

Hell Roaring Canyon, 1984 and 1985. On October 31, 1984 I completed the first ascent of the Witch, one of several Wingate Towers, roughly a quarter of the way up the canyon near its south rim. The route, *Midnight Rider* (III, 5.7, A3), is highly aesthetic and recommendable, consisting mostly of clean A1. A previous attempt on the main tower of the group, the Warlock, by Dave Mondeau and me was thwarted by bad weather, lack of time and a relatively minor rockfall injury. We returned in May, 1985 with Dave Kruse and used an alternative approach, rappelling into the canyon from the rim. This attempt was successful in reaching the summit via a spectacular route that actually climbs through the tower from northwest to southeast, but the rock was so loose that it cannot be recommended.

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Snow Canyon. Many new routes have been established in this state park just northwest of St. George. 1986 saw several first free ascents of note. Todd Gordon eliminated the aid from the second pitch of *Pygmy Alien*, thus freeing the route at 5.9. Chris Pendleton freed the aid on the second pitch of *Trouble No More*, a very aesthetic hand-crack that saw numerous repeats. I freed the first pitch of *Highlander* (5.10d), which was originally soloed with aid; this provided meter for meter the finest quality sandstone I have ever found. Most noteworthy of all was a visit by Rob Robinson, who drove all the way from the AAC Annual Meeting in Denver to free *The Journey From the Future*, an awesome overhanging fist crack near the mouth of the canyon on the east side. The eleventh-hour attempt was successful despite two falls with a lowering to rest. This produced the canyon's hardest route at 5.12b. This is no elevated bouldering problem. Robinson carried four N° 4 Friends and "could have used more."

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Wyoming—Tetons

Teton Climbs. Art & Brent Pinnacle. In September 1984, Renny Jackson and Tom Kimbrough climbed a newly discovered and difficult pinnacle on the south side of Cascade Canyon, on the east side of the main Teewinot-Owen cirque. The route required A1 aid to start on the north side, then ascended a 5.9 jam-crack to and over a ceiling. It was surprising to find such an unclimbed tower so close to Jenny Lake at this late date. *Death Canyon Routes. Aerial Boundaries*, one of the finest rock routes of the many in Death Canyon, was climbed in September 1985 by Greg Miles, Mike Fisher, Jeff Bjornsen, and Tom Vajda. This five-pitch, 5.10b route on the southwest corner of P 10,552 consists of liebacking and underclinging, with an overhanging jam-crack as the crux. The first three pitches take one to the lower Sanz descent ledge, with the final two excellent leads exiting onto the normal Sanz descent ledge. *Lay Back in Death* (III, 5.8), first climbed in July 1983 by Dan Burgette, Paul McLaughlin, and Jim Woodmency, also is a west-facing climb above the Sanz descent