

At:
Municipality of Nissedal
Dag Hagen Norsk Klatring
Nils Rune Birkeland Christianssand Klatreklub

According to our state of knowledge we would like to give a Statement on the situation at the Haegefjell and Klatre Festival in Nissedal.

Dear Sir or Madam,

For many decades now we have been going as climbers and tourists to the Nissedal and the neighboring municipalities.

During this time, many new climbing routes were opened, climbing areas were opened up and many new people could be enthused about Norway.

In the spring of 2017, we were pleased to hear that the municipality of Nissedal is planning to organize a climbing festival, in order to inspire more people for the climbing possibilities in Nissedal.

In the run-up to the event, we received inquiries regarding climbing possibilities and recommendations as well as organizational questions.

As we could see during our holiday in July, a lot has been done to improve the climbing possibilities, as for example, the exemptions at the Kjoberg and the Trainingsfeltet.

However, we also had to notice that one of our routes was equipped with a lot of new bolts at the Haegefjell.

After consultation with Dag Hagen (Norsk Klatring) these are additional bolts, which were installed for the festival. At the request of Dag Hagen, Götz Wiechmann had only approved for pitch 1 and pitch 2 and up to 2 nd anchor additional bolts.

Unfortunately, two pitches have now become 5 short pitches. This makes the climbing route Dragons highway nonsensical.

Also, further bolts were drilled on the right and left, which influence the existing route. Perhaps even affect ...

In the end, there were discussions in the climbing scene, if it would make sense to drill so many bolts: "... to make it possible for everyone to climb this route ..."

This can / should not be the ambition!

Climbing is also based on the challenge / risk, which ultimately has to be balanced by everyone himself. Many bolts do not mean more safety automatically!

Also, ethical and historical reasons play an important role in how a climbing route is belayed.

And, last but not least, the respect for the mountain, the nature and the first-ascensionist!

Due to these negative experiences Walter Frost and Götz Wiechmann would like to point out the following:

Our wish is:

- Removing the additional bolts and anchors and returning the route to its original state.
- Establishing a coordination of a possible remediation / supplementary concept for climbing-routes in the Nissedal (Haegefjell, Langfjell, ...)
- Consideration of the local climbing methods as well as the Tiroler Declaration (tyrolean declaration) from 2002, articles 8 & 9 - see also www.vertikale-welten.de

For the future, it would be sensible to develop an overall concept, which not only considers the climbing possibilities, but also deals with topics such as access / approach, parking facilities and, last but not least, rescue opportunities.

Thus it would be possible to reach a balance of interests of all parties involved and to secure and expand the future of the climbing sport in Nissedal.

Götz Wiechmann Walter Frost