



Holyhead Mountain

Area: Holyhead Mountain
Style: Trad (1 - 2 pitches)
Aspect: South-West
Rock type: Quartzite
Approach: 15 minutes
Altitude: 150m

A delightful, sunny outcrop, with much excellent climbing; a good deal of which can be found in the lower grades. This is a much under-rated area of the Gogarth range, unfairly written off in the past as a mere sideshow to the bigger cliffs. Given the quality of the routes and the sunny aspect, it really deserves to attract more attention.

The relaxed ambience provides the perfect counter to the seriousness and intimidation of the nearby sea-level cliffs. However, don't be fooled into thinking this is the 'easy' option; invariably the climbing is a good deal more action packed than first appearances might suggest.

The Quartz Wall and Yellow Wall are the star attractions, but exploration of the Ramps should not be discounted, as there are many fine routes hidden away in this area. The slabs at the right side of the crag offer something of a rarity for the area; a number of pleasant routes in the lower grades.

Andy Scott soaking up the sunshine on crag classic **King Bee Crack**
 HVS 5b photo: Jethro Kiernan

Thern Arête	E5/6
A Seagull Ate My Crisps	E4/5
Mirrored in the Cleft	E4
Skinned Up	E4
Snakebite Wall	E4
Penny	E4
Big Jim	E3/4
Croissant	E3
Sai Dancing	E3
Final Solution	E3
The Electric Spanking of War Babies	E3
The Echoes	E3
Bran Flake	E2
Point Taken	E2
Sisters Crack	E2
Breaking The Barrier	E1
Grendel	E1
Uhuru Direct Start	E1
Bruvers	HVS
King Bee Crack	HVS
Black and Tan	VS
Cursing	VS
Patience	VS
Teaser	VS
Tension	VS
Sump Direct	HS
Pleasant Surprise	HS
Candlestick	HS
The Elephant's Arse	S
Tempest	S
Stairs	S
D'Elephant	VD