

Svarog, North Face

Kyrgyzstan, Pamir Alai, Ashat Gorge

The Russian team of Vladislav Dubrovin, Vadim Kalinkin, Konstantin Markevich, and Dmitry Skotnikov completed the first ascent of Svarog (4,960m), the central peak of the north-facing wall at the head of the Ashat Gorge. The team spent 10 days ascending the wall, climbing capsule-style and using extensive aid, including dozens of bolts for protection, belays, and rappels. A blank wall and the nearly horizontal 15-meter roof above it (pitches 18 and 19) were climbed almost entirely with bolts. The climbers reported the route as 1,250m, with 700m on the big-wall portion, and graded the ascent 6B A3+.

A complete trip report (in Russian), with numerous photos and topos, can be downloaded here in PDF form (49 MB).

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Images



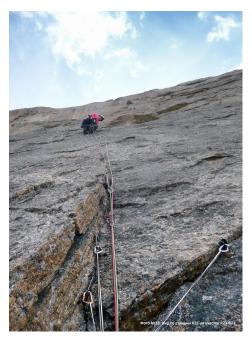
Line of the first ascent of the 1,250m north face of Svarog (4,960m), the last big face at the head of the Ashat Gorge to be climbed.



The enormous roof of pitch 19 on Svarog.



The huge roof of pitch 19 on Svarog.



Pitch 24 on Svarog's north face.

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