

## Pots and Pans

Pots and Pans Quarries are a good quality micro venue situated just below the obvious war memorial overlooking Chew Valley. The quarries are made on the whole of sound clean gritstone. The Front Quarry is easily seen from below and contains the majority of the routes, the Back Quarry contains the odd quality route worth seeking out. On the whole the quarries face south west'ish and receive a good deal of late afternoon and evening sun. There is some seepage after heavy rain.

Approach: from the King William cross roads in Greenfield, take Kinders Lane directly up the hill for half a mile to Fur Lane, take the left steep uphill branch until the road turns to the left and levels out. Limited parking is available here. Please park considerately and do not block any gates. Follow the footpath steeply up the hill straight towards the memorial. Trend leftwards as height is gained to reach the Front Quarry amongst the heap of scree and small boulders on the left. Back quarry is to be found just above and behind Front Quarry.



The described routes begin with the obvious clean slab on the left side of the quarry.

1. \* Jeanette E2 5b, climb the left side of the clean slab, pleasant and usually soloed at this grade, use of the left arete and runners to the left reduces the grade, 35'.
2. \*\* Deception HVS 5b, climb the left hand crack until a foothold is reached on the slab, move back to the crack to finish, 40'.
3. \* Green Gilbert E1 5b, bridge, jam and layback the delightful corner, 40'.
4. \* Charlatan E3 6a, climb the steep green crack in the side wall, moving rightwards near the top to finish on the arete, a tiring 40'.
5. \* Taa McCallum E4 6a, climb directly up the steep arete with difficult starting moves to reach a drillhole and old peg, finish up Exfoliation, hard for the grade, 45'.
6. \* Exfoliation E4 6a, start just right of the arete and climb up to the shallow groove and flake which is then climbed to an old peg runner, finish up the arete, 45'.
7. \* Minnie Monster E6 6c, climb the centre of the face right of the groove, via a barn door move off a small flake, gear in the break below, 45'.
8. The Corner VS 4c, climb the corner, moving right near the top, 45'.
9. The Reaper, HVS 5b, climb the crack just to the right of the corner, to reach a sandy pocket, from this stand up and finish up the crack to the left, 45'.
10. Arete 'n Crack VS 4c, climb the right side of the arete until possible to move left to a crack which is climbed direct to to finish, 45'.

Further right, past a section of broken rock is a short arete with a crack just to its left, The Arete is a worthwhile one star VD with a tricky start.



Back Quarry, as the name suggests, is to be found just above and behind the Front Quarry. The routes described start at the left end with the chimney.

1. \* Pots HS 4c, climb the chimney, which is difficult to start followed by easier climbing, 30'.
2. Lean cut Vs 5a, climb the crack direct 8' to the right of Pots, 30'.
3. Wide Cut VS 4c, climb the chimney crack, a ruler length right of Lean Cut, to join it at the top, 30'.
4. \* Prime Cut HVS 5a, climb the fine corner just right again, 30'.
5. Pans HS, climb the crack on the right side of the small prow, trending right to finish, 30'.

Twenty feet right is a thin peg scarred crack.

6. \* Pristine Muffin E3 6a, a good quality micro route, climb the thin crack past the overlap, a small cam and an RP protect, 30'.
7. Tenacity VS 4c, climb the ever narrowing orifice, avoiding Temerity the left hand version at Severe, 30'.
8. Hunchback VS 4c, climb the bow shaped crack just right again, 25'.