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Landmark #15 Mount Thor Canada





Named after the Norse god of the thunder, Mount Thor has an elevation of 1,675 metres and is located on Baffin Island, Canada. The mountain features Earth's greatest vertical drop of 1,250 m, with the cliff overhanging at an average angle of 15 degrees from vertical. Despite its remoteness, this feature makes the mountain a popular rock climbing site.

Donald Morton and Lyman Spitzer made the first ascent of Mount Thor in 1965 during the Alpine Club of Canada expedition led by Pat Baird. Pat Baird had also led the 1953 geophysical expedition during which Hans Weber, J. Rothlisberger and F. Schwarzenbach climbed the North Tower of nearby Mount Asgard for the first time. The first ascent of the western rock wall of Mount Thor was achieved by Earl Redfern, John Bagley, Eric Brand and Tom Bepler in 1985.

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