

The 100 Peaks Challenge The 100 Classic Crag Climbs Challenge

The New Zealand Alpine Club Centenary year is rapidly approaching. As part of the programme of events, OSONZAC has undertaken to organise the 100 Peaks Challenge and the 100 Classic Crag Climbs Challenge. The idea of these events are to provide motivation to NZAC members to get out there and climb some interesting peaks and routes, and to help publicise the 1991 NZAC Centenary.

We want to capture the imagination of NZAC members. Selection of the 100 peaks has aimed to provide a wide spread of peaks both geographically and in difficulty so that there is a challenge for every Club member. Selection of crag climbs was slightly different, and selection also took into account: only "starred" routes; equal number in North/South Island; attracting people to a place they might not otherwise visit; information on the routes is readily available; and there are no access problems to that route.

Our hope is that individuals and Sections will compile their own lists of peaks and routes they intend to climb. Hopefully there will be subsets of climbs which appeal to various groups eg: peaks west of the Main Divide; peaks first ascended in 1891 and therefore on for centenary ascents; all the peaks south of Haast Pass; the five North Island peaks etc. The chosen crag climbs are a representative of New Zealand crag climbing in our centenary year. Hopefully one or two folk may manage to climb the 100 routes during the centenary year- no mean feat as it would involve visting all the major and many minor NZ crags, and climbing some very difficult routes. The focus is on motivating people to climb, hence the titles '100 Peaks Challenge' and '100 Classic Crag Climbs Challenge'.

General Rules

Open to financial members of NZAC. There will be an Inter-Section Challenge for the number of peaks or routes ascended by members of the Section/Number of Section members.

100 Peaks Challenge Rules

Ascents must be by foot. Vehicle and Aircraft use must not infringe any Management Plans or other other regulations controlling their use on the Conservation estate.

Individual awards to: the NZAC member climbing the most peaks; all NZAC members who climb twenty or more peaks; the people who first climb two peaks randomly chosen at the end of the year.

100 Classic Crag Climbs Challenge Rules

Routes should preferably be lead (either on-sight, flashed, or red pointed) but

top rope ascents will also be counted.

Individual awards to: most routes climbed by a NZAC member (male and female categories); the biggest winger/hardest tryer of the year; the people who first climbed two routes randomly chosen at the end of the year

Recording System

Reports should be sent in to: '100 Peaks Challenge' or '100 CCCC', OSONZAC, Box 409 Dunedin, via printed forms included in this Bulletin (photocopy more as necessary). OSONZAC will keep a register of ascents, and report progress on the event as reports come in. Final results will be printed in the Bulletin at the end of the year.

The 100 Peaks Challenge

Raukumara Range

Hikurangi First point to see the sun in this hemisphere. 1752m

Tongariro

Ngauruhoe Classic volcanic cone and scree run. J.C.Bidwill ascent 1839. 2291m Climb our biggest volcano for something a little different. 2797m

Taranaki

Taranaki N.Z.'s most dangerous mountain? Its certainly claimed the most lives.

2518m

Tararuas

Hector Check out the Wellington hills, try your navigation skills in the

Tararuas. 1529m

Travers Range and Spenser Mountains

Hopeless Can't be as difficult as the name suggests. 2278m

Travers Tackle this peak from the appropriately named Summit Creek.

2338m

Franklyn The dominant, and highest of the Nelson Lakes peaks . 2340m.

Paske A quick scamper up the Rainbow River and Paske Creek to Paske Hut.

2232m

Faerie Queen An accessible Spenser Mountain climb. 2237m

Branch River

Scotts Knob Don't miss the chance to climb when you are in Marlborough.

2185m

Inland Kaikouras

Tapuae-Uenuku Follow the rainbow to Sir Edmund Hillary's first 9000' mountain.

2885m

Alarm The South Face is a mean proposition in winter. Amazing gully

sustems. 2877m

Seaward Kaikouras

Manakau Definitely some mana to be gained here. A Wellington Section

specialty? 2609m

Te ao whekere No octopus here, but watch for the cloud. 2595m

Arthurs Pass

Franklin A great viewpoint to watch the loonies run the Coast to Coast. 2088m

Rolleston 2270m. A very popular peak. Join the Centennial ascent December

26 1991.

Phipps A variety of routes for all seasons, including some good rock. 1984m

Murchison Venture up the Waimakariri River to the highest peak in the Park.

2399m

Avalanche A good first peak in winter conditions, or a pleasant walk in summer.

1754m

Rakaia Headwaters

Whitcombe A long way from the east side, or try it from the Wanganui River.

2644m

Evans Eluded John Pascoe for years, can you crack it? 2637m

Malcolm Peak Distinctive peak, widely visible. Ask John Nankervis about this one. 2514m

Arrowsmiths

Arrowsmith A big brute with routes on all sides, but easiest from the Lawrence.

2795m

Jagged As the name suggests, sharp stuff. 2720m

North Peak An excellent climb from the Lawrence Valley. 2659m

Rangitata Headwaters

Warrior The highest peak in the Armoury Range. 2591m

Tyndall See the Bulletin May 1990, on access to the Garden of Eden. 2524m

Godley

D'Archaic View this peak from the Plains. Ask some advice on how to approach

it. 2865m

Sibbald A winter ski ascent is worth considering. 2804m

The Thumbs Check its impressive appearance from the highway at Ashburton.

2547m

Loughnan Very few ascents yet of this peak. Quite a challenge. 2576m

Broderick An aesthetic peak with great all round views from the summit.

