

of the two existing routes we scrambled 500m up a fourth- and easy fifth-class ramp to the left. We climbed along the right side of the central flake feature and crossed over Icaro y La Luna on pitch five, before passing between the two prominent roofs at the top of the formation. The crux pitch required seven protection bolts along a seam and thin smears in a corner. We equipped the route over four climbing days, with a complete ascent on the last day.



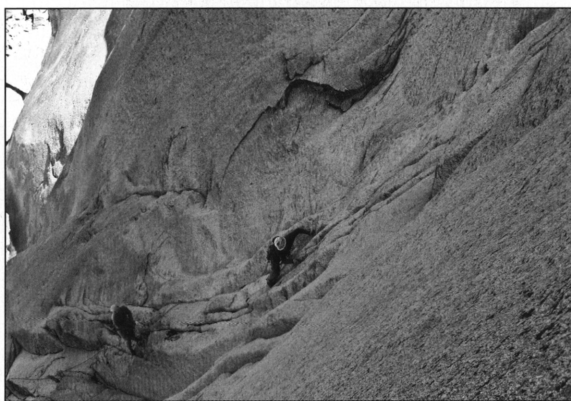
Flakes of Wrath, El Escudo. Cullen Kirk

In February 2009 Zach Harrison and I named a new line on the north face of Cerro Trinidad: E.Z. Does It (350m, IV 5.10+). The route begins a few hundred feet left of Vamos con Peto and right of an obvious roof system, about an hour's hike up Trinidad's descent gully. The route goes through a stunning left-facing splitter dihedral on the crux pitch. Originally we thought we were on a route called Velebit. We realized we were off-route a few pitches up but continued to the summit anyhow. There are information gaps and a lack of good references for locating routes on the north face. Some sources offer conflicting descriptions. We found none of the anchors shown on the topo for Velebit and believe ours is an independent line. Twice we returned to bolt better belays and add a protection bolt, and twice we were rained off. On the final ascent we placed one more anchor and two protection bolts, then descended before a huge rainstorm hit.

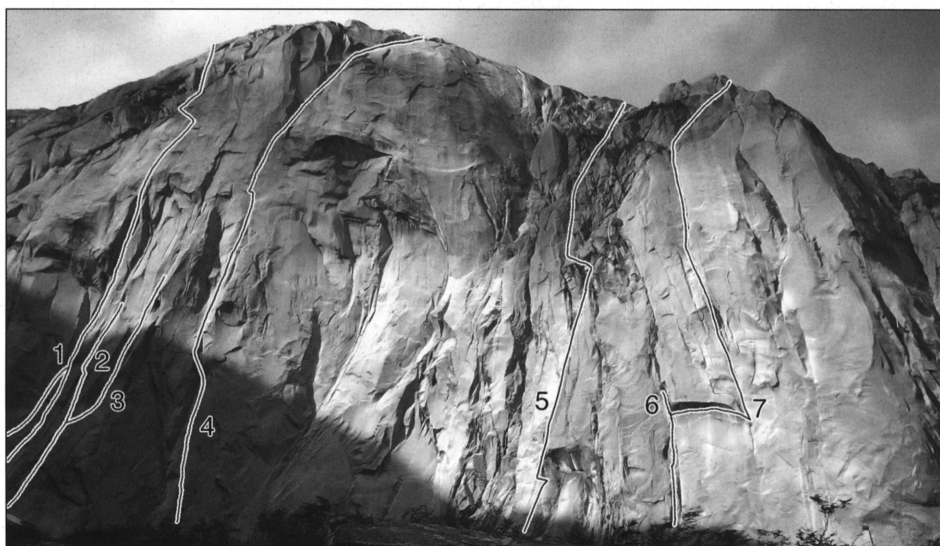
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*Cochamó, Pared de Paz, Nueva Perspectiva and Joe's Pocket Monkey; Pared de Profetas, En la Senda de Gigantes.* With the gracious support of a Mountain Fellowship Grant from the AAC, I organized a team—Benjamin Deering, Jonathon Estep, Chris Harkness, Tyler Overby, Jim Toman, and I—to venture into Chile's Valle Cochamó. From early January through February, 2009, different combinations of us worked on about a dozen routes.

Before most of us arrived, Jim blazed a jungle trail far into the Valle de Paloma, an unexplored area with untouched granite walls east of La Junta and behind Cerro Capicua. Upon entering the Valle de Paloma we were immediately drawn to the largest, most prominent, and obvious wall on the east side of the



Sevve Stember leads the second pitch of Joe's Pocket Monkey. Tyler Overby



Pared de Paz: (1) Joe's Pocket Monkey (450m, 5.11 A2+, Deering-Stember-Thoman; left start is original start, not recommended). (2) Mal Psicologista (150m, 5.10+, Harkness-Overby-Thoman). (3) El Jefe de Bizarro (250m, 5.10 C1, Estep-Thoman). (4) Nueva Perspectiva (550m, 5.10 A2+, Harkness-Overby). Pared de Profetas: (5) En la Senda de Gigantes (600m, 5.9R, Deering-Estep-Stember). (6) Genesis (100m, 5.9, Deering-Estep-Stember). (7) Otro Dia Otro Largo (1,500', 5.10 A1, Laramie-Parada). All routes from 2009. *Jonathan Estep*

valley. We eventually named the wall Pared de Paz (Wall of Peace). We called the right side of this wall Pared de Profetas (Wall of Prophets).

The first noteworthy ascent was En la Senda de Gigantes (On the Trail of Giants, 600m, IV 5.9R, Deering-Estep-Stember). This route involves some exciting slab climbing on the main part of Pared de Profetas, just to the left of a smooth, prominent water streak, and has a mountaineering feel to it, with a rewarding summit view. Next, in ground-up style up the center of Pared de Paz, Tyler and Chris established Nueva Perspectiva (500m, V 5.9 A2+) and escaped a near epic when bad weather moved in. The route involved aid climbing on seams and flares as well as fasting, since they anticipated a two-day ascent instead of three and a half. In addition to these routes, a primarily free route, Joe's Pocket Monkey (500m, 5.11 A2+), went up 100m left of Nueva Perspectiva, on a striking system of cracks and corners. The route has amazing splitter finger and hand cracks, wild stemming, committing face climbing, and an exciting slab traverse. Ben and I established the first 400m and, after I left, Jim and Ben finished it.

While in Cochamó, we also established many excellent one- and two-pitch routes and found impressive bouldering throughout the valley. Establishing new routes in the untouched Valle de Paloma was the realization of over a year of planning, and years of learning to climb. The expedition team, trip sponsors, and the Seeliger family were all great to work with.

SEVVE STEMBER, AAC

*Cochamó, Pared de Profetas, Otro Dia Otro Largo.* In March 2009 Francisco Parada and I established a new route on the Pared de Profetas, which is the right side of the main wall in the Valle de Paloma. The three-hour approach follows the path cut through the jungle, past the left side of Pared Seca, and finishes with a kilometer of slabs (not recommended in the rain). Our route