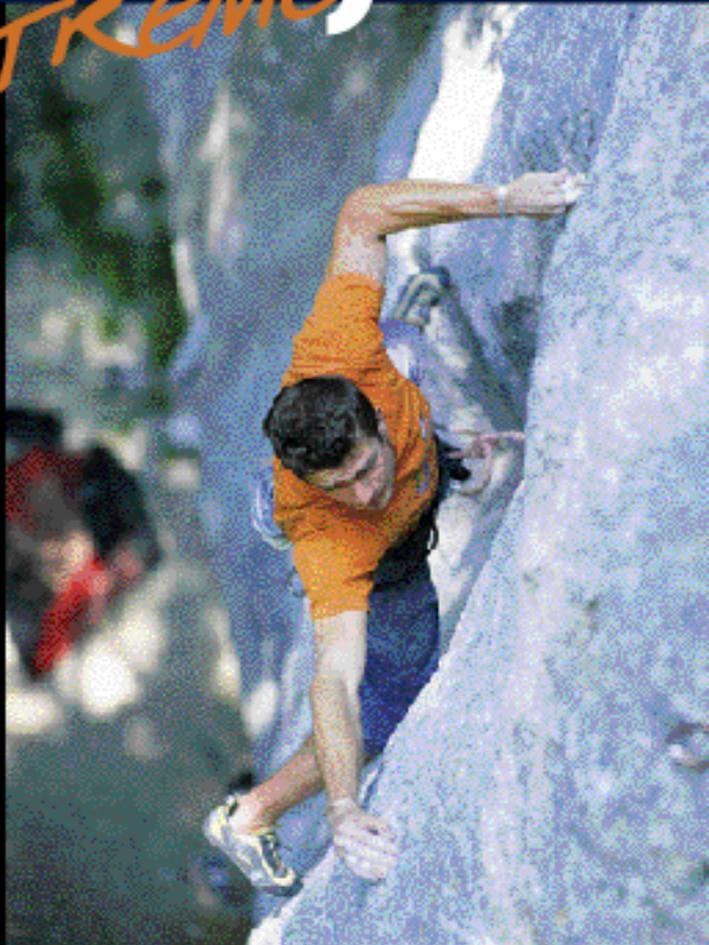


The ultimate guidebook for grade 8(U1AA) and beyond

# Frankenjura

*EXTREME*

Bamberg Areas  
Upper Wiesental  
Ailsbachtal  
Püttlachtal  
Gößweinstein  
Trubachtal  
Pegnitztal  
Hirschbachtal



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## Introduction

Northern Frankenjura is the most important climbing area in Germany. In 1975 Kurt Albert started marking routes he had climbed free, with a red dot at the start. This was the beginning of the redpoint generation. Today there are more than 8000 climbing routes in northern Bavaria between the cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Bayreuth. The grading is in UIAA grades. The comparison to the French scale, the YDS and the British grades is on page 207. Most routes require a 60 meter rope, and 8 - 10 quickdraws. Nuts and slings aren't necessary unless you want to do one of the few crack lines (Bückling at Bärenschlucht or Luftballondach at Schüttersmühler Wand).

In this guide book only the best cliffs for hard routes above UIAA grade 8 (fr. 7a, E5 6b or YDS 5.11d) are included. The 100+ crags and 2000+ routes should keep most climbers busy for a lifetime. Northern Frankenjura is divided into 8 areas which are introduced by a short overview with a detailed map showing parking and approach. Each topo has a short text giving details about approach, orientation and general information. Each cliff has one or more topos with numbering going from left to right. The ratings, who did the first ascent, the year (as far as known) and a short comment are given for each route.

If you've done most of the routes in this book, why not learn some German and grab the Kletterfuehrer Frankenjura Band 1 and Band 2 for 8000 routes of all grades. In these 2 books almost every cliff is listed. The first volume (Band 1) describes the cliffs of the northern part of Frankenjura (Wiesenttal, Goessweinstein, Puettlachtal, Ailsbachtal, Schesslitz Area, Kleinziegenfelder Tal, Baerental and Niesten). The cliffs in the southern part (Trubachtal, Betzenstein, Spies, Pegnitztal, Hirschbachtal and Lehenhammental) are part of a second volume called „Kletterfuehrer Frankenjura Band 2“.

