



THE CIRQUE IS CLOSED

The Cirque is closed **through July 31** to protect breeding peregrine falcons.

The area from Miner's Ladders to "Wedgie" (441 on map below), known as "The Cirque", is closed to all activities. This temporary closure affects hiking on the trails above and below the cliff face, as well as climbing on the cliff. Other portions of the Endless Wall are not affected.

This closure is to prevent disturbance to a pair of peregrine falcons nesting in this area. Human activity could lead to nest failure during this critical time period. The National Park Service will monitor the area through the closure period. The closure could be shortened based on the monitoring results. Alternate areas of interest that are found near this area are listed below. Additional information can be obtained at Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

Alternate Hiking Trails:

Endless Wall (Fern Creek Trailhead to Fern Point) (1 mile, easy)

Laing Loop Trail (1 mile, easy)

Fayetteville Trail (2.5 miles, moderate)

Long Point Trail (1.4 miles, moderate)

New River Bridge Trail (1.6 miles, difficult)

Kaymoor Miner's Trail (1 mile, difficult)

Alternate Climbing Areas:

Endless Wall (except for the Cirque)

Beauty Mountain

Bridge Buttress

Butcher Branch

Kaymoor

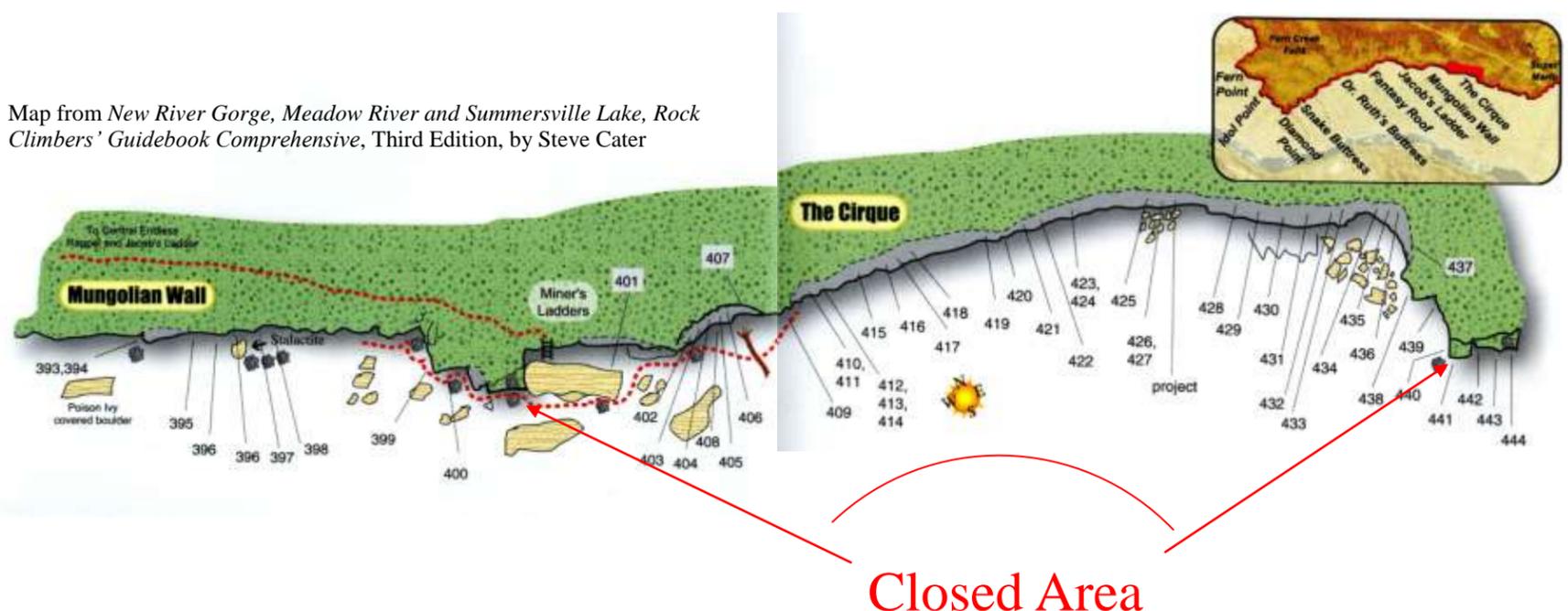
Summersville Lake



Please contact **Mark Graham, NPS Wildlife Biologist,**
at **304-465-6542** for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Map from *New River Gorge, Meadow River and Summersville Lake, Rock Climbers' Guidebook Comprehensive*, Third Edition, by Steve Cater



Federal regulations require dogs be leashed at all times.