

**Central Texas Mountaineers' Zoning Proposal for Climbing in the Austin City Parks
Barton Creek Greenbelt**

Scope and Purpose

This proposal for zoning climbing in the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Barton Creek Greenbelt defines a technical climbing management program for climbing areas in the Park and is designed to maintain and enhance technical climbing Barton Springs to Lost Creek. Future zoning proposals shall be implemented as deemed necessary by PARD and the Austin climbing community's representatives, the Central Texas Mountaineers (CTM) and the Central Texas Climbing Committee (CTCC) in agreement with the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between these entities. Previously unclimbed areas or areas currently without fixed protection on the Austin Greenbelt which are brought to the attention of CTM or CTCC will be evaluated for proper designation under the zoning proposal. This current proposal serves as a program for the regulation and maintenance of established climbing areas in the park. This proposal meets the requirements of the MOC between PARD, CTM, and CTCC.

Proposed Zones

Two zoning designations are proposed for the climbing areas on the Austin Greenbelt.

ZONE 1 -- No new fixed protection routes.

This zone prohibits the addition of new fixed protection routes within a designated area (fixed protection includes bolts, pitons, or other permanent hardware). Maintenance and replacement of existing fixed protection, as per the MOC agreement, will be performed within Zone 1 by volunteers of the climbing community under the auspices of CTM and CTCC, and the city will be apprised of such improvement.

Areas to be covered by Zone 1 are the following:

- Rappelers Wall
- The New Wall Area
- Gus Fruh Area
- Urban Assault Wall
- Airman's Cave Wall
- Sanctuary Wall

Zone 2 -- Application only fixed protection for new routes.

This zone requires that proposed new routes undergo an application process similar to that employed by CTCC and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) at Enchanted Rock State Park. Proposals for new routes must be written by the person intending to establish the route and must include a detailed description of the area, the route's location, and how and where fixed protection will be placed. The proposal should be submitted to CTCC and it will then be reviewed by a joint committee of CTCC and PARD to determine the cultural, environmental, and operations impacts of the new route. Both PARD and CTCC have the authority to approve or reject the application within 60 days of its submission, and those not rejected within that time period will be deemed approved.

Areas to be covered by Zone 2 are the following:

- Wasp Wall upstream to the Balrog Wall (with the understanding that no fixed protection may be placed on top of the Balrog Wall due to private property lines -- i.e., all anchors must be hanging belays)
- Campbell's Hole Wall
- Random Walls right of The New Wall Area
- the 5.8 Wall left of The New Wall Area
- the Seismic Wall
- All climbing or potential climbing walls south of Loop 360 Bridge to the Park's boundary at Lost Creek

Conclusion

It is understood that in the future, Zone 2, application areas, may revert to Zone 1, no new fixed protection areas, when PARD in consultation with CTCC and CTM deem them unsuitable for new fixed protection routes.