

and at about a mile-and-a-half to two miles we ascended the talus and goat trails to gain access to a bivouac ledge just southwest of the main wall and the two obvious buttresses. Early morning found us wallowing gingerly up a dirty chimney behind the large slab to a grassy knoll between the two prominences. We scrambled up the back side of the smaller buttress to survey the south face of the larger and chose a fine line to the top. Ten yards west of the only pine on the knoll we began a thin aid crack which opened into a free crack and then an open-book facing southeast leading to the summit platform. It was a clean ascent. NCCS III, F8, A3.

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Wyoming—Tetons

One-Day Winter Climbs in the Tetons. The trend, started in recent years, to ascend and descend a major Teton summit in winter during the course of a single day has been extended. On February 19, 1973, a one-day, Beaver Creek to Beaver Creek, ascent of the Middle Teton was made by Don Black, Robert Sears, Steve Jones, and Mark Minert. The southwest couloir route was used after a ski approach up Garnet Canyon. The following day, Peter Gibbs and I made a similar one-day ascent of the South Teton. We reached the summit at 1:30 P.M. in nine hours from Beaver Creek, via a steep snow couloir on the north face. After an hour on the summit in warm sunshine enjoying the panorama of the winter Tetons, we descended rapidly to a celebratory beer at the Moose Bar at five P.M. The ultimate one-day trip was the ascent of the Grand Teton on February 9, 1974, by Dave George, Peter Gibbs, David Lowe, George Lowe, and me. After a late start (5:30 A.M.) we toured up Garnet Canyon, leaving our skis just below the Caves. After lunch on the Lower Saddle, we fought deep unconsolidated snow to the Upper Saddle, trying to keep up with George Lowe who was in the lead breaking trail. The iced Owen-Spalding route required four roped pitches. We then traversed over to the Exum ridge, climbed more unconsolidated snow to the summit at six P.M. We descended quickly in order to make the rappel to the Upper Saddle, not wishing to repeat the 1972 winter experience when David Lowe and I had been forced to bivouac after climbing the Exum ridge. After an hour of brewing hot tea at the Lower Saddle Hut, we skied down in marginal moonlight, arriving at Beaver Creek at 11:30 P.M.

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Mount Owen, First Ski Descent. One more of the major Teton summits has been descended on skis, this time Mount Owen by Bill Briggs and Rob McClure on June 21. Putting on skis on the east ridge about 150 feet below the summit, they descended to the East Prong Col and from there down the remaining part of the northeast snowfields. A rope