The Uists can be reached by Caledonian MacBrayne vehicle and passenger ferry service (www.calmac.com) (08705 650000); Mallaig to Lochboisdale: Uig (Skye) to Lochmaddy; Leverburgh (Harris) to Berneray and Barra to Eriskay. Between the island ferry ports of Eriskay in the south and Berneray in the north, the length of The Uists is 40km (60 miles) in an hour 30minute drive.

Maps: The Uists are covered by OS 1:25000 Explorer Series Sheets 453, 454 and OS 1:50000 Landranger Series Sheets 18, 22 and 31.

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Flights: Loganair (Scotland’s Airline) fly to Benbecula in The Uists as well as Stornoway and Barra (www.loganair.co.uk) whilst Flybe through their partnership with Eastern Airways fly to Stornoway (www.flybe.com) and (www.easternairways.com).

On Island Transport: There are good bus services and a number of car hire companies. CBC, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) (www.cne-siar.gov.uk) has bus timetables and travel information as does Visit Outer Hebrides (www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk).

Amenities: As well as shops in the towns of Lochmaddy, Balivanich and Lochboisdale there are small shops dotted about here and there.

Accommodation: Details can be found by visiting (www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk).

North Uist has a number of small sea-cliffs with many climbs in the lower to middle grades, all close to the principal town of Lochmaddy.

** Leac Na Thobha **

** (NF 980 725) Tidal S & E facing **

A number of cliffs lie along the sole of the the foot shaped headland which forms the north-east tip of North Uist. south of Lochportain and Ba’ gh a Chàile. The highest point here is Crògearraidh na Thoba (154m). In general the rock is good but requires some care. Cliffs and climbs are generally described as approached from right to left.

Directions: From Lochmaddy, take the A865 towards Solas, then turn off to Lochportain. Before reaching Ba’ gh a Chàile (Cheese Bay), turn right and park at (NF 973 732).

Approach: Walk past a white cottage, then contour the coastline about 30m above the sea to reach the cliff (15-20min).

** Black Wall **

The first cliff is a steep black wall that does not seep after rain, making it a good option in bad weather.

Descent: Scramble down the right side of the crag at low tide. A shelf leads left to the next cliff at low water.

** The King of the Swingers ** 20m E1 5b

Start beneath a set of parallel cracks at the extreme right-hand side of the cliff. Climb the cracks, then make some bold moves on friable rock to gain a ledge. Climb the final steep section and finish leftwards up the slight arete.

** The Babe ** 20m E3 5b *

Follow the central crack-line direct with difficult moves at half-height and at the top.

Bird on a Wire 20m E4 6a **

The left arete is the steepest part of the crag and requires a certain amount of stamina and imagination. Follow the arete for the first couple of moves, then arrange good gear in the crack to the left. Step right and climb steeply to a good rest on the right. Regain the arete and a good ledge. Continue on good holds to a left-slanting crack that leads to the top. A better and more sustained route follows Bird on a Wire to the bottom of the diagonal crack, then traverses right into The Babe.

Platform Area

This contains the most adventurous routes in the area. The rock is also the most friable but still worth climbing on. The cliff faces east and features an obvious corner-gullly on the left. Some care should be taken during the nesting season. Climbs are described from right to left.
Descent: Either abseil from two metal stakes some 10m back from the edge of the cliff, or walk left around the ledge from the foot of the Black Wall.

Weary Teary 20m VD
R. Carter, C. Cavey, 22 Apr 1998
Start 6m right of Two Step. Climb a crack to a sloping ledge at 6m. Climb left and up on big holds to the base of a left-slanting crack which is followed to the top on big holds.

Two Step 20m VS 4c
R. Carter, C. Cavey, 20 Apr 1998
Start 4m right of Summertime Grooves. Climb the wall to a flake, continuing up the wall to a box groove, then make a difficult move up to a curved crack which is followed to the top.

Summertime Grooves 20m VS 4c
R. Carter, C. Cavey, 20 Apr 1998
Start 3m right of The Spark, climb the wall to a ledge, then continue straight up into a thin crack recess to an overhang which is surmounted at the right-hand side. Continue straight to the top.

The Spark 20m S 4a
This follows a line of vertical broken cracks. A steep section at half-height is not that difficult but protection is not forthcoming.

