



# 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 are, 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) Please see the interim guidelines [here](#). Visit the Glen guide [website](#)

## **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](http://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-(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- 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)