

Conditions: The developed section of the quarry doesn't get much sunshine, although it is fairly sheltered. The Physical Face is steep enough to stay dry in rain, and thus provides a good option for strong teams retreating in bad weather from the nearby sea cliffs.

Approach: Take the A55 dual carriageway directly into Holyhead. Once in the town, follow the road straight through passing the large clock tower on its right side. Continue until you reach a left hand turn signposted for South Stack (Prince of Wales Road). Follow this road to a mini roundabout; go straight across, and then straight across the next mini roundabout, before taking the next turn immediately on the left (signposted: Breakwater Country Park). Follow the narrow road along over numerous speed bumps to the car park on the right at the end. The developed section of the quarry lies just to the left of the car park.



The first 4 routes take the slabs and walls to the left of the steep red wall (The Physical Face).

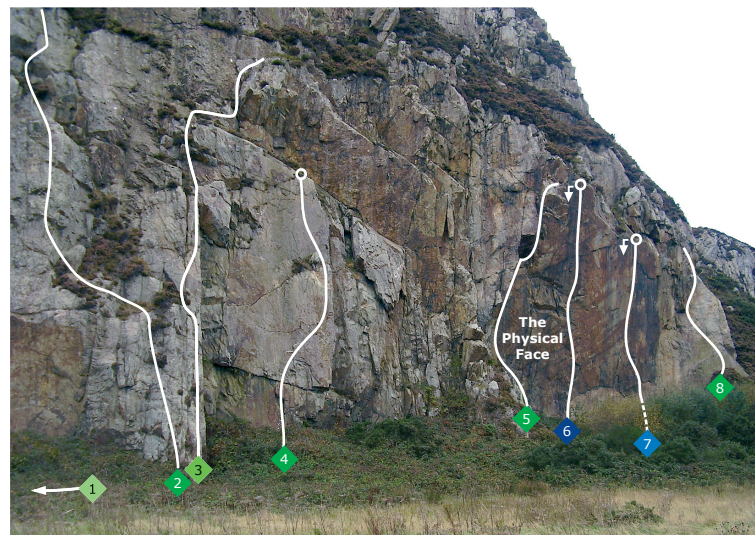
▶ **1. Gerontion VS 4c 68m**

At the left-hand side of the main (right hand) wall is an obvious rib of light-coloured rock, also a small barred tunnel entrance.

P1 4c 25m Ascend the rib then after 12m head up right to the edge of the buttress. Climb this to a block on a ledge.

P2 4b 43m Go easily up the rib to an obvious crack in the upper buttress. Move right and climb this crack moving right at its top to finish up short walls and grassy ledges.

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▶ **2. Dementia E3 5c 73m**

Loose and dangerous especially on the last pitch. Start beneath the right hand of the 2 slabby grey ribs.

P1 5b 45m Go up to a ledge on the left at 12m then go left to the pale rib. Traverse left onto its front and ascend this to a ledge. Gain a big detached block below the overhang then traverse right and move up onto a slab. This leads up leftwards to a big grassy ledge with a peg below 5m to the left.

P2 5c 28m Step right a couple of moves then move up to an obvious crack forming the left hand side of a pedestal. Climb this to a peg on top of the pedestal then ascend the short green corner on the right to a sloping ledge. Go 3m to the right and move up to an overlap. Carry on a few metres to finish up a short rib on the left.

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▶ **3. Progeria E1 5a 70m**

Again unpleasant and dangerous especially at the top. Start beneath the right hand of the two slabby grey ribs. Climb the right side of this rib.

P1 5a 45m Follow the rib to a small recess on the right at 12m. Go left to grass then move up right to a detached block. Pass this, and once above, go up left to more grass in a small recess. Ascend the grass to a ledge. On the right is a short corner crack which leads to a ledge.

P2 5a 25m Gain the top of the shattered pillar on the left, peg. Step left then go up a steep rib to another ledge. Ascend right, past a peg, to a spike then carry on, over loose rock to another recess. Finish up this to a high belay on the right.

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