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Alex Honnold El Cap Free Solo

On June 3, Alex Honnold made the first free-solo of El Capitan via the 1,000-metre Freerider 5.13a. His ascent took three hours and 56 minutes and is considered by many to be the greatest solo ever. After his climb, he said, “So stoked to realize a life dream today.” The climb was filmed by Jimmy Chin for an upcoming documentary.

Ontario Climber Pete Zabrok’s 57th El Cap Lap

Pete Zabrok from Ontario was 57 when he climbed his 57th route on El Cap this spring. He was with Sean Warren for the second ascent of Adrift (VI 5.11 A3+). After their climb, which wasn’t the last of the season for Zabrok, he had spent 717 nights on El Cap. Alex Honnold hiked to the top to meet them after their Adrift ascent. The first ascent of the route was in 1994 by Steve Quinlan and Paul Pritchard.

Will Stanhope Climbs El Cap 5.13

Strong Squamish climber Will Stanhope made a rare ascent of the 1,000-metre El Corazon 5.13b on El Cap this spring. He was joined by fellow Canadian Mike Doyle, who was once Stanhope’s coach back in B.C. It took Stanhope six days to free the routes, with Doyle freeing a number of hard pitches, including onsighting a 5.13 traverse. After the climb, Doyle noted on social media, “From getting lost, to missing fixed pins, to blistering heat and shear exhaustion, Will pulled it off. Way to go buddy!”

Marc-Andre Leclerc Solos in Rockies

At the time of print, Marc-Andre Leclerc had climbed a number of new routes in the Ghost River Valley ground-up free-solo. He made the likely first free-solos of Southern Exposure 5.11a 300 m and Mantissa 5.10d 300 m in the Ghost, Cheesmond Express 5.10c 600 m on Ha Ling and Flying Buttress to East Ridge of Mount Deltaform IV 1,500 m. He then Soloed Screams from the Balcony 5.11 150 m at Saddleback and Pinko 5.10 500 m on Rimwall.

B.C. Teen Naomi Prohaska Youngest Up Logan

Naomi Prohaska climbed Mount Logan in the spring with her father. At 15 years old, she became the youngest climber to reach the summit of Canada’s highest mountain. It was her father’s eighth ascent. After the climb, she said, “When I was at the top, I was super happy and super excited but I couldn’t be relieved because you’re only halfway. You still have to go down. It’s a different feeling than other sports where you cross the finish line and you’re done. When I got to base camp was when I could sit back and go, ‘Whoa. I made it all the way up there.’ Then I was so excited – just sitting in my tent smiling.”