



Pared de Paz: (1) Joe's Pocket Monkey (450m, 5.11 A2+, Deering-Stember-Thoman; left start is original start, not recommended). (2) Mal Psicologista (150m, 5.10+, Harkness-Overby-Thoman). (3) El Jefe de Bizarro (250m, 5.10 C1, Estep-Thoman). (4) Nueva Perspectiva (550m, 5.10 A2+, Harkness-Overby). Pared de Profetas: (5) En la Senda de Gigantes (600m, 5.9R, Deering-Estep-Stember). (6) Genesis (100m, 5.9, Deering-Estep-Stember). (7) Otro Dia Otro Largo (1,500', 5.10 A1, Laramie-Parada). All routes from 2009. *Jonathan Estep*

valley. We eventually named the wall Pared de Paz (Wall of Peace). We called the right side of this wall Pared de Profetas (Wall of Prophets).

The first noteworthy ascent was En la Senda de Gigantes (On the Trail of Giants, 600m, IV 5.9R, Deering-Estep-Stember). This route involves some exciting slab climbing on the main part of Pared de Profetas, just to the left of a smooth, prominent water streak, and has a mountaineering feel to it, with a rewarding summit view. Next, in ground-up style up the center of Pared de Paz, Tyler and Chris established Nueva Perspectiva (500m, V 5.9 A2+) and escaped a near epic when bad weather moved in. The route involved aid climbing on seams and flares as well as fasting, since they anticipated a two-day ascent instead of three and a half. In addition to these routes, a primarily free route, Joe's Pocket Monkey (500m, 5.11 A2+), went up 100m left of Nueva Perspectiva, on a striking system of cracks and corners. The route has amazing splitter finger and hand cracks, wild stemming, committing face climbing, and an exciting slab traverse. Ben and I established the first 400m and, after I left, Jim and Ben finished it.

While in Cochamó, we also established many excellent one- and two-pitch routes and found impressive bouldering throughout the valley. Establishing new routes in the untouched Valle de Paloma was the realization of over a year of planning, and years of learning to climb. The expedition team, trip sponsors, and the Seeliger family were all great to work with.

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*Cochamó, Pared de Profetas, Otro Dia Otro Largo.* In March 2009 Francisco Parada and I established a new route on the Pared de Profetas, which is the right side of the main wall in the Valle de Paloma. The three-hour approach follows the path cut through the jungle, past the left side of Pared Seca, and finishes with a kilometer of slabs (not recommended in the rain). Our route

begins with 400' of 5.9 on Genesis (a shorter route), and then traverses right for 100' under the dramatic, sickle-shaped roof to reach the main chimney system. From here we climbed another six pitches (plenty of offwidth and chimney) to the summit. We used a combination of free and aid. The whole route can go free (5.11?), but free is another story when you have to clean the crack before every move and gear placement. This will be an excellent line with more traffic and cleaning.



Francisco "Chino" Parada leading pitch three of Otro Dia Otro Largo. *Los Vecinos*

The route has bolted anchors. For gear: 2 60m ropes, double set of cams (micros to #3 Camalot), three #4s, and one or two each of #5 and #6, and one set of nuts. Take every offset piece you own (cams and nuts; everything is flared), an ice tool (for cleaning, and the occasional mud-packed-crack placement), and gardening tools. Descent: eight double-line raps. The next-to-last rap (the 7th) begins on the right side of the roof pitch and the last anchor is a *full* 60m below—watch your ends!

We named the route Otro Dia Otro Largo (Another Day Another Pitch; III/IV, 1,500', 9 pitches, 5.10 A1) in honor of the time and hard work required. We thought we would move faster, only to learn that cleaning packed dirt, grass, moss, and plants from 600' of offwidth and chimney is slow. The route took five days over two-plus weeks (lots of rain), with an epic night-time decent on summit day through waterfalls and rivers.

This route put the first in first ascent for me. It was my first trip to South America, my first time aid climbing, my first aid lead, hammering my first pin (that one pulled, but the second was better), placing my first bolts (by hand drill), my first FA, and the biggest route I've ever climbed.

Lessons: Cochamó is raw adventure climbing at its best. Always carry gardening tools on lead. Everything is on—tree roots, bushes, everything. Be prepared to climb through dirt, moss, plants, flowing water, and chossy rock on marginal gear. And most importantly, get down before it rains.

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*Cochamó, Cerro Capicua, Los Gorilas del Norte and Los Tigres del Norte.* Tom Holzhauser, Dominik Angehrn, my brother Michi, and I arrived without plans in Cochamó in early January 2009. After checking the area we decided on Cerro Capicua, which had only two routes, both A4. With a machete and lots of big wall gear we fought through the Chilean rain forest.

The first 500m of climbing went quickly (a vertical vegetation pitch and the rest 5.10), but hauling Big Mama 1 and 2 and the portaledge (120kg) slowed us big-time. Above the big halfway ledge the wall got steep. It took me all day to climb two pitches, aiding with our best friends the birdbeaks and a Hilti drill. The rock was not especially first-ascent friendly, with closed grassy cracks almost the whole way. The second pitch off the ledge was the breakthrough,