

Thimble Stones

Altitude 392m a.s.l -Faces SW

Crag features

A small set of boulders close to the summit of Ilkley (Rombald's) Moor providing a few short but pleasant problems in a fine location. The Ripples Block has interesting rock.



Access notes

The Tarmac road on the Keighley side of the moor leads to a parking place by the Whetstone Gate Ariel. Follow the path towards the summit - the boulders are obvious and on the other side of the wall. Cross the wall at a convenient boulder that forms a natural stile. **Problems described from left to right**

Central Block



Situated towards the centre of the group!

1/ Little Greeny f3

Step off the block and green your way upwards.

2/ A Stitch in Time

f6c+ **

Tackle the two rounded arêtes just right of the small block from a low sitter.



3/ Reap and Sew f6b+ *

Left hand on right of the two arêtes and right in low undercut. Crouch/sit start and slap. Rock-up left to finish. A standing version is **Small Circle of Fiends** f4

4/ Impetuous before His Time f6c *

SDS up holds on wall left of the arête. No using the arête.

5/ Little Slip of Horrors f6a+ *

SDS up the arête direct. Also worthwhile from standing.

6/ Strangeness in a Strange Way f5

Arête on its right side.

7/ Imp-poster F4+

Wall in the gully just to the right of the last problem.

Ripples Block

The right-hand block has a lovely rippled wall facing towards the valley.



1/ Micro-chasm f2 *
The fine flake on the left.

2/ Small Wonder f6a+ *
SDS off horizontal pinch and up.

3/ Atom Craft f6a *
SDS. Low hold to flakes.



4/ Tom's Thumb f2
Left side of easy slab.

5/ Teeny Tim f2
Right side of easy slab.

6/ Small Sacrifices f5 *
SDS. Right side of slanting arête.

7/ Happiness in Small Doses f6c **
SDS. Low undercut ripple to top. Fun!

8/ Tweeking the Nipple f6b *
As it says! SDS just in from right arête.

9/ Little Rascal f4
Right arête from SDS.

10/ No Small Affair f6c **
R to L traverse using only holds below the top. F6a if top is allowed and still good.

Fat Lip Block

75m to the right and past one set of small boulders is a very low sloping slab sat on a plinth.

1/ The Power of the Pullover f5+
Leftish end of slab, right of the notch. Low SDS to lip and up.



2/ Chinless Wonder f6b

Similar but harder. Middle of slab.

3/ Rude Not Ta f4+

SDS under the nose on the left end to pull over for the big crack.

4/ Something a Little Less Sensible f6b *

Feet up traverse from right to left finishing at obvious notch. Easier using the bottom of plinth for feet (6aish).

All problems FRA P Clarke, John Hunt Oct 2014 (some will have been done before)

A Stitch in Time and Reap and Sew P Clarke Oct 2014