

TREKS AND CLIMBS IN WADI RUM, JORDAN

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Wadi Rum is tucked away in the south of Jordan, close to the Red Sea port of Aqaba, remote and splendid in both landscape and culture, yet only a five-hour flight and a short onward journey from Europe.

It was brought to the world's attention by Lawrence of Arabia, and the subsequent film of that name was responsible for the author's visit with a team of climbing friends in 1984. Thus began the exploration of Wadi Rum for rock climbing and trekking, with the approval and encouragement of the local Bedouin.

This revised reprint has detailed descriptions and 'topos' of over 300 routes – all the known routes to date, from short walks, camel treks and 4 WD journeys through to sports climbs and major 'big walls' of the highest technical difficulty.

Additionally the author gives information on sites of antiquity, flora and fauna, and life with the Bedouin. Some of these routes are quite serious undertakings with complex route finding. There are also a number of possibly unclimbed peaks in the area, as well as many new routes to be done on the various walls, ridges, slabs and crack systems, not to mention easier routes and scrambles through canyons with magnificent scenery.

Key marketing points

- Updated reprint, with new cover.
- The most up to date and authoritative guide to this area.
- Author is acknowledged as the country's leading expert on Jordan.

About the author

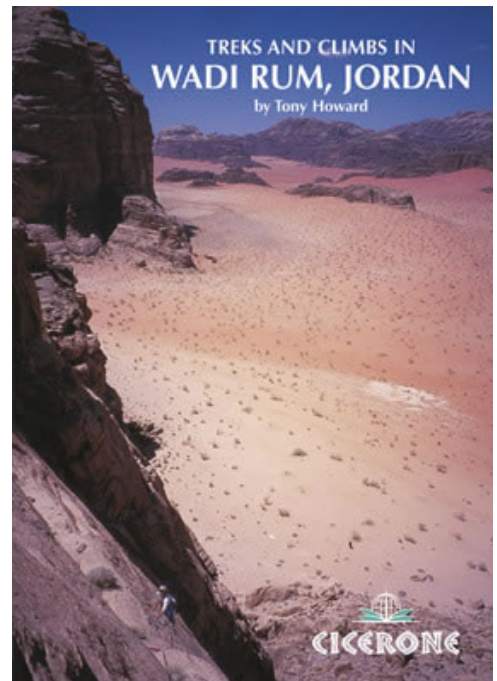
Tony Howard started climbing in 1953 and has climbed in most north African and Middle Eastern countries from 1963 onwards, and climbed and/or trekked in Greenland, Canada, America, South Georgia, India, Nepal, Thailand, Madagascar and Iran. He was a founding partner of Troll climbing equipment in 1965. In 1984, together with Di Taylor, he founded the adventure travel consultancy N.O.M.A.D.S. (New Opportunities for Mountaineering, Adventure and Desert Sports), when they discovered the climbing potential of Wadi Rum in Jordan.

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