

Kinder South Climbing Meet

May 5th 2014



It was time to dust off our Over the Moors Guide and head to the Southern edges. A pleasant walk up past Ringing Roger took us to our first stop Upper Tor for the classic Upper Tor Wall (HS). If you have not done this route it almost justifies the walk in its own right.

I first did this solo, during a family walk in 2003, before Cameron's first birthday and was keen to do it again, as was the Wookie (George's new name since Jeff decided he looked like the love child of Harrison Ford and Chewbacca).

So I jumped in first with a quick solo to get a ringside seat for the struggle to come, while the Wookie racked up.

I think it fair to say despite his giant reach the Wookie found this his toughest fight since leaving the Death Star. The Jedi Master (Mike) sunk the jam and swiftly followed.



George "Wookiee" Salt on Upper Tor Wall



Mike "Jedi Master" Dowsett uses the force to overcome the crux of Upper Tor Wall.

Wanting to experience another buttress we headed to Nether Tor, first stop Flash Wall (VS5a). A true classic, this will test your gritstone skills to the max. While it is well protected and you never want for gear, the grade seems a little mean for the effort.

A quick bite, then on to Pocket Wall (VS4c), an easy start soon has you on steep difficult to protect ground, which was enough of a shock at the grade to make me hesitate before summoning the courage to run it out to the top, pulling on a baffling choice of gritstone pockets.

Nose Climb - a Hard Severe passed without incident and we chose to finish the day with another hard severe called Three Step, which was described as an enjoyable tussle with some solid hex placements. I was disappointed to find the guide wrong on both accounts!



Jon on Flash Wall with the crux to come, gaining entry to the "Flash" off- width.



Jon "picking a pocket, or two" on Pocket wall.