Pinnacles

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Pinnacles National Park

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 January all climbs on Discovery Wall are open, but a partial advisory may be instituted if a prairie falcon pair occupies the area again in 2015.**

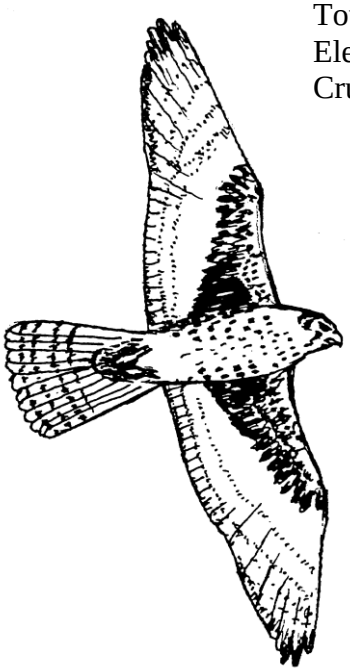
To maximize the potential of successful nest establishment, Pinnacles National Park requests that all visitors refrain from **rock climbing and off-trail hiking** in the identified **sensitive areas**.

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

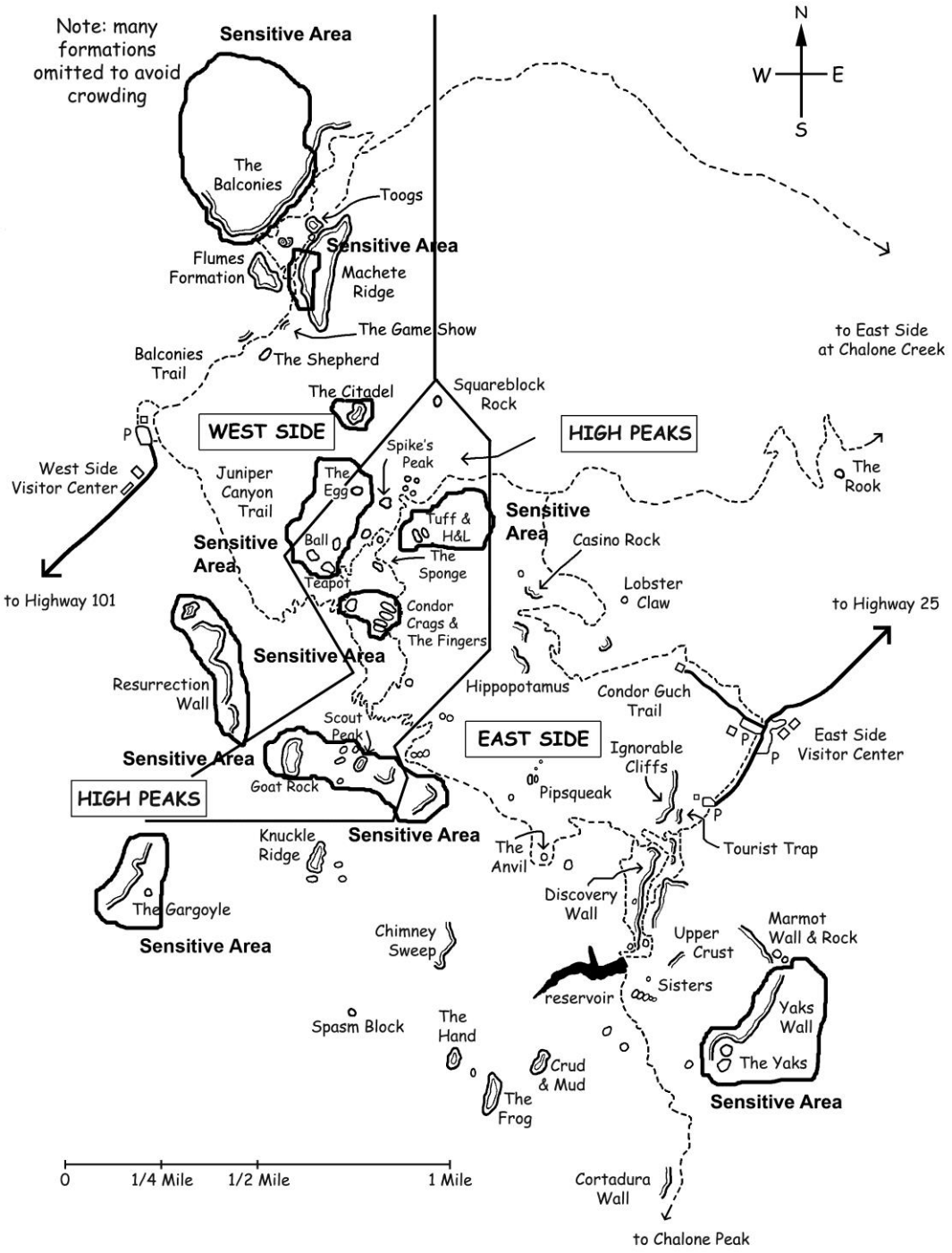
Please refrain from any rock climbing or off-trail activity within the boundaries of the following routes. Climbing routes are listed to provide orientation to sensitive areas and may not be all inclusive.

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 Regular Route south to Happy Hamlin's, Balconies roof routes, Crowley Towers, Smiling Simian, and Even Coyotes Do It Doggy Style	Okay: All Balconies climbs from Digger north to Knifeblade and Nexus, Flimsy Flume (Tilting Terrace), all climbs below Balconies Cliffs Trail including Osirus and Toogs
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: 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: All routes between and on Condor and Chaos Crags, N&S Fingers, Long's Folly	Okay: Burgundy Dome, Sponge, The Cone to Trafalgar Tower
Resurrection Wall / Goat Rock		Sensitive: Resurrection Wall, Goat Rock, Shaft, Beak Peak	Okay: Western Front
Scout Peak:	**Beak Peak**	Sensitive: All routes, including Pinch or Lynch Wall	Okay: Unmentionable, Knee, and rocks lower
	Generation Gap Pinnacle	Sensitive: Salathe's Sliver, Nelson's Needle, and Generation Gap	Okay: Flat Iron
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: 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

(Revised 1-20-15)

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.