop Menai Hall, High St, Llanberis. Tel: 01286 870327 joe-brown.com See outside back cover

V12 Outdoor The Old Baptist Chapel, High St, Llanberis. Tel: 01286 871534 **V12outdoor.com** See page 25

> Joe Brown Shop Capel Curig, Betws-y-Coed. Tel: 01690 720205 joe-brown.com See outside back cover

Outside Main Road, Hathersage, S32 1BB. Tel: 01433 651936 outside.co.uk See page 21

More shops listed at ukclimbing.com/listings/outdoor_shops/

Climbing Walls

A great place to get started with climbing technique is a climbing wall and there are a number of good options in the Snowdonia area.

The Boardroom Just off the A55 at Queensferry. Tel: 01244 537476 theBoardroomClimbing.com Extensive bouldering wall well placed if travelling to, or from, North Wales. See opposite

Beacon Climbing Wall, Caernarfon The Indy Climbing Wall, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig

More walls listed at ukclimbing.com/listings/climbing_walls/

Guides and Instructors

If you are looking for guiding or instruction to introduce you safely to scrambling at any level, you are advised to consider employing a member of the Association of Mountaineering Instructors - **ami.org.uk**.

The AMI manages the ongoing competency and continuing professional development of MCI (Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor) and WMCI (WinterMCI) trained and assessed instructors. You will find members across all the mountainous regions of the UK. Hiring a local guide means you will get someone with local knowledge of the routes and conditions. Expect to pay upwards of £200 for a day's guiding.

Mark Reeves Snowdonia Mountain Guides Tel: 07872 565225 snowdoniamountainguides.com Author of this book and two other Rockfax guides to climbing and scrambling in North Wales. See page 25

We have recommended a few local guides. Rob Johnson - expeditionguide.com Rich Bale - snowdoniawalkingandclimbing.co.uk Olly Sanders - rockandseadventures.co.uk Bryn Williams - bwmountaineering.com Jez Brown - JBmountainskills.co.uk Luca Celano - straightupadventures.co.uk Guy Steven - guystevenguiding.com Alex Riley - moelwynmountaineering.com Jack Thompsett - Inspiredguides.co.uk Stuart Lade - mountainindependence.co.uk Alex Kay - alexanderkay.co.uk Rachel Crewesmith - rachcrewe.com Tom Ripley - tomripleyguiding.com

Check UKHillwalking.com/listings/ instructors+guides/ which lists 60 living within 20km of Llanberis.

"How about The Boardroom"...

Rained off, hungry and in need of some climbing?

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Alice Kerr on the iconic *Cenotaph Corner* (E1) *p.124* - at Dinas Cromlech. Photo: Mike Hutton 29

Access to the crags covered in this guidebook is generally good and there are few problems at most crags. In the majority of cases all that is required to ensure continued freedom of access to the cliffs, and to maintain good relations with landowners and stewards, is a responsible approach and level of general behaviour.

General Behaviour

Rock climbing has become ever more popular, increasing numbers of people want access to the cliffs and the pressures on the crag environment have never been greater.

Some general guidelines:

- Be polite to other countryside users
- Don't light fires or use barbecues
- Close gates after you go through them
- Park sensibly as described in this book
- Don't stray from the popular paths
- Don't disturb animals especially sea birds
- Use less chalk
- Don't use wire brushes
- Take your litter home
- Go before you go!

Parking P

All the crags in this book have parking areas which are indicated with GPS coordinates and QR codes on the maps (see right - just scan with your phone). Please use these

parking areas. If there is one thing above all others that annoys landowners, it is having their drive/field blocked by someone's car. In some cases, parking may involve you spending some money in one of the Pay and Display parking areas.

Restrictions

The most significant restrictions are for the protection of bird nesting sites. These restrictions are seasonal and predominantly on the sea-cliffs but also on some inland crags - the details are covered on the crag pages. The restrictions may change and new ones may be imposed, so it is important to check if you are unsure - see BMC RAD app. Signs are usually erected on the crag approaches where there is new or updated information on the extent or duration of a restriction.

Occasionally, access is restricted to some crags due to environmental concerns and crags in SSSI areas may have specific requirements - see BMC RAD app. A number of the cliffs are privately owned and great care must be taken not to damage relationships with landowners.

