

# Don't Let the Park Service Ruin Your Weekend!

The Great Falls Park General Management Plan means:

- **Less Climbing**
- **Fewer Route Options**
- **More Headaches From Permits**

The National Park Service has released a draft version of its proposed General Management Plan (GMP) for Great Falls National Park. Based on vague information and very limited science, the GMP calls for restricting or eliminating access to several climbing sites within the park.

The Plan may make some **popular climbing areas off limits**, force climbers to use a limited number of **fixed anchors** installed by the Park Service, and require climbers to compete for a limited number of **climbing permits**.

The climbing community of the DC - Metropolitan area supports responsible management of natural resources in Great Falls, but we believe the Park Service's plan lacks the science to support the conclusion that climbers— one of the smallest and most environmentally conscious groups that visit the Park — have a serious impact on the Park's resources and must be regulated.

We must **act now** to retain reasonable access to Great Falls, the premier climbing area in the DC-Metro region.

## Tell the Park Service What You Think!

Local hiking and climbing organizations, climbing gyms, and concerned climbers like you are joining together to let the Park Service know we have concerns about their planned approach to managing Great Falls National Park.

1. Go to [www.friendsofgreatfalls.com](http://www.friendsofgreatfalls.com) for details on why the Park Service needs to re-think its approach.
2. Write to the Park Service at [GWMP\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:GWMP_Superintendent@nps.gov) to express your personal views about the Great Falls Park General Management Plan.

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