

Dear [Minister Piccini and/or MPPs],

Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has demonstrated a willingness to listen to the climbing community, and an openness to work with the Ontario Alliance of Climbers (OAC) to establish climbing access in Ontario Parks. For this, I thank you! Access and the ability to rock climb in our provincial parks is important to me and my community. I am excited to see how the future of rock climbing in Ontario develops.

I am asking for your continued support in allowing rock climbing within our provincial parks, and thereby realizing the benefits that rock climbing can bring to our province:

- Rock climbing is a rapidly growing sport, with thousands of Ontarians participating
- Rock climbing boosts tourism, supports local economies, and is a growing industry in our province
- Rock climbing and ecological interests are aligned, and proper management plans cultivate conservation
- Rock climbing is a safe and fun part of a healthy lifestyle, benefiting both physical and mental health

Rock climbing has occurred at areas like provincial parks, such as Devil's Glen and Lion's Head, for over 50 years. Yet climbing management plans are not in place. As a result, there is ineffective and inconsistent management of climbing, resulting in lost opportunities for tourism, recreation, stakeholder engagement, and collaborative conservation.

I appreciate your support in updating the provincial park management plans to include rock climbing as a recreational activity for Ontarians.

While I recognize that plans to evaluate climbing access at Devil's Glen and Lion's Head have been made, I would like to see continued progress in climbing access throughout all of Ontario. By doing this you will allow Ontarians and visitors to recreationally rock climb in our provincial parks, contribute to Ontario's economy, and be partners in ecological conservation.

Sincerely,
[Name]
[City/Town]