BMC RAD App

Access arrangements can change and we recommend that, when unsure, you use the BMC



Regional Access Database (RAD) to check what the current situation is. You can check the RAD here -

thebmc.co.uk/modules/RAD/

or install the BMC RAD app from your iOS or Android app store.

If you do encounter problems, contact the BMC Access and Conservation representative. They are always happy to discuss problems and often their involvement at an early stage can defuse a situation before it escalates into a serious access dispute.

British Mountaineering Council, 177-179 Burton Road. Manchester, M20 2BB. Tel: 0870 010 4878 Web: thebmc.co.uk Email: office@thebmc.co.uk



Rack

The basic UK trad rack of wires, large nuts, cams, guickdraws, slings and double ropes is the minimum requirement to climb the trad routes in North Wales. It is difficult to generalise about how much to carry, but a good spread of two sets of wires, larger nuts, as many cams as you can afford and several slings is a good basis. On sport routes, 14 quickdraws is sufficient for virtually all the routes in this book. A clip-stick is a useful addition since the first bolts can be guite high on some of the older sport routes.

Climbing Ropes

For leading trad routes, use double 50m x 9mm ropes. For the sport climbs, a single 60m rope will suffice but on a few routes it will not be enough to lower off so take care.

Abseil Ropes

An abseil rope is essential to reach the base of many of the sea-cliffs and it is seldom possible to use your climbing ropes for the abseil. A thick 10mm+ single rope of 50m is the minimum requirement but preferably 60m if you have one. If there is an abseil rope in place when you arrive, it is accepted practice to use it rather than add clutter with an extra rope.

Helmets and Loose Rock

Many routes have loose rock, especially on their final sections. Always wear a helmet since rock can be dislodged at any time, and always put an extra runner in before the last moves, no matter how easy it looks. Test every hold and be especially careful early in the season, or on days after heavy rain. When belaying, keep out of the fall zone, especially when the leader is finishing a pitch.

Other Gear

Prusik Loops - A prusik loop is useful for protecting you as you abseil and having two is invaluable if you fall off when seconding or fail leading a steep route. Make sure you know how to use them if you suspect you might struggle learning 'on the job' is not much fun! Abseil Rope Protectors - These are useful for the cliff-top edges, particularly if the rope runs over an abrasive edge.

Fixed Gear

Pegs - Over the years many routes have been climbed using pegs for protection. On the sea-cliffs most of these pegs are untrustworthy and the routes can now be climbed without using pegs. Some harder routes haven't yet been done without a now-corroded peg and this is noted in the description.

On the inland crags, pegs have been used historically for protection although many of these have now rusted away and the routes climbed without them. Certain crags still use pegs and this is noted in the descriptions. It is always worth backing up any old peg where you can. Threads - Fixed threads in North Wales are not common. Care must be taken to assess the state of a thread - pull it around so that you can examine all of it and leave a different section in the rock. If you decide to replace a thread, remove all of the old ones since one brand new thread is a lot better than a few dodgy old ones. Bolts and Staple Bolts - On the sea-cliff sport climbs of Pen Trwyn, marine-grade staples and bolts are used almost exclusively. On the inland crags and quarries, stainless steel bolts and staples are also widely used, however non-stainless steel bolts will also be encountered. Always check the placement and state of a bolt before trusting your life to it. Abseil points - If there is an abseil point in place - always check its reliability! Some abseil points were originally set up using pegs and many of these are now in a dangerous state. If in any doubt, always back-up the abseil point.

Clothing

Any day out in the mountains of Wales can be a cold and unpleasant experience if you don't have the correct clothing. Waterproofs, warm mid-layers and hats and gloves are worthwhile additions to a pack and might make that 2-hour belay stint a little less painful. Having plenty of warm clothes can be a lifesaver in the event of an accident too. The steep descent walks on many crags are far more comfortable in trainers than tight climbing shoes so a light sack to carry your shoes is advised for the longer mountain routes. Sun cream (yes, really) and water are also worth carrying on a long day out. All this needs to fit into a small compact pack that sits high on your back allowing movement and keeping it clear of your harness and gear.



The routes in this book are given one of two different grades depending on whether they are a Grade trad route, or a sport route. The table to the right gives a rough comparison of the sport and trad grade with other international grading systems. The majority of the routes in the book are trad routes on which the gear is carried by the lead climber and is hand placed.

