



Kugelhorn, North Face, Vind för Våg

Norway, Nordland

The Kugelhorn (68.25592°N, 16.47003°E) in the Efjorden region is perhaps best known for its classic east ridge (Ostkammen, Norwegian 5-/5). The north face is steep and extensive, and to date there have been only a few routes: the North Slope (5 pitches, VI-, 2007), which slants up left to join the east ridge; Solskensdiederet (5 pitches, 7, 2007); Torskefiskaren (6 pitches, 7-, 1980); and Ogat (6 pitches, A2, 1981). In 2019 two new routes were added.

Krister Jonsson, who made the first ascent of Solskensdiederet, returned on August 26 to climb Vind för Våg (six pitches, 7+), starting to the left of his previous route. The line was climbed roped solo; it begins 30m to the left of an obvious left-slanting corner. A 40m pitch of 6+ leads to 30m of poorly protected climbing (7-). A short vertical corner and cracks with a few fixed pegs (35m, 6+) leads to a 40m crux pitch with delicate moves on slabs (7/7+) to gain a diedre. This corner system is followed for two pitches (35m, 7; 50m, 6+) to the top. The climb requires a normal rack of trad gear.

Also in August, and farther right (between Torskefiskaren and Ogat), Stian Bruvoll and Philip Curry (Norway) climbed the nine-pitch Nordwestpassasjen (7-, with sections of hard, bold climbing).

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Images



The large cliff on the north face of Kugelhorn, seen from the east ridge, and the line of Vind för Våg (2019). Beyond, the view continues out to the E fjorden.

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