A map can be found on the last page of this book. For a more detailed orientation 2 maps are recommended: UK L 29 (Naturpark Fraenkische Schweiz/Veldensteiner Forst) by Bayerisches Landesvermessungsamt, scale 1:50 000 and „Bayern Nord“ by Mairs Geographischer Verlag sold in most book shops and Shell stations, scale 1:200 000.

Forget about Powerbar! Frau Walter serving her famous cakes at Gasthof Eichler  
Foto: Jörg Zeidelhack



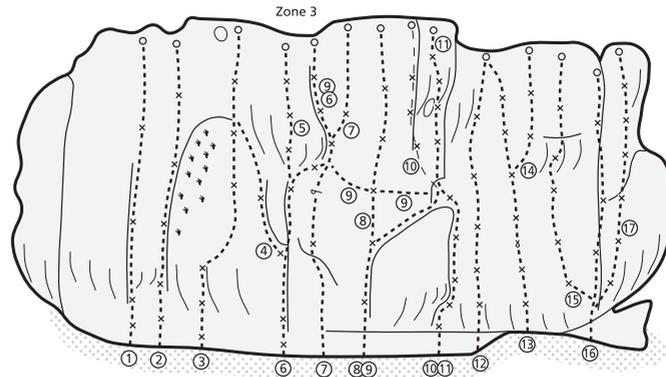
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# Holzgauer Wand (closed Feb 1st until July 31st)

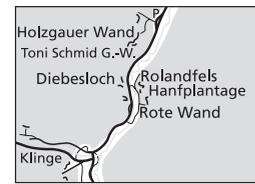


This group of cliffs is called "Altes Schloss" and has some of the best endurance routes in the 10th grade on the right-hand side. On the left are great routes on steep rock littered with pockets of all sizes and shapes. Only the middle wall is closed from Feb 1st until July 31st.

**Approach:** From Kleinziegenfeld drive towards Weismain. 1,3 km after the yellow end-of-village sign is a parking area on the L. Follow a path 80 m uphill into the forest. Stairs on the L lead to the right-hand side of the cliffs. **GPS:** N 50°02.050, E 11°12.213



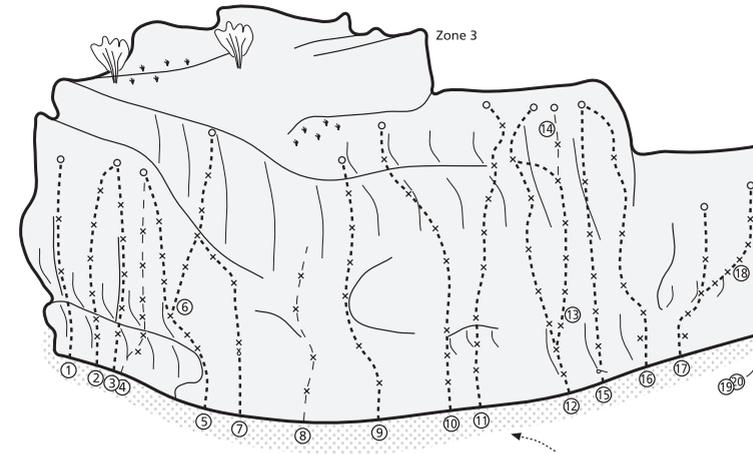
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| 1 Linke Verschneidung          | 5+  E. Hoffmann 60   the left-hand corner, take a few wires        |
| 2 Holzgauer Verschneidung      | 5+ maybe if you've done everything else here                       |
| 3 Angst im Nacken              | 7+ K. Bauernschmitt   steep pocketed rock, a little runout         |
| 4 Holzgauer Weg                | 6+ F. Dassler 29 (6- a1)   nice moves up the corner                |
| 5 Direkter Ausstieg            | 8 J. Linhöft   the crux is pulling over the bulge on small pockets |
| 6 Direkter Dohlenweg           | 7-  great climbing up the big corner                               |
| 7 Der un menschliche Polsterer | 8+ A. Dauven 99   a little contrived variation                     |
| 8 Nutzlos                      | 9- B. Leuthäuser 89   hidden holds make this one hard to on-sight  |
| 9 Alter Dohlenweg              | 6 A. Neumeister 28   the easiest way through this wall             |
| 10 Project                     |  |
| 11 Igelweg                     | 7+ T. Dremel 80   steep and tricky corner                          |
| 12 Very Little Green Man       | 8 K. Bauernschmitt   long moves off the ground                     |
| 13 Ostwand                     | 8+ K. Thon 72 (a2 5)   the start used to be a lot easier           |
| 14 Ääi watt iis?               | 8+ H. Andelt 01   right-hand finish to Ostwand                     |
| 15 Für Charles Mingus          | 8- K. Bauernschmitt   good moves through a steep roof              |
| 16 Ostriss                     | 6- K. Thon 71   not as bad as it looks                             |
| 17 Golem                       | 7 not as good as it looks  |



