



# Combination of routes at Steinplatte (AT)

## Two top routes combined: Dunnaweda + Kraft der Worte

's Dunnaweda	Kraft der Worte	H.Fink (2002↓)	Esl Erg (2007↓)
ED, 8+(8-), S2	ED-, 8 (7+), S2	120 clm	130 clm
W, 1630 m a.s.l.	S, 1700 m a.s.l.	300 vam	
		overall impression	★★★★★
		adventure	
		variety	●●●
		scenery	●●●
		exposure	●●
		rock quality	●●●
		steepness	/   \
		fun factor	●

The Steinplatte is the western boundary of a cliff which is between 30 and 150 meters high and about 8 km long. It extends from Waidring in Tyrol (Austria) to Lofer in Salzburg where it is bounded by the Urkopf, yet another interesting multi-pitch climbing area. While the northern slopes of the Steinplatte are known as a ski resort and are therefore spoiled, its south side has remained almost untouched (except for a ridiculous, recently constructed observation deck). It offers magnificent views of the adjacent Wilder Kaiser and to the white peaks of the Central Alps. The climbing in the Oberräth Riffkalk (shell and coralline limestone) is demanding, both by its nature as by the protection. The here presented routes are typical for the climbing at Steinplatte and are relatively well protected. Each of these routes is worth a goal for itself, their combination is a challenging task for a day.

The route "Dunnaweda" is a creation of "Huwi" (Hubert) Fink who had a special talent for first ascents. He tragically died in a skiing accident in 2009. In this route one can find everything: inclined but mostly steep face climbing including edges and an overhang in alternating gray, red and yellow limestone. The crux is in P3, an overhang which is complicated to climb. P4 provides spectacular, easier climbing along an arete with a surprising exit to the right over a short wall and then to the left to the abseil belay.



From there you can either return to the base of the wall by 2 times abseiling (60 m rope required), or you get off to the left and, within a few meters, reach a path that leads through the mountain pine area. After about 150 meters in eastern direction you come to the pillar of "Ironmouse" and to the abseil belay for the next route. This belay is about 5 meters east of the "golden" belay of the route "Jesus" (see photo). After 35 m abseiling you reach the next golden chain. With two other rappels of 55 and 30 meters you are at the start of "Kraft der Worte" (belay at a ring).

Only in 2007 Esl Erg (the 'Klettapforra', i.e. climbing pastor, which explains the clustering of religious route names at the Steinplatte) did the first ascent of this logical line which is well on its way to become a classic. If you belay at the ring (coming from above), climb up right, directly to the second bolt of "Kraft der Worte". In P5 and P6 tricky slab and face climbing dominate. P7, the crux pitch, is steeper, but easy to read face climbing which ends in a passage of buckets in the best of dark gray rock. P8 continues with climbing on buckets and ends at the summit with a short friction section. From there go about 10 meters east to the abseil belay of "Ironmouse" which leads to the base of the wall by 3-4 rappels (if you would once again abseil via the route "Jesus", the last rappel (60 m!) leads through mountain pines).

**Approach:** From Waidring in Tyrol drive up the toll road (€ 8.00) to the parking for hikers on Steinplatte. From there in about 45 minutes to the routes.

**Start of the routes:** "Dunnaweda" begins on a small ledge and is marked with a plaque. The start of "Kraft der Worte" is located about 60 m above the ground on a ledge with mountain pines. It can be reached either from below via the route "Pfungstoanigl" (belay at bolt + piton below the first bolt with plaque of "Kraft der Worte"), or by abseiling to the ring further to the west as described herein.

**Guidebook:** A. Stocker, Kletterführer Steinplatte, Panico Alpinverlag, 2010





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**P4:** 7+, b8  
exposed gray pillar,  
then crossing to the  
right into steep wall,  
exit to the left

**P3:** 8+, b8  
crux pitch,  
two hard sections in  
red and yellow rock

**P2:** 8-, b8  
tricky face climbing

**P1:** 7+, b7  
start at plaque,  
difficulty at the end

**P8:** 7, b6, t1  
buckets (1 tunnel with fixed  
cord) and slab at the end

**P7:** 8, b4, t3  
steep face with the  
crux at the 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt

**P6:** 8-, b14, t2  
from the belay straight up  
(not left!) into gray slab,  
at the end traverse to  
the right into dihedral

**P5:** 8-, b11  
face climbing  
on gray pillar





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In the route **"Dunnaweda"** shortly before the tricky passage of P2.



The first hard section in the crux pitch P3.



The actual crux in P3.



In P4 along the arete in the best of rock.



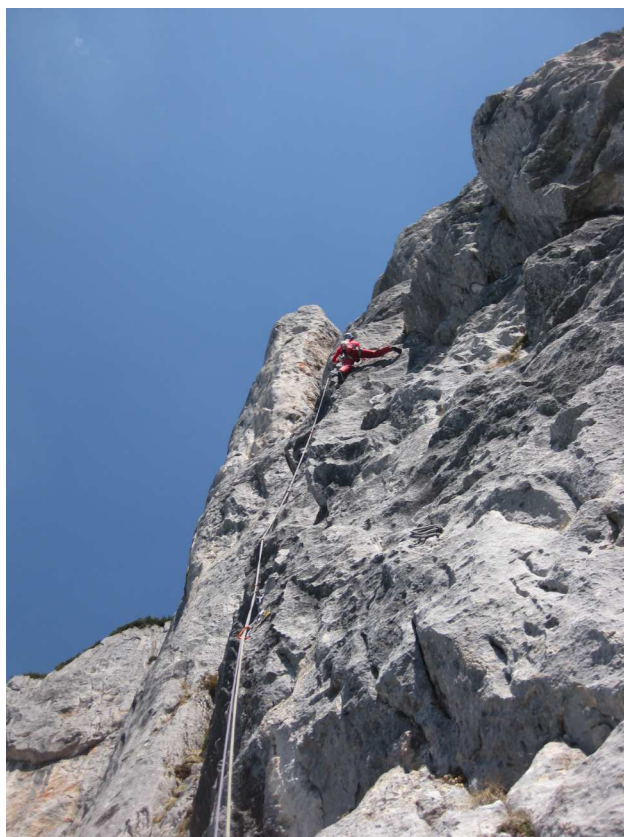


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The rappel belay on the pillar of "Ironmouse" from where you reach the start of **"Kraft der Worte"**. Far below, the Grünwaldalm can be seen.



The weakly pronounced pillar in P5 (viewed from access via "Pfungstoanigl").



In the long slab pitch P6.



The crux in P7.