



Dollar Quarry



Sport Climbs 2021-2022



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DOLLAR QUARRY



Location

The quarry is located on the southern slopes of the Ochils above the village of Dollar (NS 964 991). From the A91 in the village of Dollar, follow the road signs for Castle Campbell northwards. Park at the first car park on the right. From here it's a short but steep 5-minute walk, taking the second path on the right.

History

The quarry has appeared in climbing guidebooks since it was first written up by Tony Kay in the 1986 SMT Lowland Outcrops guide. All the first ascents, which were recorded as being done in 1981, are credited to Jamie Main, who was a pupil at nearby Dollar Academy at that time.

The routes have had very few recorded repeats in the forty years since they were first established. During Lockdown 2021 when only local travel was allowed, the upper part of the top tier of the quarry was cleaned by local climber Keith Davidson and climbed on a shunt. Due to the inherently loose nature of the top-outs, he decided to bolt the wall.

Perhaps controversially, some of the routes had been historically recorded on traditional gear, but Keith believed they would now make sport routes which would be both safer and more likely to see traffic.

This required a vast amount of gardening and removal of loose rock.

For purists, the trad lines directly impacted here are *Electric Edge*, and *Applause from the Gallery*.

During cleaning, more old pegs were found, (and fell out!) and the lines of other routes are changed beyond recognition.

Favourable reactions from a variety of local climbers persuaded Keith to do further bolting on the lower walls, and the easy trad route *God Nose* was retro bolted there)

All routes are very well bolted but use of a clipstick can make initial moves less spicy.

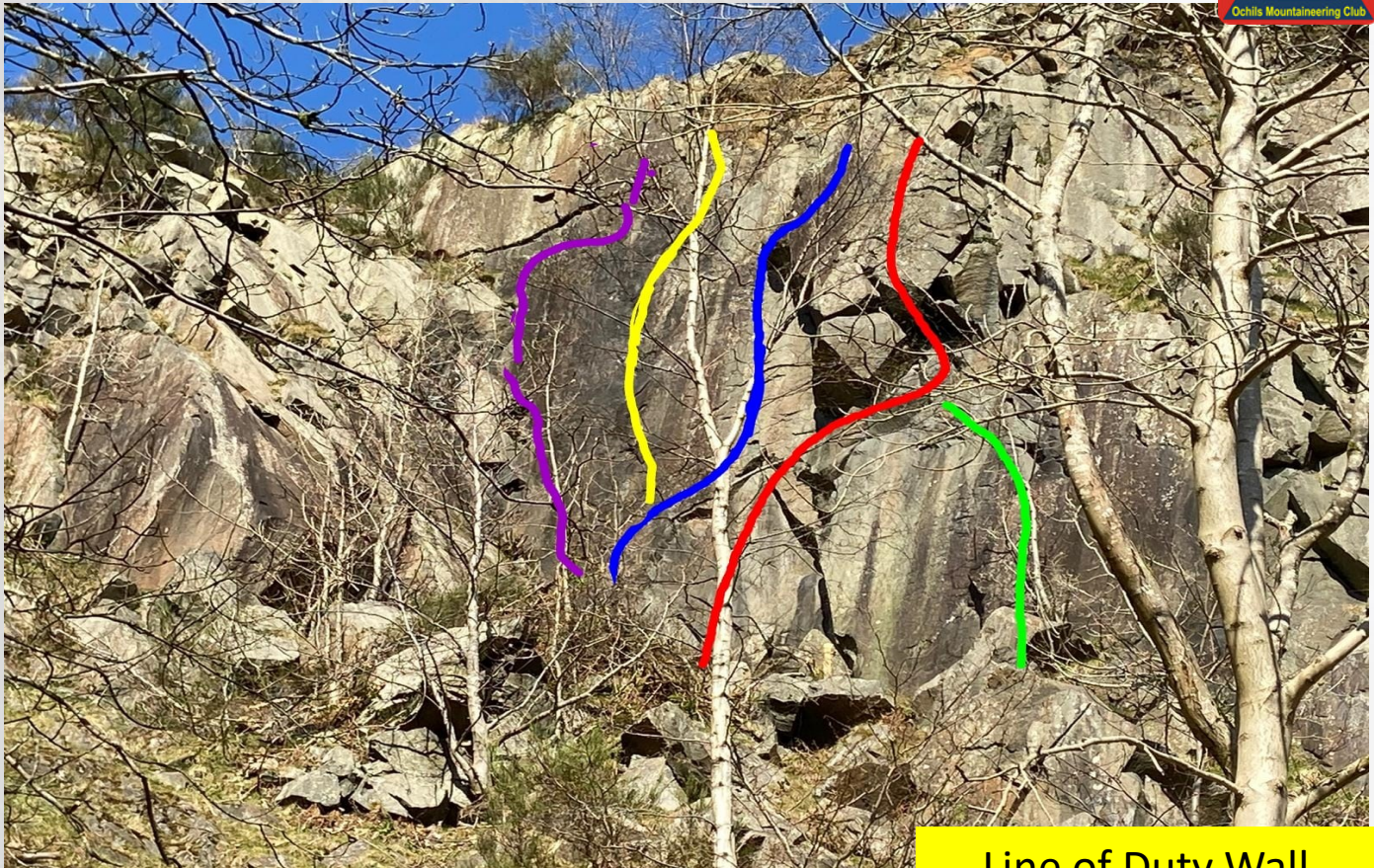
There is still loose material around; a helmet is recommended.