The Flame 20m S 4a
Start as for The Spark but instead of going straight up follow the left-slanting crack to the rounded arete on the left. Continue winding your way to the top.

Dolphin Wall 20m HVS 5a *
R. Carter, C. Cavey, 23 Apr 1998
Start 1m, right of the rounded arete, Climb the broken crack-line to a small ledge (strenuous) and finish straight up.

Jex’s Midnight Runners 20m HS 4b *
On the left side of the rounded arete is an obvious straight crack. Follow the crack to half-height, then step right and continue to the top.

The Sock That Got Away 20m HS 4b *
Climb the steep broken crack-line on the other side of the gully in a wild position on unusual rock. At half-height pass a small overhang then continue up and right.

Two Stakes Area
The next cliff is around the corner from the Platform Area, recognisable by two large staks at the top. It is south facing and offers a variety of features and climbing styles. There is a hidden recess with a black slab on its left, a steep wall and crack on the right and two obvious crack-lines in the middle.

Descent: The approach is by abseil from the two staks, backed-up by wires. Care should be taken with the rope is running over the edge.

Minnie the Moonch 25m VS 5a
Follow the left-hand, shorter, crack-line to the junction with the slabby arete on the left-hand side: belay. Climb a rugged groove and a short, steep right-slanting crack to the top.

The Arete 12m D
The next section of cliff around to the left has the same top section. The bottom 12m has three separate lines. The left-hand is a broken crack and the arete, which is very obvious from the top.

Ramp Area
This area can be seen from a vantage point near the top of Leac na Thoba, from which two obvious ramp-lines are an identifiable feature. The cliff faces south-east and is quick drying. It is characterised by three main cracks. Cliffs are described from right to left.

Descent: From the top of Minnie the Moonch, walk around the top of the cliffs to an obvious gully and ramp-line going down to the sea. Alternatively, starting 30m further round, descend the upper ramp-line to a stake (large sling to back it up) and make a short abseil.

Arms Like Twiggy 15m E3 5c **
The steepest route in North Uist. Follow the well protected crack on good jams. V V

The Hole with the Mint in It 15m HS 4b **
Climb the first and obvious corner, easily at first with some problematic moves near the top: well protected.

Cearn Dusgaidh 15m VS 4c ***
Climb the second and steeper corner-crack with good moves near the top.

The Lonely Runner 20m E1 5a *
Walk along the ramp as far as possible and traverse to the start of shattered cracks. Go up and left of the cracks to finish in an exposed position on solid ledges but with little gear.

The Ramp 12m M
Follow the ramp from its lowest point to finish through a gap at the top. This can be used as a descent route.

Rubha an Dùine
(NF 975 719) NE facing Map p2
Lying south of Leac na Thoba, this headland has a crack easily identifiable from a bay to its north. It features a large, dark, vegetated crack left of centre and a dark-streaked wall with a ledge halfway up on the right-hand side. Due to its aspect the crack is usually wet after prolonged periods of rain although it should be noted that the dark peat-stained streaks are wet even when dry. The first five climbs start from the ledge and are described from right to left.

Descent: Gain the ledge by an easy scramble down the right-hand side.

First Steps 12m VD
Starting from the very end of the ledge, follow the winding line up right of the wall.

The Dentist’s Extraction 12m S 4b
Starting about 2m left of the previous climb, go up to the right-hand side of a small cave and continue past a good ledge to the top.

Captain Caveman 12m HS 4b *
Follow small edges on steep rock to a small cave, pass this directly and trend left after the exit.

Death Moves in Mysterious Ways 12m E2 5b **
The hardest route on the cliff has a wild set of moves in its upper half. Start in the centre of the wall above the blank overhanging section. Move up razor-sharp holds to a blank section below the overhang. Climb the steep section on small but positive holds; very little gear but a lot of nerve required.

Jamiroquai 12m HS 4c
From the left side of the ledge, climb a steep wall to the start of a set of cracks and the corner left of the overhang. Finish by a pull on good jams; usually wet.

The next two climbs start from the bottom of the cliff and are gained by scrambling down a gully from the right.

The Long and Winding Road 20m HS 4c
Start at barnacle level below an obvious black cleft. Climb the crack and exit to a good ledge. Follow a slabby section to a vague pinnacle then finish steeply on the right at the highest point of the crag.

