

Bolting Agreement for Los Alamos Climbing Areas
(Including the June 2004 amendment)

A meeting of Los Alamos and Santa Fe climbers was held in White Rock on October 17, 1989 to discuss the bolting issue and to develop a compromise that would provide opportunities for all types of climbing and prevent the conflicts that have occurred at other areas. The following points were agreed to by all those who were present.

- A.** Bolting is allowed at all areas in White Rock canyon except:
1. The Playground
 2. The “Y”
 3. The Old-New Place
 4. The New-New Place

In particular, bolting is allowed at the Overlook, the big Enchilada, Pajarito Gorge, and Below the Old-New Place.

B. New bolts or fixed pins placed in the four excluded areas mentioned above will be removed.

C. The existing bolts at the Playground and the existing bolts at the “Y” will be left in place, but the nuts and hangers will be removed and the bolt studs will be painted the same color as the rock. If any new bolts appear at the Playground or the “Y” they will be removed, and another meeting will be called to discuss whether the painted bolt studs should also be removed.

D. The Cholla Wall at the Overlook will be left unbolted because it is a particularly popular top-roping wall.

Climbers present at the meeting:

Cameron Burns
Jean de Lataillade
Clark Mann
Gabriela Gainer
Lee Scheftel
Jim Sprinkle
Jan Studebaker
Chris Vandiver
Mark Zander

Carolyn Cochran
Norbert Ensslin
Keith Gainer
Ralph Menikoff
Rick Smith
Jim Straight
Bob Stuewe
Peter Walsh

2004 Revision to the Los Alamos Climbing Area Agreement:

Due to the severe drought and the die off of trees used for anchors at all areas, the following revision is made to this agreement:

Section A. is amended to read:

- A.** Route Bolting is allowed at all areas in White Rock canyon except:
1. The Playground
 2. The "Y"
 3. The Old-New Place
 4. The New-New Place

Top anchor bolting is allowed at all areas in White Rock to foster safe climbing practice.

In particular, route bolting is allowed at the Overlook, the big Enchilada, Pajarito Gorge, and Below the Old-New Place and other newly developed areas.

Section B. is amended to read:

- B.** New bolt lines placed in the four excluded areas mentioned above will be removed.

A new section is added to read:

- E.** Anchors should not be placed at the top of climbs that are easily and safely set with traditional gear. Permanent anchors should not be placed over the edge, preferably not visible when standing back from the top of the cliff a couple of feet or visible from the bottom of the cliffs. Use a minimum 3/8 inch x 2 3/4 inch SS expansion bolt or glue-in and stainless steel or titanium hangers. Separate the two anchors at least 8 inches apart. Screw links should be used instead of rings. Hardware should be camouflaged.

Climbers present at the signing of the revised agreement:

E. Chris Horley (signed original, on file) David Mills (did not sign)
J. Marc Beverly (signed original, on file)
Peter Walsh (signed original, on file)
Mark E. Zander (signed original, on file)
Leslie Champ (signed original, on file)
William Geist (signed original, on file)
Jason Hallady (signed original, on file)

Climbers not present but desiring to sign:

Josh Smith (electronic signed, on file)
Erik Shores (electronic signed, on file)
David Rogers (electronic signed, on file)
Michael Altherr (electronic signed, on file)
Roger Rumsey (electronic signed, on file)