

New Game of Thrones on Monarch Mountain in B.C.

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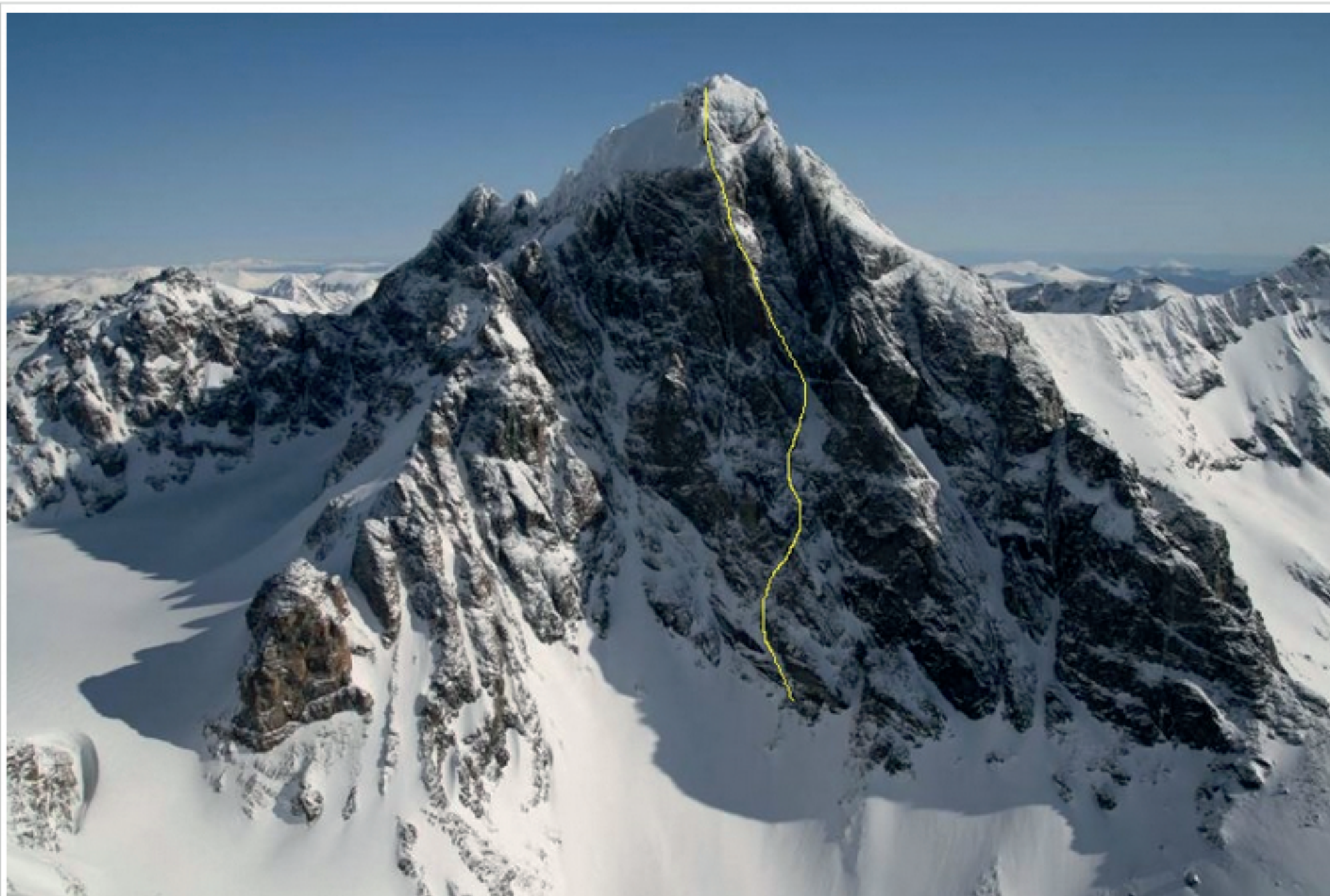
Simon Richardson and Michael Rinn made the first ascent of Game of Thrones up the southwest face of Monarch Mountain in the Coast Mountains between Aug. 4 and 6.

The 1,250-metre route was climbed in 42 pitches with difficulty up to 5.10a and involved some simul-climbing.

The alpine wall was one of the biggest unclimbed features in the range. The 3,572-metre mountain was first climbed by Henry Hall and Hans Furer in 1936.

The face had been attempted a number of times of the years, but the weather is typically bad. The 2017 summer has been a prime one for alpine climbing, as the west has gone weeks without rain.

Richardson and Rinn used a helicopter to approach the mountain, which is located about 70 km from the nearest road. For more on their new route, read Richardson's trip report on Planetmountain.com [here](#).



Approximate line of Game of Thrones. Photo John Scurlock