

Clogwyn y Geifr

Area: Glyderau
Style: Ice/mixed
Aspect: North East
Approach: 50 minutes
Altitude: 700m
Grid Ref: 639 589

The Angel's Pipe	VII 7
The Devil's Appendage	VII 7

The Devil's Child	VI/VII 6
Jeff Lowe Comes to the Kitchen	VI 6
The Devil's Appendix	VI 6
Devil's Pipes RH	VI 6
Devil's Staircase	V/VI 6
The Sting	V 6
Devil's Pipes	V 5
Grecian 2000	V 5
The Devil's Kitchen	V 5
Stingray	IV/V 5

The Devil's Drainpipe	IV/V 5
The Devil's Cellar	IV/V 5
South Gully	IV 5
The Curtain	IV 4
The Screen	IV 4
Devil's Pasture Righthand	IV 4
Chicane Gully	III 3/4
Central Route	III 3
Coldhouse Crack	III 3/4
Devil's Pasture	III 3
The Ramp	III 3
The Idwal Stream	II/III 3/4

Mark 'Baggy' Richards
fully committed on
P1 of **The Devil's
Appendix** VI 6
photo: Mike Raine

In a typical winter season Clogwyn y Geifr, or The Kitchen as it is affectionately known, is ribboned with a range of spectacular ice features. These ice falls provide some of the most celebrated winter routes in North Wales, including the dramatic and much sort after *Devil's Appendix* VI 6. This stunning route was first climbed by Mick Pointon and Phil Kershaw in 1978, and then soloed a few years later by John Barry.

In 1997 Nick Dixon and Gwion Hughes upped the ante with the tricky and, at the time of writing, unrepeated *The Angel's Pipe* VII 7. Then in 2010 Jon Ratcliffe and team climbed the outrageous hanging icefall on the side wall of the Kitchen to give *The Devil's Appendage* VII 7. The major visual lines may have fallen, but there are a number of enticing possibilities left for those with a keen eye and the necessary skills.

Gear wise, you will need a good selection of sharp ice screws, but wires, cams, pegs and turf kit are often useful, particularly for belays.

