

4. Research and History of the Area

Below is a chronological list of what mountaineering expedition activity we could find for the area.

1995 British Tien Shan Expedition

The expedition to climb Peak Kirov 6073m (using the Kaindy glacier for access) by Rob Collister and John Cousins successfully passed through the Kaindy glacier and summited Peak Moelwyn (5784m). They failed to reach the summit of Kirov but reached a highpoint of approx 5400m.

Available from http://www.alpinejournal.org.uk/Contents/Contents_1996_files/AJ%201996%20140-146%20Collister%20Tien%20Shan.pdf

1995 Tragedy on Peak 5445

A two person UK team suffer the loss of Mick Davies while attempting Peak 5445. Two Russian guides are also killed while attempting a rescue.

1995 Paul Hudson Expedition

A successful expedition to the area with two new peaks and 3 high points (all 1st ascents). We are grateful to Paul for his assistance in providing a copy of the report which is available from the Alan Rouse library in Sheffield. This report was useful in providing a number of photos (see above) of potential targets. A shortened version of their report is available from <http://www.therockface.co.uk/>

2004 Polish Team

Successful ascent of Byssymylda 4901m. This was lower down the glacier than we expected to climb at approx Lat 42° 1'55.40"N, Long 79°33'0.91"E. A video of their trip is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epm211X0QCc&feature=youtu.be&t=669>

2013 Russian Walking Group

The glacier is occasionally frequented by 'glacier walking' (a form of mountaineering which sees summits as completely optional.) Such activities are rarely documented but one example of a group passing through the Kaindy in 2013 can be found at http://www.mountain.ru/article/article_display1.php?article_id=7167 (google translate may be helpful). The main benefit of this report to us was the many photos taken by the team as they passed through.

2015 Swiss Team

A Swiss group that made two ascents, including the 1st ascent of Pk.5445 on the south side of the glacier which they named Peak Dom.