

# Topo Pointe Louc'h an Dreff, Kerlouan

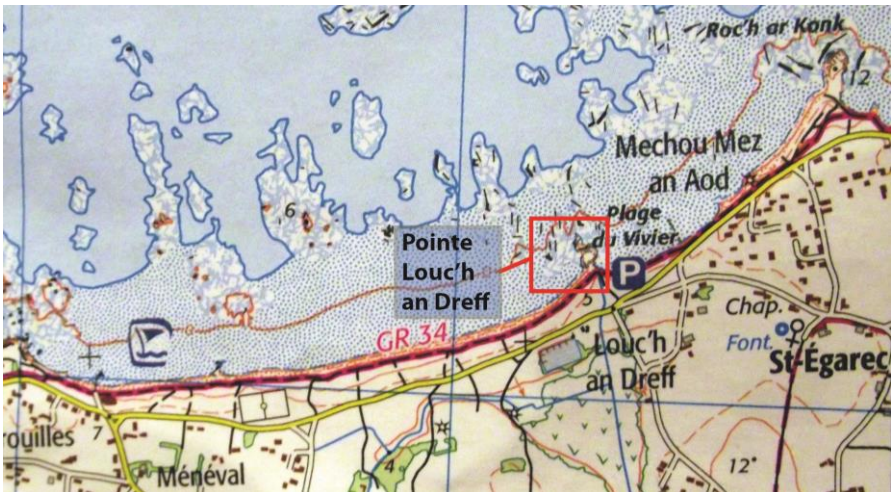


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This is an informal topo to the rocky promontory just to the west of the Petit Paradis hotspots, north of Kerivoas, which I've tagged as Pointe Louc'h an Dreff. It comprises two main sectors: the promontory itself, which is mostly a clutch of small cliffs and bluffs, and the platform of compact wave-washed boulders to its west.

The Point has no doubt been climbed on many times before, which is the reason I haven't added route names (except descriptive ones in a few cases). Having made many visits to Kerlouan, I'm always on the look-out for new areas especially those not confined to hard problems requiring mountains of mats. Thus I was surprised by the quality of the climbing here, including in the lower grades, given that I couldn't find any historical records. While enjoying the problems I began to think that visitors with limited time might appreciate a free topo.....



1 font 5+ The isolated block overlooking Plage Boutrouilles using the left side of its arête (the right side is horribly hairy and lichenous).

