

INTRODUCTION

Tucked away just off the shoreline is a forest that has a collection of sport climbs in surroundings that contrast markedly with Gower's usual golden sand and rock pool backdrops. The quarried walls here offer slightly easier angled climbs with a good range of grades, but can be dirty. This is a Special Area of Conservation please keep your impact to a minimum and use the main paths in front of the quarried faces. Being sheltered by the forest, climbing is possible in light rain showers. Many of the routes have had their bolts replaced in 2011 with kit supplied by the South Wales Bolt Fund, and from the BMC's Better Bolts campaign.

The very shady Oxwich in the Woods can offer good shelter from small showers due to its protected position amongst the trees, although the crag needs a couple of days to dry out after a soaking

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Here are some example bolts used since the fund was set up, and costs of equipment.

A stainless steel expansion bolt & hanger



Cost Per Unit

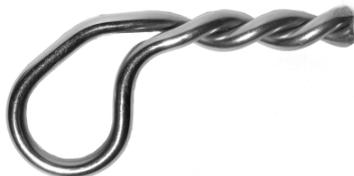
£2.50

A stainless steel twisted bolt plus glue & nozzles



£3.20

A stainless steel twisted Belay (larger eye for threading rope) bolt plus glue & nozzles



£4.20

**LOCATION (NGR 506859 513850)**

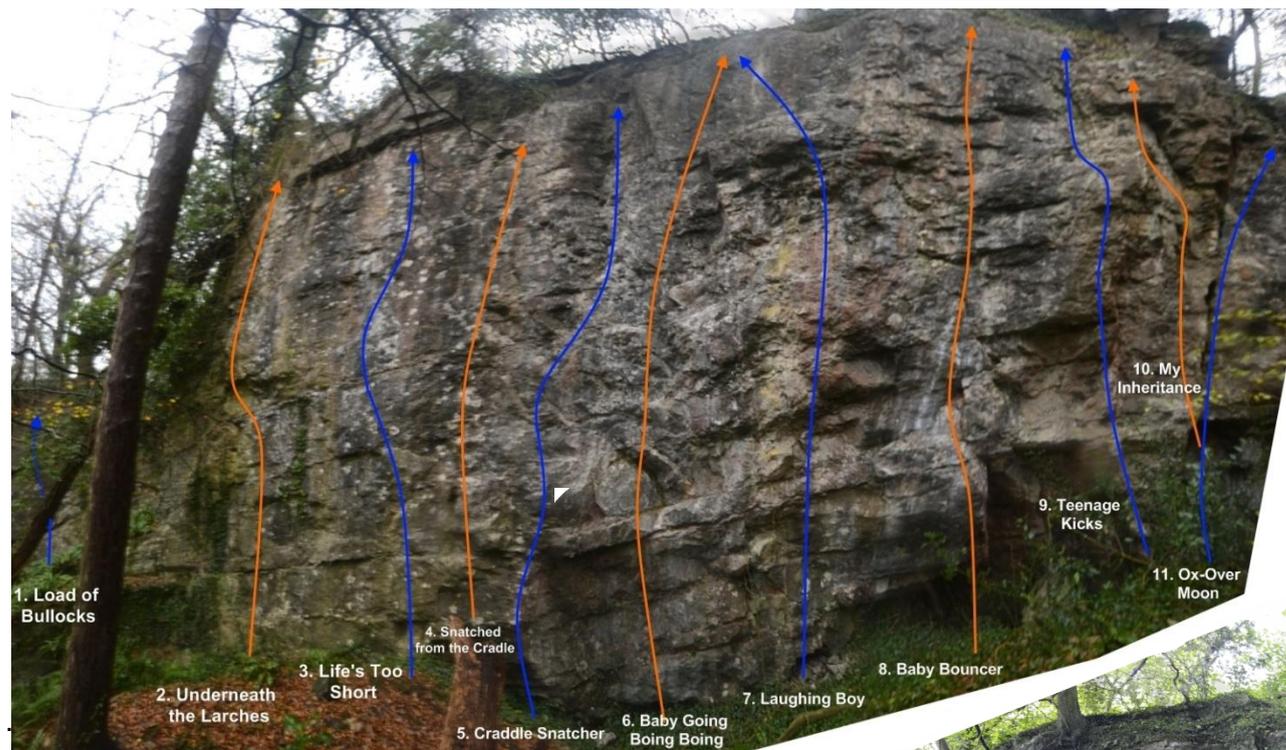
The turnoff for Oxwich is adjacent to the remains of a small castle gatehouse, signposted 'Oxwich Bay Hotel'. Follow a narrow road down a steep hill and along a flat stretch for approximately 1 mile. Parking is available on the left, where a fee is payable at the gate

APPROACH

Access to the crags is tidal, which can be gained 2½ hours either side of low tide. From the car park head out onto the sand, and begin to follow the right edge of the beach until the Red Sea Walls crag is in view after 5 minutes. Continue along rocky terrain for a few more minutes, until a wide but squat cave can be seen. A well hidden path leads up a slope into a woodland area right of the cave, taking you to the quarried walls.

DISCLAIMER

Climbing is a dangerous activity and should only be undertaken by those with suitable experience. Whilst this document attempts to accurately record the routes at the crag, mistakes may have occurred in the descriptions and routes can change. Climbers should therefore make their own judgement of a route before attempting it. Climbers should also make their own judgement on the quality of in-situ equipment.

