

If you are not a climber:

The Southeastern Climbers coalition (SCC) invites everyone to help make this area a better place for all users. Together, we can work to keep trash off the trails and help stop erosion and vandalism that mar the natural beauty of the area. Please help preserve the natural experience by minimizing your impact on the area: stay on existing trails, pick up trash (your own and others), and obey the rules and regulations of the area. If you are interested in learning more about the SCC or assisting with trail days, feel free to contact the SCC through visiting www.seclimbers.org.

If you are a climber:

Access to climbing areas in the southeast is not a given; many areas face threatening access issues while others have already been closed. Though the Southeastern Climber's Coalition is working hard to preserve existing access and open access to new or closed areas, there are several things you can do as an individual climber:

1. Make sure to pack out all trash and pick up trash others may have left behind.
2. Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts or hiking off trail contributes to unnecessary erosion.
3. When climbing, keep packs and gear off the trail and out of the way. Keeping trails clear and accessible allows others to stay on established paths, minimizing off-trail erosion.
4. Obey any specific park / crag rules such as closure dates, open / closed hours, camping regulations, etc. Take a moment to visit the crag's kiosk or visit www.seclimbers.org for more information on any such rules.
5. Don't top-rope directly through anchors. Instead, use quickdraws or other personal gear to extend the anchor. Fixed anchors cost the climbing community time and money to maintain. Improper use leads to premature wear and unnecessary increased expense to keep climbing areas safe and access open.
6. Whenever possible, pad trees used in anchors. As a result of the recent drought and pine beetle infestation, many trees in the southeast have been killed or weakened. The more we can do to protect them, the better.
7. Report any dangerous fixed anchors (bolts, hangers, anchors) to the SCC through the contacts listed at www.seclimbers.org.
8. Immediately report any problems or emergencies to the proper local authorities.
9. Volunteer for trail days at your favorite crags. Lists and schedules of trail days and events can be viewed at www.seclimbers.org.