## **EEOR North Tower**

This tower has excellent rock and the routes are super fun. Both are well protected and away from any crowds and unfortunately any sun. Don't even worry about the approach, its closer then Yam?

Approach: Traverse along the base of EEOR and around into the bowl between EEOR and La Bastile (2<sup>nd</sup> buttress). Climb up into bowl on good game trails until the tower can be seen. Scramble up to base. About 1.5 hours

Gear: Standard Rack to 4 inches, double .5-2 inches. Hammer and pins are useful, I left but one and used up to 6 (medium angles, lost arrow and a small knife blade) There are no anchors except 1 pin in a spot but all are easy to make.

The North Tower Route 5.10a, 150m \*

FA: Brandon Pullan (rope solo) July/07

This line follows a splitter crack to a good ledge. From there ramble up to good corner crack (wide) off grassy ledge to summit.

P1: 5.10a, 60m Up the splitter in the near middle of the face. Loose at the bottom but gets solid up higher. Pro is good when you can get it.. don't pass any up! Pin at top.

P2: 5.3, 40m Climb up ramps of loose rock to ledge and a layback crack on good rock beneath upper crack/corner.

P3: 5.8, 50m Up corner crack (LOOSE near the top) to a ramble up to summit.

The Wonderful Thing About EEOR 5.10a/A1, 155m \*

FA: Brandon Pullan (rope solo) July/07

When looking at the tower an splitter crack up a wild dihedral catches the eye, this was the first route I climbed up the tower. Pitch 2 has one of the better cracks I have climbed in the area (similar to Ju Jube) but a little spicier.

P1: 5.9, 30m Climb past 8 bolts on solid rock to a run out, easy, upper section beneath the crack. I had no more bolts so I used a .5 cam and pin. A few bolts for this belay would be nice!

P2: 5.10a, A1 40m Up the wild corner crack (off hands, tricky feet, steeper then it looks) to where it branches right. I stepped into the groove, Left, and got a good pin here, exit up onto ledge. OR Branch right and finish up the splitter for another few meters. I aided near the top but it will go free at about 5.10b/c.. I think, I was super gripped being alone up there, might go at an easier grade.

P3: 5.3, 50m Ramble up over good rock heading towards summit.

P4: 5.6 35m I zig zagged around a bit trying to find good rock, find it and summit.

Hike off West into bowl and back down.. Watch for steep steps, stay high until on scree.

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