

2012 CLIMBING RESTRICTIONS

GOING CLIMBING IN 2012? MAYBE A TRIP TO THE LAKES OR DAY OF ADVENTURE ON GOGARTH? REMEMBER TO CHECK IF THE AREA YOU'RE HEADING TO HAS ANY ACCESS RESTRICTIONS BEFORE YOU GO...

The UK is internationally recognised for its wintering, migratory and nesting birds and for over 30 years, the BMC has worked with conservation bodies, the RSPB, National Park Authorities and local ornithologists to agree reasonable voluntary nesting restrictions.

There is a general acceptance amongst conservation bodies and landowners that restrictions should be flexible, monitored and reviewed to ensure they are credible with climbers. It is important that climbers follow the agreed restrictions to ensure that future climbing access continues.

Restrictions can change during the breeding period, and the BMC's **Regional Access Database (RAD)** plays an important role in providing up to date access information for climbers. The RAD is a searchable database of all crags in England and Wales with special access and conservation considerations, including agreed nesting restrictions. Some restrictions are lifted early or may change during the nesting season, these are marked with a **(VR)** below.

The **RAD** can be found at:

www.thebmc.co.uk/rad

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ENGLAND

For any English access or conservation issues, please contact **Rob Dyer**, the **BMC's Access & Conservation Officer (English Regions)** on: **T: 0161 438 3309 M: 07554 998 914 E: robd@thebmc.co.uk**

THE SOUTH

CHALK

Dover Main: between *Sentiera Luminosa* and *The Verdant Tube* inclusive. **1 Mar – 31 Aug.** Between *Some Like it Hot* and *The Tube* inclusive. **1 Feb – 31 Aug**

Dover North: between *The X Files* and *Houdini* inclusive. **1 Mar – 31 Aug**

Isle Of Wight

Sun Corner and the headland at the SE end of *Scratchell's Bay* (including *Gateway to Heaven* and *Albatross* where it passes *Sun Corner*). **1 Mar – 31 Jul.** A year round restriction applies to Highdown Cliffs (East of *Sun Corner*) for ornithological and botanical reasons.

Beachy Head

A peregrine nests at Beachy Head. Contact the **Ranger** (T: **01323 415267**) to check access arrangements. **1 Feb – 30 Jul**

Saltdean

Contact the **BMC** to see if nesting restrictions apply.

SWANAGE

Between **1 Mar – 31 Jul:**

Pier Bottom to Slippery Ledge: between Pier Bottom (the valley north of St Aldhem's Head) to the east arête of *The Yellow Wall* and from *Buttery Corner* to *Slippery Ledge*.

Seacombe: all routes on The Gallery.

Hedbury Quarry to Dancing Ledge: all routes at Hedbury Big Cove, Smokey Hole, Topmast Quarry and Hidden Ledge.

Guillemot Ledge: all routes from Dancing Ledge to *Valkyrie Buttress Direct* and east of *The Razor's Edge*.

Cormorant Ledge: all routes west of *Sea Cow* and east of *Oran*.

Blackers Hole: all routes west of *Frontiersman* (including the sea cave).

Boulder Ruckle: all routes from *Andycap* to *Raindrop*, *Sardine Special* to *Hard Day's Night*, and *Quasimodo* to *Insectitude*.

The Lighthouse Cliffs: all routes from *Scotsman Chimney* to the start of *Traverse of the Gods*.

Tilly Whim Caves to Durlston Head and Tilly Whim Quarry: climbing is not permitted year round due to ornithological, ecological and safety concerns.

PORTLAND

The following restrictions may change depending on where the birds nest – please check the **RAD** or contact the **BMC** for any updates.

West Weares: north of Pit Prop Crag there is a total voluntary ban as this is a sanctuary zone for nesting birds.

