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### **Trinidad Sur, Arrayan**

Chile, Northern Patagonia, Cochamó

**In February 2017, Trevor Boley, Kyle Kent, Rhane Pfeiffer, Cooper Varney, and I established a new route on Trinidad Sur.** I first spotted this line while climbing the neighboring route Alendalaca (450m, 5.12b) on Trinidad Sur on December 23, 2016. From that vantage, I became enthralled by an upper headwall splitter to the left and finding a way to reach it.

My original plan was to climb the flat, forward-facing buttress of Trinidad Sur and traverse leftward onto the upper headwall. However, Rhane suggested we explore the inner gully between Trinidad Sur and Trinidad Central. On a recon trip in January, we accessed the gully via a quality 5.10 corner. We knew that we had found the start of our route: Above us stood a stupendous, steep, leaning, 60m 5.12 splitter.

We started the route on January 17, climbing ground-up and siege-style, fixing lines as we pushed the high point. Some days we spent cleaning and bolting the pitches we had fixed to prepare them to be free climbed, and other days we spent pushing the route higher via aid.

We surmounted many challenges—including some harrowing aid, a 5.11 R/X pitch led by Cooper, as well as multiple core shots in our fixed lines. In the end, that final splitter turned out to be an incredibly pleasant 60m 5.10b thin hands to hands crack that leads right to the top of Trinidad Sur.

We topped out on February 17. With an impending storm and the season ending, we did not manage to redpoint the entire route. We called our route Arrayán (8 pitches, 400m, 5.11 A2+); it's an open project with a proposed grade of 5.12+. [Editor's Note: In January 2020, Leung and Drew Marshall returned to the wall and freed the remaining aid on the route at 5.12d; see the 2021 Canadian Alpine Journal.]

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## Images



Inti Mellado leading the second and crux pitch of Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.



Inti Mellado leading the second and crux pitch of Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.



Rhane Pfeiffer on the final pitch of Arrayán, leading to the summit of Trinidad Sur.



Rhane Pfeiffer hammers in the bolts atop the final pitch of Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.



Rhane Pfeiffer cleaning the last pitch of Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.





Rhane Pfeiffer hammers in a bolt for the second to last pitch of Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.

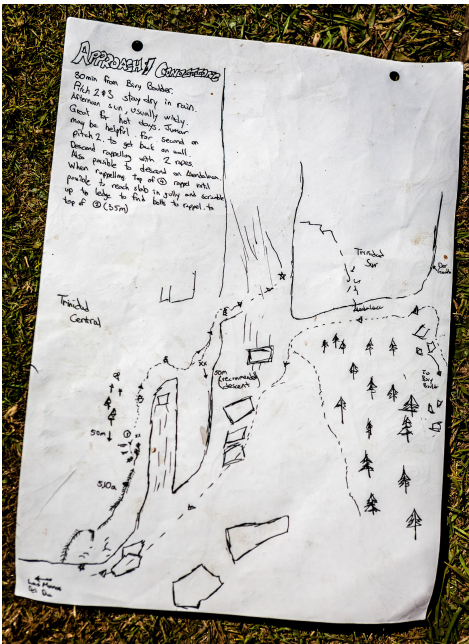


The line of Arrayán (8 pitches, 400m, 5.11 A2+) on Trinidad Sur. Note that the route begins briefly on Trinidad Central before crossing the gully to Trinidad Sur.

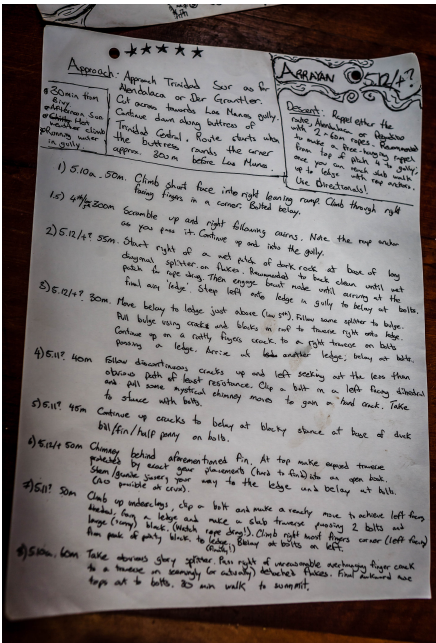




Topo of the route Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.



Approach description for the route Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.



Pitch-by-pitch description of the route Arrayán on Trinidad Sur.

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