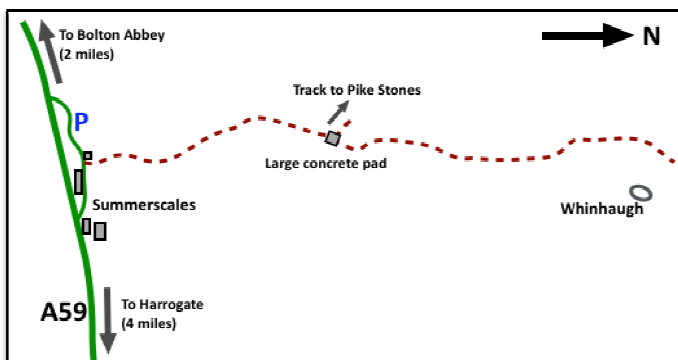


Whinhaugh

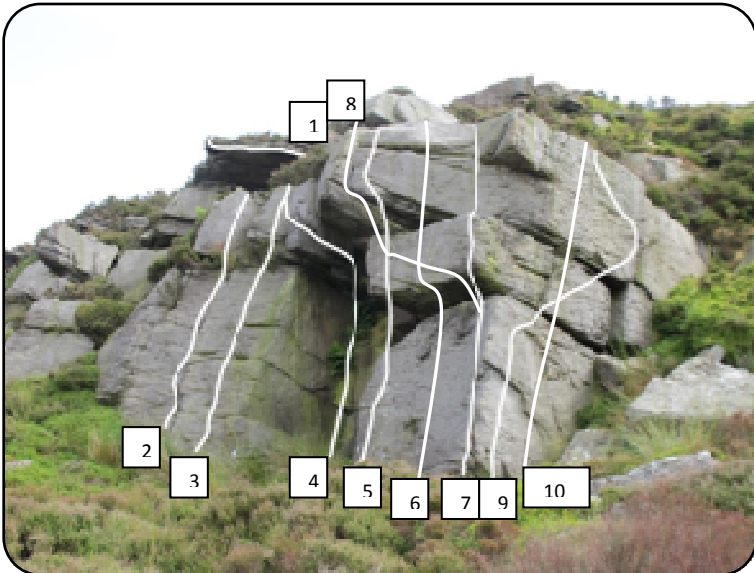
General Information	
OS Ref.	SE 1021 5586
Parking GPS	53.985418, -1.8495306
Altitude	330m
Aspect	West
Conditions	Moderate drying time, some drainage
Plod time	25 Minutes
Landings	Tall with good landings
Mod - HS	3
VS - E1	5
F4+ - F6a	3

Introduction:

In stark contrast to its well-loved neighbour, Barden Fell, Rocking Moor spills outwards from its windswept summit in a long gentle slope. Here, nestled cosily into the peat, rests Whinhaugh, the unpronounceable. Clean, compact, tall enough to make you think, and overlooked until now. “Whin” is an alternative common name for gorse (though the sheep have long since dispensed with that); “haugh” is a Middle English word most likely deriving from the Old English word for a corner or nook. The crag is easily combined with the nearby Pike Stones to give a worthwhile afternoons climbing.



Parking and approach info: Park and approach as for Pike Stones until you reach the large concrete pad. From here continue straight on (north) and take the vague shooting track that soon bears off left. Follow this past shooting butts until you reach the last one (marked number 11). This is the best place to strike off the path to the crag, which is clearly seen on the right.



Crag

Scramble up at the left of the crag to an obvious cave-like feature.

The Lookout

1 Lookout! Font 4+

The lip of the large roof can be traversed at a very amenable grade. The landing should you fall at the end may not be so gentle.

The Crag

Back down at ground level, the main crag is split by an obvious chimney capped by a protruding nose.

2 & 3 Winnet Picker Mod *

The crack in the short slab left of the main buttress. Easy peasy. The clean slab to the left can be climbed, eliminating the crack and arete, at HVD.

4 The Big Chicken VS 5a

Climb the middle of the central cave and exit dustily leftwards onto the green rib using anything and everything that comes to hand. Graded for a lead ascent but more often soloed.

4a The Scaredy Cat HVS 5b *

A weird and escapable eliminate. Start as for *The Big Chicken* and climb to the capping nose. A perilous sequence of moves, with feet bridging out right, gets you matched on the front of the nose, before a final press into the chimney on the right.

5 Look Lively HVS 5a *

The arete immediately right of the chimney is climbed easily to a lively finish.

6 Whinhaugh Wall VS 5a (Font 4+)

Centre of the wall.

7 Whinhaugh We Gonna Get There?

HS

The right arete of the crag passing large ledges.

8 The Whinhaugh Wanderer HVS 5a (Font 5)

Start up Whinhaugh We Gonna then follow the slanting seam left (no big horizontal break) and climb the prow direct finishing up its left side.

9 Whinhaugh Takes All Font 5

Always escapable but above a tricky landing. Start at the very toe of the buttress and climb the right wall, first heading right, then trending left.

10 The Whinhaugher Font 6a

The centre of the right wall direct. Start at the obvious big hold and use sidepull and mono to attain the committing finish, poor landing.