

The spectacular section of coast between Henningsvær and Kalle is one with huge potential - the small set of routes described here is just a taster. The approach to the more remote cliffs is a little laborious - 'tapping up' a friendly fisherman might be a useful idea to save the lengthy two-way scramble.

Around the first headland are the hidden bays of Geitvika and of Gullvika. The latter is superbly situated and well hidden at the base of the long gully that falls from the col between Festvågtinden and Budalstinden. Around Geitvika are three areas that have seen a little development, and beyond them the rock goes on and on.

The traverse of the coast between Henningsvær and Kalle is a great outing that only takes a couple of hours. It may be worth investigating on a rest day - expect to spot loads of new routes, and some quite spicy scrambling in places.

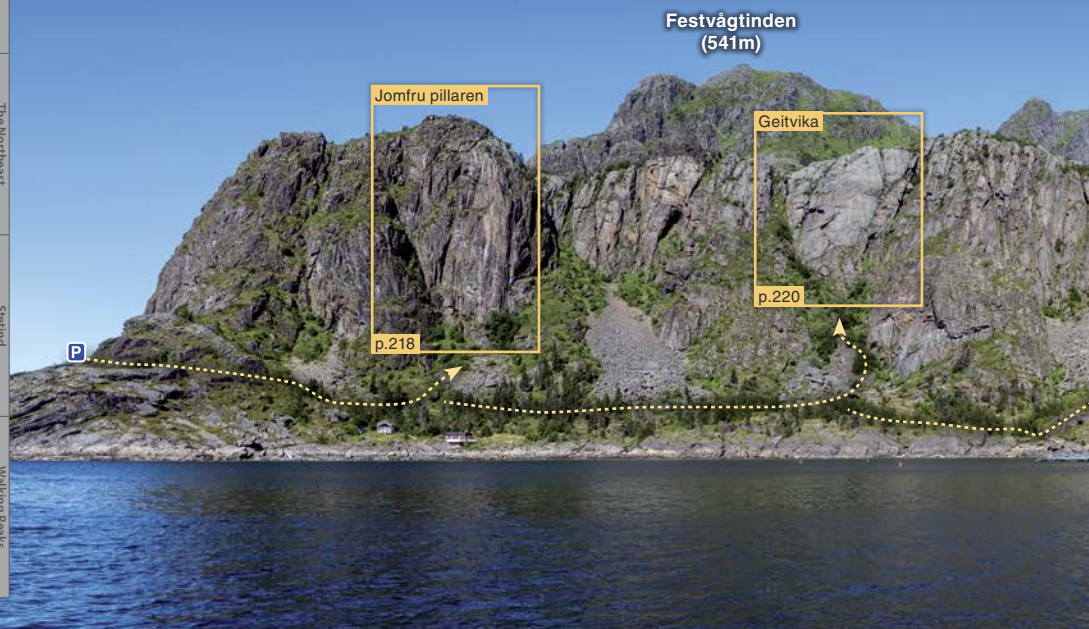
Approach

There is parking by the landward side of the outer Henningsvær bridge. Vague paths and scrambling lead eastwards along the coast. The rough path is sometimes close to the sea, and occasionally higher to avoid the occasional cliff dropping straight into the water. Migan Pillaren can also be approached from Paradiset, which is a bit shorter, but it is more technical with some tricky sections where fixed ropes may be found. Getting a boat in/out would be a great option.

Conditions

The whole area faces southeast towards the distant mainland and catches the morning sun. Much of the rock sticks well out of the hillside so should dry relatively rapidly, and it is also sheltered from southwesterlies.

Up to N4+	-	-	-	-
N5- to N6-	7	1	1	-
N6 to N7-	1	-	3	2
N7 and up	-	-	1	3



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Descent



Jomfru pillaren

On rounding the first headland an impressive barrel-shaped buttress appears high up on the left. Jomfru pillaren (*Virgin Pillar*) only has a couple of routes at present, though there is scope for others; a lot of cleaning will probably be required. The base of the face is reached by a short steep scramble.

