

CRINGLE CRAG

OS Landranger Sheet: 94

Map Ref: NZ538033

Aspect: North

Altitude: 350m

Approach: 30 minutes

Mod - Severe	0
HS - HVS	8
E1 - E3	9
E4 and above	1
Bouldering	0

HistoryDetailed history of first ascents can be found on www.climbonline.co.uk**Situation and Character**

The crag lies to the north flank of Cringle Moor. From a distance the crag is difficult to recognise because the same hillside contains a number of outcrops. However, at close quarters, the crag cannot be mistaken because of the jutting overhangs at half height. Unfortunately the outcrop is slow to dry and the rock is of dubious quality and lichenous. Belays are difficult to find and in some cases it is safest to belay using an extra rope from the outcrops above.

Access and Approaches

The crag is best approached by turning off the A172 into Carlton Village. Pass through the village on the road to Chop Gate and follow Carlton Bank until the road summit is reached. Walk east along the Cleveland Way but instead of taking the path that goes to the summit of Cringle Moor follow the path that contours around the north side. After about a mile the crag can be seen in the lower centre of the concave north side of the hill, approximately 100m below the summit.

The Climbs

The climbs are described from left to right. **Any reference to insitu gear is to indicate the line only. It will be in a poor condition and may no longer be there at all.**

Left-hand Buttress

The left outcrop is 50m higher on the left of the main outcrop.

1. Sloper 13m VS 4c

Start in the corner under the overhang. Climb the crack to the roof then hand traverse left and up to the top. Strenuous.

2. Amigos 7m HVS 5c

The obvious crack splitting the overhang on the down slope side of the buttress. To finish traverse left at a grassy ledge.

Main Crag

The main crag is split on the left by a grassy gully left of which is a smaller steep buttress.

3. El Spiderman 12m E1 5b

Just right of the centre of this buttress is a groove. Start up this, swing out left and climb the wall and shallow corner to finish.

4. Walk On By 12m VS 4c

The groove and crack on the right of the buttress.

Right of the gully lays the main buttress.

4a. Up from the Skies 17m E4 6b

The wall and large roof left of *El Lawrence*. Good wires in fossilised slot midway across roof. Good, strenuous climbing.

5. El Lawrence 15m E3 5c

5m right of the gully is an obvious groove capped by a roof. Climb this turning the roof on the right. 3m right of *El Lawrence* is an obvious arête.

6. Cosmic Wipeout 7m HVS 5a

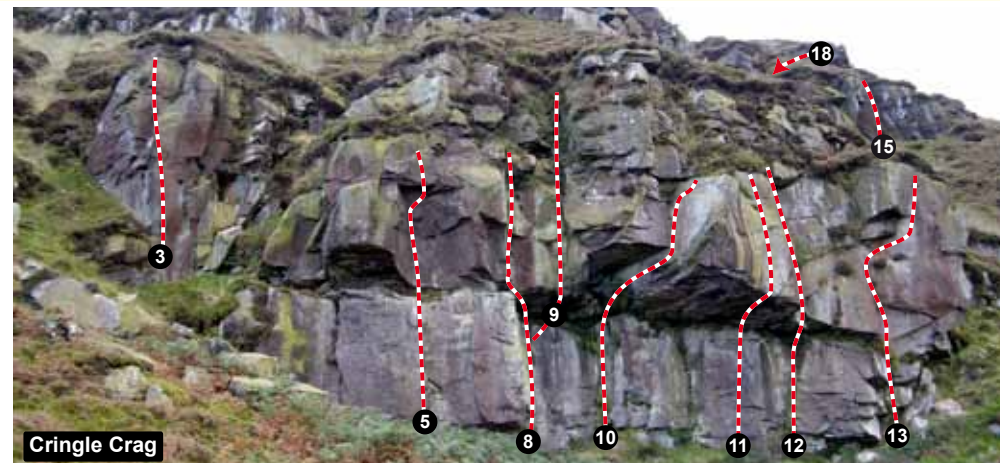
Start 2m right of *El Lawrence*. Climb the wall 2m left of the arête, traverse right and up as for *Cosmic Debris*.

7. The Voice 8m E1 5b

Climb the wall just right of the arête, then either left and up *El Lawrence*, or right and up *Cosmic Debris*. A good problem.

8. Cosmic Debris 17m VS 5a

Climbs the obvious corner in the middle of the crag. Starts 3m right of *The Voice* at the left of the alcove. Climb the corner, continue up a crack to a small overhang, and turn this on the left, then up to finish.

**9. Terry's Dilemma 30m E3 5c**

Climb the initial corner of *Cosmic Debris* (Severe), step right and follow the crack and hanging groove through the overhang, via good, small Friends. It may be a good idea to pre-place a lower off as the top gully is sketchy! **Rock Fall Here!**

10. Wedge Route 18m E4 6a *

Start at the right hand corner of the alcove. Climb the corner to the roof. Traverse the thin crack rightwards to the lip. Climb direct to the top via an obvious crack system. **Rock Fall Here!**

11. Direct Route 18m A3

This takes the thin crack and roof to the right of *Wedge Route* (3 pegs). The wall above the roof (2 bolts).

12. Last of a Dying Breed 18m E2 5c

Start just right of the huge roof of *Direct Route* below a sandy corner. Make a difficult move to start, and then climb to a rest below the roof. Climb over the roof and up the groove and crack above. A good route.

13. Every Step of the Way 18m E3 5c

Start 5m right of *Last of a Dying Breed*, below an obvious groove. Climb up the groove for 10m to an obvious sandy ledge, loose flake. Traverse right beneath the overhangs to a scoop. Swing right on to the arête and up a short groove to the top. A good route.

14. Crowmagnon 40m E3 5c, 5b/c

A girdle of the crag, good climbing. Start at a groove 5m left of *El Lawrence*.

1. 28m. Climb the groove and sloping groove above peg runner (not in situ) to gain a ledge on the right,

peg runner (not in situ). Hand traverse the lip of the roof to gain *El Lawrence* peg runner. Move right to bolts, right over grass to *Terry's Dilemma*, traverse the wall descending slightly, swing around the arête into *Wedge Route*. Belay.

2. 12m. Climb down rightwards across the green slab to gain ledges. From the right end of the ledges, step down; continue the traverse, feet on top ledge, to gain a shallow groove. Climb the groove to a bolt belay (in situ).

Right-hand Buttress

The right outcrop is 35m higher on the right of the main outcrop.

15. Humble Crack 8m E3 5c

Climbs the obvious curving crack with an undercut base. A rest can be taken on the ledge on the right side of the arête.

16. Hank's Route 8m HVS 5a

The obvious corner groove 3m right of *Humble Crack*.

On the face opposite and left of *Hank's Route* is a slabby wall.

17. Darlo Special 7m HS 4b

Climbs the slabby wall. Pleasant climbing, no belay.

On the opposite side of the gully to *Humble Crack* lies a steep wall with an obvious pocket...

18. Tell Chris Craggs Nowt HVS 5b *

Climb the wall via the pocket. Technical moves soon lead to an exposed, but easier finish.