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Protect America's Climbing



Climbers Rehab Lover's Leap After Massive Wildfire

Protecting America's Climbing isn't a one-time thing. At areas like Lover's Leap near Lake Tahoe, California, protecting and conserving the land requires years of effort. This well-loved area, with its exceptional multipitch routes at moderate grades, draws climbers from throughout the region. But when the Caldor fire tore through the area in 2021, it devastated the entire landscape—trails and climbing areas included.

"Areas like Lover's Leap are a stark reminder that we must prepare the climbing landscapes we love to adapt to a changing climate," says Access Fund Stewardship Manager Andrea Hassler. "By working with local communities, our land stewardship experts help restore habitats, preserve biodiversity, and develop recreation infrastructure that promotes sustainable access for generations to come."

Earlier this year, the Access Fund Conservation Team returned to the Leap, where they worked alongside Climbing Resources Advocates for Greater Sacramento, Tahoe Climbing Coalition, Bay Area Climbers Coalition, Lover's Leap Guides, Eldorado National Forest staff, and local volunteers. The team spent 30 days in the field and rallied more than 80 volunteers. Together, they moved 88 tons of stone to complete a retaining wall at the base of the Surrealistic Pillar and make improvements to access trails for the Lower Buttress.

"It's rare to have an opportunity to work on an area across multiple years," says Hassler. "Thanks to an incredible community effort across six weeks of Adopt a Crag days, Lover's Leap is better equipped to continue welcoming and inspiring climbers."

Read more about challenges at Lover's Leap in our feature story on page 12.



Access Fund Stewardship Manager Andrea Hassler at Lover's Leap, California. Ancestral lands of Central Sierra Miwok and Washoe. © Chris Vultaggio.

MASSACHUSETTS CLIMBERS

Won Big at Farley Ledges

With Access Fund's support, Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition (WMCC) recently secured permanent conservation protection for Farley Ledges and Rose Ledge. The victory is another reminder that when climbing access is threatened, local climbing organizations (LCOs) are often the first and best line of defense.

"Rose and Farley Ledges are some of the most popular rock climbing locations in Massachusetts," says Andy Neuman, WMCC president. They feature gneiss cliffs that offer both trad and sport climbing, plus a wealth of boulders with dozens of high-quality lines for climbers to explore.

The ledges are located on a combination of land leased by FirstLight Power—a local energy provider—and other private landowners. This patchwork of ownership and informal agreements left climbing access uncertain due to factors uncontrollable to climbers.

"Handshake agreements and informal access can be an important starting point, but long-term, permanent protection is the gold standard," says Erik Murdock, interim executive director of Access Fund. "One of the key ways Access Fund supports local climbers is finding ways to turn those handshakes into signatures on formal agreements and contracts."

WMCC, with the help of Access Fund and in partnership with hikers, kayakers, and other outdoor enthusiasts, reached an agreement with FirstLight Power to officially recognize climbing as a recreational activity at Farley Ledges and Rose Ledge.

"Access Fund was always there for us with advice from a national perspective and their library of resources for LCOs," says Pamela Matsuda-Dunn, WMCC secretary. "WMCC was on the front line, but we knew Access Fund had our back."

FirstLight Power filed the recreation agreement on June 13, 2023.

"Though rock climbing was informally allowed by FirstLight," says Neuman, "this Recreation Settlement Agreement permanently secures the privilege to climb in these areas."

"This multiyear effort is the perfect example of how collaboration between Access Fund and engaged local advocates can lead to big wins for local climbers," says Murdock.

Right: Farley Ledges, Massachusetts. Ancestral lands of Wabanaki (Dawnland Confederacy) and Pennacook. © Shayne Burke.



Big Wall Climbers Victorious in Yosemite National Park



Arguably the most iconic climbing area on the planet, Yosemite National Park is a living laboratory in the never-ending work to conserve the environment and protect sustainable climbing access. The park recognizes the need to preserve the vertical environment and its unique climbing experiences, and it invests in working with climbers to make that happen.

