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Challenger Peak, Septem Virtutum Anima Mea

Colorado, Sangre de Cristo Mountains

Over three stormy days in July, Elisha Gallegos and Daniel Schuerch put up a long technical route up the north side of Challenger Point (14,081'). Septem Virtutum Anima Mea (1,500', 5.8+) ascends a clean shield of rock above the Willow Lake Campground, about five miles from the trailhead. The crux is found at roofs on the first pitch, and the first four pitches have bolted anchors. From the top of the technical climbing, it's possible to scramble off to the northwest or continue over a false summit toward Challenger Point and descend via the standard hiking route.

– Dougald MacDonald, with information from Daniel Schuerch

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The line of Septem

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