

Carbilly Tor

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There are three water filled quarries, only one is worthy of visiting and there is also a small 'Cheesewring' tor formation with a few problems. Originally described in the 'Climbing in Cornwall' guide of 1973 (Carver, Stanier & Littlejohn), there is some evidence of pegging and other antics of previous generations. This area has just opened up due to the Crow Act 2000 and provides bouldering and short routes just off the A30. Some of the rock is a little gritty and snappy in the quarries.

From the A30, turn off for St Breward and follow the road until a 'Cheesewring' tor formation can be seen to the right of the road (after you come off the open moor into the walled lane). Park by a gate (only space for 2 cars - do not block access) and follow the track round to the left until a grassy track on the right can be followed to the 'cheesewring'.

Continue along the track for the quarry.

1. Asivalation Font 5

Sit start under the small roof then follow the line of small flakes out left-wards. Can also be finished direct up the arete.

2. Submission Font 4+

Up the wall to the massive flake.

3. Ignorance font 5+

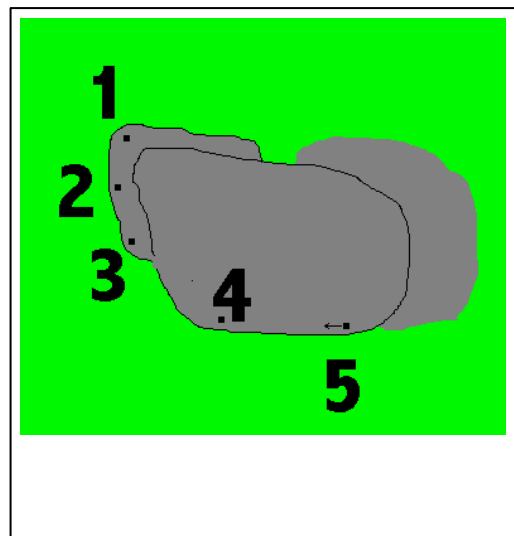
The blunt arete to the large flake.

4. Hipocracey Font 6b+

Start with hands in the thin break then to the next, launch out across the rounded flake to a precarious finish.

5. Brutality Font 6a

Traverse the thin break from right to left and finish up Submission.



Carbillys's quarries

These quarries provide some good although short routes and a bit of bouldering. It is best to avoid both quarries during the nesting session due to a buzzard and a goose nesting. The buzzard nests on a ledge above Vampirick Transvestism and a goose nesting on the ledges on the ledges below the easy way down. Some of the rock is a little soft and seeps a lot but it provides some good climbing.

The main quarry is found on a broad ledge system above a large pool. It's best to approach from the main track where the whole quarry can be viewed. The small bay above and on the left is the smaller quarry with a few boulder problems. The lower ledges can be gained from hear by a little rocky step (regularly wet) another way in is to traverse round to the broad gully in the middle and scramble down with care (about mod).

Routes described from left to right.

Smaller Quarry

The elite Font 5+

Start down and left of a small borehole. Move up to the borehole and finish up and left.

All of which are American dreams Font 4

Start down and left of the borehole. Move up to the borehole and finish direct.