Earlier this year, the park finalized a plan to require Wilderness climbing permits for overnight big wall climbs. Most of the park’s iconic big walls are in Wilderness areas, including El Capitan, Half Dome, and Washington Column. Access Fund, along with our partners at the American Alpine Club and Yosemite Climbing Association, collaborated directly with park managers, urging them to manage the new program in a way that worked for climbers and protected Wilderness values.

Park managers addressed the climbing community’s concerns, and the program is better because of it—maximizing flexibility

for big-wall climbers, just as we requested. Permits are free and there is no quota. More specifically:

- Permits are available by self-registration (24 hours a day/7 days a week) in front of the Climbing Management Office located just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (in the same building as the Yosemite Museum).
- Climbing rangers will frequently be available at the Climbing Management Office for more in-depth big-wall, Leave No Trace, and climbing technique advice; safety tips; and route-condition information. Office hours and program times will be posted on the self-registration board.

Yosemite’s goals for the permit system are to help climbing rangers better understand use patterns on big walls, increase compliance with existing regulations (e.g., proper disposal of waste), and minimize impacts to Wilderness character through improved education. We believe this program will help them meet those goals.

Climbing Conservation Grants Awarded

This fall, Access Fund awarded nearly \$30,000 in climbing conservation grants. These grants will advance ten exciting local climbing organization (LCO) projects that tackle erosion mitigation, infrastructure repairs, trail work, and climber education.

“Climbers are conservationists at heart, and we’re willing to roll up our sleeves on behalf of the lands we love,” says Access Fund National Affiliate Director Jenna Winkler. “From the mountains of Idaho to the hollers of Kentucky, we’re proud to fund these ten critical conservation projects.”

Access Fund has awarded more than \$1.5 million in Climbing Conservation Grants to support 455 projects in land conservation and climbing access.

This year’s grantees include:

Colorado: Boulder Climbing Community: Blob Rock Climbing Access—Phase I.

Texas: Climbers of Hueco Tanks Coalition: Recreating in Hueco Tanks After Precipitation Education Campaign.

Colorado: Fix Colorado’s Recreational Use Statute (CRUS) Coalition: 2024 Education Campaign Support.

Utah: Friends of Indian Creek: Continued Baseline Dispersed Campsite Inventory and Education Project.

Kentucky: Friends of Muir Valley: Concrete Bridge Repair on Muir Valley Floor.

Minnesota and South Dakota: Great Plains Climbing Coalition: Environmental Impact Improvement.

Connecticut: Ragged Mountain Foundation: Dam Repair Project.

Tennessee: Southeastern Climbers Coalition: Woodcock Cove Trail Infrastructure.

California: Tom Addison: Shell Road Parking Lot.

Idaho: Wilderness Volunteers: Owl Rock Trail Maintenance & Erosion Mitigation.



Cowell, Arkansas Ancestral lands of Osage, Quapaw, Očhéthi Šakówinj, and Caddo. © Levi Harrell.

What Does Arkansas Offer?

Arkansas has always been an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Hunting, fishing, kayaking, and other recreation opportunities abound throughout the Natural State's forested woodlands, pristine waterways, and the majestic Ozark Mountains. And those in the know count climbing among one of the state's best outdoor offerings, too.

Countless bands of high-quality sandstone cliffs hidden away under a dense, mountainous canopy offer a lifetime's worth of climbing. But even veteran Arkansas climbers like Nelms are still discovering rock just minutes away from urban centers.

As the state continues to activate new forms of recreation, it's turning into a destination for weekend warriors, vanlife nomads, and everyone in between. "Arkansas is doubling down on developing its recreation economy," says Erik Murdock, Access Fund interim executive director. "And we don't have to theorize how that plays out—we can just look at mountain biking."

A New Way of Working

Nelms watched as the mountain biking community in northwest Arkansas redefined what the sport could do for the area and across the state. "Cities and state agencies are starting to understand that outdoor recreation is showing huge results as far as the economic impact on these regions," says Nelms. "They get it—and they want in."

