

Climbing report in Baffin Island

From the 15th of Juin until the 15th of September 2018, a two men french team, went to Baffin Island to repeat routes and also open new ones.

It wasn't the most beautiful summer they ever had in that land however they were able to climb 7 beautiful routes. They open three new routes : « Lords of Baffin », « La MA DAI » and « Pillier Sud du Beroddovas ». As they were the first to climb an unnamed peak and to establish two routes on it, they suggest « Beroddovas » as a name.

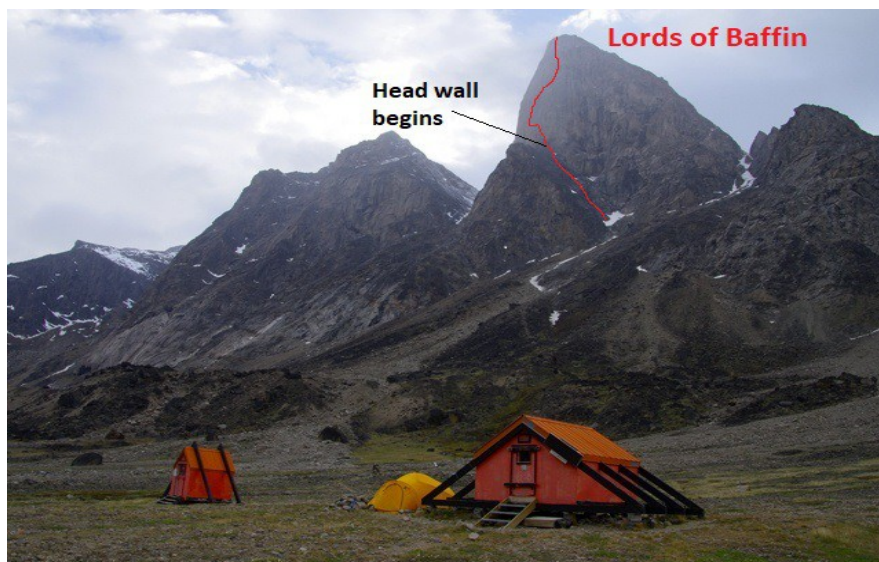
Ascents during the trip

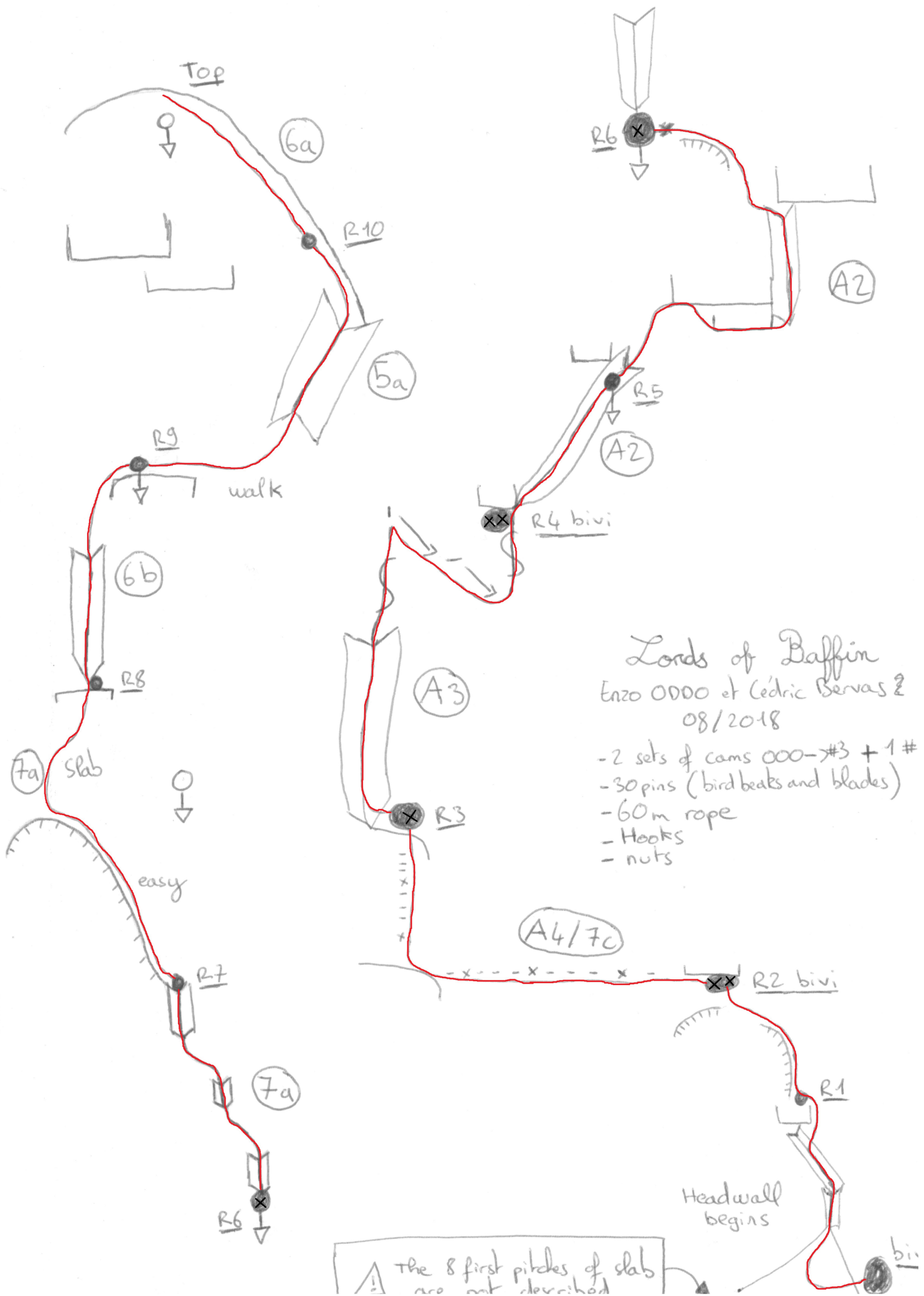
- Repetition of « The central pilar » on Overload Peak (Single day)
- Repetition of "Midgard Serpent" on the Thor Peak (Ten days)
- Try opening a new route on Breidablik Wall.
- Opening of "Lords of Baffin" on the Menhir (Five days)
- Repetition de "La Scott-Heneck" Asgard's North tower (Single day)
- Repetition de "Artic dreams" Asgard's South tower (Single day)
- Opening of "La MA DAI" on a new summit (Single day)
- Opening of "Pillier Sud du Beroddovas" on a new summit (Single day)

East face of Mount Menhir (1,600m) 900m 19 pitches

While climbing Thor peak we had a good view of Mount Menhir summit and his impressive headwall. We found a logical line with the binoculars and decided to open a new route.

