

Middleton Woods

General Information	
OS Ref.	SE122487
GPS	53.935088,- 1.815099
Altitude	120m
Aspect	South Facing.
Conditions	One small buttress found in the scenic woods behind Ilkley Lido.
Plod time	10 mins.
Landings	High but mostly good. A stream can form under the boulder.
F0 – F4	3
F4+ - F5+	1
F6a - F6c+	1
F7a etc	1



Other condition info:

Regular woodland conditions.
Nice bluebells in the Spring.

Parking and approach info:

From Ilkley town centre cross the river via Brook Street / Middleton Avenue. Turn right on to Curly Hill and park half

way up here then follow the path eastwards into the woods for a couple of minutes – keep near the top of the wood. The crag is on a steep slope above the letter 'J' on the AIRE Orienteering Club's permanent course.

The first couple are a little unsatisfying:

1/ **Prickles** D

Bash through the jungle on the left of the buttress.

Could do with some more gardening.

Traditional

2/ **Middleton Cleft** S

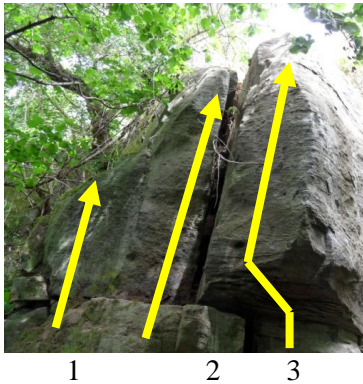
Layback the wide crack.

Traditional

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3/ **Spoilt** 4

Start left of the arête.
Make difficult moves to reach the ledge – which spoils the problem really.
Step back on to the hanging arête to go for the top. A pure eliminate would be much harder.
John Hunt 30th June 2011



4/ **J10** 7a **

The right side of the arête is quite high, technical and sustained – not to mention fingery and gut-flutter making. Worth working for.

Robert Fenton 30th August 2010

5/ **Many Moves** 6c *

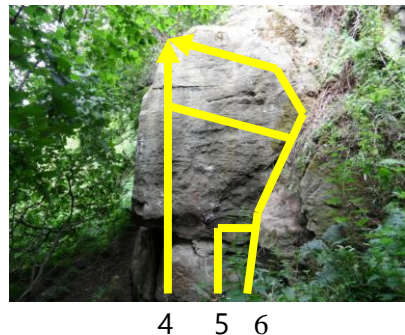
Sit start on the face right of J10. Contort back for the satellite flake; stand on this to bridge onto the face. Traverse the thin line to the arête; the moves up this are urgent.

John Hunt 29th April 2019

6/ **J9 and a bit** Font 5+

Back and foot the corner at the right side of the main face to reach the high, easy, traverse line – this give easier access to the finish of J10. Highball and exciting.

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