

My Top Ten Climbs

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I have compiled this list from routes I have climbed which are of VS grade or below. The list is not in any order of preference and I have also listed some other routes in the same geographical areas which are worth climbing (again routes I have done, there will be other routes which I have not listed).

- 1) **Crackstone Rib** (Severe) 3 pitch route
Llanberis Pass – Carreg Wastad
Excellent second pitch with a bold move onto the arête.

Main Wall (Hard Severe) 6 pitch route
Cyn Las
Wrinkle (V Diff) 3 Pitch route
Carreg Wastad
Phantom Rib (VS) 5 pitch route
Clogwyn y Grochan
Excellent second pitch
Flying Buttress (V Diff) 6 pitch route
Dinas Cromlech

- 2) **Grooved Arete** (V Diff) 9 Pitch route
East Face of Tryfan
The pitch that arrives at the Haven and the Knight's slab pitch are the best sections.

Gashed Crag (V Diff) is another climb on Tryfan worth a visit.

- 3) **Creagh Dhu Wall** (Hard Severe) 3 pitch route
Craig y Castell – Tremadog
I think it's the best climb of its grade at Tremadog.

Christmas Curry with the Micah Eliminate is also a great route.

- 4) **Diedre Sud** (Hard Severe) 2 pitch route
West Face of Mowing Word – South Pembroke

- 5) **Scavenger** (VS 4b) 1 pitch
Three Cliff Bay on the Gower Peninsula

Arch Slab (VS 4c)

- 6) **Doorpost** (Hard Severe) 3 pitch route
Bosigran – West Cornwall
- Doorway* (Severe) - Bosigran
Ochre Slab Route One (VS) – Bosigran
Demo Route (Hard Severe) – Sennen
- 7) **Via Dolorosa** (VS) 3 pitch route
The Roaches
- Black & Tan* (Severe)
- 8) **'F' Route** (VS) 1 pitch
Gimmer Crag – Langdale
- Ash Tree Slabs* (V Diff)
- 9) **Agag's Groove** (V Diff) 4 pitch route
Rannoch Wall – Glen Cloe
The first pitch is the steepest V Diff I have ever done.
- January Jigsaw* (Severe) 4 pitch route
- 10) **Espolon Central** (Spanish 4 – Hard Severe) 13 pitch route
Puig Campana – Costa Blanca, Spain
This is the longest route I have done.
A very early start is needed as it is a good idea to do the descent when it is still light as it is hard to find and quite tricky.
- Via Valencianos* – (Severe) Penon d'Fach
Marion – (VS) Sella