

# Neilston Quarry

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A decent and modest 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.



## 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.

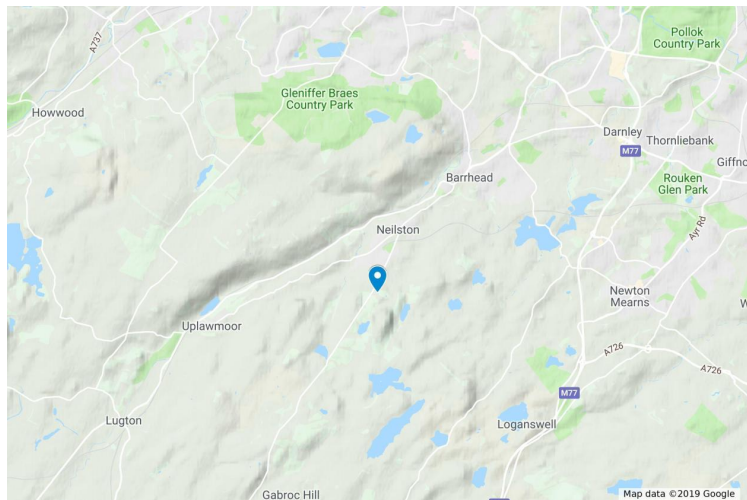


Figure 1: Crag Location

## ***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



Left Wall A

## 2. Right-Angled Corner *Diff*

Into the corner.

## 3. Corner and Groove *Diff*

Follow clear route to top.

## 4. Flake Route *VDiff*

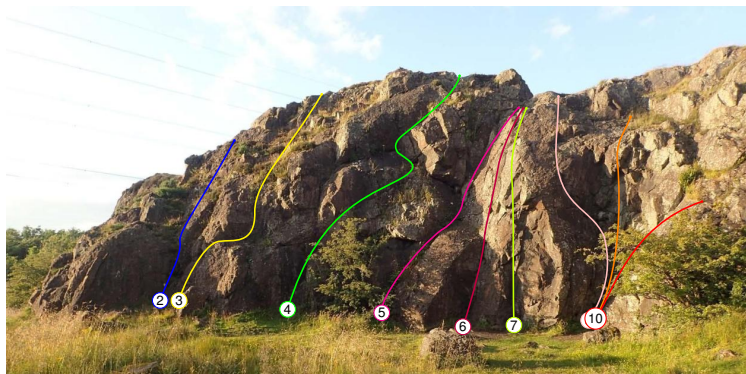
Follow route up past the flake.

## 5. *VDiff* Corner *VDiff*

Ramp and corner up next to Pinkerton's Corner.

## 6. Pinkerton's Corner *S*

Follow the slab not the corner.



Left Wall B

### 7. Corner Arete S

Climb the arete.

### 8. Kristeen's Crack V. Diff

Up the crack.

### 9. Ally's Gash HS 4b

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

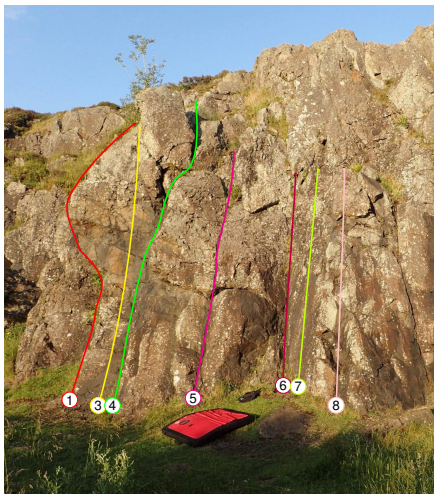
### 10. Polish Direct HS

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.



Right Wall A

### 1. Juggy Crack *VDiff*

The crack to the left of the the Strawberry Direct tower.

### 2. Gridle Traverse *f5+*

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

### 3. Strawberry Direct *E2 6a*

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

**4. Strawberry Crack Severe**

Into the crack corner under the overhanging bulge, then traverse right around the large boulder and up to the belay.

**5. Spiney Boulder VDiff**

Up the crack with the light quartz line.

**6. Easy Gully Diff**

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

**7. B.N.I Severe**

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

**8. Broken Arete VDiff****9. Y-Crack V. Diff**

Follow the short forked crack.

**10. Stephen Slab HS \***

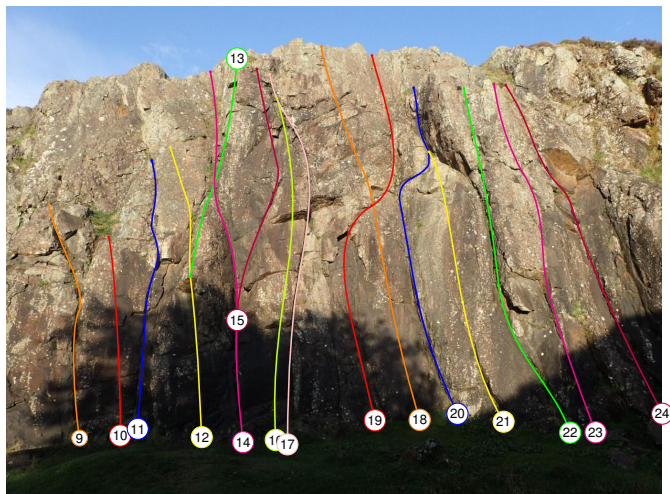
The short slab leading to the ledge. To the right of Y-crack.

**11. Crack Corner V. Diff \*****12. Polish Hangover HVS 4c \***

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

**13. 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.



Right Wall B

### 14. 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.

### 15. Punk Rock *HVS 5a \**

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

### 16. 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

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

Follow the curving crack to the right of Punk Rock.

**18. Twisted E3 5c \***

(2004)

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

FA: A. McDonald, P.McDonald

**19. 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.

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

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

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

Slab route to the left of Willies Route, not using cracks at either sides, except for side runners.

**22. Fornication VS 4c**

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

**23. Hyperreality VS 4b**

(1998)

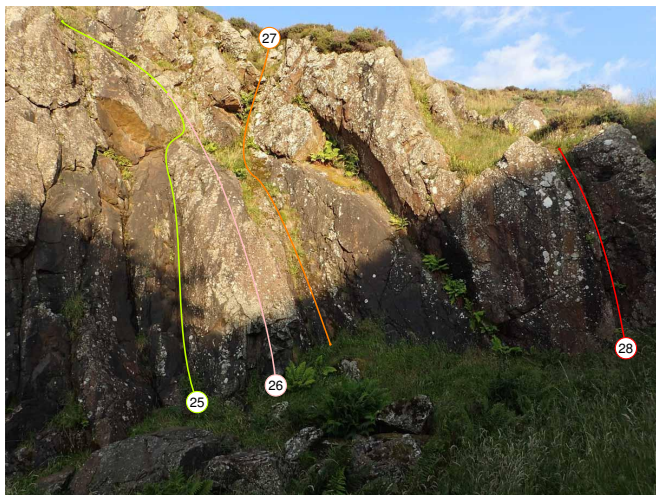
Slabby wall and crack to the right of the arete. Up and either directly over the face, or slightly left onto the step-over shared with Fornication.

FA: D. Crawford, S. Burns

**24. Grassy Crack S**

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





Right Wall C

### 25. Jigsaw Jive *VDiff*

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

### 26. Whitehorse Rib *Severe 4b*

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

### 27. Grot Gulley *M*

The gully to the the right of Whitehorse Rib.

### 28. Peg Leg *HVS 5b / f5*

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

**29. The Fin *f4***

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