

New Quarry Update (May 2014)

Cover: Richard Jenkin on A Drop in the Ocean of Decay (F6c+)

Purpose

This is a simple free topo published on the ClimbBristol web-site to enable climbers to make use of the recently refurbished climbs on New Quarry, Avon Gorge. The climbs will feature fully in the next Avon Gorge guidebook, by Martin Crocker, to be published by The Climbers' Club in 2016.

Routes

Routes are presented in a left to right order. Not all the climbs are shown (but all the sport routes are). Numbers of bolts on a given route are identified in the route lists. Bolt belays are indicated by **BB**. Stars (*) give an impression of relative quality. Assume a full rack is required for the trad routes.

Sport routes (i.e. fully bolted) are identified by RED lines.

Trad routes (some of which may contain bolts) are identified by YELLOW or GREEN lines.

Works

All regearing work has been carried out voluntarily by a couple of people. Bolts are stainless steel and a mix of 8mm glue-ins and 12mm through bolts. They were either paid for privately or supplied via the BMC Better Bolts Campaign. Pegs were sourced by Dick's Climbing and paid for by the Avon & Cheddar Area Fixed Gear Fund, which relies on your private donations. Not all pegs have been replaced yet.

Caveats: Essential Reading

New Quarry has a dandruff problem. Just look at all the loose rock on the ground under the cliff face - not so long ago it was part of the cliff. So take great care with fractured, hollow, and loose rock which can occur anywhere on the crag. In particular avoid climbing, bouldering, or standing under anyone else climbing above you; and wear helmets. The BMC's Participation Statement (www.bmc.co.uk) sets out that anyone participating in climbing must accept complete responsibility for their own well-being and safety.

Please avoid parking in front of the gates, since the gates are potentially in use by Wessex Water and Bristol City Council any time of day or night. Use the Sea Walls car park just round the corner as necessary.

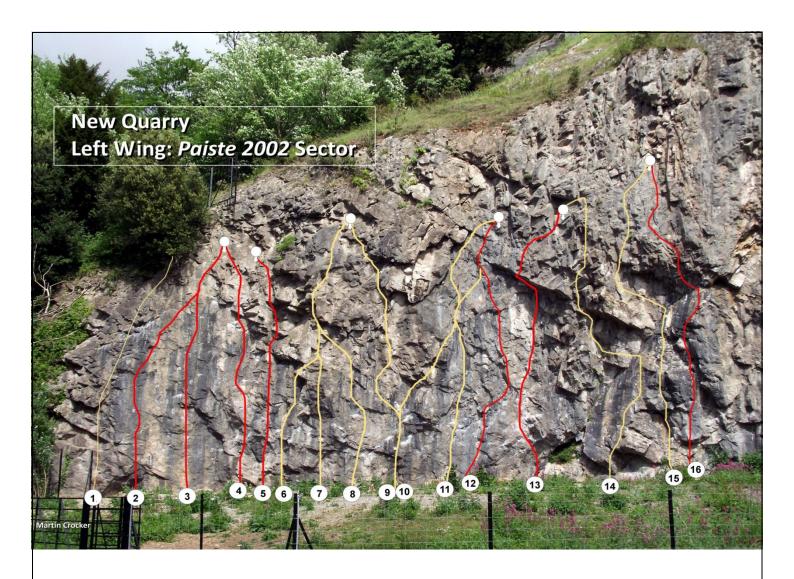
Acknowledgements

Thanks foremost to Gordon Jenkin who did the largest share of the work here and paid for it himself. Gordon makes up a third of the 80s *New Quarry Mutual Appreciation Society*; the author is also a third, whilst the errant cog is Chepstow's Matt Ward who gave up New Quarry (and proper climbing) many years ago. In those days the unpopular New Quarry was buried in places by ivy, and unstable; most climbers were happy for its potential to be left for unsound minds with their minimalist 8mm bolts. Today there is less loose rock (but see above), the gear is infinitely better, and the apocalyptic rotting XSs are still intact and flipside. Thanks also to anyone who has donated or who will now go onto donate, to the BMC for the bolts, and to Dick's Climbing and Taunton Leisure for hosting gear fund collections. Let's not forget a slap on the back for the Avon Gorge flagship ClimbBristol: its volunteer project group members and all its helpers. Much work remains for ClimbBristol and the wider Bristol-based climbing community; please support our Avon Gorge campaign work and keep in touch using the ClimbBristol Facebook page. Oh, and don't forget your date with the **Bristol Climbing Festival**, Saturday 26 July, here in the Avon Gorge.

