

# Protect Your Right to Climb! Help Keep Our Areas Open



## CLIMBERS COALITION

**Climbers** please do your part to minimize our impact on climbing areas. It is critical to know the local traditions, established practices and regulations.

**Climbing access depends on the preservation of the vertical environment and the land around**

***“The mountains have rules. They are harsh rules, but they are there, and if you keep to them you are safe. A mountain is not like men. A mountain is sincere. The weapons to conquer it exist inside you, inside your soul.***

***-Walter Bonatti***

### **Leave No Trace Principals:**

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be considerate of Other

**Limit Your Impact** – Climb new routes as they are. Avoid chipping, drilling or conforming the rock to suit your needs. Avoid making excess trails. Consider the environmental impacts on each area you climb.

**Use Fixed Protection Wisely** – Respect the first ascent and do not add fixed protection to established climbs. If putting up a new route, use quality, camouflaged equipment and have the knowledge to place it properly. Remove any hazardous loose rock. Think about the location of your route in relation to established routes to avoid overcrowding. Motorized drills are **illegal** in established wilderness areas. Excessive use of fixed protection has an impact that may cause access issues.

**Impacts to Others** – It is up to us to be sensitive to other outdoor users. Strive to be a good representative of the climbing community. Avoid excessive noise such as yelling or loud music. To lessen the visibility of sport climbs consider using less chalk, placing anchors discreetly, and taking down fixed draws. Regulations on federal lands **prohibit** abandoning equipment overnight!

**Habitat Impacts** – These areas are home for many plants and animals, treat them with respect. Do not let your dog chase animals or dig at the base of crags. Stick to established trails and avoid trampling vegetation. Respect all posted closures.