Dreams of Chamonix Granite 20m VS 5a *
Start 3m left of the previous climb. Climb steep rock on good holds to some slabs that lead to a steeper section on the left then make a tricky move and continue to the top.

Northern Exposure 25m HS 4c
Start right of centre by the edge of an overhang. Climb steeply for 4m, then traverse right and up to the right-hand side of a ledge at half-height. Continue keeping to the right of the wall and finish up a corner. Protection is spaced but adequate.

Small Crag
The next climbs lie to the right (north) on the small crag which is passed on the alternative approach to the Wailing Wall. However, they are described as approached from the foot of the Wailing Wall by walking right (facing in) under overhangs and around to a short steep wall.

Jelly Fish 12m HVS 5a
Layback the obvious hanging flake to gain cracks, then continue up right towards a square-cut block and the top.

The Depth Charge 15m E1 5b
In the middle of the wall is an overhang with a crack above it. Surmount the overhang and climb the steep crack to a narrow ledge. Continue on flat holds to the top.
Climb the crack-line to the right of the quartzy rock and
what extent is unknown but it would be fair to assume
somehow mixed-up when it was compiled. Quite to
intrusion at the right end of that cliff, so it would appear
Minstrels) in the following pages, as indeed is The Invis
found by locating an obvious quartzy chimney.

2m right of the last route.

Benjamin Bunny   HVS 5a
Small holds to a large break. Continue through the roof
exit through an overhang.

Jemima Puddleduck   VS 4c *
Follow a left-trending feature and break through a small
overhang halfway up. Continue to some good holds and
exit through an overhang.

Hurdy Gurdy   VS 4c
Start 2m right of the above route and climb the wall on
asingle small holds in front of the steep wall and go down (tide permitting)
into a tunnel. Go through it and climb up the wall on
the other end back at your original position.

The Invisible One   S 4a
The obvious crack in the centre of the wall leads to a
steepening near the top. See the note below on the
actual location of this climb, which may in fact be on
Rubha Ghlinnis, Caisteal Odair on the other side of the island!

Sammy the Seal   S 4a
Climb the wall on large edges and breaks.

Sukiyama   S 4a
Climb a crack to start then follow a more vague crack.

The next two climbs are actually referred to in the
descriptions of the traverses at Rubha Ghlinnis, Caisteal Odair
(Riders on the Storm and The Black & White Minstrels) in the following pages, as indeed is The Invisible One above. There is an obvious quartzy pegmatite intrusion at the right end of that cliff, so it would appear that these descriptions taken from the old guide were somehow mixed-up when it was compiled. Quite to what extent is unknown but it would be fair to assume that the descriptions for all the climbs on Big Bay, Small Crag and Rubha Ghlinnis, Caisteal Odair need to be checked on the ground and resolved.

The Log in Motion   S 4a *
The crack-line to the right of the quartzy rock at half-height it
steepens and trends slightly left.

The Greniss Chimney   S 4a
Climb the crack-line to the right of the quartzy rock and
continue up a chimney through the overhang at the top.

The next three climbs start close to the triangular shaped roof
on the right-hand side of the crag. There are tall-tale signs at the top which mark the start of the abseil.

Mr Jaffa   25m E1 5b
Start 3m left of a low triangular roof below a curving black groove. Start up the groove then step left onto the rib. Follow the rib up through small steps and climb the crack on progressively smaller holds to reach good holds near the top.

Far from the Maddy Crowds   20m VS 4c
From the abseil line, traverse right up ledges for 4m to
below a rib on the right of the triangular overhang. Follow the rib, avoiding the overhang on the left, and
reach a ledge. Continue to the top on poor rock.

The next climbs start 3m to the right, around the corner from the abseil.

The Crucifix   20m E1 5b ***
Start in the far back corner and climb the impressive crack to the large roof at 5m. Tackle the overhangs in an awkward position and gain a small slab between the two overhangs with an obvious triangular foothold in its centre. Traverse right around the corner and follow a crack in a superb position to the top.

Sea Fury   25m E1 5b **
In the centre of the west face, right of the highest section is a prominent roof. Climb up the chimney and go over a small roof to undercut right under the main roof and reach a fine (easier) finishing crack up the slab.

The Grinning Juggler   VS 5a **
Start at an imposing corner-crack just right of The Crucifix. Climb the crack to a rib, traverse right and climb up onto the rib on the right of the corner, then continue up another crack to a ledge on the right side of the rib, and make a series of short overhangs to reach the next climb.

