



30m left of the descent path, and level with the base of the main crag, lies a cracking micro route route:

► **1. Mabinogion E2 5c/6a** 14m

A perfect little gritstone-esque route, packing quite a punch. Climb the attractive diagonal crack with a testing move to gain good finger pockets. Cross the crack leftwards to reach yet another pocket and continue up (difficult at first) to a sloping ledge. The thin crack in the short steep wall above provides a powerful finale. [W Todd, J Silvester 2.5.85]

► **2. Sea Panther E1 5b** 52m

A fine route, when dry! A little spooky at first, but superb climbing on the headwall. **P1** 5b 37m Climb the wall right of the chimney flake with some spooky crux manoeuvres at around 8m leading to good holds and a system of ledges above. Trend rightwards and follow positive holds up a crack, before moving back left to gain a ramp. Finish up and left to a tree belay. **P2** 15m Scramble up or off left to finish. [D J Roscoe, B M Roscoe 9.5.80]

► **3. Crown of Thorns S 4a** 55m

A pleasant, albeit relatively serious, excursion up a series of connecting ramplines leading to a final moment of reckoning. **P1** 30m Start right of the usual watercourse where a boulder protrudes a metre out of the ground. Climb directly to a ledge at 8 metres, then follow the ramp up right, moving back up left to (possible belay) climb the wall above to a sloping ledge. Follow a further rampline up right to an open scoop and belay.

P2 4a 25m Tiptoe up the flaky slab on the right, before stepping back left above the steep retaining wall to gain positive finger holds; a final tricky move remains. Continue up slabby rock and grass to reach a belay. [P R J Harding, C W F Noyce 30.1.49]

► **4. Zigzag VS 4b** 77m

An enjoyable and subtle climb shuffling upwards through improbable ground. **P1** 4b 37m Start under a prominent overhang 6m up, and about 15m right of the *Crown of Thorns* starting boulder. Climb up leftwards to a grassy ledge at 6m. Go diagonally right to another grassy ledge. Step left into a short shallow groove and climb leftwards crossing an easy ramp-line to the foot of a right-slanting ramp line 3m higher. Follow this to a grassy stance. **P2** 4b 40m Continue diagonally rightwards along a ledge system for 6-7m to gain the black groove, an obvious weakness. Steady away up this to the top, bearing left at the final steepness, and leftwards up the grassy slope to gain a belay. [D Belshaw, J Brown 17.6.52]

► **5. Canol (with direct start) E1 5b** 63m

A great route, with steep and interesting climbing. **P1** 4c 18m Start below the right-hand end of a small overhang at 6m, a few metres right of *Zigzag*. Climb the ledgy wall to a move right at 8m. Continue up to reach a large block belay. **P2** 5b 24m Scale the short steep wall on the left, behind the belay, to gain and then follow a rightward-sloping ramp. From its top pull through the left side of the overhang and move up to a ledge. A 10m easy traverse leads rightwards to a huge block belay. **P3** 4b 21m Climb the obvious groove 2m left of the block belay and finish through the shattered rock gap in the overhangs. [J Brown, D Belshaw 16.6.52]