The Slate Quarries and the North Coast have many **sport routes** where all the major protection comes from bolts fixed in the rock.

British Trad Grade

1) Adjectival grade (Diff, VDiff, Severe, Hard Severe (HS), Very Severe (VS), Hard Very Severe (HVS), E1 and upwards)

How well-protected a route is, how sustained and a general indication of the level of difficulty of the whole route.

2) Technical grade (4a, 4b, 4c,.... to 7b) The difficulty of the hardest single move.

Sport Grade

The sport routes in this book are graded using the familiar 'sport grade', or 'French grade' as it is often known. The overall difficulty of a route in this quidebook is rated on a scale from 2 to 9a.

Deep Water Solo Grades

A few routes in this book are described as deep water solos and given an extra sport grade and

an S grade. The S Grade consists of a 0, 1, 2 or 3. S0 gives relative safety, with S3 offering considerable possibility of injury in the event of a fall.

Colour Coding

The trad routes and sport routes are all given a colour-coded dot corresponding to a grade band.

Green Routes Beginners - everything at grade Severe and under, and 4c and under for sport routes. Good routes to start out your climbing career on.

Orange Routes Experienced - HS to HVS inclusive, and 5a to 6a+ for sport routes. General ticking routes for those with more experience. Lots of excellent routes are available across this band.

Red Routes Advanced - E1 to E3 inclusive, and 6b to 7a for sport routes. For the experienced and keen climber. Anyone operating at this level can attempt some of the best climbing in the book.

Black Routes Expert - E4 and above, and 7a+ and above for sport routes. If you are up to it then this band has some major national testpieces.

White Spots Elite - E7 and 8a and above. The hardest routes for the world's best climbers.

Sport Grade	British Trad Grade (for bold routes)	UIAA	USA
1	Mod	1	5.1
2	Moderate		5.2
2+	Difficult VDiff		5.3
3a	Very Difficult HVD	111-	5.4
3b 3c	Hard Very Difficult	- III+	5.5
4a	Sev Severe	IV-	5.6
4b	HS Hard Severe VS	IV	5.7
4c	Very Severe	IV+ V-	5.8
5a	UK tech 4c 4c HVS	V- V	
5b	5a Hard Very Severe	V+	5.9
5c 6a	E1 5b	VI- VI	5.10a
6a+	5c E2	VI+	5.10b
6b	6a 5c	VII-	5.10c
ол 6b+	E3	VII	5.10d
	6a	VII+	5.11a
6c	E4 _{6a}	VIII-	5.11b
60+	6b		5.11c
7a	6b E5	VIII	5.11d
7a+	6c	VIII+	5.12a
7b	E6 6c	IX-	5.12b
7b+			5.12c
7c	6c E7 6c	IX	5.12d
7c+	7a	IX+	5.13a
8a	7a E8	X-	5.13b
81+		X	5.13c
8b	7a E9 7a		5.13d
8b+	78	Xđ	5.14a
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86+		XI	5.14c
9a	7b E11		5.14d
9a+		XI+	5.15a
9b	76	XII-	5.15b
9b+		XII	5.15c

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Where some see rock, we see

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A significant number of routes covered in this book on the Slate, the North Coast and around Blaenau Ffestiniog are bolted sport routes. The older routes that were climbed in the 1980s and 1990s have mostly all had their bolts replaced now but the maintenance work required is ongoing, particularly on



the sea-cliff crags where the salty air speeds up corrosion. Additionally, the easy sport climbing in the area has undergone a boom in recent years in both the Slate Quarries and on crags like Penmaen Head. All this effort has been led by some active local climbers who have worked incredibly hard to create and maintain the routes.

How can you help?

Much of this work is supported by the North Wales Bolt Fund which is run entirely on voluntary donations both of money and time. The main way to help is by making a donation to the North Wales Bolt Fund. The simple gesture of a £10 note in one of the collecting tins in the climbing shops each time you go clipping bolts in North Wales can go a long way to providing the necessary funding. You can also do this online through **UKBoltFund.org**.

If you want to get more involved, there is always a need for volunteers to help with the hard work. Bolting is a difficult and time-consuming activity. If you are an experienced climber, or have a background in rope access, you could be a real asset to supporting the bolting effort in North Wales.

Rockfax supports the bolting efforts in North Wales by making a financial contribution from sales of this book and from Rockfax Digital subscriptions. UKBoltFund.org is maintained by UKClimbing/Rockfax.

