

# SNOW CREEK WALL - MAIN WALL **CLOSED TO ENTRY**

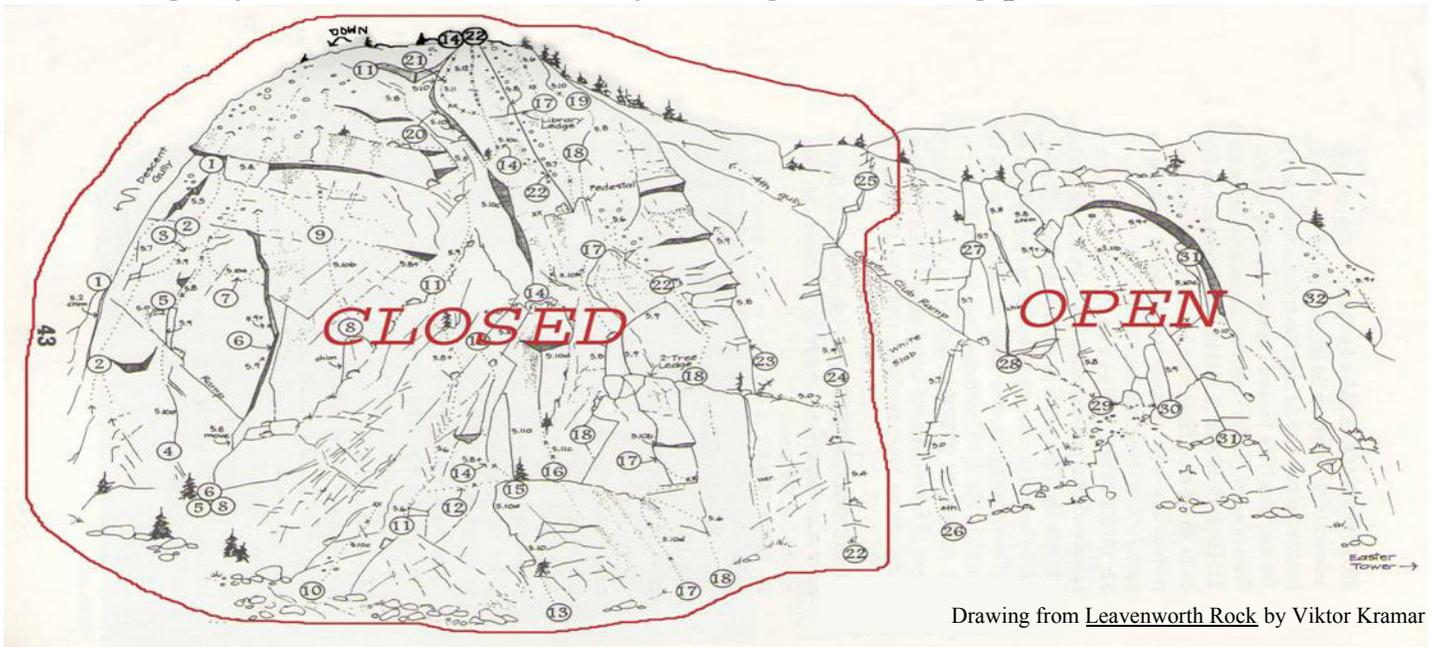
## APRIL 1 to JULY 31

### To Protect Nesting Raptors & Climbers

By Order 36 CFR 261.53 (a). Violations are punishable by fine and imprisonment

#### Attention Climbers

Raptor nesting has been observed on the Snow Creek Wall Shield area. To protect these birds and climbers from the raptors' aggressive behavior, all climbs from Outer Space, White Slabs Direct, and White Fright, south to the descent gully are closed to all entry during the nesting period.



Drawing from Leavenworth Rock by Viktor Kramar

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Climbers are not the only creatures drawn to Leavenworth's rock faces. The walls are also crucial breeding areas for birds of prey. They are sensitive to human disturbance during their nesting and roosting cycle. People who stray too close to a nest can scare off parent birds or elicit an attack. Even if the nest is not abandoned, disturbance can cause nest failure. Eggs need to be constantly incubated so they do not become too hot or cold. Newly hatched raptors can not regulate their own body temperature and frightened juvenile birds may attempt to fly before they are ready. It is critical that everyone abides by posted seasonal closures in order to protect the birds.



Thank You!

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