Approach (see map on page 217) - Park in the lay-by on the landward side of the bridge. Scramble east around the headland. A more direct approach across the spur might be possible too.

Descent - From the top of the cliff, take the path leftwards then down from Heiavatnet lake on the main path up Vestvågtienden.

1 Den Siste Sommaren N7+

(*Last Summer*) This route was put up by Finnish climbers with a single rest-point (due to a fall) at N7 and A0, and was free climbed a little while later at N7+. The second ascent team found the last pitch to be very loose, but they may have gone the wrong way. According to the FA team, the original last pitch wasn't cleaned and it goes straight up from the last belay.

FFA. Magnus Eriksson, Frej Wichman 2008

2 Vårkåt N7

(*Spring Lust*) A steep and powerful route tackling the superb crack system splitting the big rounded pillar overlooking Geitvika. The line is unmistakable, tackling the prominent line of cracks and grooves. The whole line has been thoroughly cleaned so there is little chance of getting lost. Bring PLENTY of cams!

Photo opposite.

- 1) N7-, 35m. Climb the crack to an overhang, then the continuation to its end. Traverse left to another crack leading to a ledge.
- 2) N6+, 35m. The crack leads past a blank section, and a niche, to a torrid off-width below a small stance.
- 3) N7, 35m. Follow the crack, then make a thin traverse right into another steeper crack and storm up this to a stance.
- 4) N5-, 30m. Climb discontinuous cracks, then move out right past a loose flake to the arete. Climb past a tree to the top.

FA. Odd-Roar Wiik, Niels Paulsen, Truls Seines (some aid) 1994
FFA. Odd-Roar Wiik, Patrik Fransson 1995

100m

50m

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Brian Heppner determined that something will fit on *Vårkåt* (N7) - *opposite* - Jomfru Pillaren. Photo: Andrew Burr



Lots of sun 23 min 100m

Geitvika

'Goat Bay' is set above the right-hand side of the small valley, and almost opposite Jomfru pillaren, is a prominent golden-coloured slab that is clearly visible from Henningsvær. The original route here was climbed back in 1992, and three more climbs have been added since.

Approach (see map on page 217) - Park in the lay-by on the landward side of the bridge. Scramble east around the headland until the light-coloured wall appears above you. Scramble up to the base of the wall.

Descent - From the top of the cliff, take a path leftwards then down from Heivatnet lake on the main path up Vestvågstinden.

1 Aprilsnarr N6-

(April Fool) A route that makes the most of the left-hand side of the face by an interesting zig-zagging line. Start at a ledge below and right of the big loose gully that bounds the face.

- 1) N5+, 45m. Climb the thin crack in the face then, at its top, trend right up the ramp to a belay in the big alcove.
- 2) N6-, 45m. Step round the airy arete and follow a ramp to its end. Traverse back left then follow the diagonal crack to a good ledge.
- 3) N4+, 25m. Step left and climb easy ground to the top.

FA. Ragnar Ekker, Knut Storvik 1.4.2002

2 Landstrykere N6+

(The Tramps) A line up the central section of the face. Start under the prominent niche in the centre of the cliff.

- 1) N5+, 45m. Start up the short wall. Follow the bushy ramp until the crack that runs right to a stance on the nose.
- 2) N6, 30m. Climb along the overlap then head up the thin crack in the face, trending slightly left, then follow deeper cracks leftwards to a small stance where *Aprilsnarr* arrives from the left.
- 3) N6+, 30m. Continue direct up the black-streaked wall until *Aprilsnarr* arrives from the left again, then step left to a stance.
- 4) N4+, 30m. Head straight up the face taking the easiest line.

FA. Mie Kastet, Odd-Roar Wiik 7.2007

3 Pan N7-

A fine climb up the thin cracks in the steep clean slab on the cliff's right-hand side. A full rack is required for the sustained second pitch. Scramble up a bushy ramp to a good ledge.