# Holzgauer Wand



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| 1 Milchstraße         | 9+/10- | W. Thon 88   unusual and steep crack line                      |
| 2 Snatch away         | 10-    | M. Bock 97   these pockets can eat your fingers                |
| 3 Max & Moritz        | 10     | P. Dümig 97   shallow jams, only for masochists                |
| 4 Project             |        |  |
| 5 Blowjob             | 10-    | M. Eichhorn 93   tricky moves at the crux                      |
| 6 Apollofalter        | 10/10+ | M. Bock 98   a good linkup, without the no-hands rest on the L |
| 7 Plastikfieber       | 10-    | M. Kies 91   easy start for the bouldery upper wall            |
| 8 Project             |        |  |
| 9 Casablanca          | 10-    | 1st free: C. Seidel 90   travels through the big roof          |
| 10 Lancelot           | 10-    | C. Seidel 91   even harder, good moves on pockets              |
| 11 Highlander         | 10-    | C. Seidel 93   not a give-away for the grade                   |
| 12 Nikita             | 10-    | C. Seidel 90   pumpy and tricky with a great finish            |
| 13 Des Mos            | 10+    | G. Köstermeyer 94   a little contrived variation of Nikita     |
| 14 Project            |        |  |
| 15 Hänsel ohne Gretel | 10     | H.-J. Cron 01   bouldery start, pumpfest to the top            |
| 16 Nimué              | 9      | Tamara Schlemmer 90   many great moves                         |
| 17 Coppa Banana       | 9-     | H. Gräf 90   the crux is pulling over the roof                 |
| 18 L'eau rage         | 9+/10- | Karin Anders 05   pumpy climbing along the lip                 |
| 19 Footloose          | 9+     | J. Schulz 04   short bouldery route around the corner          |
| 20 Seeed              | 9/9+   | J. Schulz 06   the last route on the R                         |

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Kurt Alber exercising bawarian tradclimbing-style, Rötthelms, Devil's Crook (7) | Foto: Thomas Ballenberger



Sarah Seeger, Hühnsel ohne Gretel (10), Holzgauer Wand (Bamberg Areas) | Foto: Jörg Zeidelhack

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# Waldkopf

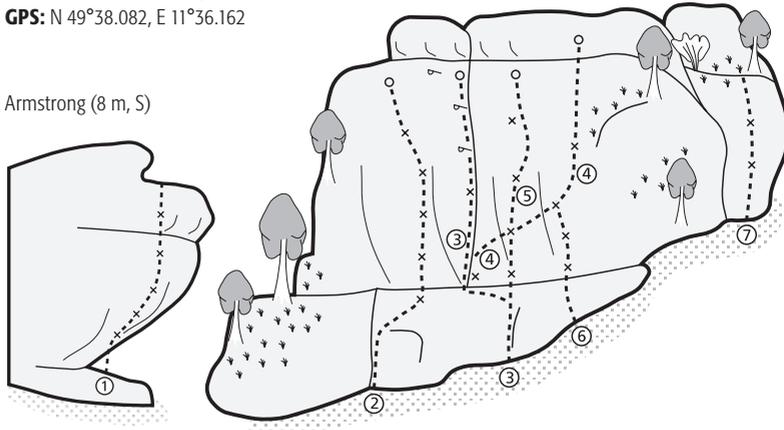


For some climbers „Action Directe“ is reason enough to come to Frankenjura. The wall is very steep and pocketed. There's often a nice breeze up here, when it's too hot and humid elsewhere.

