

New River Gorge NR New Climbing Route Permit Application

Introduction

The New River Gorge is considered one of the top cragging areas in the Eastern United States with over 2000 routes within the boundaries of the park. Extensive route development in the park and the surrounding areas has led to many concerns including, but, not limited to: soil compaction, vegetation destruction, wildlife habitat degradation, trash, human waste, overcrowded parking, and trespassing on private property.

The purpose of requiring climbers to submit a detailed application before putting up a new route or top anchors is twofold. First, it will present a set of questions to the climber to critically analyze the proposed route and determine if it is truly needed. Is the route of high enough quality, uniqueness, and with a minimal impact on the area? Secondly, if the climber deems it still necessary to establish, the information provided below will allow park personnel to approve or disapprove the route in a timely and informed manner.

Required Documents

1. Completed "New Route Application"
2. Photos of proposed route with locations of fixed gear added to picture (if possible).
3. Topo of the cliff showing location of new route in relation to present route (photocopy from guide book with proposed route drawn in is sufficient).
4. Copy of written permission of landowner for other climbers to access the route if the access is via private property. Permission must include contact information for the land owner.
5. Copy of written permission of first ascent party if proposed route is going to alter a prior route in any manner i.e. retro- bolting. Must include contact information of person.

Equipment

1. Top anchors: ½" cold shuts.
2. Bolts: 1/2" x 3" powder coated stainless steel expansion bolts from reputable manufacturer.
3. Power drills are permitted for placement of anchors on approved routes.
4. Chipping holds or drilling pockets is illegal.
5. Do not leave slings or chains on top anchors.
6. Quickdraws left on a route are considered abandoned property and will be subject to removal.

New Route Questionnaire

Access

1. Is there an established trail to access this route?
2. Will a new access trail be a result due to this route?
3. Is this route accessed through private land?
4. What will be the primary parking area for this route?
5. If there is no established parking, where will people park to climb this route?

Location

1. What area is the route found in?
2. What formation within that area?
3. GPS coordinates of route at the base of the climb (if possible).
4. Where is it in relation to the routes next to it?
5. Distance from neighboring routes?
6. Names of routes on either side.
7. Picture of formation showing location of route.

Specifics of Route

1. Lead climb or top rope?
2. How many fixed anchors will be placed (including top anchors)?
3. Location of bolts on route (show on photo if possible)?
4. Can route be accessed from the top?
5. Estimated rating of route?
6. Will most people top rope or lead this route (if established as a lead climb)?
7. Estimated number of climbers per year that will be able to climb this route?
8. Is this route a variation of a previous route?
9. What steps have you taken to insure that this route has not already been established?
10. Why does this route need to be established?

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National Park Service
New River Gorge National River
Gauley River National Recreation Area
Bluestone National Scenic River
P. O. Box 246, Glen Jean, WV 25846
304-465-0508; 304-465-6517
Application for Special Use Permit



Permit Tracking # _____ (Establish New or Update Existing Climbing Anchor Route)

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. For special events, a non-refundable processing fee should be included and your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured. Pursuant to the 2010 NPS Interim Regulations, parks have up to 10 days to process a fully executed application that seeks to engage in a demonstration or the sale or distribution of printed matter.

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
E-mail:	E-mail:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

Requested Location: _____

Date(s): _____

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants _____ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles _____ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

List support personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers):

- Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights? Y N
- Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area? Y N
- Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? Y N
(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)
- Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? Y N
- Will you distribute printed material? Y N
- Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?(If yes, please explain on a separate page.) Y N
- Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale? Y N
(These activities may require an additional permit.)

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ Date _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to the Program Specialist for Commercial/Special Park Uses at the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

Note that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number or activities subject to collection of fees by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701) Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240.

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Addendum to Application for Special Use Permit

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The purpose of requiring climbers to submit a detailed application before establishing a new route or putting in top anchors or updating an existing route is twofold. First, it will present a set of questions to the climber to critically analyze the proposed route and determine if it is truly needed. Is the route of high enough quality, uniqueness, and with a minimal impact on the area? Secondly, if the climber deems it still necessary to establish, the information provided below will allow park personnel to approve or disapprove the route in a timely and informed manner.

Requested start date for proposed project: _____

Proposed completion date for proposed project: _____

Required Documents:

1. Completed "New Route/Update Existing Route" Application for Special Use Permit.
2. Photos of proposed route with locations of fixed gear added to picture.
3. Topo of the cliff showing location of new route (or route to be updated) in relation to present route (photocopy from guide book with proposed route drawn in is sufficient).
4. Copy of written landowner permission for other climbers to access the route if the access is via private property. Permission must include landowner contact information.
5. Copy of written permission of first ascent party if proposed route is going to alter a prior route in any manner, i.e. retro-bolting. Must include contact information for first ascent party.

New Route / Update Route Questionnaire

Access

1. Is there an established trail to access this proposed route? Y N
2. Will a new access trail result from this proposed route? Y N
3. Is this proposed route accessed through private land? Y N

4. What will be the primary parking area for this route? _____

5. If there is no established parking, where will individuals park to climb this route? _____

Location

1. Identify the climbing area where the route is located. _____

2. Identify specific formation within that climbing area. _____

3. GPS coordinate of route at the base of the climb (if possible)? _____

4. Where is it in relation to the routes next to it? _____

5. Distance from neighboring routes? _____

6. Names of route on either side? _____

Specifics of Route:

1. Lead climb or top rope? _____
2. How many fixed anchors will be placed (including top anchors)? _____
3. Location of bolts on route (detail on photo, if possible)? _____

4. Can route be accessed from the top? _____
5. Estimated rating of new route? _____
6. Will most people top rope or lead this (if established as a lead climb)? _____
7. Estimated number of climbers per year that will be able to climb this route? _____
8. Is this route a variation of a previous route? _____
9. What steps have been taken to ensure this route has not already been established/updated? _____

10. Why does this route need to be established/updated? _____

