

Rigi-Hochflue North Face

“Akademikerweg” AD+, M3, 370m

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The first ascent was done to honor the 125th anniversary of the AACZ

Route: steep snow fields <50° interrupted by short mixed sections.

Always keep right until you reach the big couloir in the central part. To avoid the large avalanche-prone snow fields climb straight up underneath the head wall and traverse right until you reach a free-standing tree with a sling. Rappel full 60m or downclimb M2/M3 terrain until the next snow field. Continue above the snow field and aim for the summit. Approx. 30m below the summit keep right through the trees to avoid steeper terrain. The exist chimney can be avoided by walking towards the hiking trail and taking the ladder. The topo shows the easiest path, but more difficult variants are possible.

The whole face is prone to gliding avalanches.

Access: Start at bus stop Lauerz, Dorf following the hiking trail towards Gätterlipass. At 1100m turn left and walk towards the face. The last 200 vertical meter straight south through the forest

Descent: one of the many hiking trails

Equipment: slings and cords to put the second on belay. 60m double ropes for the rappel

