

2010 Bolting Agreement for Los Alamos Climbing Areas

A. Bolting is allowed at all areas in White Rock Canyon with the following exceptions: no new route or anchor bolts shall be placed at the Playground, the Y, the Old New Place, the New New Place, and Potrillo Cliffs.

B. Existing bolts (as of March 2010) at the Playground, the Old New Place, and the New New Place shall remain in place. Replacement of existing bolts due to safety concerns is permitted.

C. All anchor and route bolts at the Y and Potrillo Cliffs may be removed if a few local climbers are up to the task (preferably organized through LAM), with the goal of restoring the appearance of the original rock as faithfully as possible. If bolts are removed, the hardware shall be given to LAM so that they may be returned to the installer.

D. Cholla Wall at the Overlook shall remain free of route bolts. If the route is bolted, they will be removed under the auspices of LAM, restoring the appearance of the original rock as faithfully as possible. This is in recognition of Cholla Wall being a popular top-rope climb and a bold lead that has been accomplished using natural protection.

E. At areas not protected from bolting, permanent anchors should be placed over the edge, preferably not visible when standing back from the top of the cliff a couple of feet or 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.

F. Please contact the LAM board, which shall remain neutral in any conflicts and try to facilitate community-based resolutions, with complaints/comments rather than taking matters into your own hands.

G. This 2010 bolting agreement supersedes all previous versions, which are included in the following pages for historical purposes.

Climbers signing the 2010 bolting agreement:

All climbers who respond will be listed here, all those who DO and DO NOT support this agreement.

1989 Bolting Agreement for Los Alamos Climbing Areas

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 be placed over the edge, preferably not visible when standing back from the top of the cliff a couple of feet or 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 desiring to be a signatory on the revised agreement:

E. Chris Horley
J. Marc Beverly
Peter Walsh
Mark E. Zander
Lesle Champ
William Geist
Jason Hallady
Josh Smith
Bryan Pletta
Michael Altherr
David Rogers