Photo opposite.

- 1) N5, 30m. Climb up a short wall, then step left into the thin crack which is followed to a good belay ledge.
- 2) N7-, 35m. Jam up a crack on the right and step left to the base of a classic finger-crack in a steep slab. Climb this (very sustained) to a right-trending crack and a troublesome overlap. A difficult final move over this bulge gains a small stance.
- 3) N7-, 30m. Climb straight up another steep vertical crack to easier climbing.
- 3a) N6-, 30m. The steep vertical (crux) crack can be avoided by climbing the crack on the right (which leads back left to the top of the original crack) at about grade 6-.
- 4) N5-, 30m. Follow a finger-crack on the left, then go diagonally right up easy slabs. Finish up a short corner on the right.

FA. Odd-Roar Wiik and partner 7.1992. They used 1 point of aid on the crux overlap. FFA. Ed Webster, Thorbjørn Enevold 12.7.1993

4 Mordar Anders N6+

(Anders the Murderer) A good four-pitch route up the right-hand side of the face, though there is some doubt about the precise line and pitch grades. Start from the same grass ledge as *Pan*.

- 1) 30m. Traverse out right to gain the base of a crack, then climb this and its thinner continuation to a stance in the niche.
- 2) 35m. Climb out of the apex of the niche and follow the thin cracks to its end. Move right then continue up to reach a good ledge with a belay at its left-hand end below a groove.
- 3) 35m. Climb the groove to its end then continue up the thin crack above to arrive eventually at a good ledge.
- 4) 30m. Easier climbing leads rightwards to the top.

FA. Krister Jonsson, Anders Lundkvist 1997

Two climbers enjoying the super rock and crack-lines of *Pan* (N7-) - *opposite* - on Geitvika, a rather neglected crag.



Hamlet Wall

Beyond Geitvika is a rocky ridge that runs down the hillside towards the sea. Tucked in beyond this is a set of short sheltered walls that were developed in 2007 with a small collection of climbs. Interestingly, this was first discovered and climbed on by Anders Lundquist and Johan Sandberg in the 1990s. They called the cliff the Hamlet Wall but, when questioned, that was about all they could remember - the routes they did must have made quite an impression! Reports from people who have hiked in to repeat these routes suggests that they are not really up to the usual Lofoten standard.

Approach (see map on page 217) - Park in the lay-by on the landward side of the bridge. Scramble east around the headland and walk along until you can scramble up scree to the wall. The wall is a little further along the coastline from Geitvika.

Descent - The two routes on the left both have fixed abseil points but they will probably need replacing. The routes on the right are escaped from by scrambling down to the right with care.

1 Frozen in Time N5

1) N5, 25m. Climb the right-trending streaked slab (the grassy crack to the left is tricky to avoid) to gain the wide crack left of the overhangs. Step right and climb the right-trending groove, past the 'frozen in time' block, to a small recessed ledge.

2) N5, 20m. Squeeze up the awkward constricted slot to gain the slab above and follow the crack to grassy ledges.

Descent - Move left across grassy ledges carefully to reach a fixed nut belay. A 45m abseil reaches the ground.

FA. Nigel Redshaw, Alex Pearce 12.6.2007

2 Shark Ride N5+

Start at a block at the lowest point of the buttress.

1) N5+, 30m. Climb the crack 1m right of the block until tricky moves left and right gain its continuation. At the end of the crack, mantel up and left to a thinner crack and continue to a good ledge.

2) N5+, 20m. Climb steeply then step right onto the arete at a flake runner. Ride the arete to a good ledge and block belay.

FA. Nigel Redshaw, Lex Pearce 13.6.2007



On the right is the other developed face split by a series of attractive cracks. The route names are all Scottish whiskeys.

3 Tamnavulin N5

The left-hand crack leads past a niche to a broken wall on the left. Climb this and the finger-crack above to the ledge.