> UKBoltFund.org Support local bolting volunteers

A local instructor getting some professional development in placing bolts. A partnership was set up between the North Wales Bolt Fund (NWBF) and some local instructors to help re-equip the loweroffs on The Sidings in the Slate Quarries which had worn out after only seven years of use. The instructors were shown how to place resin bolts on lower-off anchors and then equalise this with a chain maillion and ring. Photo: Mark Reeves

Tides are a crucial consideration when climbing on the sea-cliffs of North Wales since the access to, or escape from, many of the cliffs, is affected by the state of the tide. Various sections of Gogarth require careful attention to tides since there is potential to get on a big route and have your retreat cut off by an incoming tide. Lower Pen Trwyn needs very careful planning with regard to tides and conditions although with a lesser level of commitment. The Range and Rhoscolyn are also tidal cliffs. Understanding more about tides can be a great help in making the most out of your visit.

About Tides

Throughout one lunar month there are two spring or high-range tides, and two neap or low-range tides. Spring tides occur during the full and new moons, when the sun and moon are in line and the combined gravitational pull causes the highest tides, which then ebb to the lowest level. During spring tides the low tides will always fall towards the middle of the day. During the first and third quarters of the moon, when the sun and moon's forces of attraction are at right angles, we experience less extreme high and low tides. Neap tides will always be low at either end of the day with the high tide occurring in the middle. By knowing the current phase of the moon you can roughly work out what kinds of tide you are going to get.

From high tide to low tide takes approximately 6 hours, which means that there are two high tides and two low tides in every 24 hour period. The average time for the tide to turn around is actually slightly longer than 6 hours. This means that each day the high and low tide times are between 30 and 80 minutes later than the previous day.

The most dramatic *spring* tide swings range from a massive 8m (spring and autumn) to usually at least 6.5m (summer and winter), and *neap* tide swings range from around 2.5m (spring and autumn) to 4.5m (summer and winter).

Important Considerations

1) During the middle hours between low and high tide, the sea comes in MUCH faster and areas of flat rock and boulder beach can disappear rapidly so escape routes can be cut off. This means that you may have spent a few hours at the crag and not noticed much tide movement when suddenly there is water lapping around your ankles. This is significantly more pronounced during spring tides.

2) The smaller fall to low neap tides may give much less access than low spring tides to certain cliffs.

3) The lower level of high *neap* tides may allow access to certain routes which are cut off in high spring tides.

Persistent and strong onshore winds can prolong or even slightly raise high tide levels. as can a high swell from some distant ocean storm.

Tide Resources

Rockfax Digital has tide charts for all the crags in this book for subscribers.

There are lots of other apps available for tides - search 'tide tables' in the appropriate

out more app store. These usually only

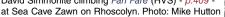
forecast for three days ahead at most. The web site ntslf.org/tides/predictions has an easy-to-use tide forecaster to get tides up to 28 days ahead.



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David Simmonite climbing Fan Fare (HVS) - p.409 -