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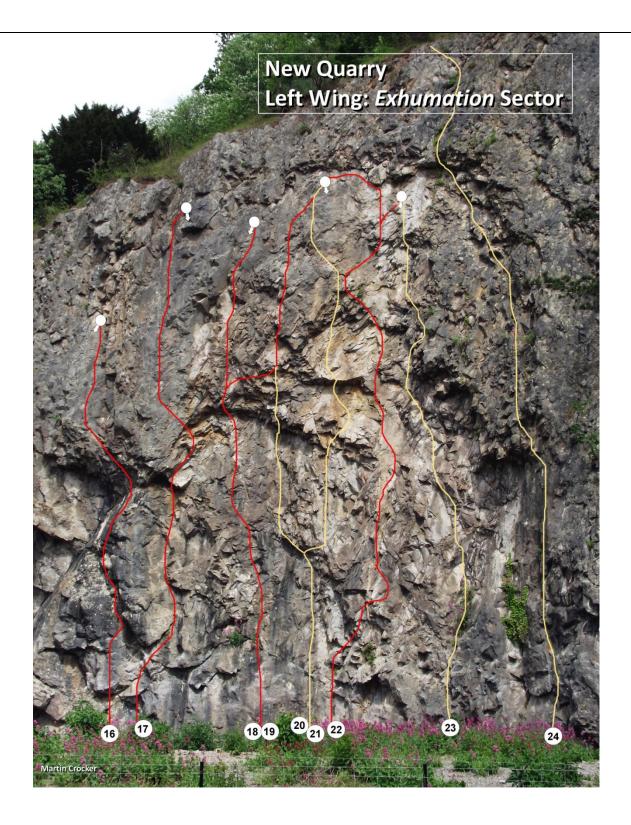
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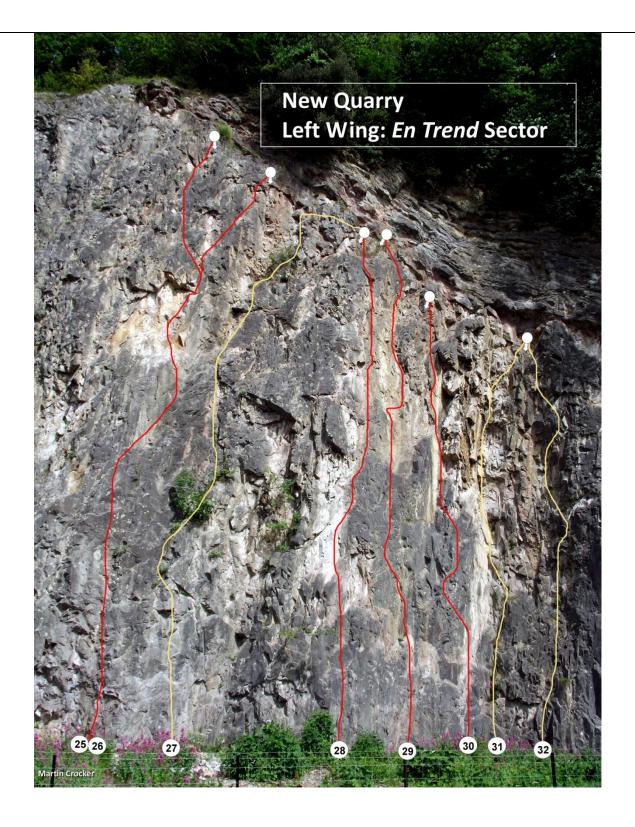
- 1. Agua Colorado 12m E2 5b
- 2. Bulking Agent 12m F7b+ Six bolts. BB
- 3. Bitter and Twisted 10m F7a+ Five bolts. BB
- 4. Dinosaur Beach 10m F6b+ Five bolts. BB
- 5. Jurassic Lark 10m F6b+ Four bolts. BB
- 6. **Brundle-fly Fusion** 12m E3 5b BB First 7 metres unprotected.
- 7. **Ska is the Limit** 12m E3 5c BB First 7 metres unprotected.
- 8. **Fry Crispin Fry** 12m E3 5b BB First 7 metres unprotected.

- 9. **Sand Sapphire (Harry Brown** start) 12m E4 5c/6a One peg (poor). BB.
- 10. Combined Tactics 15m E3 5c One peg. BB
- 11. *Zildjan 12m E4 6a Low peg, two bolts. BB.
- 12. *Paiste 2002 12m F7a Five bolts. BB
- 13. **Cymbeline** 15m F6c+ Five bolts. BB. Keep right of the first two bolts (but mind the rock).
- 14. **Cymbal the Pun** 15m E4 5c One bolt. BB (or top out).
- 15. **The Echo** 18m E2 5c One bolt, one peg. BB (or top out).
- 16. *Full Metal Cymbal 18m F6b+ Six bolts. BB