FA. Lex Pearce, Nigel Redshaw 10.6.2007

4 Uigeadail N5+

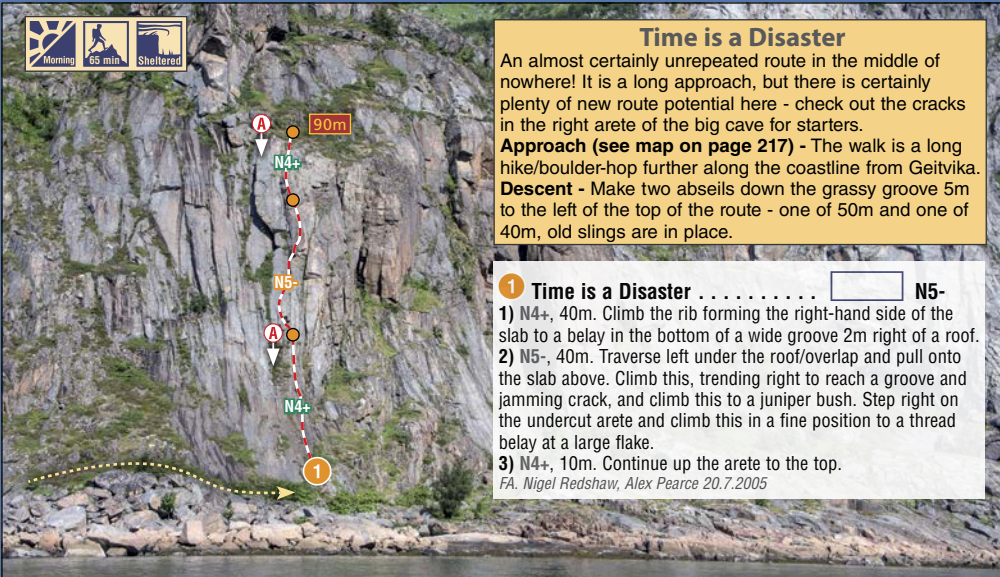
Layback up the right-facing ramp and climb past an undercut flake to a small ledge. Bridge the twin crack above to access the corner on the left then climb this and the crack above.

FA. Lex Pearce 3.6.2007

5 Milburn 25 N5+

Climb the right-hand of the three cracks (loose block at 5m). Continue up the right-hand side of a large flake, then jam the bulge to reach a good belay ledge.

