

Desert Island Climbs – Gary Baum

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**Prana, Black Crag**

Because I never thought I would ever lead it and it therefore meant a hell of a lot when I did. A good memory of Lakeland rock.

**Orion Face, Ben Nevis**

If I can't take the whole mountain, this is the route I'd take for the memory of a fantastic day out with Steve Prior on perfect ice and no gear to speak of.

**Flying Buttress, Stanage**

My first ever lead — and a reminder that being on a desert island is not all bad as it prevents me from climbing on The Grit.

**Peuterey Ridge, Mont Blanc**

The finest looking ridge up a beautiful mountain — and a memory of a day with Peter Bares from whom I learned loads in the early eighties = yes, I know, I have obviously forgotten most of it since.

**Gervasutti Pillar, Mont Blanc du Tacul**

A superb Alpine rock route in a magical setting and a memory of an unplanned bivi with Andy, uncontrollable shivering and climbing through the night with a dodgy torch.

**Skye Ridge**

Yes, the whole of it — because despite six visits and one successful traverse with Jane and Pete (Teasdale) I have still to actually see it.

**Corto Circuito, Calvia**

There has to be a hot-rock route and there are so many good ones it doesn't matter which I'd take. This is a superb jug pull and I'd work out to get strong enough to climb it cleanly.

**Piton Route, Avon Gorge**

First VS lead and a reminder of all those Sundays spent in the Gorge when I was living in Oxford. I'd want the route in its original non-slip state and with a sound piton.

**Assembly Line, Devil's Tower**

Just a fantastically monotonous route and representative of a great trip to the States.

**Cassin Route, M<sup>c</sup> McKinley**

The one in the 10 that I've not done and really want to do — but I'd want it clear of other people and with a guaranteed good forecast.

**Luxury** - a computer on which to write (amongst other things)

newsletter articles that nobody reads — no change there then,

**Book** Mountaineering in Scotland / Undiscovered Scotland by Bill

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