



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. Some areas that have been occupied in the past are not occupied this year and advisories have been lifted, and new areas have been chosen by falcons for nesting and are now listed. If you have been familiar with the advisories in past years, please keep in mind that there have been many changes. **As of April all climbs on Discovery Wall are open, but a partial advisory may be instituted if a prairie falcon pair occupies the area again in 2013.**

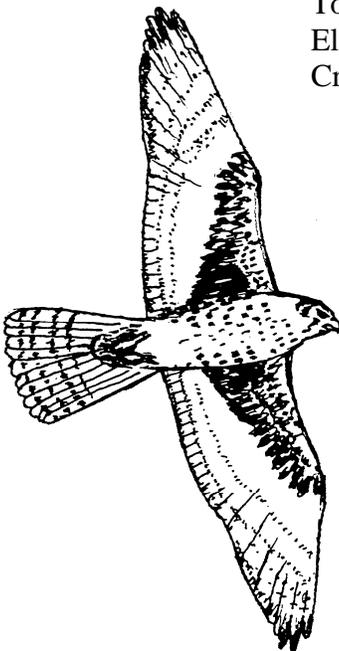
To maximize the potential of successful nest establishment, Pinnacles National Park requests that all visitors refrain from **rock climbing and off-trail hiking** in the identified **sensitive areas**.

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.

Advisory for Climbers and Off-trail Hikers

This advisory does not affect hiking along the Park'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 National Park. Special care is requested for those areas most heavily impacted by climbing: Tourist Trap, 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 Park'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

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 Park'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 on Balconies cliffs from Where The Birds Hang south to Happy Hamlin's, Balconies roof routes, Crowley Towers

Okay: All Balconies climbs from Peregrine north to Knifeblade and Nexus, Flimsy Flume (Tilting Terrace), Smiling Simian and all climbs below

Machete Ridge

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

High Peaks: Citadel

Sensitive: All routes on Citadel and Whitetail Rock

Okay: None

Egg

Sensitive: All routes between the Egg and Teapot Dome, including Proclamation Pinnacle, Arch Pinnacle, Wedge, Ball Pinnacle, and Hunky Dory Rock

Okay: None

Hawkins Peak

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

Okay: Spike's Peak, Big Step, The Lump, Dragonfly Dome, Sidehorse to Freedom Dome, The Sow, Piglet

Tunnel Trail and Central High Peaks

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Resurrection Wall / Goat Rock

Sensitive: All routes on Goat Rock, Resurrection Wall

Okay: All routes on Shaft, Western Front, Scout Peak, Beak Peak

Scout Peak: Beak Peak

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes

Generation Gap Pinnacle

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes on Flat Iron, Salathe's Sliver, Nelson's Needle, and Generation Gap

Gargoyle Area

Sensitive: None

Okay: Neglected Valley, Knuckle Ridge, Outcast, Gargoyle, and Piedras Bonitas

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: None

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

Pipsqueak Pinnacles

Sensitive: None

Okay: All routes between Pipsqueak Pinnacle and Snout

Advisory Area Map

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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. The National Park Service requests that all climbing and off-trail hiking activities be suspended from the bold circled areas until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation in the Park’s efforts to protect these magnificent natural resources. For further details on specific routes and formations with advisories in effect, please refer to advisory 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.

