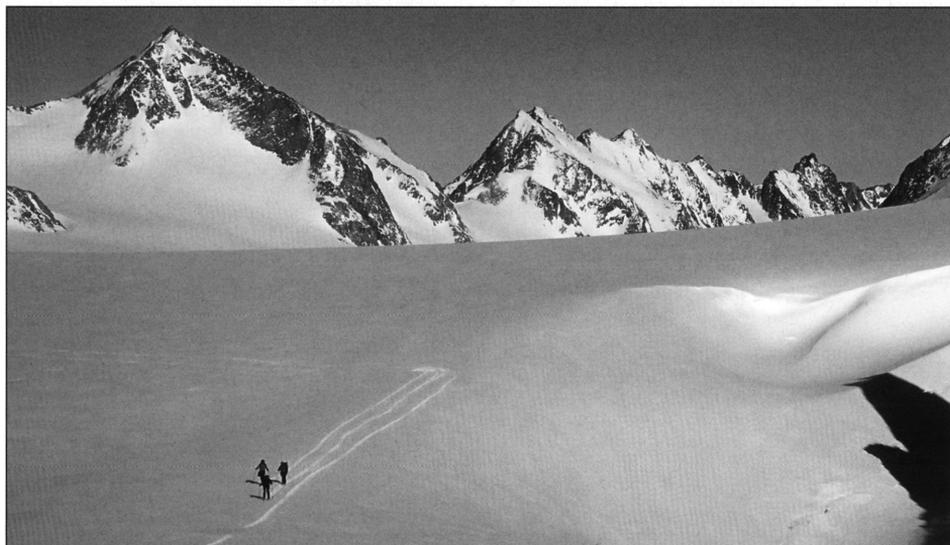
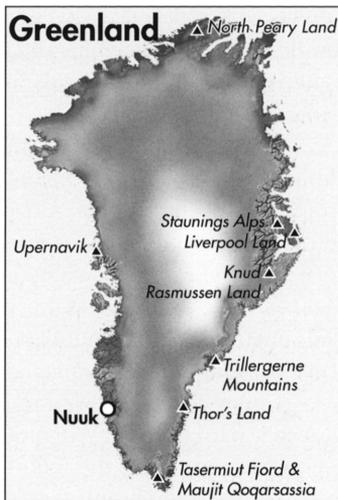


Greenland

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Northern Liverpool Land, various ascents. From April 7 to 21, 2007, a British group comprising Juliette and Simon Ash, Darren Davis, Sandy Gregson, Julie Urquhart, and I as leader, made a ski-touring and mountaineering trip to the small icecap at the northern end of Liverpool Land. We flew from Iceland to the airstrip at Nerlerit Inaat (Constable Pynt), where on our arrival the temperature was -20°C . Within two hours we were being transported north by skidoos and sledges, driven by Inuit locals. We crossed the sea ice of Hurry Fjord, continued through Klitdal and down Paselv to reach the head of Carlsberg Fjord. There we crossed sea ice again and ascended the glacier flowing from the icecap, eventually reaching $\text{N } 71^{\circ}20.266'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}15.587'$, where we made base camp at 330m. Part of our skidoo train also carried British guide Phil Poole with three clients, intent on making a north-south traverse of Liverpool Land back to Scoresbysund. The skidoo journey, with its severe wind chill, was a rude introduction to the High Arctic for my group, of which only two had previous summer experience of Greenland.

Due to its elevation our campsite enjoyed sunshine for 14 hours a day and no real darkness beyond twilight, even at this time of year. We only lost a couple of days to cold, windy weather, so we enjoyed pleasant ski touring and made a number of ascents: Peak 1 (595m, $\text{N } 71^{\circ}22.139'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}13.893'$), Peak 2 (590m, $\text{N } 71^{\circ}22.091'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}13.960'$), Peak 3 (600m, $\text{N } 71^{\circ}22.229'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}13.703'$), Cone Nunatak ($\text{N } 71^{\circ}21.917'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}03.867'$), Peak 660m ($\text{N } 71^{\circ}22.218'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}12.596'$), Cairn Point ($\text{N } 71^{\circ}22.948'$, $\text{W } 22^{\circ}11.862'$), Peak 770m ($\text{N } 71^{\circ}17.929'$,



Unnamed and most likely unclimbed peaks in northern Liverpool Land. *Jim Gregson*

W 22°08.611'), Tarn Top (600m, N 71°21.511', W 22°16.206'), and South Top (730m, N 71°17.245', W 22°08.292').

There are many more unclimbed peaks in this area, some of which would give fine technical climbing, possibly better done later in the year. However, the amount of time during which the sun affects climbing conditions can be a big problem. North faces receive sun all night, south faces all day. And summer melt would make for less pleasant skiing.

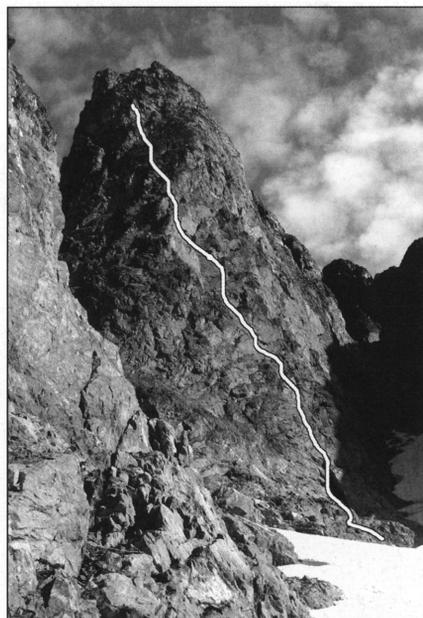
During the expedition we saw only the odd raven, heard arctic foxes, and found tracks of lemmings, arctic foxes, and a lone arctic wolf. Juliette and Simon also came across polar bear tracks. We regained the airstrip in warmer weather to find considerable snow had melted and that Phil Poole and nearly all of his group had made it close to Scoresbysund village, the final leg completed by dog sledge. At one point they met a polar bear and cubs.

JIM GREGSON, *Alpine Club*

Southern Liverpool Land, coastal exploration, Raffles and Rathbone islands, various ascents. Simon Burke and I flew to Constable Pynt and helicoptered to Ittoqqortoormiut, arriving on August 8. In 2006 I circumnavigated Milne Land and left kayaks stored with local outfitters, Nannu Travel. This time we aimed to leave the sheltered area of Scorsbysund and head out into the more exposed coastal waters, moving north to paddle and climb along the east coast of southern Liverpool Land. We left on the 10th, carrying 20 days food, tents, climbing gear, and a pump-action shotgun. The swell increased, and on the second day we landed on a pebble beach. Next morning I woke to a slight breeze; in 10 minutes the tent was flattened by gale force winds. We moved to a more sheltered site and, later, dozing in the tent, were awakened by a polar bear and her cubs ripping into the bell end to get at our food. I chased them away with the gun, but they returned twice, stealing a hatch cover from one of the kayaks, prompting a 4 a.m. chase across the beach. The wind dropped next day, and we could leave,



An unnamed and probably unclimbed rock tower in the Neild Bugt region of northern Liverpool Land. *Jim Gregson*



The incomplete line of Obscured by Clouds, possibly the first rock climbing done on Raffles Island, Southern Liverpool Land. From the high point, escape was made by rappelling into the gully. *Olly Sanders*