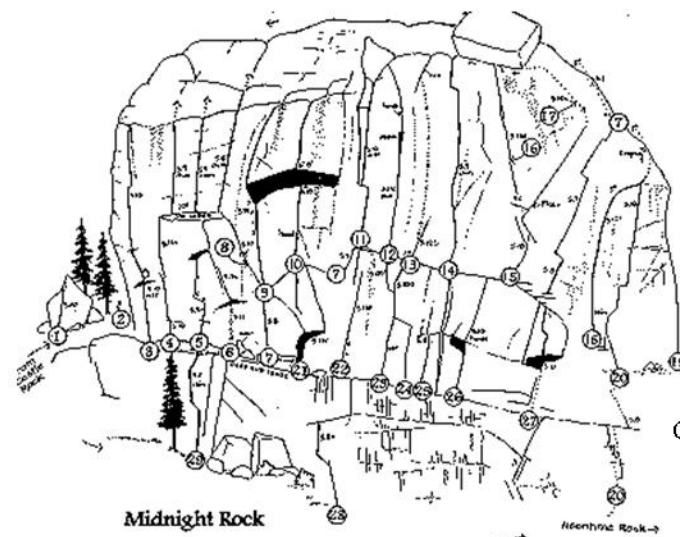


MIDNIGHT & NOONTIME ROCKS AND VICINITY CLOSED TO ENTRY APRIL 1 TO JULY 31 To Protect Nesting Raptors

By Order 36 CFR 261.53 (a). Violations are punishable by fine and imprisonment

Attention Climbers: Raptor nesting behavior has been observed on both Midnight and Noontime Rocks. To protect these birds during the nesting period, these rocks and the area immediately above and between them is closed to all entry. Once nesting is confirmed, restrictions will be lifted on the rock not being used. If you know where the raptors are nesting, please contact the Leavenworth FS office.



Closed to Entry 4/1-7/31

Area between
Midnight Rock
and Noontime
Rock

Closed to Entry 4/1-7/31



Noontime Rock Closed to Entry 4/1-7/31

Drawings taken from Leavenworth Rock, 1st Edition by Viktor Kramar

Climbers are not the only creatures drawn to Leavenworth's rock faces. The walls are also crucial breeding areas for birds of prey. They are sensitive to human disturbance during their nesting and roosting cycle. People who stray too close to a nest can scare off parent birds or elicit an attack. Even if the nest is not abandoned, disturbance can cause nest failure. Eggs need to be constantly incubated so they do not become too hot or cold. Newly hatched raptors cannot regulate their own body temperature and frightened juvenile birds may attempt to fly before they are ready. It is critical that everyone abides by posted seasonal closures in order to protect the birds.

Thank You!

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