

PILGRIMAGE (1000 years of Russian Christianity)

Kara-su valley (Kyrgyzstan)

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GENERAL:

Great rock (super solid with amazing features and holds all the way) and amazing straight line in the middle of the huge wall. Mixed of crack and slab climbing.

Difficulty up to 6a+/6b on the last 2 pitches.

The ones before are all between 5a and 5c (french).

The route will be finished in the future (the rest looks still very promising). Unfortunately we couldn't finish it to the top because of bad weather and an accident occurred on the way down from yellow wall.

APPROACH:

Follow the path which goes to Peak Odessa. Pass underneath the southwest wall of peak "1000 year of Russian Christianity". The route start on the right crack under the vertical of 2 small roof of pitch 5 (about 500 m after you get into the glacier basin). There's a jammed red slings in the first crack (layback)

EQUIPMENT:

All the bealys (except for the anchor of pitch n. 4 just below the roof) are equipped with 2 Raumer bolts and a red sling.

Take 2 sets of friends up to n.3 and 1 n.4. Few quickdraws.

DESCENT:

Easy straight rapels on the route following all the anchors in place.

ROUTE

L1- follow the right flake, then traverse up to the left on a slab to a bigger flake and follow it to the belay (1 raumer bolt+1 nut)

L2- up to a small flake, follow the black slab and the diedral to the left till the anchor on the right (2 raumer bolts)

L3- climb the black slab on the left of the anchor, traverse right to a small roof (1 piton) and follow it right until the end. Now up and left again using a flake and reaching the big flake/arch. Follow the flake/arch to the right just under a black slab with knobs. Climb the black slab until the anchor (2 raumer bolts) on the right.

L4- climb up to the flake/arch up on the right and follow it till a good place to make a good anchor with friends (0.5/0.75 wild country) below the bigger roof.

L5- move right on the slab, then straight up pointing the major roof passing through a small diedral; before the roof traverse left on the slab and then climb the roof where it gets easier using the crack; now traverse a bit right to the belay (2 raumer bolts)

L6- climb straight up on easy terrain passing the big ledge; point the flake a bit on the right, then straight to the anchor (1 raumer bolt and 1 piton)

L7- climb slightly right then straight where it gets easier pointing a crack (bolt at the beginning of the crack); follow the crack till the end, then traverse right to the anchor (1 raumer bolt + 1 piton)

L8- follow the amazing crack (hand jams) till the end; then up a few meters to the anchor on the right (2 raumer bolts)

L9- descend 1 m and traverse left the slab to the big diedral. Follow it for 7/8 m and when it gets easier exits it to the left pointing a nice flake system; follow it till the end and then go up and left to a bolt and still a few meters to the anchor (2 raumer bolts)

L10- climb the small diedral on the left, then over the slab to another small diedral; now follow the bolt over the slab to the anchor (2 raumer bolts)