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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### **Rock Climbing Routes at Moro Rock Reopen in Sequoia National Park**

*Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA* – As of August 5, 2012, rock climbing routes have reopened at Moro Rock in Sequoia National Park. On April 17, 2012, climbing routes between and including “South Face” and “Glow with the Flow” at Moro Rock were temporarily closed, due to nesting peregrine falcons.

Each year, rock climbers can expect that various climbing routes at Moro Rock in Sequoia National Park and Chimney Rock in Kings Canyon National Park will temporarily close from April 17 through August 30, unless otherwise posted, due to nesting of peregrine falcons. Closure dates are subject to change each year based upon nesting status. *Currently, rock climbing routes at Chimney Rock in Kings Canyon National Park are still closed.*

Peregrine falcons can be very sensitive to human activity around nest areas and, if disturbed, may abandon their nests. During closures, nest sites are monitored to provide updated information and to ensure prompt reopening of park areas. *By respecting rock climbing closures, you play an active role in the conservation of these amazing birds.*

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