

Cerro de la Ramada, South-southeast Ridge

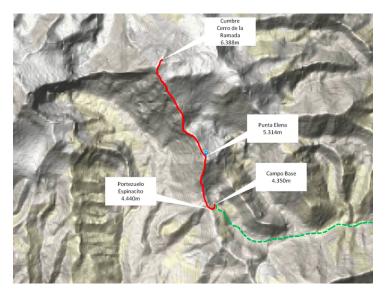
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Cerro de la Ramada (6,384m) had just two routes (both from the north via the Rio Colorado) prior to my ascent over March 24–26, 2019. The mountain is located in a glacial cirque about 10km southeast of Cerro Mercedario (6,720m) and about 100km north of Aconcagua. My idea was to climb the first route from the south. Finding a suitable approach to the south side took some prior investigation on Google Earth and onsite reconnaissance in November 2018.

In March, I approached with horses via the Valle de las Lenas, close to Portezuelo de Espinacito, in perfect weather. Starting from a base camp at 4,350m, I set one additional high camp at 5,200m. The next day, March 25, I followed the south-southeast ridge to the summit. My GPS showed an elevation of 6,388m. Overall, it was an easy climb, with some scrambling on rotten rock, snow, and ice; however, it was long and time consuming, with about 2,000m of vertical gain.

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Images



An overview of Christian Stangl's 2019 route up Cerro de la Ramada (6,384m) from the south.

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