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### **Mindzhar Valley: Peak 5,914, First Ascent; Peak 5,860, New Route**

Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan, Pamir, Trans Alai

**In the summer of 2023, our team from Latvia climbed two summits in the Mindzhar Valley near the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border, which I had previously visited twice (see AAJs 2017 and 2018).**

Nauris Hofmanis, Raivis Hofmanis, Edgars Madzulis, Inese Puc eka, Valdis Purinsh, Maksim Svoboda, and I arrived at the regular base camp for Peak Lenin on July 4 to acclimatize for a few days. We then traveled west by truck to a nomad camp in the Mindzhar Valley.

We ascended east to Mindzhar Pass (5,050m, 39.379996°N, 72.604869°E), where we spent one night. We then traversed south over Peak 5,400m before turning west, dropping into the glacial valley, then climbing to the broad col between Peak 5,914m and Peak 5,860m, where we camped.

On July 15, Nauris Hofmanis, Madzulis, Puc eka, Purinsh, and I went to the summit of the previously unclimbed Peak 5,914m (39.33911°N, 72.57667°E). Our route was up the north ridge and involved snowy, glaciated terrain up to 50°. We reached the top in bad weather.

The next day, all except Puc eka climbed Peak 5,860m (39.35169°N, 72.56663°E) by a new line up the center of the south face. In 2017, our team had made the first ascent of this mountain from the northeast.

**— Oleg Silin, Latvia**

## Images



Climbing the north ridge of Peak 5,914m.



The north side of Peak 5,914m as seen from Peak 5,860m. Both were reached from a camp in the col between the two peaks.

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