The Alpine Club of Canada Ottawa Section

CLIMBING ETIQUETTE TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE

- Erodes tracks to and from route
- Impact to vegetation
- Disturbs birds, particularly their breeding
- May affect nesting
- Soil removal from brushing of cleaning rock





USE DEFINED OR CLEARED TRAILS

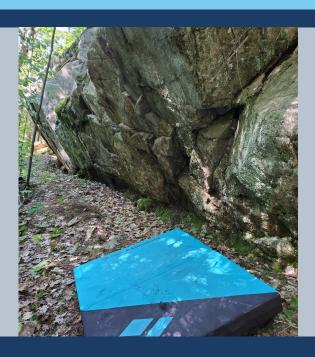
Try to avoid trampling on vegetation when going to and from the crag or boulder.

Be mindful of where you are standing when belaying.

IMPACTS ON VEGETATION

Rock climbing's popularity is growing worldwide. There is pressure on the vegetation of cliff ecosystems. Cliffs can harbour rare, endemic and endangered plant species.





TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR IMPACT

Carry your litter out

Use trails when possible

Avoid trampling vegetation

Place crash pads off of vegetation

AS RECREATIONAL USERS, WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF THE LAND THAT WE PLAY ON

Practice environmental etiquette for long-term use