Windmill Hill

Situation and Character;

An ideal spot for a quick session. There are six problems plus a couple of eliminates to play on. The boulder is hidden in the trees below the base of an old windmill on Windmill Hill at the edge of Woodhouse Eaves. The landings are good and the walk in is only a couple of minutes from the car park. The close proximity to Beacon Hill and Woodhouse Eaves means a session here can be linked to sessions at either Beacon Hill or Forest Rock or both!

Access;

There are no access issues at present.
Approach;

Windmill Hill is situated just outside the village of Woodhouse Eaves. It can easily be approached from either J22 or J23 of the M1.

From J22: Follow the A511 towards Coalville. At the first roundabout take the B591 signposted for Copt Oak. At Copt Oak continue along the B591 and take the second right for Woodhouse Eaves. As you descend from Beacon Hill into Woodhouse Eaves the carpark is on the right just before the houses.

From J23: Follow the A512 into Loughborough. At the first set of traffic lights turn right on to Breakback Road which is followed to Woodhouse Eaves. At the T junction turn right onto Beacon Road and the car park is on your left.

Follow the footpath across the field and into the woods. Just after the gate/style follow a path leftwards up the hill. The crag is down the slope to your left as you approach the old windmill base at the top of the hill.

1 – Font 2
Climb the left end of the wall.

2 – Font 2
Climb the corner.
3 – Windmill Face 6c

From a standing start climb up the overhanging wall using layaways with your feet on the left side of the corner. Unusual.

4 – The Arête 7a

A great problem and a sandbag in the old guide given English 6a! Climb the arête from standing.

4a – Windy Miller 7c

Climb The Arête from a sitting start eliminating the large ledge out left. Tricky!

4b – The Arête Right Hand 7a.

Climb ‘The Arête’ as far as the hold on the arête. From here move out right and up to the finishing holds at the top of problem 5.

5 – Right Face 6b

Climb the centre of the slab direct from sitting.

6 – The Corner – 2

Climb the corner right of the slab. Take care with the landing on this one.