

## Canyonlands National Park

*Monument Basin, Meemohive, Captain Pugwash.* Dave Levine and I visited Monument Basin in April and, after attempting to free the short but steep aid section on the *Meemohive*, found a devious traverse to the right into an easier crack system. This then rejoined the original route below the top pitch, giving a new free rating of 5.10b.

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*Tristin's Tower, Airport Tower, Ascents.* Tristin's Tower in the Lockhart Basin area of Canyonlands was climbed by John Burnham and Bill Duncan. Bret Ruckman and Marco Cornacchione made the first free ascent of Airport Tower via *Wind Shear* (5.12a/b), calling it a five-star route.

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*Green River Area, Felony Tower.* This area is outside of the Park but approached via the Horsethief Trail road. Jim Bodenhamer, Tom Cosgriff, and Roger Schimmel climbed Felony Tower via *Poncho Couldn't Come* (IV A2 5.11), with Bodenhamer, Schimmel, and Chris Archer working on the lower pitches. They give their Wingate sandstone route a five-star rating. It is located near the end of the buttress at the lower end of the Horsethief Trail switchbacks descending to the Green River.

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## Remote Southern Areas

*Rims Recreation Area, Various Ascents.* Thirty miles south of Moab (via U.S. 191) is the BLM's Rims Recreation Area, a high mesa bordered by Indian Creek (south) and the Colorado River (west). Hatch Wash slices through the mesa, exposing high-quality 300-foot Wingate sandstone walls. In May, Mike Baker soloed *Laughing Thunder* (IV 5.9 A2+) on the wall east of Cogswell Tower, which was dubbed Enchanted Mesa. In September, Baker rope-soloed *Silent Destiny* (5.9), also on Enchanted Mesa.

Mike Baker and Kirby Spangler also climbed *Orient Express* (IV 5.10 A3+) right of *Silent Destiny* and directly in line with the rappel route into the canyon when approaching from the east. On the approach to Rims Recreation Area (a dirt road between mile markers 93 and 94), signs direct one to Looking Glass Rock. Its first ascent was made solo by Mike Baker. *Adventure in Entradaland* (II 5.8 A2) climbs through a hole from inside the arch. Baker: "This is the steepest pitch I've ever climbed. Major pucker factor." In August, Dave Medera and Brett Sutteer ascended Looking Glass Rock by the East Rib (5.7, 290'). Brad Bond soloed a remote tower off the rim of the Recreation Area. Thirty-two miles south of Moab, and west of U.S. 191, lies the Orphan, which is reached from the rim left (south) of Canyonlands Overlook. Bond climbed the tower in two pitches (III 5.9 A2, 180') on June 11.

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