

A man in a red shirt and tan shorts is climbing a large, textured rock face. He is wearing a climbing harness and has a rope attached to it. The rock is covered in patches of green moss. The background is a clear blue sky.

# ROCK CLIMBING

QUARTZ  
MOUNTAIN  
NATURE  
PARK

## **QUARTZ MOUNTAIN NATURE PARK**

Situated on the tranquil shores of Lake Altus-Lugert at the western end of the Wichita Mountain range, Quartz Mountain Nature Park is one of Oklahoma's premiere state parks. Located 20 miles north of Altus in southwest Oklahoma, the 4,984 acre park is set in scenic granite mountains with wooded valleys and miles of sandy shoreline. This remarkable area offers diverse habitats for the parks varied plant and animal life, as well as numerous outdoor recreational opportunities for park visitors, such as fishing, swimming, camping, hiking, and rock climbing.

## **BALDY POINT NATURAL AREA**

The Baldly Point Natural Area encompasses nearly 300 acres of pristine land covering much of Quartz Mountain. This unique, wilderness-like area offers outstanding potential for outdoor recreation and environmental education. Permitted activities include hiking, rock climbing, nature observation, art and photography, and environmental and cultural education and interpretation. Nearly 3 miles of interpretive and backcountry hiking trails wind through Cedar Valley, a beautiful woodland valley, and around Baldy Point, the area's majestic namesake peak.

The Baldy Point Natural Area is open to the public year-round during daylight hours (dawn until dusk). Access to the area is provided by parking at either the Baldy Point or the Cedar Valley trailheads. Restrooms, picnic tables and drinking water are available at both parking areas.



## **STATEMENT OF NON-LIABILITY FOR ROCK CLIMBING AND FIXED ANCHORS**

The WMCC's QBC assists QMNP by reviewing proposed fixed anchor activity to protect Baldy Point's natural resources and historical climbing routes.

QMNP, WMCC and QBC make no representations or warranties regarding the safety, reliability or suitability for use of any fixed anchors or other hardware, currently existing or installed in the future, on any climbing route at Baldy Point. Moreover, QMNP, WMCC and QBC make no representations or warranties regarding the degree of hazard or danger involved, or lack thereof, on any rock climbing route at Baldy Point. Rock climbing is a dangerous activity and the individual climber must personally make all decisions regarding his or her safety while climbing.

## BALDY POINT REGULATIONS

- Baldy Point is open free to the public year-round during daylight hours (dawn to dusk).
- Fixed anchors may not be placed, removed or replaced without prior approval.
- Rock Climbing, Hiking, Nature Observation and Photography, and Environmental Education and Interpretation are permitted uses of the area.
- Camping, Mountain Biking, Hunting, Firearms, and Fires are strictly prohibited
- Natural and cultural objects must be left undisturbed.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times.

## FIXED ANCHORS

The addition, removal or replacement of any fixed anchors at Baldy Point requires advance authorization from the Quartz Bolting Committee (QBC) of the Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition (WMCC) in assistance to Quartz Mountain Nature Park (QMNP). For more information, contact the QBC by email at [qbc@wichitamountains.org](mailto:qbc@wichitamountains.org).

## CAUTIONS

- **Warning - Climb at Baldy Point at your own risk.** Obtain proper training and guidance before climbing.
- **You alone are responsible for your safety.** Rock Climbing and associated activities (such as Rappelling) are inherently dangerous.
- **Substantial Risk of injury and death exist!** Permission to climb at Baldy Point is premised upon your assumption of all risk of injury to person and property.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of serious injury, call 911. First aid is available at the Visitor Center. Emergency medical treatment can be obtained at the Jackson County Memorial Hospital in Altus. Report all accidents involving significant personal injury to Park personnel.



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## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Commit yourself to “minimum impact” and “leave no trace” ideals by adhering to the following principles:

- Use established trails to reach climbing areas. Short cuts cause plant damage and erosion.
- Dispose of human waste properly. Whenever possible use restrooms; otherwise bury your waste and carry out toilet paper in a plastic bag. Do not leave human waste within 200 feet of any water source or at the base of a climb.
- Pack out what you bring in. Do not leave tape, cigarette butts, food wraps, leftovers, or other litter. Leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- Pick up after your pets and keep them on a leash.
- Gardening, chipping, gluing, removing vegetation, cutting trees and prying off rocks is prohibited. Bolting is not permitted without prior approval. Be “resource sensitive” when developing new routes. Use good judgment! Tread lightly and be aware of environmental impacts.
- Minimize chalk use and brush off heavily chalked holds.
- Avoid disturbing sensitive habitats and cliff nesting birds.
- Know and respect environmentally sensitive areas. Fragile plants and soils, wildlife habitat and riparian zones require special attention.
- Please be considerate of other visitors. Loud noise detracts from the wilderness setting and disturbs others. Do not tie up routes you are not using.
- Climb and travel in small numbers. Disperse your activities.
- Support conservation by taking part in organized clean-ups, trail rehabilitation, and other volunteer projects at Baldy Point. For more information on what you can do to help, contact the Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition or the Access Fund.

# CLIMBING IS DANGEROUS

Stack the Odds in Your Favor!

Double check your knots and harness buckle!

Inspect your gear and replace as necessary!

Fixed gear is unreliable - back it up!

Know your partners and their habits!

Check your belay - are you sure you're on?

Read all warnings - they can save your life!

Keep an eye on the weather!

Rock breaks - check your holds!

Always double check your rappel system!

Wear a helmet - it can save your life!

Remember, safety is your responsibility!

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