

Hall Peak, South Face and Southeast Ridge

Antarctica, Ellsworth Mountains and Heritage Range

The 2015-'16 season was stormier than normal, which led to challenging conditions for getting to and climbing on Mt. Vinson (4,892m). However, the summit success rate remained relatively high, as usual. The only new climb of the season was the first ascent of Hall Peak (2,190m) on the eastern side of the Heritage Range. On January 6, 2016, François Chateau, Eric Crown, Chris Haver, and Alison Levine went to the summit with ANI guides Nick Lewis, Todd Tumulo, and Scott Woolums. They approached from the south, slanting up right across the south face and onto the southeast ridge. This was followed to the summit, negotiating some moderate mixed terrain in the middle section. Hall Peak lies to the north of Mt. Spörli (2,263m), which had its first ascent in December 2011 by an ANI team.

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Images



Hall Peak from the south. The right-hand peak is the summit. The first ascensionists traversed up to the right skyline, the southeast ridge, and followed this to the top.



Climbers on the southeast ridge of Hall Peak during the first ascent. In the background at right is the northern side of Mt. Spörli.

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