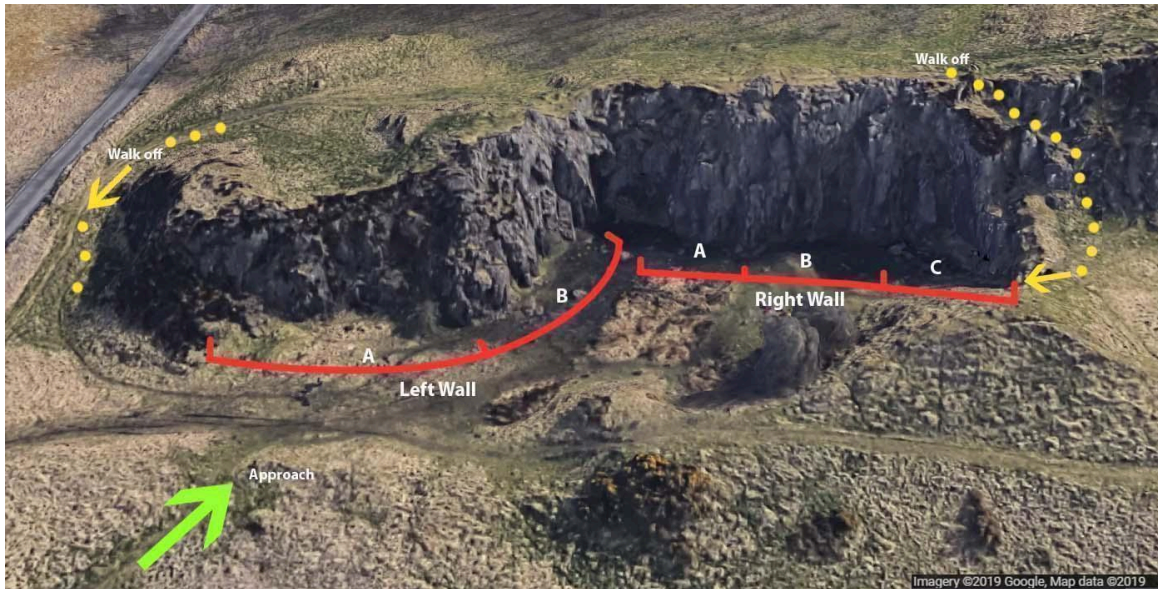


# Neilston Quarry

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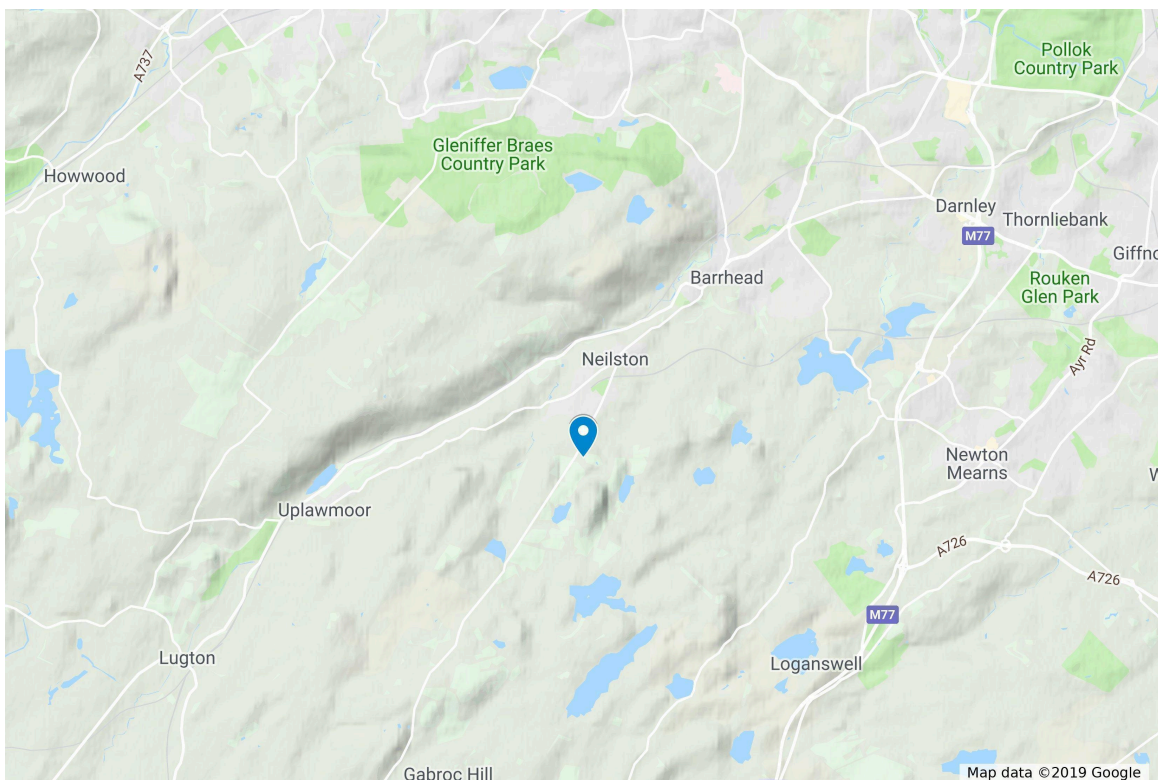
## Introduction