Monkey Business   VS 5a **
Start at the crack-line in the wall which is also part of an
arete. Follow the crack to a junction with the corner of the rib, and turn another roof on the right of the corner. Follow this up to reach another crack to a ledge on the right side of the rib, and make a series of short overhangs to reach the next climb.

Further right the cliff features some roofs low down and
black grooves. These were top-roped but neither cleaned
nor led. The next climbs start in the obvious corner-
roof 5m to the right. A notch in the skyline is a good reference point.

From the Bottom   15m WD
Climb the corner easily to the notch in the skyline.
The Downfall H5 4b
Starting just to the right, climb a crack passing a rock
climb halfway and make an airy finish.
Chalkbags and Sadrags V5 5a *
An eliminate between the two cracks of Downfall and
Tom’s Diner. Start below a small overhanging niche.
Pull through this and continue up the wall on excellent
dges, making sure not to stray onto either of the cracks.
Tom’s Diner 5 4a
The crack to the right of The Downfall is similar but less
sustained.

A Sudden Gust of Gravity H5 4b **
The next crack to the right is more continuous with a
tricky move at the top.
Foot Loose and Fancy Free HVS 5b **
Climb a crack at the start then go up to a roof. Step
wildly onto the hanging pillar and reach through the
next overhang for a good hold. Follow the perfect crack-
line on the right of the slab to the top. A tricky climb.
Fried Green Tomatoes V5 4c *
Start on the right-hand side of the hanging pillar, ascend
through the overhang on good holds, then follow the
crack-line to the top. Not quite as bad as it looks!
Laid Back in Lochmaddy V5 5a *
Start up a slab below the right-side of the roof and
trace round the corner of the overhang in a good
position. Continue more easily to the top.
The Real McCoy H5 4b *
Climb the corner and difficult crack on pinches and
insecure holds.
The Phleas Fog Finish V5 5a
Start up the previous climb for 3m, then break out left
onto the top wall and traverse across using the steep
undercut flake. Continue up the right arete to the top.
The Yellow Melon V5 4c *
The obvious yellow wall can be climbed but the crack is
out of bounds. Finish in the square recess. A good climb
despite space protected.
Sky on Fire 5 4a
Follow the right-hand arete to the top of the yellow wall.
Sploosh VD
Climb the crack-line to the right of the arete with an
obvious chockstone in it.
The Postman HVS 5a *
This steep climb faces south. Start from the corner,
climb the right-hand groove for a couple of moves, then
attack the centre of the wall via the obvious slots and
square-cut holds. Mantle to finish in a good position.
Redwing H5 4b
Around the corner of the sharp arete is a deep corner;
climb this on awkward holds to a good layback finish.
The Lobster Pot 5
Climb the easy crack-line and ledges to the top.

MADADH GRUAMACH
(NF 955 667) W facing Map p2
The small island of Madadh Gruamach lies about 600m
south-south-west from the island of Madadh Mòr. The
rock is also basalt and the crag comprises many
comers, aretes, cracks and a number of roof systems. It
is possible to belay well back from the top. so another
rope may be useful. The climbs are close to the north
end of the island and are described from left to right.
Approach: By sea from Lochmaddy. The back of the
island slopes towards the sea and gives an easy boat
landing.
Descent: By abseil
Northern Chimney 5m VD
D.Brown, Aug 2007
Short chimney with some thurchting.
Niall’s Surprise 25m V5 4c
D.Brown, Aug 2007
Easy ground leads into a corner system, beneath an
obvious small roof to the left with an arete to its right
above half way. Step around this small feature and
continue upwards to finish up a small diedere.
Sea Fury 15m VD
D.Brown, Aug 2007
The obvious southern corner system that cuts from the
water to the top. Good holds throughout.

EALHAL (EVAL)
(NF 899 605) Alt 347m Map p2
This distinctive small hill lies in the south-east corner of
North Uist.
Approach: The first documented route was approached
by kayak across Loch Obasaraigh, from the Loch Euphot
road end to the north. An approach on foot can also be
made from there.
Waters of Illusion 50m 5 4a
D.Rubens, 28 May 1997
Although difficulties are short, this climb enlivens an
expedition to this fine viewpoint. There appeared to be
be minimal protection. A small but prominent white scar
is seen towards the right-hand end of the summit cliffs.
Start below and right of the steep buttress which has the
scar on its lower left. Climb an easy ridge for about 30m
and near the top of the ridge, traverse left onto the
steep buttress. Climb the buttress (12m) by the line of
least resistance, trending left, then right. Scramble
up to finish.

