TOUR PLANNING  TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

Like a map, a route topographic map uses symbols to represent the rock formations. Climbers can orient themselves on the basis of these symbols, the climbing direction, the length of the pitch and the number and type of belay points illustrated. Further indicators that can help with orientation include a sensible route, the rock quality as well as tracks on the rock.

The standardized symbols on the topographic map provide important information about the course and nature of the route. An overview of all common symbols: