

The Twilight Cliffs by Richard Moss

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This amazing area is well worth a look with outstanding views up the coast towards the rumps and Tintagel head and south to Trevoise head.

From Wadebridge, head for Polzeath and just before you head down into the village take a right turn to new Polzeath on a corner.

Follow the road until you come to Lundyant caravan site on the left. Directly opposite (right) there is a small farm track leading to Pentire Glaze - take this and follow it past a couple of farm cottages and a small national trust car park.

Right at the end of the track you will come to Pentire Glaze farm - park here (£1 in the box provided).

Follow the well marked path to a gate leading on to the coast path, there is a wooden bench just out to sea. Walk in a north-easterly direction (100m) out to sea. Once an insignificant rounded mound of grass can be seen (this is the top of Great Wall) a steep grass gully leads to the base of the crag. Easily identified by its easy angled ramp dominating its topography. Belays are plenty full.

Twilight left

Surprisingly this is the small crag found up and to the left of the big one.



1 Hyperthermia HS

25ft. The corner crack and those on the left are used to ascend to a steep finish.

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2 Hypothermia HVS 5a

25ft. Carefully follow the sharp right-hand crystal filled crack to the top of the corner.

FA 16/12/07 Richard Moss (un-seconded). The rest of the team were cold after a surf at Polzeath.

Twilight Cliff



1 Daylight V Diff

90ft. Twenty feet left of Twilights ramp is a broken crack. Follow the crack to reach the gully above. Follow this to the top past some loose rock lying on ledges in the back of the gully. Should clean up with time.

FA Unknown

2 Dawn HVS/E1 5b

80ft. Has a scrappy feel to it with some superficial looseness and vegetation. Follow the steep shallow groove to the right of Daylights initial crack. Once on the ramp follow it to its end, just above a steep traverse left bring one out below a slabby arête, Follow this to the top.

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3 Dusk VS 4c

80ft. 15 feet left of the diagonal ramp a shallow groove can be found. Follow this onto the ramp at a junction with Twilight; climb directly through the steep bulge. Move out left and climb the middle of the wall avoiding the groove and arête to the left. Blinkers help.

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4 Twilight MVS 4b *

80ft. Excellent climbing well protected. Climb the ramp diagonally leftwards till you are below a long vee groove. Steep moves up and right, then a quick step left leads to the base of the vee groove, follow this to the top.

