



On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> October I ran my Lancashire climbing meet in Yorkshire as it was just over the border and nobody objected. Myself, Jonny and Kurt went to Earl and the Hitching Stone. We arrived at the crag about midday but on the way we found out the area had some heavy rain early in the morning which whilst it affected the climbing it didn't affect our enthusiasm. As such Earl was still damp so Jonny suggested going to the Hitching Stone and as I'd never been there it was a no brainer even just to have a look.

The Stone is an isolated boulder high up on the moor takes about 20 mins to get there from the parking, awesome little venue and while some of it was wet there was plenty to have a go at that was dry. We climbed most of the lower grade problems and also created some fun eliminates, during this time Kurt came to join us. I will definitely be going back in the near future.



After a hour or so we headed to Earl but still wasn't in the best condition due to the lack of wind but we both found problems to play on, though it was a tad chilly in the shade. We discovered a lowball boulder really close to the pinnacle that was in the sun, so we finished the day on this, most of the problems were about f4/5 but a sitter quite close has potential but I couldn't get off the ground but all in all a fun day was had and just goes to show dry rock can always be found.



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