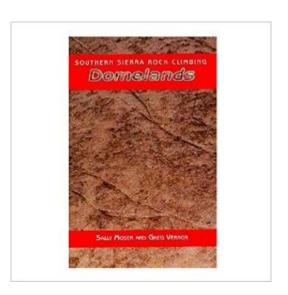
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Synopsis

The expansive area of domes and crags just northwest of the Needles is described with photos and topos.

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Customer Reviews

This book is out of print but about the only guide book that covers this area. I used to do an annual trip to Bart Dome for a three day easy backpack trip and we'd backpack in (3-4hrs) then climb two 1/2 days and one full day. Some climbs you could belay from your sleeping bag and there's a spring about 100-150ft from the rock, it is a beautiful isolated piece of wilderness, great for a group of up to about 16 climbers. The author Greg and I used to co-lead this annual trip. We'd leave a double rope top rope set up on a 5.9 route and at night (no lights allowed) would race up it and see who could climb it the fastest. At about midnight a zillion huge millipedes covered the rock and it would startle you when you grabbed one of them thinking it was a hand hold, or your foot would slip if you squished one with your foot... wheeeeeee! Ran into Allen Steck (co-author, 50 Classic Climbs) one trip at Bart. He was very lucky as the day before on the route he climbed, I led a pitch that had no anchor yet so I ran out of rope and had to downclimb 50ft with no pro, bring up Greg so he could install the anchors and then we could finish the climb. Easter weekend we'd lead a trip to where else... Easter Wall. We'd run into a huge rattlesnake each year there... Good times. Climbers looking for areas for 1st ascents might want to check out this book as there's plenty of new route potential in some of the areas. Okay, it's not the best, most detailed guide book, but it's the only book to this lightly visited area.

Overall a good book of an area without a lot of info. Better photos w/ route overlays or more topos would be useful. Although the idea of keeping more adventure in climbing and thus finding your own way as outlined in the intro is nice to find in a guidebook.

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