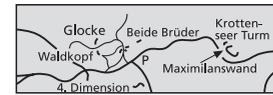
**Approach:** In Krottensee drive towards Maximiliansgrotte. 1,6 km past Maximiliansgrotte is a parking lot on the R. Park here. Cross the road and walk uphill to 2 small towers. Follow the green trail straight past some rocks with boulder problems. Turn L and walk through another gap between the cliffs. After 100 m the cliff will be on your L.

**GPS:** N 49°38.082, E 11°36.162

Armstrong (8 m, S)



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| 1 Armstrong        | 11- M. Bock 01   steep and desperate                                     |
| * 2 Action Directe | 11 W. Güllich 91   the most coveted line in Frankenjura                  |
| 3 Feiste Fäuste    | 9 1st RP A. Flitsch 87   overhanging technical corner                    |
| 4 Teddys Wampe     | 9+/10- A. Flitsch 87   the direct version called Slimline is much better |
| * 5 Slimline       | 10- W. Güllich 91   steep cranking on 2 finger pockets                   |
| 6 Mawis Wampe      | 9+ M. Windisch 95   reachy over the bulge                                |
| 7 Sachsenboulder   | 9+ short, shltty and sharp   |



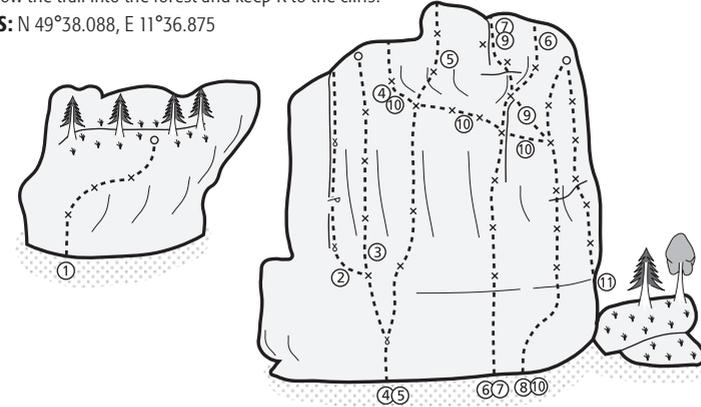
# Krottenseer Turm



Krottenseer Turm and Maximilianswand are some of the best and most popular places in summer. There are 70+ routes for climbers of all abilities. And a nice pleasant setting in a cool forest.