For decades, climbers tended to stay under the radar, only reacting to access threats when they arose. But Nelms sees an encouraging trend as Arkansas climbers begin to plan ahead. "Instead of reacting to an access threat, we're looking at the mountain biking blueprint to be proactive about buffering our climbing areas against future threats."

Part of that forward-looking approach involves developing smart climbing management strategies that protect the plants, animals, and cultural resources that inhabit these incredible landscapes before a crag ever opens to the public. It's a tall order, but one that climbers in Arkansas are already actively engaged in.

Partnering for the Future

One place where climbers have already made an impact is Lincoln Lake. Through the advocacy work of Access Fund and local climbers, much of the area’s climbing is on the verge of being permanently protected through a conservation easement to be held by the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust. “We went to NWA Land Trust and made our proposal—conservation with recreation access—and they didn’t hesitate,” says Nelms. “They said, ‘Awesome, let’s do it.’” Just like that, with a small coalition of partners, climbers in Arkansas are about to permanently protect a landscape that was threatened by development only a decade ago.

Arkansas’ openness to outdoor recreation has also presented new opportunities to partner with state and local government officials. To continue fostering climbing in the state, Access Fund and the Arkansas Climbers Coalition (ARCC) assisted Arkansas State Parks in completely revamping its statewide climbing policy. The policy was approved by the state legislature in 2022 and is now in effect.

“The policy that Arkansas State Parks adopted for climbing is the new gold standard for statewide climbing policies,” says Brian Tickle, Access Fund’s national acquisitions director. “It’s forward-looking on sustainability and provides rational and clear guidance on fixed anchors.”

Arkansas Climbers Coalition is now solidly aligned with Arkansas State Parks and working to secure additional climbing opportunities in state parks.

“Arkansas State Parks’ partnership with the ARCC allowed both organizations to work together to create a climbing policy that aligns our goals for future partnerships and policies,” says ARCC President Dave Thompson. “Now, we’re looking beyond state parks and ready to help craft sustainable climbing policies along with other land managers across the state.”

And the coalition’s work isn’t limited to public lands. It recently worked with another partner outside of the traditional climbing community to open up sustainable access to a new crag outside of Bentonville—a partner who knows a thing or two about opening up new recreation areas.

Opening Fitzgerald South

Fitzgerald Mountain is a mountain-biking destination with more than 12 miles of trails for riders of all skill levels. With the help of Arkansas Climbers Coalition, Access Fund, and Trailblazers (a local nonprofit dedicated to increasing access to outdoor recreation), Fitzgerald will soon boast designed trails, durable belay areas, and more than 50 sport climbs at a range of grades.

Nelms identified the area’s potential for climbing and started building a coalition of partners to make his vision a reality. He brought in Trailblazers to acquire a piece of adjacent property, Arkansas Climbers Coalition to design the crag and develop new routes, and Access Fund to design and build sustainable access to the crag that will stand up to heavy climber traffic.

Fitzgerald Mountain is peppered with large sandstone boulders and bluffs that offer high-quality climbing at a range of grades. The property is owned and managed by Trailblazers as an urban-adjacent mountain-biking park. Now, they’re adding climbing to the mix. The invitation is an opportunity to show one way that an entire crag can be designed and equipped before it’s open to the public. It may just be the perfect project to show state and local officials how to open new climbing areas.

Is Arkansas the Case Study for Protecting America’s Climbing?

“We’ve never seen a state double down on climbing the way Arkansas doubled down on mountain biking,” says Murdock. “If climbers can make it happen, then we’ll have an incredible case study to bring to other states, cities, parks, forests, and more where we can say, ‘Look, it works, and here’s the proof.’”

Arkansas could become the country’s most powerful example of how to tap into climbing as a worthwhile and transformative outdoor activity that nearly any state can add to its outdoor recreation portfolio. “To me, the question is whether Arkansas can maximize its potential for climbing,” says Nelms. “If it can fully realize the vision that climbers here have for the state, then it can be an example for other states to do the same thing.”

