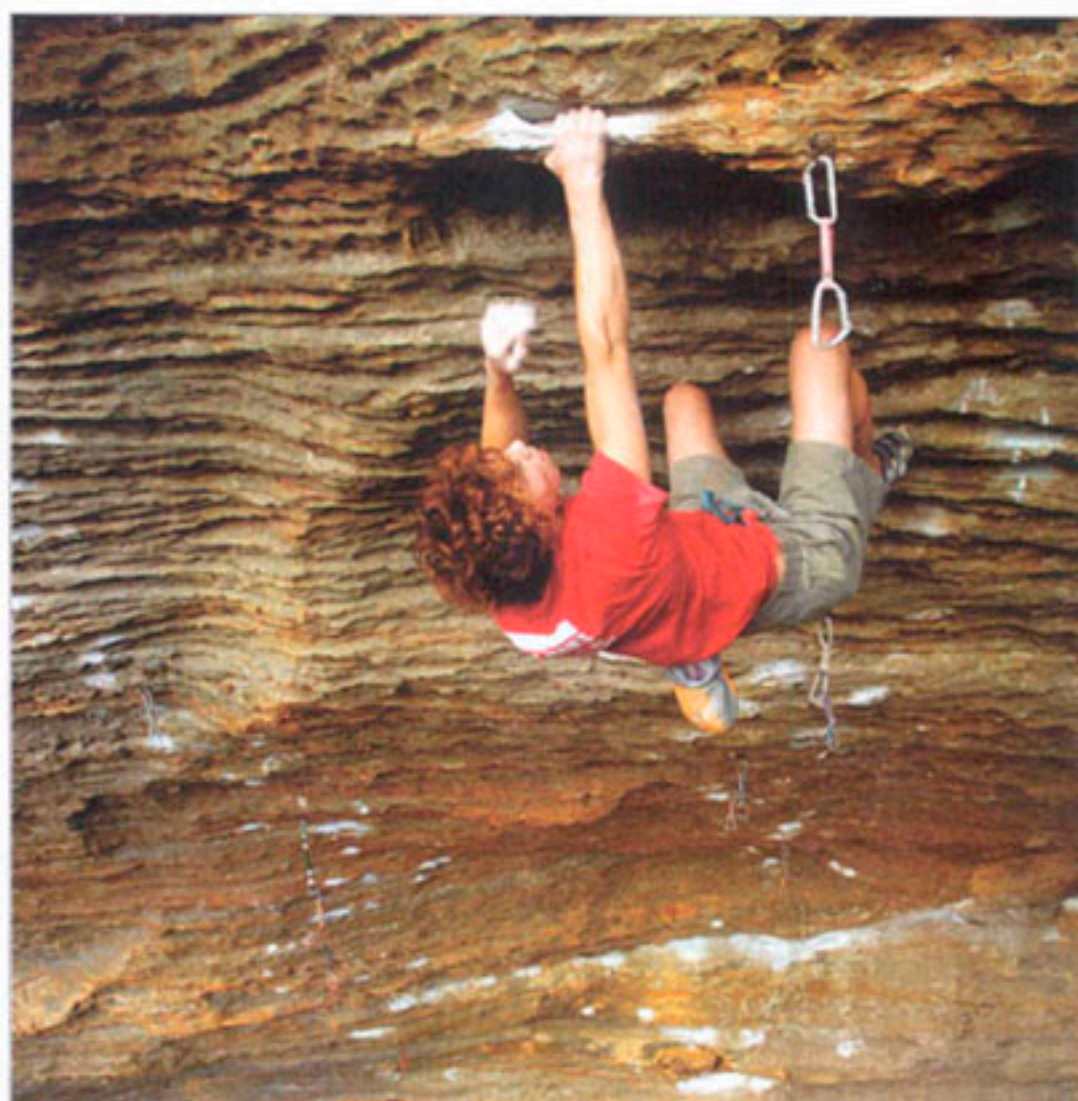
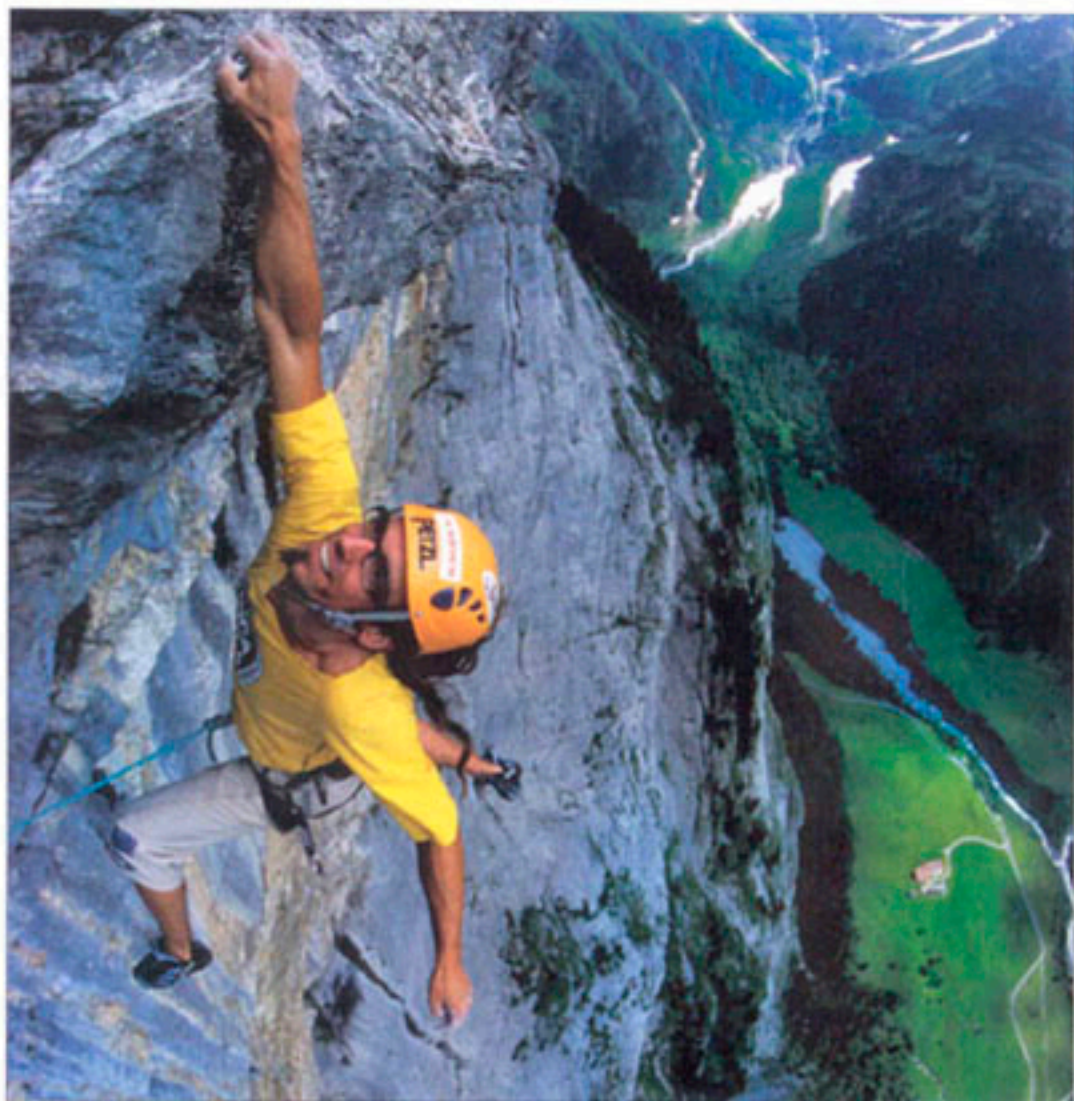


