

# Kleptomaniac area

A delightful bay. Should be enjoyed on cold clear winters day as it is a proper little sun trap. There is also some classic north coast bouldering to be had. The rock varies from good quality pocketed slab climbing to flakey choss. Should stabilise with a bit of traffic, or fall down! Protection comes from wires, small cams and pegs. Some of the pegs are old, although some have been replaced (this is indicated in the text).



## 1 **Shadows** 30 feet VD

Follow the crack over a small overlap.  
FrA Mossee 2001 solo

## 2 **Shades** 40 feet HVD

Climb cracks to the left of the wart at 5 metres. This leads to the left-hand side of the higher arched overlap finish leftwards.

## 3 **Sun** 50 feet VS 4c

The obvious crack slicing through the left-hand side of the overlapping arch. Starting from the first large boulder. The bulge at 20 feet is climbed on good holds; an old peg protects the top section.

## 4 **Sea** 50 feet VS 4c

Starting roughly in the central of the overlap. Climb to a stuck on block from the left then climb leftwards towards the top.

## 5 **Sand** 50 feet HVS 5b

Climb strenuously leftward thought the bulges at the right-hand end of the arch. Start from the large flat boulder. Good gear

## 6 **Sewage** 50 feet HS

Climb the groove right of sand, step right at the roof onto the arête. Take the obvious traverse line to join the top of sand.

## 7 **Joseph** 55 feet HS

Start as for Sewage in a short groove. From the top of this climb the slab above over dusty rock.

*Named in memory of my granddad who was buried on this day. FrA Hannah, Mossee Sept 11 2001*

## 8 **Strawberry Something** 55 feet HS 4a

Follows a bold line up the slabs right of Josephs starting groove. Climb the slab passing a peg (not placed by me appeared sometime in the summer 07) until the rock quality forces a traverse left leads to the top.

*FrA Hannah, Mossee Sept 11 2001*

**9 Kleptomaniac** 70 feet E1/2 5b

The top peg is missing with damage to the placement, after a bit of study no replacement can be found. There has also been a rock fall on the seaward side of this fin, no damage has been done to this route although winters coming up, still provides good climbing.

**10 Hadrian** 70 feet E2 5b

A bold route up the slab right of the arête. Climb past two pegs to the stepped overlap, step right below a peg then to the top. Slightly loose at the top.

**11 Bronte** 70 feet E2 5c

The middle section feels a little Jenga. Good climbing crossing the stepped overhang low down. Start below a circular hole move left and up. A neat step right brings protection. There is a thin bit by the top peg.

*The next route can be found on the north side of the next fin.*

**Foxman and Robin's Zawn Duel** 70 feet E3 5b

The lower pegs are gone. The top peg has a stitched sling on it faded and old, the hole is too small to clip with a krab. Good luck.

**12 Fear of Tears** 70 feet VS 4c

This follows roughly the old line of Tears for fears. Follow the stepped arête move right to finish. The old line can be used as a direct start at about 5a/b.

*FrA Mossee and Hannah 2001*

**13 Kicking Over the Traces** 70 feet E1 5b

Follows the left-hand arête. The peg (new peg Nov 07) at twenty feet protects difficult moves into the small scoop. Follow crack to the top.

**14 The wall** 70 feet E1 5b

Climb the slab past two pegs aiming for the deep crack. Bold climbing to start, slight looseness around the upper crack.

**15 It'll End in Smears** 70 feet E3 5b

Loose flaky climbing, start by climbing the corner to a peg. Steps left and climb the slab to the top. The upper slab has a certain Hob Nob like feel.

**Midst of a Trauma** 80 feet E5/6 6a

Sustained buttock clenching climbing up the slab right of the corner. Climb to the first poor peg, aim for the next two (one of which is new Nov 07). Step right to a strange pin and washer thing, loop a wire over it. Then clench past two more pegs to the top (the blade is a new one nov 07).

**Tormented tendon** 70 feet E4 6a

I've not found this one. I've thought it to be the same as the previous route. Consult page 180 in the north Devon and Cornwall bible.

**16 Aardvark** 40 feet VS 4c

This follows the seaward groove of the fin. Climb the slab to the ledge, then the groove.

**17 Turn Left at the Roundabout** 50 feet E2 5b

Climb the slab left of centre. Move leftwards to the top at about three quarter's height.

**18 Dangerous Driver** 50 feet E1 5b

Straight up the wall to a half way brake (gear) continue to the top.

**19 Straight on at the Lights** 50 feet E1 5b

Link the two small pockets to half ledges. Move up and right to a wire, then slightly left to the top.