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Emily Peak, South Face, La Vengeance de Robîne

Pakistan, Karakoram, Hispar Muztagh

In May and June, a friend and I traveled to Pakistan to attempt virgin Pumari Chhish East (6,850m), above the Yutmaru Glacier. During acclimatization my friend fell sick, so I decided to attempt an easier peak alone. Leaving base camp on the north side of the Hispar Glacier on June 8, I climbed around 1,000m of easy terrain (mostly snow slopes up to 50°) and camped for the night at approximately 5,000m, below the main south face of a peak I thought at the time was unclimbed. The next day I climbed to the summit and back in 10 hours. The hardest part was the first 400m, a gully with sections of AI4 and M4. I self-belayed three pitches. Above, snow slopes up to 50° and moderate mixed climbing led to the top, where my altimeter read around 6,000m, and from there I descended easy snow slopes well to the left of my route. I named the route La Vengeance de Robîne (1,000m from high camp, AI4 M4).

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Editor's note: This is the mountain soloed in 2008 by Rufus Duit (U.K.) and named Emily Peak (36.120420°N, 75.287249°E Google Earth, **AAJ 2009**). Duit soloed the southwest face (AD- 60°). The Jerzy Wala (Polish) map gives a summit elevation of 5,684m, and the Russian map shows 5,687m. Welfringer's altimeter watch suggested a summit elevation of 5,950–6,050m. After analyzing Duit's photos of surrounding mountains from the summit, and the summit taken from his high point during an attempt on Hispar Sar, it appears the peak is somewhat higher than the map elevations—perhaps around 5,850m, though not 6,000m.

Images



The south face of Emily Peak in 2017. (1) The top section of the route soloed in 2008 by Rufus Duits. (2) La Vengeance de Robîne (2017). The summit is about 100m back from the highest point visible in this picture.



Emily Peak in the drier conditions of 2008. (1) The southwest face soloed that year by Rufus Duits. (2) La Vengeance de Robîne (2017).



Looking approximately north-northwest from the summit of Emily Peak in 2008. The pyramid peak in sunlight is Peak 6,178m (Russian map), while the nearer summit (right) is Peak 5,936m. Neither is known to have received ascents.



Emily Peak (right) in 2008 from the glacier below the southwest face of Hispar Sar. The view is to the west-northwest. The prominent rock tower on the southwest ridge of Emily Peak is Jutmal Chok.



The unclimbed rock spire of Jutmal Chok on the southwest ridge of Emily Peak. This rock formation is visible from Hispar Village.

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