

Punta Miller, Southwest Face

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In early November, Andres Bosch, Lucia Guichot, Nico Tapia, and I climbed the obvious gully in the middle of the southwest face of Punta Miller (1,930m, 46°25'46.3"S, 72°34'05.4"W), at the head of the Miller Valley. We drove from Puerto Sánchez and then walked seven hours up the valley to camp below the south face. Our route gained 400m and had one crux pitch of WI4+ and another of M4. [The first known ascent of Punta Miller, west of the better-known Avellano Towers, was in October 2017, by César Ibáñez and Marco Poblete, who climbed the northwest couloir and proposed the name Punta Miller.]

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Images



Punta Miller (1,930m) from the south. The southwest face is on the left, with the gully climbed in November 2023 hidden by the terrain.



Looking up the gully on the southwest face of Punta Miller.



Steep climbing on the southwest face of Punta Miller.

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