A modest but decent crag for local climbing. Climbs are generally short but there are some interesting and worthwhile starred routes. There is a good selection of lower grade routes, which are useful for learning, as well some challenging routes around VS-HVS range and a handful of harder routes. Belay stakes at the top allow for quick anchors and top rope building. As with many quarry crags, bear in mind that there are loose rocks and holds and care should always be taken. Rev 2 25.08.20



## Approach

Head though Neilston on the Kingston Road towards Stewarton. The crag is about a half-mile outside the town on the left. The crag should be visible from the road behind a large pylon. Park with consideration and do not block the access to the other sites beside the crag.



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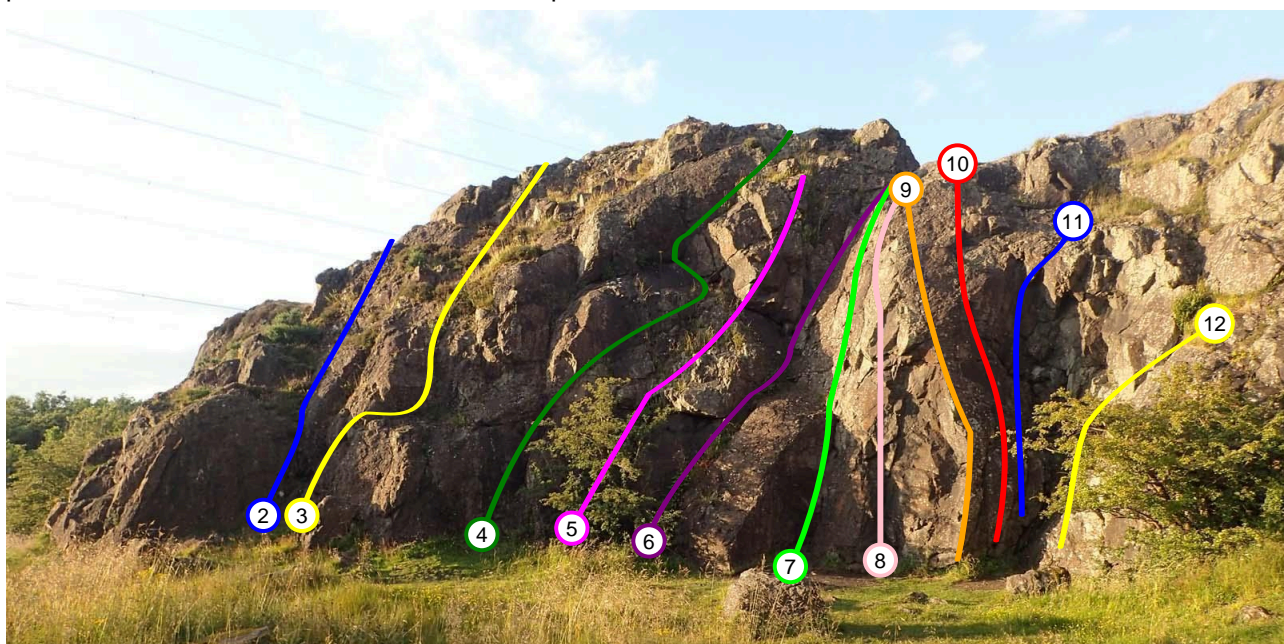
## Left Wall

First short rocks as seen on approach. Generally easy climbing with some obscure lines. There are some interesting low grade routes to the right of this wall.



**1. Left and Left** *Severe* (2013)  
15m. On the far left side, the slab of rock directly ahead to the left when walking up from road by the path. Start from the lowest rock and head up in a

diagonal line to left; this leads you through the slabs all the way up. Easier rock may be reached if you stray off line. Some loose rock, but generally sound.  
FA: Ole Kemi



**2. Right-Angled Corner** *Diff*

Into the corner.