Line of Duty Wall: see topo P3



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Line of Duty Wall

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Purple 'Bent Copper' 6a+

Scramble up the left-hand corner to a bush; pull up onto a ledge and move awkwardly up the corner on to a block. Move out onto the right wall up to a good hold, then move delicately right to a flake. Make a strenuous move up through the break to gain the chain. (First Bolted ascent: Keith Davidson April 2021)

Yellow - project

(Please leave this for Keith to attempt!)

Blue 'Sucking Diesel' 7a

Start on good holds in the centre of the wall; step right at a break with difficulty to an undercling. Continue to a large block, pull up to a ledge then climb the groove and wall. Pull round onto the slab then make a tricky move to the anchor. (FBA: Keith Davidson **2021)

Red *Applause from the Gallery* (retobolted) (6b)

From the open corner, gain the arete on the right. Climb through to below the roof, move right and pull over the roof to a ledge. Finish up the easier slab above. (FBA: Keith Davidson April 2021)

Green *Letter of the Law* (6b+)

Climb the slab using the left break. Go up to a ledge, and move left on small foot holds to an undercling, then make a hard move up to the corner of the roof. Pull over on a good jam, to finish as for 'Mother of God'. (FBA: Keith Davidson August 2021)



Tentative Slab

Tentative Slab: at the top of the quarry, left of Line of Duty Wall

Green: *Tent-ative Steps (5+)* Climb up the stepped ledges, then up an awkward corner (crux) to the top.

Red: *Promised Land (5)* Climb up slabby blocks and ledges to a tricky traverse to join green near the top.

Blue: *Electric Edge (retroboted) (6b+)* A tough mantle and rock-over to gain the arete, easing with height.