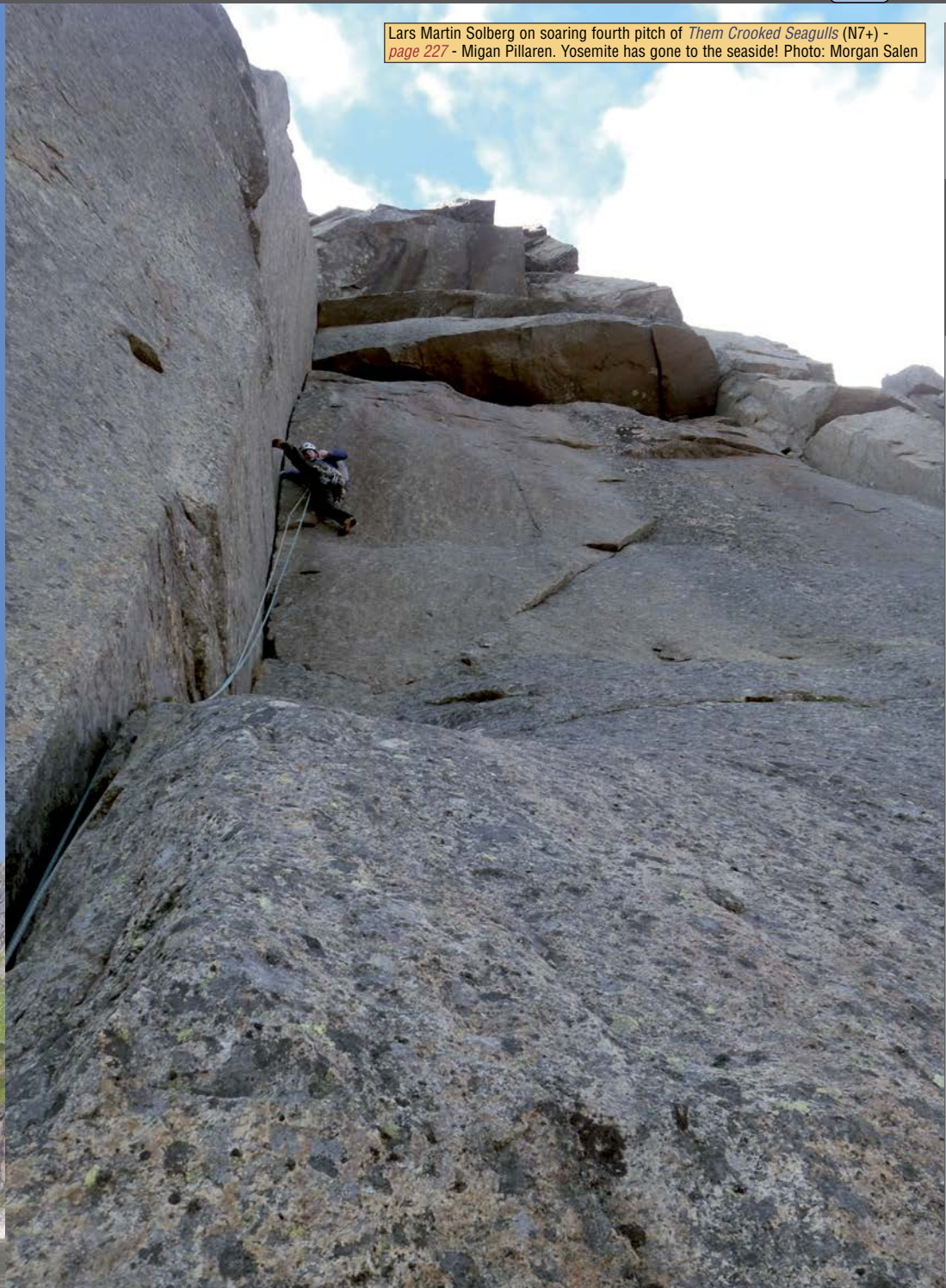
FA. Lex Pearce, Nigel Redshaw 3.6.2007



Time is a Disaster
 An almost certainly unrepeated route in the middle of nowhere! It is a long approach, but there is certainly plenty of new route potential here - check out the cracks in the right arete of the big cave for starters.
Approach (see map on page 217) - The walk is a long hike/boulder-hop further along the coastline from Geitvika.
Descent - Make two abseils down the grassy groove 5m to the left of the top of the route - one of 50m and one of 40m, old slings are in place.

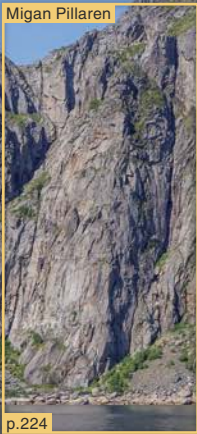
- 1 Time is a Disaster N5-**
- 1) N4+, 40m.** Climb the rib forming the right-hand side of the slab to a belay in the bottom of a wide groove 2m right of a roof.
 - 2) N5-, 40m.** Traverse left under the roof/overlap and pull onto the slab above. Climb this, trending right to reach a groove and jamming crack, and climb this to a juniper bush. Step right on the undercut arete and climb this in a fine position to a thread belay at a large flake.
 - 3) N4+, 10m.** Continue up the arete to the top.
FA. Nigel Redshaw, Alex Pearce 20.7.2005