2637m

Liebig Range

Tamaki Avoid the crowds, stroll up the Murchison to the meadows at Liebig

Iut. 2444m

Nun's Veil A fast day trip with stunning views of Cook, Tasman and everything

else. 2737m

Malte Brun Range

Hamilton By the graceful arete on the Murchison Glacier side? Almost 3000m

at 2997m

Malte Brun Many types of routes to choose from, in all conditions. 3159m

Chudleigh A traverse of all three peaks would be challenging. Or try the east

face. 2954m

Upper Tasman

Elie de Beaumont West Peak How about a traverse, from the West Coast?

3111m

Hochstetter Dome Start your Tasman ski run from here. 2823m

Green Interesting ice climbs here in winter, or rock in summer. 2838m

The Minarets 3056m. Add both to your list of 3000m peaks.

Haidinger Seldom climbed from the East. Has been skied off, on the west.

3068m

Lower Tasman

Haast A traverse of the three peaks has to be a good challenge. 3138m

Tasman Superb ice mountain and finest viewpoint in the country! 3498m Cook To the top of New Zealand. A must at least once in your climbing

career. 3766m

Anzac Peaks Samuel Turner soloed the mountain via the gulley route in 1917.

2561, 2532m

Nazomi Some superb rock here. 2913m

Pibrac Check out the South Ridge, and Caroline Face of Cook, while you are

there. 2516m

Hawea Region

Brewster Very popular peak in the Haast Pass region. Ice on the face in winter.

2423m

Barth Rapid access from the Ahuriri Valley and Canyon Creek. 2431m

Aspiring Region

Alba A neglected mountain with some tremendous routes. Fly into the

Siberia? 2355m

Pollux Jetboat up the Wilkin to this classically named peak. 2542m

Stargazer With a name like this you have to climb it. 2341m

Aspiring A stunning mountain from all angles. There are alternatives to the

Ramp. 3027m

Dragonfly Away from the hordes, and super views onto the east face of Popes

Nose. 2165m

Maori Receives few ascents and only recently climbed by the south face.

2507m

Ionia A long way away - enticing when viewed from Aspiring. 2249m

Olivines

Climax Even further away than Ionia, on the remote Olivine Ice Plateau.

2432m

Somnus Much more accessible, and the tallest of the Humboldt Mountains.

2281m

Forbes Range

Earnslaw West Peak First climbed by the major gulley on the northern side.

2816m

Sir William Could be some ice routes round here in winter conditions. 2612m

Clarke 2274m. Climb it in period attire during the Rees climbing camp,

January 1991.

Remarkables

Triple Cone 2340m. An easy scamble from the skifield in summer. First ascent

21/2/1891?

Eyre Mountains

Eyre Check out the Mavora Lakes and Eyre Mountains instead of the

Darrans. 1968m

Darrans

Christina 2502m. Close to the road but a long way up. See the article, 1989

NZAJ.

Sabre Spectacular fang with great rock routes. Test your technical skill

here. 2167m

Talbot A good climb to take beginners on. A reasonable view of Milford

Sound too. 2110m

Tutoko A must in every climbers career. Dick Price still schemes new lines

here. 2746m

Fiordland

Mitre Peak Its one of the most photographed, but least climbed peaks in N.Z.

1692m

Pembroke Add a bit of spice, approach it by fishing boat from Milford. 2000m

Flattop 2292m. Last great unclimbed face....

Irene Deepest Fiordland explorers will tell you about this one. 1879m

Franz Josef Glacier

A ski mountaineering objective from Almer Hut. Routes from grade 1 Spencer

to 4. 2796m

A Hamish MacInnes route on the west, but unclimbed from the Rudolf

Tasman, 2730m

Fox Glacier

No record of ascent from the Franz neve, but crux grade 17 from the Barnicoat

Ask Club President Geoff Gabites about routes on Torres. 3160m Torres

A good objective from Pioneer Hut. Plenty of choice of routes. 3200m Lendenfield

A must if you are at Pioneer. Back up all abseils. 3087m Douglas

La Perouse Glacier

Several routes on the west. Watch for the rockfall on the east side. Vancouver

3309m

Spot the routes on this mountain by two former Club Presidents. Magellan

Scene of the hardest rock routes (?) completed thus far in the Alps. Drake

2974m

Hooker/Strauchon Glacier

A top playground on both north and south faces. 3218m Hicks

La Perouse Think about your routes on and off this 3081m peak.

Outstanding quality alpine rock routes. 2560m Unicorn

First ascent in 1912 by Freda du Faur and Peter Graham. 2364m Lean Peak

Mueller Valley

An enjoyable climb for an intermediate. Wear a hardhat. 2767m Footstool

Ultimate viewpoint onto the Tavern Bar. 3157m Sefton

Interesting mountain, accessible by skiplane to the head of the Burns

> Mueller. 2740m

Celebrate the first ascent by A.P.Harper and P.H.Johnson, January Annette

1891. 2442m

Popular both summer and winter. Excellent views north and south. Sealey

2639m

Ohau Region

Dominating presence at the head of the valley. Some unclimbed Hopkins

ridaes too! 2682m

Percy Smith Impressive. Has there been a second ascent, or any from the west?

2469m

Rock or ice, summer or winter, ridge or face, take your choice. Ward

2644m

Dasler Pinnacles Finest viewpoint in the valley. Running shoe ascents in summer.

2303m

Rabbiter's Peak Highest peak in the attractive North Temple Valley. 2289m

'Stand apart', take a fast day trip to the top of the Ben Ohau Range. Peak 8320 2537m

Landsborough

Visible from as far away as Malte, a must for any Landsborough trip. Fettes

2454m

New Zealand's only icecap glacier. Ski off this one! 2630m Dechen

Impressive West Coast massif at 2652m. Cruisey from Mark's Flat. Hooker