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**3. Corner and Groove** *Diff*

Follow clear route to top.

**4. Flake Route** *VDiff*

Follow route up past the flake.

**5. Dafty Route X** *Severe* (2020)

Between Flake route and VDiff Corner. Climb the face behind the tree to easier ground then over the overhanging block using the obvious rib.

FA: Cameron Watts

**6. VDiff Corner** *VDiff*

Ramp and corner up next to Pinkerton's Corner.

**7. Pinkerton's Corner** *S*

Follow the slab not the corner.

**8. Corner Arete** *S*

Climb the arete.

**9. Arete** *VDiff*

Up the prominent arete

**10. Kristeen's Crack** *V. Diff*

Up the crack.

**11. Ally's Gash** *HS 4b*

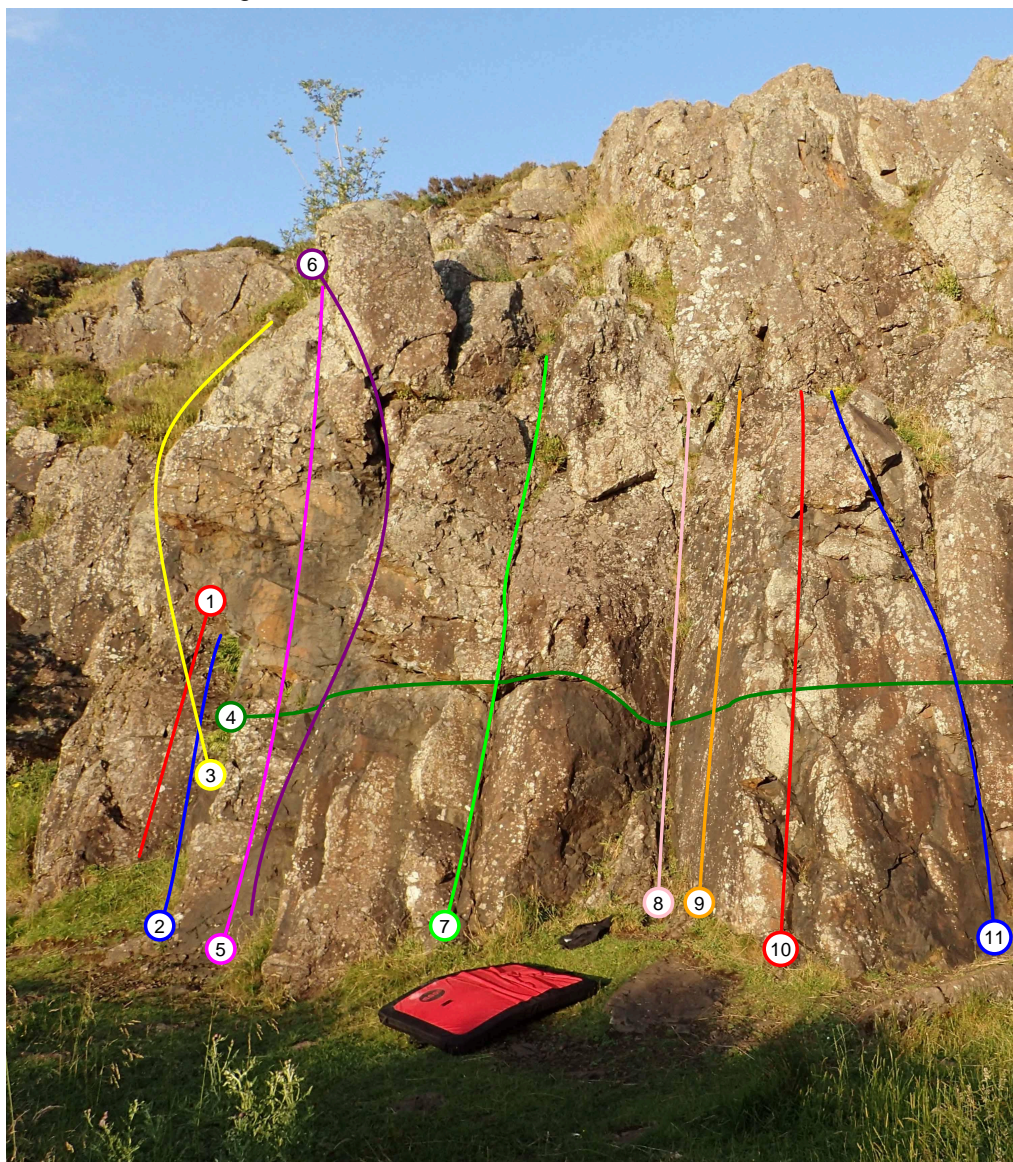
8m. Climb into the corner using the large holds, then up over the bulge overhang.