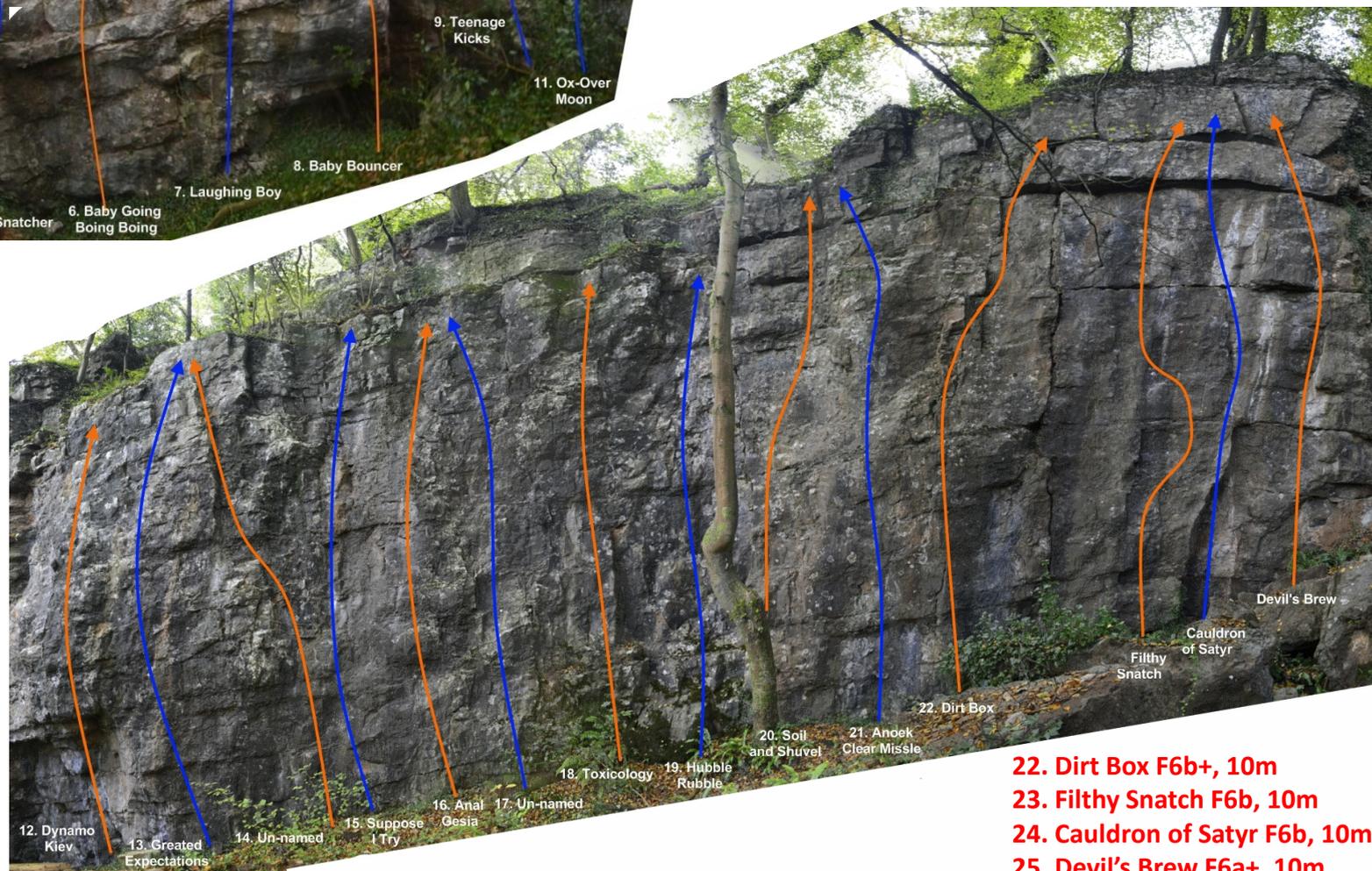


- 12. Dynamo Kiev F7b+, 12m
- 13. Grated Expectations F7a, 12m
- 14. Un-named 1 F6c, 11m
- 15. Suppose I Try F6a, 11m
- 16. Anal Gesia F6b, 10m
- 17. Un-named F6a+, 10m
- 18. Toxicology F6c+, 10m
- 19. Hubble, Rubble F6b, 10m
- 20. Soil and Shovel F6a+, 10m
- 21. Anoek Clear Missile F6b, 10m
- 22. Dirt Box F6b+, 10m

ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

The routes are described as approached from the beach from left to right.

- 1. Load of Bullocks F6a+, 6m
- 2. Underneath the Larches F6b+, 13m
- 3. Life's Too Short F6c, 13m
- 4. Snatched from the Cradle F6b, 13m
- 5. Cradle Snatcher F6a, 14m
- 6. Baby Going Boing Boing F6b+, 14m
- 7. Laughing Boy F7b+, 14m
- 8. Baby Bouncer F6c+, 14m
- 9. Teenage Kicks F6c+, 13m
- 10. My Inheritance F6b, 13m
- 11. Ox-Over Moon F6a+, 12m



- 22. Dirt Box F6b+, 10m
- 23. Filthy Snatch F6b, 10m
- 24. Cauldron of Satyr F6b, 10m
- 25. Devil's Brew F6a+, 10m