

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.

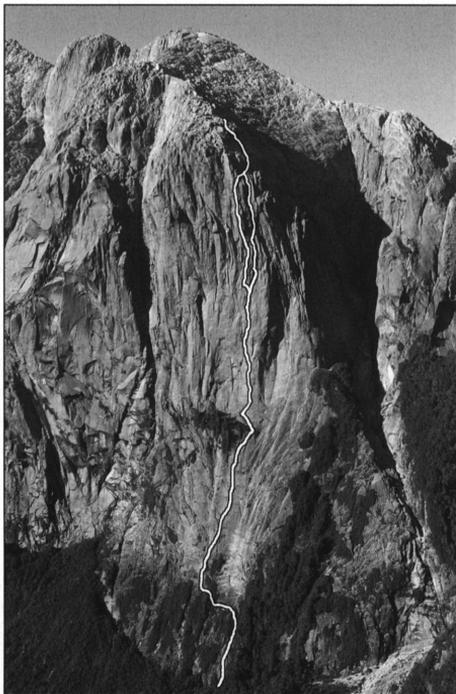
This route put the first in first ascent for me. It was my first trip to South America, my first time aid climbing, my first aid lead, hammering my first pin (that one pulled, but the second was better), placing my first bolts (by hand drill), my first FA, and the biggest route I've ever climbed.

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.

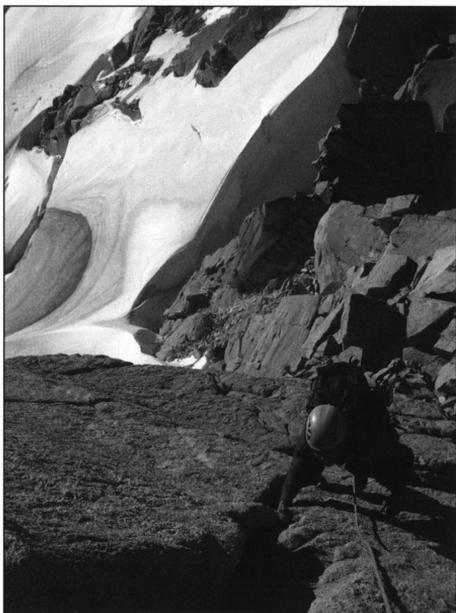
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*Cochamó, Cerro Capicua, Los Gorilas del Norte and Los Tigres del Norte.* Tom Holzhauser, Dominik Angehrn, my brother Michi, and I arrived without plans in Cochamó in early January 2009. After checking the area we decided on Cerro Capicua, which had 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,



The new routes on Cerro Capicua: Los Gorilas del Norte (left) and Los Tigres del Norte. *Jvan Tresch*



Andrew Querner on the traverse of the Piritas. *Paul McSorley*

though. It looked impossible, a blank slab with a closed crack, but it went free at 5.12d. Things carried on in the same style, birdbeak after birdbeak, keeping us at two pitches a day. Higher we had four pitches of steep, dirty, grassy offwiths (5.10 A1). We climbed to the top (Los Gorilas del Norte, 1,200m, 24 pitches, 5.12d A2), but none of us wanted to clean and free-climb the upper part of this route, so we checked out another finish to the right, where we had a great camp with a ledge.

After we climbed a really grassy crack 10m left of our ledge, while rappelling I found a killer line straight off the ledge. The first few meters were blank, and I almost gave up, but I bouldered-out a full body dyno to a crimp, 800m off the deck. Perfect. After a few more tricky pitches, which Michi led, we reached the summit again, this time all free. We named the route Los Tigres del Norte (1,200m, 24 pitches, 5.12d). The final three pitches follow Adios Michi Olzowy (Frieder-Schanderl-Tivadar, 2005) free at 5.12a (originally rated A2).

We spent 18 days on the wall, with a few rests, using 40 bolts and 10 smashed birdbeaks to get the first free ascent of the wall. After I left Dominik and Michi climbed Los Tigres del Norte in one push, speeding up the wall free in 11 hours and making the trip perfect.

*JVAN TRESCH, Switzerland*

*Valle Pirita, Pirita Right, first ascent, and Todos Los Caballos Lindos.* If Paul McSorley wasn't such a talented climber and guide I would suggest he pursue a career in motivational speaking. He has the uncanny ability to rally a crew on any mission, anywhere. During cocktail hour in Squamish, B.C., last summer, Paul ensnared me in his plan to visit the Turbio Valley, near Bariloche, Argentina. When he gets excited, Paul isn't afraid to make up words or shorten words to get you on the same wavelength. "Yeah!" he enthused between swigs of beer, "It'll be so soulful...big walls galore...untouched 'pine!'"