**12. Polish Direct** *HS*

Climb the short slab on the right, small holds and some gear placements.

## Right Wall

The Right Wall starts to the right of the tower with Strawberry Direct and Strawberry Crack, which has identifiable large boulder overhead. The central part of the Right wall has the highest and harder climbs. The far right of the crag has some obscure, vegetated lines.



**1. Juggy Crack** *Diff*

The fern filled crack to the left of the the Strawberry Direct tower and exit up on the right side.

**2. Snakes n Ladders** *VDiff/S*

Laybacking using the crack on the underside of Strawberry boulder and eliminate the slab. Rotate up onto the ledge and exit vertically.

**3. Eliminate Arete** *E3/4 6b?*

Eliminate Arete, 8m, (E3/4)? Highball Font 6b? Arete and rear face left of Strawberry direct. Unverified.

**4. Girdle Traverse** *f5+*

Traverse route from Juggy Crack to Peg Leg, 2m above ground.

**5. Strawberry Direct** *E2 6a*

Up into the corner at the start of Strawberry Crack, but go straight up over the bulge with small holds. Eliminate the wall on right.

**6. Strawberry Crack** *Severe \**

Into the crack corner under the overhanging bulge, then traverse left in front of the large boulder and up to the belay.

**7. Spiney Boulder** *VDiff*

Up the crack with the light quartz line.

**8. Easy Gully** *Diff*

In the corner and up the slab at the top. Not much gear.

**9. B.N.I** *Severe*

On face of slab. Beware loose block on right arete 2m up.

**10. Broken Arete** *VDiff*

**11. Y-Crack** *V. Diff*

Follow the short forked crack.



**12. Stephen Slab** *HS \**

The short slab leading to the ledge. To the right of Y-crack.

**13. Crack Corner** *V. Diff \**

**14. Polish Hangover** *HVS 4c \**

Climb directly up to and over the overhanging rock between Crack Corner and Intrusion Line.

**15. Polish Punk Rock** *HVS 4c*

Up Polish Hangover over the small roof and bulge before following the arete directly above. Traverse right onto face near Punk Rock and up to exit.

**16. Intrusion Line** *V. Diff*

Deep dark groove in the wall, holds on left side, proceed up to grassy gully. Add interest at grassy point by going up crack on right side (mild Severe), or traverse onto face at right for more of a challenge.

**17. Punk Rock** *HVS 5a \**

Start up Intrusion Line into corner, then follow crack to right and past in-situ nut.

**18. Addendum** *E1 5b*

(2014)

Eliminate route on slab to right of Punk rock. Use crimps to overhangs, eliminating cracks left and right (except for gear). Go up to curving crack and exit right.

FA: Stevie Weir

**19. Curving Crack** HVS 5a \*

Follow the curving crack to the right of Punk Rock.

**20. Dave's Mildly Moist Crack** Severe

Up the slab between curving crack and Willie's Route, using the cracks at both sides, then traverse over to right and continue up crack directly above Willie's Route.

**21. Twisted** E3 5c \* (2004)

Climb the slab left of Willie's Route and straight up the overhang bulge.

FA: A. McDonald, P. McDonald

**22. Willie's Route** S \*\*

Start at the broken crack line to the right, finishing on the right.

**23. Willie's Route Variation** E2 6a

Slab route to the right of Willie's Route, not using cracks at either sides, except for side runners. Exit up Willie's Route. Variation E3 finishes up overhead tower but gear is scarce and holds are fragile. Beware.

