

## Wen Zawn

Area: North Stack

Style: Trad (1-5 pitches)

Aspect: Varied
Rock type: Quartzite
Approach: 20 minutes
Altitude: Sea level - tidal

Wen Zawn is one of the key sections of Gogarth, with classic challenges both old and new. Its most famous route, A Dream of White Horses, which strikes a sweeping line up and across the huge Wen Slab, is a much photographed and celebrated adventure. This brilliant and ingenious route has captured the hearts of climbers for generations. Wen Zawn is also home to some of the most outrageous sea cliff routes in Britain. During the late '80s and early '90s the impending back wall of the zawn and the steep underside of the arch provided a radical playground for a new breed of Gogarth activists, namely: Johnny Dawes, George Smith, Crispin Waddy, Adam Wainwright, Steve Mayers, Paul Pritchard and Nick Dixon. The fruit of their labours over this 10 year period is a series of mind-blowing and imaginative routes.

Throughout the zawn the rock quality is generally good, but the final sections of all routes, and most of the back wall, fall into the 'loose and challenging' category.

George Smith on **Conan The Librarian** E6 6b, quite possibly the best route in Britain photo: Dave Kendall