

Intro

History

The G spot (officially Kinsey cave) was likely formed at the end of the last ice age when a melt-water fed waterfall receded up the valley and broke into an existing cave system.

In the 1930s W Kinsey Mattinson excavated debris and rock from the cave finding archaeological relics, the large mound beneath Violent New Breed and Harry Tuttle Heating Engineer is the material removed from the cave. Amongst human remains and other finds, Kinsey discovered a Cave Bear (*Ursus Spelaeus*) skull which can be seen in Craven museum, Skipton. Many blocs in the cave have archaeologically linked names.

Climbing wise the cave first came to the attention of climbers as a sport crag with short hard test pieces being added by Bird, Dunne and Gaskins.

The bouldering was developed in 2023 by Hartley and Hearnden and has produced some excellent steep problems in a variety of styles with holds ranging from savage crimps to beautiful water sculpted pinches. The majority of the rock is sound in nature and doesn't suffer as badly from seepage as one might think. All problems finish at the break and most link perfectly into Militia 8a+ for some quality enduro exercises. For those with real ambition, a link into Violent New Breed 9a+ awaits!



Rob Hearnden on Ursus 7C+

Logistics

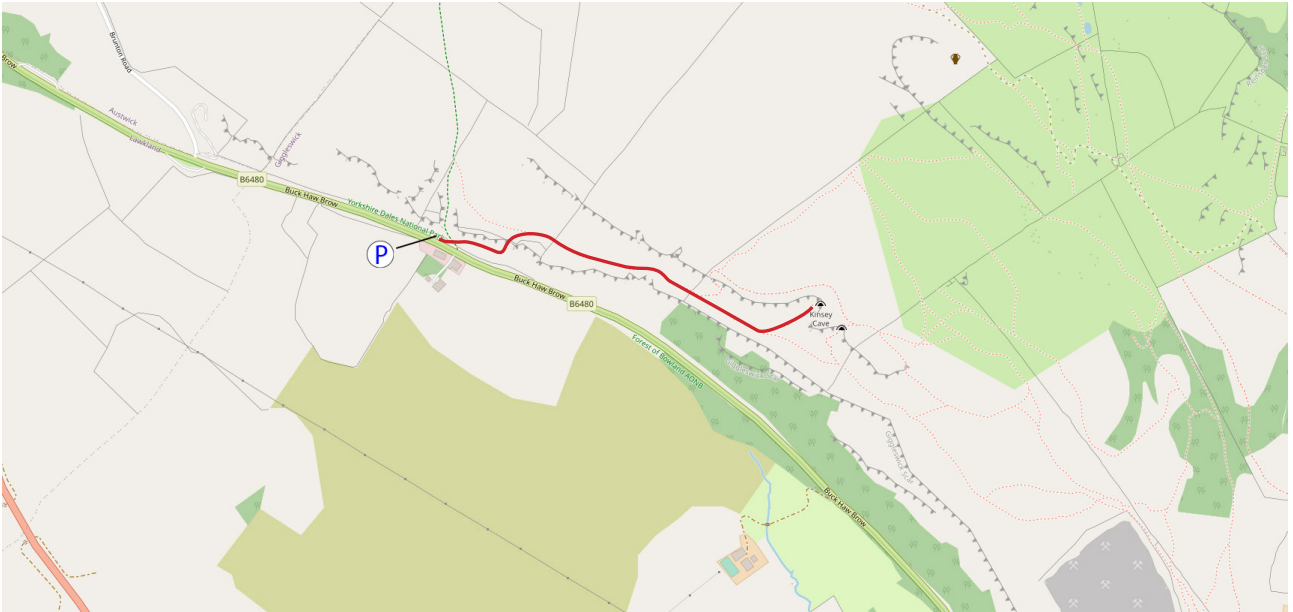
Parking 54.087870, -2.311859

From Settle follow the B6480 North towards Kendal. At the brow of the hill park considerably (end on?) in the lay-by opposite a garage/wreckers yard.

Approach

Pleasant and easy. About 15-20 min.

Using a gate at the downhill end of the parking enter the field and head right following a small track. After an easy scramble past a double cave join the main footpath just before it crosses a stile. Follow the footpath through a field, over another wall until it descends into a valley. Head up this valley to the cave at its end.



Access

Due to archaeological importance Kinsey Cave is a scheduled ancient monument meaning it is protected by law. Any changes permanently made to the cave (including new bolts) must only be conducted after written permission is gained from the secretary of state. It is however on access land and considerate bouldering should cause no issues.



John Hartley on The Pig Yard Club - 7C

The Caves Mouth



1 : The Pig Yard Club | Font 7C ***

From the starting jug/undercut make a big reach left to a crimp or sloper before a huge move right to a crimp allows a cheeky rest. Move right to join Ursus at the highest crimps. Morpho? (Has been linked into Militia at 8b ish?!)

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2 : Tot Lord | Font 7B **

As for TPYC but exit left via a flatty and big reach.

Hartley 2023

3 : Ursus | Font 7C+ ***

From the starting jug/undercut blast right and up to a crimp in a hole in the roof before exiting via a crimpy sequence. Finish at the break. (or up Militia f8a+?!)

Hearnden 2023

4 : Troglodytes | Font 7B+ **

From sitting, use a low jug for RH and a grubby triangular crimp for the left, move through undercuts to link direct into the top or Ursus via the jug.

Hearnden 2023

5 : Bob's Problem | Font 6C+ *

Stand start. From two opposing undercuts/side pulls go up using the jug. At the break traverse left to finish on the jugs of Ursus.

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LINK UPS

6 : Rob's Problem | Font 7A *

Link Bob's into Ursus

Hearnden 2023

7 : Ursus RH | Font 7B *

Link Ursus into Bob's problem via a lovely hole.

Hartley 2023

Inside the Cave



1 : Ursa Major | Font 8A ***

An awesome outing! From the jug below the shelf deep within the cave make powerful moves through the steepest section of the cave to join Ursus at its crux. Bring your knee pads AND head-torch!

Can be started at a lesser quality and grade from jugs on the right wall before crossing the roof to give Ursa Minor 7C+

Hartley 2023

John Hartley finishing The Pig Yard Club - 7C