The Smudgy Budgie 5m E3 5b *
Climb the smooth and unprotected slab without using
the crack to the right.
Chaplin Crack 15m D
The obvious easy crack.
The Fornicating Cherubs 15m VD
The crack-line close to Chaplin Crack, finishing 2m to
its right.

Amnesia 15m 5 4b *
The left-trending layback crack.

Barney Rubble 15m 5 4a *
Follow a set of cracks up the centre of the wall, steeply
at first, then go up to the overhang. Climb awkwardly
through this to finish.

Culicoidiphobia H5 4c
A direct line up the centre of the wall following two
small vertical cracks.

Slippy When Wet 15m VD
Follow the rightmost crack to the overhang, then squirm
up the chimneyn on the right to a welcome finish.

The next two climbs traverse the entire length of the
crag, starting at the bottom of the ramp on the right-
hand side near the start of Log in Motion.

Note: See comments under Big Bay. Small Crag in
the preceding pages where Log in Motion has been
described, together with the climb The Invisible One
referred to in both of the following climbs. There is an
obvious quartz pegmatite intrusion at the right end of
the climb here, so it would appear that these descriptions
taken from the old guide were mixed up when it was
compiled. To what extent is unknown but it would be
fair to assume that the descriptions for all the climbs in
Big Bay, Small Crag and Rubha Ghriminis. Caisteal Odair
need to be checked on the ground and resolved.

Riders on the Storm 60m V5 4c **
Start at water level and traverse left with tricky moves at
barnacle level to reach a good horizontal crack. Follow
the crack to a shattered area at the start of The Inspi-
vable One: belay. Follow the left-trending crack-lines that
eventually lead to the top of The Smudgy Budgie. Finish
up this.

The Black and White Minstrels 30m V5 4c **
This traverse starts slightly higher than the other and
follows a higher line 1m down from the ramp-line.
Follow the crack-line until a step down has to be made.
Follow a slightly lower break under the overhang and
continue on bigger holds to The Invisible One.
SOUTH UIST (UIBHIST A’ DEAS)

The west coast is one magnificent long beach whilst the east coast is wild and hilly, containing the highest hill in the Uists, Beinn Mhòr, as well as some other fine hills. Lochboisdale (Loch Baghصادal) is the principal town. There is less climbing here but that’s perhaps because it’s never been fully explored due to its more remote nature.

BEINN CHORADAIL

(NF 820 329) Map p2

Beinn Choradail (527m) lies between Hecla (Thacla) and Beinn Mhòr to the south; a trio of splendid hills. One climb has been recorded and the north-west ridge offers a Grade 2 scramble; see Highland Scrambles North. The approach takes about 1h 30min.

Chimney Buttress 50m HS 4b
B.Davison, 19 May 1994

The west face of the peak contains a chimney. The route climbs the pink buttress immediately left of the chimney. Climb cracks for about 20m until the angle eases then continue to the top, finishing up a steep off-width crack if desired.

BEINN MHÒR

(NF 809 311) Map p2

The north facing Heileasdale Buttresses of Beinn Mhòr (620m) can be reached in 2h from Loch Dhubh-rain over the Bealach Heileasdale. There are seven distinct buttresses split by six gullies. The buttresses are numbered 1 to 7 from left to right and the gullies 1 to 6. The gullies tend to be slimy and vegetative. There is a Grade 1 scramble on the North-East Ridge of Beinn Mhòr; see Highland Scrambles North.

Gully 1 60m I *

No 1 Buttress
C.Ludwig, D.Dawson, J.MacLennan, Apr 1936
From the lowest rocks immediately east of Gully 2, steep but easy climbing for 45m trending right lead to an overhang, turned on the right by grass ledges above Gully 2. The crest is regained by a 5m vertical section on small but good holds, 45m of climbing remains with 5m vertical sections above broad grass ledges.