Blacknor: *Death of Cool* to *Ocean Drive* inclusive. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Wallsend Cove: *Empire State Arête* to *Beautiful South* inclusive – look out for on-site signing. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Coastguard South: *Down to The Wire* to the project right of *Dawn of a New Age*. Right of the white pillar to White Hole (not including routes at White Hole itself) there is a total voluntary ban as this is a sanctuary zone for nesting birds. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Cheyne Cliff (VR) but likely to be from *Mirror of the Sea* to *Van Life* – look out for signs marking the restricted area. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

BERRY HEAD

Please check the **RAD** for the latest information at Berry Head. Restrictions apply to the following:

White Rhino Buttress: *Barnacle Traverse Continuation*; The Oz Wall; ledges above Oz Wall; beyond the Terminal Zawn; The Great Cave; Bismark Wall. Markers have been positioned at the ends of 'open' sections and these can be checked by contacting the **Berry Head Rangers Office** (T: **01803 883262/882619** or **07770 728666**). **1 Mar – 31 Jul**

LUNDY

Lundy Island has extremely important seabird populations and a number of the cliffs have bird restrictions. Restrictions vary annually so climbers should check the guidebook before visiting and obtain the leaflet available on arrival. For information contact the **Lundy Warden** (T: **01237 431831**). **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

BAGGY POINT

Restriction covers the whole area between *Scrattling Zawn* and *Slab Cove* and is reviewed mid-season (late April/early May). White markers define the restricted areas **(VR)**. Contact the **BMC** or **National Trust Warden** to check (T: **01271 870555**).

THE NORTH

LAKE DISTRICT/CUMBRIA

PEREGRINE RESTRICTIONS (BETWEEN 1 MAR – 30 JUN)

Borrowdale

Eagle Crag: unsigned – no restriction unless birds nest. Routes from *Dumbo Cracks* to *Trapeze* are not restricted.

Upper Falcon Crags: signed.

Gillercombe: unsigned. From *Peregrine Way* to *Prudence* inclusive.

Gable & Pillar

Bowness Knot: unsigned.

Buttermere

Buckstone How: no restriction unless birds nest.

Dow, Duddon & Slate

Raven Crag, Yewdale: signed – *Western Edge* scramble not restricted.

Stonestar Crag: signed.

Wallowbarrow Gorge: signed.

Scafell, Wasdale & Eskdale

Brantrake Crag: signed.

Eastern Crags & Outcrops

Raven Crag (Thirlmere): signed – the site is regularly monitored and restriction lifted if the birds don't nest.

Thackmell Crag: no restriction unless birds nest.

Caif Howe Crag (Kentmere): signed – will be lifted if birds move.

Upper Thrang Crag: signed.

Welter Crag: permanent restriction – call **BMC** Office for details.

South Lakes Limestone

Chapel Head Scar: signed – the site is regularly monitored and the restriction lifted if the birds do not nest.

Humphrey Head: signed.

Scout Scar: no nesting restrictions, however the crag is closed for shooting on a number of dates throughout the year – check **RAD** for details.

White Scar: unsigned.

RAVEN RESTRICTIONS (BETWEEN 15 FEB – 31 MAY)

Borrowdale

Lower Falcon Crags: signed – all routes left of *Interloper* except *Spin Up*. Restriction may be extended until **30 Jun** if peregrine nest.

Eastern Crags

Buckbarrow: signed – restriction includes the scramble.

Raven Crag (Threshwaite Cove): signed – restriction includes scrambles. Restriction may be extended until **30 Jun** if peregrine nest.

Raven Crag (Kentmere): signed – restriction includes the popular scramble. Restriction may be extended until **30 Jun** if peregrine nest.

Swarthbeck Gill: signed – restriction includes scramble and climbs on *Long Crag*.

Lower Thrang Crag: signed.

Black Force (Howgills): signed – applies to the popular scramble.

SEA BIRD RESTRICTIONS (BETWEEN 1 FEB – 30 JUL)

St Bees Head

This area is an RSPB reserve, the largest sea bird colony in NW England, and home to the only Black Guillemot breeding site in England.

Routes:

The main bolted areas of *Apiary Wall* and *Scabby Back* are unrestricted. All other areas including *Fisherman's Steps* are restricted.

Bouldering:

Apiary Wall and the boulders immediately at the foot of *Fisherman's Steps*: unrestricted; Boulders to south of *Fisherman's Steps*: restricted; *Flewick Bay*: (south of inlet, where the path meets the shore): unrestricted; *South Head*: restricted.

YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority monitor the nest sites and restrictions are lifted as soon as the chicks fledge.

Derby Delph: all routes. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Langcliffe Quarry: check **RAD** for full details. **1 Feb – 30 Jun**

Malham Cove: check on site signs. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Blue Scar: all routes. **1 Mar – 15 Jul**

High Stoney Bank: all routes. **15 Feb – 31 May**

LANCASHIRE/CHESHIRE

Warton Main Quarry (VR) may apply – check on site signs.

Hoghton Quarry: check with the **BMC** prior to visiting and on site signs.

Helsby: Upper Central Buttress area – **(VR)** can apply, check on site signs. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

PEAK DISTRICT

Roaches/Hen Cloud (VR) depending on nest site. The Peak District National Park Authority monitor the site and lift the restriction as soon as the chicks fledge. Check on site signs.

Ravensdale (VR) check on site signs.

Garston Rocks (VR) can apply, check on site signs.

Stanage Edge (VR) localised restrictions are likely for nesting ring ouzels – check **RAD** and see on site signs.

Millstone (VR) signed on site and at *Surprise View* car park.

WALES

For any Welsh access or conservation issues, please contact **Elfyn Jones**, the **BMC's Access & Conservation Officer (Wales)** on: **T: 01690 720124 M: 07554 998 910 E: elfyn@thebmc.co.uk**

SOUTH & WEST WALES

GOWER

Between **1 Mar – 15 Aug:**

Southgate area (VR) *Bosco's Cave* (aka *Crow Hole*) to *Quartz Corner*, inc. *Bucketland*. (*Bacon Hole* is permanently restricted).

Thurba Head (VR) *Central Cleft* to *Wimp*.

Yellow Wall (VR) *5 minutes to Kill* to *Early Warning*.

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE

Range West

Subject to military training requirements, access will be available to Range West for briefed climbers from **2 Jun – 31 Jan 2013**. Climbers must attend an annual safety briefing and hold a valid permit to access Range West. The briefings start at **9 am on 2 Jun, 23 Jun & 28 Jul** at Castlemartin Camp. Restrictions may vary – check the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park leaflet and notice boards on approach paths.

Between **2 Jun – 1 Aug:**

Berry Slade to Western Walls: *False Start* to *All Quiet on the Western Front*.

Wind Zawn: *Khamsin* to *Flatulence*.

Strata Walls: *Discovery* to *Listen With Mother*.

Impending Inlet, Linney Point: *Impending Doom* to *All Hands to the Pump*.

Hobby Horse Bay: *Dawn Chorus* to *Crack of Dusk* – this is a permanent restriction due to archaeological interest.

Cabin Door: *Scrambler*.

Mount Sion Central: *Take Me Into Insanity* to *X-rated*.

Mount Sion East: *Mein Smurf* to *Come All Ye Faithful*.

Filmston/Perimeter Bay: *Hermit* to *Life's Rich Pagent*.

Range East

Between **1 Mar – 1 Aug:**

Stack Rocks Area: *Green Bridge* to *Filmston Ridge* including *The Cauldron*. For *Elegu Stacks* only, **1 Mar – 15 Aug**

Thunder Wall: *Thunderdome* to *Thunderbird*.

Mewsford SW Face: *Undercracker* to *Getting Involved*.

Mewsford Arches West: *Brain Drain* to *Stegosaurus*.

Mewsford Arches East to Panzer Walls: *Speakeasy* to *Helen's Horror*.

Seaside Gully/Triple Overhang/Ripper Cliff: *Fight the Good Fight* to *Midnight Express* (access to *Horoscope* to *Galactic Coordinator* by direct abseil only). *Star Control* to *Rabbit Ripper*.

The Fortress: *Wild Country & High Country* to *Little Red Rocket*.

Castle East Blow Hole: all routes.

Devil's Barn: all routes.

Huntsman's Leap: *Charbydis* to *Leap of Faith*.

Trevellen: *Meatloaf* to *Breaking the Habit*.

St Govan's Head: *Safety in Numbers* to *Aquarius*.

