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### **Moro Rock: Modern Guilt, First Free Ascent**

California, Sequoia National Park

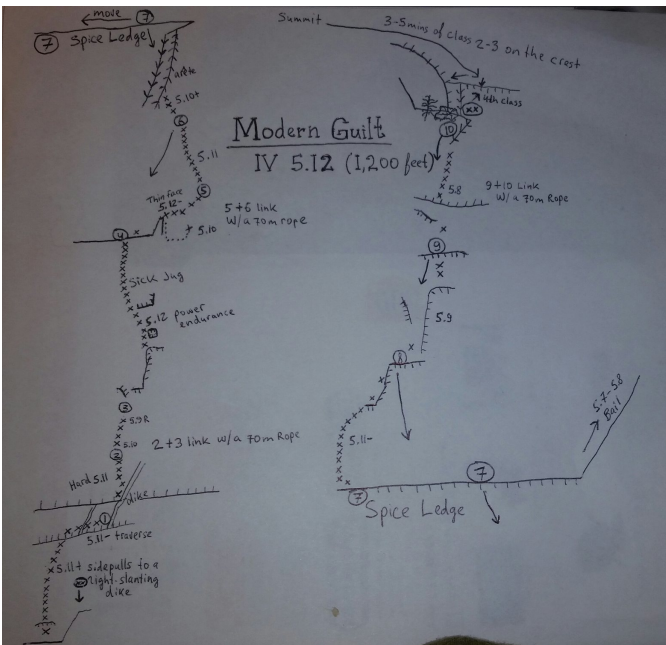
**Several years ago, Tom Ruddy climbed an independent, direct line up the striking west face of Moro Rock, with hopes of completing an all-free ascent in the future.** After several years of work, he had freed most of the route but moved away before putting it all together. On April 4, Brian Prince and I completed the all-free ascent of Moro Rock's most difficult full-length route, with each of the 10 pitches being redpointed ground-up in a day. Modern Guilt (1,000', IV 5.12) features incredible climbing and is sustained in the 5.10 to 5.11 range. No pitch could be called a one-move wonder, as most of them keep you engaged from the beginning to end. The route is mostly bolt-protected, but a single set of cams and some small offset nuts will be needed. Bring your best edging skills and a cool head, and prepare for one of the most fun difficult routes in the state.

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# Images



Photo-topo for Modern Guilt on Moro Rock.



Topo for Modern Guilt on Moro Rock.



Brian Prince on the clean corner of pitch 7 on Modern Guit.



Brian Prince on the crux fifth pitch of Modern Guit.

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