

RIVOOCK EDGE

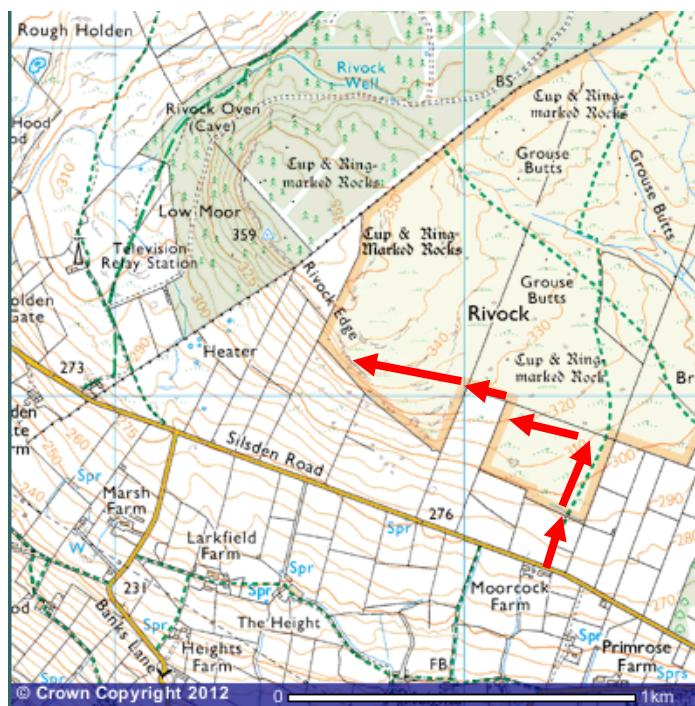
WEST YORKSHIRE



340m SE 076 441

A small bouldering venue high on the south-western flank of Ilkley Moor overlooking the mighty metropolis of Keighley. The rock is perfect silver gritstone and always seems to be clean. This is a magical venue.

This crag is mentioned in brief in *Yorkshire Gritstone Vol. 2* (YMC, 2014) p.564 - this is the full record to date.



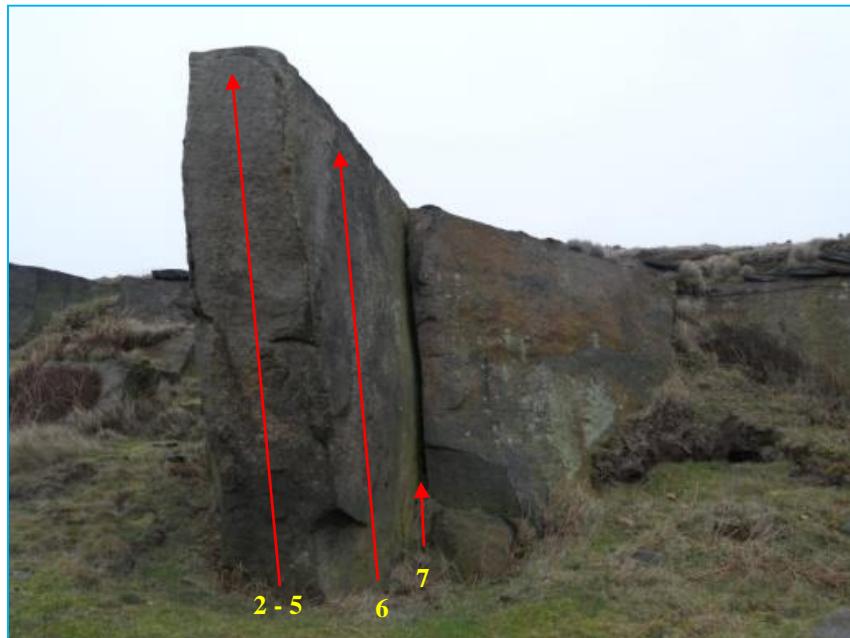
Parking and Approach:

The Silsden Road runs parallel with the edge, but the 'legal' approach via access land and without wall climbing is longer and more complicated. Park carefully near Moorcock Farm or the sub-station just down the road. Follow the footpath uphill onto access land. Make for the gate at the top left corner of the rough field; a fenced track takes you to moorland containing the edge. 15 minutes.

Access: On access land – as long as the approach described is followed.

RIVOCK PROW

The proud prow – you can't miss it.

**1 Pillar 1**

SD – The hollow flake on the left side wall – using both edges.

2 Prow Ordinary 6a

The prow from standing. The good left-hand undercut is allowed; high feet are key.

3 Prow Ordinary Sitter 6c

Pull on, slap into the good undercut on the left and build up for the throw. Can also be done using a good side pull on the right face.

4 Prow Direct 6b

A strict eliminate only using holds on and between the arêtes themselves.

5 Prow Direct Sitter 6c+

The same again from a sitting start – tension, slaps and heels all the way.

6 Razor No-Feet 6b+

The right wall from standing using the high sharp hold with your right hand. The arête is in. Paste your feet.

7 Rivock Crack 1

The crack from as low as possible.

8 Le Tour de Rivock 5+

Circumnavigate the top of the left-hand block with an engaging crux navigating the lower end. Good warm-up.

RIVOCK MAIN BOULDER

The fine boulder with the strange circular cut-out on its left face (the product of some softer stuff getting mixed in when the grit was laid down – if you believe the cod-geology).

