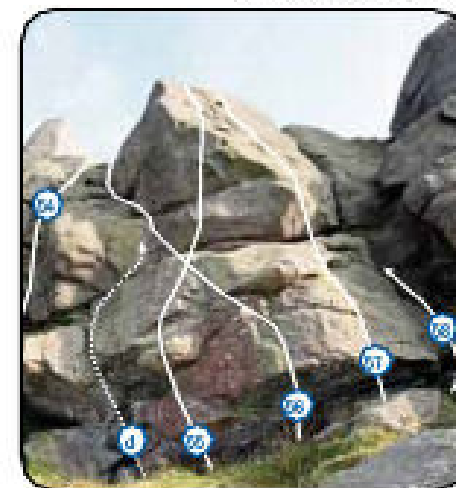


Dental Slab

A stunning gritstone slab, home to arguably the best Severe in the Shire. The freshening from below marks routes that go on far longer than expected, but don't be fearful. Just pop on your dearest, slickest shoes and enjoy some wonderful Cinderella moments up a simply wonderful buttress. The pointed boulder below the slab is **Matthorn Ridge** (5). From the lowest point, follow the edge to the apo. Up and left of the main slab is a short area with:

- 43 Pulp Friction** E2 5c 8m ★
Start just left of False Chimney. Climb the short wall to the right of the overhang then move to under the roof. A long reach finds small holds and access to the slab above.
Jim Polard, VanPolard 10th May 2000
- 44 Flake Chimney** VD 10m
The chimney-cum-flake, leaning right.
pre-1950
- 45 Moorland Memories** MVS 4b 11m
The thin, lower slab and pocketed upper wall just right.
Dave and Dave Musgrove Jan 11th April 1988

- 46 Remembered** VD 12m ★
The crack-line up the centre of the slab provides a satisfying, well-protected pitch getting harder toward the top. An indirect (and poor) variation leads to a large block on the right then steps to reach the top, **Forgotten** (3).
Dave and Dave Musgrove Jan 11th April 1988
- 47 Final Filling** E1 5b 9m
The right edge of the slab, crossing the overlap en route.
Rob Laine 2nd May 2000
- 48 Laughing Gas** HVS 4c 17m ★★
Bitch to begin with, bold to finish a joy. Start up the crack then bridge out until it is possible to step right onto the arête. Big cams help. A tougher link up, **(a) Incisor** (5a), is possible by pulling over the roof from **Dental Slab**.
Rob Laine, Bob Rowe 2nd August 1979
- 49 Dental Slab** S 4a 20m ★★ ★
A classic, and possibly one of the best Severes on Yorkshire Gritstone. Ascend the left of the slab then tentatively traverse right until you can pull up using the pockets above the bulge. Continue upward, via the easiest line, to



make an airy mantle to finish. There are variations on the original theme here and all are worth exploring as the slab really is as good as they say. **Photo on page 253**
Bill Brown, Johnny and Arnold Woodfor 1930

- 50 Extraction** HVS 5a 17m ★★
A tremendous climb and a possible candidate for your first HVS lead if you can keep your head. Traverse in from the start of **False Teeth** to the base of the vertical crack. Ascend this, then make the ultra-delicate moves up the blankness above to the sanctuary of the finishing flutings. Now ululate wildly for a job well done. **Photo on page 271**. The **(a)** original start (out of keeping with the route) makes heinous moves over the lower bulge at 5c. An even more problematic start can be made further right **(c) Groovy Abscess** (5a).
John Bailey, John Peckle, Bob Brown 1st August 1941

- 51 False Teeth** VS 4c 20m ★
From the foot of the chimney, bridging moves gain the slab proper. Move diagonally left then climb up about 2m right of the left arête.
Dave Musgrove 11th April 1988

- 55 How Fast Dad** E2 5c 14m ★
Romp to the flake then move right, through the bulge, to finish up the right-hand side of the arête.
Fair Weather, Gave Womersley 2nd June 1997

- 52 Y Chimney** VD 14m
Protection is awkward but the difficulties are low down.
pre-1923

- 56 Trowel Face** HS 4b 14m ★
All the challenge is low down on this one. The flake-cum-groove is gained from the right then it's steady away from there on it. There is a **(3c)** problem start **(d)** which comes in from the undercut crack on the left.
Alan Austin, Brian Evans, Doug Kirby, June 1950

- 53 Persistence** VS 4c 15m ★
The narrow buttress offers good climbing to a narrowing mantle finish. Use the crack to gain the slab and ledge (don't be put off by the greenness). An exhilaratingly, reachy move up the left edge leads on to glory.
Alan Austin, Brian Evans, Doug Kirby 11th December 1950

- 57 Chimney Slabs Route Two** S 10m ★
Leave your rack at home for this beauty. Delicate climbing up the bold, pocketed slab. **Photo on page 245**.
pre-1950

- 54 Chockstone Chimney** VD 14m ★
Hard to start direct, but the wall to the left can be used to navigate around the worst of it. Handle the chockstones with care for they move, lots.
pre-1923

- 58 Lichen Crack** VD 11m
The name says it all.
pre-1923



Photo Dave Simmonds