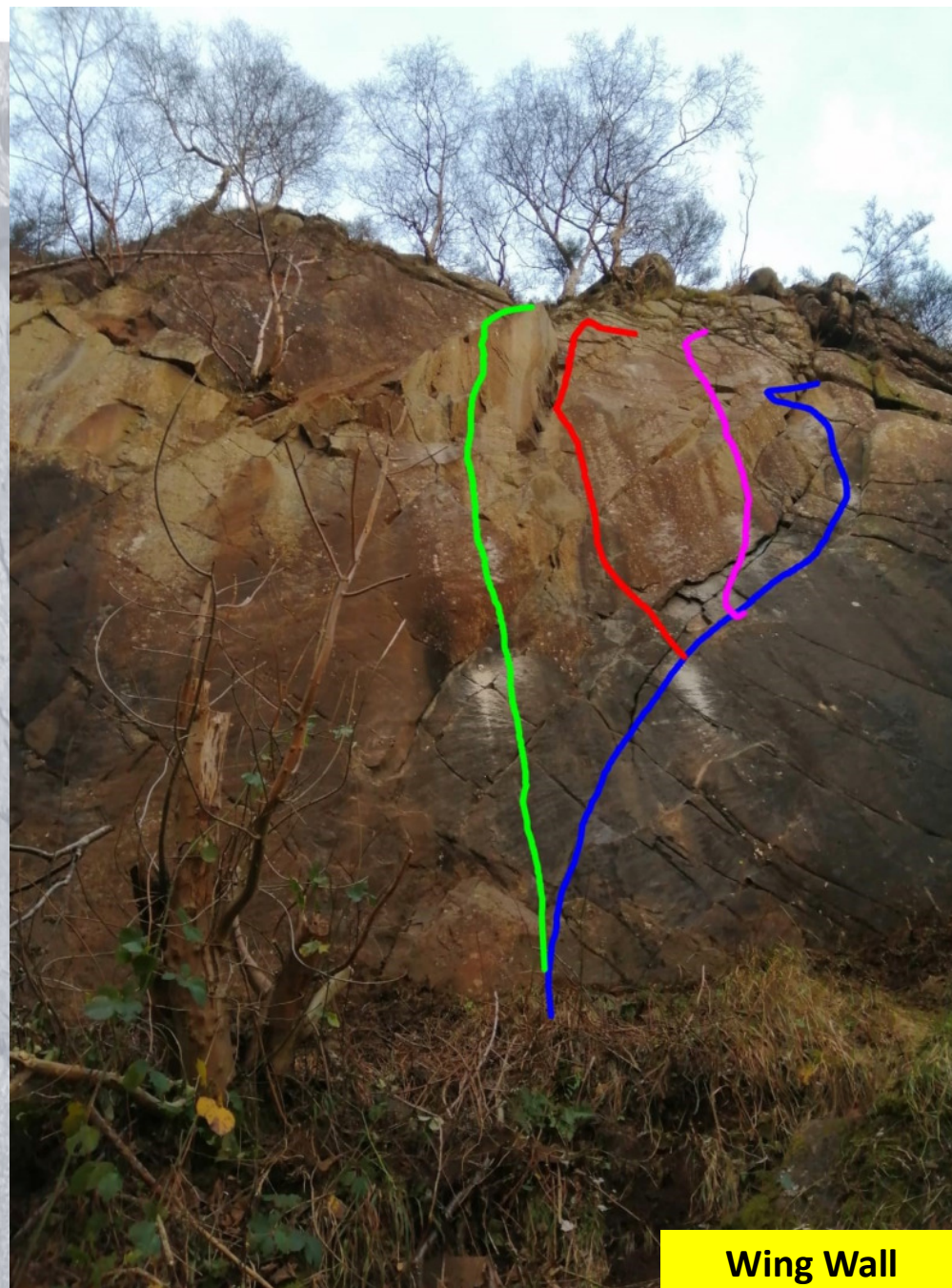


Musket's Roost

Musket's Roost Wall

Red: Musket's Roost (5+/6a) Climb up into the corner, gain a ledge; climb up a wall to the next ledge, then climb up right to finish.

Green: Musket's Mantle (6b) A short pumpy climb up broken flakes and side pulls to go up through blocks and mantle onto ledge.