To hear Nelms talk about it, it doesn’t seem like much of a question. “We have the rock. We have the momentum. We have the blueprint. We have the community. We just have to keep working to put it all together.”

Below: Fitzgerald South, Arkansas. Ancestral lands of ᎠᎯᎵᎵᎠ ᎠᎵᎵᎠ ᎠᎵᎵᎠ ᎠᎵᎵᎠ, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho’, Ochéthi Šakówinj, and Caddo. © Access Fund.



Does Climbing

Our world is changing, and for climbers, it's impossible to ignore. Burned up crags. Washed out roads. Ice climbs that no longer form. Increasingly strange and severe weather—driven by climate change—is already impacting our climbing experience, putting the places we recreate and the sport we love at risk.

Headline-grabbing catastrophes around the country are the culmination of decades of environmental change. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, wildfire season in the West has grown from five months to more than seven months in duration over the past five decades. Some experts even reject the idea of “wildfire season” entirely, since megafires now occur in nearly every month of the year.

And in spite of the West's above-average snowpack last year, the compounding problems of high temperatures, drought, and wildfires still threaten the wide-open Western landscapes climbers love.

“One good year of snowpack can't erase decades of climate impacts,” says Brendan Witt, western lands policy fellow at

Western Resource Advocates. “It's great for a lot of things but doesn't stem the tide of the cumulative impacts of climate change.”

For Western crags and boulder fields, record snowpack is creating new challenges. In areas like Bishop, California, and Indian Creek, Utah, flooding washed out roads and made it nearly impossible to access popular climbing areas.

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“No matter where you live or love to climb, you're seeing changes in climbing landscapes,” says Access Fund interim executive director Erik Murdock. “From worsening wildfires to dangerous rockfall to irreparable changes in ecosystems climbers love, these shifts mean real risks every time we head outside.”



Bears Ears National Monument, Utah. Ancestral lands of Navajo, Ute, Ute Mountain, Hopi, and Zuni. © Andrew Burr.

Matter?



Does Climbing Even Matter?

As we consider climbing within the context of these vast environmental challenges, it's easy to feel small or insignificant. After all, can one packed-out poop really save a watershed? Or one well-routed trail? How about making it one move further on your project?

Climbers have debated this question around campfires for generations. It's easy to write off this passion we have as selfish or obscure. But climbing does have value. What we do—and how we do it—makes a difference.

The time we spend climbing connects us to nature and tunes us in to the changes in the world around us, big and small. Visiting a place year in and year out gives us an appreciation for how landscapes change between years and seasons. We pay attention to variations in the landscapes and how we interact with them. All of this makes climbers ideal messengers, ready to sound the alarm on big environmental changes.

Protecting Landscapes We Love in a Changing World

The truth is, the big environmental challenges we face aren't far-off problems for future generations to solve. It's up to us to tackle these issues head-on, right now.

Access Fund believes that climbing can make us, and the world around us, better. The experiences we have outside drive climbers to protect and conserve the beautiful places that make the climbing experience so special.

There's no one way to solve these environmental challenges. Climbers have to take action together. Sometimes that means buying threatened climbing areas that are about to be sold off for resource extraction or development. Other times, it means rolling up our sleeves and working in the dirt to install recreation infrastructure that protects the surrounding environment and allows native species to thrive. And it means showing up in Washington, D.C., to protect public lands and advance climate action.

"When we talk about Access Fund's work, we focus on three areas: protecting and conserving the land, fighting for sustainable access, and building a community of inspired advocates," says Murdock. "They all have to come together for climbing advocacy to succeed. And for many climbers, what inspires us to advocacy is time spent outside."





Rolling Up Our Sleeves to Protect Crags

Across the country, climbers are racing to adapt our favorite areas to a rapidly changing climate. This means better trails with hardened surfaces, stronger erosion control, and fire mitigation efforts. Because once an area is impacted by a major event like a wildfire, it has a long road back to health—as climbers who frequent Lover’s Leap in California know all too well.