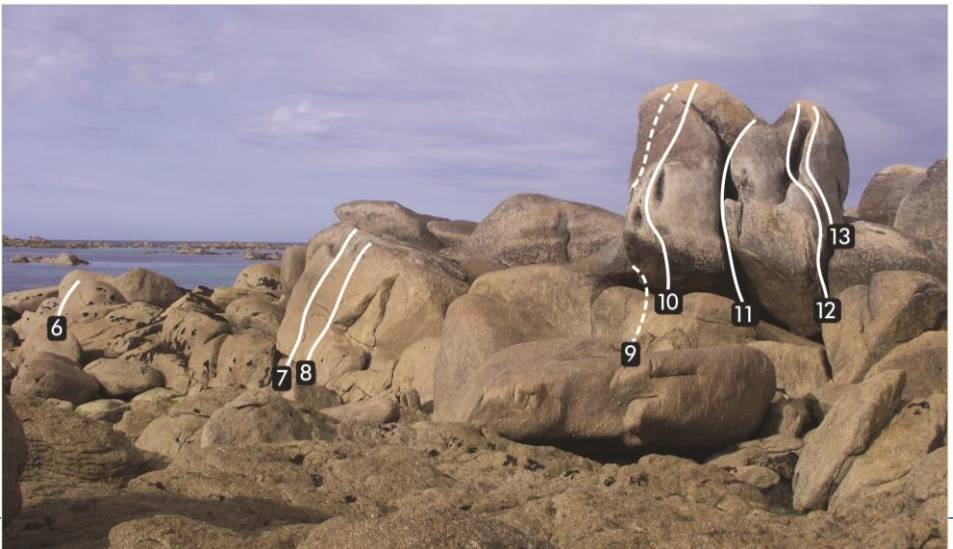




Bloc 5 Pic: Emily Crocker

#### EAST SECTOR

- 2 font 5 The landward end of large boulder using an undercut.
- 3 font 4+ The seaward end of the large boulder past a mantel onto a black ledge.
- 4 font 5 The seaward rounded rib of a fairly obvious round boulder.
- 5 \*font 5+ A long reach up the sheer face of the orange boulder. Nice.
- 6 font 5+ The smooth blunt arête of a very tidal boulder (project to left).
- 7 font 4+ The left-hand line direct up the beautiful golden face.
- 8 font 4 The right-hand line.



The next four lines take the promontory buttress – more soloing than bouldering, so take care.

**9 \*font 4+** Reach jugs on the left edge of the prow, rock up, and finish easily.

**10 \*font 4+** The front of the prow from a ledge via bacs; easier than it looks.

**11 font 4+** Climb the crack; strenuous to start.

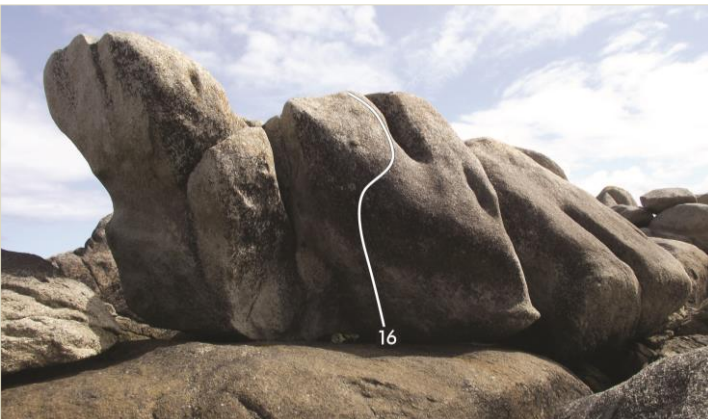
**12 font 4** A straightforward crack to the top.

**13 font 4+** On the south side of the promontory hand traverse the flake from left to right.



**14 \*\*White Arête** font 6b Superb. The convex white arête. Start low left and reach the arête via an undercut. Exit with left foot on the metolius. Front cover pic: Emily Crocker

**15 font 4** The little corner on the east side.



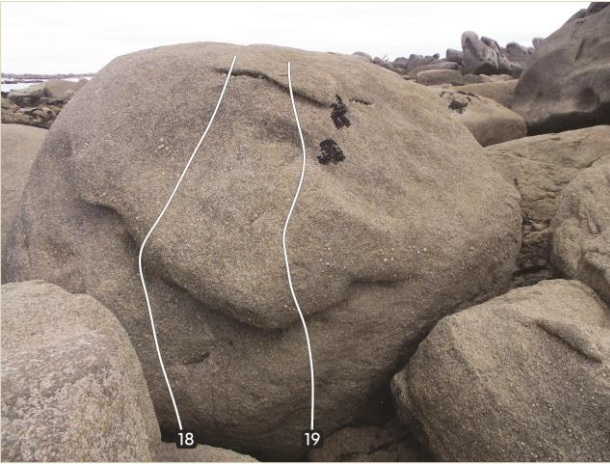
**16 \*font 6a+** From a platform reach around into a runnel and scabble desperately up.



