



# Red Rocks Climbing Trip Notes

# Climbing in the Red Rocks of Las Vegas

We will make a bold statement that we believe is hard to argue with. "Red Rocks has the finest multi-pitch climbs at moderate grades in the USA"

At SMC we have climbed there since the early 1980 and in this time there have been a multitude of changes from the explosive growth of Las Vegas to a lot more climbers coming to enjoy the climbing. But the climbing remains superb and the desert setting outstanding.

We have been lucky enough to be selected to have a guest climbing permit at Red Rocks and we invite you to come and enjoy this fantastic area with us,

## **Itinerary:**

We have two periods of five days each when we can climb at Red Rocks.

For 2019 they are

**April 5-9**

**October 19-23**

During these time periods we will have guides staying in Las Vegas and we invite you to join us and you can choose how many days you want to climb for.

We have a group campsite booked for the whole period, starting the day prior to our permit period.

If you choose then there are plenty of hotels available in Las Vegas on the NW side of the city closest to Red Rocks.

Call the office to discuss plans and to set up a guide.

## **Meeting place and time:**

We will meet at the Red Rocks campground.

The Red Rock Canyon Campground is located two miles east of the Visitor Center on W. Charleston Blvd (State Route 159). The campground is located one mile south on Moenkopi Road from the junction with W. Charleston Blvd. Its physical address is 3293 Moenkopi Road, Las Vegas, NV 89161.

## **Dates and Prices:**

Our private guiding rates apply. You can sign up for private guiding or we can try and partner you up with someone else to

## **Prerequisites:**

Prior rock climbing experience and preferably with some multi-pitch experience.

Red Rocks has a tremendous selection of routes so we can pick our route depending upon your climbing level and desires. But remember that having a guide along to get the rope up allows you to push your limits and get onto things that you might not have though you could do previously.

## **Guidebooks**

To whet your appetite look online or get the extensive and comprehensive "Red Rocks - A Climbers Guide" by Jerry Handren.



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# Equipment List for Red Rocks

The following list is a general guide and will assist you in packing for the program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have specific questions regarding equipment or if you need assistance prior to making a purchase. The following list will vary according to the time of year, and your individual requirements. When packing **THINK LIGHTWEIGHT!**

## **Climbing equipment**

- Harness. \* Comfortable rock climbing style.
- Helmet. Comfortable and lightweight. We provide these for the program if you do not have your own.
- Two locking carabiners and a couple of non-lockers. \*
- A lightweight belay/rappel device, ATC style. \*
- Rock climbing shoes. \*

\* These items can be rented from SMC. Use our PDF or online form.

## **Other essentials**

- Footwear. A climbing-specific approach shoe or a hiking shoe.
- Daypack. 25-35 L pack.

## **Clothing**

*We will discuss exactly what to bring when we meet. Have these items with you so you are prepared for any possible weather conditions.*

- 1 pair of socks.
- 1 mid-weight long-sleeve top. Capilene, Merino or other synthetic.
- 1 pair of long-johns or tights. Capilene, Merino or other synthetic.
- 1 warm pair of pants.
- 1 warm shirt. Synchilla or 200 weight works well.
- 1 warm jacket. A down jacket is preferred with around 800 fill.
- Waterproof Jacket and Pants - Lightweight and non-bulky. Side zips on the pants should be long enough to slide on over boots. Jacket must have a hood.
- 1 pair of climbing pants.
- 1 long-sleeve sun shirt. We recommend a "hoody" style though anything that covers your arms and is synthetic is great.
- 1 short-sleeve T-shirt. Synthetic, not cotton, so it can dry quickly and wick sweat from your body on sweaty, but windy, days.
- 1 lightweight pair of polypropylene or similar gloves.
- 1 warm hat/beanie. Synthetics are less itchy than wool.
- Sunhat.

## **Etc.**

- Sunglasses. If you wear corrective glasses you might want a second pair.
- Water Bottles. Two 1L bottles or a hydration system holding up to 2L.
- Camera/phone camera.
- Personal toiletries. Include some TP and a bag to pack out the used from the crags.
- Sunscreen and lip screen. SPF 30+. Make sure the lip stuff actually contains a sunscreen.
- Bug repellent. Only needed in spring and early summer.

## **Food**

- You are responsible for water, snacks and lunch for the day.

## **Shared equipment provided by SMC**

- Ropes
- Climbing equipment
- First aid kit

## **Car camping equipment**

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad

We will have cooking equipment and kitchen. There are supermarkets close to the campground as well as restaurants and shopping.