

SUPPLEMENT TO NEW ROUTES PUBLISHED IN SMCJ 2008

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BEN NEVIS, Tower Ridge East Flank:

Echo Wall 100m Ungraded ****. Dave MacLeod. 28 July 2008.

A spectacular route taking the huge sharp arete of Echo Wall, well seen from Tower Ridge or when ascending Observatory Gully. Poorly protected in general with groundfall potential at 20m near the end of the crux section.

1. 30m Climb easy slabs to a belay at the foot of the grossly overhanging arete of the buttress.
2. 70m Pull into an overhung groove and exit this with immediate difficulty. A hard and poorly protected boulder problem leads to the roof and an upside down rest (wires, poor Camelot 6). Pull leftwards over the roof with desperate climbing up the wall just right of the arete to a shakeout (RP and skyhook in suspect rock). Move left to the arete and make very serious moves up this to a good spike and reasonable gear. Continue with more ease up the arete (runout) to a small ledge (drop your left-hand rope to relieve drag). Continue up steep flakes in a great position to gain easy ground and a short solo to reach Tower Ridge.