12/08/86 T Penning, RW Lanchbury

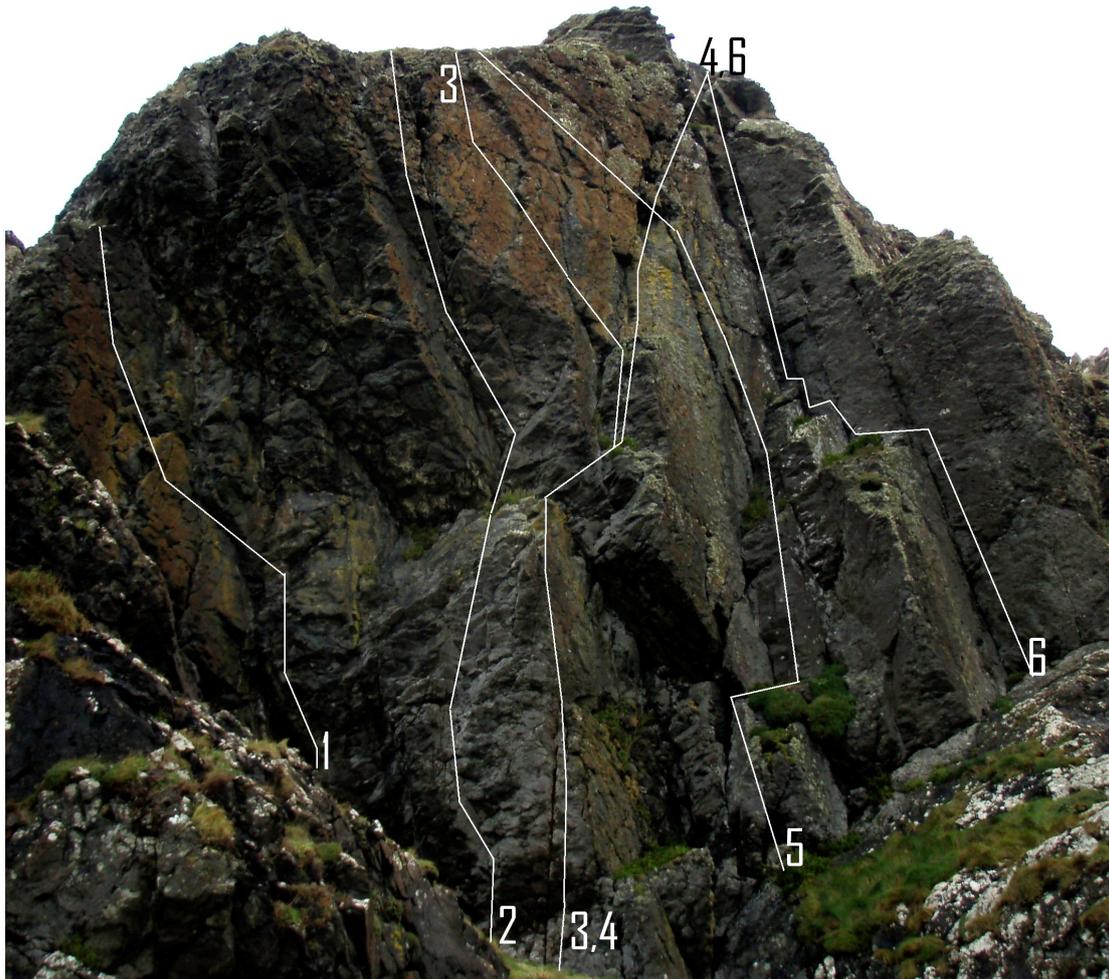
5 Fear is your only God E3/4 6a *

50ft. Above the right-hand side of Twilights ramp is a steep crack. Follow this via hidden holds through bulging rock to easier broken ground.

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Redwall Cliff

Follow the well marked path to a gate leading on to the coast path, there is a wooden bench just out to sea. 50m in front of the bench is Redwall Cliff, its best to descend on the right (facing the sea). Can also be reached from Twilight Cliff. Belays can be hard to find, a spare rope can be used to reach a small outcrop.



1. Warrior Mouse E1 5a *

50ft. Positive holds good positions well worth doing. Climb the steep groove strenuously to a ledge. Step left on to the steep wall climb this to the narrow terrace. Belays can be found on the small craglets above the gully.

FA 21/7/94 *D Hope, A Rai, Tom Nettleship*

2. Wake Up time To die E2 5c

90ft. Start left of Bloodbeak and climb a slim groove up the bulging wall to a ledge. Climb the handsome red groove leftwards to a worrying finish amongst some sharp loose rock.

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3. Bloodbeak E15b

90ft. Climb as for Ironbeak to the ledge. Move right to a groove and another ledge, traverse left across the under cut wall to a shallow groove. Climb the slim groove and thin wall on its left to a precarious finish.

FA 7/96 *Unknown*

4. Ironbeak HVS 5b

80ft. A rambling line following the crack system to the left of Joseph Bell. Start at the foot of the arête right of Warrior Mouse. Climb the crack in the arête to a good ledge; step right into a groove and up to another ledge. Go diagonal right following cracks to reach the top of Joseph bell and the top.

FA 8/89 B Rowe, K Bater, A N Other

5. Cradle of Filth HVS 5a

90ft. Climb the groove left of Josephs Bell to a steep crack. Follow the crack to join Iron Beak. Then traverse the break left to finish.

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6. The Joseph Bell HS 4b

90ft. An exposed line up the corners on the right of the cliff.

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Triple Groove Buttress

Found down and left (facing the sea) of The Redwall Cliff, the topography is dominated by prominent grooves, can also be reached from the top of Black Zawn. Belays are around but test the rock first there is some choss.



1. Groove of Illusions VS 4c

70ft. Climb the left hand groove stepping right at the top over some looseness.

FA 13/8/91 D Hope, J Cornwell

2. Snake in the Grass VS 4b

70ft. Climb the lefthand arête directly over some suspect rock.

FA 28/8/94 E Elphick, T Nettleship, P Newson, P Hitchin, D Hope

3. Greenwich HS 4b

70ft. Climb the central groove. Superb bridging left of the roof provides the finish.

FA 13/8/91 D Hope, J Cornwell

4. Collins Grandma VS

70ft. Good climbing on its first pitch.

1. 4b Climb the steep wide crack, move across some slabby ground to belay below the groove and capping roofs.
2. 4c Climb the grooves to the big roof. Move steeply left across the wall to a grassy groove above.

Grandpas variation:- 2a VS 4c Climb cracks to the left of the top pitch.

FA 28/8/94 T Nettleship, P Hitchin. Variation Mossee, Hannah 12/07

5. Faff HS 4b

80ft. Climb groove to the right of the wide crack. Continue to the large roof; go right to the lip awkward climbing leads to a crack, then some dubious ledges then the top.

FA 20/8/94 T Nettleship, A Rai, D Hope

Upper Black Zawn Area

The Finger Severe #

45ft. On the pinnacle described in the approach to Black Zawn and above the left of the Shield Cliff. The route takes the deep crack/groove on the east face until forced out onto the seaward face which is followed to the summit. The rock is surprisingly sound.

FA Colin Milton, Simon Murphy 27/09/03