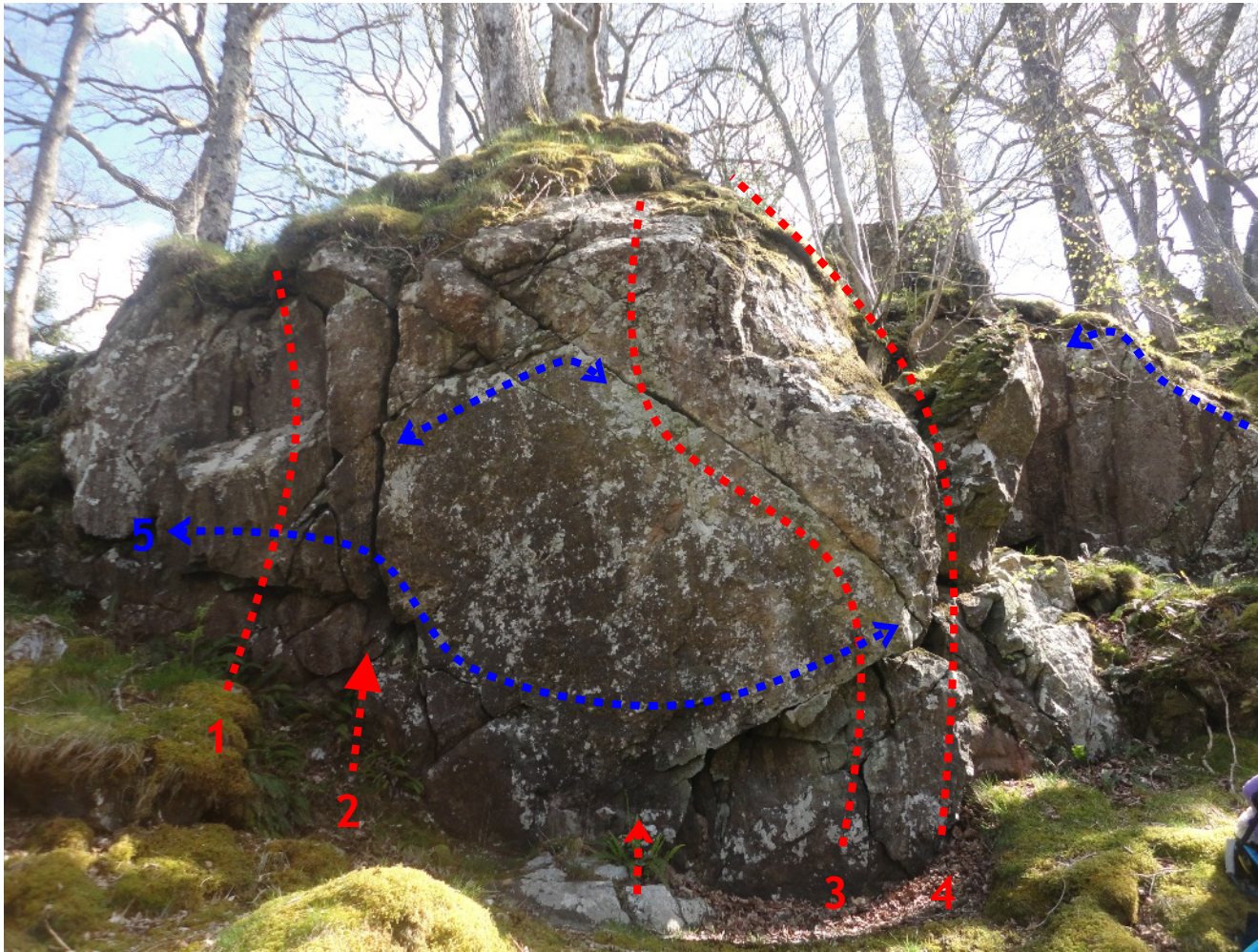




## Torrent Walk's *Warped Wall*

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### ***Torrent Walk's Warped Wall*** (Ninja-Warrior reference!)

The wall is only five minutes' walk down from the top parking on the eastward side of the gorge. Deceptively steep, the wall is in places smooth, compact & snappy; in others, it has the friction of coarse grit! The crag also has a great wide mix of face, crack & friction holds. All the natural lines are worthwhile. The wall lends itself to harder eliminates as well. A couple of pads & tall spotters make topping-out far less serious. If the crag's mossy fringe was trimmed by a metre, climbing here *would be an impeccable experience*. A grab-rope was in place to safeguard topping out, and used on two of the up-lines.

#### Natural lines (from left to right):

- 1 Up the slab with good cracks & overhang. This has been turned 'carefully' using an undercut/sidepull on the rock to the right. V2
- 2 The perfect hand crack is a committing tussle. V3
- 3 The right-to-left quartz-filled crack to an apex, then straight-up. V1
- 4 The rib & slab on the right edge of the wall has a great variety of moves. Would be even better (easier!) If the slab was cleared of moss. V2
- 5 The low-level traverse has a definite technical & fingery crux passing the middle of the wall. Almost all styles of climbing included as well - a mini-'Pump-traverse'? V4+? (Uncompleted by the author)

#### Other lines:

Up the quartz crack & traverse the break into the hand crack has been done in both directions. Worthwhile, and safer than topping-out...

A fingery direct up the middle of the wall to the apex of the quartz crack only adds a few moves. A harder line further left would be desirable, but very eliminate!

A nice shorter wall lies up to the right of the main face. Apart from a couple of 'two-move wonders', it has an interesting traverse. Done to l, again using a pleasing variety of holds on the top edge.