### WEST SECTOR

**17** font 5+ The isolated boulder on the platform. Start from sitting in a little groove. Follow the line of holds rightwards, exiting over a small prow. Pic above: Beverley Crocker

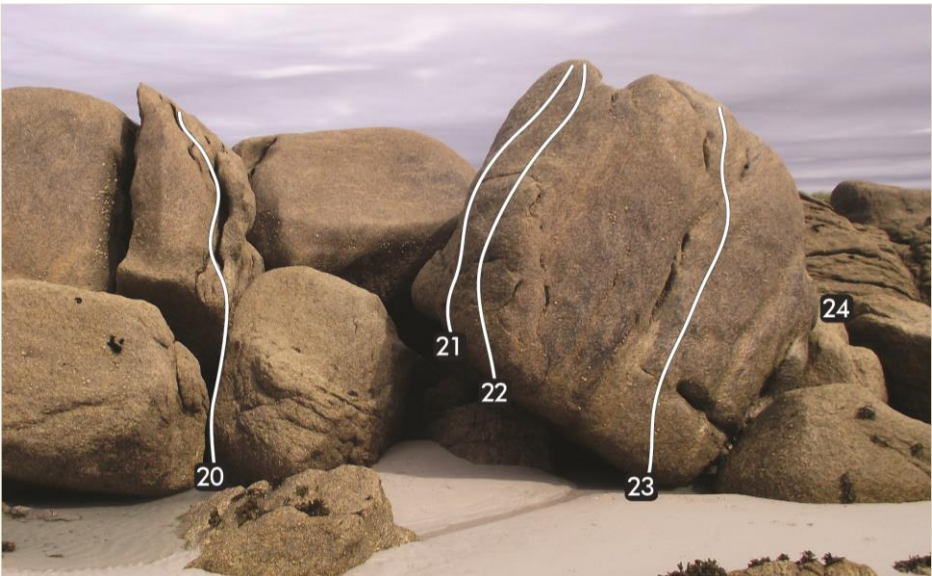


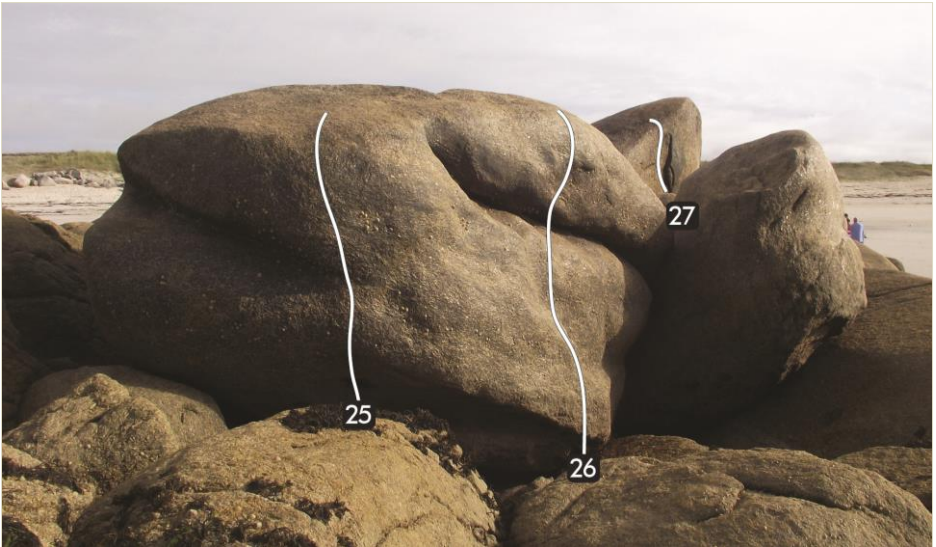


- 18** font 4 The left side of a slabby round boulder
- 19** font 5 The rounded rib of the round boulder starting low in a hole.
- 20** font 3 The easy crack

The next four problems are located on a fine square boulder the west face of which overlies the sand.

- 21** font 4 Positive finger-ledges on the north face
  - 22** font 4+ The seaward arête with a tricky start off the sand.
  - 23** \*font 5+ Link finger-slots in the west face. Very deceptive.
  - 24** font 4+ A quick pad up the south side.
- (There is a hard-looking project up the arête to the right.)



