

Straycat 7a+/7b First pitch

The long overdue project at WonderWall, Straycat (formally known as The Gutter), has seen its first ascent last December. The project was initiated by Pete A. a few centuries ago, then I bolted it in June 2012, with His Highness permission, of course.

I propose a grade of 7a+/7b since, just after sending, I redpointed Exile (first pitch) and it felt significantly easier (not as much as I expected though ;-). Hence the 7a+.

But because some moves are a bit reachy (I'm not tall) it might be harder for climbers under 1m70. Hence the /7b. Please let me know your opinion once you've sent it, thank you.

The route is vertical, 27m long, and very thin at the cruxes. It's less sharp than Exile though and requires more footwork than a high pain threshold.

Topo can be found here : <http://www.elstyx.net/Topos/QSTopo2.pdf>



The SpiderMan on top is Hamad Photo : F. Arneodo

The second pitch is still unclimbed, as far as I know, and looks seriously harder.