

New Route-Mt. Louis

MEINEN/PULLAN 5.8+, III, 1000m+ *

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The route climbs the major fin to the lower right of the diamond. It climbs the left side of it, up and over ridges until you're at the base of the right tip of the diamond. We simul-climbed many of the pitches. We did it in 18 hours car to car, came across no previous ascents until near the summit (looks they came from right gully of fin), no food (oops), Will Meinen took a 25 footer near the top trying a different finish and busted his ankle, we had an epic getting back (5 hours) to find our car that our buddy borrowed wasn't returned, after the hitchhike home we found out that a mother grizzly and her cubs turned people around on the trail that day..

Approach: As for Homage to the Spider. Head up major drainage under the east face diamond. First by bushwacking up steep ground then up shattered rock to the base of an obvious notch where the rock steepens.

P1: Up the notch, 5.5, then up right in a shattered scoop to 3rd class. (80m)

P2: Up the 3rd class with mixed in 5.4 bulges aiming right to an obvious ridge of good rock. (300m+) This ridge is the best reached so far and the rock is great, belay in scoop.

P3: Up the wild dihedral on the ridge past a roof, 5.7, and continue till rock turns bad-climb left on good rock wall, 5.6, 10m, to gain next ridge. Follow up and left around to back of ridge and up bad rock to base of obvious chimney, good belay. (200m+)

P4: From the alcove climb out left on great rock face, 20m, to base of 3 star finger crack. Up the 5.8 crack, 35m, with awesome pro and jams to top then left to back of ridge, belay in rotten gully, pin. (60m)

P5: Aim left to next ridge, over 5.7 bulge then up good groove till a ledge can be seen to gain ridge. Commit on rotten rock, 5.8, into belay ledge at base of leftwards ramp, pin. (60m)

P6: Take ramp left 10m then commit up onto ridge to gain the amazing water runnels and bomber rock. (60m) (protect second-good luck)

P7: Continue up ridge on wild rock to small headwall, 5.8+, up headwall to top of ridge. Clip pin and commit left to exposed moves onto side of ridge then onto the knife edge top, continue to bomber belay ledge-Amazing Pitch. (110m)

P8: Climb up toward obvious ridge, jumping gap between top of fin/ridge and main wall and climb 5.8+ steep wall on thin grips to gain upper ledge. Belay on slung block or continue right to good stance. (60m) You are right beside diamond face.

P9: Traverse right up wild ramp and commit to bridge into a chimney and up to belay on ledge right of upper groove/gully chimney. (out of rock fall for next pitch) (60m) Do not try climbing through notch to ridge.. Stay in chimney..

P10-11: Climb up obvious chimney/gully to the left, behind east face. Good cracks on left and right walls for pro.. Loose rock.. Exit on the summit! (140m)

Descent.. As for all climbs.. Rap the back..
Have fun!!

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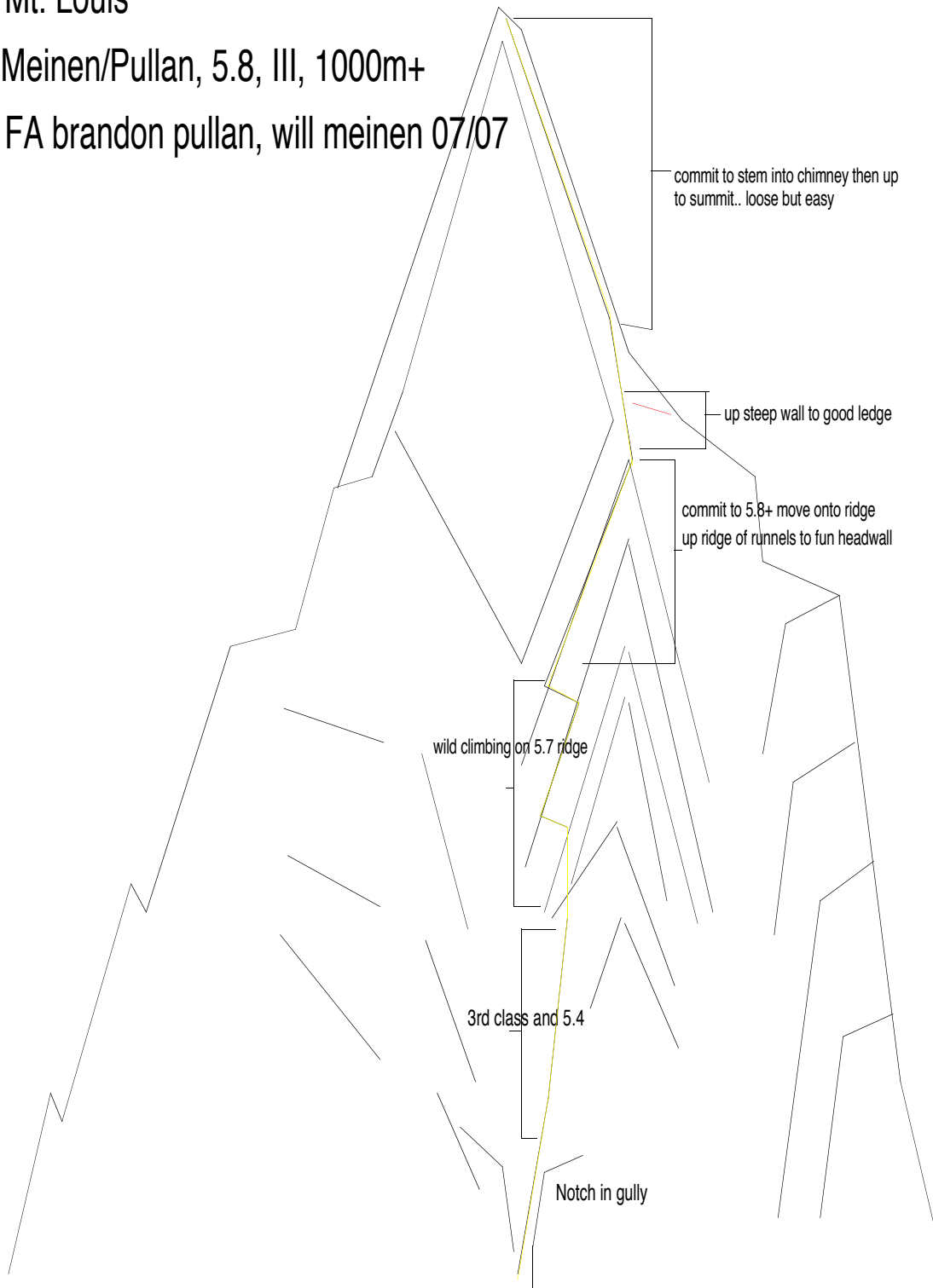


(only photo I could find louis had snow.. We did it with no snow..)

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START: at base of obvious drainage under east face.. up bush then steep ground.. easy to find.. aim for good looking left ridges of fin.
(excuse the poor drawing and the scale is a little off, the idea is there)