Good Practices for Climbing

Paratge Natural de la Serra de Tramuntana

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• Learning ahead of time about the natural and cultural heritage that you will be seeing here is the best way to learn to respect and value it.
• Conservation is a team effort. Please notify autoritzacions@dg.mambie.caib.es of any irregular incidents that you see or detect.
Many thanks for your cooperation.
The Serra de Tramuntana Nature Area is the largest protected area of the Balearic Islands. Having received its protected status in 2007, this area is regulated by its own Natural Resources Management Plan (Decree 19/2007, of 16 March, which approved the NRMP), which has divided the space into different zones (exclusion, limited use, compatible use and general use) and determines the specific uses that are permitted, authorizable and prohibited in each one. This management plan promotes nature-friendly activities that do not generate noise or lead people off the established roads and trails.

In keeping with the Serra de Tramuntana NRMP, rock climbing and other high-risk activities require prior authorisation from the regional ministry that oversees the environment. Such permits allow the activity to be carried out anywhere in the Nature Area except for the exclusion zones (marked in red on the map), where they are strictly prohibited.

Rules for respectful climbing
- Circulate on the authorised roads and trails at all times. Do not go off the authorised trails. Do not go through exclusion zones.
- It is prohibited to open or equip new routes without the necessary authorisation. Climbing can only be authorised on already-existing routes, providing that they are in open-access areas, outside of exclusion zones, and duly authorised by the owner of the property. Please use the following link* (QR) to consult the list of climbing zones with restricted use.
- Vertical walls, cliffs, etc., are highly fragile zones of ecological value. They house species and habitats that are protected by regulations at diverse levels of legislation, including those of the Balearic Islands, the state of Spain and the European Union. As a result, in order to reconcile the practice of rock climbing and its conservation, you must at all times observe the rules and limitations set forth in the corresponding authorisation.
- Do not shout or make excessive noise.
- Pets are not allowed in the climbing areas.
- All signposting elements and other public property installed here must be cared for.

Rules for safety
- Always be sure that all the participants in the activity have the necessary know-how and experience, as well as the specific technical training to take part.
- All participants must have the necessary prevention and safety equipment. Similarly, all participants must be carrying their rock climbing federation membership card or a private insurance policy that will cover them when engaging in this activity.
- Do not pull up plants or disturb the wildlife and do not alter the geological and heritage elements.
- Close all gates to the estates as you go through them, to prevent the loss of livestock.

Rules to minimise impact on the environment
- Do not leave behind any sort of waste (including organic waste, as it often takes a great deal of time to break down, leading to a visual impact on the environment).
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- Inform an outside person of where you will be engaging in the activity.
- Be sure to bring along sufficient water.
- Carry a telephone and be sure that the battery is sufficiently charged.

Practice the activity safely and enjoy the environment. Photo by Pixabay.

Prior authorisation is required to open, equip or re-equip any climbing route in the Nature Area. Photo by Mercé Morató Trobat.

Poor practices, such as the installation of a climbing route just in front of a bird of prey nest, can seriously harm the natural values of the Nature Area.