

Muchu Chhish, Attempt

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In August, Phil De-Beger, Tim Oates, and Peter Thompson (U.K.) attempted unclimbed Muchu Chhish (7,453m, among the highest unclimbed summits in the world for which it is possible to obtain a permit).

The plan was to climb alpine-style along the south and west ridges, with a high traverse below the summit of Batura VI (7,400m). However, after finding hard ice on the lower section of the south ridge, and realizing they had no chance of climbing quickly enough if they pitched this section, they retreated from 6,000m.

The team then moved base camp to the Morkun Valley. From a bivouac at 4,900m, De-Beger and Oates attempted the south face of unclimbed Pregar (variously reported from 6,083m to 6,300m), retreating from 5,600m due to dangerous snow conditions.

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Images



The south ridge of Batura VI and the high point of the 2014 expedition.

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