



Recreational Climbing Regulations

The following areas and exposures are closed to recreational rock climbing:

Any exposure above any tunnel portal, aboriginal rock-art site, the Balanced Rock in Fruita Canyon, and the Mushroom Rock below the northwestern rim of Monument Mesa near the mouth of Monument Canyon.

Any area which has the potential to disturb naturally occurring wildlife activity, such as, but not limited to, feeding, mating, or nesting activities.

Any climbing activity in an area which has the potential to damage an archeological site, historic structure, or paleontological resource, is prohibited.

- No new permanent climbing hardware may be installed. If an existing bolt or other hardware item is unsafe, it may be replaced. This will limit all climbing to existing routes or new routes not requiring placement of fixed anchors.
- The use of motorized power drills is prohibited.
- Climbing anchors and/or protection points may not be placed with the use of a hammer except to replace belay and rappel anchors and bolts on existing routes, or for emergency self-rescue.
- Software (webbing, accessory cord, etc.) that is left in place shall match the rock surface in color.
- The installation or use of permanent anchor fixtures and hardware shall match the rock surface in color.
- Fixed ropes may not be left in place for more than 24 hours. Fixed ropes left in place longer than 24 hours shall be considered "abandoned property" and removed.
- The physical altering of rock faces such as chiseling new holds is prohibited.
- The intentional removal of lichen or plants from rock is prohibited.

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