



Ontario Climbing Area Access Status

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The Ontario Access Coalition (OAC) is a volunteer, not-for-profit group that works with the climbing community, land owners, conservation authorities and property managers to keep climbing and bouldering areas open in an environmentally responsible manner.

Area Name -ACCESS STATUS- (Land Manager) Access Details.

OPEN – This area allows climbing. Enjoy responsibly

OPEN WITH GUIDELINES – Under restrictions this area allows for climbing. Learn, practice and share the guidelines. Buy a permit if applicable

TOLERATED – Climbing access is not formally permitted, but informally is accepted. Tread lightly

CLOSED – Climbing is not permitted in this area at this time

UNKNOWN – If you know about access to this area, please share with us

Niagara Region

Camden Crag –UNKNOWN- (Niagara Conservation Authority) Status unknown. Volunteers Needed.

Jordan Harbour – UNKNOWN- (Unknown) Status unknown. Volunteers needed.

Niagara Glen – OPEN WITH GUIDELINES- (Niagara Parks Commission) Bouldering guidelines, waiver and fee in effect. Details [here](#). Please see guidelines [here](#). Download waiver [here](#). Visit the Glen bouldering guide [website](#). Completed waiver forms must be signed and returned to either the Nature Centre or the Butterfly Conservatory for verification. Please have photo ID with you when submitting your form.

Milton Area

Belfountain – CLOSED- (Private Property) Climbing not permitted

Cow Crag -CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Crag X -CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Dundas Rock-UNKNOWN-(Unknown)

Elora Gorge – CLOSED- (Grand River Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted

Fraggle Rock – TOLERATED-(Conservation Halton) No slinging of cedars. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

Kelso -OPEN WITH GUIDELINES- (Conservation Halton) Corner Route to Armorall are open to climbing. No slinging of cedars. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

Milton Heights –CLOSED- (Conservation Halton) Access not permitted

Mt. Nemo -OPEN WITH GUIDELINES- (Conservation Halton) Top-Rope ban, no slinging trees. Helmets strongly encouraged

Nemo South -CLOSED- (Private Property) Climbs south of Bookends are on private property. Access not permitted

Punk Rock - CLOSED- (Conservation Halton) Access not permitted.

Rattlesnake Point, Buffalo Crag and Bottle Glass Crag -OPEN WITH GUIDELINES- (Conservation Halton) No slinging of trees, use the bolts where installed. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee

Rockwood -CLOSED- (Grand River Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted

Sunset Rock –CLOSED ...with exception- (Conservation Halton) Access for Registered Group Permit holders only

Beaver Valley

Berlin Wall- UNKNOWN- (Provincial Park)

Bowles Bluff - CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Cliff Barnes - CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Devil's Glen – TOLERATED- (Devil's Glen Provincial Park & Private Property) Local climbers recommend parking on Concession 10 and walking back to trail with orange flagging to approach. Access is across private property.

Eugenia – CLOSED- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) OAC is currently exploring options with GSCA. Do not climb here.

Groundhogs Graveyard - CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Lost Dog - CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted

Metcalfe -OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources) No camping. Use new parking lot. MNR currently completing environmental assessment

Old Baldy -OPEN WITH GUIDELINES- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Permit required from [Grey Sauble Conservation Authority](#).

Climbing guidelines in effect. Fees apply.

Osprey Bluffs - UNKNOWN- (Provincial Park)

Pinnacle Rock -CLOSED- (Duncan Cave Crevice Provincial Park) Access not permitted

The Swamp – TOLERATED- (Ministry of Natural Resources) MNR currently completing environmental assessment of the area

Young's Crag -CLOSED-(Private Property) Access not permitted



The "Ontario Climbing Area Access Status" listing provides climber access information on commonly enquired about rock climbing areas. The list is not comprehensive and is based on the best knowledge available at the time of publication. If you would like to know more about the access situation at an area not included on this list or would like to provided updated information on an area please send us by clicking on the contact button at www.ontarioaccesscoalition.com

Bruce Peninsula

Bruce Caves –CLOSED- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Access not permitted

Bruce Peninsula National Park – CLOSED – (Bruce Peninsula National Park) Permitted only at Halfway Log Dump location within the park. See Halfway Log Dump listing.

Cabot Head –CLOSED- (Cabot Head Provincial Park) Access not permitted

Cape Croker/ Indian Ladder – OPEN WITH FEE- (Private Property) Entrance fee required

Catalan Quarry/ West Rocks – UNKNOWN- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority/City of Owen Sound)

Halfway Log Dump – OPEN WITH GUIDELINES (Bruce Peninsula National Park) Please read and be familiar with conditions in downloadable guide [here](#). Parking Fee.

Harrison Park North– CLOSED- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority/City of Owen Sound/Private) Access not permitted

Harrison Park South – CLOSED- (Private Property) Access not permitted

Lion's Head – TOLERATED (Provincial Park) Tolerated as a non-conforming use of the park. Highly sensitive area. Strive for minimal impact and low profile. All fixed protection to be camouflaged. Parking along south side of road is permitted. Do not disturb the cottagers. Approach via Bruce Trail entrance.

Mallory Beach – CLOSED (Private Property) Access not permitted

Owen Sound Bluffs – UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Popcorn Rock –CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Access not permitted

Skinner's Bluff – CLOSED- (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority)

TV Tower – UNKNOWN- (Private Property) – Volunteers needed. Do not camp on private property.

White Bluff – TOLERATED (Provincial Park) Highly sensitive area. Strive for minimal impact and low profile. No parking on cottage road or at corner. Park in the Bruce Trail lot along Forty Hills Road (#9). Approach via west side of the fencing at last cottage. DO NOT disturb cottagers.

Eastern Ontario

Algonquin–CLOSED- (Algonquin Provincial Park)

Bon Echo –OPEN WITH GUIDELINES-(Bon Echo Provincial Park) Permit/registration required (available at the gatehouse or via ACC –Toronto). Helmets strongly encouraged. Rules [here](#). Fees apply.

Devil's Rock-UNKNOWN (City of Timiskaming Shores)

Diamond Lake –UNKNOWN (Private Property)

Dog Lake -CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted.

Eagle's Nest (Bancroft) – Cliff behind the Laundromat area is on private property. Fingerstinger, Stairway to Heaven are within accessible portion of cliff.

French River –CLOSED- (French River Provincial Park)

Killarney -CLOSED- (Killarney Provincial Park)

Kingston Mills -OPEN- (Rideau Canal Office, National Parks) Registration/waiver required. Rules and permit [here](#).

Little Blue Mountain -CLOSED- (Private property) Access not permitted.

McCrae Lake-UNKNOWN- (McCrae Lake Provincial Park)

Lake Superior

Alien Wall-OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources)

Ranwick Rock -OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources)

King Mountain – UNKNOWN – (Algoma Highlands Conservancy)

Keetes Bluff -OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources)

River Bend Rock -OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources)

Summerian Slabs -OPEN- (Ministry of Natural Resources)