



NAMIBIA, TIRAS MOUNTAINS

Knusperhaus: Pumpspur

RATING/DIFFICULTY:

» 7a (7a, 3), 28 m, 2 pitches

LOCATION/ACCESS:

» The Knusperhaus at the private property of the Ranch Koiimasis is one of the finest rock climbing spots in Namibia, located seven hours southwest of Windhoek. From the camp site you walk over to the Chalet Virosa, where you follow the path southwards to a dead tree. Here you turn right. Walk and scramble up to the Schloss and the Knusperhaus. The approach takes about 20 minutes from the camp site. GPS-coordinates: S 25° 55' 32.50", E 16° 15' 35.10".

EQUIPMENT/GEAR:

» C4-Camalots in between 0.3–3.0 (#2 twice, #5 and #6 for belay on the 2nd pitch), 60 m double rope

NOTE:

» The clean route starts at the south face of the Knusperhaus right behind the boulder block as seen on the picture above. It follows the crack line on excellent rock and offers nice trad climbing on a hand- and fist-crack. After 14 meters you exit into a gap, where you can belay on a block. From here you start the second pitch through a chimney to the top. Rappel down on a rappel anchor at the north face.

FIRST ASCENT

» Micha Rinn on November 20th, 2011.



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OVERALL VIEW:

- » The climbing area at the Ranch Koiimasis with the north face of Schloss (front), Knusperhaus (behind) and Hospoda u Zámek (the massif in the background) as seen from the campsite.