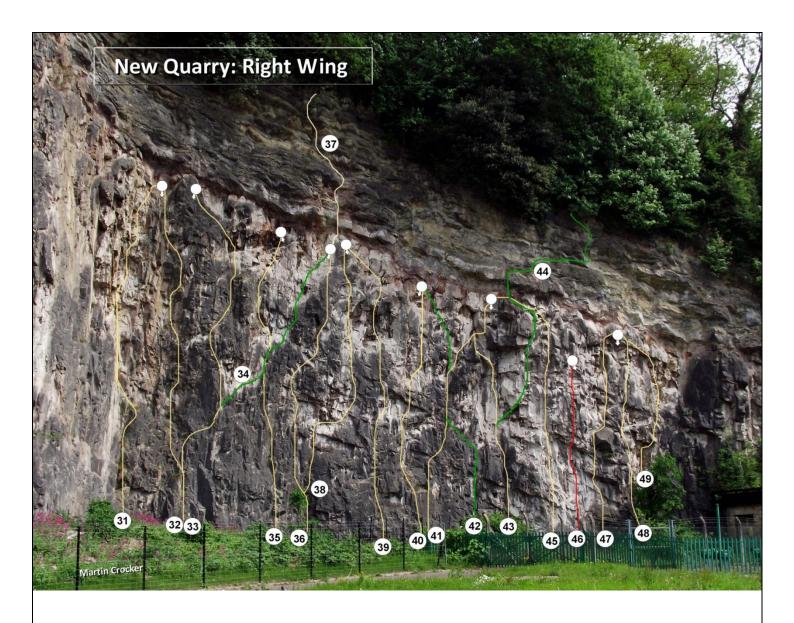
- 16. *Full Metal Cymbal 18m F6b+ Six bolts. BB
- 17. **Brutal Dub 20m F6c+ Eight bolts. BB
- 18. *Ready and Waiting 20m F7a+ Nine bolts. BB
- 19. The Fury 20m F7b Eight bolts. BB
- 20. **Product of an Unsound Mind** 20m E5 6b One peg, three bolts; weak rock. BB

- 21. *Exhumation 20m E5 6a Four bolts. BB
- 22. **A Drop in the Ocean of Decay** 20m F6c+ Eight bolts, one peg. BB (also possible to veer right to BB of Route 23). F6c if finished up *Exhumation*.
- 23. *Manoir de Kerlut 20m E3 6a Four bolts, three pegs; well protected. BB
- 24. Mensa 30m XS 5c One bolt. Top out. Serious.



- 25. **Bushmen Don't Surf 25m F6b Nine bolts. BB
- 26. ***Bushmen Don't Surf (Chepstow Zombie Finish) 25m F6b Eleven bolts. BB
- 27. **System Z** 30m E1 5a Two pegs; loose at the top. BB (on Route 28).
- 28. **No Crag for Old Men 25m F6b+ Ten bolts. BB

- 29. *En Trend 25m F6b Ten bolts. BB
- 30. *Stammheim 20m F6b Eight bolts. BB
- 31. *The Gobbler 20m E2 5b One peg; rather better protected than it looks. BB
- 32. Van Dieman's Land 20m E3 5c Three bolts. BB



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- 32. Van Dieman's Land 20m E3 5c Three bolts. BB
- 33. *Night of the Comic Dead 20m HVS 5a Three bolts, one peg; good cams & nuts supplement. BB
- 34. *Pastiche 20m HVS 5a Three pegs. BB
- 35. **Fat, Tall, and Small** 18m HVS 5a Three pegs, bolt. BB
- 36. *Heartbeat City 18m E1 5b Three pegs, thread, bolt. BB
- 37. Shale We Dance? 12m XS 5b Death; top out.
- 38. *Love and Affection 18m E2 5c Three bolts. Bold to start. BB
- 39. *Sugar and Spice 20m E1 5b BB

- 40. *Puppydog Tails 15m E2 5b Two bolts. BB
- 41. End of the Line? 18m E1 5b Bolt, two pegs. BB. The bolt can be reached direct.
- 42. **Spleen Fury and the Rockheads** 18m E2 5c Two pegs. BB
- 43. *Private and Confidential 15m E2 5b One peg; spaced good nuts and cams. BB
- 44. **The New Quarrymen** 25m XS 5b, 4c Take long pegs or 6" nails for the cheese. Top out.
- 45. Act of Faith 18m E3 5b Two poor pegs. BB
- 46. God 10m F6c Four bolts. BB
- 47. Blasphemy 12m E1 5a BB
- 48. Urban Myth 12m E2 5a Serious. BB
- 49. **Slugs and Snails** 15m E2 5b Three pegs; serious. BB