ROCK CLIMBING IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO

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RIGGINS LIMESTONE:
From McCall,  to  46.1 miles

CITY OF ROCKS:
From Glenns Ferry,  to  140 miles
Whether a newbie or an experienced climber, everyone should know the rules and guidelines that’ll keep your climbing trip fun, safe, and full of great memories.

- **Pack carefully.** Along with your harness, rope, belay device, and climbing shoes, you should have water, a first aid kit, and extra quickdraws. Make a list based on your climbing site, and work with your belay buddy to make sure that you’ll have everything you need.

- **Check conditions before you head out.** Weather in Southwest Idaho can change rapidly, so check the forecast and make sure you’re prepared for anything.

- **Do a gear check.** Make sure that everything is in good condition and working properly — especially locking carabiners. Put on a helmet and make sure it’s secure.

- **Check your harness.** Make sure you and your belay buddy’s buckles are double backed. And double-check those knots!

- **Communicate.** Make sure that you and your belayer are both familiar with commands and replies. Practice a few times if you feel uncertain.

- **Have a plan for the top.** How long is the route? What equipment will you need? Will your lead be setting up a top rope, rappelling or being belayed down, and so forth? What’s the plan if something goes wrong? Take the right supplies to build a solid anchor.

- **Watch where you put your hands.** Like many western states, Idaho is home to venomous rattlesnakes. Keep your eyes and ears open, especially on hot days when the snakes like to sun themselves on rocks.

- **If you are a first-time climber, don’t set off into the wilderness!** Go to a climbing gym to get the training and practice you need from a certified instructor.

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**SAFETY FIRST!**

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