

Klub Slovenských Turistov (KST)



Via ferrata in High Tatras Peter Dragúň jr.

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History of KST



1873 – First tourist clubs

1918 – 1989 Different regimes, different names, the targets remain the same

1948 – Communist take all mountain huts

1992 – Democrats return some of them

1993 - Independent Slovak Republic and independent Slovak tourist organisation **KLUB SLOVENSKÝCH TURISTOV (KST)**

KST Today



Members: over 19 000 and increase each year

Local clubs: over 400

Regional unions: 35

Marked paths: 15 000 km

Travel insurance for members in Slovakia (as a part of membership)

Area of interest and activities: mountains, high mountains, rivers, cycling, cross country skiing and horse riding, children competitions



KST Today II.

System of way marking

System of education and training of sport instructors

Partners:

- **PTTK in Poland,**
- KČT in Czech Republic,
- MTSZ in Hungary,
- ÖTK in Austria,

Membership in the international federations: ERA, IVV

The first via ferrata in High Tatras?

Historical equipment paths with chains aka Orla Perć

In fact only second one (the first was in “Lom”, very short - 30m, mainly for training)

Definitely the first alpine type of via ferrata in High Tatras

Choosing location I.

Negotiations

1. Tatra national park administration SP TANAP-u (protection of unique flowers, animals, insects ...and relevant limits)
2. Mountain rescue service HZS (demand: fast and easy access)
3. State Forest Tatra NP - owner of marked trails in Slovak part of High Tatras
4. SHS JAMES climbing club (to avoid collision with existing climbing route),
5. land owners

Started unofficial talks, official talks, official letters...

Hurray, **Huncovský štít!**

Choosing location



Marmot said: "NO!".



Choosing location II.

Second round of negotiations

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2. Mountain rescue service HZS (demand: fast and easy access)
3. State Forest Tatra NP - owner of marked trails in Slovak part of High Tatras
4. SHS JAMES climbing club (to avoid colision with existing climbing route),
5. Urbár Štrba - land owners

Again unofficial talks, official talks, official letters, **preliminary approvals.**

Hurray, **Predné Solisko !**



Waterfall

Predné Solisko summit

Via ferrata, path

Via ferrata, cable

Existing marked trails

Skutnášťa poľana

Chata pod Soliskom

Chata pod Soliskom

Mountain huts

Furkotská valley

Mlynická valley

Predné Solisko (peak), 2117 m

Easy access: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hour from Štrbské Pleso.

Easy return: 30 min. via existing red-marked trail to two mountain huts and to **cableway**.

The advantage of Štrbské pleso location:

- train (from two directions),
- car, bus (a lot of parking slots),
- lodging capacity.



Predné Solisko ferrata - basic informations I.

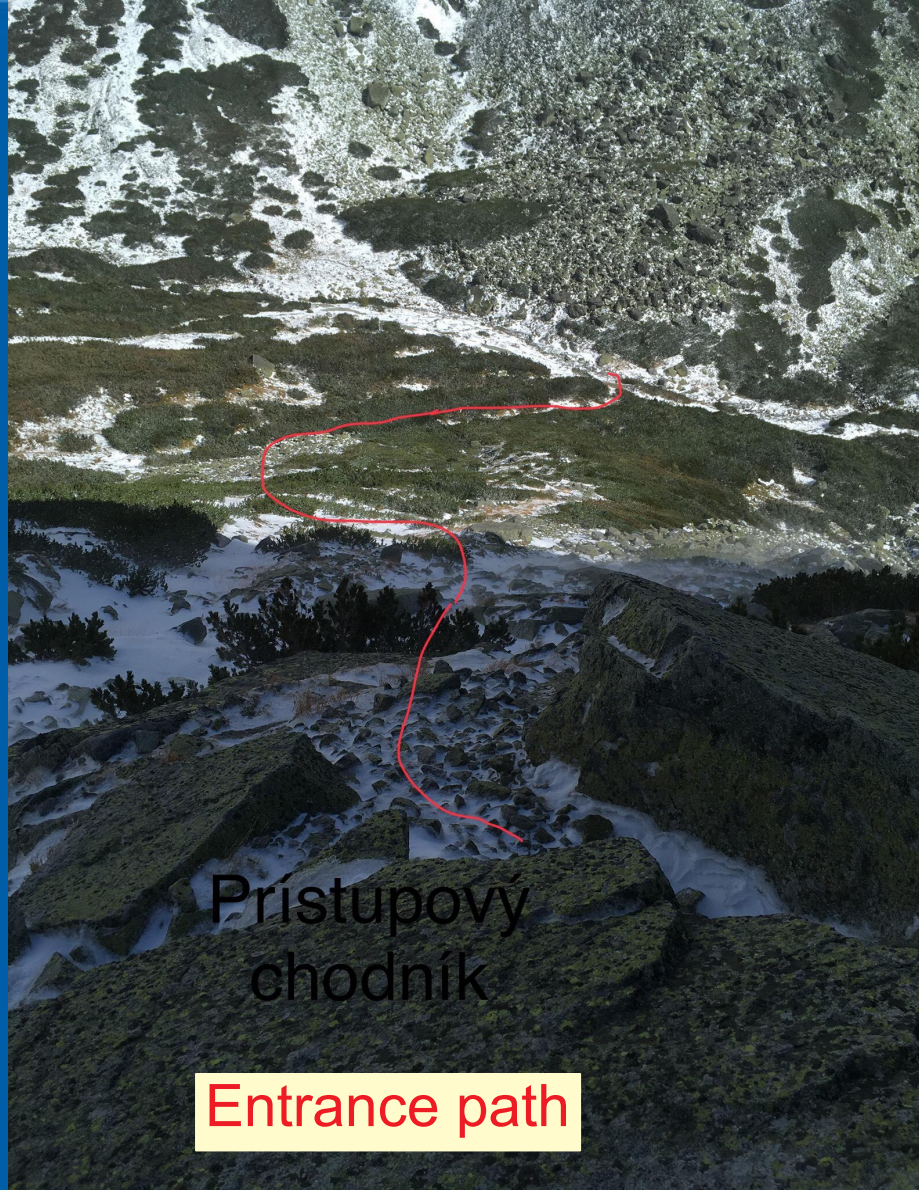
- Execution: 1 year (just 5 – 6 months because of High Tatras weather)
- Length: 650 m
- Elevation: 400 m
 - start point – near waterfall „Skok“ (aka Jump in english) at 1700 m
 - target point – near peak Predné Solisko at 2100 m
- Difficulty: easy/moderate, B/C