9 Leftside 3

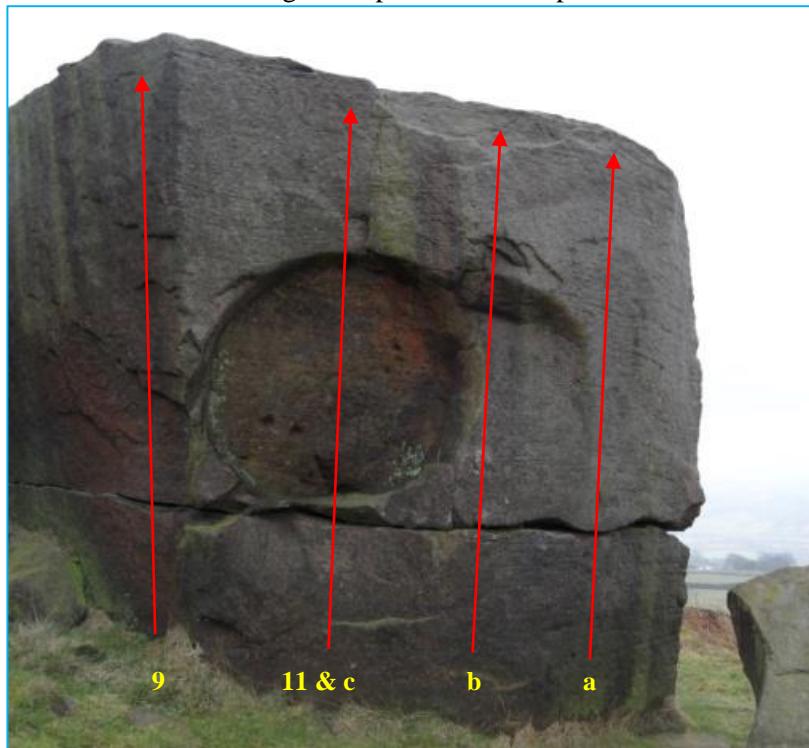
SD Layback left edge of the circular feature and chuck for the top.

10 Around The House 5

Start up **Leftside** but then traverse the whole top in a rightwards direction – step back on to your mat to finish.

11 Globe 5+

SD Contort up centre of the circular feature to high side-pulls and the top.



The next three are progressive eliminates; all sitting starts:

12 Troll Time

a 5 Using any features and the right arête to reach the top.

b 5+ Without the arête.

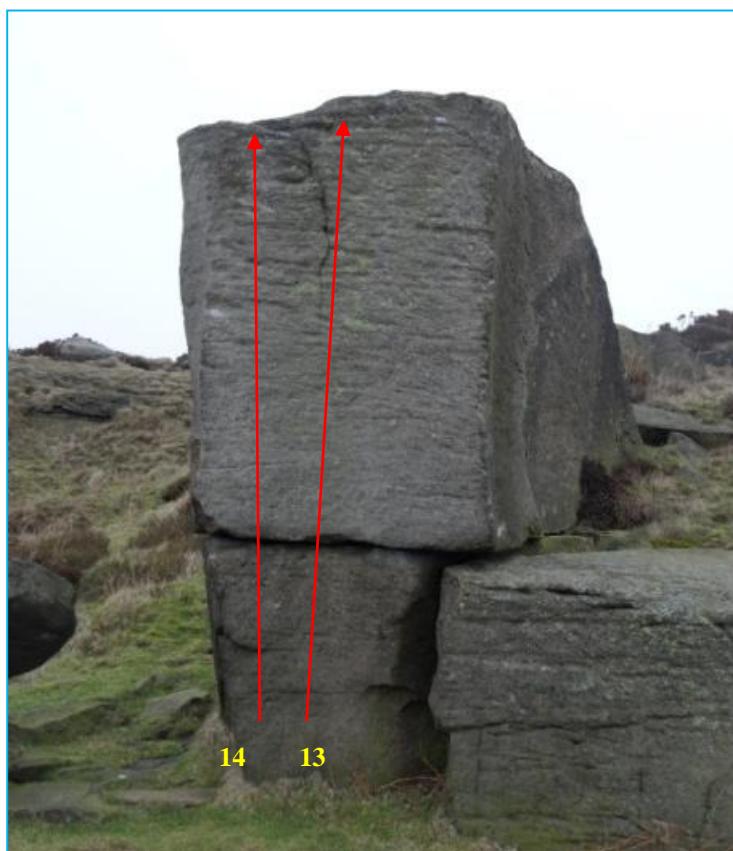
c 6a After the break, eliminate all holds right of the edge of the circular feature – success is in the balance.

13 Rivock Wall 4

Bookend the fine end wall. 5 from sitting.

14 Bowstring 6a

SD The left arête and central seam (or the hold atop it) only from a jamming start. Beware the barn-door.



There is more in the cleared woods towards Rivock Oven and around the trig point. They are not included here as the approach to the other end of the edge is different; please see unknownstones.com and UK Climbing for details. Careful though, the woods in these parts are said to be haunted.

John Hunt, October 2021

First ascents

Bowstring, Rivock Wall, Troll Time (all three), Leftside

John Hunt 16th February 2012

Globe, Crack, Pillar, Prow Ordinary, Prow Ordinary Sitter, Prow Direct, Prow Direct Sitter

John Hunt 2nd March 2012

Le Tour de Rivock

Russell Bowman 30th June 2014

Razor No-Feet, Around The House

John Hunt 21st October 2021