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		Bus Stop Quarry	36	12	24	8	12	6	10		🗼 1-5 min	Sun and shade	Shellored			6		Very easy access and a good variety of angles. Both trad and sport.	56
Slate		Dali's Hole and California	26	15	11	1	3	11	9	2	16-20 min	Sun and shade	Shellored					Some traditionally-bolted slabs and a few sport routes, plus a big atmospheric shady hole with some majestic hard slab routes.	62
_	Slate	Australia	70	24	46	4	37	21	8		18-35 min	lo mid afternoon	Shellored					A slab climber's paradise. A good mix of easy sport climbs and some more run-out pitches in a vast hole in the ground.	68
anberis Pa		Serengeti to Twll Mawr	47	16	31	1	15	17	11	€	20-23 min	Sun and shade	Shellored	M				A complex area with many slabs, walls and aspects including some multi-pitch. Plenty of mid-grade sport and some excellent trad.	76
D SSE		Rainbow Slab Area	49	20	29	1	13	15	17	2	20-42 min	Sun and shade	Shellored			7		A mix of high-grade, run-out slabs and steeper sport climbs. All are on fantastic rock with one of the Slate's defining features.	88
logwyn Du		Craig Ddu	17	17	-	3	4	9	1		10-20 min			X	ĺ	6		One of the more overlooked crags in the Llanberis Pass, many of the routes are steep and sustained. Carries drainage and is often wet.	103
ı'r Arddu		Clogwyn y Grochan	28	28	-	-	12	12	4		📐 5 min		Titoy					The easiest Llanberis Pass crag to access, and justifiably popular. It is home to many routes from VS upwards on good vertical rock.	108
Lliwedd a		Carreg Wastad	20	20	-	2	10	7	1		<u>)</u> 10 min			V				More exposed and with less reliable rock than its neighbours but features many excellent routes from Severe upwards.	116
nd Gwyna	SS	Dinas Cromlech	29	29	-	5	7	9	5	€	15-20 min					6		The jewel in the crown of Llanberis Pass, with steep and sustained wall and crack climbing on the numerous classics.	123
Int	ris Pa:	Scimitar Ridge	5	5	-	-	-	2	3		20 min	lo mid afternoon						A steep and tough crag with some amazing routes that seem more exposed than their length might suggest.	128
0 gwen	lanbe	Clogwyn Gafr	14	14	-	6	1	2	5		20 min							A great wall of rock perched high up at the top of the Pass. Some classic hard trad routes and less good but still worthy easier routes to the sides.	132
	-	Dinas Mot	32	32	-	2	15	11	2	2	1 20-30 min	Not much sun		V		3		A fantastic collection of buttresses with both slabs and steeper walls. Most of the routes are multi-pitch. Shady for much of the time.	136
Carnedo		Clogwyn y Ddysgl	6	б	-	4	2	-	-		60 min	X		V				High mountain multi-pitch cragging set in an isolated location, the routes are tough and need respect. They top out near the summit of Snowdon.	146
lau		Cyrn Las	7	7	-	-	1	4	2		4 0 min	Not much sun	U IIIdy	X				The biggest crag in the Llanberis Pass and home to long and demanding classic routes across the grades. Multi-pitch climbing at its very best.	151
Tren		Cwm Glas Bach	20	18	-	-	5	5	8	2	15-20 min	Not much sun	U IIIdy					A nice collection of outcrop-style buttresses featuring single-pitch routes on vertical rock. Mainly shady buttresses.	153
nadog		Clogwyn Du'r Arddu	40	40	-	-	13	20	5	2	60-120 mir	Not much sun				6		A major mountain crag with a deserved reputation for tough multi-pitch trad routes. Cold and exposed and usually in the shade.	161
>	/nant	Lliwedd	11	11	-	5	6	-	-		30-60 min	V aria						The biggest crag in North Wales has an alpine feel and challenging route finding. Additionally the Aderyn Bluffs offer great single-pitch climbing.	177
Noelwyns	/edd/Gw)	Clogwyn y Wenallt	6	6	-	-	2	3	1		5 min		Salisite	X				Great rock on mainly shorter multi-pitch climbs in an open setting. The view from the crag is beautiful.	181
	Lliw	Clogwyn y Bustach	2	2	-	1	1	-	-		15 min	To mid afterncon		X				An esoteric crag with two interesting and unique climbs.	183
Betws-y-(Tryfan	43	43	-	29	8	4	1	ป	10-45 min	Sun and shade		X				The East Face offers superb easier mountain cragging and the lower crags are more novice friendly, and much shorter. Great rock and very popular.	188
Coed	wen	Glyder Fach	20	20	-	7	6	2	3	2	60 min		E	X				A high and remote mountain crag that is rarely busy. Some superb mid-grade trad plus very high end offerings.	202
	0 0	Cwm Idwal	68	68	-	14	26	16	9	€	20-60 min							A classic and extensive area of mainly long multi-pitch lower-grade slab climbs, along with some more difficult and shorter lines. Generally shady.	208
Gogarth		Carnedd y Filiast	4	4	-	4	-	-	-		5-40 min							A great multi-pitch outing up a ridge with some isolated slabs. Always quiet away from the crowds of the rest of Ogwen.	224
ų		Pen yr Ole Wen	2	2	-	2	-	-	-		20 min	From mid meening						A couple of great ridge scrambles that are hard enough to get trad grades.	229
North Coast	dau	Craig Lloer	5	5	-	3	2	-	-		55 min	Not much sun		X				A remote and rarely visited mountain crag with some good easier trad routes.	231
	arnedo	Carreg Mianog	10	10	-	-	6	4	-		20 min							A sunny and exposed double buttress with a good set of routes. Shares the same parking as Ogwen but with none of the congestion.	232
Mid Wal	Ű	Craig yr Ysfa	15	15	-	3	4	6	2		55 min			X				A fine mountain crag with some intimidating lines on a huge gully wall, and a famous low-grade buttress climb/scramble.	235
es		Llech Ddu	3	3	-	-	-	2	1		5 min	Not much sun	T	Y				A remote crag that needs time to dry, but features some great harder trad routes. One for a hot summer.	241

