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Tehipite Dome, southeast face, Astro-Gil

California, Kings Canyon National Park

In September, Shaun Reed, Brad Wilson, and I spent two weeks establishing a new route on Tehipite Dome in Kings Canyon National Park. The route, Astro-Gil (1,700', IV 5.11), ascends the previously unclimbed southeast face up bullet stone. We had splitter weather and saw no people except for a group of Sierra Club hikers. We named this route after our friends Gil Weiss and Ben Horne, who perished during the descent from Paclaraju Oeste in the Cordillera Blanca, Peru, after establishing a new route. *Vamos a la cumbre!*

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Images



Astro-Gil on Tehipite Dome.



Thin climbing on Pitch 7, The Honey Badger Traverse.



Shaun Reed leading the fourth pitch of Astro-Gil, a new 11-pitch 5.11 route on Tehipite Dome.



Wilson climbing up featured rock.



Reed leading up a long crack as the exposure grows.



More new routes await on this aspect of Tehipite Dome.



Reed leading the Gil-Wiess Memorial Offwidth on Pitch 4.

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