Gully 2 II *

No 2 Buttress
C.Ludwig, D.Dawson, J.MacLennan, Apr 1936
Immediately west of Gully 2, go up an easy chimney followed by 100m of pleasant climbing directly up the buttress to 15m of grass. 5m of steeper rock leads to a grass ledge from where a 25m crack with good holds runs steeply to the top across two small overhangs.

Gully 3 II *

No 3 Buttress
Easy angled grass and rock lead to a terrace at 75m. Above this a well defined arete above Gully 4 gives 60m of steep but easy climbing then less steep climbing for 30m to a more difficult 20m vertical section on good holds. 30m of easy scrambling gains the top.

Red Corner 60m V5 *
J.Hart, D.Allan, 27 May 1984
A climb on the buttress between Gullies 3 and 4. Scramble up Gully 3, climb the right wall and go up grass ledges to the foot of the red corner. Climb the stepped corner (crux) to a grass terrace. Climb the corner to the left over a vertical step to the top.

Gully 4 II *

No 4 Buttress
Leading to a terrace, the lower half is similar to No 3 Buttress but longer and steeper. Keeping close to the edge a 3m vertical section gains a grass platform followed by a 10m indefinite chimney leading to a bigger grass platform. 20m of steep, loose and vegetated rock gain a grass ledge below an overhang where a 3m vertical wall leads to a crack which is followed for 10m up and to the right below the overhang, on the vertical wall of Gully 5. A ledge on the ridge is gained above the overhang and 60m of easy climbing up short sections of steep rock lead to the top.

Gully 5 I *

No 5 Buttress
Easy grass and rock for 60m lead to a 20m severe pitch on which pitons were used for protection. This goes up vertical rock for 5m to a platform below an overhang where a left traverse then a narrow 5m gutter gain a slimy sloping platform below the final overhang. The holds improve and the final 10m is more exposed than difficult. Then there is 60m of small vertical pitches interspersed with ledges leading to the final ridge which though narrower is at an easier angle with grass and the odd short bit or rock.

Gully 6 200m II *

Gullies 5 to 6 Traverse III **
This climbs Gully 5, then goes up a short icefall and ramp into Gully 6, crosses this and goes up a groove; crux. Continue up a ramp then a chimney to more broken ground and the top.

No 6 Buttress
Most of the lower 60m is noted as glaciated and holdless. Begin at the mouth of Gully 7, going up the vertical left wall for 7m to gain steeply sloping slabs on the true edge of the buttress. A further 7m of these slabs leads to a small overhang. A 40m pitch ensues on which pitons were used for runners and belays. The overhang is short but with a difficult finish and is followed by difficult climbing up similar steep and almost holdless slabs. 30m of easy rock, 60m of easy grass then 60m of short rock steps and grass ledges gains the top.

No 7 Buttress
The narrowest and easiest buttress has much vegetation. The lower two-thirds is easy slabby rock and the upper third is a little steeper with more broken rock.

The best area for rock climbing is at the higher west end of the cliffs where there is a largish area of clean white slabby rock. Towards the left (east) end of this area is a large triangular slab bounded on the left by a grassy rake and on the right by an overhang. Above the top of the triangle is a prominent vertical corner taken by the next climb.

Open Book Corner 120m VS 4c **
D.Allan, D.Marriot, 16 Jun 1986
Start below the corner and climb up to belay below a small overhang. Traverse left, then step down, before carrying on up and left to a grassy rake. Continue up right to belay below a steep corner. Climb the corner via a crack just to its left, then step right and climb a second crack to belay on a grass terrace; crux. Carry on straight up crossing a ramp to finish above. Scramble to the top.

Up right from the above climb, a short vertical cliff crosses the corrie floor and abuts the main face. The next climb starts 5m down from the corner where the two cliffs meet.

Slab Buttress West 120m VS 5a
J.Hart, D.Allan, 27 May 1984
Climb directly up to a grass ledge, then rightwards up slabs to a terrace. Traverse down left over slabs, then back up leftwards across the terrace and up a corner left of a brown and white mark. Continue directly up smooth slabs across a grass ledge and up slabs to a block. Traverse left and up to a nose. Swing round it and go up a ramp corner to the right to finish.

Slab Buttress East 120m VS 4a
J.Hart, D.Allan, 27 May 1984
Start 5m right of the last climb, in the corner where the short cliff meets the face. Climb the corner then slabs to a grass terrace. Climb a crack above then trend right to a nose of rock. Continue up this nose to a grass ledge and finish between the two right-hand rock noses on the skyline.

