

Climbing

“On Belay!” Occasionally, you can hear the short communications between climbing partners on the towers and granite formations before you. Listen carefully and you might hear the click of a quickdraw (carabiner) or the clanking of cams, nuts, or chocks on a climber’s rack as they ascend such routes as “Scream Cheese,” “Crack of Doom,” or “Skyline.”

Morning Glory Spire

Anteater

Jim Sage Mountains

Skyline
5.8

Crack of Doom
5.11c

Scream Cheese
5.9

City of Rocks receives over 100,000 national and international visitors annually, and most have come to climb in this quiet, western setting. The Reserve provides one of the highest quality granite face-climbing areas in the United States, offering over 600 traditional and sport climbing routes ranging from the easy 5.6 to the difficult 5.13+. While climbing is inherently risky, it is made safer through quality gear, good communication between partners, and most of all skill. Have you come to “on-sight,” “flash” or “redpoint?” Climb on!