Wing Wall

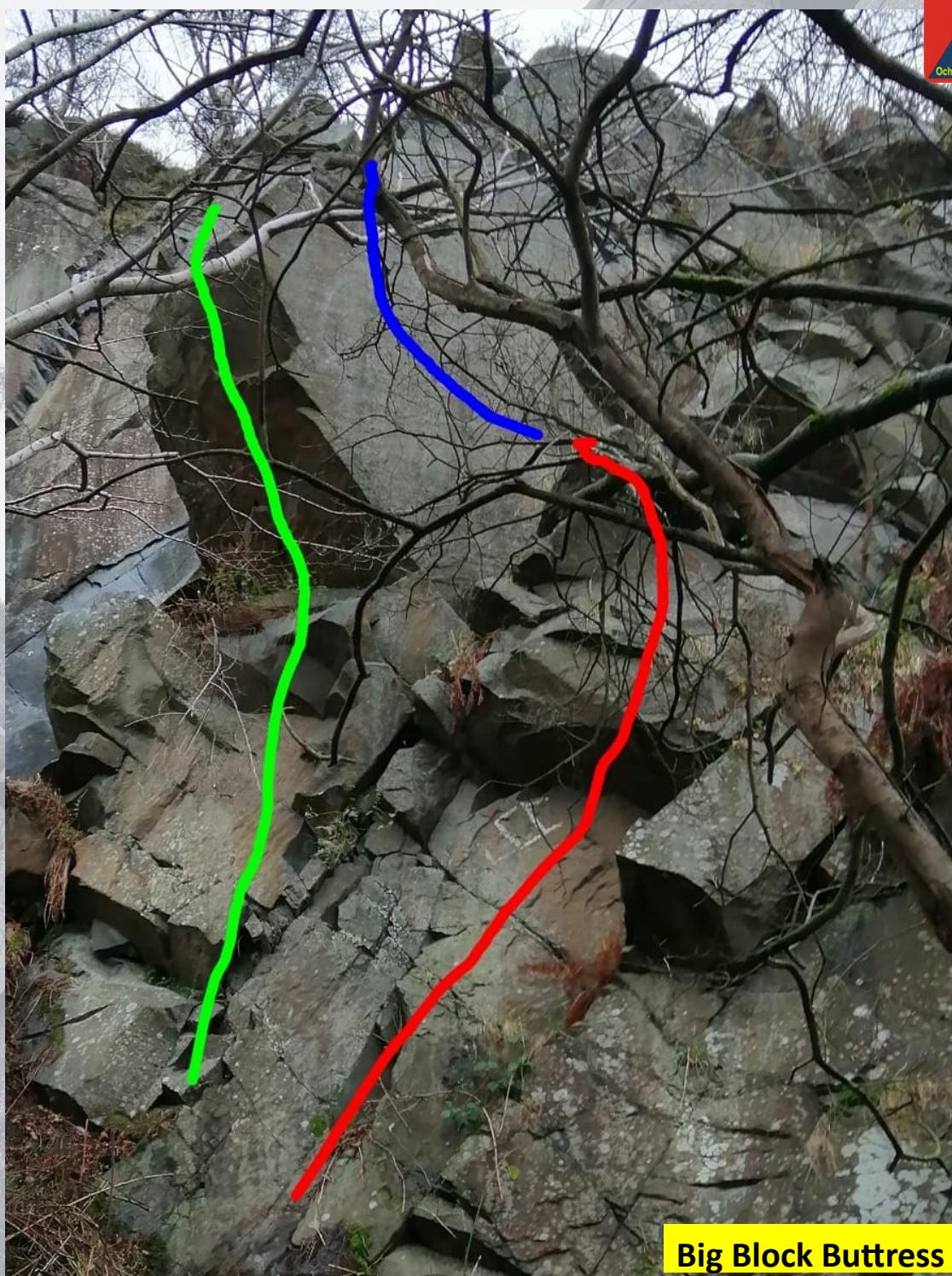
Wing Wall: a few metres left of the corner descent route

Blue: *Wing and a Prayer (6a)* Go up and right along flake, across to corner crack and up to ledge.

Pink: *Broken Wing (6b)* Start up blue, direct finish over the bulge.

Red: *Pray for Rain (6c)* Start up blue, go left to gain ledge, finish up tricky corner.

Green: *Bring the Rain (6a)* Go up and left on steep juggy holds, finish up and over arete onto slab.



Buttress 5 metres right of Unforgiven Sin: **Big Block Buttress**

Red: *Son of God* (4+) Climb up the corner and over the bulge on good holds. Gain the ledge, **or continue** up the awkward headwall (6a+).

Green: *Act of God*. (Project) Climb up the slab to the ledge, clip high and go for it.



God Nose

As you enter the quarry: **God Nose Buttress**

Green: *Unforgiven Sin (7a)* A steep finger crack. Pull over onto arete, finish up blue.

Blue: *Feigned Mercy (6b)* Pull over the awkward overhanging arete, continue up the slabby arete, exposed overlaps to finish.

Red: *God Nose (retrobolted) (5)* Climb through the obvious break in the overhang taking care with the loose block, then up and right on the easy broken slab.

BE AWARE YOU CAN SWING LOWERING OFF FROM THIS BUTTRESS

(Perhaps best to abseil off last two routes)