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		Castell Cidwm	4	4	-	-	2	2	-			40 min	la mid afternoon		Wite		Seepage			An big and intimidating cliff in a narrow gorge. A few superb hard routes which are slow to dry and good for the summer.	244
Slate Llanberis Pas		Tremadog (Craig y Gesail)	3	3	-	1	2	-	-		٨	10 min	From mid morning	Shellord	West of the					The least popular of the Tremadog crags, with a fantastic VDiff-possibly the best hereabouts.	249
	aodg	Tremadog (Craig y Castell)	15	15	-	-	4	9	2		<u></u>	12-15 min	From midd morning	Shellered	Well-yild					A quiet crag for Tremadog, but still popular for a range of routes across the grades on incredible rock.	252
	lrem	Tremadog (Pant Ifan)	52	52	-	5	15	20	12		₽	10-15 min		Shellented	Water			×.		A good selection of crags, from the novice-friendly Upper Tier to other more demanding areas dominated by slabs and aretes.	258
		Tremadog (Bwlch y Moch)	65	65	-	6	24	28	6	1		4-6 min	Lots of sum	Shallared	X					The main event at Tremadog. A series of superb buttresses that hold many classic multi-pitch lines across the grade range.	275
2		Carreg Hyll Drem	5	5	-	-	1	3	1			1 min	To mid afterncon	Shallanta	X					Steep and uncompromising-expect some wild climbing. Almost a roadside crag.	293
.logwyn	wyns	The Moelwyns	124	63	61	19	59	36	8			10-20 min	Sun and shade	TURN	X					A wide area around Blaenau Ffestiniog with a variety of mountain crags and some smaller sport venues. Lots of different aspects and styles.	298
Du'r Ard	Moel	Carreg y Foel Gron	46	46	-	9	16	17	4			10-15 min	Loox of sum							A smaller mountain crag with some good trad across the grades including a few spectacular harder routes.	316
du Lliv		Craig y Tonnau	13	13	-	9	3	1	-		<u></u>	10 min		Sherifatta						A unique, slabby wave of rock with short lower-grade pitches.	322
/edd and	ed	Carreg Alltrem	8	8	-	1	3	4	-		<u></u>	12 min	X	Shellard	National Science					A hidden gem in a picturesque valley with steep and sustained multi-pitch climbing.	324
l Gwyna	° Z	Craig Rhiw Goch	5	5	-	1	1	3	-			3 min		SECURIT						This small isolated crag has some excellent routes including three E2s and a quality HVS. In a beautiful situation above the river.	327
<u>₹</u>	etws-	Craig Dinas	7	7	-	1	5	1	-			12 min			¥.				Ì	An interesting crag above the A5 near Betws-y-Coed with a decent set of mid-grade trad routes. Bird restriction from March to June.	328
0gwe	å	Clogwyn Cyrau	10	10	-	1	7	2	-		<u></u>	20 min	Lots of sum	Shallong						A sheltered crag in the woods above Betws-y-Coed.	330
2		Clogwyn yr Eryr	6	6	-	-	-	2	4		<u></u>	25 min	To mid afterricon	Shalland	×.					In a remote valley with some brilliant hard trad routes. Never busy.	333
		North Stack and Main Cliff	132	132	-	-	38	60	3 3	ป		20 min	X		¥.			K.		Adventurous single and multi-pitch sea-cliff climbing with committing approaches and climbs. Some tidal requirements and abseil approaches.	340
arnedda	<u>۽</u>	South Stack	41	41	-	-	6	20	15		Å.	3-4 min	From mid morning		Ň			X.	L)	Castell Helen is a good intro to sea-cliff climbing. The other crags are highly adventurous and committing on loose rock. Abseil approaches.	375
=	ogar	Holyhead Mountain	41	41	-	10	20	9	2			20 min	From mid morning	Shalland						A great inland crag with less serious lower-grade climbing than on the neighbouring sea-cliffs.	386
Ţ	ט	The Range/Porth Dafarch	23	23	-	9	10	2	2		Å.	6-20 min	X					X.		Some delightful cliffs dotted around the headlands to the south of Gogarth. Plenty of good and less serious low-grade sea-cliff climbing.	395
