Carreg Hylldrem

Area: Nantmor

Style: Trad (2 - 4 pitches)

Aspect: South east Rock type: Volcanic Approach: 2 minutes Altitude: 50m



Wildebeest E4
King Kong/
Troubador Connection E3
Samurai Groove E3

Hardd E2
The Burner E2
The Hylldrem Girdle HVS

A radical cliff with a series of impressive routes

working up through some bewilderingly steep ground. The smooth compact rock, cleaved into alternating slabby and overhanging facets, is initially confusing: routes can flit from ultra strenuous to strange and balancey in the space of a single move.

Conditions: Hylldrem is always worth a look if the weather closes in elsewhere. The crag receives plenty of sunshine and is quite sheltered. It is possible to

climb the girdle in rain, although parts of it might be wet. The crag dries quickly after rain, and the bouldering wall stays dry, even in torrential downpours.

Approach: The crag leans conspicuously over the A4085 Aberglaslyn – Penhyndeudraeth road 1.5km north of Carreg and approximately 4kms from the junction of the A4086 and the A498 Beddgelert – Tremadog road. The road takes a sharp turn over a bridge; park in the small layby opposite the crag just along from the bridge. A steep path leads up to the right side of the crag; the bouldering wall is over the fence on the right, and further paths traverse across the hillside leading to *Samurai Groove* and *King Kong*.

Descent: The best way down is over on the right side (looking in) of the crag.





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View of cliff from the Carreg road. photo: Si Panton $\,\Lambda\,$

Graham Desroy fiddling kit post crux on **Hardd** E2 5c photo: Jethro Kiernan