Main Quarry

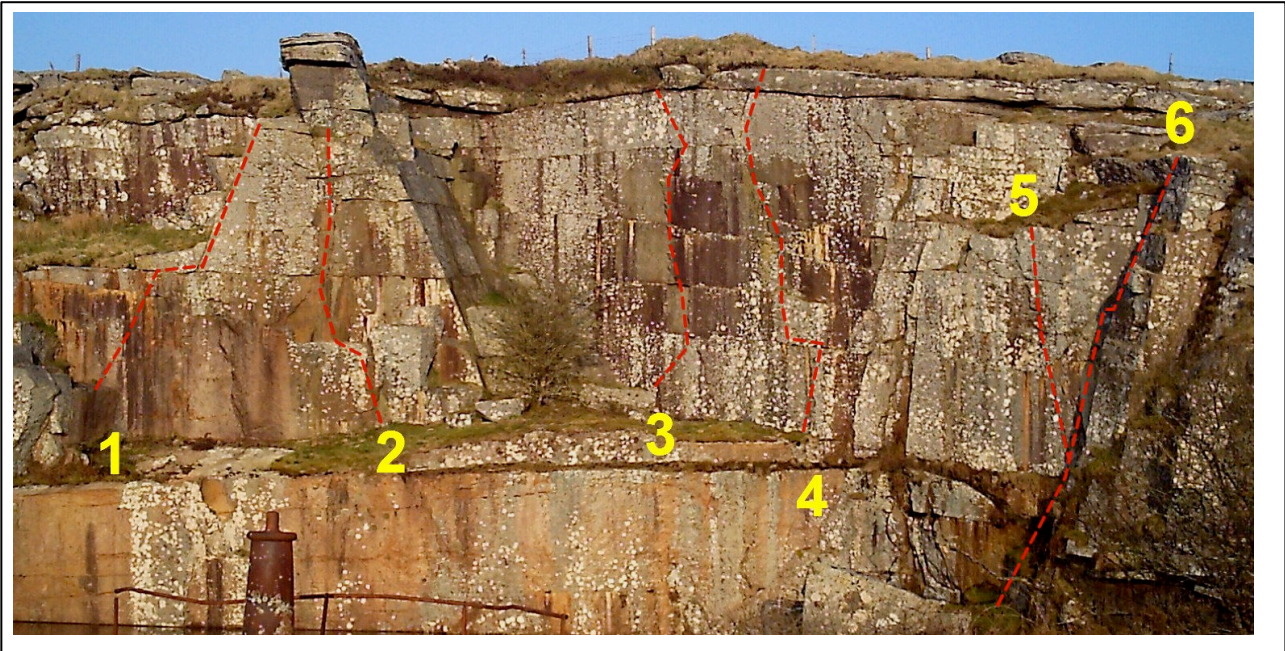
1. Know Yer Enemy

Essentially three boulder problems with a large ledge to escape onto. Probably worth E2 if parts one and three are done together without using the ledge.

Part one Font 6a; Start on the small ledge, crank right on good edges up to the ledge.

Part two Font 4; Climb the left side of the arete. Don't barn door rightwards.

Part three Font 6a; The most serious with a big fall potential. Either continue on from part one (there's a good nut on the edge of the ledge if your using a rope) or start from the big ledge. Climb the right side of the arete with out moving onto left side. Feels slightly artificial. FA Mossee solo after inspection 09/2008



2. Vampirick Transvestism E2 5c

10m. Start down and right of the thin crack. Move up to the ledge then left and up the thin brittle crack (RP's) to a belay on medium size cams. Holds will fall off but will probably not affect the grade or protection possibilities. FA Mossee solo after inspection and some practice 09/2008

3. Stuck ear fur ever after Fr7b+/c

10m. This bouldery route follows the obvious line up the left wall passing three bolts. After a perplexing start from the small ledge on the left (two blocks can be used as a foot hold reducing the grade to Fr6c), gain jugs in the middle of the wall, a long reach leads to some precarious climbing then finish pasting a doubtful block. FA Mossee red-pointed 09/01/09

4. Vee HVS 5a

10m. An even more obvious line, the shallow stepped groove to a tricky finish. Two bolts protect the groove small cams are of great use on the finish. FA Mossee solo after inspection/ cleaning 09/2008 (bolted 08/01/09)

5. Silly Carbilly E3 5c (AP)

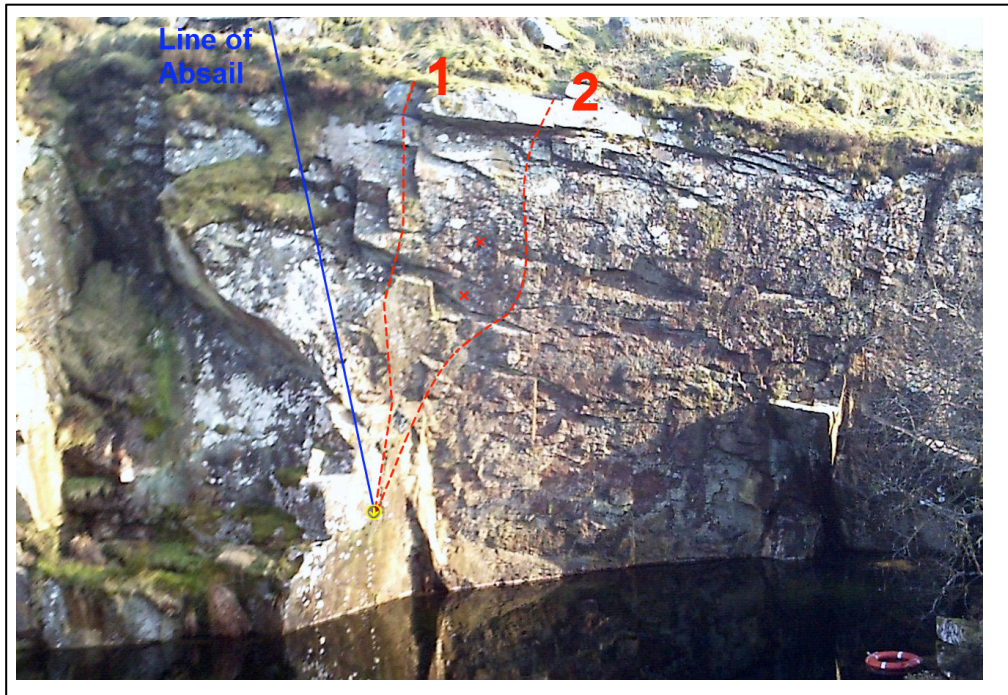
10m. Absail down the corner to a ledge above the water. Follow the vague fault line up the wall left of the corner passing a peg at half height.

6. Pug boy goat S (NP)

10m. Absail down the corner. Climb the unprotected corner mainly by its right arete. FA Mossee solo 10/2008

Pool Wall

Best approached by abseil from the massive collection of boulders found above this wall, all the way down to a bolt belay just above the water.



1. Irrelevant E1 5b

10m. Climb the slight grooves in the left-hand arête. The bolts to the right can be clipped but aren't really much use. FA Mossee & Hannah 17/4/10

2. Cameltoxis F7a

10m. Move up to a ledge then utilizes a shaky undercut to move powerfully up to a good edge and then the top. FA Mossee & Hannah 17/4/10