

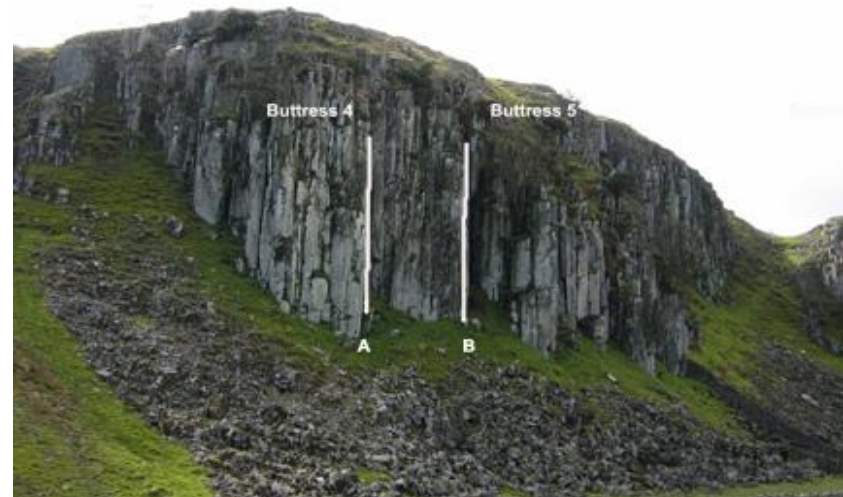
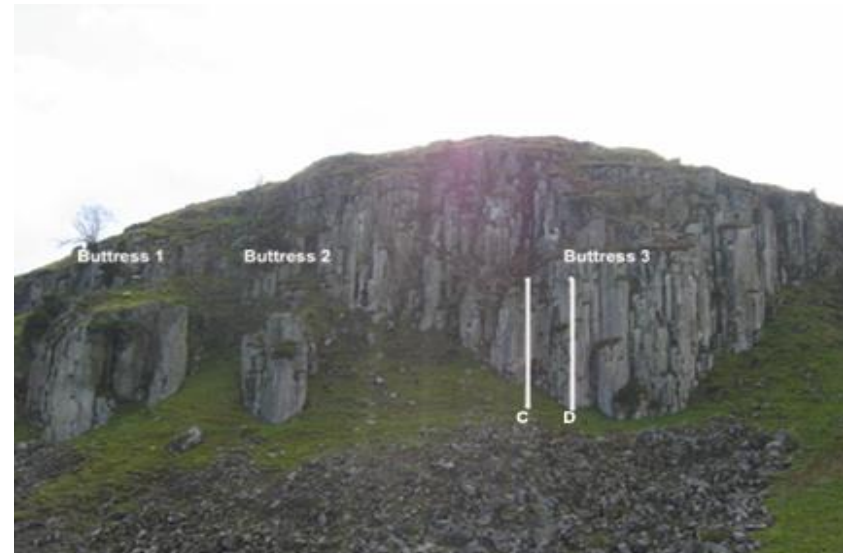
Holwick Scar – Crag Guidelines

This crag forms part of the Upper Teesdale Site of Special Scientific Interest due to the rich diversity of rare species and relict arctic-alpine plants. The site (including the other Whin Sill crags) are also of European importance with Special Area for Conservation and Special Protection Area designations.

This area has a high level of legal protection, and anyone damaging conservation interests is jeopardizing future access and can be punished by a large fine and/or imprisonment.

Through consultation with Natural England, the BMC have produced the following guidance for climbers.

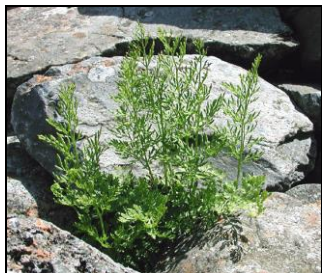
- Do not remove/clean cliff vegetation – this is illegal (and punishable) under the Wildlife and Countryside and CROW Acts
- Climbing is only permitted on buttresses numbered 1 - 5 on the photos.
- Do not climb on the buttress between lines **A-B** identified opposite (between and inc. *Great Chimney* and *Charlie's Chimney*), or on rock under the lines **C & D** on buttress 3, or other voluntary restricted routes as shown on the enclosed crag guide.
- Avoid climbing onto large vegetated ledges
- Do not abseil from trees
- Descend from buttresses 1 – 3 down the back
- When topping-out from buttresses 4 and 5 descend via the large grassy gully on the left (when looking outwards).
- When moving between buttresses stay on the obvious sheep-track below
- Do not walk on the scree slopes
- Only approach the crag by the designated access point
- No instructional groups
- Please leave the crag by 9.30pm
- Do not block driveways or gates when parking
- If you spot Ring Ouzel's in early-mid March, call Natural England.



Important Species



Juniper



Parsley Fern



Whitebeam



Ring Ouzel

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Check the BMC's Regional Access Database (RAD) for the latest access information.

The BMC recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement

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