

Ecological Impact

Any user of a natural area has an impact on its ecology. Follow these tips to minimize your impact.

Carry In – Carry Out

Please leave the area cleaner than you found it. This includes tape, cigarette butts, cans, bottles and wrappers.

Do Not “Clean” Routes

Lichens, mosses and ferns take a very long time to grow. Lichens are symbiotic organisms made up of algae and fungi. A palm-sized piece of Smooth Rock Tripe can be seventy-five years old. You will see many varieties of these lichens covering areas of rock all over the Park Preserve.



Please Do Not Disturb



Mountain Spleenwort is a threatened species in New York State. This small fern (2-8 inches long) is typically found in horizontal cracks near the base of cliffs and boulders. At this time it seems that colonies adjacent

to and on the climb routes are seeing a steady decline, if not completely disappearing. We are counting on climbers to help protect this plant.

Peter’s Kill Area Usage Guidelines

These guidelines allow everyone to enjoy the Peter’s Kill Area, while respecting the Park Preserve rules.

Peter’s Kill Area Permitted Activities

Rock climbing, bouldering, hiking, picnicking, and snowshoeing

Attention Climbers

Please avoid excessive use of chalk. When possible, carefully clean off excess chalk. Tree cutting, rock trundling, hold chopping, and bolting or gluing of holds is strictly prohibited.

Regulations

- All plants and animals are protected
- This is a Carry In-Carry Out Facility, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU
- Rock climb only in designated areas
- No sport rappelling
- No bicycling
- No horseback riding
- No grilling
- No glass containers
- No alcoholic beverages
- No fires
- No camping
- No radios or amplified music
- Dogs must remain on a six-foot leash
- Stay on designated footpaths at all times

CAUTION

Carriage roads, trails, and overlooks throughout the Park Preserve are adjacent to steep descents and cliffs. Exercise extreme caution in all areas.

The Peter’s Kill Climbing Area is located on Route 44/55, five miles west of the junction of Route 299, one mile east of the main entrance to Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

Thank you for climbing at the Peter’s Kill Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. We are proud to announce the opening of the Dickie Barre, an expansion to the existing climbing area. The Dickie Barre cliffs are located adjacent to, and can be accessed by the Bull Wheel and High Peter’s Kill Trails. Although the Dickie Barre was limitedly climbed in the past, climbing has not occurred here in over 25 years. Like any new climbing area some natural hazards, such as loose rock, could be present. We are strongly recommending that climbers wear helmets. A preliminary access trail system has been installed and flagged. A final trail system will be blazed after routes are defined and any necessary modifications made. Please use the access trails provided for travelling between different sections of the Dickie Barre. Please limit your impact while enjoying the area.

For after hours assistance call:
NYS Park Police 845-786-2781

Minnewaska State Park Preserve

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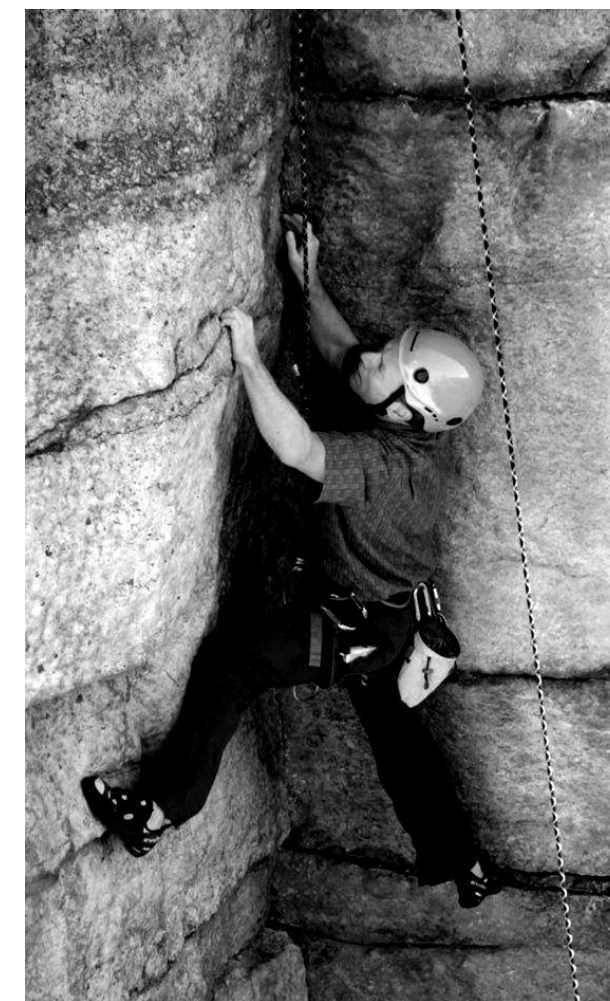
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Rock Climbing & Bouldering Information



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General Information

Rock climbing is dangerous.
Climb at your own risk.

Hours: Open at 9:00am, closing times vary seasonally and are posted at all entrances.

Fee: \$10 per climber/boulderer per day

Sign In: Print and sign your name on the sign in sheet each time you visit to climb.

Waiver: All climbers must fill out an acknowledgment of risk on their first visit of each season. Minors must have their waiver signed by their parent or legal guardian.

Climber Capacity: Minnewaska State Park Preserve allows approximately 100 climbers and 30 boulderers in the climbing area at one time.

