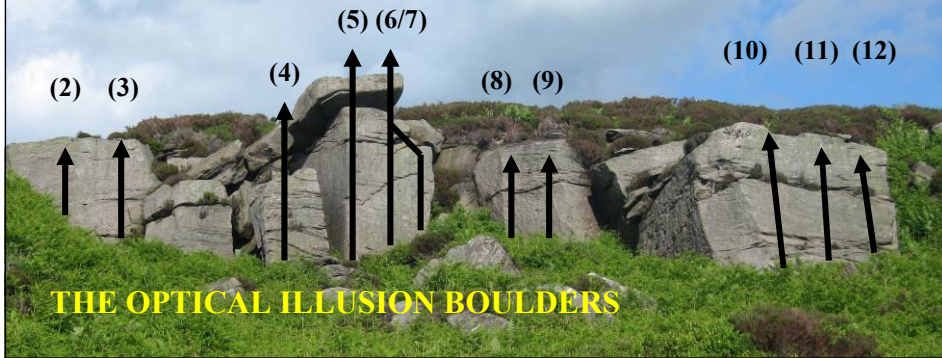


It looks magnificent as you approach it, but proximity brings it down to size. However, there are some classic problems...



Clearly visible from the parking; the easiest approach is to go to the Wall boulders, cross the wall where it is broken down and go rightward around the spoil heap. From left to right: On the small left hand block.

1) **Left Edge** 4
The left edge.

2) **Centre Wall** 4 *
Great climbing up the middle.

3) **Right Edge** 3
The right side, using the edge at the top.

4) **Ladder** 2
Climb the easy wall.

The next three problems all finish magnificently over the capping roof on good holds.

5) **Wacky Death-trap** 6b **
Boldly climb the arête above the hole.

6) **Princes** 6a ***
Super moves up the centre of the wall.

7) **Right Arete** 5+ *
A good introduction to the previous two routes.

8) **Break, Slopers, Top** 5+ *
Do it like that. Good fun.

9) **Pull** 4
SD From the big incut hold at 1m (easy from standing).

Three brilliant easier problems - pure quality:

10) **Sublime slab Left** 2 *

11) **Sublime slab Middle** 2 *

12) **Sublime slab Right** 2 *

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Francis Holland has claimed 8, 9 & 13 from April 2006. **Jon Pearson** has done 12.



Situation and Character

A collection of boulders and a massive quarry above Leighton Reservoir. This guide covers two of the natural bouldering sectors.

The **Wall boulders** are a nice safe venue for teams with small children in tow as the surrounding area is grassy and flat; reminiscent of the Burbage Valley in the Peak. The **Optical Illusion boulders** are unsuitable for kids due to the concealed drops and jumbled blocks, though there are some quality easier lines.

Tony Barley climbed eleven problems in the extensive quarry left of the venues described here and there is potential for hundreds of others.

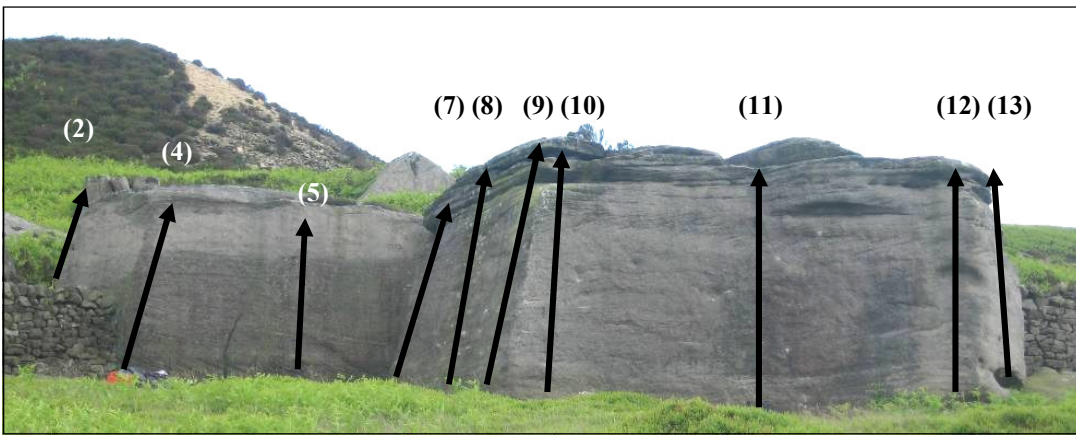


Approach and Access

Park considerably near the dam of Roundhill Reservoir (SE 153 773). There is a spot for a small car at the end of the dam; if you aren't first you'll have to walk a little further. Follow the obvious wide track in a North-Easterly direction. Pass several gates until the Wall boulders come into view. About 1 km.