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SWITZERLAND'S MOST CONTINUOUS ALPINE SPORT ROUTE

ON JUNE 29, the Swiss climber Matthias Trottmann, 31, redpointed 6.4 *Seconds* (5.14a) on the steepest section of the Fürenwand, a 2,000-foot wall in Switzerland. Trottmann, who has authored more than 50 first ascents of routes up to 5.14a and has finished as high as fourth place in World Cup competitions, began work on the wall soon after his quick ascent (the third) of Stefan Glowacz's famous 13-pitch wall route on Titus Peak, *Last Exit* (5.13c), Switzerland.

The first challenge for Trottmann was dialing in an approach that avoided the wall's scruffy lower slabs. After sussing a path that took him to the base of the 600-foot, overhanging upper third of the wall, he set to work, but was stymied on his first go, saying that the lead bolting "was just too steep and hard for me." Later, with the support of his partner, Tabea, he

returned and spent seven days getting the bolts in the line.

"To trust the cliff was always very scary," he said.

Trottmann, too amped to wait for spring, returned to the wall in the middle of January and started wiring sequences. "What I found was four hours of sunshine, a warm wall and big icicles." He also uncovered a string of seven difficult pitches—5.11, 5.13d/14a, 5.13c, 5.13b, 5.13a, 5.12b—that prompted a winter of bouldering and training.

He returned in June, and after three attempts, redpointed every pitch of the route in a day. "Finally, I could hang on the last jug and watch down 6.4 seconds, the time it would take to free-fall 200 meters, directly to the start of the assault on the route. It was, for me, like a great game."

5.13 Soloed (Twice)

17-YEAR-OLD GREG KERZHNER IS ROPELESS IN KENTUCKY

THE MADNESS CAVE is a tremendous amphitheater of mostly solid rock, and the steepest of the many crags that comprise the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. *BOHICA* (5.13b) is no different than the cave's other routes—steep, tremendous and consisting of mostly solid rock. In midsummer, Greg Kerzhner, 17, from Mayfield, Ohio, soloed *BOHICA*.

"It was real hot and humid, and the route was in the afternoon sun," says Kerzhner. "Why that day? Because no one wanted to belay me!"

The feat, as is often the case with soloing, spurred heated reactions, both negative and positive.

"Almost all my friends were very supportive," says Kerzhner. "Later, other people were very negative. It's ironic that all my friends, who care most

about me, were all for it, and people who didn't know me were ticked off. But you can read about that on the Internet."

After his solo, Kerzhner ran into photographer Dan Brayack, who brought up the bold feat—and the two made plans to take photos.

Kerzhner and Brayack headed out early morning on September 4, and with no one there, Kerzhner soloed the route again while Brayack took photos.

"It was like watching him climb 5.11—super smooth, totally focused," says Brayack.

"After he soloed it," Brayack continues, "I jokingly told him, 'Good one, dude. Now if you ever do that again, I'm going to f—ing kill you!' He kind of nervously laughed."