

Khushrui Sar and Peak 6,099m, Attempts

Pakistan, Karakoram, Virjerab Muztagh

Bas Visscher and friends from the Netherlands visited the Virjerab Glacier in August 2016, and though warm weather thwarted their attempted climbs, they came away with photos of some impressive unclimbed objectives in this area (see the photos below).

The Dutch had a permit to attempt Yawash Sar (6,258m) in the Ghujerab mountains, but on arrival in Pakistan they learned the army had closed this region in connection with arms smuggling.

It was far too warm in the Virjerab: It rained at night at 5,000m, and there were frequent avalanches. The climbers attempted Khushrui Sar (5,900m), climbed by Poles in 2013 (AAJ 2014), and Peak 6,099m, which lies in the southeast corner of the Kut Glacier, a little to the east of Khushrui Sar. Bad weather ended both attempts. Peaks in this area are likely to be better attempted in colder conditions, perhaps April-May or September-October.

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Images



The serac-threatened north face of unclimbed Peak 6,316m (left) at the head of the First Virjerab Glacier. A passage of the obvious col would lead to the North Sekrwar Glacier and then southwest to the Khurdopin Glacier.



The north face of unclimbed Khurdopin Sar (6,310m) above the Spregh Yaz Glacier, a southern offshoot of the Virjerab Glacier.



Unclimbed Peak 6,315m above the southwest bank of the First West Virjerab Glacier.



An unnamed 6,000m top on the southern rim of the First West Virjerab Glacier, to the west of Peak 6,315m.

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