



Climbing Regulations



- The following area and exposures are closed to recreational rock climbing

Any exposure above any tunnel portal, aboriginal rock art site, the Balanced Rock in Fruita Canyon, and Mushroom Rock below the northwestern rim of Monument Mesa near the mouth of Monument Canyon.

Any area that has the potential to disturb naturally occurring wildlife activity, such as, but not limited to: feeding, mating, or nesting activities.

Any climbing activity in an area that has the potential to damage an archeological site, historic structure, or paleontological resource is prohibited.

- No new permanent climbing hardware may be installed in any fixed location. If an existing bolt or other hardware item is unsafe, it may be replaced following consultation with park staff. This will limit all climbing to existing routes or new routes not requiring placement of fixed anchors.
- The use of power tools to facilitate the installation of rock climbing hardware or for any other purpose is prohibited.
- Climbing anchors and/or protection points may not be placed with the use of a hammer except to replace belay or rappel anchors and bolts on existing routes or for emergency self rescue.
- The use of permanent anchor fixtures and hardware shall be installed or used for the protection of climbers on established climbing routes only, and only where such hardware devices now exist.
- Software (webbing, accessory cord, etc.) that is left in place must match the rock surface in color.
- The installation or use of permanent anchor fixtures and hardware must be brown or black.
- Fixed ropes should not be left in place for more than 24 hours. Fixed ropes left in place longer than 24 hours shall be considered abandoned property and will be removed.
- The physical altering of rock faces — such as chiseling new holds — is prohibited.
- The intentional removal of lichen or plants from rocks is prohibited.
- Camping on the summit of Independence Monument is prohibited.