

Peak 6,020 (The Little Bishop)

Utah, Zion National Park

In March, Walt Hutton, Courtney Purcell, and I did the first ascent of Peak 6,020', a few miles due east of Checkerboard Mesa, just outside the Zion National Park boundary. We call it the Little Bishop due to its resemblance to the Bishopric, another Zion peak. It is best approached by a longish overland route through the pass between Checkerboard Mesa and Crazy Quilt Mesa. There were two short pitches of roped climbing near the top that were between 5.4 and 5.6. Much of the difficulty was in getting protection—the crux was marginally protectable with pins.

– Dan Stih

Images



Peak 6,020' is the prominent central rib in the photo. Walt Hutton, Courtney Purcell, and Dan Stih followed the main ridge to make the first known ascent of this peak, which they named the Little Bishop.

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