

Making the transition from **GYM** to **CRAG**

RESPONSIBLE OUTDOOR CLIMBING PRACTICES THAT HELP PRESERVE ACCESS

| IN THE GYM | AT THE CRAG | DO THIS INSTEAD |
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| Loud music fuels your climbing session. | Loud music may disrupt others trying to enjoy the outdoors, including landowners. | Leave the speakers at home or at least turn them off when others are nearby. |
| Lowering off the top anchors is the norm. | Top anchors may not be regularly monitored for wear. | Consider rappelling to lessen the impact on anchors. |
| Janitors clean up your chalk spills and discarded finger tape. | Chalk spills and trash are your responsibility. | Clean up after yourself and pack out your trash. |
| You stash your pack and unused gear in a locker. | Sprawling gear can crush plant life, trample sensitive soil, and disturb other climbing parties. | Be aware of where you're dropping your gear and contain it as much as possible. |
| Fixed draws on lead routes are standard. | Landowners may not appreciate the visual impact of fixed draws. | Know the rules before you go, and don't leave draws on your project unless they are allowed. |
| You do your business in the bathroom. | You do your business in the wild. | The best methods for human waste disposal vary depending on what kind of environment you're climbing in. Know before you go: www.accessfund.org/poop |
| Climbing in large groups is no big deal. | Climbing in large groups is not always appropriate, especially when the crag is crowded or in areas where access is sensitive. | Stay low profile—climb in pairs at crowded crags and in areas where access is sensitive. |
| Gym managers oversee training and safety inside a controlled environment. | The great outdoors doesn't have a supervisor, and climbing outside is inherently more dangerous. | Be safe. Get a mentor or climb with someone who knows the ropes. |

PASS IT ON TO YOUR FAVORITE GYM CLIMBER.



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