
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.

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Balconies / Crowley

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

Okay: Flimsy Flume (Tilting Terrace). All climbs below the 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: None.

Okay: All routes on Citadel and Whitetail Rock.

Egg and Teapot Dome

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, etc.

Tunnel Trail and Central High Peaks

Sensitive: None.

Okay: Sponge, all routes between and on Condor and Chaos Crag, N & S Fingers, Long's Folly.

Resurrection Wall / Goat Rock

Sensitive: Goat Rock, Shaft.

Okay: Resurrection Wall, Western Front.

Scout Peak: Beak Peak and Scout Peak

Sensitive: Axe Pinnacle, Dwarf Pinnacle.

Okay: All routes on Beak Peak, Scout Peak (excluding Axe and Dwarf Pinnacles).

Generation Gap Pinnacle

Sensitive: None.

Okay: Flat Iron, Salathe's Sliver, Nelson's Needle, Generation Gap.

Gargoyle Area

Sensitive: None.

Okay: All routes, including Knuckle Ridge, Gargoyle, Outcast, 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.

Discovery Wall / Reservoir

Sensitive: Melvin, Racing Stripes, Mustache, Coffin Nail, Nailbox Crack, Pillbox Crack.

Okay: Frog, Hand, Snail, Five Sisters, Upper Crust, Tiburcio's X, all climbs below reservoir (excluding Discovery Wall routes listed to left).

Pipsqueak Pinnacles

Sensitive: None.

Okay: All routes.

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 Monument’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.

