

▶ **17. Equal Opportunities III 4** 150m

An indefinite line up the area of mixed ground between *Laddies'* and *Ladies' Gully*. Start from *Ladies' Gully* at a point just before it steepens.

**P1** 3 40m Follow the groove on the left side of a rib. At the groove's top move left and up to a flat block.

**P2** 4 40m Head right to climb the right hand of 2 grooves. When the groove forks go right and belay below a steep tower.

**P3/4** 2 70m Follow an easy groove on the right, which leads into a snow arête. Finish left of the rocks.

▶ **18. Ladies Gully III 3 \*\*** 180m

A superb and memorable route with a strong line.

**P1** 2 60m Climb the snowy gully line, passing a few steps on the way. Belay below a steep V groove.

**P2** 3 20m Surge up the groove to reach easier ground.

**P3/4** 2 100m Head for the top on snowy territory. [J M Archer Thomson 1898]

▶ **19. Gentleman's Groove IV 5 \*\*** 200m

An enjoyable excursion up the obvious groove line 15m left of *Couloir*. The gear is a bit sparse, as is normal on the Trinity Face, but the difficult climbing is fairly short lived. Start 30m right of *Ladies' Gully*.

**P1** 4 55m Climb a steep, but short corner which leads on to snow slopes running directly up to the base of the groove proper.

**P2** 5 45m The main groove pitch gives an interesting pitch, technically harder than its neighbour *Couloir*, but with more runners (it actually has some).

**P3/4** 2 100m A couple of easy rope lengths lead to the summit.

▶ **20. Couloir IV 4 \*\*** 200m

An excellent, but bold route that requires good conditions. Start at the base of an obvious snowy ramp/open gully 30m left of *Cave Gully*.

**P1** 2 50m Follow easy snow up passing a slight steepening and heading up left to a poor belay on the left side of the main groove/gully line.

**P2** 4 40m Step right and climb up the icy runnel to a position on the right at where it is possible to assess the condition of the upper section of the groove. If the placements feel good continue boldly up to belay on a small flake. If the placements feel poor, it's time to retreat, and given the poor quality of the belay it's probably best to do a series of down climbs.

**P3** 3 30m Continue up the groove until it peters out.

**P4/5** 2 80m Head up right to an easy snow finish.

▶ **21. Scoundrel's Staircase VI 6 \*** 200m

The narrow groove 5m right of *Couloir* gives the hardest route on the crag. Hard, physical climbing coupled with a dearth of meaningful protection makes this a fearsome proposition, i.e. it might be VII 6!

**P1** 2 50m P1 of *Couloir*, but head up right to take a belay below the next groove.

**P2** 6 60m Fight up the narrow groove, some ice and turf at the back, but mostly back and footing to a hanging flake. Continue straight up the gully, still with interest. Poor protection.

**P3/4** 2 90m A couple of easy rope lengths lead to the summit.

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