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Filchner Mountains: Various Ascents

Antarctica, Queen Maud Land

Following my expedition to the Orvin Fjella in November 2009 (AAJ 2010), and another to the east of the Drygalski Mountains in November 2013, I visited the Filchner Mountains in November 2015. Michael Guggolz (Germany), Kjetil Kristensen and Kjell Olav Gjerde (Norway), and I skied from Jøkulkyrkia (3,148m, 71°52'34"S, 6°40'12"E), the highest point in Queen Maud Land, along Trollslottet toward Rakekniven in the east. On the 19th we climbed a nameless 2,775m peak that we called "Thor's Altar" (71°55'14"S, 6°47'02"E), the next day Jøkulkyrkia, on the 22nd Peak 2,670m (71°56'28"S, 6°54'57"E) and Peak 2,240m (a rock outcrop at 71°58'18"S, 6°58'15"E), and on the 25th the high point of a rocky ridge of 2,231m (71°59'09"S, 7°13'32"E; there were three rocky summits that we named "Tre Trollungane"). Apart from Jøkulkyrkia, all were first ascents, but the altitudes are not precise, being either barometric or deduced from Google Earth.

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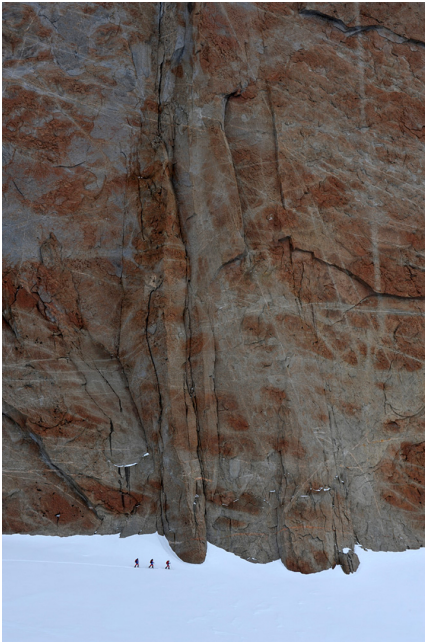
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Camp below the Filchner peaks.



Camp below the east face (the Snow Petrel Wall) of Rakekniven, first climbed in January 1997 by an American team (600m, VI 5.10 A3+).



Skiing below the Snow Petrel Wall of Rakekniven in the Filchner Mountains.



Approaching a granite face in the Filchner Mountains.



Expedition leader Christoph Höbenreich.



Skiing in the icy paradise of Queen Maud Land (Neuschwabenland).



On the summit of the rocky outcrop looking towards the Filchner Mountains and Trollscastle.



On one of the three summits of the Tre Trollungane ("Three Troll Kids"). Trollscastle and Rakekniven in the background.

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