



## Report for the climbing category

Finger of Faith (5.8 A3)  
The Titan (1774 m)



2011



## General information

<b>The route, category, grade</b>	Finger of Faith, IV category, A3, free climbing category 5.8
<b>Length of the route</b>	213 m
<b>Number of pitches</b>	9
<b>Location</b>	Fisher Towers, Utah, USA
<b>Summit, elevation</b>	The Titan, 1774 m
<b>Characteristics of the route</b>	Rock, most of the route – aid climbing
<b>Total time spent</b>	10h 30min and 2h abseiling down
<b>Date summited</b>	2011 10 24

## Team members

„Montis Magia alpinistai“ - Gediminas Simutis (1988), Saulė Žukauskaitė (1988) and Rylee Sweeney (USA) (1985).

## Country

Lithuania

## Photo of the wall with the line of the route



The Titan tower with the route marked.

### *Technical specifications*

Interesting and uncommon route on the highest sandstone tower in the USA amazed us with its red, and loose rock, formation and magnificent views. The climbing was not too difficult however it took us some time to get used to the characteristic of the rock. Also, we had to pay a lot attention when placing gear in very loose and sandy looking cracks.

### *Gear*

Sandstone towers require specific gear, namely, we had approximately 2.5 sets of cams, nuts and almost a full set of tri-cams, which proved to be very useful in the scars left by old pitons (scars themselves reminded of vertically put bowls).



### *Strategy*

Our initial plan was to fix the first 4 pitches (the ones that according to the locals, take the longest) the day before, and then ascend them and climb the rest of the route the next day. This is the usual strategy for climbing the Titan. However, there was a storm forecasted for our planned main climbing day, so to avoid bad weather we opted for climbing a route in a push, which in this case meant in a day.

### *Climbing*

We approached the route at night, and started climbing before the dawn. The first pitches went faster than expected. The climbing was interesting. Free climbing sections were unusual, especially in the penultimate pitch which waded through odd looking bumps. As for aid climbing – we had the skills, so after accustoming ourselves with the rock, we managed to move fast. In general the route was relatively clean, that is, there was not much mud and rocks falling, due to several ascents made by other parties in the last few weeks.

### *Meteorological conditions*

The temperature was perfect for climbing. The next day after we got back, the forecasts proved to be right – the desert was hit by the storm.



Saulé climbs the penultimate pitch through the oddly formed bumps.



Gediminas climbing the seventh pitch.



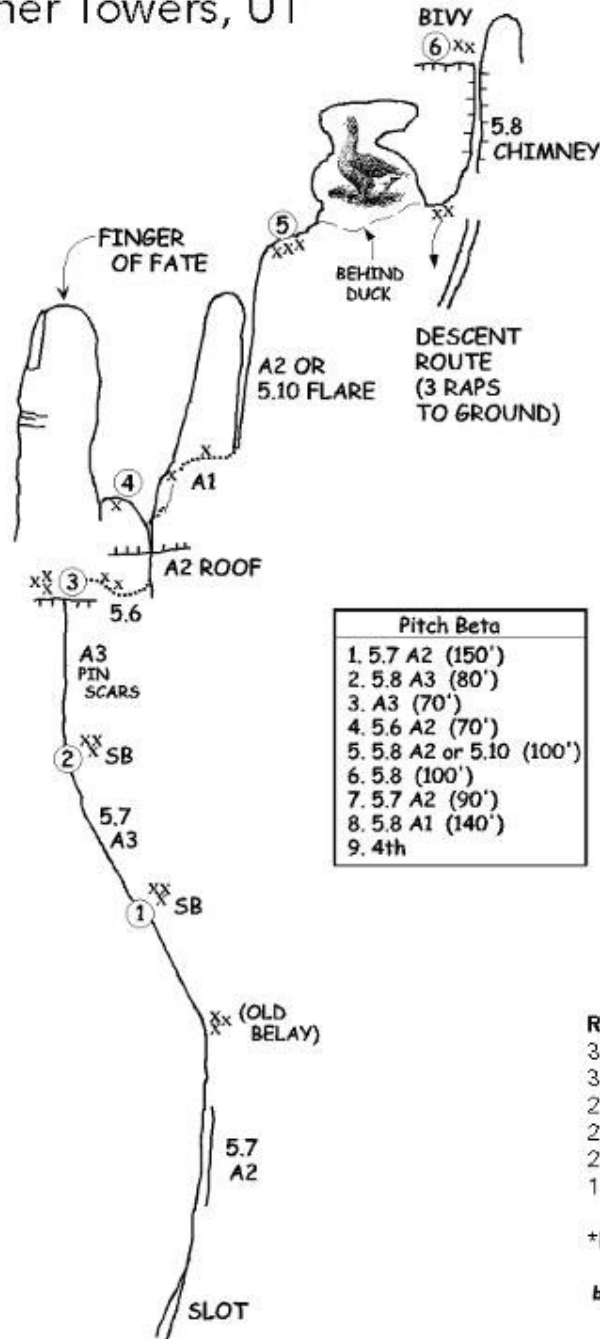
The team on the top.



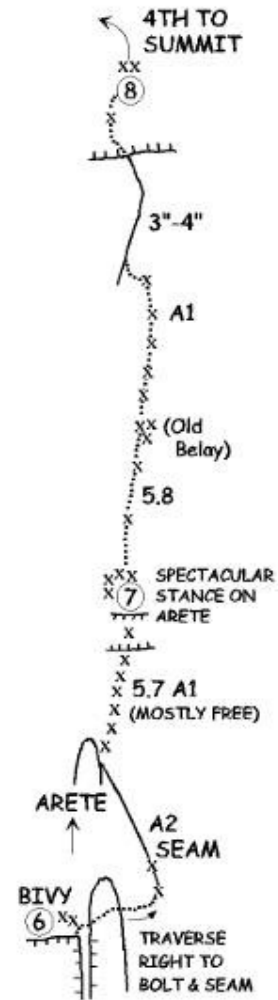
Topo of the route

# Finger of Fate IV 5.8 A3

Titan  
Fisher Towers, UT



Pitch Beta	
1.	5.7 A2 (150')
2.	5.8 A3 (80')
3.	A3 (70')
4.	5.6 A2 (70')
5.	5.8 A2 or 5.10 (100')
6.	5.8 (100')
7.	5.7 A2 (90')
8.	5.8 A1 (140')
9.	4th



## RACK

- 3 sets Stoppers (with extra medium)\*
- 3 ea. 5/8", 3/4" angles
- 2 ea. 1" angles
- 2 ea. #.5 & .75 Camalots
- 2 ea. Camalot #1 thru 5
- 1 ea. Camalot # 3.5 & 4.5

\*HB Aluminum Offsets useful