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Hovling In 1986, Hovling moved to North Conway, New Hampshire, knowing nothing about climbing. But an ad in an alpinist magazine — for Boreal climbing shoes — left him intrigued. “There was a guy climbing, unroped, 500 feet up,” he recalls. “I wanted to be him.” Days later he bought the shoes. Flash forward 22 years and Hovling, a married father with three children, is now the manager of the EMS Climbing School in New Paltz, New York, near the Catskills. His notable ascents include Epinephrine in Red Rocks, Nevada, and Cotopaxi in Ecuador. He loves guiding climbers of all levels, even beginners. “I enjoy seeing what they get out of a day of climbing,” he says. “It makes me remember when I was starting out.” When all he had was a pair of shoes. **THE JACKET:** *North Face DIAD* The nylon ripstop HyVent DT fabric and welded seams keep moisture out of this 7.9-ounce jacket, but our favorite feature has to be the mini pit vents (\$199; thenorthface.com).

Hovling wears Double Wicked T by MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR, \$32; Ascent pants by EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS, \$150. Meteor III helmet, \$100, Nomad rope, \$210, and Adjama harness, \$80, all by PETZL.

Copeland (left) wears a shirt, \$85, by RLX. Ironman Triathlon watch by TIMEEX, \$70; Slice Gloves by PEARL IZUMI, \$30. Bike: GIANT TCR AERO.