It took us one long day to climb eight pitches up easy slabs and haul our gear to the base of the headwall. It rained heavily during the first night but fortunately we had set our portaledge in a good place. The next day, it was still raining in the morning so we could climb only in the afternoon and did the first two free climbing pitches of the headwall. The second night we spent on the wall was extremely cold and we awoke in the morning to all the ropes and gear covered with ice! The aid climbing part starts with a big traverse to the left on hooks, followed by three pitches of A2-A3 following big dihedrals. We slept at the base of the last aid climbing pitch and reached the summit the following day.





The two other routes that we opened during that trip are free routes. They have been open in single days. These summits have no names, We suggest Beroddovas. There are located in front of June shelter in Akshayuk pass.



7b+, A1, 900m

Enzo ODDO, G'dric BERVAS

Aut 2018

400m
IV

diedral becomes
easier

6c

7a
impressive

Don't go on
right diedral
follow left
splitter

6b

A1

6c

7b+

6b

Descent: by feet go
down far behind the
summit then left to
XXX Glacier to the
big slab, no rope needed :)

TOP

100m
IV

6a

left edge
behind boulder

Enormous
big
ledge

to scrambling

Xa Ma Dai

Top

6a

good ledge →

6a

obvious dihedral →

6b

obvious splitter →

6c

7a

0%

not easy to protect

V+

scrambling

