

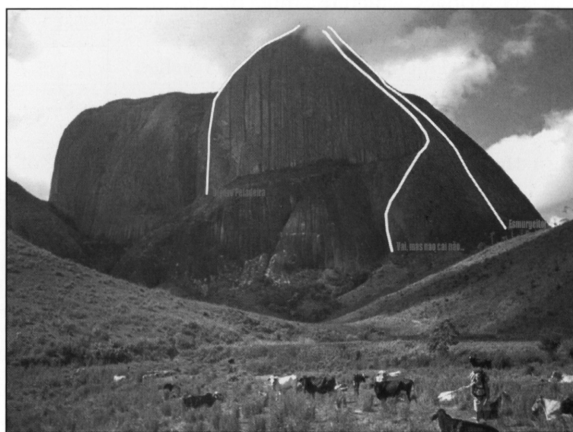
Venezuela

Autana Tepui, first ascent of southern aspect. This tepui, 400 miles south of Caracas in the Orinocan jungle, was climbed in March by a team of aid climbers and another of free climbers. The route up the southeast face was 2,400', 25 pitches. It was aided by Hernando Arnal, Anne Arran, Ivan Calderon, Henry Gonzales, Tim O'Neill, José Pereyra, and Xavier Potronco (2001). Freed by John Arran (one pitch of 5.13b, two of 5.13a, two of mid-5.12, most of the rest at 5.11). See "The Tree of Life" earlier in this Journal for an account.

Brazil

Recent new routes. As of a few years ago the 1970 Leste Route on Pico Maior in Rio de Janeiro was the longest (700m, 5.8R) established. Harder routes were established, like Terra de Gigantes (550m, A4+) on Pedra do Sino, also in Rio, but the big faces were still untouched. After 2000, when sport climbing was increasingly in the news, big-wallers established such new routes as the North Face of Morro dos Cabritos (840m, A1 5.11b) in Teresópolis (Rio de Janeiro), by André Ilha, Flavio Wasniewski, Guilherme

Conde, and Paulo Chaves; the West Face of Pedra Riscada (850m, A2+ 5.11R) in São José do Divino (Minas Gerais), by Eduardo Viana, Emerson Lampião, Edgardo Kaca and André Coutinho; Abuso (950m, 5.11b) on Morro dos Cabritos, Teresópolis (Rio de Janeiro), by Antonio Paulo Faria and Daniel Guimarães; Maria Nebulosa (1,040m, 5.8 A3) on Maria Comprida Peak at Petrópolis (Rio de Janeiro); Vai Mais Não Cai (Go But Don't Fall) (1,260m, 5.11R) on Pedra Riscada, in São José do Divino (Minas Gerais), by Marcio Bortolusso, Chander Silva, Breno, Leandro, and Oscar. Nevertheless, at Aymore's Sierra, on the border of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais states, walls less than 300m high are still unnamed, since there are so many of them, and most of them still await first ascents. This information was gathered from Mountain Voices and Universo Vertical, Brazilian climbing newsletters/magazines.



The West Face from Pedra Riscada, Brazil, showing (left to right): Diedro Peladeira, Vai Mais Nao Cai, and Esmurgeitor. Eduardo Viana



Enjoying the good ledges on Pedra Riscada. Eduardo Viana

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