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Call of the wild - 41 exciting routes for adventure lovers

WALKS AND SCRAMBLES IN THE MOROCCAN ANTI-ATLAS

Front cover

Tafraout, Jebel El Kest, Ait Mansour, Ameln Valley, Taskra and Tanalt
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The wild and rugged landscapes of the Anti-Atlas mountains of southern Morocco offer months of exploration for experienced walkers with a love of adventure. The 41 walks and scrambles in this guidebook explore the north-west of the region using Tafraout and the Ameln Valley as the main base. The adventurous (and sometimes previously undocumented) routes of between 3 and 40km include Jebel el Kest, Adrar Mqorn and Ait Mansour, with an outline of a 1 week long-distance trek across the north-west Anti-Atlas. Often remote and challenging, the routes are mostly suitable for confident walkers and scramblers with good navigation skills, though some easier variants are described.

The mountains and landscapes of the Anti-Atlas extend over 300km north east from the Atlantic Ocean to Jebel Sirwa (3305m). The spectacular, rugged surroundings include mountains, gorges, valleys and desert landscapes – whether it is the iconic Lion's Face which dominates the Ameln Valley and the Tafraout oasis, the deep canyons of Ait Mansour, the ancient villages of the Ameln Valley, or the Tanalt backcountry.

Each route description in this guidebook is accompanied by map extracts, with some photo topos to aid route finding in tricky sections. With background information on the people, culture and history of the region, as well as a wealth of practical advice on planning a trip to the Anti-Atlas, it is an indispensable guide to exploring this dramatic region.

What's inside?

- 41 routes with maps and colour photos
- walks mainly moderate to difficult, scrambles mainly Grade 1 to Grade 3S
- 6 areas: Tafraout, Jebel El Kest, Ait Mansour, Ameln Valley, Taskra and Tanalt

About the author

Based in West Lancashire, David is a keen walker, photographer and rock climber. As a frequent traveller he has followed his pursuits in over 20 countries across five continents. During frequent climbing visits to Morocco with his local mountaineering club he became increasingly aware of the potential for walking and scrambling and in March 2015 he returned with his partner Halina to explore and document the routes in this guidebook.

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