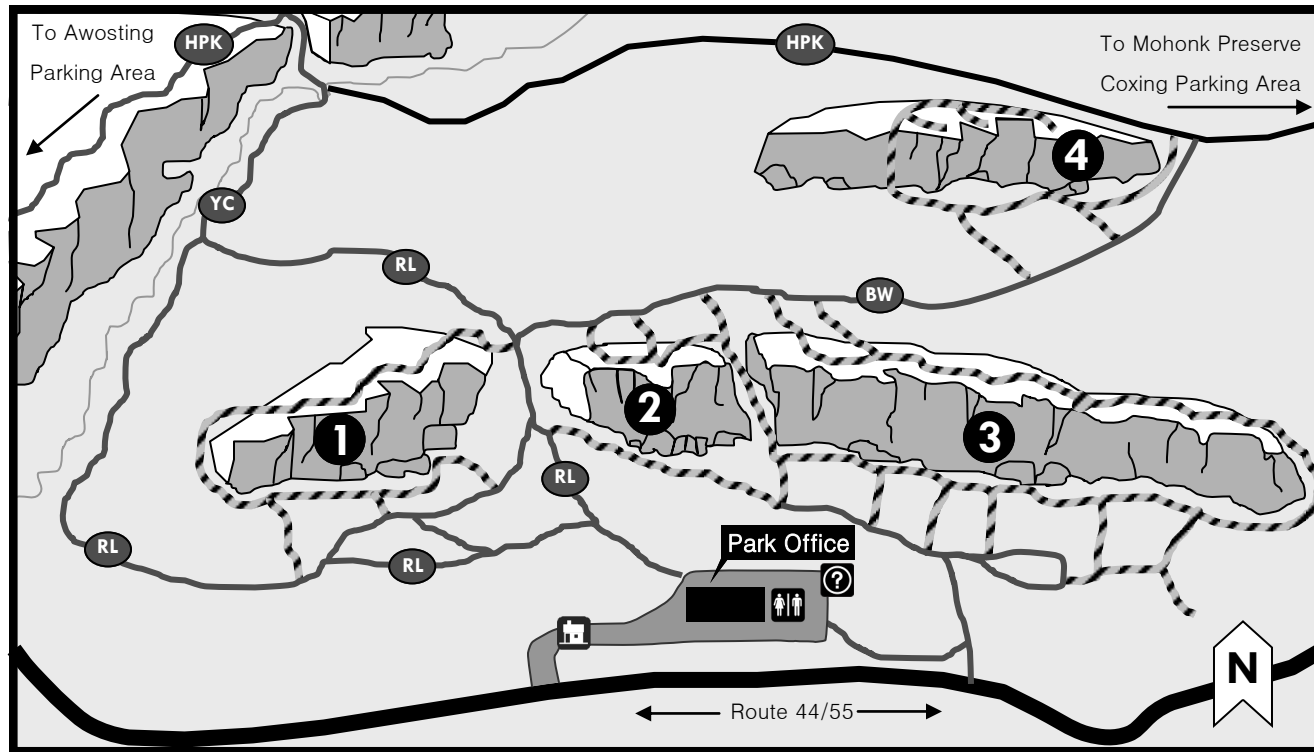
Season Length: April 1st through December 15th (weather dependent)

Season Pass: \$90 per person. Pass holders will only be allowed entry if climbing area has not reached capacity.

ICE CLIMBING NOT PERMITTED

Welcome to the Peter's Kill Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. The Peter's Kill Area is a unique and beautiful part of the 22,000 acre Minnewaska State Park Preserve. Rock climbing is permitted here on the lower Peter's Kill and Dickie Barre escarpments. The quartz conglomerate cliffs span approximately half a mile, offering single pitch climbs at various levels of difficulty. The cliff and talus also offer some of the best bouldering in the northeast. This area is home to mixed hardwood forests, pitch pine barrens, wetlands, vernal pools, rock slabs, the Peter's Kill stream, several waterfalls and the cliffs of the High Peter's Kill escarpment. In addition to rock climbing and bouldering, hiking, picnicking and snowshoeing are all permitted activities in this area.

Peter's Kill Climbing Area



Map Legend

	information		climbing trail (blue & yellow)
	restrooms		foot path (color varies)
	gatehouse		major road
	stream		

Peter's Kill Permitted Activities:

	rock climbing		picnicking
	hiking		snowshoeing

rock climbing areas

1	West Cliff	<i>Note: A climbing or bouldering permit is required to access these trails.</i>
2	Middle Cliff	
3	East Cliff	
4	Dickie Barre	

footpaths

	color	distance
RL	Red Loop	Red 0.8 mi
BW	Bull Wheel	White 0.5 mi.
YC	Yellow Connector	Yellow 0.2 mi.
HPK	High Peter's Kill	Blue 2.8 mi.

Anchoring and Rappelling

Use removable gear only: **NO** pitons, bolts or fixed anchors.

Anchoring to trees: Causes severe bark damage called girdling, which will cause the tree to be killed. Whenever possible do not girth hitch trees. Use padding to prevent bark damage.

Rappelling: Do not rappel off trees. There are several convenient places to walk off from cliff top to bottom as well as bolted anchors with rings.

Bolted Anchors: Bolted anchors have been installed by a network of volunteers in high impact areas. Minnewaska State Park Preserve is not responsible for the condition of the terrain or acts of persons who may be on the property and is not responsible for climbing protection on the cliffs (bolts, pitons, rappel slings, rings, etc.).



*Help protect our trees
Use padding to prevent bark damage.*

Guides & Instructors

Anyone seeking a climbing guide may contact the Park Preserve Office to inquire about approved guides/instructors.

If you are planning to guide/instruct pupils at the Peter's Kill Area, contact the Park Preserve Office. Information must be submitted **ONE MONTH PRIOR** to use of the area.