For years, Lover’s Leap deteriorated under an increase in climber traffic from areas like San Francisco, Sacramento, and South Lake Tahoe. The lack of a formal trail system for climbing access led to an unstable system of access trails across the mountainside, causing severe erosion and the trampling of sensitive vegetation. And then, in 2021, the area burned in the Caldor fire.

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“A wildfire isn’t a one-time event,” says Witt of Western Resource Advocates. “Once a megafire comes through an area, its impacts can linger for decades.”

Areas like Lover’s Leap need the kind of hands-on stewardship that Access Fund’s Conservation Teams provide year after year, alongside dedicated volunteers.

“Around the country, we need organizations fighting for landscape-level designations that protect areas from development and extraction working side-by-side with the folks who actively restore areas that already enjoy some level of protection,” Witt adds.

Access Fund is proud to do both.

Community Support is More Vital Than Ever

Climbing matters because it bonds us to the land and each other.

“Our approach to conservation makes climbers—and Access Fund itself—different,” says Murdock. “Our work is about more than just protecting the places we climb. The connection between people and places is interwoven into everything we do. We’re fighting to protect our ability to experience these places together.”

Connections between climbers transcend nationality, geography, race, income, or politics. Our shared passion for climbing has the power to shape our very identity. And one way to honor the values that our community holds dear is to put them into action.

“The best way to avoid feeling overwhelmed is to take action,” says Witt. “In communities around the country, you can look out your back door and see that things are getting done—and if they’re not getting done, you have a chance to make them happen.”

The environmental challenges we face may be too big to tackle alone, but we can make progress if we face them together.

Each of us has a role to play in the climbing conservation movement. As Access Fund looks to the future, we’ll keep working to empower climbers with the tools they need to be effective advocates for the lands and sport we all love—whether that’s elevating their voices to lawmakers, connecting them to volunteer opportunities, providing training and grants for local access and conservation projects, or helping them minimize their environmental impacts.

Above: Index, Washington. Ancestral lands of Tulalip and Skykomish. © Irene Yee.

Left: Bears Ears National Monument, Utah. Ancestral lands of Navajo, Ute, Ute Mountain, Hopi, and Zuni. © Heather Distad.



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How Access Fund Tackles Climate Change

Helping our community and the climbing landscapes we love face the challenges of a changing climate.

Climate change isn't a far-off problem for future generations to solve. It's up to us to tackle it right now, safeguarding climbing while also protecting our environment, our health, and the economy.

At Access Fund, we believe that climbers have an important role to play in driving climate action and protecting the landscapes we love in a changing world. We want to help you make a difference by combining political advocacy with hands-on conservation work.

Here are the ways we're engaging in the fight, and we invite you to join us.

Land Acquisition & Conservation

Land conservation plays a crucial role in combating climate change. When we save a threatened climbing area from development, we're also conserving a natural ecosystem that mitigates greenhouse gas emissions and preserves biodiversity. Access Fund is an accredited land trust with a multimillion-

dollar conservation fund set aside to safeguard threatened climbing landscapes, many of which are overlooked by traditional conservation organizations.

Climate Resilient Landscapes

We must prepare the climbing areas we love to adapt to a changing climate. Our land stewardship experts work with local communities to restore habitats, preserve biodiversity, provide fire mitigation, and develop recreation infrastructure that promotes sustainable access.

Public Lands Policy & Advocacy

Conserving public lands is an essential piece of the puzzle in addressing climate change. Access Fund is a longtime leader in public lands conservation, working with agencies and lawmakers on sustainable land management practices that not only protect climbing areas, but also preserve natural habitats, support renewable energy, mitigate wildfires, and promote environmental justice.

NEWS FROM THE Grassroots Network

Arkansas Climbers Coalition

Thank you to Arkansas Climbers Coalition (ARCC) for helping Access Fund plan our annual Climbing Advocacy Conference. This event brings together the advocacy community to learn from each other and discuss the future of climbing access. We couldn't have done it without ARCC's help in finding speakers, identifying locations, and making partner connections.

