

THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION **BOULDERING RULES**

The following are governing rules for boulderers.

1. Boulderers must use trails sanctioned by the NPC, and limit activities to boulders and areas sanctioned by NPC at all times.
2. Boulderers must pay all fees where applicable.
3. Boulderers will not remove or disturb natural (e.g. vegetation, soil) and/or cultural resources from the boulders or any area surrounding the boulders. Education will be provided to boulderers through the NPC and other approved websites and NPC documentation as to the areas and items of sensitivity.
4. Topping out is permitted only on those boulders explicitly approved for topping out by NPC.
5. NPC has the authority to monitor and limit the number of boulderers at a specific boulder on its lands, in its sole discretion.
6. Boulderers will be required to assist NPC with its stewardship responsibilities by exercising the "pack in, pack out" policy. Boulderers are also encouraged to visit the Leave No Trace website at www.leavenotrace.ca. A "leave no trace" ethic will be the guiding principle by which all issues will be addressed.
7. NPC may request that a specific boulder be "off limits" if any provisions of this policy are not adhered to.
8. NPC will make available maps of sanctioned boulders at its Niagara Glen Nature Centre (and/or other sites where feasible) and through the NPC and other approved websites.
9. Camping and fires are strictly prohibited on all NPC lands.
10. Boulderers will be required to observe and adhere to all regulations, policies, fencing, barriers and signs posted on NPC land. Failure to comply may result in revocation of privileges. Boulderers are encouraged to report any violations of the rules to the NPC for enforcement; this includes violations by boulderers and non-boulderers.
11. Boulderers will be required to keep dogs on a leash at all times while on NPC land and remove all dog waste to be disposed of in proper garbage receptacles.
12. Boulderers will refrain from consuming any drugs or alcohol while on NPC land.
13. Boulderers will maintain a low profile when bouldering at the Niagara Glen. In order to reduce disturbances to others, yelling is to be kept to a minimum. Profanity is against Parks Rules and Regulations.

14. Boulderers will exercise all safety measures possible during bouldering and will adhere to the code of "your safety is your responsibility".
15. Boulderers will submit a completed and signed waiver prior to climbing activity and keep the issued permit with them while bouldering to be made available for inspection by NPC staff if requested. Failure to comply may result in revocation of privileges. Permits are non-transferable and non-saleable.
16. Shall carry permit with them while engaged in bouldering on NPC property. Shall sign and submit completed waiver prior to climbing boulders.
17. Minors shall be accompanied/supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while participating in bouldering.
18. Recognize the risk inherent in their activities and ensure that they have the knowledge, skills and physical fitness to participate.
19. Get trained, be properly equipped, and have a spotter/buddy available to assist until help arrives or call for help (9-1-1).