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Torres del Brujo, New Routes

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The Torres del Brujo (34°42'10"S, 70°22'22"W) comprise a little-visited area of granite spires near the terminus of Glaciación Universidad (ca 3,000m), 50km east of San Fernando, Chile. [Editor's note: See AAJ 1999, 2005, 2008, and 2010 for more background on the area; a number of routes are not well-documented.]

In December, Isidora Montesinos, Alexis Rojas, and I climbed a new route (230m, 5.11+) on Aguja de la Paz, located in an unglaciated sector below the main spires. After this, Isidora and I continued up to the main spires, which are at the base of the steep, narrow glacier extending southeast from Cerro El Brujo (4,740m). For our second climb, we completed a new route on La Aguja Dama, on the east side of the glacier. Le Pusimos Espíritu Del Brujo (400m, 5.11) climbs to the left of A Ultima Dama (AAJ 2008). [There are at least two other routes to the right of A Ultima Dama.]

I returned to the spires with Isidora in January 2022 to climb a route on the area's principal spire, on the west side of the glacier (sometimes referred to as Brujo Falso or Torre Grande). Our route, Los Guardianes Del Brujo (650m, 5.10+) begins in the notch formed by the adjacent 300m spire, Aprendiz del Brujo (home to several routes), and then ascends a line to the left (east) of previously established routes on the 500m northeast face; these include Los Últimos Días De Inocencia (5.11+ A2; Brewer-Richter), Clandestino (5.12d A1; AAJ 1999), Gandalf y Saurón (5.11 A3+; Globis-Martin-Zegers), and Línea de los Sueños Suelos (6b A3; AAJ 2010).

Our route required several days of portering gear, cleaning, and climbing. The approach was the crux for us, with constant rockfall and avalanches setting a threatening tone. However, once established on the wall, we were protected. With approximately 650m of free climbing never exceeding 5.10+, Los Guardianes could easily become the "normal route" on this beautiful granite needle.

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Additional route info:

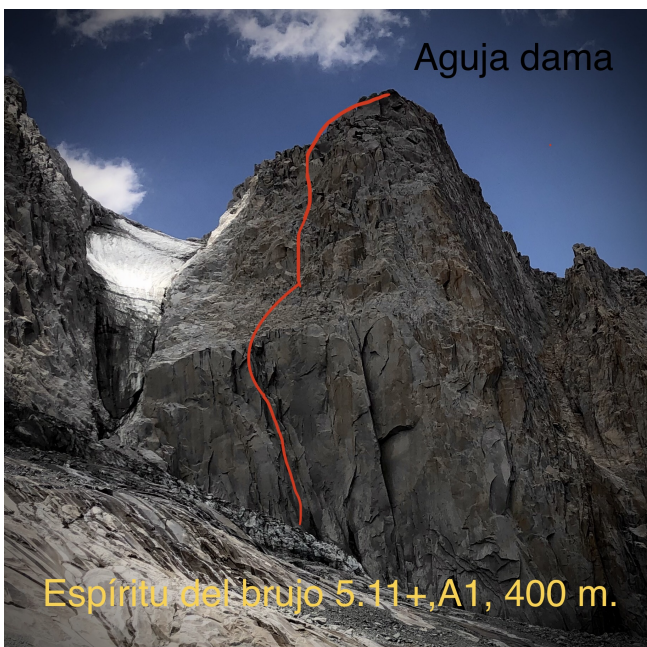
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<http://www.linek.sk/brujo.htm#Sprievodca>

Images



The main spires of the Torres del Brujo are at the base of the steep, narrow glacier extending southeast from Cerro El Brujo (4,740m). To the left of the glacier are Aprendiz del Brujo (left sub-summit) and, just behind it, the area's principal spire, (sometimes referred to as Brujo Falso or Torre Grande); on the lower right is La Aguja Dama.



The December 2021 route Le Pusimos Espíritu Del Brujo (400m, 5.11). The route climbs to the left of A Ultima Dama (AAJ 2008); there are at least two more routes to the right.



The January 2022 route Los Guardianes Del Brujo (650m, 5.10+) on the main spire in the Torres del Brujo. Routes to the right include Los Últimos Días De Inocencia (5.11+ A2; Brewer-Richter), Clandestino (5.12d A1; AAJ 1999), Gandalf y Saurón (5.11 A3+; Globis-Martin-Zegers), and Linea de los Suenos Sultos (6b A3; AAJ 2010). At 5.10+, this is the first and only free climb on the spire.



The December 2021 route (230m, 5.11+) on Aguja de la Paz.

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