

JOHN BOYD THACHER STATE PARK

CLIMBING APPLICATION



ALL climbing in John Boyd Thacher is limited to SPORT climbing only.

- All climbers must have completed the application process and received a **completed John Boyd Thacher State Park Risk Climbing Waiver permit**, that they are to have in their possession while climbing
- This is also a requirement for minors who want to climb in the Park and who must be accompanied by a Climbing Waiver permitted parent or guardian
- Dogs/other pets are NOT allowed in the climbing area except for service animals
- This permit is not transferable and is only valid for the year it is issued
- The permit holder MUST abide by all state park rules and regulations
- By completing this permit, you acknowledge that you possess the proper recreational climbing and safety equipment needed to climb in the climbing designated areas within John Boyd Thacher State Park
- Helmets are recommended for all climbers
- This permit is valid ONLY for designated, established climbing routes in the designated climbing area
- Creating new routes is strictly prohibited
- Rappelling or “topping out” is prohibited
- All climbers must abide by rules of seasonal closures due to safety or wildlife protection
- Vehicle Use Fees are still required when in the Park from May 1st through October 31st and receipts are to be displayed on the vehicle dashboard

Acknowledgment of Risk Climbing Waiver

VALID FOR 2025 CLIMBING SEASON ONLY

The holder of this permit climbs with full knowledge of the dangers involved and assumes the risk of injury and death caused by the inherent dangers of the sport of recreational rock climbing. It is understood that John Boyd Thacher State Park; *does not maintain the natural rocks, cliffs, or other natural features of the terrain, does not provide instruction in any manner, is not responsible for climbing protection on the cliffs, or integrity of the bolted routes and the natural rock around those areas, and IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF OTHER PATRONS USING THE PARK THAT MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH IN THE CLIMBING AREAS.*

- The holder of this permit recognizes natural hazards of the sedimentary rock face, forested, cliff terrain and assumes all risks of personal injury caused by such hazards
- The holder acknowledges that skill and training are essential in rock climbing
- Be aware of the existence of other climbers and hikers on the trails below the climbing routes
- Use marked access trails only, carry out all personal litter and supplies, do not disturb plants and wildlife, abide by emergency route closures
- Creation of new routes is strictly prohibited
- No climbing at night or after park closure, or fires, camping, motor vehicles, radios, glass containers, alcohol, or pets below the cliff edge



Please print—we need to be able to read form completely in the event of an emergency.

Climber’s Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Your emergency contact MUST be someone NOT climbing with you.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone #: _____

By signing this document, you state that you understand and agree with all of the requirements and acknowledgments of risk in this permit.

Climber Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2025

For climbers under 18 years of age:

- * Must be accompanied by an adult
- * Attending guardian must sign below and is responsible for the minor while on John Boyd Thacher State Park property

Guardian Name (*please print*): _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2025