Lars Martin Solberg on soaring fourth pitch of *Them Crooked Seagulls* (N7+) - page 227 - Migan Pillaren. Yosemite has gone to the seaside! Photo: Morgan Salen



Disappearing route!
 In 1995 Arild Meyer and Odd-Roar Wiik added a new route to the long line of cliffs running north from Henningsvær, and they both agreed it was one of the best they had ever done.
 Fast forward to 2007 when we started working on the book - they couldn't remember anything about it - even which cliff it was on! In the event, and almost inevitably, it was marked in the wrong place in the guidebook. When reports came of a fantastic new route on the best bit of rock in the area, the penny dropped. This time round Migan Pillaren is in the right place.

Migan Pillaren Area
 Roughly halfway between Henningsvær and Kalle is an impressive section of cliffs that has been largely ignored because of the tricky access. The faces are up to 300m high here and the potential looks massive, both for longer routes and shorter stuff too.
Approach (see map on page 217) - The scramble from either end takes about an hour; that from Henningsvær is easier, that from Paradiset might be a bit shorter, but it is more technical with some tricky sections where fixed ropes may be found. Getting a boat in/out would be a great option.



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Possible
abseil line
- gear not
known**1 Migán Pillaren** **N6+ A0**

This is the original route on this buttress, predating the others by years. The first ascent team described it as one of their best new routes, and they have done a few. Previously we located it on the wrong buttress which led to some confusion. The original description: "The line continues on the right side of the buttress following a beautiful right-facing corner up to a crack that goes diagonally up left to another right-facing corner and then up to a big grass ledge". We believe the line to be accurate. The aid was used on pitch 7 to get out left past the roof.

Descent - Scramble a couple of hundred metres up to the ridge - loose and exposed - then descend down to the left. Or possibly abseil to the top of *Asturias Route* and descend this.

FA. Arild Meyer, Odd-Roar Wiik 1995

2 Heaven and Hell **N6+ A1**

The left-hand side of the crest of the buttress by some good pitches before heading out right to escape up loose terrain. The description is from the first ascensionists, but the line on the topo MAY NOT be accurate, especially in the upper part.

- 1) N6-, 50m. Start 2m left of the right edge at the lowest point of the wall. Follow the crack to the ledge.
- 2) N5, 40m. Continue up the crack to the groove. After 30m traverse left to a grass balcony.
- 3) N6+/A1, 30m. Traverse 3m left, then climb the wall under the crack in the overhang (the middle one) and go up the crack to a groove and stance.
- 4) N6+, 45m. Climb 4m up the groove, then move left past the arete to a system of cracks, which lead to a ledge.
- 5) N5, 55m. Head diagonally left to the corner, follow it for 10m then traverse right to the next groove. Climb this to a stance with two old pegs.
- 6) N6+, 55m. Climb up the wall to a groove and go up this to a grassy ledge. Continue up the system of cracks to a hole then traverse left to small ledge.
- 7) N4, 65m. Climb the crack and wall above to grassy ledges. Move to a small stance on the right edge under a wall.
- 8) N4, 30m. Follow the ledge under the wall past the arete to a ramp with loose rock. Up this to a stance under dubious blocks.
- 9) N4, 40m. Gain a loose wall then climb it to grassy ledges. Continue to a stance under the wall with blocks.
- 10) N4, 30m. Head up to left edge and make an airy traverse left around the arete to a stance at foot of a groove.
- 11) N4, 40m. Go up the groove, then left and up a grassy wall to the crest of the ridge.

Descent - Head down grassy slope on the left to reach the sea.

FA. Filip Zahradnik, Radovan Kunc (Czech Republic) 20.6.2011

3 Asturias Route **N6- A1**

This route was climbed in the belief that there were no other climbs on the buttress, but odd bits of gear found along the way suggested that this wasn't the case. The route follows *Migán Pillaren* for four pitches then moves out left for two further pitches partly used by *Heaven and Hell*. There is a little aid on pitches 4 and 5 and the line was equipped for an abseil descent. It is believed a small number of bolts may have been placed.

