



The Pact in Practice

- Guidelines not rules – Spirit of *The Pact* – We all make mistakes and we are all in this together.
- Each person will interpret *The Pact* in their own way
- A set of best practice behaviors that if each climber put into practice would go a long way toward reducing our impact on outdoor climbing areas, increase our reputation as responsible users of climbing recreational resources and set a precedent for other user groups to follow.

Respect other users

- Be considerate of other climbers & non-climbers each time you go climbing.

Dispose of human waste properly

- The best practice to minimize impact is to use a toilet before you go climbing or to pack out human waste, toilet paper & feminine products using RESTOP, WAGS Bags or other methods.
- While digging cat holes may be “acceptable” in some terrain and considered an option in an emergency, the increasing number of climbers visiting outdoor climbing areas make this practice less desirable. Use the toilet or pack it out to have the least impact.

Park & Camp in designated areas.

- Know where you are allowed to park and camp at each area and follow the rules. Poor parking and camping practices can raise the alarm for land managers and locals.

Stay on established trails

- Stay on established trails and climbers trails whenever possible.
- Avoid trail cutting or use of social trails
- When traveling cross country, strive to minimize your impact as much as possible.

Place gear and pads on durable surfaces

- Avoid placing gear and pads directly on vegetation.
- Place gear on durable surfaces such as rocks or highly impacted zones close to the base of the cliff.
- Avoid placing gear and pads at the edge of the impact zone and vegetation zone. Over time this will increase the size of the impacted zone.
- Avoid placing gear and pads on exposed roots of trees.

Clean up chalk & tick marks

- Brush off tick marks & extra chalk after each session
- Use the appropriate brush for the type of rock you are climbing, as some brushes may damage the rock.
- Clean up loose chalk spilled on the ground.

Keep a low profile minimizing group size and noise

- Avoid blaring music at outdoor climbing areas.
- Take steps to minimize group size.
- Keep your gear and personal belongings organized and contained.

Pack out all trash, crash pads and gear.

- Pack out all trash, especially micro-trash like tape, food wrappers, etc...even if it isn't yours.
- Avoid stashing crash pads and gear. Carry it out after each session.

Respect Closures

- Avoid climbing in areas that are closed for seasonal raptor closures, cultural significance, private property or other reasons as designated by land managers. If you have questions about closures, contact the land manager or your local climbing organization for more information.

Be an upstander, not a bystander

- Lead by example and put *The Pact* into practice each time you go climbing.
- Give back to climbing in a way that is authentic for you.
- Steer others toward responsible future behaviors using a positive tone that connects negative behaviors to ecological or social impacts.



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