



## CHTC

Climbers of Hueco Tanks Coalition

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As a global organization of climbers, we have a responsibility to help protect, restore, and interpret the unique natural and cultural features of the *Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site*. These features are many and diverse, and are revered by different groups of users for different reasons. They include world-class bird watching, hundreds of Native American pictographs and archaeological sites, unique desert flora and fauna, historic artifacts from the days of the old western frontier, and perhaps the best one square mile of rock climbing in America, if not the world.

*The sports of climbing and bouldering are not governed by strict rules. However, due to the sensitive nature of Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site, we ask all climbers and non-climbers to follow the appropriate behavior below when visiting the park:*

- **LEAVE NO TRACE:** Erase tick marks and pack out all trash, especially climbing tape. Double check each area before you leave.
- **RAIN / WET ROCK:** Please give the rock ample time to dry before climbing after a wet event. Roofs are also suspect to breakage during these times.
- **ARTIFACTS:** Leave artifacts untouched and respect closures, whether or not a closure sign is present.
- **PADS:** The desert is a fragile environment which does not recover from heavy traffic quickly. As a result, be mindful of pad placement. Do not place pads on plants and don't drag your pad over dirt areas, as this can lead to increased erosion.
- **PLANTS:** There are rare and endangered plant species at Hueco. Always respect the plant life and under no circumstances remove or prune plant life, even if it gets in the way of the boulder problem.
- **CHALK:** Please use chalk sparingly and ALWAYS brush away your tick marks. Rosins and/or pof, as well as colored chalk, are prohibited at Hueco Tanks.
- **BRUSHING:** Wire brushes are prohibited at Hueco. Soft, natural bristle brushes are preferred and typically more effective. Please brush lightly.
- **TRAILS:** Stick to established trails. Do not create new trails. Whenever possible along the trail, step on solid rock rather than dirt or gravel.
- **TOURS:** While on tours, listen to your tour guides. Their knowledge of the park rules and climbing problems are an important link in the climber-park relationship.
- **CHIPPING:** It is ILLEGAL. Hueco is a huge park; a better problem is right around the corner.



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- **RESPECT:** Respect the park staff. Make sure you are outside the park gate or in the campground by closing. Make sure you are packing up to leave the park at least a half hour before the park closes. Be mindful that other user groups may be right around the corner, so please keep the volume down.