emadog		Rhoscolyn	106	106	-	24	43	23	15	1	Å.	10-25 min	X	Sheltered				K.		Four areas with challenging trad routes and some real classics in the higher grades. A couple of easier cliffs as well.	402
		Castle Inn Quarry	74	6	68	16	40	17	1			1-12 min	From mid morning	Shalland						A small, convenient crag composed of good rock with some extremely popular sport pitches. Dries very quickly.	418
Mo		Penmaen Head	103	-	103	-	41	57	5			4-6 min	Not much sun	Sheltered			Seepage			Good single-pitch sport routes in the mid-grades. Popular, easy to access and dries rapidly. Also has a north-facing section for shady climbing.	430
elwyns	st	Tramstation Crag	25	-	25	3	4	10	8		<u></u>	1-2 min	Lots of sum	Shalinita						A natural crag perched above Llandudno that has been developed with some decent shorter sport routes.	445
- 1	Coa	Upper Pen Trwyn	235	60	175	-	13	96	118	8	Reastin	1-2 min	Sun and shade	Sheltered			Seepage		Predictions	A collection of high-quality single-pitch trad and sport routes that are mostly roadside and often dry. Has various access restrictions.	450
Betws-	lorth	Lower Pen Trwyn	60	-	60	-	8	14	19	19	<u></u>	8 min	H errise	Similar			1			A tidal sport crag with some of the UK's hardest and best sport routes and plenty of mid-grade lines. Very condition dependent and can be greasy.	478
-y-Coed	2	Castell y Gwynt	8	3	5	-	-	1	6	ป		10 min	Not much sun	TING			Seepage		Ì	A big cliff with an intimidating approach and north-facing aspect, but rewarding hard trad and sport routes.	490
- 1		Hornby Crags	78	7	71	-	13	49	16			5-8 min	X	TING						A generally northwest-facing set of buttresses on the Great Orme with ongoing development and lots of sport routes being added.	494
Goga		Penmaenbach Quarry	70	3	67	6	29	31	3	ป		13-15 min	Not much sun	Shelling						Three tiers of north-facing quarries on the hillside above the A55. Slab and wall climbing and mostly fully bolted sport routes.	506
rth		Simdde Ddu	3	3	-	-	2	1	-		<u></u>	40 min	y.	TING						A remote and rarely-visited mountain cliff with a magnificent outlook. The approach over boulders and deep heather is tough.	516
		Y Grisiau and Llechau Mawr	4	4	-	-	-	4	-		<u></u>	30-60 min	Not much sun				See 3 See			Two out-of-the-way single-pitch venues set in beautiful surroundings. The climbs are all tough, but the rock is fine although it can be dirty.	519
North Co	les	Barmouth Quarry	4	-	4	-	-	3	1		J₹	5 min	To mid afterricon	Shalitated					Ì	climbs are all tough, but the rock is tine although it can be dirty. A small sport quarry above the seaside town of Barmouth and its beaches. Good if the weather is bad in the hills. Bird restriction March to June.	521
ast	d Wa	Barmouth Slabs	23	23	-	17	3	3	-		<u></u>	15 min	To mid sflerrrcon							Two tiers of easy slabs on the hillside above Barmouth. Very popular with groups. Good if the weather is bad in the hills.	522
2	ž	Cadair Idris	2	2	-	2	-	-	-			50 min	Sun and shade		Ň					A tremendous mountain environment with one of the UK's finest ridge climbs. The views are expansive.	526
lid Wale		Craig Cywarch	3	3	-	1	2	-	-			25 min	Sun and shade								529
S		Gist Ddu	2	2	-	-	1	1	-		₽	40 min					1			A cliff with one awesome column of rock that needs traffic to stay clean. Needs a long dry spell to come into condition.	533
		Total (full book)	2035	1251	781	246	626	717	389	54				Faded	symbo	l means	only s	ome ro	utes a	re sheltered/multi-pitch/tidal/abseil approach/restricted	