Stackpole Hd West, South and East Faces: *The Cooler* to *Poisoned Love*.

Stackpole Far East: *Seoul Survivor* to *Thai-pin Wall*, *Blow Hole Zawn*.

Mother Carey's Kitchen: restrictions may apply on *Stargate*, *Hyperspace* and *Warp Factor*, check for signs on approach path.

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE

Between **1 Mar – 1 Aug** all routes on the following cliffs are restricted:

Needle Rock (Fishguard); *Llechdafad*; *Penbwchdy*; *Yrns Deullyn*; *Ogof Mrs Morgan*; *Dinas Fach* (Solva).

MID WALES

Llanymynech: *Red Walls* and *Black Walls*. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

Craig yr Aderyn (Bird Rock): Eastern Face and Central Buttress. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Barmouth Quarry: all routes. **1 Mar – 31 Jun**

NORTH WALES

LLEYN PENINSULA

North Coast

Gurn Ddu Quarry: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Craig y Llam: all routes. **1 Feb – 31 Jul**

Craig Gallt y Ceiliog: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Aberdaron Area

Littlewoods Zawn: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Deep Zawn: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Wine Dark Zawn: all routes. **1 Feb – 20 Apr**

Za-Wooff Zawn to Mad Nest Zawn: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Parwyd: all routes. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Pen y Cil: *Rachabite's Rest* to *Nererid* only. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Rhiw Area

Bylith: *Three Caves Zawn*. **1 Apr – 31 Jul**

Cilan Area

Climbers should be wary of nesting ravens and avoid if present. This area is complex and climbers should check the **RAD** for current restrictions. Between **1 Apr – 15 Jul:**

Cave North of Trwyn Melyn to Trwyn Melyn: all routes.

Cave right of Real Macaw to headland: all routes.

Cannon Zawn: all routes.

Trwyn Carreg y Tir: left of *Spike's Route* only.

Trwyn y Fulfran: all routes.

Paith: left side up to and including *Hornblower*, but routes to be accessed direct by abseil from stakes north of *Snakey*.

China Town: all routes.

Black Bay: all routes.

Beasley Street area: all routes.

Through Cave Area: all routes.

Zawn 1: all routes.

Cilan Main: all routes.

Three Caves Bay: all routes.

Zawn 2: all routes.

Multi Storey Walls to Vatican Zawn: all routes.

Craig Dorys

All routes right of *Noble Savage*. *Gardeners Questing Time* to *Error of Judgment*. **1 Apr – 15 Jul**.

Pared Mawr

No Kettle so Black only. **1 Apr – 15 Jul**.

Ty'n Tywyn Quarries

Quarry 4: *Twill* and *Samurai*. **1 Apr – 15 Jul**.

TREMADOG

Moel y Gest Quarry: all routes. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

LLANBERIS SLATE

Gideon Quarry: *drytooling* and *Bone People* areas – check **RAD** for details. **1 Mar – 30 Jun**

CLWYD LIMESTONE

Eglwyseg Valley: check for temporary signs at the crag and on approach paths.

Restrictions can apply **1 Mar – 30 Jun** on:

Craig Arthur; Pinfold South; Monks Buttress; Independence Quarry; Trevor Rocks: *Fudd Wall* left side to *DM Wall*, including *Over Yr Wall*.

NORTH WALES LIMESTONE

Little Orme

Great Zawn: left side; *Detritus Wall*; *The Allotment*; *West Buttress* of *Detritus*; *Auk's Buttress*; *The Diamond*; *Lower Craig y Don*.

1 Mar – 15 Aug

Great Orme

Un-named crag; Castell y Gwynt: left side only, but whole cliff is restricted if signs in place on approach path; **Craig Pen Gogarth:** upper and lower; **Point Five Buttress; Hornby Crags:** *Crescent Buttress* only. **1 Mar – 1 Aug**

Upper Pen Trwyn, and all crags directly above the Marine Drive are subject to a summer safety restriction. No climbing allowed before 6 pm during school holidays (**15 Jul – 8 Sep**) and all bank holiday weekends.

GOGARTH

Dates may change depending on when birds start nesting – check for on-site signs