



## Rock Climbing

The following areas and exposures are CLOSED to rock climbing:

- Any exposure above a tunnel portal, rock art site, the Balanced Rock in Fruita Canyon, and Mushroom Rock below the northeastern rim of Monument Mesa near the mouth of Monument Canyon.
- Any area that has the potential to disturb wildlife activity.
- Any climbing activity that has the potential to damage or disturb any archeological site, historic structure, or paleontological resource.

### **Other Regulations:**

- No new permanent climbing hardware may be installed. If an existing bolt or other hardware item is deemed unsafe, it may be replaced. This is meant to limit climbing to existing routes or routes not requiring the placement of fixed anchors.
- The use of motorized power drills is prohibited.
- Climbing anchors and/or protection points may not be placed with the use of a hammer except to replace belay and rappel anchors and bolts on existing routes, or for emergency self-rescue.
- Software (webbing) that is left in place shall match the rock surface in color.
- When installing permanent anchor fixtures and hardware, it shall match the rock surface in color.
- Climbing chalk shall match the color of the surface rock in color.
- Fixed ropes may not be left in place for more than 24 hours. Fixed ropes left in place longer, shall be considered "abandoned property" and will be removed.
- Physical altering of the rock face (such as chiseling new holds) is prohibited.
- The intentional removal of plants or lichen is prohibited.
- Backcountry camping permits are required for all overnight use. Permits are free and are available at the visitor center. Camping is not permitted on the summit of Independence Monument.