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Toro Peak (4,970m, 2008 GPS reading), partial new routes on south face and southeast ridge; retrobolting

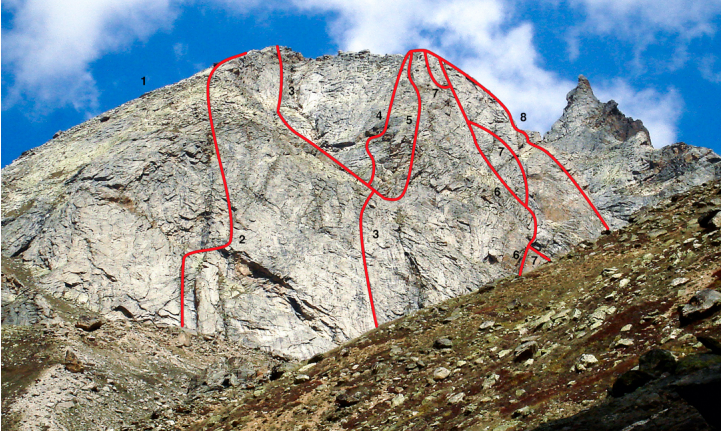
India, Himachal Pradesh, Miyar Valley

Three Indian climbers completed a partial new route up the south face of Toro in July, unwittingly following the 2008 Lopez-Pfaff route (5.9) to the large basin about halfway up, and then continuing more or less straight up, to the left of the 2008 American Route (Fredell-Lampley, 5.9). Unfortunately, they placed bolts on almost every belay, using a power drill. The difficulties were estimated at 6a+.

Samiran Kolhe and Richard Khear then climbed a nine-pitch line near the southeast ridge, with maximum difficulties of 6b+ (no bolts placed). Their route begins to the right of the Russian Route (350m, 5.9, Kozlov-Savelyev, 2008), joins it at around half-height, and then follows it, with variants, to the summit.

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Images



The current state of the south face of Toro Peak. (1) West Flank (2004, scramble). (2) Get up in the morning (Polish, 2009). (3) Lopez-Pfaff (2008). (4) Indian (2012). (5) American (2008). (6) Russian (2008). (7) Indian (2012). (8) East Ridge (300m, UIAA V+, Slovenian, 2007). Not marked is the 2011 Peschel-Schaar route, which climbs the prominent black streaks right of 3, then first left of, then right of, 5. JAMES peak to right.

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