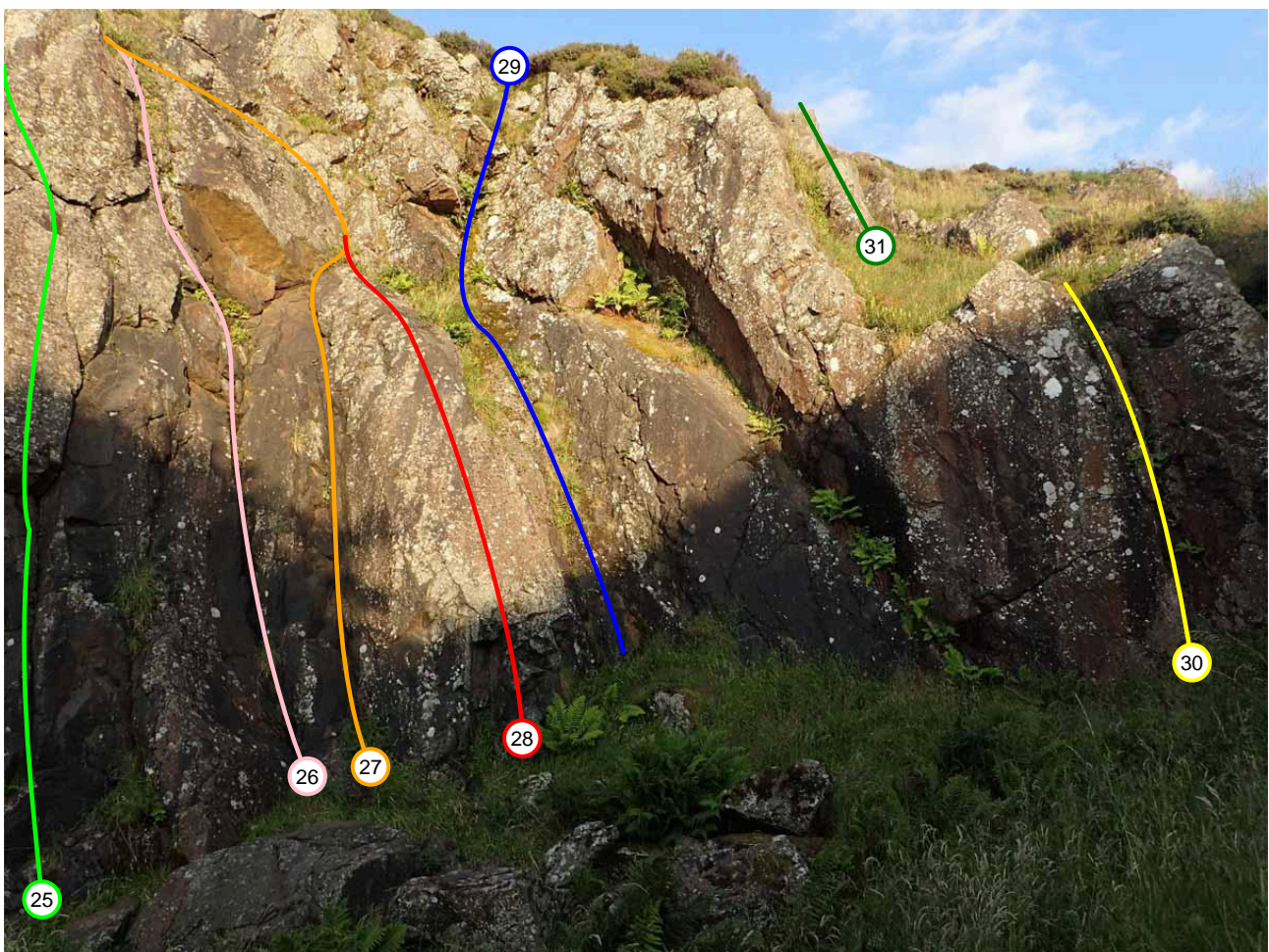
**24. Fornication** VS 4c

Climb the deep curving crack at the right side of the wall, then directly up over the step-over to finish.

**25. Hyperreality** VS 4b (1998)

Start at the bottom of the crack and move left early onto the bulge above the small roof. Continue up and then move left around the bulge to the step shared with Fornication. Or go direct up over the top for a bold HVS finish. Climbing main crack and right hand finish is probably Severe or HS.

FA: D. Crawford, S. Burns



**26. Grassy Crack** S

Climb the crack up to the rocky roof, then left.

**27. Jigsaw Jive** VDiff

The crack to the right of Grassy Crack. Go right around the overhang.

**28. Whitehorse Rib** Severe 4b

The blunt rib to the right of Jigsaw Jive. Join Jigsaw Jive where it traverses around the overhang.

**29. Grot Gulley** M

The gully to the the right of Whitehorse Rib. Supposedly exits up to the right but this looks very hazardous. Exit to left is probably best..

**30. Peg Leg** HVS 5b / f5

Climb the crack at the right end of the wall. More of a boulder problem than a route.

**31. The Fin** f4

Past the climb down path, some small rocks to the far right. Climb centre arete.