

Guideline to Niponino through left side of Laguna Torre

Niponino -49,29382, -73,06457

Taking the right side of the Laguna Torre or the left approach, not sure which one is better. Here is some beta on the path to Niponino going through the left.

1. Cross the river through the Tyrol. Bring your harness and locking biner. Going left there is a clear path on the moraine ridge. At one point you will have this view of the glacier.



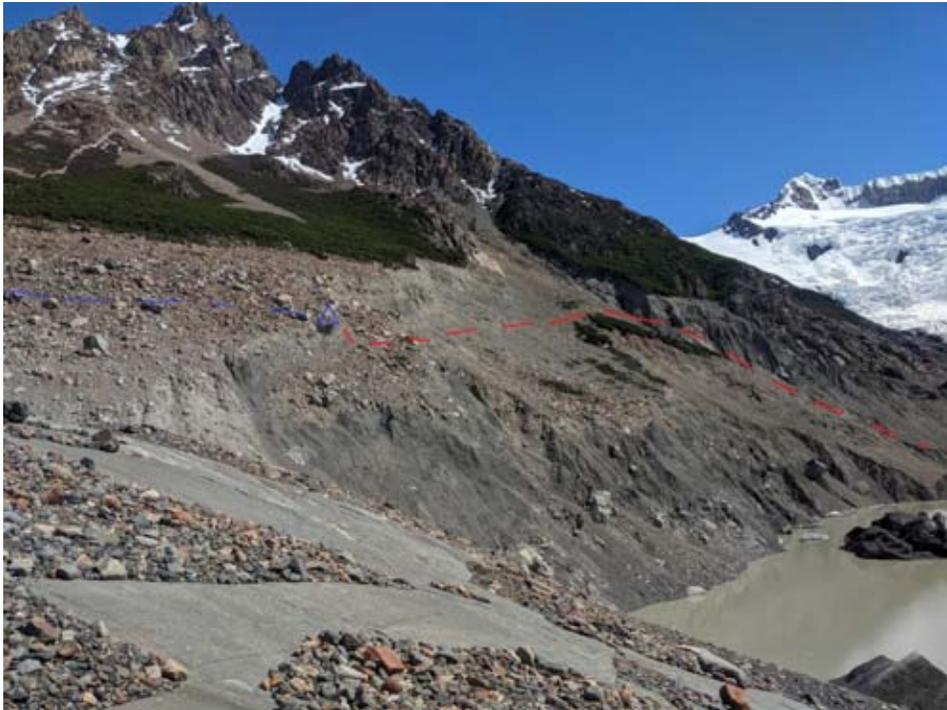
2. There are few trails go down marked with cairns. You need to navigate to big boulder with cairn on it



3. 5-7 meters below boulder with cairn almost on the moraine ridge there is another one cairn. 2-3 meters below it you need to climb down 7-10 meters. This is hard and risky section so be careful.



4. From this point you need to make long traverse to the trees you see. When you reach trees go up (few cairns) and above it to the right



5. In one section you need to go little bit down – you can see cairn on boulder. You need to reach marked point on picture



6. Go down the couloir to a flat section and go left



7. From this point you can see that the path hugs around a corner. This is the last hard section and at the moment there is a fixed rope (20 M) that will help you get up. Follow the trail that is marked with cairns.



8. The trail will bring you to an open section where there is some vegetation and creeks. You will see a good spot to bivi next to a boulder. From this point go right and down to reach a safe way up onto the white glacier.



9. Make a traverse on white glacier to cross glacier river (it is a wider crossing on the high / left side but easy to cross down lower / going right). After crossing the river go up and right towards the moraine.



10. There are lots of option to cross once on the moraine (beware there are some visible crevasses). When you reach the flat section on the moraine navigate towards the big chimney you can see on El Mochito.



11. Keep right and try to follow the line of weakness on right side. Niponino is 100 meters before arriving to the wall of El Mochito where you have to turn right. After 50-100 meters you should to find Niponino. It is recommended that you save the waypoint for Niponino since it can be difficult getting back in the dark or in bad weather.



IMPORTANT NOTE: there is a grey fox that lives in the area and will eat your food. Make sure you hang your food and anything the fox might be interested in on one of the larger boulders.

Many climbers have had their climbing plans frustrated because they left their food behind in their tents)