Predné Solisko ferrata - basic informations II.



Equipment estimation:

- Steel cable – 600 m length
- Iron rungs (stemples) – 1 200 pieces
- Anchors for steel cable – 240 pieces
- One “nepalese bridge” – 12 m length
- Total cost limit: max 100 000 €



Prístupový
chodník

Entrance path



First part



Vertical wall where iron rungs
(stemples) are necessary

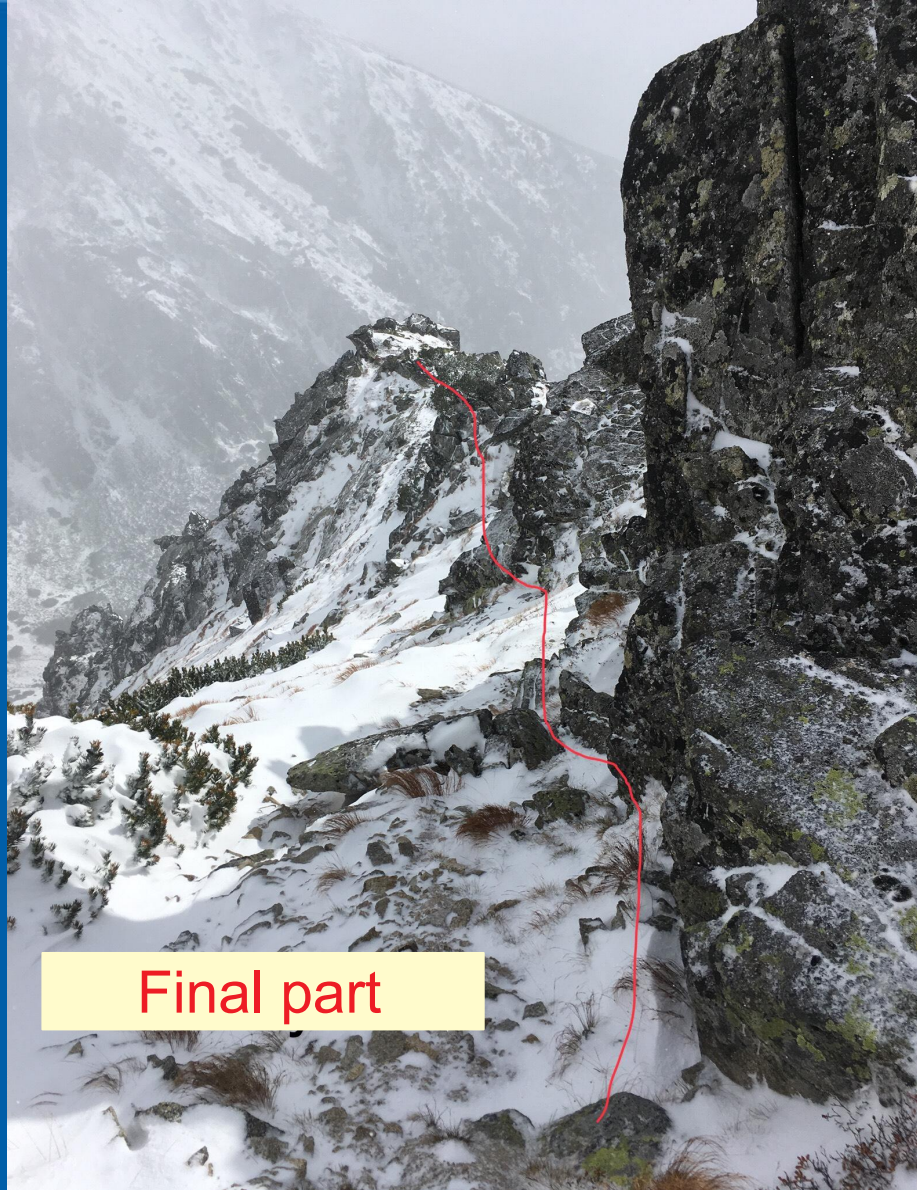




Final part

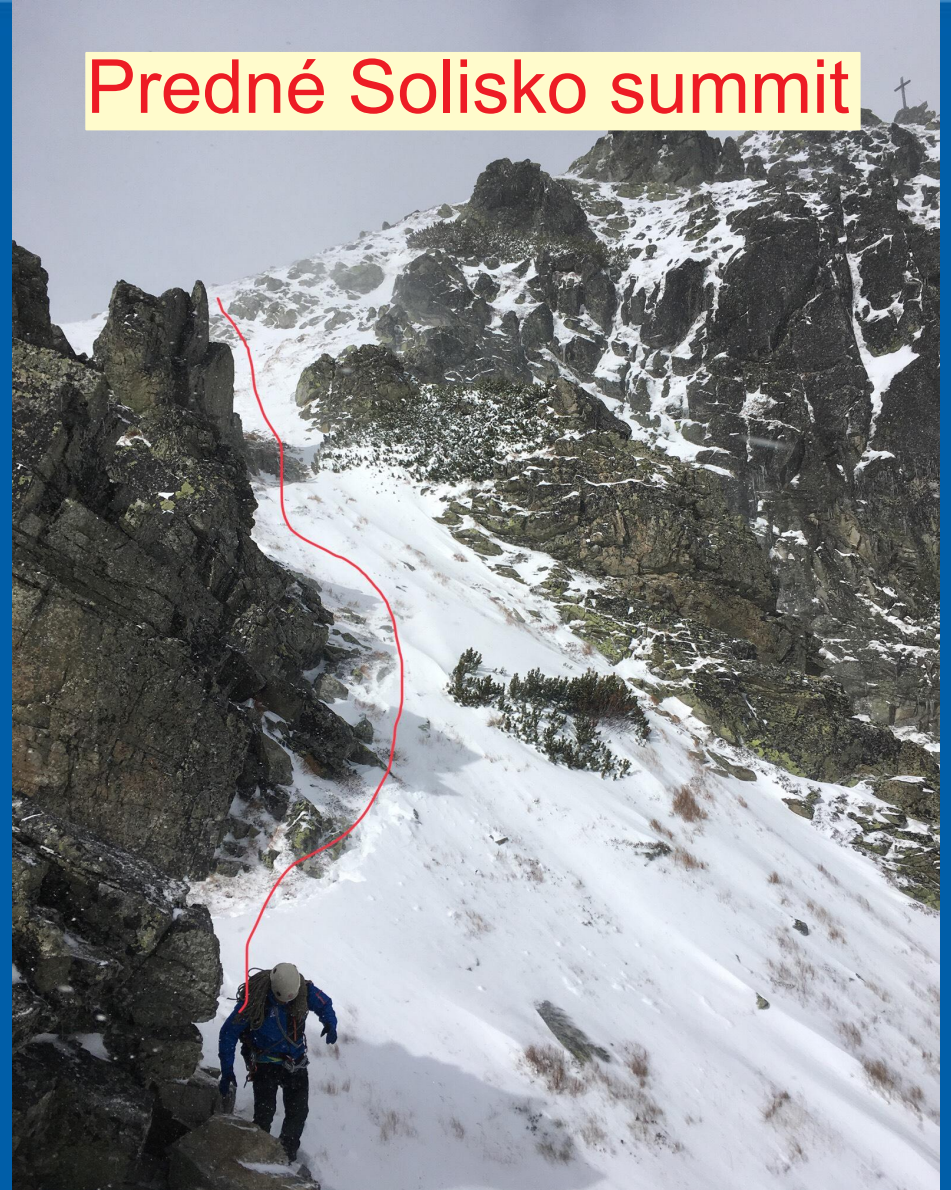


Final part



Final part

Predné Solisko summit



Thank you for your attention

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