



Protection of Nesting Birds of Prey

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What Areas are Affected?

Birds of prey have reoccupied their traditional territories and are choosing nest sites and incubating eggs. If you have been familiar with the advisories in past years, please keep in mind that there have been many changes.

To maximize the potential of successful nest establishment, Pinnacles National Monument requests that all visitors refrain from rock climbing and off-trail hiking in the identified **sensitive areas**.

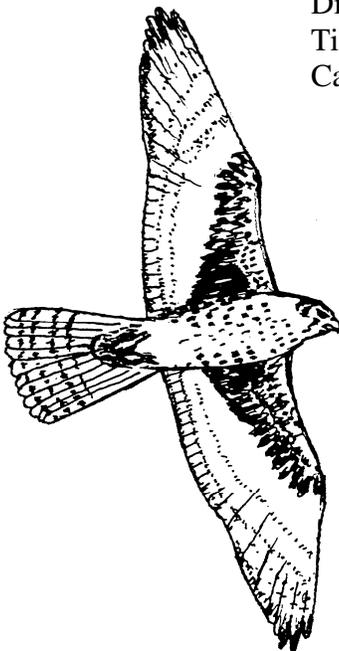
These protective measures will remain in effect until June or July. Please check with a ranger or carefully examine the Climbing Information Bulletin Board as you plan your climbing and hiking trips.

PLEASE NOTE: A mandatory closure is in effect at Resurrection Wall, Western Front, and Goat Rock to protect nesting California condors. Please refer to the condor closure map and handouts available online (at www.nps.gov/pinn) and in the Visitor Centers and Nature Center for further details.

Advisory for Climbers and Off-trail Hikers

This advisory does not affect hiking along the Monument's primary trail system. All designated trails will remain fully accessible by park visitors. Climbers should continue to use designated "Climber Access Routes" in all areas of the Monument. Special care is requested for those areas most heavily impacted by climbing: Discovery Wall, Monolith, Elephant Rock, Tilting Terrace, Machete, Upper Crust, the Camel, and the Sisters.

Please remember that **intentionally disturbing wildlife nesting, breeding, and other activities is a violation** of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Section 2.2 (a) (2)).



The Raptor Advisory System has been in effect since 1988. We would like to thank you for your assistance in protecting these magnificent birds. By coming to Pinnacles and following these recommendations, you become a partner in managing the Monument's resources. You are a vital component to the success of maintaining raptors. Without your cooperation, park staff could not protect the natural resources. You help make Pinnacles a special place.

Sensitive Areas

NOTE: Mandatory closure at Resurrection Wall, Western Front, and Goat Rock due to California condor nesting. For all other areas listed below, please refrain from any rock climbing or off-trail activity within the boundaries of the following routes. Climbing routes are listed to provide orientation to sensitive areas and may not be all inclusive. Thank you for your cooperation in the Monument's efforts to protect these magnificent Natural Resources. If you have any questions, please contact a Ranger or call Research and Resource Management (831-389-4486 x276).

Balconies / Crowley

Sensitive: All climbs from Conduit To The Cosmos to Happy Hamlin's, Crowley Towers, south end Balconies access trail, and Balconies roof area.

Okay: Central and north end Balconies climbs from Lava Falls to Plexus, including Knifeblade, Smiling Simian, Even Coyotes Do It..., all climbs below Balconies Cliffs Trail, including Osirus and Toogs. Also Flimsy Flume (Tilting Terrace).

Machete Ridge

Sensitive: The West Face, Bill's Bad Bolts, Bill's Bad Bolts Direct Finish, Rock Around the Clock, Pigeon Crack, Crackophobia, Son of Dawn Wall (2nd pitch and above), Icarus, Daedalus

Okay: Desperado Chuteout, Destiny, Old Original, Derringer, all climbs from Machete Direct to Cuidado!, first pitches of Son of Dawn Wall, Full Throttle, Dos Equis

High Peaks: Citadel

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Egg

Sensitive: All routes between the Teapot Dome and the Egg, including Ball Pinnacle, Beavis and Buttonhead, Arch Pinnacle, E.T. Pinnacle, and Hunky Dory Rock

Okay: Proclamation Pinnacle, the Wedge, Disintegration Point

Hawkins Peak

Sensitive: Tuff Dome, H&L, Bynum's Spire, Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear, Smokestack, Cornflake, Frothy Flake.

Okay: Spike's Peak, Big Step, The Lump, etc.

Tunnel Trail and Central High Peaks

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Resurrection Wall / Goat Rock

CLOSED: See condor map / handouts for further information.
Sensitive: Shaft, Goat Rock climbs not in condor closure.

Okay: Beak Peak

Scout Peak: Beak Peak

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Generation Gap Pinnacle

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Gargoyle Area

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Marmot / Yak Area (Little Pinnacles)

Sensitive: All Yak routes, plus Maurauder.

Okay: Marmot rocks (excluding Maurauder), Hanging Valley including Toilet Seat to Nip and Tuck

Reservoir

Sensitive: Hand and Thumb

Okay: Frog, Snail, Five Sisters, Upper Crust, Tiburcio's X, all climbs below reservoir

Pipsqueak Pinnacles

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Advisory Area Map

(Revised 4-18-10)

Please become familiar with the following map – taken from page 33 of “A Climber’s Guide to Pinnacles” by Brad Young (2007) - prior to climbing or off-trail hiking. A mandatory closure is in effect in the California condor nest area in the gray circled area below, and the National Park Service requests that all climbing and off-trail hiking activities be suspended from the black circled areas until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation in the Monument’s efforts to protect these magnificent natural resources. For further details on specific routes and formations within the condor closure area or with raptor advisories in effect, please refer to handouts in the Visitor Center, Climbing Information Bulletin Boards at the Moses Spring and Chaparral Parking Lots, and the Friends of Pinnacles website (http://www.pinnacles.org/climbing_info/index.html#closures). If you have any other questions, please contact a Ranger or call Research and Resource Management at (831) 389-4486 ext. 276.

