

TAFFS WELL MAIN AND CASTLE QUARRY

LOCATION (NGR 312800, 182700)

Both quarries are accessed via the lay by located below Taffs Well Main. From J32 M4, Follow the A470 North toward Merthyr. Once on the A470 take the first slip-road which rises onto a roundabout. Follow the roundabout around until a lay by is visible beneath the imposing Wall of Taffs Well Main. Park Here (Take care entering and leaving the lay by).

For Castle Quarry (NGR 313000, 182600) cross over the gate and follow the track to the right. A small set of steps are passed on your left and just after a small valley is visible on your left. Enter this valley and follow it (easiest on its right hand side) to the quarry at its top, situated immediately beneath Castle Coch.

THE SHIELD

From the lay by, follow a faint path to the left over rocks, through trees, the path narrows and passes over a drop, then turns steeply right. Ascend precariously here or use the bolted access route in front of you (*Out of the Pit*, 4).

A. **Out of the Pit** (4+) – Easy slab below shield. Top out to access base of *Crimes of Fashion* and *Promises*.

Two routes on the left of the shield have recently been retro-bolted by SWBF

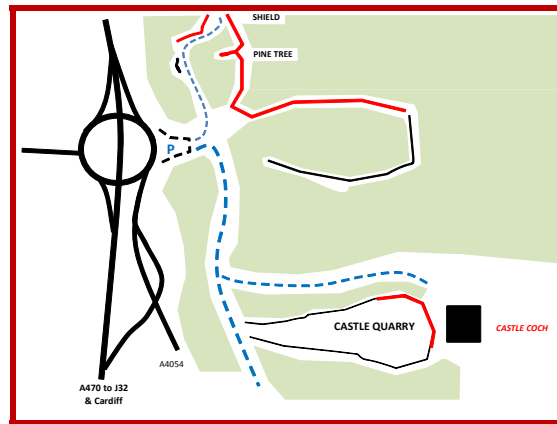
B. **Crimes of Fashion** – xxxxxxxx.

C. **Promises** – xxxxxxxx.

PINE TREE AREA

Pine tree is the route up the prominent rib above the access path. A pine tree is positioned near the top of the rib.

D. **Pine Tree VD** – A classic trad route up the rib and past the tree. Easy climbing, difficult to protect. Long walk down



MAIN WALL

Walk straight toward the wall in front of the lay by.

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14. **Bulbus Tara** (4+) – Groove above tree stump

15. **Hirsuit Ulvula** (6a) – Short tricky arête and groove above

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LOWER WALL (MAIN)

Unfortunately dense vegetation prevents a photo topo of the lower wall. From L. To R.

16. **Mega Mix** (5) – Big chain L.O.



MAIN WALL

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UPPER WALL (MAIN)

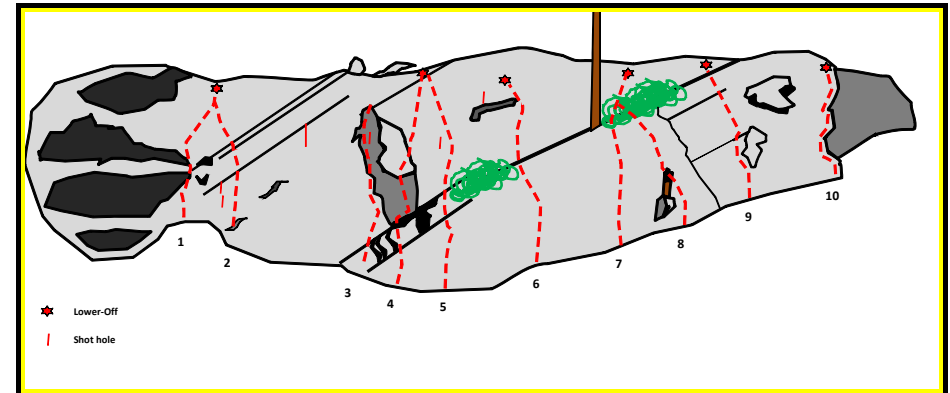
35. Jesus Wept (6c)

From the top of Jesus Wept;



CASTLE QUARRY

Castle Quarry is a brand new development located immediately beneath the rear of Castell Coch. The left of the quarry contains a series of overhangs with a traverse across the top lip proposed. A leaking pipe in the right of the quarry can sometimes spoil the ambience of the location following a 'Royal Flush' at the castle above



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