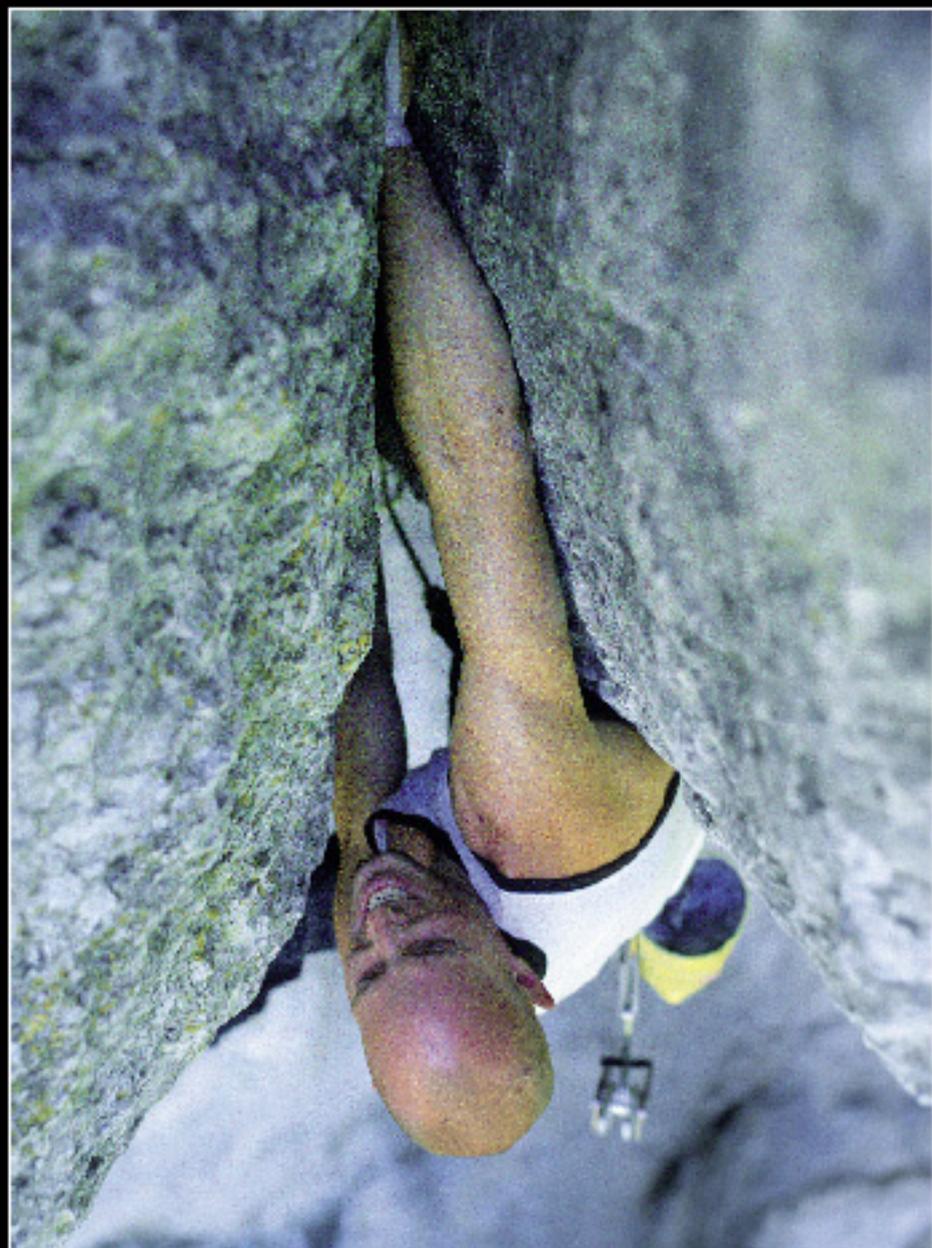
**Approach:** In Krottensee drive towards Maximiliansgrotte. 2,1 km past Maximiliansgrotte park on the L. Follow the trail into the forest and keep R to the cliffs.

**GPS:** N 49°38.088, E 11°36.875



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| 1 Boiling Point               | 10-/10 M. Ordnung 94   powerful and long moves - reachy            |
| 2 Richard Holzberger Ged.-Weg | 7 ! K. Albert 72 (6 a1)   hasn't been done in years                |
| 3 Wüsterman                   | 10+ V. Wüstermann 89   the blank nothing                           |
| * 4 Ira Technokratie          | 9+/10- W. Güllich 84   bolted by Erich Hunsicker on lead           |
| * 5 Wallstreet                | 11- W. Güllich 87   desperate sequence over the roof               |
| * 6 Chasin' the Train         | 9 1st free J. Bachar 81   the first free line here                 |
| 7 Fanal                       | 10- W. Güllich 86   L hand finish on Chasin'                       |
| * 8 Hitch Hike the Plane      | 9/9+ W. Güllich 84   steep, pocketed and pumpy                     |
| 9 Käsekuchen                  | 10- M. Kies   a link-up, do it if you've done everything else here |
| 10 Vis a vis                  | 10- T. Meier 94   just another one                                 |
| * 11 Westwand                 | 8 1st RP J. Drömmmer   pumpy pulling on good holds                 |

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Basti Frey, *Backling* (9-), Bärenschucht (Püttachtal) | Foto: Jörg Zeidelhack



Wolfgang Güllich, *Action Direct* (11), Waldkopf (Pegnitztal) | Foto: Thomas Ballenberger