- 1) N6-, 45m. 2) N5, 45m. 3) N6- 40m. As for *Migán Pillaren*.
- 4) N5-/A1, 55m. Aid up the steep groove on the left, then pass the arete to a crack. Free climb this to a high ledge - peg belays.
- 5) N5/A1, 55m. Climb left then right up the slab, then left again (bolt?) with a little aid to enter a groove. Climb this to a stance and peg belays part way up *Heaven and Hell* pitch 5.
- 6) N5+, 30m Climb a groove to a roof, and pull through this to ledges a little higher - bolt belay?

Descent - Abseil back down the line - 2 x 60m ropes needed. The state of the fixed gear is unknown.

FA. Augel Castro, Miguel Angel Adrados 25.6.2008

**4 Risset Rider** **N7+**

A stunning and intimidating route up the centre of the orange shield of rock about 100m up and right from the start of *Migán Pillaren*, approached via "the left-hand of two gullies".

- 1) N7-, 50m. Climb left across the wet slab to meet a crack in the corner. Follow this onto the higher slab below the very steep wall (optional belay, not used on first ascent). Start up the groove above, but move left to a less likely looking groove with a jammed block higher up - there is a hidden crack in this groove. Climb up past the block to a hanging belay under the roof - tufts of grass for feet.
 - 2) N7-, 40m. Head into the V-groove and follow this past an off-width section (big cam) to jamming cracks. Up these to another hanging belay on the left, 10m below the next roofs.
 - 3) N7+, 50m. An amazing and wild pitch. Climb up to the roofs and tackle the wide crack on the right. An easier corner above leads to more roofs and a hanging flake. Climb leftwards around this, then up right to another hanging belay in the wide crack. Very unlikely looking climbing in a spectacular position.
 - 4) N5, 40m. Climb the flake on the left to an easier but loose upper gully - serious. 70m from the belay to the top.
- Descent** - The top is in a hanging valley; either scramble rightwards out of this and follow the ridge for 200m until you can descend leftwards down a valley towards Henningsvær, or follow ledges out left - exposed - to reach the same place.

FA. Robin Thomas, Alex Moran, 09.06.2010

5 Them Crooked Seagulls **N7+ A1**

Another impressive line on this stunning orange shield of rock. Start up the water-streaked slab directly under the upper crack system as for *Risset Rider*, break right out of this after its first pitch for four super pitches of crack and corner climbing. A little aid was used on pitches 3 and 4. *Photo page 20 and 225*.

FA. Morgan Salen, Lars Martin Solberg 6.5.2014

There are two routes on the lower section of the east ridge of *Kvanndalstind*. They are approached from *Kalle* along the coast and up into the valley between *Kvanndalstind* and *Vågakallen*. There is no topo but see page 224 for location.

6 One Move Wonder **N5**

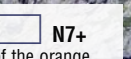
A six-pitch route up the front of the pale pillar, which is approached from the right through a boulder field and along a grass shelf. Start up a hand-crack - cairn. There is some good jamming on the route - bring cams including a few smaller ones. The first couple of pitches are a bit loose, then things improve. Descent is by abseil back down the route.

FA. Ted Ekberg (Swe), Ian Gough (NZ) 18.7.2012

7 Swedish-Kiwi route, **N6**

Another six-pitch route, around to the right on a tapering tower that forms the base of *Kavandalstind's* east ridge. The first pitch follows the marked groove in the middle of the pillar, then a crack and chimney lead to a large ledge. Move left to a hidden flake/chimney and finish up a steep crack leading to the top of the pillar. From the top of the pillar, follow the flat ridge to a block then descend the steep gully to the north. A couple of abseils regains the valley.

FA. Ted Ekberg (Swe), Ian Gough (NZ) 19.7.2012



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