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Gronky Peak, Chshukin Route

Kyrgyzstan, Tien Shan, Western Kokshaal-too

As part of a large Kazakh national team expedition, Grigoriy Chshukin (leader), Leonid Krupa, and Roman Shesternin climbed a new route up the rocky west face of Gronky Peak (5,050m), above the East Kyzyl Asker Glacier. The trio made the ascent on July 26, 2022, completing the 18-pitch rock wall in about 12.5 hours, with a mix of free climbing and aid. They continued up a moderate alpine ridge to the summit, then descended to the north to the col with Yurnos Peak, then down to the glacier, returning to their camp by 10:30 p.m. [Download the team's full report here.](#)

—Dougald MacDonald, AAJ

Editor's Note: A couloir on the far (south) side of this rock buttress was climbed in 2023 by a British team, who joined the Kazakh line near the top of the rock wall and continued up the summit ridge to within about 100 meters of the top. [See the report here.](#)

Images



Moving up the summit ridge on Gronky Peak.



The line of the 2022 Kazakh route up the west face of Gronky Peak (5,050m).

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