

NEW CLIMBS.

TRYFAN.

ANNIVERSARY APPROACH. 335 feet of climbing. Mild Difficult.

Start. From the Holyhead road, about halfway between the start of the North Ridge path and the eastern end of the lake, a steep rock wall is seen a few hundred feet above; or leave the road at the eleventh telegraph-pole from Glan Dena. Below the steep wall is a small detached buttress. Cairn at right of buttress-foot.

1. 50 feet. Swing out to the left above overhang and up on thinnish holds. Block belay above.
2. 60 feet. Walk 20 feet to a prominent block cloven by a crack. Up the crack and to foot of main face.
3. 25 feet. A small flake pillar marks the route of ascent to a grass ledge. Belay at the base of chimney on left.
4. 60 feet. (a) Climb chimney to stance on chockstone and gain the crest of the great flake by a narrow crack, awkward to start; or (b) back up outside the chockstone until the thin vertical edge on the left can be gained and climbed to the crest; this is Very Difficult. Thread belay at top of crack.
5. 40 feet. Walk along the flake crest to inner end of chimney and climb the turfy crack in the corner to shelf with Rowan tree.
6. 40 feet. Awkwardly up corner on right of tree, round it to left and traverse right up an ascending flake crack to easy ground.
7. 30 feet. An easy horizontal traverse to the right leads to the base of a sharp arête; this can be climbed (V.D.), but the normal route starts from a platform further to right.
8. 45 feet. Climb the face above the platform by a prominent crack. 25 feet of scrambling leads to finishing cairn.

First Ascent : Eric Byne, Colin Bates, Paul Russell. Sept. 25th, 1949.

(N.B.—From the finishing cairn the Anniversary Route lies 210 yards directly up the mountain-side. See 1949 Journal. The two routes combined give 735 feet of climbing suitable for moderate parties in any weather, and are the nearest climbing to Glan Dena.)

CLOGWYN DU.

PILLAR FACE. 75 feet. Very Difficult.

Start. Up Pillar Chimney by the usual route and begin at foot of Pillar on left.

One Pitch. 75 feet. Up the left edge of the Pillar for 30 feet, then a slightly awkward traverse right to the middle of the face and direct to the top of the Pillar.

First Ascent : Peter Nock, Mary Hingley. May 3rd, 1950.

RHINOGS.

THE HYWEL RIDGE. 400 feet of climbing. Mild Difficult.

This is the ridge of Rhinog Fach which comes down to the screes above Llyn Hywel. (Map Ref. 663266). Though much broken, the angle is continuously steep and gives the best mountaineering route between Snowdon and Cader Idris on the N. - S. line. Start at the lowest point and keep on the right edge throughout.

First Ascent : S. Styles, G. E. J. W. Garrard. December, 1935.

DOW CRAGS.

CONTINUATION ROUTE, D BUTTRESS. 180 feet. Mild Difficult.

An artificial Direct Finish to D. Buttress Ordinary.

Start. Immediately above the finish of D. Buttress Ordinary.

1. 50 feet. Avoid the steep crack by climbing diagonally up to the left to a flake crack and a short arête, followed by a corner. Grass and belay above.
2. 15 feet. Up to left on an easy grass shelf.
3. 25 feet. A steep slabby wall goes direct with one nice move.
4. 30 feet. Straight up the overhanging buttress ahead on large sloping holds. Belay on right corner of "roof" above.
5. 25 feet. Directly up on good holds to a grass ledge.
6. 15 feet. Avoid easy rock ahead by moving right up a little corner to grass terrace.
7. 20 feet. The short steep groove in the centre of the wall is the best of several routes. The top of the buttress is now an easy scramble.

First Ascent : Eric Byne, H. Haley, D. Munro. July 6th, 1950.

CRAIG Y TRE MARCHOG.

GAHERIS. 240 feet. Hard Very Difficult.

Craig y Tre Marchog is at the head of Cwm Ffynnon Llugwy.

Start. To the right of the lowest part of the cliff (on the right-hand side of two trees).

1. 60 feet. Up the steep slab by the obvious crack, mantelself on to a ledge and along this to a short chimney. Stance behind pinnacle.
2. 35 feet. Up the steep slab ahead, bearing left to a corner beyond a groove. Stance with tree belay.
3. 70 feet. Along grass ledge to left to a large flake (that of Pitch 3 of Gawain—see C.C.J. page 311, 1944). Go along the flake, behind the pinnacle, and down to large ledge.
4. 35 feet. Go left until wall above becomes more tractable. Belay. Up wall, then heather to large belay.
5. 40 feet. Up steep 12-foot crack above, then steep slabs to the summit.

First Ascent : Edwin Lloyd, Pip Robinson. April 4th, 1950.