

Knabb Quarry

OS ref. SK 287632 alt. 160m

The quarry has been used for a variety of events including pop concerts and parties. It looks like an inland Gogarth. It's big and gets lots of sun. It looks a bit loose, but is very clean and seepage-free. Big birds hang around. It's very near the road and apparently the owner doesn't want you to climb there. Follow Sydnope Hill up the hill, past a couple of bends and follow it for about 1km, and park near the small Denacre Lane on the right. This will be on the left, if you have reversed uphill. About 20m uphill, a gated track leads to the crag in 5 minutes.



1 Blind Date HVS 1969

37m Start just left of a shield of ivy which is to the left of Lavatory Wall. Climb a crack to a good ledge. Climb the crack above and move rightwards to an undercut crack containing a jammed block. Climb the crack to a bulge and surmount the block. Bridge up to a possible belay ledge. Ascend the corner above to a grassy ledge and finish up a short wall.

2 The Writing on the Wall HVS 1969

35m Start as for Blind Date. From the belay ledge traverse rightwards around the corner to a crack near the arête. Climb the crack passing a ledge to a final clean cut crack which is jammed to the top.

3 Lavatory Wall VS 1969

120m Climb a short wall to gain a ledge. Move leftwards into the groove and go up to a belay ledge on the left. Peg and nut belays.

220m Climb the crack to the left of the large flake, then traverse rightwards. Climb the groove and finishing corner.

Knabb Quarry First Ascents

1969 Jan. **Lavatory Wall** Jack Street, Chris Jackson (alternate leads)

1969 Jan. **The Writing on the Wall, Blind Date** Tom Proctor, Al Evans, Black Fred Fred was Polish and known as Black Fred as nobody could pronounce his real name.