Willamette Area Climbers Coalition

Access Fund welcomes Willamette Area Climbers Coalition (WACC) to the affiliate local climbing organization (LCO) network. The WACC galvanizes the Willamette area climbing community in western Oregon through stewardship, advocacy, and by connecting community members.

Western Kentucky Climbers Coalition

The Western Kentucky Climbers Coalition (WKYCC) is a brand-new LCO working to educate the climbing community and to steward both public and private land. Access Fund is excited to bring WKYCC into the affiliate LCO network.

LCO 101: A New Tool for LCO Support

Access Fund just launched the Climbing Advocacy Resource Center to better serve local climbing organizations and advocates. The resource center will be a central location for climbing advocates across the country to connect and share resources and best practices for climbing area conservation, nonprofit management, stewardship project planning, land manager agreements, and much more. This is another great benefit for LCOs that are formally affiliated with Access Fund. Visit accessfund.mylearnworlds.com to gain access to the platform.



Joshua Tree, California. Ancestral lands of Yuhaaviatam / Maareng'ayam and Newe Sogobia. © Irene Yee.

ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT: Chris Archer



Chris Archer’s contributions to Access Fund span decades, programs, and operations alike. He was a board member from 1992 to 2004 and has served as the organization’s general counsel since 2004. In addition to providing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of free legal services to Access Fund over the past 20 years, Archer has made numerous contributions to the climbing community in Boulder and throughout Colorado over the past 30 years.

Five Questions for Chris Archer

How long have you worked with Access Fund, and what do you do as general counsel?

I became Access Fund’s first general counsel in 2004 after serving on the board for 12 years. As general counsel, I advise Access Fund on legal issues that arise in the day-to-day operations of the organization.

You are an active member of the climbing advocacy community in Boulder, Colorado, and have been for a long time. What are some of your favorite access accomplishments?

Two projects that I was fortunate enough to be involved in were developing new routes in Eldorado Canyon and helping Access Fund acquire North Table Mountain. Although I don’t ice climb anymore, I am proud of my role in the creation of the Ouray Ice Park and the opening of Bridal Veil Falls after it had been closed for many years.

What advice would you give to other attorneys who want to donate their skills to the climbing advocacy movement?

Please contact us and volunteer! Access Fund’s legal needs expand annually, as do those of local climbing organizations.

How has climbing advocacy changed over the years you’ve been involved?

Climbing advocacy has grown exponentially, become much more organized, and is now widely supported by climbers and the outdoor industry. When Access Fund was incorporated in 1991, there were no other national organizations protecting and advocating for climbing access.

Today, Access Fund is the preeminent climbing nonprofit advocating for climbers and has been amazingly successful in fulfilling its original mission to “Keep Climbing Areas Open.” It’s been inspiring to witness and to play a small part in that growth.

What do you think is the most important climbing advocacy issue right now?

Hands down, Access Fund’s work on the Protecting America’s Rock Climbing Act (PARC Act). Preserving climbing access is a continuous and ongoing process. The current proposal by the National Park Service to ban fixed anchors in the Wilderness in Colorado and California is the most serious current threat. (See page 7 for updates on this legislation.)



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The Hydro Flask Parks for All Grant exemplifies a commitment to environmental conservation and outdoor accessibility. This initiative provides crucial support to Access Fund's New River Gorge Climber Stewards, who help protect the New River Gorge region while fostering sustainable recreational opportunities. By offering funding, resources, and expertise, Hydro Flask empowers these conservationists to protect fragile ecosystems and engage local communities in the stewardship of this precious landscape, ensuring that the area is protected for the future of climbing.



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Left: Red River Gorge, Kentucky. Ancestral lands of C̄WJ.ᵂᵂᵂ Tsalaguweti, ᵂᵂᵂᵂᵂ ᵂᵂᵂᵂ ᵂᵂᵂᵂ ᵂᵂᵂᵂ, Satsoyaha, Shawandasse Tula, Hopewell Culture, and Adena Culture. © Tiffany Nardico.

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Staff trail work day at Thumb Open Space, Colorado. Ancestral lands of Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute. © Access Fund.

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