

# Spirit of Kinder

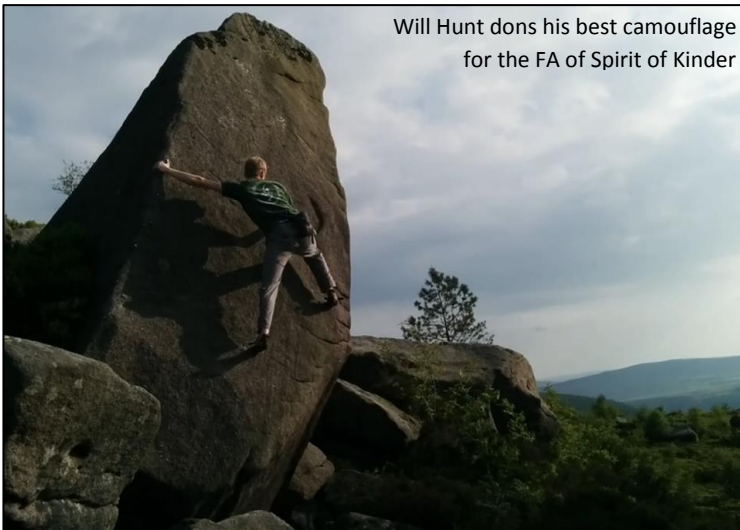
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This graceful highball weaves a path of least resistance up an isolated slab of perfect, clean gritstone – giving 2 stars of quality by anybody's measure, if not 3! If you're operating at Font 6B+ (highball), or E2 6a/b in old money, then it is well worth seeking out. In Barley and Baker's original Wild Bouldering guidebook they described the location of some controversial problems on a set of prehistoric menhirs through cryptic verse. Since an act of trespass is required to climb this line, a similar approach has been taken here (courtesy of the multi-talented Ruth Snowden). Happy hunting!

The crow turns a blind eye as I stumble over the dry stone wall.  
My descent through the bracken is not his style.  
Arduously, across High Brown Hill,  
I seek my Kinder.  
I had spied it, high, my prize.  
From the grand Hall, I saw it  
Bright against the moor, I sought it all.

Beady, greedy eyes had searched beyond the allowed perimeters until  
Here, now,  
Spread eagled with gritted fingers  
I move higher  
Slave  
Up the centre of the pyramid.  
Chased by the canine spectres  
O'er way from Trollers Gill.  
Graceful as flight, I am bar any guest  
In the CRoW's nest.

Ruth Snowden, June 2015



Will Hunt dons his best camouflage  
for the FA of Spirit of Kinder