Temporary access restrictions are posted on a sign at the head of the dam. The crags are on access land under current CRoW arrangements, but you have to cross some non-access land, so please stick to the paths.

N.B. Please do not approach from the dam of Leighton Reservoir. The warden is very friendly, but was clear that Yorkshire Water have had to close this approach due to public liability concerns.



LEFT BOULDER - the first boulder set into the wall.

- 1) **Woodlice Manor** 3
Carefully climb the blasted flakes left of the arête.
- 2) **Over Wall Arête** 4
The arête over the wall.
- 3) **Over Wall Eliminate** 5
Climb the wall without using the arête.
- 4) **Right of Wall Arête** ?
Needs a really good clean.
- 5) **Centre of wall** ?
Use a shallow pocket and some small pebbles.

MAIN BOULDER

- 6) **Boot Jam** 3
Climb the crack between the two boulders. Don't get stuck.
- 7) **Scouped Arête** 5
The dusty arête. Harder than it looks.
- 8) **Centre of Slab** 5 **
Balance up the centre of the slab from a good pocket. A classic.

- 9) **Arête** 6a *
A harder totter up wall using the arête.
- 10) **Right of arête** 6b **
Tiny holds, no footholds, but you can use the arête.
- 11) **Backward J** 6c ***
From the shallow flake grab the large sloper on the right. Deft footwork is required for success.
- 12) **Long Lob** ?
An ape from a low layback in the arête to better holds. Don't evolve too much.

- 13) **End Wall** 5 *
Everything's allowed, but it's still thought provoking.

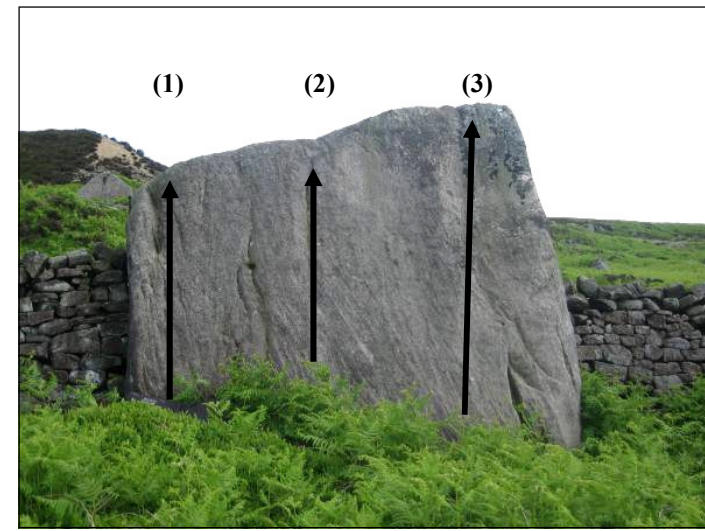
There is a Fun boulder down and left of the main group:

- 14) **Crusty slab** 2
Climb it or a fun run up it; hands only used at the top so far!

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

The boulder in the wall to the left of the main boulder.

- 1) **Easy** 3
The left side of the front face.
- 2) **Two Chicken Heads** 4 *
Use these to climb the centre of the wall. Don't be fooled by the gentle angle.
- 3) **Grooves** 3
Climb the groove system on the right. A little highball.
- 4) **School Me** 6a **
The wall and arête to the right. Intricate and delicate. Don't fall onto the wall.
- 5) **A2** 6a *
Hang the middle chicken head and the crimp beside it. Move right to the upper rail and go for the top.



- 6) **AS** 5+
Straight from the upper rail to the top.
- 7) **GCSE** 5*
Use holds to the right and the upper rail. A much better problem.
- 8) **Easy Crack** 3
Climb this.