Curley Wurly Cuckoo 40m E1 5a
C.Ravey, E.Stewart, 12 May 1998
The middle of the buttress which is situated to the left of the furthest right gully. Start left of centre on the buttress and follow holds rising rightwards to a steeper section. Summont this on small but good holds (crux) onto the slab above. Climb to a break at the bottom of a steep
LEAC SHLEAMHAINN & ERISKAY

Crag Easabhal

**Approach:**
Originally from the sea but it should be possible to spot from the road end off the A865 beyond Taobh a’Tuath Loch Aineort by following the Beinn Mhòr path. Initially this path is good and where it heads up to the Bealach Creagad’s, continue south-east across and in front of Beinn Tobra to reach the cliff, which is visible from a promontory at the west side of the green gully.

**Descend:**
This should be possible by abseil from the west, left side facing in, onto rocks at sea-level.

**Note:**
The cliff is bounded on the left by a steep, grassy gully with a huge chuckstone at the top. The upper half of the cliff is dominated by impressive overhangs, beneath which runs a marked leftwards-rising discontinuous break, finiching in the grassy gully.

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**MAOL NA H-ORDAIG**

**Corner Crag**

**Approach:**
Probably best on foot from the path through North Glendale (Gleann Dail bho Tuath) to the north-west from the road end just beyond Ceann a’Deas Loch Baghaidhail, which lies to the east of the B888, 4km. A shorter and more direct route could be taken from the road end just east of the Eriskay causeway.

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**CREAG MÒR SEA CLIFFS & CORNER CRAIG**

**Glen Stein, J.Hall, C.Stein, 10 Jun 2008**

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**RUBHA BASADEARN**

**Approach:**
Walk east then northward across moorland near the coast from Acairseid Mhor (NF 793 100).

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**CREAG MÒR SEA CLIFFS**

**W facing Map p2**

These cliffs are located at the end of the southern ridge of Beinn Tobra, which itself lies just south of Beinn Mhòr. They overlook Loch Aineort.

**Approach:**
Originally from the sea but it should be possible to spot from the road end off the A865 beyond Taobh a’Tuath Loch Aineort by following the Beinn Mhòr path. Initially this path is good and where it heads up to the Bealach Creagad’s, continue south-east across and in front of Beinn Tobra to reach the cliff, which is visible from a promontory at the west side of the green gully.

**Descend:**
This should be possible by abseil from the west, left side facing in, onto rocks at sea-level.

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**Captain Zim’s Drascombe Longboat**

**55m E1 5b**

**G.Stein, J.Hall, C.Stein, 12 Jun 2008**

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**Creag Mòr Sea Cliffs**

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**ERISKAY**

Eriskay is the island featured in Whisky Galore.

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**Cod Steering**

RUBHA BASADEARN

**Approach:**
Walk east then northward across moorland near the coast from Acairseid Mhor (NF 793 100).

**Note:**
The base of the crag is easily approached from the left (south) end. From the end of the crag, after several shorter walls facing south, the first seaward facing buttress is narrow and square cut with a vertical crack guarded by a big jammed block at 3m. Right again is a set back area and then, starting half way up the crag is a prominent layback groove with a reddish right wall. The only route so far this.

**Eriskay Business**

30m HVS 5a

**P.Nugent, B.Bowdler, S.Harry, 29th May 2001**

**Note:**
Pleasant and well protected climbing. Start beneath the groove, approx. 15m right (north) of the jammed block. Climb a cracked pillar and continue to a ledge beneath the groove. Climb the groove with increasing difficulty to an easier but steep exit.

**From underneath the main crag a prominent undercliff wall or ‘snout’ can be seen in profile, at sea level, on the point, 400m to the north. Beyond this is a series of short, steep walls. Numerous possibilities exist.**

**Odalisque**

15m HVS 5b

**S.Harry, P.Nugent, 29th May 2001**

**Note:**
Sheer pleasure and well protected. Approach down the south side of the snout, traverse under a short overhanging wall and another wall with an east facing crack. A short distance up the right is an obvious, black, right-angled corner with a ‘stuck on’ block at chest height, behind two huge sea-washed boulders. The route takes this corner. Start at the ‘stuck on’ block. Step-off the block, stick on the block, make a couple of steep moves and then continue more easily to the top.