

Ice Climbing at the Salmon River Falls Unique Area

Ice climbing within Salmon River Falls Unique Area is allowed only with daily registration. Each individual climber must fill out the form below and deposit in the registration box prior to entering the gorge.

The purpose of this registration is to have up-to-date information of climbers within the gorge in case of an emergency. The registration information may also be used in future planning for the area.

One mode of access to the base of the gorge is by way of the Gorge Trail. This trail is closed seasonally from November 15th thru May 1st due to the potential for high water or icy conditions. **This trail is open to registered ice climbers.**

Please be advised that this area is not regularly patrolled. It is recommended that all climbers climb in pairs in case of an emergency or accident.

Area Concerns for Climbers:

Fast Rising Water: The Salmon River Reservoir Dam is located 1 mile upstream of the falls. In the event of a high water release, there is very little notice of fast rising water. If you notice the water rising, move to higher ground and do not try and cross the river.

Threatened Plant Species: The Birds-Eye Primrose and the Yellow Mountain Saxifrage are two State listed threatened plant species which grow on the steep cliffs and rock ledges within the gorge. These plants live in very vulnerable soils which can be easily disturbed. Ice climbing has not been considered detrimental to the plants' habitat since climbing is done on thick formations of ice. It is important for ice climbers to be aware of the concern for these plants and their habitat and that they only climb in areas fully covered by ice to minimize disturbance. Plant populations within the gorge will be monitored and steps will be taken to ensure their survival.

Ice Climbing Guidelines and Area Restrictions

- Climbing is not allowed without registering. To register, fill out the attached form and place in the registration box prior to each day's entry into the gorge.
- No climbing is allowed within the designated restricted area or on the face of the falls. (See map in kiosk)
- Climbers must be equipped with conventional ice climbing and safety gear such as helmet, ice axe, crampons, etc.
- Climbing in areas without ice and conventional rock climbing are prohibited.
- Ice climbing on this property is at your own risk.
- No open fires.
- No possession of glass containers or alcoholic beverages.
- No motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, on the property.
- The area is closed from sunset to sunrise.

----- Place in registration box -----

Ice Climbing Registration Form

Please fill out this form and place in the registration box if ice climbing on the Salmon River Falls Unique Area.

Date Climbing: _____ Name: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Address: _____

Estimated Departure Time: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

License Plate #: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

(Optional) Email Address: _____ Affiliated Group (if any): _____

By signing this form you are agreeing to abide by the areas guidelines and restrictions.

All information will be kept confidential and used for emergencies and management planning only.