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### **Campa I, Northwest Ridge Variation**

Peru, Cordillera Vilcanota

**In late June, Tim Sonnenberg, Trey Worley, and I climbed a possible new variation to the northwest ridge of Campa I (5,500m, 13°46'27"S, 71°10'55"W), which is sometimes called Via Engañada ("Route of Deception") for the many false summits it crosses.**

While Via Engañada begins from the upper glacier and snow ramp on the southwest side of the ridge, our variation accessed the ridge from the rocky northeast side and climbed the complete ridge via an enticing set of zigzagging snowfields separated by small rock steps (45° snow, 5.6). After joining the existing route, we encountered a tricky mixed step (M5).

We celebrated on the summit by practicing elk calls and then descended the standard route, which follows the low-angle glacier on the north and northeast side. With many fun, short alpine challenges along the ridge and spectacular views, it was a highlight of our trip (350m, 5.6 M5 45° snow).

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## Images



On the glacier below the north side of Campa I with a view north to Nevado Caracol, Concha de Caracol, and Puca Punta (left to right).



Jacob Oram, Tim Sonnenberg, and Trey Worley's 2022 variation to the northwest ridge of Campa I (5,500m). The route Via Enganada is out of view, right, and climbs a snow ramp from the glacier to reach the upper northwest ridge.



The upper northwest ridge of Campa I, showing where the 2022 variation and Via Enganada intersect.



Climbing through the zigzagging snowfields on the northwest ridge of Campa I with a view west to Mariposa in the foreground and Ausangate behind.



Negotiating a rock step on the 2022 variation to the northwest ridge of Campa I.

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