

**Analysis**

R. S. told T. W. that he had done some climbing, apparently enough to convince him to try a new route up an unfamiliar cliff without any gear. (Source: T. Auger, Banff National Park)

**STRANDED, INEXPERIENCE****Alberta, Rocky Mountains, Mount Cory**

On August 23, 1981, two teenagers from Calgary decided to scramble up a mountain. About 200 meters above the highway, they encountered rock. The more adventurous youth continued; the wiser one refrained.

Four hundred meters higher, after scrambling and climbing numerous bluffs, the first youth felt he had arrived at a "sufficiently summity place to permit retreat." He had been following a rounded rib on the climb and chose to descend in the gully on one side, since, having scree in it, it must be at an easier angle. Unfortunately, there were several vertical drops farther down. He persevered and finally halted on a small ledge just short of oblivion. Just before dusk he was rescued by a team which slung onto the ridge above him and lowered him to the foot of the gully. (Source: T. Auger, Banff National Park)

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This incident, while not a climbing accident, highlights a kind of trap that is common in this area. The limestone ranges of the eastern Rockies contain many gullies which are, in effect, deep confined troughs that often contain overhanging drops. (Source: T. Auger, Banff National Park)

**STRANDED, CLIMBING ALONE, INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT, INEXPERIENCE****Alberta, Rocky Mountains, Mount Temple**

On August 29, 1981, R. set off following the guidebook description for the east-southeast ridge of Mount Temple. He travelled too far east along the access trail and started up the wrong cirque; he then climbed upward and onto the ridge. He ascended a small overhang and continued upward until he encountered a wall. Unable to proceed or retreat, he spent a cold night as he was prepared for only a day climb. His absence was detected in a routine check of registrations. He was located by helicopter and evacuated. (Source: C. Israelson, Banff National Park)

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The victim was inexperienced, totally unequipped and alone. He discovered that it is easier to climb up than to retreat; without a rappel rope, he was stuck. (Source: C. Israelson, Banff National Park)

**FALL ON ROCK, INADEQUATE BELAY, INADEQUATE PROTECTION, INEXPERIENCE****Alberta, Rocky Mountains, Mount Freshfield**

On September 14, 1981, a party of four left Niverville Meadows to climb Mount Freshfield.