



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.

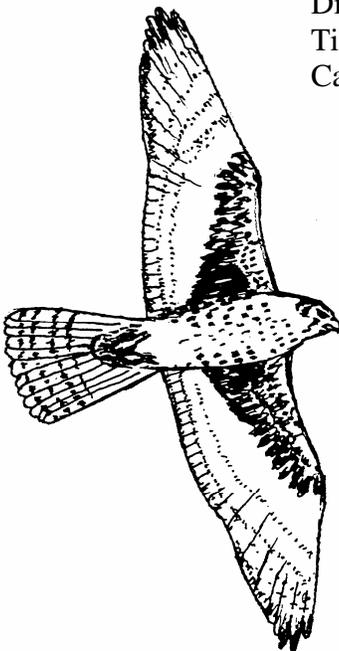
To maximize the potential of successful nest establishment, Pinnacles National Monument requests that all visitors refrain from **rock climbing and off-trail hiking** in the identified **sensitive areas**.

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.

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

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 on main Balconies cliffs, from Nexus to Premeditated, Knife Blade, Crowley Towers, Smiling Simian, and Even Coyotes Do It Doggy Style.

Okay: Flimsy Flume (Tilting Terrace). All climbs below the Balconies Cliffs Trail, including Osiris and Toogs. Also Tugboat.

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 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, 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**

Sensitive: Resurrection Wall, Goat Rock, Shaft, Western Front

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