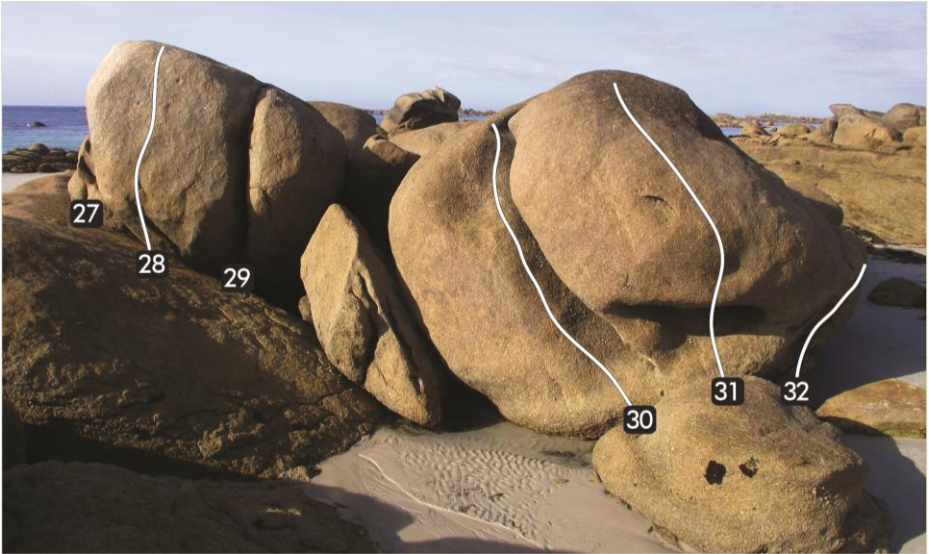


**25** font 6a A hideously glassy mantel.

**26** \*font 4 The centre of the compact face pulling round on a jug.

**27** \*font 6a Dyno up the flake into a distressing mantel.

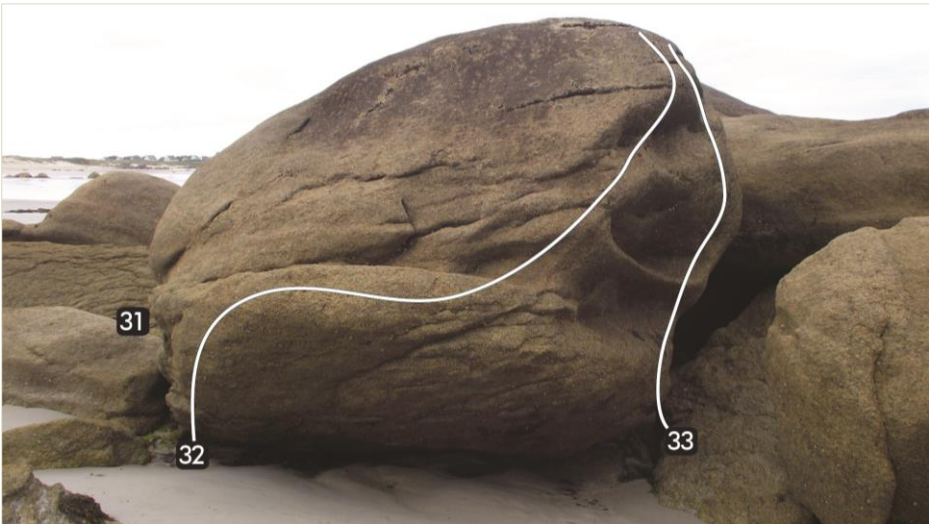




**28 \*Bullet Holes** font 6a+/b use the two mysterious dimples to conquer the smooth face.

**29** font 4+ The jamming crack

The remaining problems occupy the large boulder nearest the beach.



**30 \*Runnel for Your Life** font 5 The fab, slick runnel.

**31** \*font 5+ From a small adjoining boulder use an undercut to start smearing...

**32** font 5+ Hand traverse the long low ledge and finish under the rising arête.

**33** font 5/5+ Start on the north side from sitting. Climb direct up a broad rib.