

# Hood Crag

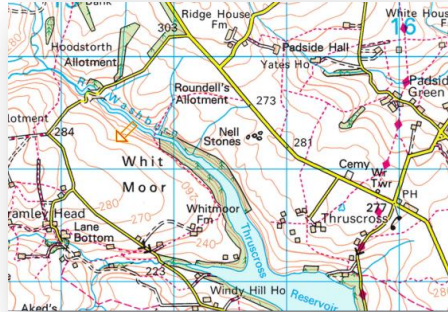
**Climbs** 17

**Altitude** 300m

**Faces** North East

**Other condition info:**

A tough block of the hardest grit imaginable. A low roof providing a number of challenges. Can be damp under the roof after rain but catches the late afternoon or evening sun depending on time of year.



**Parking and approach info:**

Close to the Blubberhouses to Pateley Road north of the Stone House Inn. Drive north from the inn and take the left turn by a wood into Hoodstorth Lane. This leads downhill to ample parking/picnic spot by a stream (The Washburn). Walk 200m up the tarmac road to the second of two bends. Enter the field by going over some rough ground and a ditch to carefully crossing a gate feature and follow the river terrace to pass a gap in the wall and onto the moorland. This point can be gained from further back along Hoodstorth Lane and dropping down to the bridge crossing the river below the crag then up. Total of 10 mins at the most.



Alternatively, only 200m off the Thruscross Reservoir Walk – take boots and butties for picnic and quick hit?

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## Left Wall

### 1/ 12 O'Clock Crossing F5 \*

A left to right traverse of the break starting on the left wall and finishing around the far corner.

FRA J Colbeck 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015



### 2/ Hug a Hoody F6a \*

SDS. Pull on and/or inject your leg into the slot to gain the break. Finger edges gain the top – but no straying left.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

A number of variations make use of the fine arête.

### 3/ Tales from the Hood F6a \*\*

Same SDS to break but move right and up the edge and finishing flutings.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### 4/ As Hood as it Gets F6c+ \*\*

SDS on big jug deep under roof. Pull out and leg hook to the hanging arête with right hand. A stiff pull gains the break and finish direct.

FRA P Clarke 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### 5/ Boys in the Hood F5 \*

Pull up the left side of the arête from standing starting from the bucket in the break.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## Main Wall

### 6/ Bricks from the Hod F5 \*

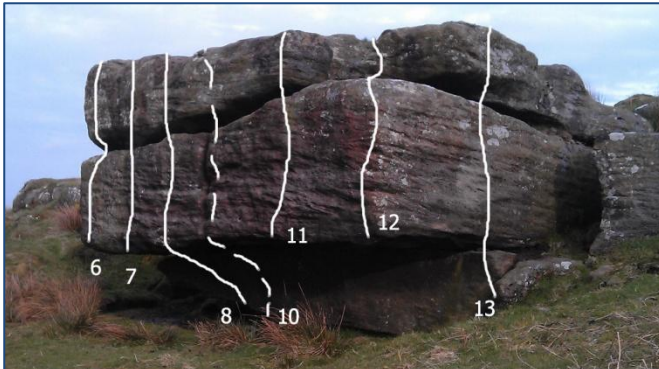
Pull up the right side of the arête from the bucket in the break.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### 7/ Sisterhood F5 \*

Gain the break just right and then left slightly to top-out.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015



## 8/ Red Riding F6c \*\*

SDS just left of the crack. Pull out to slopers and make a big move (much easier if you are tall 6b/+) using the pocket to gain the break. Finish direct.

FRA J Hunt, P Clarke 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## 9/ Sith Lord F6b \*

An easier version of Red Riding. SDS. Low holds on the lip lead via pockets just left of the crack to gain the break and an easier finish. The starting holds can also be gained by jamming out along the next problem **Jedi One-Way** F6c \*

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## 10/ May The 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You F6b+ \*

SDS. A test of your mettle and there may be blood! From good holds in the break at the back of the roof, jam the widening crack to the break and join the finish of the previous problem with some relief but maybe less skin.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## 10a/ Give to the Poor F6b+ \*

SDS and take the right edge of the crack for your left hand plus slopers on the wall to gain the break then up

FRA P Clarke 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## 11/ Hoodwink F4+ \*

Pull past the break to the high edge just right of the crack.

FRA, P Clarke J Hunt 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## 12/ Stood F4

Contrived. The right arête from standing.

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## 13/ Nth F6b

SDS. Contrived. The side wall.

FRA P Clarke 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015

## 14/ Hoodwinked F6a \*\*

From the block traverse the break to good holds on Hug a Hoody then back again. Strictly NO jams.



*A fine picnic spot!*

## Eliminates

### Red Riding Roof F6c \*\*\*

SDS on the big jug at the left end of the roof (as for Hoody Hoo/As Hood As It Gets).

Traverse right on flakes and jugs at the back of the roof before reaching out for the low pocket on Red Riding. Finish up Red Riding using slopers and the big pocket. Great moves and a good extension, if a bit lowball...

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### 4a/ Hoody Hoo F6c+ \*\*

SDS on the huge jug under the roof on the far left (as for As Hood as it Gets), climb out to the hanging arête and then traverse rightwards to the large pocket adjacent to the crack and then launch for the break (as for Red Riding). Finish direct.

*Nathaniel Larsson 28<sup>th</sup> Jun 2015*